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ANNUAL REPORT.

The UNDER-SECRETARY FOR LANDS to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey Wellington, 1st June, 1914.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Department for the year ended 31st March, 1914.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACKENZIE,

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Minister of Lands.

Under-Secretary for Lands.

LAND LEGISLATION OF 1913.

BEFORE dealing with the transactions and work carried out during the past year, I have to refer to the Land Laws Amendment Act of 1913, and to indicate the important alterations and additions made to the land laws of this Dominion.

Freehold.

I would first refer to the privilege conferred upon certain perpetual-lease tenants, and the holders of small grazing-runs on ordinary Crown lands, and land-for-settlement estates by section 31 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, to acquire the fee-simple of their holdings provided the limitation of area already laid down by statute is not exceeded. The tenants holding licenses in the Hauraki Mining District were also accorded a similar privilege, subject to the right of the Crown to the minerals upon the land.

By section 60 of the Act the holders of leases in perpetuity of settlement land were given the right to purchase, thus placing them on the same footing as the tenants upon ordinary Crown lands who were granted the right to purchase by the Land Laws Amendment Act of the previous year.

The following schedule shows the purchases under the provisions of the Land Laws Amendment Acts of 1912 and 1913 up to the 31st March, 1914 :—

PURCHASES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT ACTS, 1912 AND 1913, UP TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Tenure.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.			Amount Received.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Crown lands—							
Deferred payment	9	1,088	2	26	1,172	11	6
Perpetual lease	3	121	2	24	184	3	0
Lease in perpetuity	517	89,792	1	31	88,163	1	6
Totals	529	91,002	3	1	89,519	16	0
Land for Settlements—							
Deferred payment	10	34	3	15	1,461	0	8
Lease in perpetuity	42	4,576	3	16	15,380	18	9
Renewable lease	47	15,146	0	27	11,902	8	9
Totals	99	19,757	3	18	28,744	8	2
Grand totals	628	110,760	2	19	118,264	4	2

In addition many tenants are acquiring the freehold by means of the deferred-payment system, and at the close of the year 221 tenants, holding 32,467 acres, were paying for the freehold under this system by yearly instalments amounting to £2,940.

It is expected that these privileges and concessions will be largely taken advantage of by the tenants during the current year.

Special Districts for Roothing.

By the passing of section 50 of the Act of last year provision was made for the constitution of special districts for roading purposes. Under this authority all moneys accruing from the disposal of Crown lands within the district may, for any period not exceeding fifteen years, be applied in the formation or construction of roads and bridges either within or without the special district for the purpose of affording access to the lands within the district. Regulations to give full effect to the provisions of this section have been signed by the Governor, and came into force on the 19th March last. I have no doubt that advantage will be taken of the provisions of this section in many localities where the settlers consider that the roading of the district can be more expeditiously dealt with under this concession than in the ordinary manner.

Pastoral Runs.

The pastoral-run tenure was considerably improved by the provisions of Part III of the Act mentioned. Tenants holding land under this tenure now have, in cases where the runs are subdivided for closer settlement, a right to select one of the subdivisions. If a run is not subdivided before reletting, the licensee is entitled to a new lease of the whole run. A new departure in regard to these runs is the provision relating to residence. The Land Board now has the power under section 54 of the Act, in offering runs for selection, to impose residence conditions whenever it is deemed advisable. Pastoral tenants have every inducement given them to expend their capital in improving and bettering the land they hold to bring it up to its full carrying-capacity.

CROWN LAND OPENED FOR SELECTION DURING THE YEAR.

The area opened for selection during the year under all tenures was 474,586 acres, being an increase of about 137,000 acres over the area offered during the preceding twelve months. This area includes sixteen settlement estates subdivided and offered for selection on the renewable-lease tenure. Further particulars in regard to these estates appear in a later paragraph. Every effort is being made by the Department to render available for selection the remaining Crown lands.

The following table has been prepared to show the area opened in each district under the various tenures :—

TABLE A.—LAND OPENED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Optional System.	Renewable Lease.			Cash by Auction on Deferred Payment.*	Cash by Auction.	Lease by Auction and Application.	Village Allotments.	Small Grazing-runs.		Pastoral Runs.		Total.
		Ordinary Crown Land.	National-endowment Land.	Land for Settlements.					Ordinary Crown Land.	National-endowment Land.	Ordinary Crown Land.	National-endowment Land.	
Auckland ..	Acres. 55,624	Acres. 726	Acres. 38,059	Acres. 7,868	Acres. 9	757†	Acres. 1,319	Acres. 1‡	Acres. ..	Acres. ..	Acres. 2,317§	Acres. ..	Acres. 106,680
Hawke's Bay ..	6,530	..	4,690	7,192	..	11	..	7	13,868	2,746	..	..	35,044
Taranaki ..	70,668	..	7,837	757	9	14	72	..	..	..	..	..	79,357
Wellington ..	19,699	..	1,151	11,083	..	260	501	59||	..	..	..	..	32,753
Nelson ..	1,953	3,542	933	..	..	..	211	..	..	..	..	..	6,639
Marlborough ..	645	..	..	96,751	..	..	986	..	..	..	787	..	99,169
Westland ..	..	220	621	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	853
Canterbury ..	1,417	..	..	8,894	..	16	993¶	10‡	..	..	..	25,460	36,790
Otago ..	3,799	43	1,573	3,699	..	..	551	..	2,833	11,716	..	..	24,214
Southland ..	21,802	3,930	604	25,846	..	123	782	..	..	..	..	..	53,087
Totals ..	182,137	8,461	55,468	162,090	18	1,193	5,415	77	13,868	5,579	14,820	25,460	474,586

* Land for settlement. † Includes 10 acres land for settlement. ‡ National endowment. § Hauraki pastoral leases. || Includes 43 acres national endowment. ¶ Includes 54 acres, Cheviot Estate.

LANDS SELECTED.

During the year an area of 500,396 acres of Crown land was selected under all tenures by 2,051 persons. Under renewable lease the total selections were 539, covering an area of 213,400 acres, of which 148,273 was settlement land, made up principally of the sixteen land-for-settlement estates opened for selection during the year.

The usual tables are attached showing the selections during the year under each tenure, also the total area held at the 31st March, 1914.

TABLE B.—RETURN SHOWING SELECTIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Tenure.							Number.	Area taken up.		
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands,—</i>								A.	R.	P.
Cash lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	296	5,927	1	21
Occupation with right of purchase	..	..	..	..	..	..	488	117,268	1	9
Renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	2,418	1	5
Mining districts land-occupation leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	2,397	3	30
Village settlement, cash	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	4
Improved-farm special settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	98	0	9
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4,381	1	23
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	14,420	0	37
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	434	94,615	0	24
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,380	241,528	0	2
<i>Cheviot Estate,—</i>										
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	59	3	0
<i>Land for Settlements,—</i>										
Cash lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	19	1	15
Renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	279	148,273	1	14
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	826	1	38
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	312	149,119	0	27
<i>National-endowment Lands,—</i>										
Renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	237	62,640	3	25
Village renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	68	2	28
Small grazing-runs	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	14,691	0	0
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	11,578	0	0
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	13,616	3	35
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	7,094	0	15
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	357	109,689	2	23
Grand totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,051	500,396	2	12
Primary-education endowments	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	3,111	0	3
Secondary-education endowments	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	229	0	8
Other endowment lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	16,475	1	13

TABLE C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTORS, WITH THE AREA HELD AND THE ANNUAL RENTAL PAYABLE, AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.
NOTE.—Further details of the selectors under the various tenures are given in Table 27.

Tenure.	Ordinary Crown Lands.				Cheviot Estate.				Land for Settlements.			
	Selectors.	Area held.	R. P.	£ s. d.	Selectors.	Area held.	R. P.	£ s. d.	Selectors.	Area held.	R. P.	£ s. d.
Deferred payment under Land Acts, 1877 and 1885 (all classes)	18	2,083	2 14	39 12 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deferred payment under Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912 and 1913	121	27,498	1 28	1,499 12 1	..	..	..	..	100	4,968	2 19	1,440 17 11
Perpetual lease (all classes)	711	69,105	1 2	2,831 11 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Occupation with right of purchase (all classes)	5,907	1,831,426	3 33	119,664 17 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lease in perpetuity (all classes)	6,695	1,502,533	1 13	56,740 14 2	210	26,865	3 25	7,294 5 10	3,598	660,677	3 37	191,899 1 3
Renewable lease (all classes)	32	7,554	3 36	2,278 8 0	13	644	3 36	496 1 4	1,453	609,206	1 24	135,225 8 4
Mining districts land-occupation leases	690	24,946	3 4	1,419 11 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Agricultural lease	17	550	1 0	23 7 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	231	443,931	3 24	20,495 14 10	34	45,021	1 32	6,424 3 2	115	203,322	2 15	26,709 13 0
Pastoral runs	432	6,782,965	1 11	39,963 17 11	1	1,619	0 22	190 9 6	4	1,739	3 13	174 16 0
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	460	103,845	1 13	2,411 0 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous leases	4,440	709,820	1 34	20,085 1 9	53	1,183	2 34	295 6 10	262	10,551	1 19	2,124 8 11
Totals..	19,754	11,506,262	2 12	267,453 9 11	311	75,335	0 29	14,700 6 8	5,532	1,490,466	3 7	357,574 5 5
Totals.												
Tenure.	National-endowment Land.				Totals.				Total Area held.			
	Selectors.	Area held.	R. P.	£ s. d.	Total Number of Selectors.	Total Area held.	R. P.	£ s. d.	Total Yearly Rental or Instalment payable.	Total Area held.	R. P.	£ s. d.
Deferred payment under Land Acts, 1877 and 1885 (all classes)	..	..	..	..	18	2,083	2 14	39 12 8	..	..	..	..
Deferred payment under Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912 and 1913	..	..	..	..	221	32,467	0 7	2,940 10 0	..	..	..	..
Perpetual lease (all classes)	..	..	..	..	711	69,105	1 2	2,831 11 2	..	..	..	..
Occupation with right of purchase (all classes)	..	..	..	..	5,907	1,831,426	3 33	119,664 17 9	..	..	..	..
Lease in perpetuity (all classes)	..	..	..	..	10,503	2,190,077	0 35	255,934 1 3	..	..	..	..
Renewable lease (all classes)	..	..	..	..	3,765	1,142,860	1 18	163,243 8 3	..	..	..	..
Mining districts land-occupation leases	..	..	..	..	691	24,958	3 4	1,420 11 8	..	..	..	..
Agricultural lease	..	..	..	..	17	550	1 0	23 7 9	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	..	..	..	..	914	2,434,887	2 20	87,159 12 1	..	..	..	..
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	..	635	10,710,485	1 27	76,869 4 5	..	..	..	..
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	..	..	..	..	798	1,167,449	0 21	3,928 15 6	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	5,299	990,747	0 37	25,272 18 2	..	..	..	..
Totals	3,882	6,525,034	1 10	99,600 8 8	29,479	19,597,098	3 18	739,328 10 8	..	..	..	..
Thermal-springs district leases	..	..	..	..	311	4,052	0 33	2,075 5 6	..	..	..	..
Grand totals	..	..	..	..	29,790	19,601,151	0 11	741,403 16 2	..	..	..	..
Educational endowments	..	..	..	..	3,501	799,730	1 39	76,187 7 3	..	..	..	..
Other endowments	..	..	..	..	821	382,226	1 29	15,216 5 2	..	..	..	..

KAURI-GUM RESERVES.

These reserves, which cover an area of about 223,000 acres, are being inspected by a Royal Commission set up for the purpose of determining what areas should be retained for gum-digging and the land that can be opened for settlement without interfering with the industry.

It is possible that the evidence given will result in the Commission reporting that a great many of the reserves have been so efficiently worked for gum or that the deposits are so small that there is no necessity to retain the areas as gum reserves. Should this be the case steps will have to be taken to utilize such areas for settlement. Hitherto these reserves have not been looked upon with much favour from a farming point of view, but the demand during the last few years for fruitgrowing areas has brought them into prominence.

NATIONAL-ENDOWMENT LANDS.

The area within the endowment at the close of the year was 8,607,000 acres, of which 6,525,034 acres was held under lease or license, producing an annual rental of £99,600.

The gross amount received during the year from the rentals of the leases and from royalties in respect of timber and coal was £103,271, to be distributed in accordance with the statutory provisions governing the endowment.

INSPECTIONS BY CROWN LANDS RANGERS.

An area of nearly 4,000,000 acres was covered by the inspections made by the Rangers attached to the various districts throughout the Dominion. The value of the improvements effected still continues to be well in advance of that required by law. There is a small increase in the number of defaulters over last year's figures, but, generally speaking, the position as disclosed by the following table may be regarded as very satisfactory.

TABLE D.—RETURN OF NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE RANGERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Number of Properties visited.	Area.		Value of Improvements.				Number of Defaulters.						
				Required.		Actually made.		For Deficient Improvements only.	For Non-residence only.	For Non-residence and Improvements.	For other Reasons.	Total.		
		A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Auckland ..	1,096*	442,801	2 10	194,228	10	9	431,384	15	7	72	110	78	16	276
Hawke's Bay ..	633	416,237	3 14	364,047	14	3	799,987	19	7	52	44	..	4	100
Taranaki ..	228	89,468	3 35	50,236	0	0	116,506	0	0	16	14	5	..	35
Wellington ..	579†	140,192	0 0	97,579	13	9	261,783	11	6	14	75	2	..	91
Nelson ..	1,142	350,449	0 0	99,749	0	0	264,072	0	0	97	119	71	..	287
Marlborough ..	533	296,351	3 13	130,928	14	0	322,912	19	10	4	24	3	..	31
Westland ..	304	52,564	1 9	25,234	15	1	77,566	16	8	8	8	9	..	25
Canterbury ..	2,044	910,990	3 29	390,333	0	0	698,955	5	0	142	27	15	86	270
Otago ..	1,365	965,553	1 10	289,716	5	0	533,999	13	10	125	63	..	..	188
Southland ..	1,383	282,230	3 11	112,278	3	8	240,258	3	3	35	10	13	..	58
Totals ..	9,307	3,946,840	2 11	1,754,331	16	6	3,747,427	5	3	565	494	196	106	1,361

* In addition, 1,456 miscellaneous inspections were made, covering an area of 442,857 acres.
inspections were made, covering an area of 125,293 acres.

† In addition, 509 miscellaneous

REBATES OF RENT.

In the rebates granted for the prompt payment of rent 20,947 tenants participated, the total amount being £43,039. The details for each district are given in Table 35 published in the appendix.

POSTPONEMENTS OF RENT.

The provisions of section 13 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912 (whereby a tenant who is unable, through any natural disaster or other sufficient cause, to pay the rent due may, with the approval of the Land Board and the Minister, obtain postponement), have been taken advantage of by some of the settlers. At the close of the year the rental remaining postponed amounted to £10,585, owing by 199 tenants.

LAND REVENUE.

During the year the revenue received was £1,066,496. The amount collected in each land district was as follows:—

	£
Auckland	193,348
Hawke's Bay	153,230
Taranaki	61,272
Wellington	160,435
Nelson	38,323
Marlborough	44,774
Westland	19,881
Canterbury	206,055
Otago	130,110
Southland	59,068
Total	£1,066,496

Analysing the revenue under the various sources, the following figures are of interest:—

	£
Cash sales and purchase of freeholds	200,608
Deferred-payment instalments	11,094
Perpetual-lease rents	2,155
Occupation-with-right-of-purchase rents	99,698
Lease-in-perpetuity rents	234,014
Renewable-lease rents	121,640
Small-grazing-run rents	84,352
Pastoral-run rents	79,827
Educational and other endowments	106,634
Other leases and licenses and miscellaneous receipts	126,474
Total	£1,066,496

It will be observed that £200,608 was received from cash sales and from the conversions of leaseholds into freeholds, also £11,094 from instalments on account of freeholds being acquired under the deferred-payment system.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT.

As indicated in the table below, sixteen estates, comprising 151,610 acres, were made available for selection during the year in 214 farms or holdings. There was a keen demand for all the estates with the exception of those within the Southland district. The number of applications received amounted to 3,990. The following table gives the name of the estate, the district in which it is situated, together with number of subdivisions and area:—

TABLE E.—RETURN SHOWING THE ESTATES OPENED FOR SELECTION DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914, UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1908.

Land District.	Name of Estate.	Number of Holdings offered for Selection.	Area opened for Selection.		
			A	R	P.
Auckland	Balachraggan	24	1,415	2	16
"	Ohauti	15	3,832	3	34
Hawke's Bay	Springhill	15	6,211	2	0
Taranaki	Tariki	8	742	0	0
Wellington	Heatherlea	26	598	2	4
"	Poroporo	17	9,392	0	3
Marlborough	Hillersden	43	79,222	1	24
"	Lynton Downs	11	17,529	2	6
Canterbury	Lansdown	9	2,070	1	10
"	Tara	8	3,623	0	0
Otago	Te Puke	4	662	1	0
"	Clareview	5	754	0	10
Southland	Fortification Hill	6	3,600	3	10
"	Knowsley Park	9	4,931	1	8
"	Waiarikiki	8	4,118	3	1
"	Ardlussa	6	12,905	2	20
Totals	16 estates	214	151,610	2	26

The usual table giving the names of the various estates purchased and settled throughout the Dominion, the principal purposes for which the holdings are utilized, and generally the present position and future prospects of these estates is appended :—

TABLE F.—SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED UPON ESTATES ACQUIRED AND DEALT WITH, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, UP TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland—						
Balachraggan ..	24	..	Dairying	New settlement ..	..	Good.
Bickerstaffe ..	39	31	Grazing	Good ..	Good ..	..
Craddock Hamlet ..	14	14	Homes, orchards, &c. ..	Fair ..	..	..
Eccleston No. 2 ..	5	2	Homes	..	Fair ..	..
Fencourt ..	41	38	Dairying	Good ..	Good ..	..
Hetana Hamlet ..	67	83	Homes and orchards ..	Fair ..	..	..
Karapiro ..	17	13	Dairying	Satisfactory ..	..	..
Kitchener Hamlet ..	10	12	Homes and orchards ..	Fair ..	..	..
Mangapouri ..	11	11	Dairying	Good ..	..	..
Mangawhero ..	19	18	.. ..	..	..	..
Matamata ..	214	189	.. ..	..	..	..
Methuen Hamlet ..	24	30	Homes and orchards ..	Fair ..	..	..
Ohauti ..	11	..	Dairying	New settlement ..	..	..
Okauia ..	13	13	.. ..	Good ..	Good ..	..
Opouriao ..	99	83	.. ..	..	..	..
Plumer Hamlet ..	15	17	Homes and orchards ..	Fair ..	..	..
Prescot ..	1	..	(Miscellaneous lease).	..	..	..
Rangiatea ..	20	19	Dairying	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Rewi ..	9	11	Grazing	..	..	..
Selwyn ..	118	97	.. ..	..	..	..
Tautari ..	40	35	.. ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Teasdale ..	75	82	Homes, &c. ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Waari Hamlet ..	30	32	Homes and orchards ..	Fair ..	..	..
Waimana ..	28	23	Dairying	Good ..	..	..
Whitehall ..	15	12	.. ..	Satisfactory ..	..	..
Totals ..	959	865				
Hawke's Bay—						
Argyll ..	62	60	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Satisfactory ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Clydebank ..	23	22	.. ..	Good ..	Good ..	..
Elsthorpe ..	49	31	Pastoral	..	..	Good.
Forest Gate ..	29	24	Agricultural and pastoral ..	..	..	..
Hatuma ..	76	66	.. ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	..
Kanakanaia ..	7	6	Pastoral	Very good ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Kumeroa ..	15	14	Pastoral and dairying ..	Fair ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Lindsay ..	67	63	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Satisfactory ..	Satisfactory ..	..
Mahora ..	34	31	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-growing ..	Good ..	Good ..	Very good.
Manga-a-toro ..	26	26	Pastoral	Good ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Mangatahi ..	23	22	.. ..	Fair ..	Good ..	..
Ngatapa ..	27	24	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Very good ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Pouparae ..	8	9	.. ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Pourerere ..	6	6	Pastoral	Fair ..	..	Fair.
Raumati ..	30	30	Dairying	..	..	Very good.
Raureka ..	19	17	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-culture ..	Very good ..	Prosperous ..	..
Sherenden ..	21	19	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Fair ..	..	..
Springhill ..	15	3	.. ..	No inspection.	..	..
Te Arai ..	54	54	.. ..	Very good ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Te Mata ..	9	8	Fruit-culture	Fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Tomoana ..	13	12	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-culture ..	Very good ..	Prosperous ..	Very good.
Tongoio ..	11	11	Pastoral	Good ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Waihau ..	22	9	.. ..	Fair ..	Prosperous ..	Very good.
Waimarie ..	18	16	Agricultural	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Waipuka ..	1	1	Pastoral	..	Prosperous ..	Very good.
Wigan ..	17	18	.. ..	Very good ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Willows ..	22	16	Agricultural	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Totals ..	704	618				
Taranaki—						
Clandon ..	7	5	Dairying	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Huinga ..	10	10	.. ..	..	Good ..	Good.
Spotswood ..	37	32	Homesteads	Good ..	..	..
Tariki ..	8	6	Dairying and grazing ..	Fair ..	..	Very good.
Tokaora ..	14	11	Dairying	Good ..	Excellent ..	..
Totals ..	76	64				

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Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Wellington—						
Aorangi ..	36	38	Dairying and fruit-growing ..	Good ..	Sound ..	Excellent.
Carrington ..	33	27	Grazing and dairying ..	Satisfactory ..	Good ..	Fair.
Dyer ..	37	40	Grazing, dairying, and cropping ..	Excellent ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Epuni Hamlet ..	42	43	Market-gardening, residential, &c. ..	Satisfactory ..	Good ..	Very good.
Hawtreys ..	32	24	Residential, &c. ..	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Heatherlea ..	24	6	(Only selected four months) ..	" ..	" ..	Good.
Hikawera ..	3	3	Grazing sheep and cattle ..	Satisfactory ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Langdale ..	31	24	Grazing ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Linton ..	5	5	Dairying and cropping ..	" ..	Sound ..	" ..
Longbush ..	7	7	Grazing and dairying ..	Very good ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Mahupuku ..	8	8	" ..	" ..	Excellent ..	Very good.
Mangawhata ..	5	7	" ..	Satisfactory ..	" ..	" ..
Maungaraki ..	20	19	Grazing, keeping pigs and poultry ..	" ..	Good ..	Good.
Normandale ..	31	28	" ..	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Ohakea ..	16	15	Dairying, cropping, and grazing ..	Good ..	Sound ..	Excellent.
Paparangi ..	33	36	Residential, pigs, poultry, &c. ..	Satisfactory ..	Good ..	Good.
Poroporo ..	15	"	(Only recently selected). ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Tablelands ..	9	10	Grazing sheep and cattle ..	Good ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Tawaha ..	24	24	Grazing, dairying, and cropping ..	" ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Te Matua ..	12	12	Dairying and grazing ..	" ..	Sound ..	Excellent.
Totals ..	423	376				
Nelson—						
Braeburn ..	20	19	Mixed farming ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Wangapeka ..	15	14	" ..	Very good ..	" ..	Very good.
Totals ..	35	33				
Marlborough—						
Blind River ..	18	13	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	Fair ..	Good ..	Good.
Flaxbourne ..	127	90	" ..	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	" ..
Hilliersden ..	43	"	(Selected in March, 1914). ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Lynton Downs ..	11	"	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
North Bank ..	9	7	Sheep-farming ..	Fair ..	Satisfactory ..	Fair.
Omaka ..	13	11	Sheep-farming and light cropping ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Puhipuhi ..	2	1	Grazing ..	Little ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Rainford ..	11	11	Dairying ..	Satisfactory ..	Excellent ..	Very good.
Richmond Brook ..	12	10	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	" ..	Good ..	" ..
Starborough ..	186	110	" ..	" ..	" ..	Excellent.
Waipapa ..	4	4	Grazing ..	Fair ..	Satisfactory ..	Fair.
Totals ..	436	257				
Westland—						
Kokatahi ..	8	7	Dairying and grazing ..	Good ..	Very satisfactory ..	Good.
Poerua ..	23	14	" ..	" ..	Ditto ..	" ..
Totals ..	31	21				
Canterbury—						
Albury ..	75	58	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	Good ..	Most prosperous ..	Excellent.
Allanholme ..	8	8	Ditto ..	" ..	Good ..	Good.
Annan ..	43	43	Part pastoral, part mixed farming, part business sections ..	" ..	Very good ..	" ..
Ashley Gorge ..	10	12	Part pastoral, part agricultural ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Ashwick ..	8	7	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Avenel ..	16	7	" ..	Fair ..	" ..	" ..
Avenel Extension ..	11	4	" ..	" ..	Poor ..	Doubtful.
Aylesbury ..	6	6	Agriculture ..	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Bourndale ..	7	5	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Braco ..	14	14	Market-gardening ..	Good ..	Excellent ..	Good.
Buddo ..	14	14	Market-gardening and workers' homes ..	Small ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Chamberlain ..	20	23	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	Good ..	Most prosperous ..	Excellent.
Clandeboyne ..	10	10	Dairy-farming and grain-growing ..	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Clandeboyne No. 2 ..	6	6	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Claremont ..	11	9	Sheep, dairy-farming, and grain-growing ..	Fair ..	" ..	" ..
Culverden ..	47	42	Agricultural, pastoral, and commercial ..	Good ..	Excellent ..	Good.
Douglas ..	30	27	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Doubtful, but improvement since last year.
Drayton ..	19	17	Agricultural ..	Small ..	Indifferent ..	Indifferent.
Eccleston ..	4	4	Sheep-farming and grain-growing ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.

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Canterbury—contd.						
Epworth ..	2	1	Dairy-farming and grain-growing	Good ..	Good ..	Success assured.
Four Peaks ..	8	7	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	" ..	" ..	Good.
Fyvie ..	5	5	" ..	Poor ..	Poor ..	Poor.
Hekeao ..	15	13	Dairy-farming, sheep-farming, and grain-growing	Good ..	Good ..	Success assured.
Highbank ..	80	57	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	" ..	" ..	" ..
Hornby ..	20	19	Market-gardening and workers' homes	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair. "
Horsley Downs ..	26	22	Agricultural ..	Good ..	Excellent ..	Good.
Kaimahi ..	12	12	Market-gardening ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Kapua ..	12	12	Small farming and dairying ..	" ..	Good ..	Good.
Kaputohe ..	14	11	Market-gardening and workers' homes	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Kereta ..	4	3	Dairying ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Kinloch ..	30	28	Pastoral, agricultural, dairying, and grass-seeding	" ..	" ..	" ..
Kohika ..	15	15	Mixed farming ..	" ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Kohika No. 2 ..	4	4	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Ladbrooks ..	13	10	Dairying and agriculture ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Improving.
Lansdown ..	9	9	(Selected during the year).	" ..	" ..	" ..
Lyndon ..	8	9	Mixed farming ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Lyndon No. 2 ..	9	9	Mixed farming and pastoral ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Marawiti ..	13	13	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	" ..	" ..	Success assured.
Maytown ..	11	11	Small farming and dairying ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Mead ..	21	19	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	" ..	" ..	" ..
Meadows ..	14	14	" ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Mills ..	21	21	Small farming and dairying ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Morice ..	31	25	Dairying, grass-seeding, and grazing	Fair ..	" ..	Fair.
Mount Nessing ..	11	11	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good ..	" ..	Very good.
Orakipaoa ..	27	21	Dairy-farming, grain-growing, and market-gardening	" ..	" ..	Success assured.
Otaio ..	9	8	Small farming and dairying ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Otarakaro ..	7	8	Market-gardening ..	" ..	" ..	Good.
Papaka ..	9	9	Mixed farming ..	Very good ..	Very good ..	Success assured.
Pareora ..	28	24	Small farming and dairying ..	Good ..	Good ..	" ..
Pareora No. 2 ..	32	32	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very good ..	Very good ..	Excellent. Success assured.
Patoa ..	4	2	Mostly pastoral ..	Fair ..	Good ..	Fair.
Pawaho ..	25	25	Workers' homes ..	" ..	" ..	Good.
Peaks ..	12	2	Mixed farming ..	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Puhuka ..	10	10	Workers' homes ..	" ..	Very good ..	Success assured.
Punaroa ..	17	17	Dairy-farming, sheep-farming, and grain-growing	" ..	Good ..	" ..
Raincliff ..	1	1	Grain-growing and sheep-farming	" ..	" ..	" ..
Rakitairi ..	22	17	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Rapuwai ..	5	5	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Rautawiri ..	6	6	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Roimata ..	29	27	Workers' homes ..	Excellent ..	" ..	" ..
Rosebrook ..	14	14	Small farming ..	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Rosevill ..	155	143	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very good ..	Most prosperous	" ..
Ruapuna No. 2 ..	15	13	" ..	Good ..	Fair ..	Good.
Scargill ..	7	4	Agricultural ..	Moderate ..	" ..	Fair.
Sherwood Downs ..	26	25	Grain-growing and sheep-farming	Good ..	" ..	" ..
Stoke ..	7	7	Agricultural ..	" ..	Good ..	" ..
Strathmore ..	3	3	Grain-growing and sheep-farming	" ..	Fair ..	" ..
Studholme Junction ..	4	2	Small farming ..	" ..	Good ..	Good.
Takitu ..	5	5	Sheep-farming ..	Very good ..	Most prosperous	Success assured.
Tamai ..	40	40	Workers' homes ..	Good ..	Good ..	Fair.
Tara ..	8	8	(Selected during the year).	" ..	" ..	" ..
Tarawahi ..	27	27	Workers' homes ..	Good ..	Good ..	" ..
Timaunga ..	17	15	Mixed farming ..	" ..	Fair ..	" ..
Timaunga Extension ..	6	3	(New settlement: No report).	" ..	" ..	" ..
Tripp ..	24	23	Sheep farming and grain-growing	No marked improvement	" ..	" ..
Valverde ..	11	7	Ditto.	Fair ..	" ..	" ..
Waiapi ..	15	14	" ..	Good ..	Good ..	Success assured.
Waikakahi ..	183	183	" ..	" ..	Most prosperous	Excellent. Success assured.
Waimate ..	32	32	Sheep-farming, grain and fruit growing	" ..	Good ..	Good.
Wharenui ..	26	26	Workers' homes ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
Winchester ..	10	8	Dairying, sheep-farming, and grain-growing	" ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Homestead-sites ..	10	4				
Miscellaneous occupation licenses, &c.	47	..				
Totals ..	1,702	1,479				

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Otago—						
Airedale ..	12	11	Mixed farming	Good ..	Good ..	Very good.
Ardgowan ..	66	52	General and dairying ..	" ..	" ..	"
Aviemore ..	1	1	Pastoral	Very good ..	Very good ..	"
Barnego ..	24	19	General and dairying ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Cardrona ..	1	1	Pastoral	" ..	" ..	Very good.
Clareview ..	5	3	General and dairying ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Conical Hills ..	44	37	General farming	Very fair ..	" ..	"
Duncan ..	6	4	Dairying and general ..	Fair ..	" ..	"
Earnsclough ..	13	9	Fruitgrowing	Good ..	Very satisfactory	Good.
Elderslie ..	37	25	General and mixed farming ..	" ..	Good ..	Very good.
Elderslie No. 2 ..	14	14	"	" ..	" ..	Good.
Greenfield ..	43	40	"	" ..	" ..	Very good.
Janefield ..	21	19	Dairying and fruitgrowing ..	" ..	Sound ..	Good.
Kauroo Hill ..	41	30	General farming	" ..	Good ..	"
Kurov ..	14	13	Grazing and dairying ..	" ..	" ..	"
Maerewhenua ..	75	56	General farming	" ..	" ..	Very sound.
Makareao and Extension ..	36	22	"	" ..	" ..	Good.
Matakanui ..	3	2	Mixed farming	" ..	" ..	"
Meadowbank ..	11	8	"	Fair ..	Fair ..	"
Momona ..	14	13	Dairying and mixed farming ..	Very good ..	Very good ..	Very good.
Otanomomo ..	15	8	Dairying	Very fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Otokaike ..	64	51	General farming	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Plunket ..	18	18	General and dairying ..	" ..	" ..	"
Pomahaka Downs ..	27	19	"	" ..	Fair ..	"
Puketapu ..	11	8	Dairying	" ..	Good ..	"
Rugged Ridges ..	1	1	Pastoral	" ..	" ..	Very good
Steward ..	48	42	General farming and a little dairying	" ..	" ..	Good.
St. Helen's ..	3	3	Ditto	" ..	" ..	"
Tahawai ..	8	8	Dairying	" ..	" ..	"
Taumata ..	9	9	General farming	" ..	" ..	"
Teaneraki ..	23	13	Dairying	" ..	" ..	"
Te Puke ..	4	3	General farming	Fair ..	Fair ..	Fair.
Tokarahi ..	79	43	General and dairying ..	Good ..	Good ..	Very good.
Totara ..	27	25	"	" ..	" ..	Good.
Windsor Park No. 1 ..	37	24	"	" ..	" ..	"
Windsor Park No. 2 ..	10	8	"	" ..	" ..	"
Totals ..	865	662				
Southland—						
Ardlussa ..	3	1	(Only selected March, 1914).			
Beaumont ..	11	11	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Good.
Edendale ..	145	132	Agricultural, pastoral, and dairying	Excellent ..	Very good ..	Excellent.
Ermedale ..	13	12	Pastoral and dairying ..	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Fortification Hill ..	5	..	(Only selected February, 1914).			
Glenham ..	40	46	Agricultural, pastoral, and dairying	Good ..	Good ..	Excellent.
Knowsley Park ..	5	1	(Only selected February, 1914).			
Maori Hill ..	9	3	Dairying and pastoral ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Good.
Merrivale ..	49	41	Agricultural, pastoral, and dairying	Good ..	Good ..	Very good.
Otahu ..	7	5	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Fair ..	Fair ..	Good.
Ringway ..	8	8	"	" ..	" ..	Fair.
Wairikiki ..	3	2	(Only selected March, 1914).			
Totals ..	298	262				
Grand totals	5,529	4,637				

CEMETERIES.

The number of cemeteries under the supervision of the Department is now 501. Trustees for six new cemeteries were appointed during the year, while forty-five warrants appointing trustees for existing ones were also issued. Three cemeteries were vested in local authorities. This the Department is pleased to arrange where practicable.

DOMAINS.

During the year seventeen new domains were brought under Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908. The total administered under the Act is now 546. A large proportion of these have been highly improved and beautified; and the management by the various Domain Boards of the areas entrusted to them is generally very satisfactory. A synopsis of the annual reports of the Boards will be prepared and laid before Parliament.

REPORTS ON SPECIAL BRANCHES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The usual reports on the operations of the Department in connection with State nurseries and plantations, land-drainage, and scenery preservation will be prepared for laying before Parliament, and in addition there will be a report by the Surveyor-General on the survey operations of the Department.

OFFICE-WORK.

A summary showing the number of Proclamations, Orders in Council, Warrants, &c., prepared during the year, together with a summary of expenditure approved by the Department, is appended.

