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## LAND ADMINISTRATION.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE EXTENT OF SETTLEMENT DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND THE LAST THREE YEARS OF THE LATE GOVERNMENT.

*Laid on the Table by the Hon. Minister of Lands, with the Leave of the House.*

THE total number of selectors under all systems of settlement for the three years ending 31st March, 1891, was	...	...	6,912
The total number under all systems for the three years ending 31st March, 1894, was	...	...	7,276
	Difference in excess	...	364
If, however, the pastoral runs are excluded the number for the first-named period is	...	...	6,307
And for the three years ending 31st March, 1894, is	...	...	6,985
	Difference in excess	...	678
			Acres.
The area of land taken up under all systems for the three years ending 31st March, 1891, was	...	...	8,520,782
And for the three years ending 31st March, 1894, was	...	...	4,244,439
	Difference (decrease)	...	4,276,343
If the pastoral runs are excluded the area is as follows:—			Acres.
For the three years ending 31st March, 1891	...	...	1,422,098
For the next period of three years ending 31st March, 1894	...	...	1,741,937
	Difference (increase)	...	319,839

It follows, therefore, that the number of selectors under all systems, exclusive of pastoral runs, for the three years ending 31st March, 1894, was 678 more than for the previous three years, and the area taken up is larger by 319,839 acres.

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