1913. NEW ZEALAND.

ELDERSLIE ESTATE No. 2

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO PURCHASE AND SETTLEMENT OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 1st August, 1913.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The total area of the Elderslie Estate No. 2, recently purchased by the State for closer settlement; (2) the price per acre paid for the same by the State; (3) the Government valuation of the same for taxation purposes at the time of purchase; (4) the number of sections not applied for at the time of ballot; (5) the terms for which those sections not applied for were vacant; (6) the loss to the State from such vacant sections; and (7) the total amount the whole block was loaded with."—(Mr. Clark.)

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- (1.) Total area purchased: 1,671 acres.
- (2.) Price per acre paid for the same by the State: £20.
- (3.) The Government valuation of the same for taxation purposes at the time of the purchase: Capital value, £13,180; unimproved value, £11,200; improvements, £1,980. (Valuation made in 1909—apportioned.)
- (4.) The number of sections not applied for at the time of ballot: Three.
- (5.) The terms for which those sections not applied for were vacant: 108 days in each case.
- (6.) The loss to the State from such vacant sections: £181 7s. 1d. (rental).
- (7.) The total amount the whole block was loaded with: £6,300.

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