

1873.

NEW ZEALAND.

EXPENDITURE ON SPECIAL SETTLEMENTS (NORTH ISLAND).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 18th July, 1873,

"That there be laid upon the Table a Return of the Total Expenditure incurred respectively, in the Special Settlements at Palmerston, at Opaki, at the Seventy-Mile Bush, and at any other Special Settlements that may have been founded. The Return to be irrespective of any charges that may have been debited against the immigrants, and to include all sums expended on the settlements from the time of leaving the ship's side to the present date; to state in the case of each settlement how many of the original settlers remain on their locations, and what has become (if known) of those who have left them. Also, how much of the original cost has been charged against the settlers, and how much of this has been paid."—(Mr. Reeves.)

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Settlement.	Ship.	Date of Arrival.	Number of Families.	Statute Adults.	Nationality.	Total Cost of Locating.	Recoveries from Settlers.	Recoveries to Date.	Present Cost to Government.	Ultimate Cost to Government.	Remarks.
Palmerston, Manawatu, Wellington Province	Celino and England	1872. Feb. 2 Mar. 9	27 and 30 single men	102	Scandinavians	920 16 7	670 17 4	402 0 0	518 16 7	249 19 3	Twenty-four families have settled on their land,* for which they are paying with great regularity, by instalments, besides paying off their debt to the Government for cost of location. One family has removed to Napier, to join some friends, and the other two families have taken service in the neighbourhood. Of the thirty single men, twenty-three have settled down like the married men, two have gone as shepherds on the Ruataniwha Plains, one is a tailor at high wages, and one a shopman at Napier, and the other three are working on the Hutt Railway works.
Mauriceville and Blata-huara, Forty-Mile Bush, Wellington	England, Halcyon, and Forfarshire	Mar. 9 July 27 1873. Mar. 2	...	53½ 27 26	Ditto	... 197 17 10	197 17 10	138 8 6	55 9 4	Nil.	All the married men are settled on their locations, and are rapidly paying off their debt to Government. All but four of the single men are likewise settled. Two have moved into Palmerston to join friends, and the other two have taken work from settlers in the Wairarapa.
Norsewood and Danne-virk, Seventy-Mile Bush, Hawke's Bay	Hoving and Ballarat	1872. Sept. 15 Sept. 15	63 22	174 66	Ditto	... 793 9 0	1240 0 0	322 0 0	471 9 0	...	All these but six have settled on their land, viz., four joiners and two weavers, who had high offers to return to Napier to settle.

*This total cost includes £251 10s. for two schoolhouses, the attendance at which is, 50 children at Norsewood, and 25 at Dannevirke.
 † It was intended that each statute adult should contribute £1, but the contributions have exceeded that amount.

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