SUMMARY SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PROCLAMATIONS, ORDERS IN COUNCIL, WARRANTS, AND NOTICES PREPARED AND ISSUED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

	Proclama- tions.	Orders in Council.	Warrants and Notices.	Total.
Under the Land Act and the Land for Settlements Act	54	..	313	367
Under the Public Reserves and Domains Act ..	..	160	107	267
Under the Scenery Preservation Acts	25	..	2	27
Under the Native Land Act	16	..	..	16
Under the Education Reserves Acts	..	..	5	5
Under the State Forests Act	5	..	1	6
Under the Kauri-gum Industry Acts	..	13	5	18
Under the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1912	..	..	2	2
Under the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1913	1	..	1	2
Under the Cemeteries Act	..	..	51	51
Under the Timber-floating Act	..	..	3	3
Under the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act, 1909, and amendments, and section 63 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913	48	..	..	48
Under the Land Transfer Act, authorizing the issue of certificates of title	..	..	155	155
Totals	149	173	645	967

The following have also been prepared and published :—

Sale-plan posters	203*
Monthly poster of lands offered for selection	12†
Crown Lands Guide (quarterly issues)	4‡

* 155,500 copies printed. † The total number of copies printed during the year was 20,350. Previous to the month of September only 300 copies of the poster were printed per month. Since that date, however, it was arranged that copies should be exhibited in all the post-offices of the Dominion, and these offices are now being supplied monthly with the poster, thus ensuring a greater publicity in connection with the lands of the Crown that are offered for selection from time to time. ‡ 10,750 copies printed.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Vote No.	Name of Vote or Account.	Amount voted (Net).	Expenditure (Gross).	Recoveries.	Expenditure (Net).
	<i>Consolidated Fund.</i>	£	£	£	£
75	Lands and Survey	174,122	208,461	45,017	163,444
76	Lands and Survey, Miscellaneous	100,298	58,916	2,213	56,703
117	State Forests Account	32,408	28,473	31	28,442
119	Scenery-preservation Account	16,552	14,420	1,409	13,011
120	Land for Settlements Account Expenses	13,579	4,574	..	4,574
	<i>Public Works Fund.</i>				
	Lands Improvement—				
115	Improved-farm Settlements	25,000	16,544	5	16,539
116	Lands, Miscellaneous	6,700	3,559	..	3,559
	Totals	368,659	334,947	48,675	286,272
	Special Acts, Deposit Accounts, &c.	..	4,921	..	4,921
	Land for Settlements Account	..	13,779	364	13,415
	Cheviot Estate Account	..	1	..	1
	Hauraki Plains Settlement Account	..	18,999	8,165	10,834
	Rangitaiki Land-drainage Account	..	17,873	110	17,763
	National Endowment Account	..	4,907	..	4,907
	Native Land Settlement Account	..	63,664	62,064	1,600
	Totals	..	124,144	70,703	53,441
	Grand totals	..	459,091	119,378	339,713

RETIREMENT: JOHN STRAUCHON, ESQ., I.S.O.

The retirement of the head of the Department on the 31st March last calls for a special paragraph. He was born at Swinton, Berwickshire, Scotland, on the 29th March, 1848; educated at Kilmarnock Academy, Ayrshire, at Pryde's Private Academy, Normal School and School of Arts, Edinburgh; and came to New Zealand in September, 1861, where he was employed in the office of the Otago Daily Times and Witness Company for a short time, afterwards entering the Otago Provincial Engineers' Department in February, 1862, and being transferred to the Survey Department in August, 1865. He passed the Surveyors Examination in 1868, and joined the then Head Office in Dunedin as draughtsman, and later acted as Office Surveyor. In the beginning of 1870 he was sent to Martin's Bay as Draughtsman and Surveyor in charge of the Land Office, and on returning in August, 1871, was employed on miscellaneous surveys around Dunedin, and appointed District Surveyor at Maitai in November, 1871. He held that position until May, 1891, with a short break, May to December, in 1877, when he occupied the position of Acting Chief Surveyor at Nelson. In 1891 he was promoted Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands for Westland, and from 1893 to 1901 was Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands for Taranaki District, also being the local member of the Land Purchase Board, School Commissioners, and member of North Island Electoral Representation Commission. He was also Chairman of the Mount Egmont Reserves Board, and afterwards also of the Mount Egmont National Park Board. From 1902 to 1908 he was Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor for the Wellington District, and also a member of the Land Purchase Board, Scenery Board, School Commissioners, and the Surveyors Board. In 1908 and 1909 he was Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor for the Auckland District, and from 1909 to 1912 Surveyor-General, being also a member of the Land Purchase Board, Government Insurance Board, Public Trust Board, Chairman of Surveyors Board and of Scenery Preservation Board. In addition, he was a member of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Acts and under the Coal-mines Act. He was also Chairman of the Representation Commissioners, and represented the New Zealand Government at a conference of Surveyors-General in Australia in 1911. He was appointed a Companion of the Imperial Service Order in June, 1912. From 1912 to 1914 he was Under-Secretary for Crown Lands, also for Immigration (until the latter was created a separate Department in 1913), member of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners, Public Service Superannuation Board, State Advances Board, and Native Land Purchase Board. He finally retired on superannuation on the 31st March, 1914, after continuous and meritorious service of fifty-two years and two months, carrying with him the respect and esteem of the many officers with whom, from first to last, he has been associated.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

The retirement of Mr. John Strauchon, I.S.O., from the position of Under-Secretary resulted in the following promotions, which, however, did not take effect until after the end of the year under review: Mr. James Mackenzie, Surveyor-General, to be Under-Secretary; Mr. E. H. Wilmot, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Otago, to be Surveyor-General; Mr. R. T. Sadd, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Hawke's Bay, promoted to Otago in similar capacity; Mr. W. H. Skinner, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Marlborough, promoted to Hawke's Bay District; Mr. H. G. Price, Chief Draughtsman, Christchurch, to be Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Marlborough.

Mr. M. C. Smith, Chief Draughtsman, Wellington District Office, was appointed Chief Draughtsman, Head Office; Mr. W. F. Marsh, Chief Draughtsman, Dunedin, succeeding as Chief Draughtsman, Wellington; Mr. D. M. Calder, Chief Draughtsman, Hokitika, was promoted to be Chief Draughtsman at Dunedin; Mr. R. P. Greville was appointed to be District Inspecting Surveyor at Hamilton; Mr. F. J. Harrop, Land Transfer Draughtsman, New Plymouth, owing to ill health, was transferred to Auckland Survey Office; Mr. J. R. Vaile, Land Transfer Draughtsman, Dunedin, succeeding him.

The following Survey cadets were promoted to be Assistant Surveyors: L. T. Seddon and B. C. A. McCabe, Nelson; G. Pirratt, F. W. Watson, and C. V. Blake, Auckland.

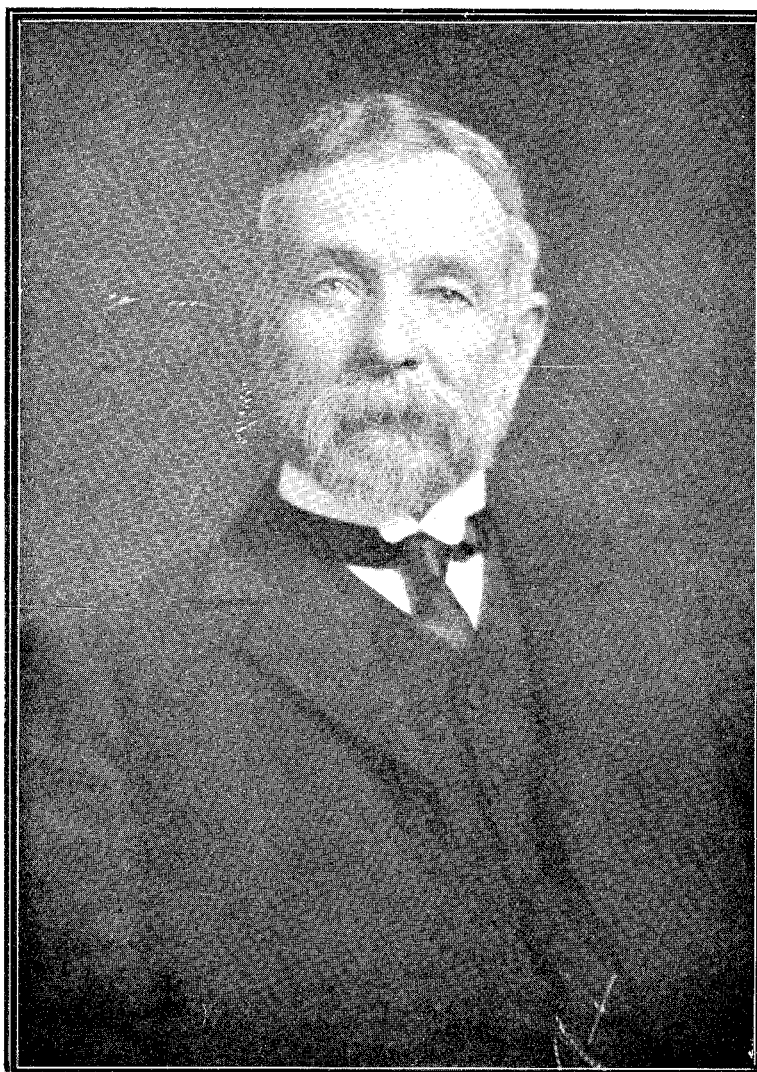
Messrs. H. T. McCardell, Chief Draughtsman, Head Office; H. J. Lewis, Land Transfer Draughtsman, Gisborne; C. E. O. Smith, Draughtsman, Auckland; J. Forrester, Crown Lands Ranger, Canterbury; and J. W. Liddell, Clerk, Head Office, retired on superannuation. Mr. A. A. S. Danby, Immigration Officer, also retired from the service.

Messrs. W. Wilson, District Surveyor, Westland, H. M. Thompson and D. Nelson, Assistant Surveyors, Southland and Nelson respectively, resigned from the service to enter into business.

It is with great regret that I have to record the death of Mr. C. St. G. Gore, Clerk, District Office, Wellington, an officer who was universally respected.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the zealous and painstaking services rendered by the officers of this Department in both the clerical and professional divisions. The past year has been more than usually arduous, largely on account of the initiation of the recent land legislation, and it is gratifying to me to make the above acknowledgment.



JOHN STRACHAN, Esq., L.S.O.,

Under-Secretary for Crown Lands, 1912-1914.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.—SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON SETTLEMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS WHICH ENDED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

AUCKLAND.

CROWN LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION AND LANDS SELECTED.

THE total area of land opened for selection on all tenures during the year was 115,654 acres, out of which 66,976 acres was placed on the market for the first time, and the remaining 48,678 acres represented land which had been previously offered, and either remained unselected or had reverted to the Crown after selection.

The actual area of new selections under all tenures during the year, excluding miscellaneous leases, was 91,176 acres, representing 639 separate selections.

The demand for land continues to be keen, and the number of inquiries for particulars of lands to be offered is steady and continuous, the areas most in demand being lands on the Hauraki Plains or other fairly accessible lands capable of being brought in for dairying within a comparatively short time. The demand for lands for dairying purposes may possibly in the future find a rival to some extent in the demand for lands for fruitgrowing, to the possibilities of which attention is now being turned. The large areas of land adapted for both purposes, but not yet available or effectively utilized for either, will render the future work of land-settlement in the district one of steady progress for many years to come.

In connection with the applications received for lands opened, it may be mentioned that considerable difficulty is experienced by the office and the Land Board in dealing with many of the applications owing to the incomplete and indefinite nature of the information supplied by applicants, particularly in regard to their means, which are frequently set down as "nil" or "ample," either form of answer being inadequate. It would appear as if applicants believed their chances of admission to the ballot were furthered rather than prejudiced by such vague answers, which frequently entail the rejection of applications, especially at ballots when there is no opportunity of obtaining further information.

Amongst the selections already mentioned, the first place falls to the occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure, with 238 selections comprising 46,857 acres—over half of the total area taken up. The renewable-lease tenure accounts for 29,192 acres in 154 selections, taken up without optional choice of tenure, and the next largest the Hauraki pastoral-license tenure with fifty-six selections, comprising 11,516 acres.

THE FREEHOLD TENURE.

The total area alienated as freehold during the year was 80,128 acres, consisting of 518 selections. Out of this area 199 purchases, totalling 39,362 acres, were effected under the provisions of the Land Laws Amendment Acts of 1912 and 1913, extending the freehold to holders of leases in perpetuity and to holders of renewable leases under the Land for Settlements Act. In addition to this, 111 other holdings, comprising 8,336 acres, are, under the same provisions, being converted into freehold by deferred payments. In this connection it is interesting to note that the year witnessed the final passing of the old deferred-payment system established under the Land Acts of 1877 and 1885, the last of these having now been converted into freehold.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TENANTS.

The total number of Crown tenants of all classes on the books of the district at the close of the year was 7,661, occupying an area of 1,962,318 acres, and paying a rental of £100,145 per annum.

REVENUE AND ARREARS.

The total revenue for the year from all sources was £193,348, an increase of £36,400 over the revenue for the preceding period.

The amount realized by the alienation of freehold under all tenures other than by deferred payments was £63,487, of which £15,095 was paid for the freehold of lands acquired under the Land for Settlements Acts.

The revenue received during the year entailed the issue of 13,276 receipts, and in addition a sum of £42,575 was passed through the Deposit Account, entailing the issue of 2,236 receipts. Payments amounting to £14,056 were made into the Local Bodies' Deposit Account, and a sum of £14,760 was paid over to local bodies for providing and improving access to Crown leaseholds.

The arrears of rent owing at the close of the period amounted to £5,656, owing by 464 holders, the amount representing about $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total annual rental.

TRANSFERS AND FORFEITURES.

The total number of applications for transfer dealt with by the Land Board was 670, of which 636 were granted and thirty-four refused. The most careful consideration is given by the Board to every case submitted, the circumstances of the application, fulfilment of conditions, amount of consideration and position and suitability of the proposed transferee being all fully scrutinized, so as to ensure as far as possible that the transaction is of a *bona fide* character, and that the incoming tenant enters into possession with reasonable prospects of success. It is always borne in mind that it is not the rent payable to the Crown that may prejudice the success of a transferee, but the amount of consideration in the form of goodwill paid to the outgoing tenant.

The area of land forfeited is considerably less than during the previous year, although the difference in actual number of holdings is very small. In my last report I pointed out that a very large proportion of these forfeitures resulted from the practice followed by many land-seekers of applying for Crown lands without first inspecting or otherwise satisfying themselves of their probable suitability. The first impression gained by the applicant when he subsequently inspects often fails to confirm his anticipation, and in disappointment he immediately throws up the holding. This class of case accounts for a much larger proportion of the forfeitures than does actual non-fulfilment of conditions.

LANDS IN MINING DISTRICTS.

The total area of land selected on the Coromandel Peninsula under the two mining district tenures was 12,296 acres in seventy-one holdings, as compared with the fifty-three holdings and 15,017 acres of the previous year. The total area now in occupation under these two tenures is 84,557 acres in 482 holdings. The freehold option now given to the holders of Hauraki pastoral licenses, coupled with a reduction of mining activities, and the prominence given to the excellent pastoral qualities of much of the peninsula land, are tending to create a renewed activity of inquiry for these lands.

RANGERS' REPORTS AND CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT.

The reports received from the Rangers during the year continue to be very satisfactory, and to disclose an excellent standard of fulfilment of conditions and *bona fide* settlement achieved generally by settlers in all parts of the district. The number of total defaulters was only about 7 per cent. of the number of holdings inspected, and out of the 18 per cent. who were in default of a partial character, either for deficient improvements or non-residence, the tenants are in the majority of cases using their best efforts to fulfil their obligations, which they recognize it is to their own interest to do, since the development of the holdings and the increase in value of improvements means bringing the property into a self-supporting and payable condition. In order to give them the opportunity of doing so the Land Board is always willing, for satisfactory reasons, to give tenants reasonable extensions of time in which to comply. It cannot be denied that in many parts of the district the difficulties of access, lack of schools, and other backblock disadvantages offer very real and adequate grounds for any reasonable consideration that can be shown to settlers engaged in the work of bringing new lands into productiveness. The lack of access especially presses hardly on the new settler in many localities, and it is much to be desired that arrangements should be made so that the construction of roads should at least be well under way by the time the lands are balloted, instead of being in the majority of cases commenced a considerable time afterwards, during which time the settlers' preliminary work on their holdings is handicapped by the additional difficulties of inadequate access.

The general extension of roading and railway facilities throughout the district, however, especially in the North of Auckland, is improving the position of many Crown tenants, even if the benefit is in numerous cases of a somewhat indirect character. The extension of the dairy industry, and especially of the home-separation system, has been also of incalculable benefit, especially to tenants who have not much capital to expend on their sections, as they are enabled to stay at home and improve their holdings, instead of having to leave home to earn money to keep their families and effect improvements. This has no doubt much to do with the rapid and satisfactory manner in which many of the holdings are being improved. A favourable season resulted in very good burns of felled areas being obtained, and the subsequent sowings have taken well. Some damage was caused in the north by the spread of bush and grass fires to an unexpected extent, but a number of settlers were enabled to turn this to advantage by being supplied with grass-seed upon easy terms of payment. The increased area laid down in grass has resulted in a very large increase of stock, and an enhanced output of fat stock, which, coupled with the record output of dairy-produce, has developed a prosperity in which the Crown tenants have fully shared. The advent of settlers from other parts of the Dominion still continues, more especially in the North of Auckland, and these bring fresh capital and methods into the district, benefitting not only the lands which they occupy, but the district at large. The extension of communication in the north is bringing within the range of profitable

exploitation areas of timber not hitherto marketable, and in the Rotorua and Tauranga Counties timber-mills are buying milling rights, thus giving settlers employment and enabling them to get their lands cleared for future productiveness.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The three improved-farm settlements—Rangitoto Nos. 1 and 2 and Korakonui—which are still in their earlier stages, continue to make good progress; the improvements are greatly in excess of requirements, and, with the assistance given in supplying cows, the majority of the settlers are now dairying, and the holdings are becoming self-supporting.

FLAX INDUSTRY.

This has not been very successful, owing to the low market price of fibre and shortage of raw material. A few mills have worked regularly, and near Kawakawa a considerable amount of flax has been planted.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY.

The past season, like its predecessor, has been a favourable one for obtaining gum from the deep swamps which form a portion of the fields, especially the extensive northern ones. There has been a large output, and, as good prices have prevailed, many of the diggers have made high wages. Arrangements are now being made to dredge for gum in the north, but the success of the idea has not yet been proved. The number of British diggers appears to be decreasing.

During the year an area of 5,309 acres has been withdrawn from existing kauri-gum reserves, inquiry having shown that the land no longer contained gum in payable quantities and that it could be better utilized for settlement purposes. The inquiries of the recently appointed Gum Lands Commission will no doubt result in freeing for settlement a considerable area whose gum-contents would not justify its being withheld from settlement.

Although it is true that much of the kauri-gum land is of poor quality, yet the popular impression on this point probably greatly overestimates both the extent and the poverty of the inferior lands. Much of the area locked up in the gum reserves is without doubt capable of responding well to suitable cultivation and the application of manure for ordinary farming purposes, while it has also been proved that these lands are admirably adapted for fruitgrowing, provided a suitable aspect and shelter are obtainable.

There have been numerous inquiries for areas under the gum-lands settlement provisions contained in the Act of 1912.

SAND-DRIFTS.

The Ranger draws attention to the question of sand-drift in the far north, where the drift is rapidly encroaching and covering Crown lands and other properties, places being noticed where the drift has encroached from 5 to 10 chains during the last three years. Both on the valuable swamp lands around Awanui and Kaitaia and northward from Waipapakauri serious encroachment is taking place, and unless something can be done to check it irreparable damage will result. The same process is taking place—though perhaps to a lesser extent—in other parts of the western coast-line of the district as far south as Kawhia.

LANDS TO BE OPENED.

An area of 242,389 acres of Crown land in different parts of the district was open for selection under the various tenures at the close of the year, in addition to which I anticipate that a total area of approximately 126,620 acres will be placed on the market and selected during the ensuing year. The largest area to be opened in one locality will be the Moerangi Block, of 17,418 acres, near Kawhia.

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT RESERVES.

The total area of education endowment reserves in the district is 126,353 acres, out of which 76,093 acres are held under lease by 657 holders, paying an annual rental of £4,978. An area of 8,974 acres was offered during the year for lease for twenty-one years with right of renewal upon revaluation and full protection for improvements effected, but only 934 acres was taken up. A considerable portion of the area was, however, situated in localities which are not at present very attractive to selectors. Renewals of expiring leases were arranged in thirteen cases, covering an area of 1,061 acres, the new rental payable being £134 per annum, as against £71 paid during the previous term.

DEPARTMENTAL.

During the year nineteen ordinary and special meetings of the Land Board were held. The amount of business to be dealt with at all the regular meetings is very heavy, necessitating much careful preparation for and consideration by the Board. Apart from this, a very large volume of correspondence and general business has passed through the office, some idea of its magnitude being conveyed by the fact that the correspondence received totalled 42,988 pieces of mail-matter, and that despatched was 77,702, a total of 120,690, representing an increase of about 17,500 over the previous year. The staff has worked well, and though at times rather shorthanded, by extra exertion the business has been dealt with satisfactorily.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

THE SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

The principal blocks of land opened for selection during the year ended 31st March, 1914 (all of which were purchased from the Natives), were as under :—

Ahuaturanga Block, near Woodville, comprising 993 acres of dairying and pastoral land, subdivided into twelve sections in areas of from 37 acres to 157 acres. All the sections were selected at the ballot. The settlers are doing good work in effecting the necessary improvements, but, owing to the non-construction of roads and drains, they were unable to do all they wanted in regard to dairying.

The Huiarua Block, in the local district of Poverty Bay, containing 7,436 acres, all forest land of good quality, and subdivided into one small grazing-run and the balance in sections on the renewable-lease system. All selected at the ballot. The delay in the construction of the roads to and through this block has also caused difficulty to the settlers.

The Hukanui Block, near Waikaremoana, containing 8,746 acres, offered in three allotments, one on the optional system and two as small grazing-runs. Selected with the exception of one run, all forest country, part at high elevation.

The Otawhao Block, near Takapau, containing 2,377 acres, offered in areas from 77 acres to 150 acres, was readily selected; it is excellent land. This class of land, adapted for dairying and mixed farming, is that most in demand, being suitable for the settler with small capital.

The Tahoraite Block, about a mile and a half from Dannevirke, and some odd sections in the Tahoraite and Norsewood Survey Districts, 1,585 acres, were also readily selected.

In addition several scattered sections have been offered and selected.

Generally the most demand appears to be for medium-sized areas of good land, suitable for mixed farming or dairying, and which are within the means of the small capitalist and give a much quicker return than large areas only suitable for pastoral purposes, chiefly sheep-grazing.

Last year was a more prosperous year for the older established settlements than the previous one, for, although fairly dry for several months, there were no grass-fires, and the high prices for produce were well maintained. In March the finest rainfall for three years was experienced, and, in consequence, the autumn growth is exceptionally good, and the prospects of the settlers, especially those lately put on the land, should be very bright.

The settlement of the land in this district is proceeding in a very satisfactory manner, and the surveyors are actively engaged on the subdivision of a number of blocks for future settlement.

DISPOSAL OF REMAINING CROWN LANDS.

It is proposed to offer for sale or selection during the current year an area of 131,468 acres. The following are brief descriptions of the principal blocks :—

Waipiro, Buckley, and Te Puia Townships (16 acres): Small areas suitable for business or residential sites.

Te Puia Block (231 acres): Open land of fair quality.

Mangaoporo (1,182 acres): To be offered under optional system on the 22nd April, 1914. First-class land, all cleared and in grass with the exception of 60 acres.

Motu (66 acres): Mostly in bush; soil good.

Heru-o-turea (Waitara), 3,990 acres: Undulating country covered with fern and manuka scrub, with patches of birch bush, part limestone formation, balance soil of a pumiceous nature. Survey now in hand.

Part Kaitoki, near Dannevirke (550 acres): Mostly in grass. Good dairying country.

Weber (269 acres): To be offered under optional system on the 11th June, 1914. Undulating and broken country, with mixed bush in the gullies and scrub on the ridges.

Mangamaire, near Porangahau (5,886 acres): Excellent sheep country, well grassed, with some manuka scrub in places. Low undulating hills.

Porangahau (4,064 acres): Mostly in native and English grasses; undulating and broken land; excellent sheep country.

Manawaangi (2,092 acres): For the most part open country, partly in native and exotic grasses with patches of mingi and manuka distributed over the whole area, with mixed bush and scrub in the gullies.

Waipaoa (16,785 acres): Rough broken country, covered with tawa and birch; soil fair to poor pumice. Survey in hand.

Tuahu (6,000 acres): Mostly high birch-clad country; soil inferior to fair; sandstone formation; well watered. Survey in hand.

Kaiwaka (13,640 acres): In five small grazing-runs, to be offered on the 3rd April, 1914.

Timahanga Block (17,418 acres): Fronting the Inland Patea main coach-road. Capable of subdivision into two small grazing-runs. Undulating and some high country with patches of manuka and fern with considerable patches of grass, capable in its present state of carrying 6,000 sheep; partly fenced and improved. At present let on temporary grazing license.

Omahaki Block (15,710 acres): At present let for temporary grazing purposes. Undulating country, from 1,100 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level; covered with fern, manuka, scrub, and grass; steep faces to the Ngaruroro River. The survey of road access and for exchanges with adjoining owners being made at an early date to give good fencing boundaries. Capable of subdivision into three small grazing-runs.

Kaweka, Pohui, and Kuripapanga (43,569 acres): Pastoral Runs 11, 13, and 14; comprise for the most part open rugged and broken country with patches of stunted black birch in the gullies and on hill slopes. The soil is of a light pumiceous character on slate rock, sandstone, and

gravel. Exchanges are now made with the owners of adjoining freehold lands in order to furnish better access to the main roads, and now that the provisions with regard to pastoral runs have been improved by recent legislation, these areas should be cut up into suitable runs.

TENURES.

Owing to the great number of holdings made freehold during the year there is only a small increase in the number of tenants on the books. The total is now 1,953.

The tenures are divided into four distinct classes—*i.e.*, ordinary Crown lands (including Native-land settlement), 898 tenants, holding an area of 492,387 acres, and paying an annual rental of £41,452: lands for settlement, 704 tenants, holding an area of 223,102 acres, and paying an annual rental of £73,606: national-endowment lands, 116 tenants, holding an area of 222,218 acres; annual rental, £7,308: education and other endowments, 235 tenants, holding an area of 87,543 acres, and paying an annual rental of £9,951.

INSPECTIONS AND RANGER'S REPORTS.

In the northern or Gisborne portion of the district the Crown Lands Ranger during the year made 285 inspections of leasehold sections held on different tenures, covering an area of 216,922 acres; and 151 miscellaneous inspections.

The value of improvements required to be done by the tenants was £161,136, and, according to the Ranger, the improvements actually effected are valued at £429,426, and there were only ten defaulters for residence, principally on account of no schools being near enough to send children to.

In the southern or Napier portion of the district the Crown Lands Ranger inspected and furnished reports on 348 holdings, covering an area of 199,315 acres, and made 188 miscellaneous inspections, including valuation of Springhill Settlement, in conjunction with a special valuer, and revaluations of education endowments. The value of improvements required to be effected amounted to £202,911, and improvements actually effected £370,561. There were ninety defaulters—fifty-two for improvements, thirty-four for residence, and four for other reasons.

In fairness to some of the defaulting settlers, especially those in Waihou Settlement, Manawa-angiangi, and Rokai Blocks, I may say that it was mainly due to the non-construction of the roads that they were unable to comply with the full condition of their leases.

BUSH FELLED AND AREA GRASSED.

Of the holdings inspected by the Crown Lands Rangers, only 6,377 acres of bush was felled and the area grassed—the lowest on record. The settlers in more settled districts are now turning their attention to stumping and making ready for cultivation.

PURCHASE OF FREE-SIMPLE DURING THE YEAR.

In the last annual return I made mention that in all probability more tenants would take advantage this year of the opportunity of making their holdings freehold than was the case last year. This has been realized. The favourable season, combined with good prices for sale of stock and wool, has induced settlers to invest their savings in the land, and to make it their own.

The number of tenants who have made their holdings freehold is forty-eight, comprising an area of 24,954 acres; besides these there are fourteen tenants, holding an area of 6,018 acres, acquiring the freehold under the deferred-payment system, which takes twenty years to complete.

The number of tenants who have acquired and are acquiring the freehold during the past year comprises 5 per cent. of all those who are eligible to purchase, which is a very satisfactory percentage when one considers the amount of money expended in effecting the necessary improvements to add to the carrying-capacity of the land.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

Ten transactions on land held under permanent tenures came under this heading, comprising an area of 2,975 acres. Four of these tenants abandoned their holdings owing to the land not being equal to their expectations. It is, of course, always to the advantage of intending applicants to view the land before lodging an application; they will then only apply for the land that meets their requirements, and by this act of caution ensure to a certain degree the success that they want; otherwise they but impede the progress of a new settlement.

TRANSFERS.

The total number of applications to transfer submitted to the Land Board during the year was 151, of which thirteen were declined.

As the detailed information with regard to transfers furnished last year met with marked approval, I am supplying below a schedule on similar lines.

Owing to the increased facilities given to Crown tenants to acquire the fee-simple of their holdings, the Land Board have, in cases where the consideration appeared abnormally high and where the lessee had the right to acquire the freehold, invariably declined such applications, thereby refusing to accept new tenants on such terms, and absolving themselves from any future responsibility with regard to the success or failure of the proposed transferee. In most cases where such applications have been refused the lessees have taken advantage of their right to acquire the freehold, and dealt directly with the proposed transferee.

The only restriction, therefore, with regard to future dealings in these lands is the limitation of area prescribed by Part XIII of the Land Act, 1908, and its amendments. It is still my opinion that the education-endowment leases, some of which are very valuable, should come under this limitation.

Transfers completed during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.

	Number of Transfers.	Area.			Value of Improve- ments effected.			Consideration- money paid.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Crown lands—										
Occupation with right of purchase ..	22	8,844	2	20	11,730	1	11	40,734	12	0
Lease in perpetuity	30	10,445	2	28	42,801	5	0	76,026	9	4
Renewable lease	5	2,286	1	13	3,070	5	0	4,762	16	3
Cash	1	2	0	0	*			5	0	0
Pastoral runs	3	20,325	0	0	*			2,500	0	0
Small grazing-runs	4	6,102	2	0	8,130	0	0	†4,480	5	0
Miscellaneous licenses	8	268	3	6	*			616	5	0
Totals	73	48,274	3	27	65,731	11	11	129,125	7	7
Land for settlements—										
Lease in perpetuity	27	7,421	2	39	18,514	2	1	43,559	4	6
Renewable lease	13	2,952	1	19	10,677	16	6	17,730	12	0
Small grazing-runs	1	1,040	0	0	2,021	0	0	6,240	0	0
Miscellaneous licenses	1	2	1	0	*			Nil		
Totals	42	11,416	1	18	31,212	18	7	67,529	16	6
Land Settlement Finance Act ..	1	102	1	20	*			50	0	0
Education endowments	22	10,719	3	37	*			45,662	6	10
Grand totals	138	70,513	2	22	96,944	10	6	242,367	10	11

LAND REVENUE AND ACCOUNTS.

The gross revenue received for the year was £153,229, which is an increase of £32,076 over the previous year.

Rebates to the amount of £8,880 were granted to 1,268 tenants.

The transactions in connection with survey liens still continues to increase, the amount received under this heading being £2,663.

Ordinary revenue receipts numbering 4,214, and fifty-one provisional-title receipts were passed through the Receiver's cash-book.

The sum of £10,198 was paid into the Local Bodies' Deposit Account, and £10,403 was paid to local bodies.

In the ordinary deposit account, £19,662 was received and £20,520 disbursed.

Vouchers to the number of 947 were dealt with, representing an amount of £27,044, being a large increase on the previous year's transactions.

EXPENDITURE OF "THIRDS," "FOURTHS," AND "HALVES."

Twenty proposals for expenditure of the sum of £10,403 were submitted by the local bodies and approved of by the Land Board. The amount at credit at the end of the financial year was £6,605 3s. 5d. Included in this amount are "thirds" on the Manawangi, Otawhao, and Makaretu Blocks. The roads to and through these blocks have not yet been completed and handed over by the Government to the local bodies.

LAND BOARD.

Nineteen ordinary and special meetings of the Land Board were held during the year at Napier, and four ordinary meetings of the Board were held at the local Lands Office at Gisborne. Special meetings of the Board were held at Woodville, Takapau, Dannevirke, and Waipawa in connection with land-ballots. Visits were made by the members of the Board to Manawangi Block, Lindsay, Springhill, and Tongio Settlements, to make themselves cognisant of the actual conditions and requirements of settlers and the value of the land.

GENERAL REVIEW.

The transactions for the year show a large increase on all previous years, and the amendments in the Land Act, giving extended rights to acquire the fee-simple of leases, has largely increased the revenue and also the work in the office in dealing with and arriving at the amounts of the payments.

The season has been a very prosperous one, and the settlers are for the most part in a sound prosperous condition.

The demand for small and medium areas of good land is still unsatisfied, as the recent ballot for Springhill Settlement disclosed when out of eighty applicants, nearly all local residents and good *bona fide* men, only fifteen were able to obtain sections.

* No inspection required.

† Two transfers of half interest.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The number of letters, &c., received during the year was 13,410, and 25,254 were despatched. The office staff has been kept busy disposing of the large number of inquiries for land, and an exceptional number of statutory applications were received, considered, and dealt with.

W. H. SKINNER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

The total area offered during the year comprised 82,298 acres, of which 48,072 acres was selected by 196 persons. Owing to the sections being offered without the provision of even a 6 ft. track, three large blocks—Raoraomouku (12,334 acres), Whakaihuwaka (6,909 acres), and Taurakawa (9,145 acres)—failed to attract applicants, and have, in the case of the Raoraomouku and Taurakawa Blocks, remained open without resulting in a single application. The land is not dairying country, but would make sheep-farms, and is laid off in areas suitable for grazing. It is, however, hardly to be expected that persons financially able to farm these areas will put their capital into land so remote from civilization until there is some access provided. The question of reducing the valuation of the rough portion of these blocks is now under consideration.

Efforts are being made to place 20,883 acres on the market during the ensuing year. This will include the Omona and Mohakatino Blocks, which it was found impossible to have ready for the year just closed.

CONDITION AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

Land-settlement in this district is practically confined to dairying and pastoral farming, or a combination of the two, the only cropping being in connection with the above. Dairy farmers everywhere are cropping and manuring more than formerly, and taking pains to feed their crops to the stock more economically; and the same remarks apply to the sheep-farming country where the land is suitable. In the older-settled districts the settlers are finding it difficult and expensive to maintain the metalled roads under the heavy traffic which some of them have to bear. Away from the metalled roads settlers had a bad time till the end of December, owing to excessive wet, but since then the weather has been good.

In the King-country, over the land occupied by our Crown tenants, the condition of the feed was, on the whole, satisfactory, and late in the season very good prices prevailed for fat and forward stock of all descriptions.

Shearing was delayed by the wet weather in the spring.

Many of those who felled bush to burn did so too early, doubtless on account of their experience with the two previous seasons. Those who waited for the better weather later on in the season got much more satisfactory results. The greatest drawback with which settlers on much of our country have to contend is, as pointed out in previous annual reports, the want of good roads. The absence of these, interfering with easy transport, renders it difficult for settlers to get the best out of their land, and bears hardest on their wives and families. The settlers on the land opened latest under optional conditions have displayed great energy in getting on to and improving their holdings.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The only settlements under this heading are the Mapara and Tangitu. These have been in existence some years. Of the two, doubtless owing to the better road-communication and greater handiness to dairy factories, Mapara Settlement may be considered the more satisfactory. Many of the Tangitu settlers, in spite of assistance in getting stock and postponements of rent, are not altogether out of their difficulties. It must be conceded that many of the settlers have had to struggle hard, but at the same time they should remember that a little perseverance will place them later on in better circumstances than they otherwise would have been in. Some of them, according to letters received, have appreciated this.

The Tangitu settlers are supplying the Te Kuiti Dairy Factory chiefly, and it is estimated that the output from Tangitu alone this season will be 60 tons of butter, and later on that amount should be doubled.

