

STATEMENT showing the Blocks of Land which have been proclaimed under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891," with the Report of the Surveyor-General on the Value of such Blocks, and on the Necessary Works and the Estimated Cost of the Works, and of the Moneys expended in respect of such Blocks.

Name of Block.	Area of Block.	Surveyor-General's Estimate on			Expenditure, 1st April, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.				
		Valuation of Block.	Works required to open up Block.	Estimated Cost of such Works.					
*Sections 184 to 201, Tauhoa Parish	Acres. 4,069	£ 1,666	s. 2	d. 0	Roadworks ...	£ 456	s. 0	d. 0	...
Maungataniwha ...	4,000	1,500	0	0	" ...	500	0	0	...
Takahue ...	1,900	712	10	0	" ...	300	0	0	...
Manganuiwae ...	5,000	2,500	0	0	" ...	500	0	0	...
Waoku ...	20,000	10,000	0	0	" ...	2,000	0	0	...
Motatau ...	5,000	1,875	0	0	" ...	600	0	0	...
Mareretu ...	5,000	2,500	0	0	" ...	600	0	0	...
Ahuroa ...	4,000	2,500	0	0	" ...	500	0	0	...
*Mangamingi ...	6,600	9,002	18	0	" ...	4,286	0	0	...
Motu ...	33,000	14,025	0	0	" ...	2,475	0	0	...
*Oroua—Coal Creek ...	6,000	6,440	0	0	" ...	1,050	0	0	...
*Waimarino ...	20,900	16,880	0	0	" ...	7,837	10	0	1,000 0 0
*North-east Puketoi ...	13,300	16,455	0	0	" ...	3,990	0	0	...
East Puketoi ...	83,500	83,500	0	0	" ...	20,875	0	0	...
*Mount Baker ...	9,200	9,600	0	0	" ...	2,625	0	0	...
*Maruwhenua (part) ...	13,000	10,000	0	0	" ...	5,000	0	0	5,000 0 0
Maruwhenua (part) ...	36,090	49,200	0	0	" ...	2,000	0	0	2,000 0 0
*Blocks II., VIII., V., and VI., Woodlands Block XVII., Long-wood	13,400	11,225	0	0	" ...	4,950	0	0	...
	4,000	2,420	0	0	" ...	750	0	0	...
	287,959	252,001	10	0	...	61,294	10	0	8,000 0 0

NOTE.—Descriptions of the blocks marked * will be found in *Gazette* of the 18th February, 1892, page 336. The descriptions of the remainder will be found in *Gazette* of the 18th March, 1892, page 479.

Work has been found for the unemployed on various roads during the past year, in nearly every instance by piecework or small contracts, which have generally worked well. The following figures show the numbers so employed for each month of the year:—

STATEMENT showing Average Number of "Unemployed" engaged in Works under direction of Lands and Survey Department monthly, from 1st April, 1891, to 31st March, 1892.

1891. April ...	...	52	1891. October ...	...	450
May ...	...	72	November ...	...	377
June ...	...	298	December ...	...	109
July ...	...	412	1892. January ...	...	157
August ...	...	422	February ...	...	155
September ...	...	456	March ...	...	174

DEPARTMENTAL AND GENERAL.

With over 10,000 selectors on the books of the department, which increase yearly, it is obvious that the work of the department shows no sign of diminishing. The extra work caused by re-valuations and inquiries into military settlers' claims has been very heavy during the past year, and has taxed the energies of the Commissioners very greatly. The additional correspondence entailed by the special-settlement associations has been extremely heavy, both in the head office and the district offices.

In the matter of facilities offered to selectors, an advance has been made in furnishing lithographic plans of every single allotment of land offered, which is accomplished by printing them on the margins of the posters, and these are distributed broadcast over the districts to which they refer.

The demand for Crown lands during the past season has been very great, and shows no signs of abatement. The department is unable to meet this want in many cases owing to the absence of suitable lands; indeed, unless further lands are acquired from the Maoris the settlement operations of the Lands Department must within a few years terminate, so far as placing fresh settlers on the land is concerned.

The usual annual edition of the "Crown Lands Guide," Vol. xii., was issued in February. It is a volume of 234 pages, in which is described every allotment or block of land open for selection, besides giving brief descriptions of the terms on which the Crown lands may be acquired, and other information useful to selectors. This volume is sent to all parts of the world, and serves as a means of conveying useful information relating to the colony which otherwise is not readily accessible. Beyond this there is an edition published quarterly for each land district, giving the same information to the latest dates, but in pamphlet form.