There are close on 1,000 head of cattle held under bills of sale from the Department, and they have all recently been inspected and branded by the Ranger. As a rule, the grown cattle were in excellent condition, but there was great mortality among the calves. This appears to be entirely due to carelessness in feeding, mainly through the inexperience of the owners.

There are four schools in the settlements and as many post-offices, with a telephone bureau, Settlers' Association, dairy company, and sports club. There is also a district nurse, and the house-to-house telephone is being extended.

The postponement of collection of rent has helped many settlers over periods of financial stress, and it has been a most opportune concession.

The settlers have also been further helped by very liberal advances from the State-guaranteed Advances Department. Given fair roads, there should be little to prevent their ultimate success.

In the Mapara Settlement the settlers are deserving of the greatest possible praise for the manner in which they have worked to attain their present substantial position. A number of

the sections comprised fern land, much more difficult to work without capital than bush land. But the pastures are improving, and the progress made has given confidence to these very industrious settlers.

REVENUE.

There was an increase of £13,000 in the revenue as compared with the previous year. The number of settlers in arrear was ninety-nine, and the amount owing was £752. There are twenty-six settlers who have obtained postponement of payment of rent. With few exceptions, these are almost entirely improved-farm settlers. Ordinary settlers have not sought postponement to any great extent.

FREEHOLD.

Although the facilities for acquiring the freehold of land not hitherto carrying the right to purchase should now be fairly well known amongst Crown tenants, there has not been an abnormal demand. Were it not for the opportunity to pay for the freehold by deferred payments, a course taken by more than half of the applicants, the number of those who have applied would appear small. The total area purchased, inclusive of those who paid the full capital value and those who are buying on deferred payments, is about 5,000 acres.

EDUCATION RESERVE LANDS.

As there are very few of these reserves available for disposal, there was very little business involved in the disposal of the 792 acres selected during the year. But, as in previous years, there was a considerable volume of work entailed in dealing with transfers, mortgages, subdivisions, subleases, and renewals.

A number of leases carrying right of renewal involving arbitration are now falling in, and the time of one Ranger will be very fully occupied with these cases.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR ROADING.

It is probable there will be a large number of applications under this heading. Up to the close of the year six petitions had been received. Some of the petitions have recognized the difficulty of commencing operations until there is a sufficient sum in hand to justify the start of comprehensive works, and it may be necessary later to provide some means whereby the amounts to accrue could be hypothecated to pay interest on money required for immediate wants in the way of access. But the difficulty of hypothecation is the uncertainty as to what amounts will accrue under the section quoted. Money derived from rent may be payable into the fund, but the purchase of the freehold diverts the balance of payments to another fund. Hence a difficulty in hypothecation, or, for the matter of that, in any attempt to estimate the total amount likely to become available.

“THIRDS.”

Proposals for expenditure of amounts payable to local bodies out of “thirds” continue to show a preponderance of sums earmarked for maintenance. There seems to be a general intention on the part of local bodies to refrain from suggesting new works out of money so derived.

TRANSFERS.

There were 234 applications to transfer and sublease during the year. On the whole, they were in order, and legitimate transactions to which the Land Board could raise no objection; but, as in previous years, there were occasional instances of an attempt to force through dealings so complicated by exchanges as to cloud the real issue at stake. In one case the Board, after exhaustive inquiries, declined to consent to an intricate transfer, as it was not satisfied as to the *bona fides*. Subsequent information revealed circumstances which proved that at least one of the parties was not aware of the full nature of the obligations being entered into.

In regard to transfers generally, it is surprising how inconsistent some of the applicants can be. On the one hand they deplore the high price put upon the land, and in the next breath ask proposed transferees for an amount on account of goodwill out of all proportion to their interest in the properties.

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

LANDS OPENED FOR SELECTION DURING THE YEAR.

The total area available for selection was 35,907 acres, a considerable increase on that for the preceding year. The area standing open on the 1st April, 1913, was 3,021 acres, and 32,886 acres more were offered during the year, inclusive of education reserves.

The lands placed in the market comprised principally the Heatherlea Settlement, 598 acres; Poroporo Settlement, 9,390 acres; South Waimarino Block, 5,417 acres; Whakaihūwaka Block, 8,923 acres; Mangatainoka Block, 1,773 acres; subdivisions of resumed small grazing-runs in Mangaone and Kopuaranga districts, 1,041 acres; and a number of forfeited sections in Hunua, Kaitieke, Manganui, Whirinaki, and other districts.

Sales by auction were held of lots in Wellington City, Raetihi Township, Richardson Village, Mangahao, and Belmont districts, of subdivisions of an education reserve near Longburn, and of timber on two lots near Hunterville and Rangataua.

Milling licenses have been granted over seven areas, comprising about 2,180 acres. The total price of the timber sold during the year—payable over various periods—is about £5,340.

Two lessees of pastoral runs, comprising 2,834 acres, were offered renewed leases for seven years under section 56 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913.

The number of applicants during the year was 922, and the Crown land taken up on all tenures comprised 28,457 acres, by 213 selectors.

LANDS TO BE OPENED.

As detailed below, it is anticipated that an area of about 59,669 acres will be available for settlement this year. Since the beginning of the present financial year the Gorge Block, 2,794 acres, and the Kaipare Block, 1,505 acres, have been offered and disposed of. Steps are now being taken to place in the market the Haurangi Block, 11,313 acres; Hurupi Block, 3,555 acres; Tupapanui Block, 450 acres; areas reverting to the Crown in Hikawera and Tablelands Settlements, 1,433 acres; Rising Sun and Puketoi Survey Districts, 1,652 acres; a small grazing-run in Momahaki Survey District, 2,397 acres; and other lots in various districts, comprising about 4,570 acres.

The survey of an area of over 30,000 acres, the unsold and remaining portion of the Waimarino Block, is now well advanced, and I hope to be in a position to offer it also on optional system before the close of the current year.

Particulars are being prepared for the sale by auction of nine lots of milling-timber recently appraised within easy distance of the Trunk Railway, near Horopito and Pokako Stations. These lots comprise a total quantity of about 89,366,500 superficial feet, and the proposed upset royalty will aggregate about £47,100.

With the increasing demand for milling-timber now apparent there is every probability of these lots and others which will be appraised being taken up by millers during the present year.

VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS.

These may be said to have arrived at a stage when they are merged into the ordinary settlement conditions; all required improvements have been made, most of the holdings being improved to the fullest extent. They have served the purpose of affording persons of small means to make a beginning, and gradually improve their position, and some have done so well as to be able to take up farming on larger areas. It is in this class of holding that advantage has been taken by many to convert their lease in perpetuity to fee-simple. Some of the settlers supply the local creamery or dairy factory, others cultivate gardens and orchards, while others in sawmilling districts work at the local mills.

IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The only settlement in this district that is subject to regulations under the Lands Improvements and Native Lands Acquisition Act, 1894, is that known as the North Waimarino, which lies to the west side of the Main Trunk Railway, and extends from Raurimu to Taumarunui, though not in an unbroken frontage. It was allotted in October, 1909. Owing to the establishment of the dairy factory at Piriaka, and in a great measure to the assistance to the settlers by the Government in the matter of dairy cattle, the dairying industry has made great strides in the settlement. The factory ended the previous year with an output of 10 tons of butter from thirty-two suppliers, while this year there are seventy-four suppliers, with already an output of 40 tons, and two months more of the season still to go.

The stock, 1,705 in number, include a few horses as well as the young stock and dairy cattle, and show a most satisfactory increase of nearly six hundred for the year.

There are sixty-seven settlers actually residing on their holdings, making, with their families, a total of four hundred, a slight decrease on last year's numbers, owing to the fact that many of the elder children are getting of an age to go out as wage-earners.

There are still ten settlers unable to go into residence, as the milling-timber has not yet been removed from their sections.

Most of the bush felled early in the season has been burnt very successfully, and in cases where the settlers secured their own grass-seed and sowed in January there is an abundant supply of young winter feed.

There are, as last year, ten sawmills in the settlement, cutting together some 100,000 ft. of timber daily.

There has again been a considerable increase in the improvements effected by the settlers at their own expense, and many of them have most comfortable and roomy residences, with attractive surroundings. Most of them now seem on the highway to a good living, but several are having a hard struggle, principally due to the slender financial standing of the holders on taking up their sections.

RANGERS' INSPECTIONS AND REPORTS.

The Rangers on the west-coast part of this district made 487 inspections during the year, covering an area of 144,652 acres.

On the holdings inspected, the value of improvements required was £62,549, while the value actually effected was £172,699, or £110,150 in excess of requirements.

Similarly on the east coast the value of the improvements effected exceeded the requirements by £54,054, the figures being £89,084 and £35,030 respectively, and the inspections made numbered 601, of an area of 120,833 acres.

CONDITIONS AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

In the recently-settled districts, most of which are situated between the Main Trunk Railway and that portion of the Wanganui River above Pipiriki, the Ranger reports that considerable improvements have been made, and with the prospect of bridle-tracks being gradually converted into dray-roads, the success of the settlers is well assured. The pastures are improving, and with heavier stocking will not doubt continue to improve.

Little progress has, however, been made in the Waipapa Block, which was opened for selection about twelve months ago. This is chiefly owing to want of good road-access and the lack of a bridge over the Mangatiti Stream.

The newly formed dray-roads in the Ahuahu and Te Tuhi Blocks were much damaged by exceptionally heavy rains in the latter part of last year; large slips and washouts completely blocked the road, and at present everything has to be packed on horseback. A Government subsidy to the county expenditure has, however, been granted, and the settlers have applied to have their holdings declared a special-road district under the provisions of Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, and they are therefore very hopeful of the reopening of the road before the next wool season, and of its proper maintenance thereafter until the disturbed ground has consolidated sufficiently to enable the road to be maintained by the ordinary rates.

Regarding the settlements situated in the more accessible localities, the settlers continue to fell and grass considerable areas of bush, and a limited area is also stumped and cleared, notwithstanding that the improvements are largely in excess of the legal requirements.

On the new clearings the grass-seed has taken well, and the turnip-crops have been successful. Where the dairy industry is engaged in new cheese and butter factories are established every season. Shearing was much protracted by wet weather, and the industrial strike for a time adversely affected the export of all farm-produce, but, on the other hand, the wool-clip and lambing were both good, and high prices were maintained, so that, on the whole, the season has been a prosperous one, and settlement may be said to be in a very satisfactory state. Much progress was made by the settlers on the new dairy farms at Mangatainoka. They only acquired them towards the end of last July, and already many houses have been built, the holdings fenced, and a new cheese-factory built and in operation. This was no doubt owing to the fact that the land was cleared and in grass and capable of bringing in returns without much initial expense at the time it was taken up.

TRANSFERS.

During the year completed transfers of ordinary Crown lands numbered 217, with an area of 48,596 acres. On settlement lands thirty-one transfers were registered, comprising an area of 5,117 acres; while thirty-eight education reserves, totalling 9,424 acres in area, were similarly dealt with. These figures in almost every instance show a considerable increase over those submitted last year. Detailed particulars of the transactions are as follows:—

Ordinary Crown lands—	No.	Area. Acres.
Occupation with right of purchase	53	19,626
Lease in perpetuity	105	14,984
Small grazing-runs	5	10,210
Miscellaneous	11	750
Renewable lease	40	3,000
Perpetual lease	3	26
	217	48,596
Land for settlements—		
Lease in perpetuity	23	3,032
Small grazing-runs	1	1,880
Renewable lease	7	205
	31	5,117
Education reserves	38	9,424

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

The number of forfeitures during the year under review were in all thirty-three, covering a total area of 2,414 acres, and an annual rental of £355. Included in this area is one education reserve, the area of which is 17 acres, and the annual rental £23.

The surrenders numbered four, with an area of 26 acres, and an annual rental of £14.

CONVERSION OF TENURE.

Two conversions to other tenures were recorded during the year. As was the case last year, one was converted from village homestead special settlement to renewable lease. The other, formerly held under perpetual lease, was also exchanged for renewable lease. The total area of these holdings was 258 acres. This passes automatically into the national endowment.

Conversion to Freehold of Settlement Lands under Part IV of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913.

Under the Act of last session four holders of land-for-settlement lease-in-perpetuity sections purchased the freehold for cash. The area was 340 acres, and the total price paid £4,778. One tenant elected to purchase by deferred payment, the area being $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Conversions of Leases in Perpetuity to Freeholds under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912 and 1913.

During the past year a large number of settlers took advantage of the passing of these Acts to acquire the freehold of their sections. The total number thus dealt with was 142, the area so purchased 14,230 acres, and the amount realized £25,023. A small proportion also chose the deferred-payment system as an easier method of ultimately purchasing their holdings. I anticipate, however, that the lengthening of the period of payment from ten to twenty years will make this system much more popular in future. There is still much ignorance of the provisions of the Acts regarding the conversion of leaseholds into freeholds, and as this is gradually dispelled no doubt the applications will greatly increase in number.

LAND BOARD MEETINGS.

Twelve ordinary meetings of the Land Board were held during the year. Special meetings were also held at Wanganui, Pahiatua, Masterton, and Levin in connection with ballots for land in those districts.

An election for a representative of the Crown tenants on the Board was held on the 5th June, 1913, and resulted in the return of Mr. H. T. Ellingham, the sitting member.

REBATES OF RENT.

Rebates for prompt payment of rent totalling £4,463 were granted as follows:—

	No.	Amount. £
Ordinary Crown lands	2,065	2,534
Lands-for-settlement land	372	1,749
National-endowment land	72	180

ARREARS OF RENT.

The gross arrears of rent show a considerable reduction as compared with last year's figures, the amount being £3,700, as against £9,133 the previous year.

OFFICE OF RECEIVER OF LAND REVENUE.

In this branch of the office 8,170 revenue receipts were issued during the year, and provisional titles prepared numbered 231, the total gross revenue thus represented being £161,625. These figures show a very considerable increase over last year's returns. In the Deposit Account, 1,102 receipts for the sum of £30,343, and 314 cheques showing 1,520 disbursements, were issued. £15,174 was paid into the Local Bodies' Deposit Account, and £7,078 was paid to twenty-six local bodies.

CLERICAL, ETC.

Approximately the number of letters received during the year was 17,752, and the number despatched 37,047. The latter figures comprise ordinary correspondence, rent-notices and receipts, sale-posters, circulars, plans, &c. There were 861 cheques, covering 721 vouchers drawn on Imprest Account for a sum of £8,124. Miscellaneous accounts dealt with covered 702 vouchers, and there were thirteen requisitions for imprest moneys made during the year, representing a total of £8,450. A Remington Wahl machine has been installed in the office, and various alterations of the forms formerly in use have also been made, all of which save much time and labour.

CHANGES IN THE CLERICAL STAFF.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Mr. C. St. G. Gore, which took place in December last. The late Mr. Gore was an exceedingly popular and capable officer, and his sudden death while still in the prime of life was a great loss to the Department and to his fellow-officers.

I have again much pleasure in reporting to you how satisfied I am with the capability and efficiency of all the officers of the Clerical Division of my staff.

T. N. BRODRICK,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

The past year has witnessed steady progress in settlement, notwithstanding the drawback of a long-standing industrial stress, which in the spring developed into a strike, and for a while seriously dislocated inter-communication and spoilt the market for early produce.

ARREARS OF OLD SELECTIONS.

During the year an active effort has been made to complete by staff and contract surveys some rather old arrears of selections originally made on scheme survey. These were principally in the blocks of Brighton No. 1, Brighton No. 2, Matakiki West, and Mount Arthur, amounting to some 20,000 acres. The surveys of these, which are all but completed, will allow of titles being issued, rents being properly allocated, and business transactions generally being placed on a better footing, and, as roads advance, will improve the accessibility of the blocks, and allow improvements to be made more effectually.

NEW LAND OFFERED.

Advantage was taken of the temporary termination of the railway at Glenhope to subdivide in that neighbourhood at convenient distance from the station several areas of good pastoral Crown land, comprising the following blocks: Lamb Valley, Station Creek, Howard, and Rotoiti. In addition, the Lake Run was purchased under the Lands for Settlement Act, and will be available for selection in the spring, upon completion of certain exchanges. The united area of the above lands in this locality is about 52,000 acres, which have been surveyed and placed under loan for roading purposes, which in most cases is now well in progress.

In the neighbourhood of Nelson the reservation for forest purposes over some 3,000 acres of the Wai-iti Hills was lifted, and this area has been surveyed and selected.

The Waimea Block, in Aniseed Valley, containing some 10,000 acres, has been surveyed, and will be offered shortly on conditions which it is hoped will conserve mineral interests. An extension of this latter block, called the Waimea North, containing some 3,000 acres, has been placed in the hands of the surveyor.

In the Buller Valley, between Glenhope and Murchison, the Gowan Block, of some 11,000 acres, has also been surveyed, and will be offered on renewable lease as soon as the plans are available.

The Owen North Block, comprising some 3,000 acres, has been surveyed and mapped, and is being scheduled for offering.

An extension of the Gowan Block, estimated at about 5,000 acres of high pastoral country, has been placed in the hands of the surveyor, and will probably be available next autumn.

Southward of Murchison the survey of an area of 6,000 acres fronting the Matakītiki, known as the Matakītiki East Block, and extending from Six-mile to Horse Terrace, is approaching completion. Lying along the main road this block presents unusual facilities of access. Still further south an area of some 4,000 acres in the Upper Maruia, between Station Creek and Alfred River, is under survey.

An extensive reservation in connection with the Maruia Hot Springs has already been laid off, with a view to the more effectual exploitation of the springs in the near future.

Along the track from Reefton to Amuri by way of the Lewis Saddle several stock reserves have been made, with a view to improved facilities of intercourse between the two districts.

Near Charleston the surveyor has well in hand Waitakere Block, of some 6,000 acres, in the neighbourhood of Mad Man's Creek. The survey of the Mokihinui Forks Block, some 4,000 acres, behind Seddonville, is all but finished. This block has been scheduled for loan, and should be readily taken up.

At Karamea the surveyors are pushing on vigorously with an area of some 10,000 acres.

The usual small-spotting selections under the regulations for mining districts scattered over the counties of Collingwood, Buller, and Inangahua have received attention at the hands of staff and contract surveyors.

In addition to the above areas already under survey, the lands proposed to be offered during the ensuing year comprise, besides Orikaka Block, several large areas which will shortly be in juxtaposition with the railway terminus at Inangahua Junction. It is also proposed to open for settlement an additional area of land southward of the Brighton No. 2 Block, and lying along the north boundary of the Grey County.

The bulk of the land selected during the year has been either on renewable lease within national-endowment areas or on pastoral license under the regulations for mining districts.

An area of 9,000 acres, Maruia South Block, has also been surveyed ready for selection at an early date, as soon as the road preliminaries are arranged.

An area of 7,000 acres in the Glenroy Block has been placed in the hands of the surveyor.

In addition to the above, some 10,000 acres at the head of the Karamea River will probably be placed for survey if adequate provision can be made for road access.

CROWN TENANTS.

There has been a fair increase in the number of Crown tenants, but as a goodly number also have exercised their right of purchase, the net result is a total of 2,610, or some fifteen less than last year. A few tenants also were so hopelessly behind in improvement and residence conditions that it became necessary either to forfeit their holdings or to accept their surrenders with a view of securing better occupiers, and in most cases these were readily obtained.

INSPECTIONS BY CROWN LANDS RANGERS.

During the year the three Rangers in this district made 1,142 inspections of leases held by Crown tenants under the several tenures, besides 488 miscellaneous inspections and reports for the Land Board and Warden. The area inspected amounted to 350,000 acres; improvements required, £100,000; improvements effected, £264,000. Defaulters number 287—namely, ninety-seven behind in improvements, 119 in residence, and seventy-one for both improvements and residence.

The amount of bush felled during the year was 14,755 acres, the burns being in most cases very satisfactory.

FLAX INDUSTRY.

There are thirteen flax-mills whose united output is about 800 tons of dressed fibre. A small quantity of green flax is exported, but little development of this industry can be expected. Most of the flax comes from freehold lands, and the remainder in small quantities from swamps and river frontages. The value of the output is about £15,000.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

There are now ten butter-factories—at Takaka, Bainham, Brightwater, Murchison, Puramahoi, Richmond, Karamea, Birchfield, Charleston, and Cronadun—and one cheese-factory—at Puramahoi—the output being 620 tons of butter and 63 of cheese, the produce of 7,700 cows, the value of produce being about £65,000. This industry has increased its output considerably during past years, and has spread generally throughout the district. In some cases the cream is carted a distance of sixteen miles, and then railed for sixty miles before it reaches the factory.

FRUIT INDUSTRY.

The fruit industry in the northern part of the district is now of considerable extent. Each year larger areas are being planted in orchards, particularly apples for export. The area planted during the past year was about 1,200 acres. A good export trade is now established with South America. An attempt has also been made, and will probably ultimately be successful, to establish a fruit trade with North America. The three canning and preserving factories are kept in constant work. The question of growing *Pinus insignis* for cases is also being met by the fruit-growers. Large areas of land which years ago were considered useless for any purpose whatever are being subdivided into farms of from 10 to 40 acres, selling at from £15 to £60 per acre, attracting purchasers from all parts of the Dominion. Various other small fruits are grown, as the specially good climate favours the early market.

Some attempt has indeed been made to foster the industry on the West Coast, and, although the moist climate is likely to be a drawback, yet there is every hope that the enterprise of the fruitgrowers will discover or evolve a suitable kind of stock.

There are also in the backblocks extensive valleys such as the Maruia Valley and the upper parts of the Takaka and Aorere which may come in for fruitgrowing, if not of apples, at least for black currants and smaller fruits, and which with increased road facilities are likely soon to be brought close to a good market.

COAL INDUSTRY.

The coal industry has been very dull during the year, no new developments of any size having taken place. The two mines at Collingwood, North Cape and Puponga, turned out about 6,000 tons, and favourable prospects have been obtained from Ferntown, in that neighbourhood. The mines in the neighbourhood of Westport had an output of about 680,000 tons, being about 170,000 less than last year, whilst at Reefton there was a considerable increase on account of the requirements of the strike. The output altogether was about 700,000 tons. With the return to better labour-conditions, improvement may be gradually expected.

EDUCATION-ENDOWMENT LANDS.

There is nothing specially worthy of mention under this head, as all the endowments so far leased are in convenient-sized sections either in town or country, and the question of their subdivision has consequently not arisen. In most cases these have been leased on renewable terms of twenty-one years, with a valuation at the end of each period. In some cases the tenants under the old Act applied for and have received new leases under the new Act in order to obtain thereby a more equitable protection for their improvements. This condition appears to encourage the settlement of the reserves, and satisfy the tenants in the absence of any more secure tenure.

FOREST-CONSERVATION.

As recommended by the Forest Commission, a suitable area of high mountain-bush land has been proposed for reservation, specially for climatic purposes, but the exact definition of this has not yet been decided, as interspersed with it are several areas which it would be unwise to exclude from settlement. These will in due course be defined. It has also been necessary to lift a few scenic reserves in cases where they have either been destroyed by fire and are no longer useful for their intended purposes or were essential as homestead-sites for the working of holdings. Full reports have been given in all cases.

REVENUE.

The total revenue received for the past year amounted to £38,323, being an increase of £4,221 over the previous year.

The arrears of rent, exclusive of current half-years' rent, are as follows: Ordinary Crown lands, £942; lands for settlement, £1,100; national-endowment lands, £1,522; education reserves—primary £160, secondary £3: total, £3,727.

Receiver's Office.—Ordinary revenue receipts numbering 3,510 were issued, together with thirty-nine provisional receipts; 351 deposit-receipts were issued for the sum of £3,405, and 255 cheques representing 664 disbursements. A sum of £3,620 was paid into Local Bodies' Account, and £2,745 was paid out to twelve local bodies. 941 vouchers, representing a sum of £22,400, passed through the books.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS.

Letters received and despatched amount to 30,000, an increase of 10 per cent. on last year. Considerable pains have been taken to improve the records in accordance with the general system, and the benefit is already apparent. In both the clerical branches of the office the rectification of accounts and records has entailed a very great deal of extra work.

LAND BOARD.

The usual monthly meetings were held at Nelson, and there were two special meetings—one at Westport and one at Reefton.

GENERAL.

The progress of settlement during the twelve months under review has exceeded any past year, as large areas of bush lands have been brought into cultivation, and all Crown lands that have been opened for selection have been keenly sought after; and in some cases it has not been easy, even with a considerable field staff, to supply every local demand. This enterprise is no doubt due to the high prices ruling for stock and produce. Rapid cultivation has been made on leasehold lands; many thousands of acres of bush lands have been felled, and fine homesteads have been erected. The great need of the district continues to be improved access, either by railway or roads. Crown tenants generally have had a very successful year. The dry summer enabled them to get good burns both in old and new clearings, whilst owing to the early and mild spring grass came away well. In consequence, stock was well forward earlier than usual, and the wool-clip was more than satisfactory. In spite of the temporary drawback of the strike, farming and market prospects are altogether very encouraging.

An encouraging feature of the progress of settlement is to find that successful agricultural and pastoral shows have taken place within the last year or two in the West Coast districts which hitherto have been considered solely mining centres. The success of these shows would indicate that more value should be set on the prospects of farming in those districts, and also that more care should be taken in granting rights for alluvial dredging over good agricultural areas, or if be necessary to grant these rights it should be a condition that the soil should be replaced. In connection with this matter it is somewhat disappointing to find land that a few years ago appeared to have every prospect of becoming good dairy land is now only known as waste of tailings and blackberries. Although temporarily the yield of gold may even be considerable, yet this hardly makes up for the permanent loss to the country.

I wish to thank both the field and office staff for the zealous discharge of their duties.

F. A. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

LAND OPENED FOR SALE OR SELECTION.

During the past year there has been a large increase in the land opened for sale or selection. Out of the total area of 100,000 acres disposed of, 96,751 acres was comprised in the Hillersden and Lynton Downs Settlements. In the Flaxbourne and Starborough Settlements two small sections of about 20 acres each were disposed of at a very high price.

LAND TO BE OPENED DURING THE COMING YEAR.

The principal area to be opened is the Opouri Block, Wakamarina Survey District, about twenty-three miles from Havelock, a State forest reserve from which the reservation has been uplifted. All the milling-timber having been removed, eight sections, containing an area of 4,168 acres, will be offered in May, and further areas adjoining will probably be ready for selection before the end of the year. The land in this locality will be utilized as mixed dairy and sheep farms, the valley containing a considerable extent of alluvial flat land, and, judging from the numerous inquiries, will be eagerly competed for at the ballot. The block will be easily roaded, and is in close proximity to the Rai Falls Dairy Factory.

Two large pastoral licenses, subdivisions of the Stronvar Run, and containing 88,000 acres, will be offered by public auction. A number of reserves from which the reservation has been uplifted will be offered for sale or selection during the year.

RANGERS' REPORTS AND PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT.

The Crown tenants of this district, especially those engaged in pastoral pursuits and dairying, have experienced a very favourable year. Those engaged in agriculture, owing to the low prices offered for barley and chaff and the difficulty of disposing of the former, have not done so well, although the harvest has been a good one. The marked success of lucerne-growing induced several of the tenants to increase the number of their dairy cows, and the proposed establishment of an up-to-date dairy factory close to Blenheim, with cold storage and facilities for shipping by river steamer, will give a further impetus to the dairying industry.

A bacon-factory is also to be started shortly, and will open up another profitable industry.

Fruitgrowing is being taken up on commercial lines. Several properties in the vicinity of Blenheim are being subdivided into allotments to be utilized for apple-growing, and Marlborough may before long rival Nelson in the apple-export trade.

The number of holdings inspected by the Crown Lands Rangers was 151, exclusive of settlement holdings; the improvements required by the Act being £37,618, and those actually carried out £109,242.

ARREARS OF RENT

The arrears of rent at 31st March, exclusive of the current half-year's payment, amounted to £992, due by fifty-two selectors. Of this sum, a considerable proportion has since been received.

FLAX INDUSTRY.

The year has been a busy one for all engaged in the flax-milling industry. All the mills in the district have been working at their full capacity, and employ a large number of men who otherwise might have difficulty in obtaining work, especially in the winter months.

MINING INDUSTRY.

The mining industry has not made any headway during the year, with the exception of the Dominion Consolidated Claim, in the Wakamarina Valley. This company employs about 100 men, and the returns of gold and scheelite are excellent.

LEASE IN PERPETUITY MADE FREEHOLD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT ACT, 1912.

Seven lessees have converted their leases, embracing an area of 1,944 acres, into freehold during the year at a cost of £1,701. So far none of the lessees have availed themselves of the deferred-payment system.

REBATES OF RENT.

For prompt payment of rent, rebates amounting to £2,185 were granted to 703 tenants, made up of £1,789 on land-for-settlements holdings and £396 to tenants on ordinary Crown land and national-endowment lands.

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

The Crown Lands Ranger for South Marlborough has called attention to the danger from which South Marlborough, particularly the Kaikoura County, is threatened by noxious weeds, and suggests that strong measures should be at once taken to eradicate briars, blackberries, and foxgloves, which are now making their appearance for the first time in the river-beds and roadsides, and which could be dealt with at small cost if taken in hand at once.

LAND BOARD.

The Land Board held twelve ordinary meetings and three special meetings during the year, one of the latter being held at Kaikoura in connection with the examination of applicants and the ballot of Lynton Downs Settlement. Three tours of inspection were also made to different parts of the district.

DEPARTMENTAL.

There has been a heavy all-round increase of work on last year's transactions, in a great measure due to the opening up of the Hillersden and Lynton Downs Settlements; but, thanks to the loyalty and energy displayed by the staff, this increase has been dealt with in a satisfactory manner.

H. G. PRICE,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

I am pleased to be able to report a very considerable step forward in the matter of land-settlement during the past year. The amendment of the Regulations for the Occupation of Pastoral Lands in Westland, which came into force in March, 1913, under which leases are granted for twenty-one years, with perpetual right of renewal and compensation for surface damage caused by mining, has enabled the Board to convert a large number of temporary titles held under section 130 of the Land Act into the more permanent tenure, and has thus given the tenants some heart to proceed with substantial improvements on their holdings. The policy of the Board in dealing with leases of this class, where a person has while holding a temporary title shown his *bona fides* as a settler, is when opportunity offers to give the temporary tenant preference for the land he occupies, and to try to arrange matters so that he will have a sufficient area to enable him to make a comfortable living. Each case is, however, dealt with wholly on its merits after careful inspection and inquiry. Fifty-two leases of this description, comprising an area of 5,422 acres, chiefly in the Rutherglen and Barrytown districts, have already been converted, and the surveys are now being proceeded with. In dealing with this phase of the land question, there is, however, still one factor in which the tenants are handicapped, inasmuch as they are unable to obtain advances from the State-guaranteed Advances Department on account of these leases not being an authorized security under the statute. In the interests of settlement in this district, I would strongly urge the removal of this disability. The extension of the provisions of the Land Act relating to bush and swamp lands so as to include licenses under these regulations would further popularize this tenure and offer an additional inducement to intending settlers. As the whole of Westland is within the mining district, the tenures available are considerably restricted, and the tendency should be to offer additional concessions rather than to deprive settlers of benefits allowed to those in other districts. The number of outside inquiries that are being received for land in this district indicate that in the near future there will be an influx of settlers from other parts of the Dominion. Subdivisional surveys of upwards of 15,000 acres of land to be offered for settlement have now been completed, and it is anticipated that the whole of this area will be placed on the market during the year. In the early spring it is my intention to put in hand the subdivisional survey of some 7,000 acres of land adjacent to Bruce Bay, and this will probably be available for selection about the end of the year. In order that this survey may be completed as early as possible, I propose to employ two surveyors on it, and for this purpose it will be necessary to obtain the services of at least one

additional surveyor, as with the present staff two could not be spared for the work. The tenure upon which this land will be offered has not yet been decided, but on account of the distance from a market it will probably be advisable to deal with it under the improved-farm settlements regulations, in order that special inducements may be offered in the way of assistance in bringing the land into cultivation. At present the land in the southern part of the district is occupied in large areas as cattle-runs, and the object of establishing a settlement at Bruce Bay is in the nature of an experiment, to see whether it is practicable to promote dairying, and with a view to dealing with other areas later on.

The provision in the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, for improvement in the tenure of pastoral runs, by giving the present licensees a right to renewal of their licenses in the event of the land not being at present required for closer settlement, is very much appreciated, and the security of tenure thus given is having the effect of inducing holders to increase their clearings.

After visiting all parts of the district and inspecting numerous mining claims at present being worked, I am forced to the conclusion that some control should be exercised over the system of working in the direction of minimizing the destruction of valuable agricultural land, especially where only small returns of gold are being obtained. The returns that could be obtained from cultivation of this land would within a limited period equal the value of gold that is being obtained, and instead of barren ground there would remain to the Dominion an asset of ever-increasing value.

There are at present in active operation seven dairy factories and one creamery, while proposals to erect new factories at Kanieri, Barrytown, and Ross are meeting with such support from the settlers in these localities as to practically ensure that factories will be established shortly. Returns for the past season show that the prices paid for butter-fat ranged from 10½d. to 1s. per pound, this latter price being paid by the Kokatahi Factory, which produced 230,720 lb. of butter from an average of 1,400 cows for the season. The estimated area required to keep one cow is from 2 acres to 4 acres, but these areas could be materially reduced by more ploughing and the application of lime, which is readily procurable in the district. The most popular breed of cows appears to be the Jersey or Ayrshire and Shorthorn cross, which seem to be best adapted to the local climatic conditions. The general opinion expressed by visitors from other parts of the Dominion with a practical knowledge of land-values is that those ruling in Westland are much lower than elsewhere for the same quality of soil, and that the district offers a very good field for investment of capital. The district is gradually gaining the respect to which it is entitled on account of its dairying and grazing possibilities, which are now being generally recognized by competent judges.

Steady progress in settlement is everywhere apparent, but this is most marked in localities where butter and cheese factories are operating. Weather-conditions during the year have been especially favourable for farming, and there has been a superabundance of feed, the surplus of which in most cases has been allowed to waste. In some few cases farmers have turned their attention to haymaking, with moderately successful results; but it is a matter for regret that generally no attempt has been made to save the surplus feed. By erecting silos at very moderate expense an abundance of winter feed might have been provided. I am confident that any expense incurred in this direction would be recouped in the first year, and on account of the uncertainty of the weather-conditions the making of ensilage should be preferred to attempting to save hay. The dry spell experienced during the burning season enabled all those making new clearings to get very successful burns, and a most satisfactory growth of grass and turnip crops has resulted. The potato-crop has again been somewhat of a failure owing to blight and wire worms, but other root crops have produced good returns. That the settlers as a whole are well satisfied with their holdings is evidenced by the fact that comparatively few properties have changed hands, although there is a marked increase in prices offering. The reports of the Crown Lands Ranger show that lessees generally are complying with the conditions of their leases. The fact that the improvements effected exceed the requirements of the conditions of the leases by some £38,600 testifies to the energy and industry of the tenants.

A sunshine-recorder which was installed in the office some two years ago shows that, notwithstanding the heavy rainfall, the district is favoured with nearly as many hours of bright sunshine during the year as other districts in which only about one-fourth of the amount of rainfall is recorded. This is accounted for by the fact that a great deal of the rainfall takes place during the night, when the moisture-laden clouds drift in from the sea, and are condensed on coming into contact with the cold strata of air in the vicinity of the Southern Alps.

It is pleasing to note that the complete tests in bulk of the timber available for wood-pulping purposes that have now been carried out by a New Zealand syndicate have proved conclusively that it is eminently suitable for the purpose, and it is anticipated that in the near future a pulp-mill will be established on the reserve adjacent to Inchbonnie Railway-station. Very material benefit will accrue to the district from the establishment of this new industry, which, in addition to producing considerable revenue, will provide employment for a large number of men.

A large volume of business has been transacted by the Land Board, and it is pleasing to note the keen interest that members, one and all, have taken in the administration of the district. This frequently involved considerable inconvenience and loss of valuable time to them, as it has been necessary for them to pay visits of inspection to certain localities in connection with the conversion of the temporary titles in which many conflicting interests had to be adjusted. The total number of leases granted by the Board under free selection during the year amount to 188, comprising an area of 26,247 acres.

No effort has been spared in the matter of dealing with ragwort and Californian thistle growing upon unoccupied Crown lands. Unfortunately, however, some private owners have been somewhat remiss in this matter, and ragwort and Californian thistle have been allowed to spread, thus depreciating the value not only of their own properties but also of adjacent lands,

The number of leases on the books still show a steady increase, which it is confidently anticipated will be more than maintained during the coming year.

The revenue received was somewhat less than estimated, but this shortage is fully accounted for by the loss in timber royalties, due to the curtailment of operations in the early part of the year on account of the unsatisfactory state of the market and the closing-down of nearly the whole of the mills during the late strike. It was also anticipated that additional revenue would be derived from a large area of new lands that it was intended to offer for settlement, but the surveys were not completed in time to permit of this being done. However, these surveys are now finished, and it is hoped that the lands will shortly be upon the market.

The additional work has been cheerfully carried out by an efficient and energetic staff, to whom are due my thanks for the satisfactory manner in which the duties assigned to each have been performed.

H. D. M. HASZARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands

CANTERBURY.

LANDS OFFERED FOR DISPOSAL.

During the past financial year the Land Board disposed of, under the Lands for Settlement Act, 8,904 acres to thirty-six new tenants. Further particulars are given in a separate report.

There were disposed of at public auction in the Waiau and Springfield Townships twenty-four sections, comprising an area of 16 acres. There were sixteen tenants placed on 938 acres of reserves offered for lease by public auction.

Three pastoral runs were offered by auction, one of which was in the Mackenzie Country. The two others, situated in the Ashburton County, were offered with a residence clause, as provided in section 54 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913. These two runs were passed in, and are now being offered at a lower upset price on the same conditions.

There were two sections, comprising 365 acres, disposed of under education lease, and of Crown lands six sections were disposed of under the optional system, comprising 1,417 acres, in the Oxford Survey District. These lands were originally bush, but now partly cleared by the sawmiller, and being partly burnt.

LAND REVENUE: PAYMENT OF RENTS, ARREARS, AND REBATES.

The total revenue for the past year amounted to £206,055, being an increase of £3,799 over the previous year.

The total amount of rent in arrears at the 31st March, 1913, exclusive of current payments, was £6,084. The amount of rents postponed came to £3,123, under section 13 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, which makes a total of £9,207 actually outstanding, which is less than 3 per cent. on the annual rent roll. The total sum allowed for rebates for prompt payment of rent was £11,442, the number of tenants who participated in this privilege being 3,803.

FREEHOLD.

Two perpetual-lease holders acquired the freehold of 120 acres to the value of £135. Five occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenants acquired 925 acres for the sum of £1,057. Under the legislation of 1912 five tenants of lease-in-perpetuity Crown land acquired 2,499 acres, to the value of £4,265, and one renewable-lease holder of settlement land acquired 2 roods, at a cost of £123; and two renewable-lease holders converted to deferred payment 28 acres, the annual instalments amounting to £190.

There were eight village settlers who obtained the freehold of 354 acres, to the value of £811; and one farm-homestead holder acquired 71 acres, to the value of £170.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

There were altogether twenty-three forfeitures, comprising 1,302 acres, the annual rent amounting to £521. There were three surrenders, comprising 184 acres; annual rental, £149. Nearly all these transactions were caused by the lessees refusing to sign their leases as a way of avoiding further obligations.

LAND LAWS AMENDMENT ACTS, 1912 AND 1913.

Under the provisions of section 27 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, eight licensees of pastoral runs applied for an extension of their licenses on account of loss of stock through heavy falls of snow, four of which were granted an extension of three years each.

The provisions of section 13 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, which provides that the postponement of rent through any actual disaster or other sufficient cause, have been taken advantage of by a small proportion of the tenants in this district, and will have a beneficial result.

It was found that thirteen pastoral runs, comprising 32,343 acres, came under the provisions of sections 56 and 57 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, which entitles the licensees to a renewal of their licenses for the same term as the original licenses, at a rental to be fixed by arbitration.

There have been about twenty inquiries from lease-in-perpetuity holders of settlement lands with regard to the purchase of the freehold under section 60 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, none of which have been completed.

RANGERS' REPORTS ON CROWN LAND.

The tenants on the cleared bush sections that were disposed of at Oxford are making good progress.

The licensees of the subdivided pastoral runs in the Mackenzie country have experienced two exceptionally good winters since they took possession, and have so far proved a success. The tree-planting clause in their licenses has met with the approval of all, judging by the practical manner in which they have planted in excess of the requirements. Most of the licensees have planted from 5 to 10 acres, and the trees which appear to thrive best are larch, *Pinus muricata*, and *Pinus ponderosa*. The older plantations throughout the district are looking exceptionally well.

The reports to hand on the education reserves are of a satisfactory nature. In some cases tenants have neglected to comply with the conditions of their leases as to eradication of noxious weeds. Their attention has now been called to this.

TRANSFERS.

The following is a statement of the transfers approved during the year :—

Tenure.	Number of Leases.	Area. Acres.
Lease in perpetuity (land for settlement)	76	11,511
Lease in perpetuity (Crown land)	21	6,774
Village-homestead leases	21	561
Small grazing-runs	10	19,775
Renewable lease (land for settlement)	12	3,393
Pastoral runs	11	172,530
Education reserves	21	3,778
Occupation with right of purchase	2	526
Farm-homestead leases	3	792
Cheviot grazing-farms	1	3,033
Perpetual leases	1	63
Occupation licenses	21	4,391
Total	202	227,127

CHEVIOT ESTATE.

Only a general inspection was made of this settlement during the year. The lease-in-perpetuity tenants continue their residence, and are improving their holdings.

All these holdings have a neat and prosperous appearance. The crops have yielded good returns, and an increase in the area of wheat was noticeable. The root and legume crops were also satisfactory, and there was also an increase in the quantity of fat stock disposed of. This remark also applies to the grazing-farms; in fact, the whole estate has a neat, prosperous, and clean appearance. Dairying is now more in evidence with the small holdings.

There is a small increase of population on the rural lands, and a decrease in the towns of Mackenzie and Port Robinson, leaving the number of souls in the estate about the same as the previous year.

Three grazing-farm licenses expire in 1915, and are now being dealt with. Twenty-six grazing-farm leases expire in 1916, and the Board will have a busy time this year in dealing with the disposal of them by subdivision or renewal.

DEPARTMENTAL.

The total number of ordinary meetings of the Land Board was twelve, and there were six special meetings during the year.

The total number of imprest vouchers was 337, covering £2,615; and the pre-audit vouchers 312, amounting to £22,394; the total being 649 for £25,009.

I have to express my thanks to all the members of the staff for their loyalty and able assistance during the past year.

C. R. POLLEN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

OTAGO.

Returns for the year ended 31st March, 1914, show that closer settlement is steadily making headway in Otago. The total area now held by lessees from the Crown is 5,729,281 acres. The revenue received for the year just ended was £130,110, showing an increase of £3,564 over the previous year's receipts.

The demand for pastoral or grazing country is still very keen, and areas in Central Otago suitable for fruit-culture are much sought for. During the year past the provisions of Part VIII of the Land Act, 1908 (occupation leases in mining districts) have been largely utilized in the acquisition of such areas, as also have those of section 129 of the 1908 Act as amended, which allows a free selection of unsurveyed land. Where the land is selected on a pastoral run under these latter provisions the consent of the runholder has to be obtained prior to the granting of any application. It is satisfactory to find that, as a rule, the runholder does not withhold his consent unreasonably. The Land Board has had to exercise special care in considering these "spotting" applications, as, though its desire is to foster the fruitgrowing industry, it finds that in some cases where areas are applied for the granting of the applications would seriously interfere with the future subdivision of the run.

It is again a pleasure to record that the Crown tenants have had a prosperous season, and, in consequence, are well up in their payments, and also that in the matter of improvements they have, generally speaking, kept them well up to the mark.

LAND TENURES AND TRANSACTIONS.

The desire on the part of selectors to acquire the freehold of their holdings has been somewhat more marked this year than previously. Fifty-one tenants have acquired the fee-simple of an area of 7,861 acres. Of these fifty-one nine held occupation-with-right-of-purchase licenses, twenty-nine held leases in perpetuity, seven perpetual leases, one perpetual-lease village settlement, one occupation-with-right-of-purchase village settlement, three lease-in-perpetuity village homestead, and one renewable-lease land for settlement.

New selectors still evince a partiality for the occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure, more especially as the right of purchase is now exercisable at any time after six years from the date of the license. Eighteen new settlers marked their preference in this way in respect of land offered under the optional system:

REBATES OF RENT.

For prompt payment of rent, rebates amounting to £706 were granted to 723 tenants on ordinary Crown lands, £4,979 to 703 tenants on settlement land, and £69 to 132 tenants on national-endowment land.

ARREARS OF RENT.

The amount of rent in arrear, exclusive of the current instalments payable in advance, is £605 in respect of all tenures. These figures, considered with the total rental payable, are most satisfactory. They reflect the result of a successful year by all classes of tenants.

POSTPONEMENT OF RENTS.

Lessees to the number of fifteen have availed themselves of the right to postpone their rents in terms of the provisions of the amending Acts of 1912 and 1913, involving an aggregate annual sum of £1,270. The applicants for relief in the direction indicated are almost invariably recent selectors, who are expending their capital in improving and developing their holdings with the view of placing themselves in an independent position at an early date.

FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

Eighteen tenants forfeited their leases over 5,823 acres through failure to pay the rental at the due dates, non-improvement of their land, or non-compliance with the residential conditions. One of these areas, comprising a small grazing-run of 2,833 acres, has since been relet. Sixteen tenants surrendered the leases of their sections, comprising 1,380 acres.

TRANSFERS.

As the transfers form a considerable part of the work dealt with by the Land Board, and the work is of a very great importance, I have shown in tabular form the number of transfers approved under the different tenures, the area of land transferred, the value of the improvements effected, and also the consideration paid. As a perusal of the figures will show, the consideration-money is in some cases very high, and the Board has to exercise great care in investigating the applications to see that the proposed transferee will prove a suitable tenant, and has sufficient capital outside the consideration-money to successfully farm the land.

	Number.	Area.	Improvements.	Consideration.
Ordinary Crown lands—		Acres.	£	£
Lease in perpetuity	42	2,480	5,774	11,313
Perpetual lease	12	727	1,834	2,901
Small grazing-runs	14	28,000	8,201	18,655
Occupation with right of purchase	20	3,506	1,331	3,202
Occupation leases	13	321	1,113	2,321
Pastoral licenses	22	253,669	No valuation	13,537
Miscellaneous licenses	40	10,615	Nil	515
Totals	163	299,318	18,253	52,444
Land for settlements—				
Lease in perpetuity	49	6,270	18,277	45,049
Renewable lease	11	26,257	9,190	21,870
Small grazing-runs	1	1,085	899	2,000
Totals	61	33,612	28,366	68,919
National endowment—				
Renewable lease	6	2,289	626	1,166
Small grazing-runs	28	106,125	7,998	32,235
Totals	34	108,414	8,624	33,401
Education endowments	28	2,268	Nil	1,849
Grand totals	286	443,612	55,243	156,613

In addition to the transfers completed, nineteen were declined by the Board for various reasons.

ROBT. T. SADD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

The total number of tenants now on the books in this district is 3,103, and the total area leased, including endowments, is 2,179,840 acres, while the annual rental amounts to £45,353. The gross revenue received for the year was £59,068, which is £6,178 in excess of last year's total.

LAND OPENED FOR SELECTION.

During the year an area of 53,087 acres was opened for selection. Of this area, 4,385 acres was offered for the first time; 23,139 acres, comprising mostly sections open for application in the Land Guide, was reclassified, valued and reoffered; and 25,563 acres of new settlements was opened under the Lands for Settlement Act.

LANDS TO BE OPENED FOR SELECTION.

I expect to be in a position to place about 9,000 acres of new land in the market this year. The surveys are being pushed on as expeditiously as possible. Most of the land is worked-out sawmill areas, situated in the Aparima, Jacob's River, Waikawa, Lillbūrn, New River, and Alton districts. The roading of these lands is a considerable item, and the want of access naturally retards the progress of bushfelling, grassing, fencing, &c. The legislation of last session, which provides for the constitution of roading districts and the expenditure of the rents received for roading purposes, should, however, prove to be of considerable advantage in providing access to newly opened sections.

ARREARS OF RENT.

The outstanding rents at the close of the year amounted to £259, owing by twenty-four tenants. This result shows that the Crown tenants are in a most satisfactory position.

FREEHOLD TITLES ISSUED.

	Number.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Cash	35	1,752	3	6
Perpetual lease (ordinary)	4	507	0	12
Perpetual lease (village)	4	54	3	13
Occupation with right of purchase	30	3,991	3	31
Lease in perpetuity (ordinary)	22	7,460	0	5
Lease in perpetuity (village)	34	438	0	30
Lease in perpetuity (land for settlements)	4	616	2	17
Deferred payment	2	55	0	25
Renewable lease (land for settlements)	1	0	2	12
	136	14,877	0	31

Compared with last year's figures, this table shows an increase of fifty-two purchasers and 5,010 acres.

TRANSFERS.

	Number.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Education-reserve leases (including perpetual leases and leases in perpetuity)	68	33,314	3	33
Lease in perpetuity (ordinary and village homestead)	34	7,597	0	10
Lease in perpetuity (land for settlement)	16	2,595	0	38
Occupation with right of purchase	14	3,688	2	39
Perpetual lease	8	597	2	32
Renewable lease (ordinary and village homestead)	5	77	2	25
Renewable lease (land for settlement)	2	352	2	20
Pastoral licenses	9	56,445	0	0
Occupation leases, mining districts	21	799	1	6
Cash (certificate of occupation)	2	263	0	6
Coal leases	2	229	3	38
Sawmill-areas	1	200	0	0
	182	106,161	1	7

GENERAL REMARKS.

Crown tenants continue to make steady progress. The early part of last season was unusually wet, which consequently retarded every description of outdoor work, such as cultivation, bush-felling, road-making, draining, &c. The usual spring growth was also affected by the same cause, resulting invariably in white crops threshing out from 15 to 20 per cent. below the average. Root crops have, however, done well, and there promises to be a plentiful supply of winter feed. Owing to an abundance of grass, the dairying industry has been well maintained. Six new factories have been established during the year, making a total of sixty-four cheese and four butter factories operating in this district. The output of cheese last year reached a total of 5,948 tons, valued at £340,000; but these results are expected to be materially eclipsed by the present season's figures. Never in the history of this district has the market value of stock and farm-produce (except oats) ruled so universally high as at present, with every prospect of such continuing for some time. At the same time, however, settlers will be wise not to offer too great a premium on the future, but rather let the present satisfactory outlook act as a stimulant to the adoption of up-to-date scientific methods in the art of farm-production.

DEPARTMENTAL.

All officers have worked well on the particular duties allotted them, and I have much pleasure in recording my appreciation of the cheerful and willing assistance I have at all times received from my staff.

G. H. M. McCURE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX II.—LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

AUCKLAND.

LANDS OPENED DURING THE YEAR.

THE lands opened during the year, totalling 7,887 acres, included the Balachraggen Settlement of about 1,400 acres, near Morrinsville, comprising good level dairying land in areas of from 10 acres to 102 acres, all of which was readily taken up, and should develop into a very successful settlement. An area of 1,986 acres in the Bickerstaffe Settlement, north of Auckland, was also opened, most of it comprising portions of the settlement originally retained by the Department of Agriculture for experimental purposes. The remainder of the lands offered consisted of miscellaneous areas, principally town and suburban lots in Matamata, Selwyn, and other settlements, some of which were offered at auction and elicited keen competition.

CONDITIONS OF ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENTS.

The general condition of the established settlements is—with a few minor exceptions—one of sound progress and assured prosperity. Most of the settlers go in for dairying and very few crops are grown, but the pastures are renewed and kept in good condition with the aid of fertilizers. In the Selwyn Settlement the process of breaking in new land is still in progress, but good work is being done, and the results promise to prove satisfactory. In the Bickerstaffe Settlement the settlers' interests are devoted partly to dairying and partly to grazing sheep and young stock; their prosperity is increasing, and will be enhanced by the railway communication now close to the settlement. The Rewi Settlement, near Taupiri, is getting past the difficulties of its earlier stages, good work having been done in renewing the pastures, and the settlers are now dairying. In the older settlements the settlers are in a sound financial condition, their homesteads comfortable and prosperous, and their convenience well served by good roads, creameries, and schools. The various townships and villages in and adjacent to the settlements are thriving little centres, and reflect the general prosperity of the settlers. In several of the settlements, especially where dairying is carried on, numerous subdivisions are taking place.

The small suburban settlements near Auckland are serving a useful purpose in providing homes for workers in the city, or small holdings for fruitgrowing and poultry-raising. The holdings are generally well kept and improved, and the conditions satisfactorily fulfilled. A considerable number of these holders are acquiring the freehold of their sections, and a process of resubdivision into smaller suburban residence-sites will probably follow in many cases.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HAWKE'S BAY.

The estates in the southern portion of the district now number nineteen, the Springhill Settlement having been balloted for on the 27th March, 1914, and the fifteen sections readily selected, there being eighty applicants, chiefly from residents in the locality. This settlement is easily accessible, being only seventeen miles from the Waipawa Railway-station by a good motor-road. The area is 6,211½ acres, which is nearly all ploughable, and well adapted for dairying and mixed farming.

The Sherenden Settlement, selected on the 26th February, 1913, with an area of 10,276 acres, in twenty-one holdings, is now all occupied, with twenty of the settlers residing on their own holdings and nineteen houses erected. The total population is sixty-one, the area in crop 427 acres, and the value of the improvements effected amounts to £8,753, against £8,350 required by law. The settlement is carrying 14,678 head of stock, consisting chiefly of sheep, which represents about a sheep and a half to the acre. The settlement is prosperous, and the settlers are trying to obtain a telephone service and to get a school erected, to accommodate sixteen children, on the site reserved. This settlement has good access both from Hastings and Napier by the main coach-road from Hastings to Inland Patea, which runs right through the settlement.

The Waihou Settlement, of 16,115½ acres, consisting of the Waihou, Ngaroto, and Pekapeka Estates, was balloted on the 14th March, 1913, in twenty-one sections, but only half the area was selected at the ballot. The balance has since been taken up, and fifteen of the selectors are actually resident on their own sections, some in houses and others in tents; and in four cases selectors are residing on contiguous sections. Two are non-resident owing to sickness, and the other has employment outside the settlement. The improvements effected are valued at £5,940, out of £8,065 16s. required. The total population is forty-three, and the stock number 17,867, chiefly sheep. The place is lightly stocked, owing to the high prices ruling at present. As the settlers have only been in occupation twelve months, the result of their labours is fairly satisfactory, and no doubt next year's report will show the improvements effected much in excess of the requirements.

The small settlements near Hastings have had a good season, dairying and fruit-culture being the principal sources of profit.

The Tongoio Settlement is still in trouble with the blackberry. The settlers refuse to accept the concession offered by the Government, and prefer trying to obtain revaluation under section 13 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913. All but three settlers have applied accordingly. This is probably the best solution of the difficulty for the Crown.

The other settlements are in a very satisfactory condition, and the settlers are becoming more prosperous every year.

In the northern part of the district, around Poverty Bay, the settlers have had another very successful year. The improvements on the land exceed the requirements of the Act to the value of £74,023. There are very few defaulters for either residence or improvements, and then not to a serious extent.

On some of the large holdings of the high-priced land it is impossible to comply with the conditions without incurring extravagant expenditure on buildings, and consequently these have not been shown as defaulters.

The past season has been unusually dry, and has been rather bad for the settlers who go in for dairying, more, however, from the shortage of water than from scarcity of feed.

The season, taken all over, has been good for cropping, and the grass-crops have been very satisfactory. Oats and barley have done remarkably well, although some of the spring oats were a little light. As regards fruit, there has been a profitable yield of apples and pears, but a scarcity of stone fruits.

The Gisborne-Napier Railway is being steadily pushed ahead, and the settlers expect the road to be laid to the Ngatapa Settlement by the end of the month.

The settlers, on the whole, are in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

W. H. SKINNER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

TARANAKI.

There are only five settlements in this district, and, generally speaking, the settlers on them are doing fairly well. The most prosperous is the Tokaora, and two of the holdings have been made freehold.

A few of the selections on some of the other settlements would be all the better if there were some more flat land for cropping.

In the case of Spotswood, near New Plymouth, very little is now left on our hands.

In the Tariki Settlement—the latest one—the settlers seem satisfied, and the general opinion is that the land was secured at a reasonable price. The settlers are getting the land into good working-order. One section was thrown up, but will be readily selected when it is again offered.

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WELLINGTON.

Two new settlements were purchased and disposed of during the year—viz., Poroporo, of 9,391 acres, and Heatherlea, of 598 acres. Both were readily taken up, and it is evident there is a steady demand for improved farms let under this system.

There seems to be no demand for the numerous small sections which are open for selection in the settlements subdivided for residential purposes near Wellington and the Hutt. On the other hand, the rural settlements are all very prosperous, and the settlers have done well on them; in fact, many are in a very sound financial position.

T. N. BRODRICK,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

There are only two settlements in this district—Wangapeka and Braeburn. The former is in a very flourishing condition. The settlers are well satisfied with their holdings, and have good homesteads, well-cultivated lands, and improvements some three times in excess of the requirements. The population is about fifty souls.

In Braeburn Settlement satisfactory improvements have been made, and the settlers are doing well. The chief industry is dairying, but improvements are being made with root and grain crops. The settlers appear to be well satisfied with their holdings. The population is seventy-four souls.

F. A. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

The two settlements—viz., Hillersden and Lynton Downs—opened for selection during the year were competed for by numerous applicants, the forty-three allotments on Hillersden having 258 applicants, and Lynton Downs—eleven allotments—136 applicants. All the allotments were disposed of. A pleasing feature of the Hillersden ballot was the number of the late employees on the estate who acquired sections, and also the influx of new blood to the district, Canterbury alone supplying seventeen settlers. With one or two exceptions, all the successful applicants seem satisfied with their holdings, the only drawback being the almost prohibitive price of stock, especially ewes, which will mean a big drain on the means of some of the new settlers.

The main feature of the Lynton Downs Settlement ballot was the success of local applicants, eight out of eleven allotments balloted for falling to Kaikoura people, although the number of outsiders competing was large. The total population on the land-for-settlement holdings is 1,145; the number of sheep is 110,851, a slight increase over last year's figures; cattle have increased from 1,503 to 1,851, owing principally to the high price paid for milk by the dairy factories, one company collecting cream by motor-car from all the land-for-settlement holdings in the vicinity of Blenheim.

The area in white crops is 10,048 acres; and in green crops 9,191 acres, about the same as last year.

The improvements required by the Act are £93,310, while the improvements actually effected by the tenants amount to the large sum of £213,671. The number of transfers of land-for-settlement rural holdings during the year was fifteen; the value of the improvements amounting to £11,536, and the amount paid for the goodwill £27,155.

The climatic conditions during the year have been exceptionally favourable, and the lessees have experienced one of the best of seasons. The low price of barley and chaff will affect those who go in largely for cropping, but all engaged in pastoral pursuits should do well.

H. G. PRICE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

Only two estates—Kokatahi and Poerua—have been acquired under the Land for Settlements Act, and each of the settlements established is a very decided acquisition to the district. As illustrating the increase in value, it may be mentioned that the goodwill of sections in these estates would at the present time average at least £5 an acre, and the fact that notwithstanding this increase in value not one section in either of the settlements has changed hands during the year shows that the settlers have acquired their holdings with a view to providing permanent homes for themselves and their families, and that they are well satisfied. The settlers generally confine their attentions to dairying, with excellent results. Compared with last year, the stock-returns show an increase of about 1,300 sheep and 300 cattle.

H. D. M. HASZARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CANTERBURY.

Two new settlements were opened for selection under renewable-lease tenure during the year, as follows: Tara, eight sections; and Lansdown, nine sections, all of which were disposed of. Three sections, comprising 1,405 acres, undisposed of in the Timaunga Settlement Extension, have been merged in adjoining holdings. Eighteen unselected sections in various settlements have been taken up during the year.

The Rangers' reports for the year show that with the exception of two or three settlements all the settlement tenants in this district are satisfied with their holdings, a great many doing exceedingly well, and the remainder can be said to be successful and holding their own.

The settlements in this district have shown a steady and satisfactory progress during the year. The grain crops have been good, and the lambing returns have been very high, as the season has been very mild, and there has been an abundance of feed. With the high prices ruling for fat lambs, and the cost and uncertainty of procuring labour at harvest-time, a considerable area which has been previously utilized for grain-growing will now be devoted to producing fat lambs. Dairying also appears to be taking the place of grain-growing on the good heavy lands in many places. As regards the fulfilment of the statutory improvement conditions, the position can be regarded as eminently satisfactory. The proportion of actual defaulters in respect to requirements is small, and in most instances of these cases of default the improvements effected are sufficient in the meantime for the profitable working of the sections. It is noticeable that substantial and up-to-date improvements in the way of buildings and fencing, &c., are being erected.

The past winter has been a mild one, which had a marked beneficial result on all products. On the older settlements the lessees' interests are greater than the Crown's, and, although the term of compulsory residence has expired, the tenants still make their permanent homes on the land, and continue to make improvements.

As regards new settlements in the South Canterbury district which were adversely reported on last season, these now show a decided improvement, and there are better hopes of their ultimate success.

C. R. POLLEN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

OTAGO.

On the whole, the settlers holding land under the Lands for Settlement Act in Otago have had a fairly successful year. The old-established settlements are now in a prosperous condition, and the future prospects of the settlers are bright, and they are well satisfied with their conditions.

The wet and cold weather in the late autumn and early spring had a bad effect on grain-growing operations, particularly in southern Otago. In northern Otago these weather-conditions also affected the returns to a great extent, but the yields were fair. In Central Otago an excellent season was experienced; in fact, the best since settlement began in this locality.

Fruitgrowing is becoming quite an industry in this district, and wonderful development has taken place in the last five or six years, and production will further increase to a large extent, especially when the irrigation schemes now contemplated are available.

In northern Otago cropping for grain is giving place to a large extent to feed-growing, to prepare sheep and lambs for freezing, and large up-to-date works have just been erected close to Oamaru at a cost of £70,000 to deal more effectively with the increasing number of fat stock supplied from this district.

During the year two new settlements—Clareview and Te Puke—were opened for selection, and after keen competition the whole area was taken up.

The settlers on the Conical Hills, selected in April, 1912, are having a hard struggle, but the advent of a few good seasons would put them on a good footing, and ensure the future prosperity of this settlement.

The Otanomomo Settlement has not been long in existence, and there are still a number of vacant sections, but these may go when the roads are formed.

The Duncan and Matakanui Settlements are not in a very satisfactory position, owing to the neglected state of the former when purchased, it being practically overgrown with gorse from the hedges. The latter consists of only three sections, two of which are generally poor and dry.

The above are the exceptions to the general success of the settlements, but as long as the present prices for stock and wool are maintained these settlers will hold their own.

ROBT. T. SADD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

Four new settlements were acquired and opened for selection under renewable lease during the year, as follows: Ardlussa, six sections, three selected; Fortification Hill, six sections, five selected; Knowsley Park, nine sections, four selected; Waiarikiki, eight sections, three selected. From the above it will be seen that there was not a great demand for sections, the probable reason for the non-selection of many of them being the stringency of the money-market and the abnormally high price ruling for stock, which practically prohibited many intending selectors from lodging applications. Since the end of the financial year some of the sections have been selected, and I fully anticipate that the remainder will all be taken up before springtime. The total number of tenants under the Land for Settlements Act is now 298, holding an area of 68,168 acres, and paying an annual rent of £14,958.

As an illustration of the benefits to be derived from closer settlement in this district I quote the following figures: Value of improvements effected, £123,294; number of dwellings, 262; number of souls, 1,166; area under cultivation, 12,452 acres; area under grass one year old and over, 31,439 acres; area under new grass, 4,464 acres; number of horses, 1,597; sheep, 42,589; cattle, 7,902; pigs, 809.

The tenants, as a rule, still continue to carry out the conditions of their leases in a satisfactory manner, and most of them are in a good position in every way.

G. H. M. McCLURE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX III.—THE TIMBER INDUSTRY.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

AUCKLAND.

Owing to the heavy rains and freshes experienced during the early part of the year large supplies of kauri and other logs were delivered at the various mill-booms, thus replenishing the much-reduced log stocks and relieving the necessity of dispensing with a number of sawmill employees by some of the larger mills in the northern districts. The timber trade generally has maintained a continuous demand for all classes of timber, both in the home and foreign markets, and although the retail prices still remain firm no further increase has taken place since that mentioned in report on timber industry for 1912-13.

During the year several large shipments of Oregon pine timber have been imported, and ready sales are being found at very fair prices. The large quantities of foreign timber thus imported into the Dominion and entering into competition with the native timbers no doubt results in a tendency to increase the exportation of the latter to outside markets in order that sales may be effected, and thus reduce the local producers' stocks.

Both the local and foreign trade in kahikatea timber for the manufacturing of butter-boxes and fruit-cases, &c., still continues very brisk, owing principally to the prosperous farming season experienced in New Zealand and Australia. Although supplies of kahikatea timber are being principally obtained from several large forests in the King-country and northern districts, the fact remains that, owing to the heavy demand for this timber for agricultural purposes, the supplies are rapidly diminishing, and it is therefore expedient that early steps should be taken to conserve the remaining kahikatea bushes for the use of the Dominion's farming community.

From the undermentioned statement of sales of milling-timber by the Crown it will be seen that there has been a decrease during the past year, which is partly due to the less quantity of timber submitted, and partly to the fact that bushes previously measured with a view to disposal have been reserved for the use of the State. Exclusive of a number of minor sales of standing timber, there were thirty lots, containing about 22,000,000 ft., offered for sale by public auction or appraisement; several of these lots aggregating about 14,600,000 ft. were, however, passed in, presumably on account of the increased log stocks previously referred to, and the necessary outlay by the sawmillers in connection therewith. The total revenue derived from the sales of timber and extensions of time for the removal thereof was £14,254.

The total quantity of timber measured during the year is about 28,000,000 ft., and includes part of the timber measured on the Mangatotara Block, Tauranga County, which work was resumed before the beginning of the year and was completed towards the latter end. Notwithstanding the allegations made that the timber on this block was practically of a negligible quantity, it is now an ascertained fact that the block contains about 28,000,000 superficial feet of superior class rimu, &c., the trees being on the average of exceptional size, both in length and girth.

During the summer months several extensive fires were reported to have destroyed a quantity of logs and standing timber in privately owned bushes. Fortunately, however, the State forests were immune from fires, although several of the bushes have suffered damage at the hands of the gum-diggers and Natives through bleeding the kauri-trees. A number of convictions have been obtained by the police against such offenders, which should prove a deterrent against further trespassing.

The following table shows the various kinds of timber disposed of during the year ended 31st March, 1914 :—

—	Kauri.	Rimu.	Kahikatea.	Totara.	Matai.	Miscellane- ous.	Total.	Amount realized.	
								£	s. d.
Crown lands (including national endowments)	1,570,623	745,572	991,043	1,731,444	514,996	64,818	5,618,496	4,402	1 10
State forests	24,403	242,572	463,624	595,900	..	..	1,326,499	236	5 6
Education reserves ..	180,967	16,500	218,873	16,500	..	..	432,840	352	3 6
	1,775,993	1,004,644	1,673,540	2,343,844	514,996	64,818	7,377,835	4,990	10 10

Exports and imports of timber : Owing to the information not being available in time for the report this year the usual statement of exports and imports of timber cannot be supplied.

Timber-floating: New licenses granted, 12; licenses renewed, 109; licenses lapsed, 11; licenses in existence, 139.

H. M. SKET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NELSON.

The output of timber, principally rimu, is 11,000,000 superficial feet, the product of fifty-eight sawmills, about half of which operate mainly on freehold land. Of the timber licenses on Crown lands, the majority are under the administration of the Warden as mining privileges. As the whole of the above workings are scattered over irregular areas, this in many cases prevents up-to-date plant being installed. The probabilities, therefore, of expansion of business in the near future are not great, unless supplies can be more effectually tapped in the remote districts by systematic development.

F. A. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARLBOROUGH.

There are nine sawmills working in this district, all but one being situated in the northern portion. The total output was 15,692,284 superficial feet, made up of 14,709,998 superficial feet from State forests and 982,286 superficial feet from Crown land. The royalty was £2,900 and £265 respectively.

Messrs. Brownlee and Co., with mills at Havelock and Timatanga, who have been in the trade since the provincial days, have nearly cut out all their available timber, and will probably close their mills by the end of 1914.

H. G. PRICE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

WESTLAND.

The most important industry at present in operation in the district is that of sawmilling. For the greater part of the year this industry was considerably hampered by the condition of the market and labour troubles. The sawmill employees almost without exception remained loyal to their employers, but on account of the impossibility of exporting the output, the mills, with a few exceptions, were compelled to cease operations. The market at present is very satisfactory, and the prospects for the coming year are decidedly encouraging. There are at present forty-six mills in active work, with a cutting-capacity of 96,000,000 ft. per annum, and employing some 882 hands. The total output for the past year was 49,000,000 ft., and the royalty paid on account of Crown lands was £9,536. The system provided for the administration of the timber leaves much to be desired, and in this connection, and also in the matter of dealing with land, I desire to record my hearty appreciation of the cordial manner in which the Warden has co-operated with me in endeavouring to make matters run smoothly.

H. D. H. HASZARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SOUTHLAND.

During the past year fifty-three mills were in operation in this district, but very few of them worked to their full capacity, most of them working only three days a week for several months. This was owing to the falling-off in the demand for timber.

Of the quantity of timber produced—viz., 38,000,000 ft.—28,000,000 ft. was consumed south of Gore, 9,300,000 ft. north of Gore, and 700,000 ft. was shipped to Australia.

Thirty-eight mills worked chiefly in the State forests and Crown lands, three in Native, and thirteen in private forests.

The number of persons engaged in the industry was about 750, and the wages paid was approximately £93,000.

The timber trade is still dull, but improving.

G. H. M. McCLURE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

APPENDIX IV.—SAND-DUNE RECLAMATION.

[By E. PHILLIPS TURNER, F.R.G.S., Inspector.]

SAND-DUNE RECLAMATION.

As it had been decided to undertake measures for the reclamation of our extensive areas of coastal sand-dunes, Run 24, at the mouth of the Rangitikei River and the dunes at the mouth of the Waikato River were selected for initial operations. At both localities the land to the rear of the dunes is valuable farming land, and the sand from the dunes is fast encroaching on to it. The areas selected are large, compact blocks of Crown land, and any reclamation-work done there should in the future bring in a revenue to pay for, or partly pay for, the expense incurred. Also, in the case of the Waikato Heads, it is important to stop the excessive sand-drift which there tends to cause the silting-up of a valuable waterway.

In Europe, owing to the scarcity of land and the proximity of towns and villages to the dune-areas, the sand-drift is a matter so serious that its encroachment has to be stopped at all costs, and in Prussia, where women are largely employed, as much as £4 8s. per acre is expended on marram-planting alone; and after the marram there is the further expense of tree-planting, which in Europe is looked upon as the only permanent remedy for sand-drift.

For some years a considerable amount of marram and tree-lupin has been planted by private land-owners in different localities on our coast, and a great deal of this planting has been quite successful. This, however, has generally been in localities where the sand-supply was not very abundant, or where old stable dunes had been caused to drift through the disturbance caused by fires and by excessive grazing. In other localities where the planting has been done next to the grassed lands, and the area between these and the sea left untouched, there is always the danger that in some dry season all the plantation will be destroyed by a drift from the seaward.

Seeing that circumstances in this country quite precluded the adoption of reclamation-work as practised in Germany, it was decided to more or less follow the Belgian and Dutch method, and to plant the dunes without previously reducing them to a uniform level.

DESCRIPTION OF RANGITIKEI DUNES.

Along the coast immediately south of the mouth of the Rangitikei River there is no continuous fore-dune, but there is a series of high mounds or hummocks of sand, from 10 ft. to 40 ft. high, with little valleys between them. The outer slopes and sides of these hummocks bear a scanty growth of native vegetation, but it is insufficient to keep the sand from moving. The landward slopes are generally bare mobile sand. The mounds nearest the sea are generally longest in a direction perpendicular to the coast-line and parallel with the wind. The coast-line is approximately north and south, and is practically straight. At high-water mark there is a considerable accumulation of logs that have been brought down by floods in the Rangitikei and deposited along the coast-line. The prevailing winds are from directions between north-west and south-west. At about 6 chains inland from high-water mark, and adjoining the hummocks, there are often long-shaped flat-bottomed basins from 2 to 10 acres in area. These have their longest axes parallel with the coast-line and perpendicular to the prevailing wind. In some cases the floors of these basins are nearly bare sand, but generally they are composed mainly of water-worn andesite and greywacke shingle which must have had their origins in Ruapehu volcano and the Ruahine Mountains, and must have been brought to their present positions by the different branches of the Rangitikei River, and gradually moved along the old coast-line by a southerly set of the tide. In some places, also, on the floors of these basins there are large accumulations of marine shells, and sometimes with the shells portions of the ribs and vertebrae of whales. Close by these will be found numerous burnt stones (the remains of Maori ovens), which indicate that the shells and bones are the refuse of many a feast of the pre-European days.

Behind these basins there are irregular low sand ridges from 20 ft. to 40 ft. above the plain, and running perpendicular to the coast-line (parallel with the prevailing wind) for a distance of about three-quarters of a mile from it. Between these ridges there are small valleys with a sparse covering of native vegetation. In heavy rains some of these valleys are converted into small lagoons.

The rainfall is between 30 in. and 40 in., and is well distributed through the year. The months of January and February are the driest.

Nature of Sand.

Though quartz particles are the chief constituent of the sand of the district, there are also considerable proportions of crystals of hornblende and augite, which, with a small quantity of titanic iron, give to the sand its dark-grey colour. Small flat particles of marine shells are also a fairly constant constituent. The size of the sand-grains is small, and on this account even a quite moderate wind causes it to move.

Plant-growth.

The dunes in this locality are not quite bare, but carry a more or less sparse covering of native plants. Close to the coast the sand-mounds carry a fair amount of *Spinifex* and *Scirpus frondosus* (pingao). The long sand-ridges farther inland bear a certain amount of *Scirpus*, *Cassinia leptophylla* (tauhinu), and *Coprosma arenaria* (tatarabeke), with occasional *Leptospermum* (tea-tree), *Arundo conspicua* (toitoti), *Pimelia arenaria*, and *Calystegia soldanella* (sand convolvulus). The valleys between these ridges are here, when dry, almost barren; when moist a fair amount of the small sand sedge (*Carex pumila*) and some yellow rush (*Leptocarpus simplex*) are found.

RUN 24, MOUTH OF RANGITIKEI RIVER.

The lessee of Run 24 has done a great deal of reclamation by marram-planting on the dunes in localities more than a mile from the coast; but, though the grass has in most places taken well, there is always the danger that a combination of unfavourable circumstances may cause the destruction of a great deal of it. It is recognized by all authorities as an axiom that all reclamation-work should begin at the sea, which is the source of the sand-supply, and extend from there inland.

Last spring it was agreed to plant with marram-grass a belt of the coast-line of Run 24, starting from the mouth of the Rangitikei River and extending southerly a distance of 210 chains, the belt being 6 chains wide, and starting at high-water mark. As there is here a large sand-supply (it is brought down by the Rangitikei River) and an almost constant wind from the sea, it was decided to put in the marram bunches at only 2 ft. apart,

in the expectation that the close planting of this belt will arrest the inland drift of sand from the beach, and eventually form a regular fore-dune. The planting that will later on be done to the leeward of this may be either lupin or marram-grass planted wider apart. Owing to the exigencies of other work it was late in the spring before the planting started, and as the season turned out very dry it was decided at the end of September to postpone further work till this autumn. Another reason, besides the dry weather, for suspending work was that the katipo spider was becoming very active, and one or two of the men were severely bitten. The length of the belt planted was 50 chains.

On a visit paid to the locality in the summer I found that the plantation, on the whole, was doing very well, though there were patches where the marram had failed, and these will have to be replanted this autumn.

The balance (160 chains) of the contract will be finished this coming season.

TAURIKURA BEACH, WHANGAREI HEADS.

At this locality the sand from a narrow strip of Crown land along the beach had, owing to the continued prevalence of north-easterly winds, drifted on to some valuable low-lying grazing-lands and stopped up the main drain, with the result that the grazing-land got flooded, and was made useless. Under the circumstances the Government agreed to share with the owner of the land the expense of planting with marram some 10 acres of the sand near the drain.

As there is no marram growing anywhere near the locality it had to be purchased in Waiuku, sent by steamer to Onehunga, from there to Auckland, and from Auckland by steamer to Craig's Wharf in Whangarei Harbour. As the state of the road was too bad to allow carting to Taurikura Beach, and as further delay might have been fatal to the grass, I had to hire a small cutter and take the grass round to the beach by sea; and by means of a small punt it was landed on the beach after a lot of trouble. I gave precise instructions as to the planting, and I have since heard that, in spite of the lateness of the season, it has taken well, and, though only seven months old, is to some not inconsiderable extent stopping the drift near the site of the drain.

WORKS PROPOSED FOR 1914.

On Run 24 it is proposed to continue the 6-chain closely planted belt to the southern boundary of the Crown land, a distance of nearly two miles. A length of four and a half miles of the coast-line will then be made safe, and the future reclamation inland will be less expensive. At the Waikato Heads a belt similar to the one at the mouth of the Rangitikei will be planted; it will start near the north head and extend northerly along the shore one mile. The following season this belt will be extended along the coast. With the sand at the foreshore held secure it will be possible to reclaim the sand to the leeward with less expense.

Next to the wind, one of the most adverse factors one has to deal with in dune-reclamation in New Zealand is rabbits, for not only are these pests always disturbing the surface, but they prevent the use of several plants that might but for their presence be used as valuable auxiliaries to marram and tree-lupin; in fact, at Waiuku they are very destructive to young lupins. If trees be grown it will be necessary to preserve them by rabbit-proof fences.

In addition to these works directly conducted by the Department, lessees of certain runs on the Wellington west coast will, by special condition of lease, do reclamation-work under departmental direction.

Public bodies and private owners who have sand-areas under their control or in their possession are also given advice how to treat drifting sand in order to prevent its encroachment.

APPENDIX V.—LAND DRAINAGE OPERATIONS.

REPORT BY J. B. THOMPSON, LAND DRAINAGE ENGINEER.

THE Land Drainage Board has been kept busy during the past year with matters pertaining to land-drainage and river-protective works generally.

Special reports and examinations were made in connection with Kaitaia Swamp drainage, Monavale Swamp drainage, Manaku water-supply, and other works.

Inspections were made of works constructed by local authorities out of Government grants, and subsidies and vouchers totalling £3,497 0s. 6d. were made out and certified for payment through the Treasury. Plans in the above connection were also approved as sent forward.

The following work has been done in connection with the undermentioned grants, &c.:—

Hauraki Plains, Construction Roads and Drains on Crown Land Adjoining.—Some eight miles of roads were completed within the Waitakaruru Loan Block, and in addition some five miles of drains. Expenditure during the year was £1,226 5s. 8d., and out of Land for Settlement Account, £926 10s. 1d.

Hauraki Plains: Part Cost Formation Road from Waikaka to Piako River to give Access to Crown Settlers outside Hauraki Plains Settlement.—This is a vote to assist in the construction of Waikaka Tramway Road. One mile of drain was constructed, and road-formation was commenced early in the year. Fascines had to be laid to ensure a solid formation. Trucks were built, and have been used in ballasting some 1,600 cubic yards of spoil which has been put down. Expenditure during the year was £547 2s. 4d.

Hauraki Plains, Metalling Roads in.—The work done under this heading has been given in detail in the Hauraki Plains report. To date some 166 chains of Turua Road have been metalled, and some 160 chains of the Pipiroa-Waitakaruru Road. We are now obtaining gravel from the Kauaeranga Stream, Thames, and this is being taken to the works by our own plant, some three large pontoons being purchased or built during the year. This will ensure a better class of gravel being obtained at a much less cost than was previously supplied under contract. The expenditure during the year was £4,095 3s. 4d.

Hauraki Plains: Maintenance completed Works, Drains, &c.—This vote is for maintaining drainage-works on the settled portion of the Hauraki Plains until such time as the rating clauses become operative. During the year some seventy miles of drain have been cleaned, and some twenty-eight miles of stop-bank kept in good repair. The expenditure during the year was £2,018 9s. 8d.

Piako and Waitoa Rivers Improvement.—This work consisted of dredging the Piako River from Kerepehi southwards. Spoil removed during the year amounted to 147,740 cubic yards, at a cost of 3·2d. per cubic yard. The expenditure during the year was £2,073 13s. 5d.

Rangitaiki Drainage District: General Road-construction (on account £1,500).—Some 16 miles 47 chains of road were formed out of the above votes during the year, the expenditure totalling £2,289 5s. 8d.

Waikato River: Expenses of Engineering Surveys.—The engineering survey of the Waikato River was continued under the local charge of Mr. Allan Morpeth. The field operations, being so extensive, necessitated a great deal of moving about, shifting camp, &c. Levelling was carried out on the main river, and on the Whangamarino, Waikare, Whangape, and Maungatawhiri Creeks. Gauges were established at various points, and the velocity of the river taken every quarter of a mile from Rangiriri to the Heads. The gauges have been read right throughout at various times, and the tidal gauges were read for twelve hours at a stretch, so that the Waikato River could be compared with Waitemata, Manukau, and Kaipara Harbours regarding the time and height of various tides. The following has been carried out during the year: Levelling, seventy-five miles; compass traverse, seventy-five miles; cross-sections taken, eight averaging 110 chains each, forty-two averaging 16 chains each; soundings taken, 800; velocities taken about every quarter of a mile for forty-one miles (Rangiriri to Heads); gauges established and read frequently, fifty. An inspection was also made during the year of the Waikato River from Horahora (Cambridge) to Rangiriri. The cost of the work during the year was £1,403 5s. 8d. which includes the maintenance and running expenses of two oil-launches employed on the works.

Waitoa River: Snagging above Junction with Piako River.—During the year 1 mile 22 chains of this river was snagged by day labour, and a contract was let in December for a further 3 miles 45 chains, of which one mile had been completed at the end of the year. The expenditure for the year was £523 2s. 4d.

Opouriao Protective Works to prevent Encroachment of Whakatane and Waimana River.—A small amount was spent in maintenance during the year, but no new works were undertaken until the last week in March. Future works will consist of construction of groynes, planting of willows for protection purposes, and the further improvement of diversion channel. The work already done is in good condition, and beneficial results have ensued, as land that was previously under water during moderate freshes is now free from water during heavy floods. The expenditure during the year was £147 4s. 11d.

Waimana Protective Works to prevent Encroachment of River.—At Waimana the works completed last year have been maintained, and in November a start was made on new works, groynes being erected on Sections 15, 17, and 18, Waimana Settlement. The line for the proposed diversion of the Waimana River through Section 19 was cleared, but work had then to be stopped till the land is resumed, as the owner objected to work being proceeded with. Work contemplated for the future consists of cutting this channel and continuing the stop-bank for about a mile at the south end of the settlement. The expenditure during the year was £293 1s.

Monavale Swamp, Cambridge.—An engineering survey of the Monavale Swamp was started in December last. To date some twenty-five miles of levels have been taken, together with the necessary compass survey. The field-work of the swamp and its outlets is now about three parts completed. The expenditure during the year was £186 8s. 5d.

The following large schemes were carried out by this branch, and, of course, comprise the major portion of the works: (1) Hauraki Plains drainage-works; (2) Rangitaiki drainage-works. The progress of these two large schemes are treated in separate reports.

Land surveys have been carried out by two field parties which subdivided the drained areas of the Hauraki Plains, and are also engaged upon the survey of the adjoining Crown land roaded and bridged by this branch. The area surveyed during the year was 2,397 acres, and a further survey covers some 13,900 acres, of which all the sections have been pegged.

Engineering Surveys.—Some 110 miles of engineering surveys have been made in connection with the Hauraki Plains works, Rangitaiki drainage-works, Waitakaruru Loan Block, &c.

Office.—The total expenditure certified to for payment was £57,028 15s. Of this amount direct Treasury payments amounted to £19,268 2s. 11d., payments through Thames and Taneatua Imprest Accounts to £37,697 5s. 2d., and payments through Post Office to £63 6s. 11d. Some 155 piecework and four special contracts were in operation. Inward correspondence amounted to 1,620 letters, and outward to 1,715 letters.

A considerable number of engineering, road, survey, and other plans were made, and various tracings both for photo-litho and other purposes were made.

The expenditure quoted is what was actually expended on the various works, but will not necessarily agree with the figures shown in the tables for the year submitted to Parliament, as a portion of the expenditure was not brought to charge before the close of the year.

APPENDIX VI.—KAPITI ISLAND.

KAPITI Island lies off the coast of the Wellington District, nearly opposite Paraparaumu. It contains an area of 4,990 acres, of which the Natives still retain the northern portion, containing 1,009 acres, the balance being a public reserve acquired under the provisions of the Kapiti Island Public Reserves Act, 1897. Of the Crown area, 1,779 acres is under forest. The land was acquired for the purpose of a sanctuary for native fauna and flora, and was the subject of special inspection and report by Dr. Cockayne, F.R.S., in 1907. He was of opinion that the island contained most valuable plant formation, and thought it was very suitable for the purposes for which it had been set apart. A caretaker has resided on the island for many years past, and every endeavour is made to ensure that plant and bird life is protected as far as possible.

The following reports are of interest as showing the present conditions relative to the bird-life:—

REPORT BY E. PHILLIPS TURNER, F.R.G.S., INSPECTOR.

I made a visit of inspection to Kapiti Island in the middle of May, and I am glad to be able to report that I saw no evidence of the reported decrease in the number of native birds. On the contrary, I found bell-birds, tuis, and whiteheads to be very numerous, and, though the weather was dull and unfavourable, I saw a fair number of pigeons, kakas, tomtits, robins, and kingfishers; fantails, parakeets, and wrens were seen in less quantity. The weka is more numerous there than in any other place I know of. Along the coast I saw one or two blue herons and numerous cormorants. At night moreporks can be heard. I saw several of the large kind of hawk. It might perhaps be advisable to have the hawks shot, as they live almost entirely on other birds, and, moreover, they are not likely to be killed out on the mainland.

The kakapos and kiwis liberated about a year ago have not since been seen. I think it highly desirable that a few pairs of the North and South Island crows, South Island robins and canaries, pukekos, and land-rail should be placed on the island before they become extinct.

The Australian opossum has become very plentiful on the island. As they will compete with the birds for the available food-supply, I think they should be trapped and their skins sold.

There is a marked decrease in the number of goats since my inspection in January, 1912. I think those left should be soon exterminated, employing if necessary additional temporary help. Noxious weeds are practically now eradicated.

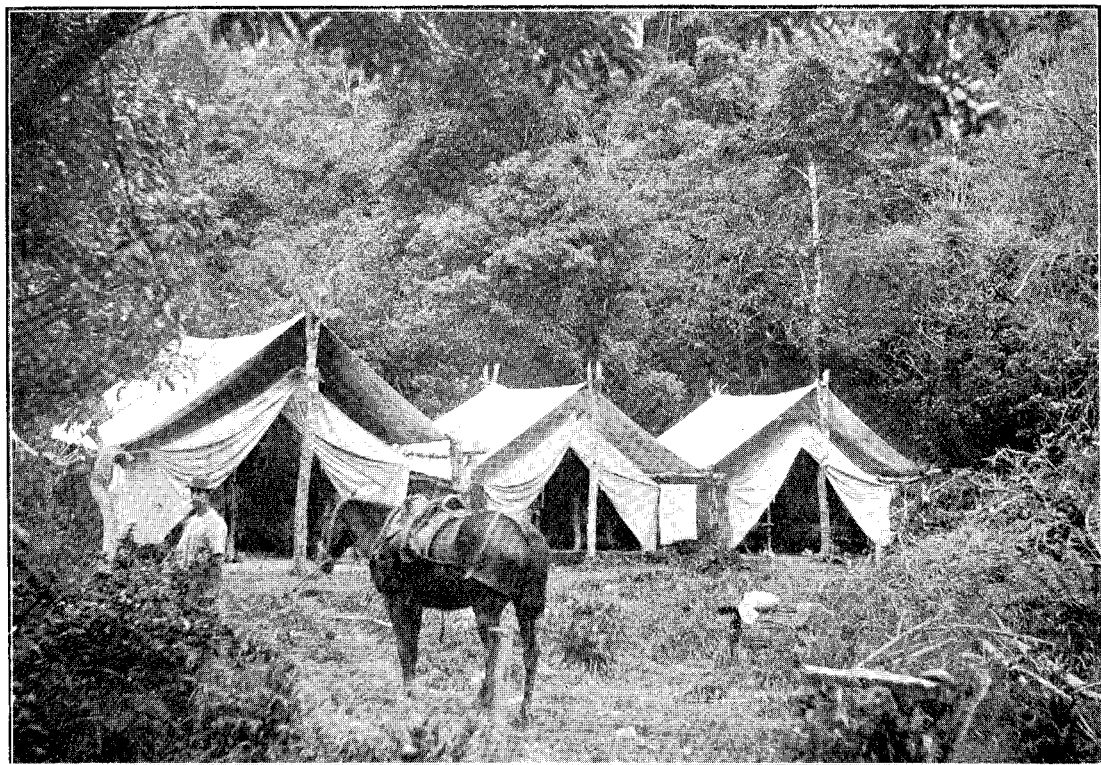
There are still a few cats, but, as poisoned fish is being laid, they should soon be killed out.

It is highly desirable that the small remaining Native interests in the south and middle parts of the island be acquired. Then the boundary between the large Maori block at the north end and the sanctuary could be fenced off, and there would be no further bother with trespassing sheep. If the Maori land at the northern end be acquired it will be necessary to farm it and have a manager there, as the land is too valuable to be allowed to revert to tauhinu and tea-tree. The caretaker's cottage was completed last year, and he is now in a comfortable building that should last for fifty years.

All things considered, I think there is a distinct improvement in the condition of the island since my inspection made in January, 1912.

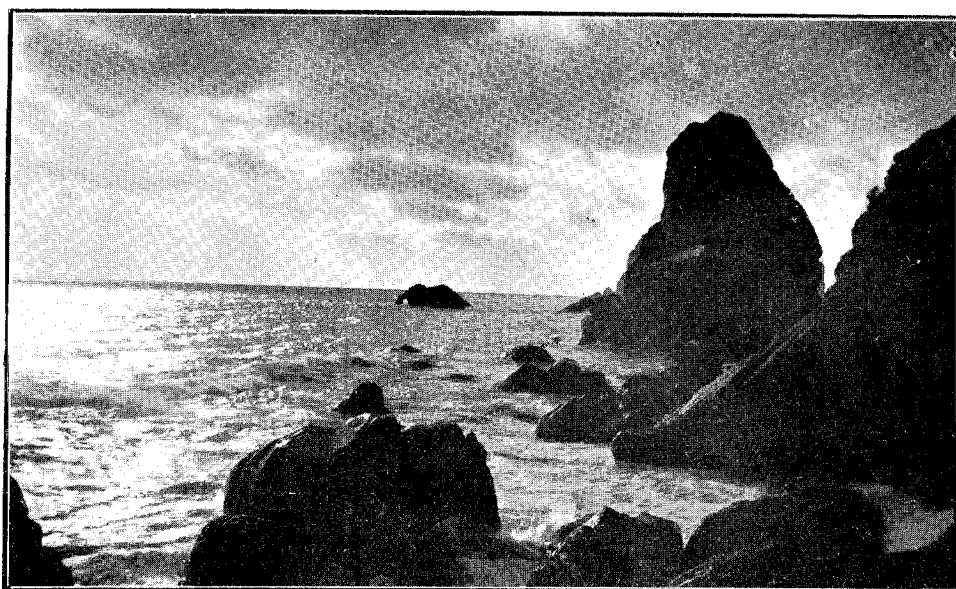
YEARLY REPORT BY CARETAKER (MR. J. L. BENNETT).

Everything on the island in a satisfactory condition. A splendid nesting season; noticeable increase in birds, especially in pigeons, tuis, bell-birds, and wekas. Berries abundant. No sign of blackberry, and only one patch of brier. Goats are mostly confined to the scrub at the south end of the island; 335 have been destroyed during the year. Cats are not numerous, four only having been seen and destroyed. Rainfall during year, 40 inches 97 points.



H. E. Girdlestone, photo.]

A PIONEER CAMP PRECEDING SETTLEMENT.



H. E. Girdlestone, photo.]

THE WEST COAST OF KAPITI ISLAND.

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THE CAMP, THE COOK, AND THE CABBAGE.



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ARRIVING ON A SELECTION.

Table 1.—RETURN SHOWING (APPROXIMATELY) POSITION OF LANDS IN THE DOMINION AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Total Area sold and held on Freehold.	Total Area granted under Acts without Money Payment or reserved for Public Purposes from Foundation of Dominion.	Total Area of Crown Lands leased under all Tenures (exclusive of Reserves leased by Crown).	Total Area open for Selection.	Total Area of Native Land.	Estimated Area of Barren and Worthless Country not already included under any of the other Headings.	Estimated Area occupied by Roads, Rivers, Lakes, &c.	Total Area remaining for Future Disposal, exclusive of Land shown in Preceding Columns.	Total Area in Land District.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland ..	2,343,588	3,630,202	1,871,004	242,389	3,557,971	..	656,824	1,215,462	13,517,440
Hawke's Bay ..	2,407,480	437,125	934,825	5,681	1,391,012	..	150,130	182,647	5,508,900
Taranaki ..	493,014	712,081	587,133	33,285	327,470	..	55,670	203,947	2,412,600
Wellington ..	3,205,673	888,962	859,006	11,225	1,617,509	36,500	195,110	237,015	7,051,000
Nelson ..	580,616	306,504	797,378	35,227	41,148	1,573,000	60,000	1,321,127	4,715,000
Marlborough ..	761,450	229,988	1,495,274	12,994	..	114,309	100,000	53,985	2,768,000
Westland ..	139,498	259,617	1,535,428	44,413	..	750,000	154,126	980,796	3,863,878
Canterbury ..	3,643,733	1,368,064	3,831,853	162	..	233,650	441,504	85,074	9,604,045
Otago ..	1,986,382	590,460	5,493,938	3,453	..	520,000	263,300	111,467	8,969,000
Southland ..	1,579,394	3,551,113	1,725,174	39,092	..	629,368	140,402	217,826	7,882,369
Totals ..	17,140,823	11,974,116	19,131,018	437,921	6,935,110	3,856,827	2,217,066	4,609,346	66,292,232

Table 2.—LANDS OPENED FOR SALE AND SELECTION DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Optional System.	Cash by Auction.	Sale by Auction on Deferred Payment.	Lease by Auction and Application.	Village Allotments.	Pastoral Runs.	Small Grazing-runs.	Renewable Lease.	Totals.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>									
Auckland ..	Acres. 55,624	Acres. 747	Acres. ..	Acres. 1,319	Acres. ..	Acres. *2,317	Acres. ..	Acres. 726	Acres. 60,783
Hawke's Bay ..	6,530	11	..	..	7	..	13,868	..	20,416
Taranaki ..	70,668	14	..	72	..	..	..	..	70,754
Wellington ..	19,699	260	..	501	16	..	..	..	20,476
Nelson ..	1,953	..	..	211	..	..	..	3,542	5,706
Marlborough ..	645	..	..	986	..	787	..	..	2,418
Westland ..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	220	232
Canterbury ..	1,417	16	..	939	..	..	..	..	2,372
Otago ..	3,799	..	..	551	..	11,716	..	43	16,109
Southland ..	21,802	123	..	782	..	..	..	3,930	26,637
Totals	182,137	1,183	..	5,361	23	14,820	13,868	8,461	225,853
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>									
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>									
Auckland ..	..	10	9	..	..	..	..	7,868	7,887
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,192	7,192
Taranaki ..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	757	766
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,083	11,083
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96,751	96,751
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,894	8,894
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,699	3,699
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25,846	25,846
Totals	..	10	18	..	..	..	..	162,090	162,118
<i>National Endowment—</i>									
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	38,059	38,060
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,746	4,690	7,436
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,837	7,837
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	1,151	1,194
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	933	933
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	25,460	..	621	25,470
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	10	..	2,833	1,573	4,406
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	604	604
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	54	25,460	5,579	55,468	86,561
Grand totals ..	182,137	1,193	18	5,415	77	40,280	19,447	226,019	474,586

* Pastoral licenses in mining district under special regulations.

Table 3 (Part I).—SUMMARY OF LANDS TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1914 (EXCLUSIVE OF PASTORAL RUNS AND MISCELLANEOUS LEASES).

For Details see	Tenures.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marl- borough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Total Area taken up during Year.
		A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands.</i>												
Table 5	Cash lands	1,870 0 20	316 3 30	371 1 7	820 1 27	628 3 36	.. .. .	37 0 38	17 0 17	552 2 31	1,812 2 15	5,927 1 21
"	9—Occupation with right of purchase	46,857 0 10	5,181 2 27	34,624 0 14	13,049 1 37	1,615 2 16	4,760 1 3	202 0 0	1,211 0 0	2,775 2 22	6,991 2 0	117,268 1 9
"	11—Renewable leases	345 0 0	2,013 1 5	.. .. .	60 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,418 1 5
"	13—Mining districts land occupation leases	780 2 29	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	21 3 23	.. .. .	785 0 2	806 1 16	2,397 3 30
"	14—Village settlement, cash .. .. .	.. .. .	1 1 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1 1 4
"	31—Improved-farm special settlement .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	98 0 9	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	98 0 9
	Totals	49,852 3 19	7,513 0 26	34,995 1 21	14,027 3 33	2,248 2 12	4,760 1 3	261 0 21	1,228 0 17	4,113 1 15	9,110 1 31	128,111 0 38
<i>Land for Settlements Acts.</i>												
Table 5	Cash lands	15 2 15	.. .. .	.. .. .	1 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1 3 0	1 0 0	.. .. .	19 1 15
"	11—Renewable lease	6,005 2 32	10,357 2 19	757 2 27	9,956 2 25	.. .. .	96,771 1 22	.. .. .	9,994 1 6	3,153 3 4	11,276 0 39	148,273 1 14
	Totals	6,021 1 7	10,357 2 19	757 2 27	9,957 2 25	.. .. .	96,771 1 22	.. .. .	9,996 0 6	3,154 3 4	11,276 0 39	148,292 2 29
<i>National-endowment Lands.</i>												
Table 11	Renewable lease (ordinary)	22,842 0 21	4,690 1 0	10,358 1 26	1,096 3 24	15,254 3 39	547 0 0	3,089 2 28	216 0 0	1,607 1 5	2,988 1 2	62,640 3 25
"	14—Renewable lease (village settle- ments) .. .. .	.. .. .	6 1 26	.. .. .	62 1 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	68 2 28
"	17—Small grazing-runs .. .. .	.. .. .	11,858 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,833 0 0	.. .. .	14,691 0 0
	Totals	22,842 0 21	16,554 2 26	10,358 1 26	1,159 0 26	15,254 3 39	547 0 0	3,089 2 28	216 0 0	4,440 1 5	2,988 1 2	77,400 2 13
	Grand totals	78,716 1 7	34,425 1 31	46,111 1 34	25,144 3 4	17,503 2 11	102,078 2 25	3,350 3 9	11,440 0 23	11,708 1 24	23,824 3 32	353,804 2 0

Table 3 (Part II).—SUMMARY OF LANDS SELECTED UNDER SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS: TRANSACTIONS UP TO THE 31st MARCH, 1914.

For Details See	Tenures.	Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year.	Renewals during the Year.	Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.	Forfeitures during the Year.	Surrenders during the Year.	Expires during the Year.	Total Area held on 31st March, 1914: Past and Current Transactions.			Total Area made Freehold to Date.
								A.	R. P.	P.	
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands.</i>											
Table 5	Cash lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A. 13,151,708 3 2 R. P. 992,111 1 10
"	6—Deferred payment (Land Acts, 1877 and 1885)	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,970	1 8	..	..
"	7—Deferred Payment (Land Laws Amendment Acts 1912 and 1913)	28,255 0 31	..	..	..	..	..	27,498	1 28	..	1,088 2 26
"	8—Perpetual lease..	..	..	248 0 0	..	..	..	63,098	2 27	..	802,476 3 7
"	9—Occupation with right of purchase	..	..	..	25,470 1 35	136 0 39	..	1,773,244	1 21	..	481,828 2 25
"	10—Lease in perpetuity	..	..	25,990 3 39	1,113 3 30	189 3 0	..	1,326,841	2 38	..	157,818 1 32
"	11—Renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,554	3 36	..	..
"	12—Agricultural lease	..	60 3 2	..	..	..	60 3 2	550	1 0	..	140,895 3 23
"	13—Mining districts land occupation leases	..	..	676 1 39	23 1 16	582 3 34	..	24,946	3 4	..	..
"	14—Village settlement, cash..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,152 1 9	..
"	14—Village settlement, deferred payment	..	..	..	..	..	..	113	1 6	12,280 1 28	..
"	14—Village settlement, perpetual lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,177	1 25	2,896 2 2	..
"	14—Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase	..	..	..	1 0 33	..	..	13	3 14	13 0 24	..
"	14—Village settlement, lease in perpetuity	..	..	632 1 16	15 1 29	..	..	19,801	3 25	2,429 3 35	..
"	14—Village - homestead special settlement	..	..	10 0 17	..	..	..	12,879	3 21	525 0 1	..
"	16—Special-settlement associations	..	..	606 0 0	..	..	..	107,903	1 39	98,380 2 24	..
"	31—Improved-farm special settlement	..	..	891 0 19	322 0 0	193 1 0	..	98,104	0 38	10,773 3 15	..
"	..—Homestead	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80,452 3 11	..
"	17—Small grazing-runs	..	10,056 3 0	..	..	..	10,058 0 0	443,931	3 24	..	..
Totals		28,255 0 31	10,117 2 2	29,055 0 10	26,946 1 23	1,102 0 33	10,118 3 2	3,909,631	1 34	15,942,833 0 34	..
<i>Cheviot Estate.</i>											
Table 5	Cash lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,848 0 25
"	10—Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,385	2 25	..	..
"	11—Renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	644	3 36	..	..
"	14—Village-homestead special settlements, lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,480	1 0	..	..
"	17—Grazing farms	..	..	..	..	..	..	45,021	1 32	..	..
Totals		..	..	..	..	..	..	72,532	1 13	6,848 0 25	..

Table 3 (Part II).—SUMMARY OF LANDS SELECTED UNDER SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS: TRANSACTIONS UP TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

For Details see Table	Tenures.	Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year.		Renewals during the Year.		Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.		Forfeitures during the Year.		Surrenders during the Year.		Expiries during the Year.		Total Area held on 31st March, 1914: Past and Current Transaction.		Total Area made Freehold to Date.	
		A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.
<i>Land for Settlements Acts.</i>																	
Table 5—Cash lands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	658,125	1 0	514 1 19
10—Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	236	2 10	11	1 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	609,196	2 8	4,576 3 16
11—Renewable lease	..	0 1 3	..	4,767	0 27	3,321	2 29	413	2 25	..	..	..	..	..	4,968	2 19	15,146 0 27
7—Deferred payment	..	5,003	1 34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	438	1 28	34 3 15
14—Lease in perpetuity (village)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14—Renewable lease (village)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3 16	..
16—Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,114	1 9	..
17—Small grazing-runs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	203,322	2 15	..
Totals	..	5,003	2 37	..	..	5,008	2 37	3,332	3 38	413	2 25	..	..	..	1,478,175	2 15	20,272 0 37
<i>National-endowment Lands.</i>																	
11—Renewable lease (ordinary)	..	6,273	2 5	..	..	..	..	12,409	2 5	5,139	1 12	..	..	..	517,232	1 38	..
14—Renewable lease (village settlement)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	3 12	24	3 32	..	..	..	2,585	1 26	..
14—Renewable lease (village homestead special settlement)	..	10	0 17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	135	2 38	..
13—Mining districts land occupation leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	0 0	..
31—Renewable lease, improved-farm special settlements	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,500	1 20	..
17—Small grazing-runs	..	..	..	42,521	1 35	..	..	2,893	0 0	..	..	42,520	1 35	..	1,742,611	2 29	..
Totals	..	6,283	2 22	42,521	1 35	..	..	15,299	1 17	5,164	1 4	42,520	1 35	..	2,268,077	2 31	..
Grand totals	..	39,542	2 10	52,638	3 37	34,058	3 7	45,578	2 38	6,680	0 22	52,639	0 37	..	7,728,417	0 13	15,969,953 2 16

Table 4.—ANALYSIS OF HOLDINGS OF CROWN LANDS TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Tenures.	Number of Selectors.	Average Holdings of Selectors.					
		Number of Selectors under 1 Acre.	Number of Selectors 1 to 50 Acres.	Number of Selectors 51 to 250 Acres.	Number of Selectors 251 to 500 Acres.	Number of Selectors 501 to 1,000 Acres.	Number of Selectors 1,001 Acres and upwards.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>							
Cash lands	296	115	154	22	4	1	..
Occupation with right of purchase	488	..	98	219	107	59	5
Renewable lease	16	..	..	14	1	1	..
Mining districts land occupation leases	61	..	47	14	..	..	..
Village settlement, cash	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Improved-farm special settlement	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pastoral runs	6	..	..	2	1	2	1
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	76	..	13	46	15	2	..
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	434	50	257	81	17	14	15
Totals	1,380	167	569	399	145	79	21
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>							
Miscellaneous	2	..	1	1	..	..	..
<i>Land for Settlements Acts—</i>							
Cash lands	14	7	7	..	..	..	..
Renewable lease	279	11	62	83	66	27	30
Miscellaneous	19	2	15	1	..	1	..
Totals	312	20	84	84	66	28	30
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>							
Renewable lease (ordinary)	237	7	36	93	68	28	5
Renewable lease (village settlement)	7	..	7	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Pastoral runs	2	..	..	..	1	..	1
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	69	..	10	47	7	5	7
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	38	..	12	20	5	..	1
Totals	357	7	65	160	81	33	11
Grand totals	2,051	194	719	644	292	140	62

Table 5.—RETURN OF CROWN LANDS SOLD FOR CASH DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Area disposed of.						Average Price per Acre.			Consideration received.		
	Town.		Suburban.		Rural.		Total.					
	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Town.		Suburban.	Rural.
Ordinary Crown Lands—												
Auckland	69	A. R. P. 31 1 1	7	A. R. P. 23 0 5	70	A. R. P. 1,815 3 14	146	A. R. P. 1,870 0 20	£ s. d. 112 6 8	£ s. d. 3 13 0	£ s. d. 2 17 9 2 8 0 2 9 10 0 18 5 3 5 7 1 11 11 3 10 0 6 11 6 1 2 8 1 5 0	£ s. d. 8,345 14 1 1,247 19 1 1,447 7 7† 7,327 14 2 786 19 5 283 15 6 443 17 9 800 6 8 2,183 5 3 22,866 19 6
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	8	1,113 3 28*	8	1,113 3 28	..	..	..	704 8 9 .. 16 0 0 ..
Taranaki	4	1 3 3	1	6 2 33	7	362 3 11	12	371 1 7	61 3 5	54 8 6	..	16 0 0
Wellington	11	9 1 11	10	35 2 25	7	775 1 31	28	820 1 27	118 0 0	28 0 0	..	170 0 0 15 0 0 ..
Nelson	..	..	..	..	4	628 3 36	4	628 3 36	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	905 8 9
Westland	11	2 3 6	5	11 1 16	4	23 0 16	20	37 0 38	36 4 8	10 2 8	..	23,772 8 3
Canterbury	6	3 0 0	..	..	4	14 0 17	10	17 0 17	40 10 0	..	..	..
Otago	2	0 3 1	8	29 2 10	24	522 1 20	34	552 2 31	15 10 0	10 16 2	..	..
Southland	..	..	6	22 3 18	28	1,289 2 37	34	1,312 2 15	..	6 17 7	..	..
Totals	103	48 3 22	37	129 0 27	156	6,546 1 10	296	6,724 1 19	..	..	..	..
Land for Settlements—												
Auckland	5	1 3 29	2	0 2 4	4	13 0 22	11	15 2 15	285 0 0	110 0 0	5 10 0	704 8 9
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	..	..	16 0 0	16 0 0
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	1	1 3 0	..	..	..	..	1	1 3 0	97 2 10	..	15 0 0	170 0 0
Otago	..	..	..	..	1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	..	..	..	15 0 0
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	6	3 2 29	2	0 2 4	6	15 0 22	14	19 1 15	..	..	..	905 8 9
Grand totals	109	52 2 11	39	129 2 31	162	6,561 1 32	310	6,743 2 34	..	..	..	23,772 8 3

* Includes excess area 796 acres 3 rods 38 perches. Amount received, £222 19s. 10d.
† This does not include an amount of £7 10s. received for land dedicated as a road, and also excludes refund amounting to £6 0s. 2d.

Table 7.—RETURN OF DEFERRED-PAYMENT LANDS HELD UNDER THE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT ACTS, 1912 AND 1913, AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Selections during the Year.			Conversions from other Tenures during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>									
Auckland ..	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	30	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	27	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	8	5,731 1 14	199 1 8	8	5,435 0 7	180 13 4
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	9	5,305 2 19	311 18 10	9	5,305 2 19	311 18 10
Wellington ..	..	..	..	25	2,158 2 32	155 7 3	25	2,158 2 32	155 7 3
Nelson ..	..	..	..	14	4,597 1 28	444 18 6	13	4,597 1 18	444 18 6
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	4,979 3 12	214 7 2	..	4,435 2 21	196 5 7
Westland ..	..	..	..	9	2,497 1 18	61 13 9	9	2,497 1 18	61 13 9
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	529 2 35	17 0 10	..	529 2 35	17 0 10
Otago ..	..	..	..	26	2,455 0 33	132 13 4	28	2,538 3 38	131 14 0
Southland ..	..	..	..	123	28,255 0 31	1,527 1 4	121	27,498 1 28	1,499 12 1
Totals ..	..	..	..						
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>									
Auckland ..	..	..	..	94	2,936 2 28	609 7 8	84	2,901 3 13	536 6 10
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	6	712 2 26	346 8 7	6	712 2 26	346 8 7
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	3	28 2 30	53 12 5	3	28 2 30	53 12 5
Wellington ..	..	..	..	1	4 2 12	9 16 9	1	4 2 12	9 16 9
Nelson ..	..	..	..	1	895 0 0	176 18 7	1	895 0 0	176 18 7
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	2	28 1 11	189 12 6	2	28 1 11	189 12 6
Otago ..	..	..	..	1	395 3 22	125 18 0	1	395 3 22	125 18 0
Southland ..	..	..	..	2	1 2 25	2 4 3	2	1 2 25	2 4 3
Totals ..	..	..	..	110	5,003 1 34	1,513 18 9	100	4,968 2 19	1,440 17 11
Grand totals	..	..	..	233	33,258 2 25	3,041 0 1	221	32,467 0 7	2,940 10 0

Table 7.—RETURN OF DEFERRED-PAYMENT LANDS HELD UNDER THE LAND LAWS AMENDMENT ACTS, 1912 AND 1913, AT 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

District.	Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.	Freehold acquired during the Year.		Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1914.		Selectors in Arrear on 31st March 1914.		
		Number of Selectors.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realized, exclusive of Interest.	Number of Selectors.	Amount.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>								
Auckland ..	£ s. d. 912 6 0	3	A. R. P. 296 1 7	3	A. R. P. 296 1 7	£ s. d. 368 4 10	..	£ s. d. ..
Hawke's Bay ..	938 12 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	462 19 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	2,245 0 3	1	177 1 0	1	177 1 0	363 1 10	..	..
Nelson ..	324 17 3	1	544 0 31	1	544 0 31	180 15 10	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	159 17 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	61 7 8	..	70 3 28	..	70 3 28	260 9 0	..	..
Southland ..	720 18 3	4	..	4	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	5,825 18 9	9	1,088 2 26	9	1,088 2 26	1,172 11 6	..	..
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>								
Auckland ..	3,546 4 0	10	34 3 15	10	34 3 15	1,461 0 8	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	969 4 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	27 0 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	98 7 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	176 18 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	198 19 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	125 11 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	1 5 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	5,143 12 0	10	34 3 15	10	34 3 15	1,461 0 8	..	..
Grand totals	10,969 10 9	19	1,123 2 1	19	1,123 2 1	2,633 12 2	..	..

Table 8.—RETURN OF PERPETUAL-LEASE LANDS (EXCLUSIVE OF VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT AND SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT LANDS) AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Freeholds acquired during the Year.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Amount realized.
Auckland	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	6	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	935 3 24	429 10 0
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	1	248 0 0	6 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120 0 0	134 13 0
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,259 2 3	853 7 6
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	507 0 12	519 17 0
Totals ..	1	248 0 0	6 4 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	2,802 1 39	1,937 7 6

District.	Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1914.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1914 (exclusive of Amount from Perpetual Leases made Freehold).			Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1914.	
	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Total Amount realized, exclusive of Interest.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Amount.
Auckland	569	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	150	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	7	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay	302	168,117 0 10	79,531 8 2	5	1,679 1 0	569 10 4	518 10 4	12 4 5			
Taranaki	406	135,023 0 22	103,975 17 5	5	8,047 0 16	67 13 0	56 13 4	8 8 9			
Wellington	797	310,700 1 23	277,015 8 8	5	2,234 3 3	90 17 6	159 14 0	..			
Nelson	32	10,136 2 38	8,499 6 9	5	665 3 5	13 14 6	87 4 6	..			
Marlborough	9	1,698 1 28	786 1 10	6	398 0 19	16 18 6	11 7 4	1 18 6			
Westland	6	482 3 20	482 17 2	7	580 1 8	15 5 6	15 5 6	..			
Canterbury	98	16,115 0 32	24,366 2 3	13	923 1 14	28 0 4	31 6 8	..			
Otago	180	33,409 0 18	26,539 11 7	38	23,435 1 22	84 12 4	80 2 1	3 12 0			
Southland	111	24,855 1 21	18,920 2 6	38	6,448 0 35	833 6 2	764 19 1	6 6 1			
Totals	2,510	802,476 3 7	629,267 1 6	375	63,098 2 27	2,079 19 4	1,949 6 0	32 9 9			

Table 9.—RETURN OF OCCUPATION-WITH-RIGHT-OF-PURCHASE LANDS (EXCLUSIVE OF VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT AND IMPROVED-FARM-SETTLEMENT LANDS) AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Freeholds acquired during the Year.			
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Amount received.	
	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	
Auckland	238	46,857	0 10	51	13,065	3 7	836	7 6	..	152	37,459	0 3	23,302 5 0
Hawke's Bay	42	5,181	2 27	3	1,572	0 0	583	0 0	..	21	16,059	2 0	12,779 1 6
Taranaki	93	34,624	0 14	12	5,847	2 0	388	0 0	..	10	7,328	0 0	4,950 7 6
Wellington	53	13,049	1 37	3	1,362	2 0	204	0 0	..	38	18,416	3 25	20,036 10 4
Nelson	3	1,615	2 16	1	156	2 28	2	18 10	..	5	826	1 0	540 1 1
Marlborough	8	4,760	1 3	1	894	0 0	22	10 0	..	1	200	0 0	100 0 0
Westland	1	202	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	53	0 0	26 10 0
Canterbury	5	1,211	0 0	1	152	0 2	3	17 6	..	5	925	0 3	1,056 13 4
Otago	19	2,775	2 22	6	1,135	0 0	28	19 2	1	9	1,486	0 7	698 7 6
Southland	26	6,991	2 0	6	1,284	3 38	51	7 6	..	30	3,858	1 31	2,179 17 0
Totals	488	117,268	1 9	84	25,470	1 35	2,121	0 6	1	272	86,642	0 29	65,669 13 3

District.	Freeholds acquired from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1914.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1914 (exclusive of Amount paid for acquiring Freehold).			Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1914.			
	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Total Amount realized.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Amount.		
	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland	841	188,905	0 26	2,759	783,895	1 17	1,945	0 0	33,481	14 1	35,426	14 1	1,966 0 0
Hawke's Bay	135	66,538	3 5	360	150,051	0 5	2,655	10 8	16,879	1 3	19,534	11 11	640 2 2
Taranaki	113	44,613	2 13	550	284,695	3 4	2,485	18 9	11,309	10 8	13,795	9 5	198 13 10
Wellington	377	124,375	1 35	649	303,254	0 36	1,842	11 6	14,927	5 6	16,769	17 0	1,383 19 3
Nelson	73	13,072	2 38	220	65,548	2 8	52	10 9	1,069	9 1	1,121	19 10	104 0 0
Marlborough	23	6,320	0 11	47	15,720	0 10	189	1 6	557	8 11	746	10 5	34 7 1
Westland	20	3,895	0 13	88	14,897	0 11	6	17 0	466	9 2	473	6 2	..
Canterbury	17	2,319	1 15	22	4,682	1 29	264	0 0	186	3 7	450	3 7	..
Otago	46	7,590	3 11	311	55,848	2 21	81	12 0	1,391	9 9	1,473	1 9	47 11 6
Southland	104	24,197	2 18	462	94,651	1 0	200	6 0	2,763	1 11	2,963	7 11	14 0 0
Totals	1,749	481,828	2 25	5,468	1,773,244	1 21	9,723	8 2	83,031	13 11	92,755	2 1	4,388 13 10

Table 10.—RETURN OF LEASE-IN-PERPETUITY LANDS (EXCLUSIVE OF VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT, SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT, AND IMPROVED-FARM-SETTLEMENT LANDS) AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Conversions to Deferred Payment during the Year.			Freeholds acquired during the Year.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalment Payable.	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Amount realized.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>												
Auckland ..	1	A. R. P. 95 2 0	£ s. d. 1 18 6	..	A. R. P. ..	£ s. d. ..	27	A. R. P. 5,535 1 21	191 11 0	94	A. R. P. 19,396 2 18	£ s. d. 14,993 1 7
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5,239 2 20	247 17 6	21	8,772 0 34	10,165 8 5
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1,396 3 22	89 19 11	11	2,396 1 34	2,891 4 5
Wellington ..	2	619 2 0	8 2 0	..	..	..	10	3,946 0 8	346 18 4	35	8,577 1 7	12,838 13 1
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	4,979 3 12	214 7 2	24	11,179 2 6	5,085 2 9
Marlborough ..	1	0 1 0	1 0 0	1	128 1 19	2 10 10	9	2,497 1 18	61 13 9	7	1,943 3 25	1,700 19 5
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2,915 3 26	1,232 6 11
Canterbury ..	2	398 2 30	11 17 4	1	61 1 21	0 16 4	2	529 2 35	17 0 10	5	2,499 1 6	4,265 5 9
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,816 0 23	52 18 11	29	4,853 1 12	4,228 7 3
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	7,469 0 13	4,386 1 9
Totals ..	6	1,113 3 30	22 17 10	2	189 3 0	3 9 2	80	25,990 3 39	1,222 7 5	259	70,003 2 21	61,746 11 4
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>												
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	230 0 10	111 13 6	30	3,372 0 5	4,266 7 3
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	63 2 37	1,486 5 0
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	184 0 20	4,242 10 0
Wellington ..	2	7 0 37	13 8 0	1	..	..	1	4 2 12	9 16 9	4	340 1 17	4,778 8 4
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	1	0 1 0	0 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	1	3 3 12	0 4 8	..	..	..	2	1 2 25	2 4 3	4	616 2 17	607 8 2
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	4	11 1 9	14 2 8	..	..	..	14	236 1 7	123 14 6	42	4,576 3 16	15,380 18 9
Grand totals ..	10	1,125 0 39	37 0 6	2	189 3 0	3 9 2	94	26,227 1 6	1,346 1 11	301	74,580 1 37	77,127 10 1

NOTE.—There was also one lease in the Auckland Land District, covering an area of 1 rood 3 perches, annual rental £2 3s. (land for settlements), exchanged to renewable lease during the year.

Table 10.—RETURN OF LEASE-IN-PERPETUITY LANDS (EXCLUSIVE OF VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT, SPECIAL-SETTLEMENT, AND IMPROVED-FARM-SETTLEMENT LANDS) AT 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

District.	Freeholds acquired from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1914.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount of Rent received during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.				Selectors in Arrear, 31st March, 1914.	
	Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Total Amount realized.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.		Amount.
Ordinary Crown Lands—												
Auckland ..	140	A. 34,813 0 37 R. P. 27,879 0 7	£ s. d. 1,066 7,338 5 7	1,066	262,703 3 20	£ s. d. 7,338 5 7	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 7,051 0 2	£ s. d. 7,051 0 2	35	£ s. d. 127 0 4	
Hawke's Bay ..	26	10,655 2 6	13,219 0 3	177	88,374 1 34	3,408 19 2	..	3,182 18 9	3,182 18 9	..	..	
Taranaki ..	24	7,140 0 32	9,569 17 5	459	170,262 2 1	6,925 10 6	..	6,318 10 8	6,318 10 8	8	62 2 6	
Wellington ..	49	16,994 1 32	19,617 16 6	428	128,490 1 35	5,906 17 8	..	5,731 18 9	5,731 18 9	8	69 1 9	
Nelson ..	84	33,182 3 15	15,562 9 11	437	152,672 0 6	2,714 13 6	9 10 6	2,092 2 8	2,101 13 2	40	368 17 8	
Marlborough ..	23	7,795 1 1	5,272 2 9	317	139,181 3 1	3,304 13 2	..	2,825 2 9	2,825 2 9	4	103 0 1	
Westland ..	65	16,269 1 16	7,882 18 10	379	45,084 3 36	1,171 10 6	28 19 8	977 11 8	1,006 11 4	12	18 15 2	
Canterbury ..	7	2,732 2 14	4,652 11 1	240	72,868 0 9	4,154 11 6	..	3,763 9 11	3,763 9 11	6	17 11 3	
Otago ..	35	7,459 2 28	5,430 1 9	758	190,689 2 16	5,624 11 8	..	5,213 15 5	5,218 15 5	7	12 3 7	
Southland ..	59	20,775 1 11	13,874 13 0	306	76,514 0 0	1,981 4 4	..	1,843 0 5	1,848 0 5	2	5 9 4	
Totals ..	512	157,818 1 32	122,960 12 1	4,567	1,326,841 2 38	42,530 17 7	38 10 2	38,999 11 2	39,038 1 4	122	784 1 8	
Land for Settlements—												
Auckland ..	30	3,372 0 5	4,266 7 3	586	112,417 2 24	17,808 18 1	..	16,984 14 11	16,984 14 11	16	373 18 9	
Hawke's Bay ..	2	63 2 37	1,486 5 0	424	119,652 3 0	39,010 0 8	..	35,388 9 9	35,388 9 9	9	115 17 8	
Taranaki ..	2	184 0 20	4,242 10 0	35	3,833 1 35	3,029 0 2	..	3,160 15 5	3,160 15 5	2	61 4 2	
Wellington ..	4	340 1 17	4,778 8 4	291	38,138 3 25	14,210 14 6	..	13,306 5 0	13,306 5 0	13	225 4 8	
Nelson ..	..	..	..	13	4,097 0 9	805 4 10	..	827 2 6	827 2 6	1	90 15 0	
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	287	54,341 2 26	12,224 16 8	..	10,853 9 9	10,853 9 9	13	164 12 7	
Westland ..	..	..	..	28	4,987 3 26	538 5 10	..	488 6 10	488 6 10	1	0 11 8	
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	1,111	164,380 1 8	58,995 16 0	..	52,704 9 8	52,704 9 8	37	868 11 8	
Otago ..	..	..	..	535	108,684 1 6	34,296 8 10	..	30,952 14 7	30,925 14 7	7	145 17 7	
Southland ..	4	616 2 17	607 8 2	231	47,596 1 1	10,575 0 4	..	9,560 12 2	9,560 12 2	4	186 18 4	
Totals ..	42	4,576 3 16	15,380 18 9	3,541	658,125 1 0	191,394 5 11	..	174,227 0 7	174,227 0 7	103	2,233 12 1	
Cheviot Estate Canterbury ..	..	..	..	118	24,385 2 25	6,423 15 6	..	5,771 14 2	5,771 14 2	..	..	
Grand totals ..	554	162,395 1 8	138,341 10 10	8,226	2,009,352 2 23	240,348 19 0	38 10 2	218,998 5 11	219,036 16 1	225	3,017 13 9	
Ellesmere Endowment, Canterbury ..	..	..	..	68	13,937 0 0	1,399 13 2	..	1,250 14 1	1,250 14 1	..	..	

Table 11.—RETURN OF RENEWABLE-LEASE LANDS (EXCLUSIVE OF VILLAGE-SETTLEMENT AND IMPROVED-FARM-SETTLEMENT LANDS) AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Exchanges from other Tenures during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Conversions to Deferred Payment during the Year.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Yearly Instalments payable.
National Endowment—															
Auckland ..	99	A. 22,842 0 21 R. P. 0 21	£ s. d. 2,071 8 0	17	A. 2,894 0 1 R. P. 0 1	£ s. d. 84 5 0	13	A. 6,948 3 7 R. P. 3 7	£ s. d. 290 0 0	..	A. .. R. P. ..	£ s. d. ..	..	A. .. R. P. ..	£ s. d. ..
Hawke's Bay ..	4	4,690 1 0	526 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	29	10,358 1 26	980 18 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	7	1,096 3 24	137 5 0	1	248 0 0	6 4 0	2	910 1 0	72 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	40	15,254 3 39	346 0 0	4	1,181 2 4	41 3 2	10	2,965 2 3	66 10 0	9	4,439 0 0	98 6 4	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	2	547 0 0	21 14 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	17	3,089 2 28	90 8 0	9	1,950 0 0	58 4 0	2	558 1 18	12 0 0	2	230 2 39	17 4 0	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	2	216 0 0	47 4 0	..	..	..	2	252 0 27	11 16 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	16	1,607 1 5	76 4 8	..	..	..	2	466 3 4	10 9 4	4	469 2 13	9 17 6	..	..	..
Southland ..	21	2,938 1 2	138 14 2	..	..	..	2	307 2 26	13 10 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	237	62,640 3 25	4,435 17 2	31	6,273 2 5	189 16 2	33	12,409 2 5	476 7 10	15	5,139 1 12	125 7 10	..	..	..
Cheviot Estate—															
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land for Settlements—															
Auckland ..	54	6,005 2 32	1,735 11 0	1	0 1 3	1 18 10	7	203 3 10	23 14 6	..	..	..	83	2,706 2 18	497 14 2
Hawke's Bay ..	22	10,357 2 19	3,623 8 0	..	..	..	2	1,391 1 10	429 15 0	..	..	..	6	712 2 26	346 8 7
Taranaki ..	15	757 2 27	613 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	28 2 30	53 12 5
Wellington ..	42	9,956 2 25	3,105 3 6	..	..	..	1	3 2 25	8 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	895 0 0	176 18 7
Marlborough ..	55	96,771 1 22	10,357 13 0	..	..	..	2	0 2 14	2 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	47	9,994 1 6	6,135 10 0	..	..	..	10	532 1 30	488 10 8	3	184 0 0	148 19 0	2	28 1 11	189 12 6
Otago ..	21	3,153 3 4	1,998 11 8	..	..	..	5	976 3 20	395 16 8	1	229 2 25	38 14 0	1	395 3 22	125 18 0
Southland ..	23	11,276 0 39	2,643 14 0	..	..	..	1	213 0 0	45 13 6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	279	148,273 1 14	30,212 13 8	1	0 1 3	1 18 10	28	3,321 2 29	1,373 17 4	4	413 2 25	187 13 0	96	4,767 0 27	1,390 4 3
Ordinary Crown Lands—															
Auckland ..	1	345 0 0	28 8 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	14	2,013 1 5	1,133 12 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	1	60 0 0	48 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	16	2,418 1 5	1,210 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand totals	532	213,332 2 4	35,856 10 10	32	6,273 3 8	191 15 0	61	15,731 0 34	1,850 5 2	19	5,552 3 37	313 0 10	96	4,767 0 27	1,390 4 3

Table 12.—RETURN OF AGRICULTURAL-LEASE LANDS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Expires during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount received during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.			Made Freehold from Commencement of System to 31st March, 1914.			Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1914.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Total Amount realized.	Number of Selectors.	Amount.
Auckland ..	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	67	2,750 0 0	590 5 0	..	£ s. d.
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	279 0 15	488 12 11	..	..
Otago ..	2*	60 3 2	1 13 6	17	550 1 0	23 7 9	14 15 9	14 15 9	14 15 9	1,326	131,296 2 3	131,580 12 6	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	6,570 1 5	6,570 5 0	..	..
Totals ..	2	60 3 2	1 13 6	17	550 1 0	23 7 9	14 15 9	14 15 9	14 15 9	1,475	140,895 3 23	139,229 15 5	..	..

* These leases were again renewed during the year.

Table 13.—RETURN OF MINING DISTRICTS LAND OCCUPATION LEASES UNDER PART VIII OF THE LAND ACT, 1908, AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Forfeitures and Surrenders during the Year.			Exchanges to Renewable Lease during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount received during the Year.			Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1914.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Amount.
Auckland ..	15	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	2	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	9	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	207	10,071 2 8	521 12 8	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	19	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay ..	..	780 2 29	37 15 0	..	14 1 33	2 7 0	..	676 1 39	32 3 0	..	..	..	18 17 6	617 16 7	636 14 1	..	81 15 9
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	1	4 0 0	0 12 0	1	100 0 0	3 8 2	..	..	..	35	1,665 1 19	63 17 0	2 0 0	50 17 6	52 17 6	15	28 3 0
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	481 0 0	16 4 4	..	11 19 4	11 19 4	1	5 10 0
Westland ..	2	21 3 23	2 8 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	772 1 10	122 18 0	1 10 0	115 4 10	116 14 10	2	2 0 0
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	15	785 0 2	85 4 8	10	491 3 17	18 0 0	..	..	..	304	10,092 0 13	514 5 8	23 10 9	587 10 9	611 1 6	2	4 7 6
Southland ..	28	806 1 16	103 8 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	1,876 1 34	181 14 0	51 14 0	80 0 5	131 14 5	..	..
Totals ..	61	2,997 3 30	229 7 8	13	606 1 10	23 15 2	9	676 1 39	32 3 0	691	24,958 3 4	1,420 11 8	97 12 3	1,463 9 5	1,561 1 8	39	121 16 3

* Includes one selector, area 12 acres, annual rental £1, national-endowment land.

† Includes one selector, arrears 10s., national endowment.

Table 14.—RETURN OF VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.—continued.

District.	Tenure.	Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Arrears on 31st March, 1914.	
		Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Area.	Total Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s. d.	
Ordinary Crown Lands— Auckland ..	Lease in perpetuity made freehold ..	178 12 3	..	..	..	..	..	41	2 57 1 34	145 19 10	..	10 19 6
	Lease in perpetuity ..	111 7 2	..	..	..	..	..	25	940 1 32	60 10 2	..	4 6 5
	Village-homestead special settlement ..	61 16 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Cash ..	25 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity made freehold ..	107 12 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	Occupation with right of purchase ..	3 15 1 2	1 0 33	2 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity ..	1,658 0 10	..	..	..	..	..	72	3,549 3 32	1,897 10 6	..	0 10 0
	Village-homestead special settlement ..	55 4 11	..	..	..	..	..	29	187 0 32	34 10 0	..	53 9 9
	Occupation with right of purchase ..	2 4 9	..	..	..	..	..	6	5 1 0	1 13 0	..	0 2 3
	Lease in perpetuity ..	0 15 10	..	..	..	..	..	10	69 0 8	10 5 8	..	..
Taranaki ..	Village-homestead special settlement ..	3,846 5 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity made freehold ..	1,796 13 6	..	..	..	..	..	410	8,643 0 9	1,680 3 5	..	102 12 3
	Lease in perpetuity ..	127 11 7	..	..	..	..	..	163	2,142 3 23	304 0 4	..	1 9 3
	Village-homestead special settlement ..	1 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	11	10 0 0	1 5 0	..	..
	Perpetual lease ..	20 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	11	153 0 35	22 3 4	..	..
Wellington ..	Village-homestead special settlement ..	10 0 8	..	..	..	..	..	8	58 0 19	7 16 0	..	1 7 0
	Lease in perpetuity ..	11 17 0	..	..	..	..	..	10	128 1 37	12 3 2	..	..
	Perpetual lease made freehold ..	49 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Occupation with right of purchase made freehold ..	8 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity ..	753 17 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	Village-homestead special settlement, lease in perpetuity made freehold ..	16 3 0	..	..	..	..	..	6	63 1 6	15 5 0	..	..
	Deferred payment ..	36 5 5	..	..	..	..	..	11	183 3 23	39 4 4	..	..
	Perpetual lease ..	3 14 3	..	..	..	..	..	6	2 0 0	3 8 6	..	..
	Occupation with right of purchase ..	4 7 10	..	..	..	..	..	14	5 1 0	5 2 6	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity ..	839 12 6	..	..	..	..	..	246	8,020 2 8	903 9 2	..	52 18 3
Otago ..	Village-homestead special settlement ..	28 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Perpetual lease made freehold ..	3 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Occupation with right of purchase made freehold ..	122 3 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity made freehold ..	8 13 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Deferred payment ..	15 2 11	..	..	..	..	..	1	50 0 0	1 12 6	..	..
Southland ..	Perpetual lease ..	0 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	9	185 2 27	14 16 8	..	1 15 0
	Occupation with right of purchase ..	125 3 2	..	..	..	..	..	1	0 3 20	0 3 0	..	..
	Lease in perpetuity ..	128 8 9	..	..	..	..	..	99	1,584 2 7	135 3 4	..	..
	Village-homestead special settlement ..	139 5 6	..	..	..	..	..	69	1,006 2 28	127 13 6	..	..
	Perpetual lease made freehold ..	1,308 15 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	Lease in perpetuity made freehold ..	105 4 5	..	..	..	..	..	57	797 3 15	102 16 0	..	..
	Deferred payment ..	0 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 0 0	0 10 0	..	..
	Perpetual lease ..	283 18 5	15 1 29	1 4 6	..	..	..	197	3,095 3 23	304 4 4	..	..
	Occupation with right of purchase ..	109 9 6	..	..	..	..	..	46	523 3 34	112 16 2	..	0 13 9
	Village-homestead special settlement ..	12,107 11 11	16 2 22	3 9 6	..	..	..	1,555	33,986 1 11	5,947 4 5	52	230 3 5

Table 14.—RETURN OF VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

District.	Tenure.	Rent and other payments received during the year.	Forfeitures during the year.			Surrenders during the year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Arrears on 31st March, 1914.	
			Selectors.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Selectors.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Selectors.	Area.	Total Annual Rental.	Selectors.	Amount.
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>													
Canterbury ..	Lease in perpetuity	£ s. d. 740 8 8	..	A. R. P. ..	£ s. d. ..	..	A. R. P. ..	£ s. d. ..	92	2,480 1 0	870 10 4	5	£ s. d. 33 8 8
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>													
Hawke's Bay ..	Lease in perpetuity	65 14 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	34 3 0	32 15 0	2	0 12 0
" ..	Renewable lease	2 0 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0 2 0	2 5 0	..	..
Otago ..	Lease in perpetuity	190 1 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	408 2 28	309 12 8	..	..
" ..	Renewable lease	6 17 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9 1 16	7 13 0	..	..
	Totals	264 15 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	448 1 4	352 5 8	2	0 12 0
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>													
Auckland ..	Renewable lease	74 12 10	..	7 2 22	3 4 0	..	..	..	32	156 1 35	88 12 0	2	0 18 0
Hawke's Bay ..	" ..	44 10 5	1	12 1 16	13 9 8	..	..	..	7	47 0 24	45 8 0	1	0 8 0
Wellington ..	" ..	706 2 8	5	..	..	3	24 3 32	12 15 2	163	1,543 1 26	803 19 2	14	37 10 6
" ..	Village-homestead special settlement	15 2 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	135 2 38	16 17 0	..	..
Marlborough ..	Renewable lease	37 11 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	243 3 12	47 16 0	..	..
Westland ..	" ..	6 1 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1 1 30	7 4 0	..	..
Otago ..	" ..	5 9 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	94 2 14	18 14 0	..	..
Southland ..	" ..	36 7 10	1	36 3 14	0 16 0	..	..	..	31	498 2 5	38 13 2	..	..
	Totals	925 18 7	7	56 3 12	17 9 8	3	24 3 32	12 15 2	297	2,721 0 24	1,067 3 4	17	38 16 6
	Grand totals	14,038 14 7	11	73 1 34	20 19 2	3	24 3 32	12 15 2	1,993	39,635 3 39	8,237 3 9	76	303 0 7

Table 15.—SUMMARY OF POSITION OF VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Number of Settlers in Occupation.		Area occupied.		Area laid down in Pasture or cultivated.		Annual Rental or Instalments, including Interest on Advances.		Amounts advanced to Settlers up to 31st March, 1914.			Amount of Advances which have been repaid to 31st March, 1914.		Total Amount of Interest paid to 31st March, 1914.		Value of Improvements now on the Land.		Arrears of Interest on 31st March, 1914.												
	Resident.	Non-resident.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
Ordinary Crown Lands—	Auckland	63	3	3,512	3 26	3,143	1 0	206	10	0	958	0	0	1,253	17	6	2,211	17	6	3,294	0	7	25,438	5	0	15	5	11		
	Hawke's Bay	77	29	3,740	3 18	2,656	0 0	1,934	19	6	580	0	0	296	15	9	876	15	9	779	2	0	25,383	0	0	..	..	..		
	Taranaki..	16	..	74	1 8	74	1 8	11	18	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
	Wellington	571*	2	10,785	3 37	9,489	0 0	2,042	6	9	3,068	7	6	3,670	19	11	6,739	7	5	5,576	6	6	110,541	0	0	11	8	5		
	Nelson ..	..	..	221	1 14	..	..	34	7	0	85	0	0	18	15	0	103	15	0	108	19	0	2,519	6	0	..	..	..		
	Marlborough	12	8	128	1 37	128	1 37	12	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,325	0	0	..	..	..		
	Westland	10	..	8,274	3 37	8,213	3 33	966	9	6	2,460	0	0	..	..	..	2,460	0	0	2,316	10	1	35,363	1	0	3	0	0		
	Canterbury	196	87	2,897	3 2	2,030	3 26	279	9	0	1,101	5	0	440	0	0	1,541	5	0	1,392	13	9	16,950	17	6	..	..	..		
	Otago ..	75	104	2,897	3 2	2,030	3 26	279	9	0	1,101	5	0	440	0	0	1,541	5	0	1,392	13	9	16,950	17	6	..	..	..		
	Southland	296	6	4,419	2 32	4,250	0 0	520	6	6	756	0	0	350	2	2	1,106	2	2	1,158	11	6	30,464	0	0	..	..	..		
Totals	1,316	239	33,986	1 11	30,157	3 24	6,008	10	1	9,008	12	6	6,030	10	4	15,039	2	10	10,387	1	0	9,611	15	9	249,776	9	6	29	14	4
Cheviot Estate—	Canterbury	44	48	2,480	1 0	2,413	3 26	870	10	4	120	0	0	..	..	..	120	0	0	26	0	0	14,597	10	0	..	..	..		
Land for Settlements—	Hawke's Bay	10	8	35	1 0	34	0 0	35	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	482	10	0	..	..	..			
	Otago ..	18	13	413	0 4	403	0 0	317	5	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,382	0	0	..	..	..			
	Totals	28	21	448	1 4	437	0 0	352	5	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,864	10	0	..	..	..			
National-endowment Lands—	Auckland	26	6	156	1 35	70	0 0	88	12	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,205	0	0	..	..	..			
	Hawke's Bay	3	4	47	0 24	44	0 0	45	8	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	881	0	0	..	..	..			
	Wellington	176†	..	1,679	0 24	500	0 0	826	8	11	153	15	0	41	0	0	5	12	6	5	12	6	6,000	0	0	..	..	..		
	Marlborough	11	18	243	3 12	243	3 12	47	16	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,626	10	0	..	..	..			
	Westland	3	3	1	1 30	1	1 30	7	4	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	720	0	0	..	..	..			
	Otago ..	1	15	94	2 14	30	0 0	18	14	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	138	6	0	..	..	..			
	Southland	24	7	498	2 5	170	0 0	38	13	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	920	0	0	..	..	..			
	Totals	244	53	2,721	0 24	1,059	1 2	1,072	16	1	153	15	0	41	0	0	5	12	6	5	12	6	17,440	16	0	..	..	..		
Grand totals	1,692	361	39,635	3 39	34,068	0 12	8,304	2	2	9,282	7	6	6,030	10	4	15,312	17	10	10,548	1	0	9,643	8	3	286,679	5	6	29	14	4

* Includes 453 holdings not reported on

† Not reported on.

Table 17.—RETURN OF SMALL GRAZING-RUNS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Expires during the Year.			Renewal of Leases during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent Payable.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>																		
Taranaki ..	..	A. ..	£ s. d.	2	A. 246 0 0	£ 3 1 10	2	A. 246 0 0	£ 34 13 10	..	A. ..	£ s. d.	..	A. ..	£ s. d.	..	A. ..	£ s. d.
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	1	.. 212 0 0	.. 2 13 0	1	.. 210 3 0	.. 3 5 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	2	.. 6,210 0 0	.. 240 11 10	2	.. 6,210 0 0	.. 388 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	1	.. 3,390 0 0	.. 127 2 6	1	.. 3,390 0 0	.. 169 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	..	..	6	.. 10,058 0 0	.. 373 9 2	6	.. 10,056 3 0	.. 595 12 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>National Endowment—</i>																		
Hawke's Bay ..	3	11,858 0 0	459 16 0	..	.. 2,486 3 38	.. 112 10 0	2	.. 2,486 3 38	.. 210 15 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	2	.. 38,683 0 29	.. 930 14 0	2	.. 38,684 0 29	.. 938 16 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	1	2,833 0 0	40 0 0	0	.. 1,350 1 8	.. 16 17 8	1	.. 1,350 1 8	.. 33 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	1	.. 1,350 1 8	.. 16 17 8	1	.. 1,350 1 8	.. 33 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	4	14,691 0 0	499 16 0	35	.. 42,520 1 35	.. 1,060 1 8	32	.. 42,521 1 35	.. 1,183 6 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand totals ..	4	14,691 0 0	499 16 0	41	.. 52,578 1 35	.. 1,438 10 10	38	.. 52,578 1 35	.. 1,778 18 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

There were no freeholds acquired or conversions to deferred payment during the year.

Table 17.—RETURN OF SMALL GRAZING-RUNS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

District.	Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount received during the Year.			Arrears on 31st March, 1914.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	On the Year's Transactions.	On Past Transactions.	Total.	Number of Selectors.	Amount.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>								
Auckland ..	5	A. 26,364 3 21 R. P. 707 10 6	£ s. d. 707 10 6	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 899 4 6	£ s. d. 7,757 10 1	.. 3	£ s. d. 70 0 0
Hawke's Bay ..	48	115,509 0 8	7,840 15 8	.. ..	7,757 10 1	7,757 10 1	..	..
Taranaki ..	3	2,964 0 0	77 3 10	34 13 10	42 10 0	77 3 10	..	216 11 11
Wellington ..	60	54,938 1 6	3,169 6 4	.. ..	3,320 14 4	3,320 14 4	11	..
Nelson ..	10	5,192 0 31	119 15 10	2 19 1	131 7 9	134 6 10	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	20	41,766 3 21	3,116 13 0	.. ..	3,565 19 6	3,565 19 6	1	1 10 0
Canterbury ..	85	197,196 2 17	5,464 9 8	.. ..	4,786 9 6	4,786 9 6	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	231	443,931 3 24	20,495 14 10	37 12 11	20,503 15 8	20,541 8 7	15	368 1 11
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>								
Canterbury ..	34	45,021 1 32	6,424 3 2	.. ..	8,338 4 9	8,338 4 9	8	1,047 3 8
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>								
Auckland ..	5	23,492 1 0	198 3 10	.. ..	212 10 0	212 10 0	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	16	19,662 2 17	4,437 17 6	.. ..	4,429 6 10	4,429 6 10	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	7	9,127 0 0	1,795 5 4	.. ..	1,303 16 2	1,303 16 2	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	31	54,849 1 2	7,515 10 0	.. ..	6,453 10 7	6,453 10 7	3	258 14 9
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	44	82,430 0 15	10,946 8 6	.. ..	9,520 12 7	9,520 12 7	2	2 18 8
Otago ..	10	10,953 0 21	1,615 0 6	.. ..	1,566 6 8	1,566 6 8	..	..
Southland ..	2	2,808 1 0	201 7 4	.. ..	306 4 8	306 4 8	..	..
Totals	115	203,922 2 15	26,709 13 0	.. ..	23,792 7 6	23,792 7 6	5	261 13 5
<i>National endowment Lands—</i>								
Auckland ..	15	55,075 2 0	465 12 4	.. ..	394 5 0	394 5 0	1	7 16 9
Hawke's Bay ..	52	172,804 1 8	3,187 2 6	366 18 6	2,772 10 11	3,139 9 5	..	..
Taranaki ..	7	7,691 3 24	120 18 0	.. ..	90 11 0	90 11 0	..	..
Wellington ..	28	23,304 2 35	913 19 6	.. ..	292 15 8	292 15 8	..	..
Nelson ..	9	16,757 3 18	109 1 10	.. ..	152 10 6	152 10 6	..	..
Marlborough ..	75	213,470 1 22	3,042 10 5	.. ..	2,982 15 6	2,982 15 6	10	369 18 0
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	47	194,817 3 38	6,201 14 0	.. ..	5,949 5 4	5,949 5 4	6	599 12 11
Otago ..	281	992,138 1 31	18,709 15 0	40 0 0	17,826 7 4	17,826 7 4	6	99 13 5
Southland ..	20	66,550 2 13	779 7 6	8 8 10	803 1 5	811 10 3	..	..
Totals	534	1,742,611 2 29	33,530 1 1	415 7 4	31,264 2 8	31,679 10 0	23	1,077 1 1
Grand totals	914	2,434,887 2 20	87,159 12 1	453 0 3	83,898 10 7	84,851 10 10	51	2,754 0 1

Table 18.—RETURN OF PASTORAL LICENSES AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Taken up during the Year.			Exchanges to other Tenures during the Year.			Forfeitures during the Year.			Expiries during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.		
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	£ s. d.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	A. R. P.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	A. R. P.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	A. R. P.
<i>Pastoral Runs.</i>															
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>															
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	2	857 0 0	15 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70 0 0	..	1	12,300 0 0	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134 0 0	..	2	40,400 0 0	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	3	2,654 1 23	38 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,059 1 4	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	1	870 0 0	21 15 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	870 0 0	..	2	6,179 0 0	..
Totals ..	6	4,381 1 23	75 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	18,138 1 4	..	5	58,879 0 0	..
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>															
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,000 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,397 2 16	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 0 0	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	1	11,160 0 0	386 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	1	418 0 0	1 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	418 0 0	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	2	11,578 0 0	387 0 0	..	..	..	1	20,000 0 0	..	6	4,323 2 16	..	..	..	..
Grand totals ..	8	15,959 1 23	412 5 0	..	..	..	1	20,000 0 0	..	14	22,956 3 20	..	5	58,879 0 0	..
<i>Pastoral Licenses in Mining Districts under Special Regulations.</i>															
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>															
Auckland ..	55	11,416 0 33	301 14 6	2	..	1,320 0 35	8	2,869 2 30	..	..	..	..	2	902 2 0	..
Nelson ..	6	665 1 39	17 16 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1,121 1 15	..
Westland ..	15	2,338 2 5	76 10 0	3	..	607 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	188 3 5	..
Totals ..	76	14,420 0 37	396 0 8	5	..	1,927 0 35	8	2,869 2 30	..	..	..	..	10	2,212 2 20	..
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>															
Auckland ..	1	100 0 0	5 0 0	6	..	894 3 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	20	4,199 2 25	123 2 2	4	..	1,181 2 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1,391 0 0	..
Westland ..	48	9,317 1 10	357 19 0	6	..	1,343 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,641 0 0	..
Totals ..	69	13,616 3 35	386 1 2	16	..	3,419 1 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3,035 0 0	..
Grand totals ..	145	28,037 0 32	782 1 10	21	..	5,346 2 2	8	2,869 2 30	..	..	..	..	19	5,247 2 20	..

Table 18.—RETURN OF PASTORAL LICENSES AT 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

District.		Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.				Rent paid during the Year.		Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1914.	
		Number of Selectors.	Area, approximately.	Average Holdings.	Annual Rental.			Number.	Amount.
<i>Pastoral Runs.</i>									
		A.	R. P.	A.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Ordinary Crown Lands—									
Auckland ..	15	80,149 0 5	5,343 0 0	221 3 0	137 3	24 0 0	3	24 0 0	
Hawke's Bay ..	12	63,428 2 0	5,285 2 33	887 6 6	937 5	52 19 6	2	52 19 6	
Taranaki ..	4	100,813 0 0	25,203 1 0	1,814 14 4	1,814 14 4	..	..	..	
Wellington ..	2	165,829 0 0	82,914 2 0	330 0 0	495 0 0	..	..	..	
Nelson ..	32	574,744 0 0	17,960 3 0	3,054 13 4	3,035 8 4	..	..	..	
Marlborough ..	59	924,873 0 0	15,675 0 0	590 9 8	3,554 8 9	..	..	..	
Westland ..	72	1,882,215 3 36	26,131 2 21	15,334 15 7	17,784 1 7	..	..	..	24 18 0
Canterbury ..	172	2,309,654 3 10	13,428 1 3	14,986 15 4	15,002 0 9	..	..	..	
Otago ..	64	681,258 0 0	10,638 0 0	2,744 0 2	2,845 5 6	..	..	..	
Southland ..						..	..	..	
Totals ..	432	6,782,965 1 11	15,701 1 9	39,963 17 11	42,605 7 11	101 17 6	7	101 17 6	
Cheviot Estate—									
Canterbury ..	1	1,619 0 22	1,619 0 22	190 9 6	189 13 4	..	..	..	
Land for Settlements—									
Canterbury ..	4	725 0 0	725 0 0	41 13 0	62 17 0	..	..	..	
Otago ..	4	1,014 3 13	253 2 33	132 18 0	132 18 0	..	..	..	
Totals ..	4	1,739 3 13	..	174 16 0	195 15 0	..	..	..	
National-endowment Lands—									
Auckland ..	9	92,935 0 0	10,326 0 0	155 3 6	204 0 8	12 13 2	1	12 13 2	
Hawke's Bay ..	1	186 0 0	186 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	..	..	..	
Taranaki ..	14	28,219 2 0	2,014 0 0	712 0 0	746 18 6	..	..	..	
Wellington ..	1	10,000 0 0	34 0 0	34 0 0	..	85 0 0	1	85 0 0	
Nelson ..	15	311,140 0 0	20,742 2 27	1,379 13 4	1,282 3 4	..	..	..	
Marlborough ..	18	219,520 0 0	12,195 0 0	229 14 0	228 19 6	21 2 6	3	21 2 6	
Westland ..	56	1,241,884 0 0	22,176 2 0	21,429 12 2	18,839 11 2	337 10 0	1	337 10 0	
Canterbury ..	56	1,241,884 0 0	22,176 2 0	10,473 1 0	10,378 6 0	..	..	..	
Otago ..	28	669,070 0 0	23,895 0 0	2,114 17 0	2,132 17 0	..	..	..	
Southland ..						..	..	..	
Totals ..	198	3,924,161 0 21	19,818 3 39	36,540 1 0	33,814 16 2	456 5 8	6	456 5 8	
Grand totals ..	635	10,710,485 1 27	16,866 3 25	76,869 4 5	76,805 12 5	558 3 2	13	558 3 2	
<i>Pastoral Licenses in Mining Districts under Special Regulations.</i>									
Ordinary Crown Lands—									
Auckland ..	243	68,275 0 24	280 0 0	1,617 11 10	1,081 19 9	297 12 4	34	297 12 4	
Nelson ..	134	24,116 2 25	179 3 35	509 19 6	404 11 3	201 15 11	35	201 15 11	
Westland ..	83	11,453 2 4	138 0 0	288 8 10	273 14 9	36 14 3	8	36 14 3	
Totals ..	460	103,845 1 13	225 3 1	2,411 0 2	1,760 5 9	536 2 6	77	536 2 6	
National-endowment Lands—									
Auckland ..	32	6,210 0 10	200 0 0	136 10 2	134 5 8	28 10 1	7	28 10 1	
Nelson ..	126	28,552 3 5	226 2 18	735 3 8	482 4 4	313 13 2	29	313 13 2	
Westland ..	180	28,840 3 33	160 0 0	646 1 6	644 14 3	21 7 6	6	21 7 6	
Totals ..	338	63,603 3 8	186 0 29	1,517 15 4	1,261 4 3	363 10 9	42	363 10 9	
Grand totals ..	798	167,449 0 21	209 3 14	3,928 15 6	3,021 10 0	899 13 3	119	899 13 3	

Table 19.—RETURN OF MISCELLANEOUS LEASES AND LICENSES NOT OTHERWISE ENUMERATED AT 31st MARCH, 1914.

District.	Transactions during Year ended 31st March, 1914.										Total Area leased during the Year.	Total Amount received during the Year.	Total Area in Occupation on 31st March, 1914.				Lessees in Arrear on 31st March, 1914.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
	Coal and Mineral.			Timber-cutting, &c.			Miscellaneous.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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Ordinary Crown Lands—	Auckland	..	A. R. P.	s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. 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* Includes coal and timber royalties and receipts from State forests.

Table 20.—RETURN OF GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

System.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands.</i>											
Cash lands	8,345 14 1	1,247 19 1	1,460 17 9	7,397 14 2	786 19 5	..	283 15 6	443 17 9	800 6 8	2,183 5 3	22,880 9 8
Perpetual lease made freehold	429 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	134 13 0	853 7 6	519 17 0	1,937 7 6
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	23,802 5 0	12,779 1 6	4,950 7 6	20,096 10 4	540 1 1	100 0 0	26 10 0	1,056 13 4	698 7 6	2,179 17 0	65,669 13 3
Lease in perpetuity made freehold	14,993 1 7	10,165 8 5	2,891 4 5	12,838 13 1	5,055 2 9	1,700 19 5	1,222 6 11	4,265 5 9	4,228 7 3	4,386 1 9	61,746 11 4
Village settlement, perpetual lease made freehold	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49 10 0	28 0 0	139 5 6	216 15 6
Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase made freehold	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 0 0	3 0 0	..	11 0 0
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity made freehold	178 12 3	107 12 8	..	3,846 5 10	..	..	..	..	122 3 10	1,308 15 7	5,563 10 2
Village-homestead special settlement, lease in perpetuity made freehold	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	753 17 5	..	..	753 17 5
Special settlement associations, lease in perpetuity made freehold	1,142 5 8	..	..	8,836 18 7	..	..	..	169 17 10	..	..	9,649 2 1
Improved-farm special settlement, occupation with right of purchase made freehold	..	..	..	3,845 17 2	..	..	..	..	..	228 17 2	3,574 14 4
Improved-farm special settlement, lease in perpetuity made freehold	..	..	388 16 10	1 17 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	390 14 3
Deferred payment, rural (Land Acts, 1877 and 1885)	85 17 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 3 8	12 2 2	..	99 2 11
Deferred payment (Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912 and 1913)	912 6 0	938 12 9	462 19 4	2,245 0 3	324 17 3	..	159 17 3	..	61 7 8	720 18 3	5,825 18 9
Perpetual lease and small areas	518 10 4	56 13 4	159 14 0	87 4 6	11 7 4	15 5 6	31 6 8	80 2 1	764 19 1	224 3 2	1,949 6 0
Occupation with right of purchase	85,426 14 1	19,534 11 11	13,795 9 5	16,769 17 0	1,121 19 10	746 10 5	473 6 2	450 3 7	1,473 1 9	2,963 7 11	92,755 2 1
Lease in perpetuity	7,051 0 2	3,182 18 9	6,318 10 8	5,731 18 9	2,101 13 2	2,825 2 9	1,006 11 4	3,763 9 11	5,213 15 5	1,843 0 5	39,038 1 4
Renewable lease	308 9 1	1,417 7 8	..	18 15 3	..	..	..	..	14 15 9	..	1,744 12 0
Agricultural lease	..	..	..	..	52 17 6	11 19 4	116 14 10	..	611 1 6	131 14 5	14 15 9
Mining districts land occupation leases	636 14 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,561 1 8
Village settlement, cash	..	25 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 0 0
Village settlement, deferred payment	..	..	..	..	..	1 5 0	..	16 3 0	8 13 2	..	24 16 2
Village settlement, perpetual lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 5 5	15 2 11	105 4 5	157 17 9
Village settlement, occupation with right of purchase	..	3 15 1	0 15 10	..	..	..	..	3 14 3	0 2 6	0 10 0	8 17 8
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity	111 7 2	1,658 0 10	2 9	1,796 13 6	..	20 0 0	11 17 0	4 7 10	125 3 2	283 18 5	4,013 12 8
Village-homestead special settlement	61 16 8	55 4 11	..	127 11 7	..	10 0 8	..	839 12 6	128 8 9	109 9 6	1,332 4 7
Special settlement association, perpetual lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48 4 0	..	..	48 4 0
Special settlement association, lease in perpetuity	280 5 3	145 6 7	804 16 1	4,092 15 3	..	..	..	90 7 3	105 1 1	..	5,518 11 6
Improved-farm special settlement, occupation with right of purchase	2,100 7 0	19 11 10	2,235 8 8	2,462 12 3	..	..	..	..	..	116 8 9	6,934 8 6
Improved-farm special settlement, lease in perpetuity	54 14 1	193 10 3	2,173 4 3	438 1 3	..	..	..	..	..	114 11 1	2,974 0 11
Small grazing-runs	899 4 6	7,757 10 1	77 3 10	3,320 14 4	..	134 6 10	..	3,565 19 6	4,786 9 6	..	20,541 8 7
Pastoral runs	137 3 6	937 5 2	..	1,814 14 4	495 0 0	3,035 8 4	554 8 9	17,784 1 7	15,002 0 9	2,845 5 6	42,605 7 11
Carried forward	96,975 17 7	60,225 10 10	35,721 13 4	94,639 14 10	10,489 18 4	8,600 18 3	3,886 14 5	33,565 9 8	35,055 17 11	20,404 11	139,566 6 3

Table 20.—RETURN OF GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

System.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—continued.</i>											
Brought forward	96,975 17 7	60,225 10 10	35,721 13 4	94,639 14 10	10,489 18 4	8,600 18 3	3,886 14 5	33,565 9 8	35,055 17 11	20,404 11 1	1,399,566 6 3
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	1,081 19 9	..	..	..	404 11 3	..	273 14 9	..	..	..	1,760 5 9
Coal and mineral leases	1,279 5 8	..	..	2 10 0	272 17 0	..	9 19 7	32 3 6	727 3 8	358 4 8	2,679 14 1
Prospectors' mining leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49 16 0	..	52 6 0
Timber licenses and other leases, and sale of timber	4,452 8 5	192 4 0	615 4 1	11,496 5 9	834 9 4	549 16 2	..	114 10 9	233 9 11	936 0 5	19,424 8 10
Flax-cutting	3 15 0	..	..	..	162 4 0	19 12 4	67 7 11	..	24 0 0	6 9 6	283 8 9
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	2,366 17 2	4,030 15 11	124 0 2	2,170 15 7	364 9 10	203 0 3	654 0 5	..	1,212 3 0	1,009 12 9	12,135 15 1
Transfer, lease, and license fees, &c.	1,694 4 2	174 10 0	412 14 0	457 11 7	164 4 0	129 16 0	286 13 6	309 2 3	354 7 6	389 12 10	4,372 15 10
Rents of reserves	250 0 0	446 6 10	426 17 10	860 5 6	230 13 7	1,086 9 2	285 1 7	3,446 13 0	139 6 0	93 3 0	7,285 1 6
Miscellaneous	4,206 5 4	811 4 8	1,185 9 10	3,287 18 9	273 12 1	41 16 6	41 19 1	273 7 10	144 2 8	395 9 11	10,661 6 8
Crown-grant fees	568 19 5	92 6 0	53 5 6	257 2 0	51 7 5	13 11 9	33 1 9	48 14 3	82 13 6	162 17 2	1,363 18 9
State forests	5,466 13 9	..	3 14 9	551 18 2	..	3,043 1 1	..	448 9 4	130 4 5	702 10 3	10,846 11 9
Survey liens on Native lands	16,831 12 5	2,663 4 6	2,816 16 0	4,820 12 4	104 17 6	137 13 11	..	70 13 3	91 9 2	..	27,374 16 8
Survey fees which do not form part payment of land	..	..	34 10 0	..	2 1 6	..	..	..	..	..	198 13 11
Survey fees which do form part payment of land	..	..	6 0 0	118 2 6	30 5 0	..	..	..	41 19 4	..	78 4 4
Payments of capital value under section 191 of the Land Act, 1908	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118 2 6
Totals	135,177 18 8	68,636 2 9	41,400 5	611,862 17 0	13,385 10 10	13,825 15 5	5,538 13 0	38,309 8 10	38,306 13 1	24,458 11	749,701 16 8
<i>Land for Settlements.</i>											
Cash lands	704 8 9	..	..	16 0 0	..	..	..	170 0 0	15 0 0	..	905 8 9
Lease in perpetuity made freehold	4,266 7 3	1,485 5 0	4,242 10 0	4,778 8 4	..	..	..	122 16 3	1,600 0 0	607 8 2	15,380 18 9
Renewable lease made freehold	10,124 7 5	..	35 0 0	..	..	..	..	198 19 10	135 11 10	20 5 1	11,902 8 9
Deferred payment	3,546 4 0	969 4 10	27 0 7	98 7 3	176 18 7	..	..	52,704 9 8	30,952 14 7	1 5 1	5,143 12 0
Lease in perpetuity	16,984 14 11	35,388 9 9	3,160 15 5	13,306 5 0	827 2 6	10,853 9 9	488 6 10	40,437 15 11	16,141 9 9	9,560 12	217,427 0 7
Renewable lease	4,543 9 7	22,583 14 10	1,111 11 1	4,015 10 7	1,013 17 11	7,822 12 6	..	..	..	3,087 19	610,758 1 8
Lease in perpetuity, village settlement	..	65 14 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	190 1 11	..	255 16 9
Renewable lease, village settlement	..	2 0 10	..	..	..	..	..	142 7 4	6 17 10	..	8 18 8
Special - settlement associations, lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142 7 4
Small grazing-runs	212 10 0	4,429 6 10	..	1,303 16 2	..	6,453 10 7	..	9,520 12 7	1,566 6 8	306 4 8	23,792 7 6
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62 17 0	132 18 0	..	195 15 0
Miscellaneous	169 2 5	1,947 19 9	13 19 8	1,823 5 6	..	620 19 2	2 5 0	1,701 17 7	991 8 3	1,217 3 11	8,488 1 3
Payments of capital value under section 191 of the Land Act, 1908	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	40,551 4 4	66,872 16 8	8,590 16 9	25,341 12 10	2,017 19 0	25,750 12 0	490 11 10	105,061 16 2	51,722 8 10	14,800 18	7341,200 17 0
Carried forward	175,729 3 0	135,508 19 5	49,991 2	3144,004 9 10	15,403 9 10	39,576 7 5	6,029 4 10	143,371 5 0	90,029 1 11	39,259 10	2,838,902 13 8

Table 20.—RETURN OF GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

System.	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Marlborough.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	175,729 3 0	135,508 19 5	49,991 2 3	314,004 9 10	15,403 9 10	39,576 7 5	6,029 4 10	143,371 5 0	90,029 1 11	39,259 10 2	838,902 13 8
<i>Cheviot Estate.</i>											
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,771 14 2	..	..	5,771 14 2
Renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	417 11 0	..	..	417 11 0
Village homesteads	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	740 8 8	..	..	740 8 8
Grazing-farms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,338 4 9	..	..	8,338 4 9
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	189 13 4	..	..	189 13 4
Miscellaneous leases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	263 15 8	..	..	263 15 8
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,721 7 7	..	..	15,721 7 7
<i>National-endowment Lands.</i>											
Renewable lease, ordinary	4,756 12 8	3,558 19 5	2,786 3 7	1,345 17 8	1,663 17 6	342 8 7	889 8 4	432 11 5	810 18 3	674 18 6	17,261 15 11
Renewable lease, village settlement	74 12 10	44 10 5	..	706 2 8	..	37 11 6	6 1 6	..	5 9 1	36 7 10	910 15 10
Renewable lease, village-homestead special settlement	..	..	..	15 2 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 2 9
Renewable lease, improved-farm special settlement	..	..	523 10 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	523 10 9
Small grazing-runs	394 5 0	3,139 9 5	90 11 0	292 15 8	152 10 6	2,982 15 6	..	5,949 5 4	17,866 7 4	811 10 3	31,679 10 0
Pastoral runs	204 0 8	2 0 0	..	746 18 6	..	1,282 3 4	223 19 6	18,839 11 2	10,373 6 0	2,132 17 0	33,814 16 2
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	134 5 8	..	..	..	482 4 4	..	644 14 3	..	..	..	1,261 4 3
Coal and mineral leases	..	..	..	..	884 7 0	..	255 7 11	..	..	..	1,139 14 11
Timber licenses and sale of timber	3,881 3 5	..	78 3 1	173 12 3	1,510 0 11	..	9,536 6 11	..	8 5 0	..	15,187 11 7
Flax-cutting	..	..	..	..	37 10 0	..	20 1 2	..	..	..	57 11 2
Miscellaneous	146 11 10	15 0 0	20 10 0	266 19 6	151 2 11	5 15 0	525 1 9	79 18 9	208 13 0	..	1,419 12 9
Totals	9,591 12 1	6,769 19 3	3,498 18 5	3,547 9 0	4,881 13 2	4,650 13 11	12,101 1 4	25,301 6 8	29,272 18 8	3,655 13 7	103,271 6 1
<i>Thermal Springs Districts Act: Rents</i>	1,966 6 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,966 6 11
Primary-education endowments	4,575 3 1	8,347 19 9	5,919 2 8	10,120 15 3	381 12 4	500 2 4	312 17 2	19,798 2 11	3,806 0 3	14,598 11 11	68,360 7 8
Secondary-education endowments	1,252 4 6	2,352 5 3	1,036 17 2	2,352 15 8	146 14 8	46 15 0	152 10 0	270 0 0	707 14 2	203 1 1	8,520 17 6
Other endowment lands	233 13 6	250 5 3	826 6 1	409 11 7	17,509 15 8	..	1,285 0 0	1,593 7 8	6,294 2 9	1,350 19 9	29,753 2 3*
Grand totals	193,348 3 1	153,229 8 11	61,272 6 7	160,435 1 4	38,323 5 8	44,773 18 8	19,880 13 4	206,035 9 10	130,109 17 9	59,067 16 6	1,066,496 1 8

* For further particulars see Table 29.

Table 21.—FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914, SHOWING UNDER EACH TENURE THE NUMBER OF SELECTORS WHO HAVE FORFEITED AND SURRENDERED THEIR HOLDINGS, AND THE AREA AND RENTAL OF SUCH HOLDINGS.

Tenure.	Forfeitures.			Surrenders.		
	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Deferred Payment	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perpetual lease	..	..	..	..	..	..
Occupation with right of purchase	84	25,470 1 35	2,121 0 6	1	136 0 39	4 0 0
Lease in perpetuity	6	1,113 3 30	22 17 10	2	189 3 0	3 9 2
Agricultural lease	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mining districts occupation leases	3	23 1 16	2 13 10	10	582 3 34	21 1 4
Village settlement,—						
Deferred payment	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perpetual lease	..	..	..	..	..	..
Occupation with right of purchase	2	1 0 33	2 5 0	..	..	..
Lease in perpetuity	2	15 1 29	1 4 6	..	..	..
Homestead special settlement	..	..	..	..	..	..
Special-settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..
Improved-farm special settlements	2	*322 0 0	24 1 2	†1	193 1 0	..
Homesteads	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	5	58,879 0 0	199 12 6
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	8	2,869 2 30	66 2 0	10	2,212 2 20	47 14 8
Miscellaneous	99	28,517 0 0	1,792 10 1	32	3,980 0 33	57 1 8
Totals	206	58,333 0 13	4,032 14 11	61	66,174 0 6	332 19 4
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>						
Lease in perpetuity	4	11 1 9	14 2 8	..	..	..
Renewable lease	28	3,321 2 29	1,373 17 4	4	413 2 25	187 13 0
Village lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	..	..	..
Village renewable lease	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pastoral runs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	3	552 0 1	75 15 0	3	26 3 32	28 11 0
Totals	35	3,884 3 39	1,463 15 0	7	440 2 17	216 4 0
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>						
Renewable lease (ordinary)	33	12,409 2 5	476 7 10	15	5,139 1 12	125 7 10
Renewable lease, village settlement	7	56 3 12	17 9 8	3	24 3 32	12 15 2
Renewable-lease special settlement associations	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renewable-lease improved-farm special settlements	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small grazing-runs	1	2,833 0 0	40 0 0	..	..	..
Pastoral runs	1	20,000 0 0	20 0 0	..	..	..
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	..	..	..	9	3,035 0 0	78 0 0
Miscellaneous	52	9,514 0 0	86 16 5	31	9,198 0 23	97 15 0
Totals	94	44,813 1 17	640 13 11	58	17,397 1 27	313 18 0
Thermal springs	2	0 2 0	14 10 0	..	..	..
Grand totals	337	107,031 3 29	6,151 13 10	126	84,012 0 10	863 1 4
Primary-education endowments	9	686 3 22	57 11 6	11	1,291 1 23	105 0 0
Secondary	2	0 1 31	65 5 0	..	..	..

* Unregistered holding, no rent payable.

† Includes one unregistered holding of 170 acres.

Table 22.—RETURN OF LAND TAKEN UP WITHIN THE THERMAL SPRINGS DISTRICT OF AUCKLAND AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Locality.	Taken up during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Amount received during the Year.	Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1914.	
	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.		Number of Selectors.	Amount.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Rotorua ..	..	..	..	311	4,052 0 33	2,075 5 6	1,966 6 11	34	165 10 7

Table 23.—RETURN OF LANDS ALIENATED UNDER ACTS WITHOUT MONEY PAYMENT, OR RESERVED BY THE CROWN FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

District.	During the Year ended 31st March, 1914.			Total Area granted under Acts without Money Payment, or reserved for Public Purposes from Foundation of Dominion to 31st March, 1914.
	Crown Lands set apart for various Public Purposes.	Area granted under Special Acts.	Total Area thus alienated during the Year.	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	389	..	389	3,630,202
Hawke's Bay	410	..	410	437,125
Taranaki	496	3,414	3,910	712,081
Wellington	1,927	..	1,927	888,962
Nelson	255	..	255	306,504
Marlborough	119	..	119	229,988
Westland	2,092	..	2,092	259,610
Canterbury	1,809	1,077	2,886	1,368,064
Otago	262	..	262	590,467
Southland	588	..	588	3,551,113
Totals	8,347	4,491	12,838	11,974,116

Table 24.—RETURN SHOWING PAYMENTS OF CAPITAL VALUE UNDER SECTION 191 OF THE LAND ACT, 1908, AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Tenure.	Amount deposited during the Year.			Transactions up to 31st March, 1914.*				
	No. of Sectors.	Area held.	Amount deposited.	Number of Tenants.	Net Area held.	Original Annual Rental payable.	Total Payments made on Account of Capital Value.	Annual Rental now payable as reduced by such Payments.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands.</i>								
Lease in perpetuity, ordinary	1	315 0 0	118 2 6	10	2,655 1 0	77 4 5	1,114 16 6	44 10 2
Lease in perpetuity, village settlement	..	..	..	3	95 3 26	8 16 8	94 19 6	5 13 1
Renewable lease	..	..	..	2	1 0 7	5 4 0	52 5 4	3 2 7
Totals	1	315 0 0	118 2 6	15	2,752 0 33	91 5 1	1,262 1 4	53 5 10
<i>Land for Settlements.</i>								
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	6	629 3 8	386 10 2	4,181 15 8	178 8 4
Renewable lease	..	..	..	1	814 1 27	16 4 0	120 0 0	10 16 0
Totals	..	..	..	7	1,444 0 35	402 14 2	4,301 15 8	189 4 4
<i>Cheviot Estate.</i>								
Lease in perpetuity	..	..	..	1	106 3 0	55 10 2	999 3 8	5 11 0
Grand totals	1	315 0 0	118 2 6	23	4,303 0 28	549 9 5	6,563 0 8	248 1 2

* Deposits aggregate 33 or more per cent. of capital value in every case.

Table 25.—RETURN SHOWING THE AREA OF BUSH FELLED ON LANDS SOLD OR LEASED BY THE CROWN FROM 1ST APRIL, 1895, TO 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Felled during the Year on Lands taken up during the Year.		Felled during the Year on Lands taken up in Previous Years.		Total felled at 31st March, 1914.	
	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.
Auckland	2,422	0 0	17,667	0 0	254,498	0 0
Hawke's Bay	150	0 0	6,227	0 0	190,292	0 0
Taranaki	1,370	0 0	7,880	0 0	94,595	0 0
Wellington	850	0 0	23,850	0 0	803,538	0 0
Nelson	710	0 0	14,055	0 0	108,350	0 0
Marlborough	..	..	1,565	0 0	108,589	0 0
Westland	250	0 0	2,500	0 0	80,263	0 0
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago	35	0 0	252	0 0	25,162	0 0
Southland	150	0 0	1,250	0 0	18,944	0 0
Totals	5,937	0 0	75,246	0 0	1,684,231	0 0

Table 26.—STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF SELECTORS ON THE BOOKS OF THE LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT ON 31st MARCH, 1914.

District.	Deferred Pay- ment.		Perpetual Lease.		Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Lease in Perpetuity.			Renewable Lease.					Agricultural Lease.		Mining Districts and Occupation Leases.		Village Settlement, Deferred Pay- ment.		Village Settlement, Lease in Perpetuity.		Village Settlement, Renewable Lease.			
	Crown Lands.*	Land for Settlements.†	Crown Lands.	Endowment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Endowment Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	Land for Settlements.	Cheviot Estate.	Ordinary Endowment Lands.	Renewable Lease.				2	207	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
											Crown Lands.	National- endowment Lands.	Land for Settlements.	Cheviot Estate.												
Auckland	27	84	150	3	2,759	4	1,066	..	586	6	11	498	242	..	..	207	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	8	6	5	5	360	..	177	..	424	18	20	55	225	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki	9	3	8	..	550	..	459	..	35	..	..	99	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington	25	1	5	..	649	..	428	..	291	..	1	170	112	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	13	1	5	..	220	..	437	..	13	13	..	398	21	..	31	35†	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	6	..	47	..	317	..	287	..	..	61	78	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	..	..	7	..	88	..	379	..	28	..	..	313	..	..	..	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	1	2	13	..	22	..	240	118	1,111	68	..	15	489	..	..	304	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago	5	2	138	16	311	..	758	..	535	13	..	188	194	..	..	56	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland	23	2	38	11	462	1	306	..	231	44	..	140	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	11	131	100	35	5,468	5	4,567	118	3,541	162	32	1,937	1,450	13	32	17	77	691	77	7	78	20	864	46	284	3

District.	Village-homestead Special Settlement.				Special- settlement Associations.		Improved- farm Special Settlements.		Small Grazing-runs.				Grazing-farms, Cheviot Estate.				Pastoral.‡				Miscellaneous.				Education Endowment Leases.		Total.
	Crown Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	National-endow- ment Lands.	Ordinary Endowment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Land for Settlements.	Complete.	Not Registered.	National-endow- ment Lands.	Crown Lands.	Land for Settlements.	National- endowment Lands.	Ordinary Endowment Lands.	Cheviot Estate.	Land for Settlements.	National- endowment Lands.	Ordinary Endowment Lands.	Thermal Springs, Rotorua.	Primary.	Secondary.							
Auckland	25	..	..	..	..	..	93	27	..	..	5	15	2	..	258	..	..	386	..	42	8	1	156	7,661			
Hawke's Bay	29	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	33§	3	16	52	2	..	12	..	..	132	..	15	1	183	26	1,953			
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	309	10	..	60	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	180	..	15	3	345	42	2,256			
Wellington	163	..	13	..	..	..	181	67	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	467	..	15	6	509	12	4,237			
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	136	..	..	354	..	..	190	85	29	2,610			
Marlborough	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	31	75	..	..	32	..	..	204	..	40	43	3	3	1,303			
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142	..	..	539	..	..	316	51	30	2,212			
Canterbury	246	92	..	57	..	..	..	..	..	20	44	47	..	..	34	1	..	710	..	45	1	223	..	3,888			
Otago	69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	10	281	20	..	172	..	..	968	..	11	19	400	48	4,889			
Southland	46	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	2	20	3	..	64	..	..	500	..	..	701	25	3,103				
Totals	586	92	13	76	618	11	633	104	33	231	115	534	27	34	892	1	4	4,440	55	262	544	440	311,3,041¶	371	34,112		

* Land Acts, 1877 and 1885. † Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912 and 1913. ‡ Includes one national-endowment holding. § Includes one not registered. ¶ In addition there are 89 selectors holding education endowments under Land Act tenure as follows: 18 perpetual leases, 63 leases in perpetuity, 2 small grazing-runs, 1 occupation-with-right-of-purchase license, 1 pastoral run, and 2 miscellaneous leases.

Table 27.—STATEMENT SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTORS, WITH AREA OF CROWN LAND SELECTED OR HELD, THE YEARLY RENT PAYABLE, AND RENT IN ARREAR ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Tenures.	Total Number of Selectors.	Total Area held.	Total Yearly Rental or Instalment payable.	Total of such Rents or Payments in Arrear.	
				Number of Selectors.	Amount.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Deferred payment (Land Acts, 1877 and 1885)	11	1,970 1 8	22 15 2	..	..
Deferred payment (Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912 and 1913)	121	27,498 1 28	1,499 12 1	..	..
Perpetual lease	375	63,098 2 27	2,079 19 4	15	32 9 9
Occupation with right of purchase	5,468	1,773,244 1 21	113,015 10 8	222	4,388 13 10
Lease in perpetuity	4,567	1,326,841 2 38	42,530 17 7	122	784 1 8
Renewable lease	32	7,554 3 36	2,278 8 0	3	57 16 0
Agricultural lease	17	550 1 0	23 7 9	..	..
Mining districts land occupation leases	690	24,946 3 4	1,419 11 8	38	121 6 3
<i>Village settlements—</i>					
Deferred payment (Land Acts, 1877 and 1885)	7	113 1 6	16 17 6	..	..
Perpetual lease	78	1,177 1 25	158 2 0	1	1 15 0
Occupation with right of purchase	20	13 3 14	8 13 6	2	0 12 3
Lease in perpetuity	864	19,801 3 25	4,212 16 1	22	167 1 6
<i>Village-homestead special settlements—</i>					
Perpetual lease	248	4,160 0 22	545 5 10	14	30 12 6
Lease in perpetuity	338	8,719 2 39	1,005 9 6	13	30 2 2
<i>Special-settlement associations—</i>					
Perpetual lease	10	669 0 8	48 4 0	..	..
Lease in perpetuity	608	107,234 1 31	5,816 16 8	16	137 9 9
<i>Improved-farm special settlements—</i>					
Occupation with right of purchase	419	58,168 2 38	6,640 13 7	61	983 9 2
Lease in perpetuity	318	39,935 2 0	3,174 14 4	8	56 3 6
Small grazing-runs	231	443,931 3 24	20,495 14 10	15	368 1 11
Pastoral runs	432	6,782,965 1 11	39,963 17 11	7	101 17 6
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	460	103,845 1 13	2,411 0 2	77	536 2 6
Miscellaneous leases	4,440	709,820 1 34	20,085 1 9	230	892 0 7
Totals	19,754	11,506,262 2 12	267,453 9 11	866	8,689 15 10
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>					
Lease in perpetuity	118	24,385 2 25	6,423 15 6	..	..
Renewable lease	13	644 3 36	496 1 4	1	1 5 0
Village-homestead special settlement	92	2,480 1 0	870 10 4	5	33 8 8
Grazing-farms	34	45,021 1 32	6,424 3 2	8	1,047 3 8
Pastoral runs	1	1,619 0 22	190 9 6	..	..
Miscellaneous	53	1,183 2 34	295 6 10	5	60 5 5
Totals	311	75,335 0 29	14,700 6 8	19	1,142 2 9
<i>Land for Settlements Acts—</i>					
Deferred Payment (Land Laws Amendment Acts, 1912 and 1913)	100	4,968 2 19	1,440 17 11	..	..
Lease in perpetuity	3,541	658,125 1 0	191,394 5 11	103	2,233 12 1
Renewable lease	1,450	609,196 2 8	135,215 10 4	85	4,431 15 9
Lease in perpetuity (village settlement)	46	438 1 28	342 7 8	2	0 12 0
Renewable lease (village settlement)	3	9 3 16	9 18 0	..	..
Special-settlement associations	11	2,114 1 9	162 7 8	..	..
Small grazing-runs	115	203,322 2 15	26,709 13 0	5	261 13 5
Pastoral runs	4	1,739 3 13	174 16 0	..	..
Miscellaneous	262	10,551 1 19	2,124 8 11	22	239 18 7
Totals	5,532	1,490,466 3 7	357,574 5 5	217	7,167 11 10
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>					
Renewable lease—					
Ordinary	1,937	517,232 1 38	23,589 9 5	137	2,374 0 4
Village settlement	284	2,585 1 26	1,050 6 4	17	38 16 6
Village-homestead special settlement	13	135 2 38	16 17 0	..	..
Improved-farm special settlement	33	5,500 1 20	586 17 10	4	67 9 2
Mining districts land occupation leases	1	12 0 0	1 0 0	1	0 10 0
Small grazing-runs	534	1,742,611 2 29	33,530 1 1	23	1,077 1 1
Pastoral runs	198	3,924,161 0 21	36,540 1 0	6	456 5 8
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	338	63,603 3 8	1,517 15 4	42	363 10 9
Miscellaneous leases	544	269,191 2 30	2,768 0 8	39	151 14 7
Totals	3,882	6,525,034 1 10	99,600 8 8	269	4,529 8 1
Thermal springs (Rotorua)	311	4,052 0 33	2,075 5 6	34	165 10 7
Grand totals	29,790	19,601,151 0 11	741,403 16 2	1,405	21,694 9 1
<i>Education Endowments—</i>					
Primary	3,130	761,340 0 34	67,738 7 8	123	1,400 13 3
Secondary	371	38,390 1 5	8,448 19 7	25	123 3 1
Other endowment lands	821	382,226 1 29	15,216 5 2	77	358 5 4

Table 28.—ENDOWMENT LANDS (OTHER THAN NATIONAL ENDOWMENT) TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Nature of Endowments.	Renewable Lease.			Small Grazing-runs.			Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.		
		Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	No. of Purchasers.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
Taranaki .. " .. Totals	<i>Educational Endowments (Education Reserves Acts)—</i> Primary .. Secondary ..	11	A. R. P. 782 2 10 7 0 0	£ s. d. 74 4 0 31 10 0	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
		2			..			..		
		13	789 2 10	105 14 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	<i>Other Endowment Lands—</i> Taranaki Scholarships .. Westport Harbour Board .. Clutha River Board ..	1 3 ..	23 0 0 153 3 25 ..	0 12 6 8 5 0 ..	.. 2	.. 4,051 1 23 ..	.. 131 14 6 ..	.. 1 ..	5 0 0 ..	0 15 0 ..
Totals	..	4	176 3 25	8 17 6	2	4,051 1 23	131 14 6	1	5 0 0	0 15 0
Grand totals	..	17	966 1 35	114 11 6	2	4,051 1 23	131 14 6	1	5 0 0	0 15 0
Auckland .. Taranaki .. Wellington .. Nelson .. Marlborough .. Canterbury .. Otago .. " .. Southland .. Totals	<i>Educational Endowments (Education Reserves Acts)—</i> Primary .. " .. " .. " .. " .. " .. Secondary .. Primary ..	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	..	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	8 1 7 1 1 4 2 5 1 17	A. R. P. 934 2 13 3 0 37 132 3 21 0 0 24 1 1 30 365 1 13 283 1 25 222 0 8 607 1 30	£ s. d. 58 14 6 0 10 0 347 5 0 0 15 0 11 0 0 261 0 0 171 8 0 66 12 0 307 2 6
		..			..			46	2,550 2 1	1,224 7 0
		..			1	270 0 0	7 0 0	..	..	..
	<i>Other Endowment Lands—</i> Museum .. Westport Harbour Board .. Otago University ..	.. 2 2 2	.. 11,000 0 0 11,000 0 0 11,000 0 0	.. 878 0 0 878 0 0 878 0 0	7 .. 8 8	906 2 31 .. 1,176 2 31 1,176 2 31	25 19 0 .. 32 19 0 32 19 0	2 .. 2 48	65 1 14 .. 65 1 14 2,615 3 15	2 0 0 .. 2 0 0 1,226 7 0
Totals	..	2	11,000 0 0	878 0 0	8	1,176 2 31	32 19 0	2	65 1 14	2 0 0
Grand totals	..	2	11,000 0 0	878 0 0	8	1,176 2 31	32 19 0	48	2,615 3 15	1,226 7 0

Table 29.—ENDOWMENTS: RETURN OF REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Tenure.	Revenue received.		Tenure.	Revenue received.	
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<i>Educational Endowments—</i>			Village-homestead special settlement	255	17 7
Primary education	68,360	7 8	Small grazing-runs	1,965	3 1
Secondary education	8,530	17 6	Pastoral runs	5,736	11 8
Total	£76,881	5 2	Pastoral licenses in mining districts	94	3 10
<i>Other Endowment Lands—</i>			under special regulations	17,277	13 5
Deferred payments	97	7 8	Coal and mineral leases	347	4 3
Perpetual lease and small areas	221	14 10	Timber licenses and royalties	2,195	8 11
Occupation with right of purchase	22	18 10	Miscellaneous and other leases	£29,753	2 3
Lease in perpetuity	1,402	3 6	Total	£106,634	7 5
Renewable lease	63	9 4	Grand total		
Mining districts land occupation leases	74	5 4			

Table 30.—RETURN OF EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Land District.	Total Area set apart.	Area opened for Selection during the Year.		Taken up during the Year.		Expires during the Year.		Renewal of Leases during the Year.							
		A.	R. P.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.			
Primary Education.															
..	116,020	0	4	8	934	2 13	£	s.	d.	13	A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.
..	80,184	1	7	..	..	..	58	14	6	7	1,054	0 21	71	2	6
..	51,126	0	15	12	755	3 7	74	14	0	8	3,930	1 32	213	0	0
..	93,955	2	37	7	132	3 21	347	5	0	10	99	3 32	34	8	4
..	9,291	0	23	1	0	0 24	0	15	0	4	1,415	3 31	106	18	6
..	1,148	2	29	4	1	1 30	11	0	0	1	200	2 0	16	7	0
..	14,613	0	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	1	1 36	2	10	0
..	70,160	1	21	2	365	1 13	261	0	0	14	2,324	2 33	1,533	17	10
..	45,520	1	22	5	283	1 25	171	8	0	25	1,841	3 21	135	12	0
..	348,418	0	0	17	607	1 30	307	2	6	103	5,843	3 24	571	6	4
Totals	830,437	3	35	56	3,111	0 3	1,231	19	0	103	16,712	3 30	2,745	2	6
Secondary Education.															
..	10,333	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	7,484	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0 32	0	10	0
..	2,353	2	11	2	7	0 0	31	10	0	7	35	1 14	94	15	8
..	12,177	3	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1 24	4	6	4
..	802	1	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	284	1	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4,448	0	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1,024	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2,100	1	21	1	222	0 8	66	12	0	2	261	1 30	37	8	6
..	605	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	17	3 15	42	2	0
Totals	41,613	1	6	3	229	0 8	98	2	0	18	329	0 35	179	2	6
Grand totals	872,051	1	1	59	3,340	0 11	1,330	1	0	121	17,042	0 25	2,924	5	0
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Table 30.—RETURN OF EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1914—continued.

Land District.	Forfeitures during the Year.			Surrenders during the Year.			Net Area held on 31st March, 1914.			Gross Amount received during the Year.	Selectors in Arrear on 31st March, 1914.	
	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.		Number.	Amount.
Primary Education.												
Auckland	6	A. 499 2 22	£ s. d. 30 12 6	..	A. R. P. ..	£ s. d. .. 0 0	501	A. 67,749 3 12	£ s. d. 3,660 2 7	4,575 3 1	38	243 12 0
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	2	2 3 21	2 0 0	209	80,060 2 22	8,062 4 7	8,347 19 9	7	70 18 9
Taranaki	..	..	..	3	167 1 2	37 6 0	345	48,848 2 16	5,774 16 2	5,919 2 8	11	61 16 9
Wellington	1	17 0 0	22 19 0	..	..	..	509	92,743 1 19	9,682 8 1	10,120 15 3	24	243 7 0
Nelson	..	..	..	2	1,021 0 16	29 5 0	85	4,610 1 28	371 8 6	381 12 4	11	159 5 7
Marlborough	1	0 1 0	2 0 0	..	..	..	43	1,126 3 16	448 12 10	500 2 4	2	1 14 1
Westland	1	170 0 0	2 0 0	..	..	..	51	13,477 2 36	310 10 11	312 17 2	2	2 5 0
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	223	70,160 1 21	21,364 13 8	19,798 2 11	14	568 5 9
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	406	45,333 2 20	3,717 15 10	3,806 0 3	7	17 5 0
Southland	..	..	..	4	100 0 24	36 9 0	758	337,228 3 4	14,345 14 6	14,598 11 11	7	32 3 4
Totals	9	686 3 22	57 11 6	11	1,291 1 23	105 0 0	3,130	761,340 0 34	67,738 7 8	68,360 7 8	123	1,400 13 3
Secondary Education.												
Auckland	2	0 1 31	65 5 0	..	..	..	156	8,343 1 18	1,318 10 4	1,252 4 6	18	71 5 8
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	7,482 3 0	1,889 5 11	2,352 5 3	1	0 5 0
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	2,296 2 36	920 11 6	1,036 17 2	2	6 15 9
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12,177 3 27	2,693 8 8	2,352 15 8	..	..
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	744 1 16	124 16 6	146 14 8	1	3 6 8
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	255 1 22	85 10 0	46 15 0	..	..
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	3,385 1 29	159 0 0	152 10 0	3	41 10 0
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,024 0 0	270 0 0	270 0 0	..	..
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	2,100 1 21	721 17 8	707 14 2	..	..
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	580 0 6	265 19 0	203 1 1	..	..
Totals	2	0 1 31	65 5 0	..	..	..	371	38,390 1 5	8,448 19 7	8,520 17 6	25	123 3 1
Grand totals	11	687 1 13	122 16 6	11	1,291 1 23	105 0 0	3,501	799,730 1 39	76,187 7 3	76,881 5 2	148	1,523 16 4

Table 31.—RETURN SHOWING POSITION AND TRANSACTIONS IN IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS FROM THEIR COMMENCEMENT TO 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Area pro-claimed.	Total Number of Sections in the Settlements.	Number of Settlers remaining in Occupation on 31st March, 1914.	Number of Persons resident.	Area occupied.	Total Area made Freehold.			Area felled.	Area grassed.
						Number.	Area.	Total Amount received.		
Auckland	Acres.	193	120	497	A. B. P.	6	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Acres.	Acres.
Hawke's Bay	24,423	17	16	42	16,949 2 36	1	488 1 10	601 15 8	865*	7,951
Taranaki	2,025	469	352	†	1,825 1 20	8	86 0 0	272 17 3	†	1,817
Wellington	61,701	360	248	1,414	49,786 0 0	97	250 3 4	524 4 2	†	†
Southland	44,694	57	34	129	31,994 1 18	8	9,196 1 36	12,635 0 1	†	2,640
	4,862				3,649 0 24		752 1 5	1,163 1 1	2,765	
Totals	137,705	1,096	770	..	103,604 2 18	120	10,773 3 15	15,196 18 3	..	..

District.	Amount paid to Selectors for Improvements.						Rent and Interest paid by Selectors.		Value of Improvements now on the Land, including those paid for by Government.
	Past Transactions.		During Year.		Total Payments.		During the Year ended 31st March, 1914.	From Commence-ment of System.	
	For Houses.	For Bushfelling and other Works.	For Houses.	For Bushfelling and other Works.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Auckland	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hawke's Bay	3,759 0 4	14,625 9 4	1,836 2 10	6,061 14 0	26,282 6 6	2,155 1 1	8,357 1 7	42,222 5 0	9,837 17 9
Taranaki	159 14 4	1,860 9 5	..	..	2,020 3 9	213 2 1	4,095 0 11	†	†
Wellington	7,300 17 0	36,418 2 3	347 10 0	534 4 5	44,600 13 8	4,932 3 8	27,899 0 2	33,395 5 3	10,890 8 0
Southland	5,596 10 0	22,758 9 10	559 5 0	2,041 3 10	30,955 8 8	2,900 13 6	33,395 5 3	†	†
	902 1 0	11,155 14 2	..	..	12,057 15 2	280 19 10	3,702 12 5	..	..
Totals	17,718 2 8	86,818 5 0	2,742 17 10	8,637 2 3	115,916 7 9	10,432 0 2	77,449 0 4	..	..

* Area felled during year. † Figures not supplied.

Table 32.—RETURN OF LANDS DISPOSED OF UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Land District.	Area acquired, including Surplus or Deficiency.	Area occupied by Roads and Reserves and unlet.	Area of Land unlet, including Land forfeited, surrendered, or resumed and not relet, and also Land not yet offered for Selection.	Total Area sold for Cash or made Freehold to Date.	New Selections and Additions to Holdings during the Year.		Total Lands leased at Date.	
					Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.	Number of Selectors.
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	282,701 0 7	7,396 2 23	71,368 3 36	18,437 0 29	58	6,020 2 32	1,741 1 0	185,498 0 39
Hawke's Bay	226,219 2 21	2,134 0 29	887 0 10	96 1 15	25	10,890 2 10	3,814 0 6	223,102 0 7
Taranaki	5,330 3 3	61 2 37	9 0 18	184 1 15	15	757 2 27	5,075 2 13	73,805 16 9
Wellington	70,566 2 21	836 0 38	4,993 1 18	354 1 39	44*	10,035 0 7	3,108 5 6	4,142 16 7
Nelson	23,937 1 24	325 1 15	872 0 0	2 0 0	..	..	..	22,174 0 11
Marlborough	213,307 2 11	2,572 0 39	700 3 6	12 1 35	56	96,776 1 22	10,360 18 0	2,180 11 11
Westland	5,124 3 26	102 0 11	..	..	..	..	..	30,476 8 9
Canterbury	494,155 3 0	3,286 3 30	427 2 25	79 2 4	49	9,997 2 6	6,138 10 0	209,834 2 11
Otago ..	219,851 2 36	2,576 3 33	743 1 38	461 0 37	26	3,202 2 29	2,014 4 2	490,361 2 21
Southland	86,124 3 38	948 2 26	16,363 1 34	644 2 23	24	11,278 0 39	2,644 14 0	216,070 0 8
Totals	1,627,320 1 27	20,241 0 1	96,365 3 25	20,272 0 37	297	148,958 3 12	30,494 15 8	68,168 0 35
								1,490,254 3 7
								357,172 15 5

Land District.	Yearly Value of Unlet Land at 31st March, 1914.	Occupied Land.		Amount advanced to Selectors for Buildings, &c.		Arrears on 31st March, 1914.		Rent and other Payments received during the Year.	Total Receipts from Inception to 31st March, 1914.
		Number of Houses on Holdings.	Number of Souls resident on Holdings.	Value of Improvements.	During Previous Years.	Number.	Rent in Arrear.		
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	2,792 0 0	865	3,496	397,592 4 3	2,208 15 0	39	1,229 11 7	40,491 4 4	246,356 13 10
Hawke's Bay	255 12 0	618	2,731	531,561 0 0	..	17	188 10 11	66,873 16 8	596,055 10 0
Taranaki	23 17 0	64	272	17,672 6 6	337 10 0	3	61 6 8	8,590 16 9	42,238 0 2
Wellington	1,716 6 5	376	1,690	236,956 0 0	2,510 0 0	19	638 12 11	24,926 10 5	206,159 17 6
Nelson ..	38 10 10	33	124	24,202 0 0	..	10	1,099 13 10	2,017 19 0	11,006 16 9
Marlborough	138 18 0	257	1,145	213,671 1 0	..	19	426 6 10	25,750 12 0	230,862 14 1
Westland	..	21	100	17,050 0 0	..	1	0 11 8	490 11 10	7,241 1 2
Canterbury	455 6 0	1,479	6,061	748,107 14 4	2,785 10 0	88	2,933 6 4	105,061 16 2	1,036,982 19 3
Otago ..	556 15 9	662	2,613	345,485 0 1	..	17	402 12 9	51,722 8 10	516,139 13 11
Southland	1,316 1 1	262	1,166	123,294 7 9	..	4	186 18 4	14,800 18 7	127,318 12 7
Totals ..	7,293 7 1	4,637	19,398	2,655,591 13 11	7,841 15 0	217	7,167 11 10	340,725 14 7	3,020,361 19 3
								475 2 5	6,139 1 11
								..	4,301 15 8
								341,200 17 0	3,030,802 16 10

Miscellaneous receipts on lands not yet opened for selection
Payments of capital value under section 191 of the Land Act, 1908

* Excludes one miscellaneous lease in Waddington Settlement, area 141 acres, annual rental £150.
+ Excludes three miscellaneous leases of lands in Waddington and Hall-Jones settlements, area 212 acres, annual rental £401 10s.

Table 33.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SELECTORS AND LANDS SELECTED UNDER SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS FOR THE TEN YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Year ending 31st March,	Cash.		Perpetual Lease.		Lease in Perpetuity.		Renewable Lease.		Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Agricultural Lease.		Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.		Village Settlement: Cash.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
1905*	371	Acres. 18,990	..	Acres. ..	751	173,811	..	Acres. ..	330	138,206	3	Acres. 218	40	Acres. 1,914	2	Acres. 1
1906*	229	11,132	1	127	706	158,018½	..	..	388	157,432½	..	..	30	1,194	39	40
1907*	447	20,357	..	..	597	154,237	..	..	412	215,530	..	..	26	1,044	15	20
1908*	404	28,519	..	..	427	98,367	168	70,535	354	187,799	3	84	73	3,047	3	3
1909*†	371	42,177	..	..	193	106,184	692	218,005	382	123,116	..	..	36	1,490	11	17
1910*†	373	8,874	..	..	4	1,011	611	178,036	307	108,152	..	..	60	2,068	8	12
1911*†	270	9,544	..	..	15	1,877	589	123,718	473	181,001	..	..	73	2,687	4	3½
1912*†	408	6,095½	..	..	..	..	569	186,482	379	131,483	..	..	55	1,426	1	½
1913*†	351	4,624	..	..	..	..	566	207,508	359	104,767	..	..	36	773	1	1
1914*†	310	5,947	..	..	..	..	532	213,332	488	117,268	..	..	61	2,398	2	1½

Year ending 31st March,	Village Settlement: Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Village Settlement: Lease in Perpetuity.		Village Settlement: Renewable Lease.		Village-homestead Special Settlement.		Special-settlement Associations.		Improved Farms.		Small Grazing-runs and Grazing-farms.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
1905*	1	Acres. ½	14	Acres. 208	..	Acres. ..	8	Acres. 111	2	Acres. 223	14	Acres. 1,459	45	Acres. 67,271	1,581	Acres. 402,412
1906*	2	41	55	1,934	..	..	49	237	..	..	3	547	34	68,587	1,536	399,340
1907*	..	..	32	1,012	..	..	17	173	1	4	46	5,622	51	114,854	1,644	512,853
1908*	3	3	72	2,302	15	108	..	..	..	..	3	410	64	226,757	1,589	617,934
1909*†	..	..	..	..	168	1,167	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	28,989	1,863	521,145
1910*†	1	½	..	..	44	468	..	..	..	..	259	40,005	45	298,494	1,712	637,120
1911*†	3	1½	..	..	22	390	..	..	..	..	23	5,164	22	128,764	1,494	403,150
1912*†	1	½	..	..	59	600	..	..	..	..	8	1,385½	23	144,617	1,503	472,090
1913*†	..	..	..	..	19	103	..	..	..	..	3	168	10	37,749	1,345	355,688
1914*†	..	..	..	..	7	69½	..	..	..	..	1	98	4	14,691	1,405	353,805

* Inclusive of Cheviot Estate and lands disposed of under the Land for Settlements Acts.

† Inclusive of national-endowment lands.

Table 34.—TRANSACTIONS IN BUSH, SWAMP, AND SCRUB LANDS UNDER SECTION 127 OF THE LAND ACT, 1908, DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Area opened during Year (Heavy-bush land).	Selections during Year.			Total Area held at 31st March, 1914.					
		Heavy-bush Land.			Light-bush Land.			Scrub Land.		
		Number of Selectors.	Area.	Amount of Rental remitted per Annum.	Number of Selectors.	Area held.	Annual Rental (remitted).	Number of Selectors.	Area held.	Annual Rental (remitted).
	A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Table 35.—REBATES OF RENT GRANTED UNDER SECTION 116 OF THE LAND ACT, 1908, AND SECTION 55 OF THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1908, DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.					Number of Tenants who have been granted Rebate.	Amount of Rebate granted.		
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—</i>						£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	5,750	3,772	3	1
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	637	2,559	17	6
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	1,282	2,133	13	1
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	2,065	2,534	1	5
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	354	124	2	8
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	350	359	4	8
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	381	132	8	2
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	680	497	4	0
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	723	705	13	1
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	852	463	17	2
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	13,074	13,282	4	10
<i>Cheviot Estate—</i>								
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	316	741	3	4
<i>Land for Settlements—</i>								
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	1,331	1,758	13	0
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	631	6,320	7	9
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	64	326	8	7
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	372	1,749	5	9
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	21	111	16	5
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	285	1,788	16	4
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	27	51	9	9
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	2,620	10,014	3	6
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	703	4,979	1	11
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	246	972	13	1
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	6,300	28,072	16	1
<i>National-endowment Lands—</i>								
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	521	312	2	8
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	135	1	6
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	51	180	2	2
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	72	28	7	10
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	84	36	13	1
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	68	65	19	8
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	178	36	1	5
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	22	68	13	0
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	132	79	13	2
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	129			
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	1,257	942	14	6
Grand totals ..	..	..	..	..	20,947	43,038	18	9
Ellesmere Endowment ..	..	..	..	..	165	153	16	0

Table 36.—ADVANCES OBTAINED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROADING CROWN LANDS, SHOWING THE AMOUNT BORROWED AND THE AMOUNT REPAYED UP TO 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Land District.					Area.	Amount borrowed.			Amount repaid.		
					Acres.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	1,263,184	289,311	0	0	115,272	9	0
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	421,792	106,348	7	6	52,332	13	10
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	681,329	215,498	0	0	123,577	2	3
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	764,860	258,907	0	0	170,439	10	1
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	391,975	42,661	0	0	6,855	18	10
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	221,249	26,798	0	0	24,911	4	2
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	46,749	5,576	0	0	1,710	7	3
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	3,552	1,821	0	0	677	16	9
Otago ..	..	..	..	..	176,085	21,475	0	0	22,852	8	5
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	157,669	39,659	18	6	20,210	3	4
Totals ..	..	..	..	..	4,128,444	1,008,055	6	0	538,839	13	11

Table 37.—CROWN GRANTS, CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, LEASES, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF TITLE FROM THE CROWN PREPARED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Number.					Cost.
	Singly.	In Duplicate.	In Triplicate.	In Quadruplicate.	Total Copies.	
Auckland	..	55	555	1	1,779	£ s. d. 111 3 9
Hawke's Bay ..	1	159	26	15	457	22 17 0
Taranaki	..	11	180	6	586	13 14 1
Wellington .. .	8	33	319	..	1,031	68 13 4
Nelson	..	54	292	19	1,060	79 10 0
Marlborough ..	..	10	16	..	68	5 0 0
Westland	..	102	98	..	498	62 5 0
Canterbury .. .	1	42	70	46	479	32 13 0
Otago	..	71	346	..	1,180	120 0 0
Southland .. .	8	3	223	..	683	85 0 0
Totals	18	540	2,125	87	7,821	600 16 2

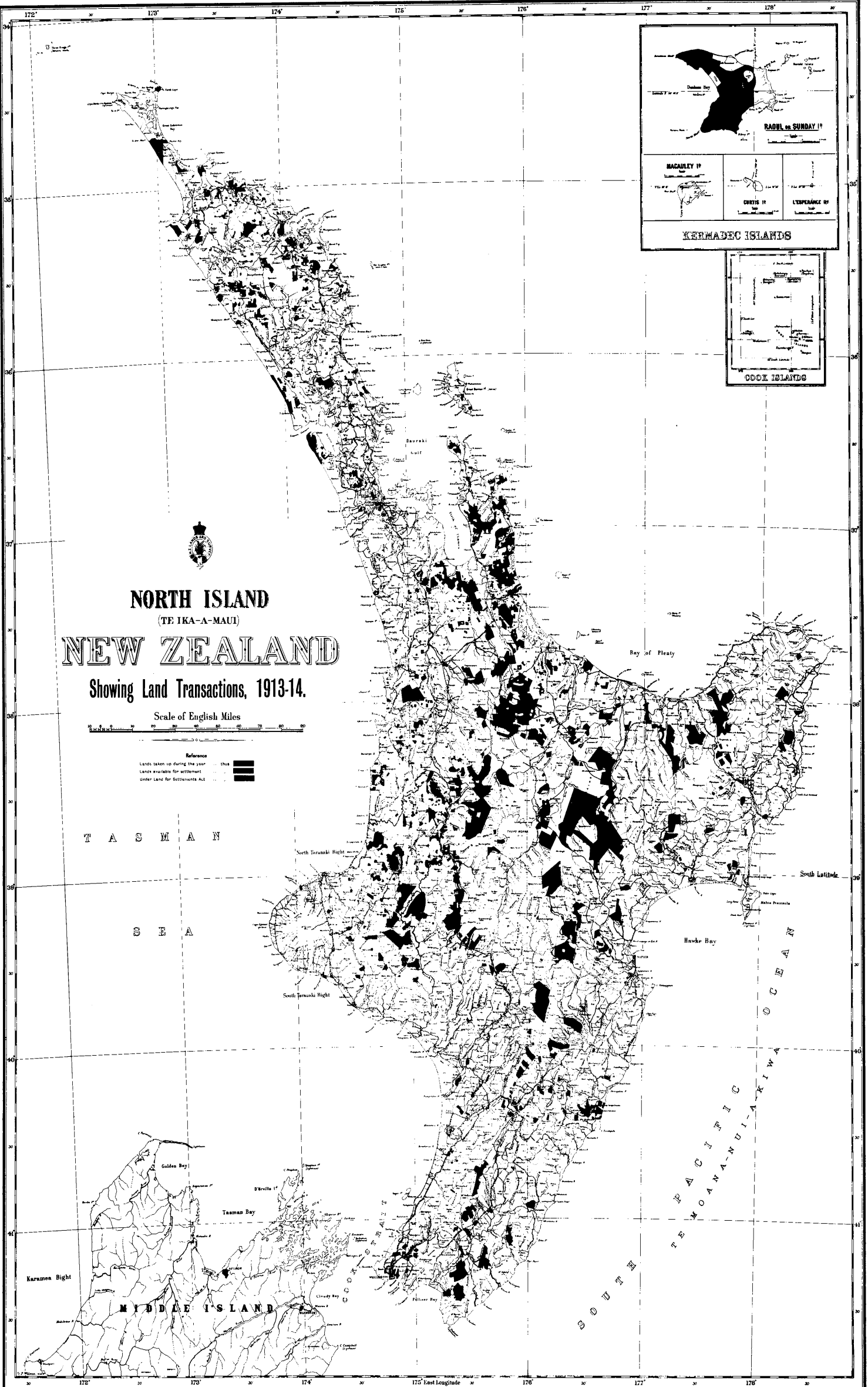
Table 38.—STATEMENT SHOWING PAYMENTS TO LOCAL BODIES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914, FROM "THIRDS" OF DEFERRED-PAYMENT, PERPETUAL-LEASE, OCCUPATION-WITH-RIGHT-OF-PURCHASE, RENEWABLE-LEASE, AND LEASE-IN-PERPETUITY LANDS, "FOURTHS" OF SMALL GRAZING-RUNS, AND "HALVES" OF TIMBER AND FLAX ROYALTIES.

District.				"Thirds," Deferred-payment, Perpetual-lease, Occupation-with- right-of-purchase, Renewable-lease, and Lease-in- perpetuity Lands.	"Fourths," Small Grazing-runs.	"Halves," Timber and Flax.	Total Payments.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	..	..	..	9,731 15 6	23 12 4	3,748 5 8	13,503 13 6
Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	..	9,707 9 6	695 1 10	..	10,402 11 4
Taranaki	..	..	..	6,318 11 4	111 12 1	119 7 10	6,549 11 3
Wellington .. .	..	..	..	7,054 19 5	23 8 6	..	7,078 7 11
Nelson	..	..	..	1,582 12 7	24 10 1	1,026 13 6	2,633 16 2
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	785 9 8	690 3 2	242 2 5	1,717 15 3
Westland	..	..	..	1,020 11 3	..	4,128 6 10	5,148 18 1
Canterbury .. .	..	..	..	655 15 4	1,038 13 4	35 13 11	1,730 2 7
Otago	..	..	..	973 14 11	3,896 1 3	114 0 1	4,983 16 3
Southland .. .	..	..	..	1,193 3 8	97 18 6	587 18 3	1,879 0 5
Totals	..	..	..	39,024 3 2	6,601 1 1	10,002 8 6	55,627 12 9

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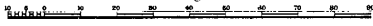
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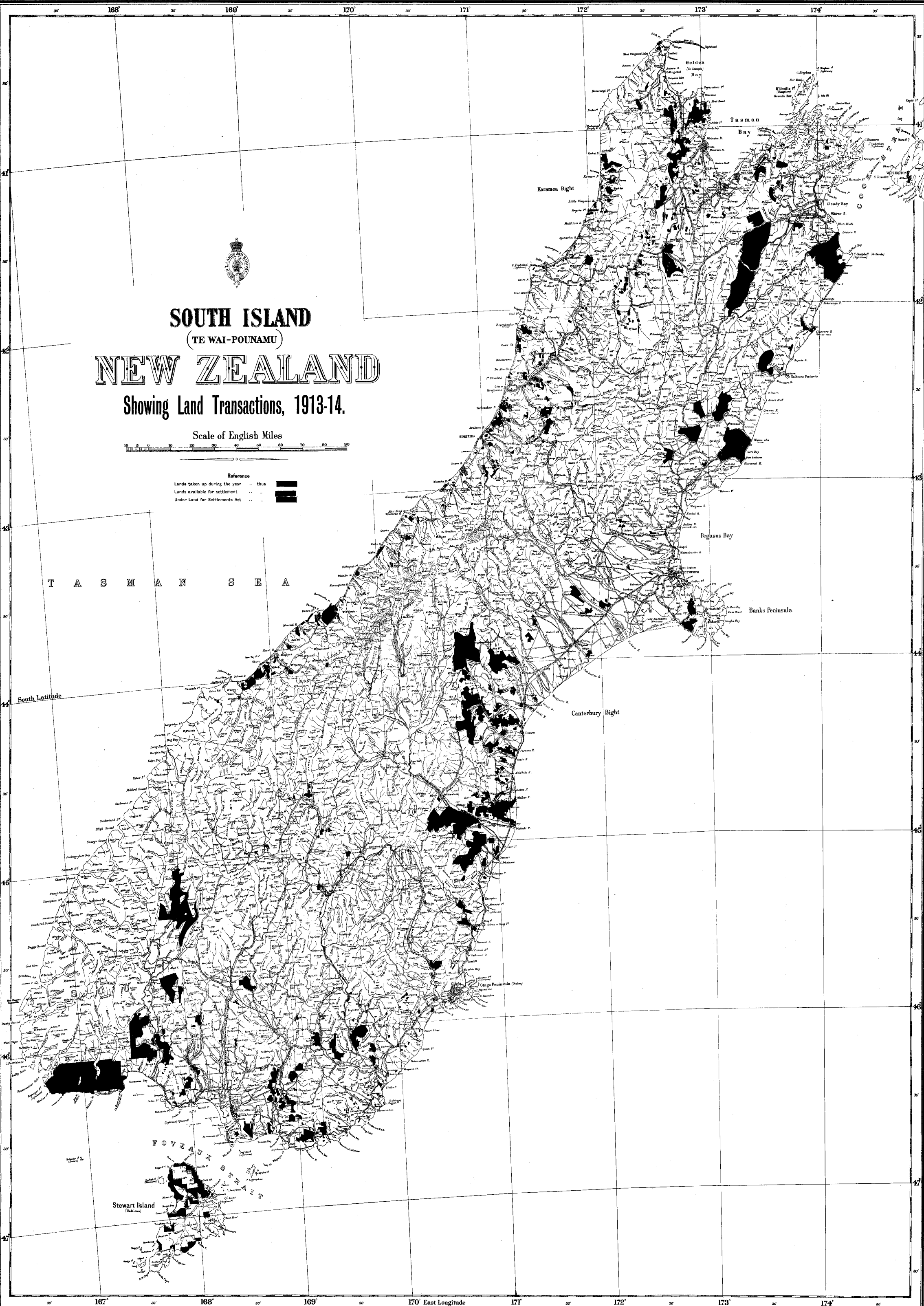
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