

NUMBER of NEW SELECTORS and AREA taken up from 1st April, 1898, to 31st March, 1899, and Total Amount of Money received during the Year.

TABLE A.

| Nature and Tenure of Lands selected. | Number of Purchasers or Selectors. | | Area. | | Cash received on Past and Current Transactions. | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|---|----|----|
| | Selectors. | Area. A. R. P. | A. | R. P. | £ | s. | d. |
| Town lands sold for cash .. | 249 | 135 1 25) | 528 | 36,188 3 23 | 23,267 | 18 | 4 |
| Suburban lands sold for cash .. | 97 | 962 3 38) | | | | | |
| Rural lands sold for cash .. | 182 | 35,090 2 0) | | | | | |
| Deferred payments | .. | .. | 1 | 13 0 0 | 20,754 | 8 | 11 |
| Perpetual lease (cash includes money from perpetual leases made freehold, £65,749 10s. 6d.) | .. | .. | 1 | 640 0 0 | 84,452 | 16 | 6 |
| Occupation with right of purchase | .. | .. | 458 | 109,949 3 30 | 15,319 | 5 | 6 |
| Lease in perpetuity | .. | .. | 362 | 99,262 0 3 | 20,430 | 2 | 11 |
| Agricultural lease | .. | .. | 2 | 114 1 11 | 79 | 19 | 0 |
| Village settlement, cash | .. | .. | 21 | 29 3 6 | 327 | 6 | 3 |
| " deferred payment | .. | .. | .. | .. | 217 | 17 | 9 |
| " perpetual lease (cash includes money from perpetual lease made freehold, £145 15s. 7d.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 970 | 10 | 5 |
| " occupation with right of purchase .. | .. | .. | 3 | 2 0 0 | 10 | 1 | 5 |
| " lease in perpetuity | .. | .. | 104 | 2,100 1 2 | 1,423 | 13 | 8 |
| Village-homestead special settlement | .. | .. | 12 | 133 2 36 | 2,235 | 13 | 9 |
| Special-settlement associations | .. | .. | 5 | 607 1 10 | 8,834 | 6 | 10 |
| Improved-farm special settlement (lease in perpetuity and occupation with right of purchase) | .. | .. | 64 | 4,822 3 24 | 1,616 | 9 | 0 |
| Occupation leases, Mining Act | .. | .. | 31 | 1,448 3 1 | 228 | 0 | 3 |
| Small grazing-runs | .. | .. | 21 | 48,809 3 17 | 22,022 | 4 | 9 |
| Pastoral runs | .. | .. | 227 | 760,156 1 1 | 78,952 | 19 | 6 |
| Thermal springs, Rotorua | .. | .. | 29 | 87 2 28 | 1,351 | 13 | 6 |
| Miscellaneous leases and licenses | .. | .. | 304 | 201,474 0 8 | 21,788 | 16 | 2 |
| Cheviot Estate— | | | | | | | |
| Cash lands | .. | .. | 6 | 1,210 3 14 | 3,234 | 2 | 0 |
| Lease in perpetuity | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5,911 | 19 | 10 |
| Village-homestead special settlement (lease in perpetuity) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 813 | 11 | 4 |
| Grazing-farms | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6,259 | 14 | 4 |
| Pastoral runs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 262 | 3 | 8 |
| Miscellaneous | .. | .. | 6 | 196 0 0 | 566 | 9 | 5 |
| Land for Settlements Acts— | | | | | | | |
| Lease in perpetuity | .. | .. | 313 | 60,152 3 29 | 34,446 | 1 | 4 |
| Lease in perpetuity, village | .. | .. | 2 | 15 0 2 | 258 | 12 | 3 |
| Special-settlement associations (lease in perpetuity) .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 170 | 18 | 4 |
| Small grazing-runs | .. | .. | 19 | 28,821 3 19 | 3,011 | 2 | 9 |
| Miscellaneous | .. | .. | 23 | 1,229 1 1 | 917 | 15 | 6 |
| Totals | .. | .. | 2,542 | 1,357,466 2 25 | 360,136 | 15 | 2 |

The details in the above Table A may be summarised under a few headings for purposes of comparison with the transactions of previous years. The figures include the ordinary Crown lands, Land for Settlements estates, Cheviot Estate, Thermal Springs, &c., but exclude endowments, miscellaneous and temporary leases, for the latter scarcely come under the heading of ordinary settlement.

TABLE B.

| Tenure. | 1897. | | 1898. | | 1899. | |
|---|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | Number. | Area. | Number. | Area. | Number. | Area. |
| Cash | 392 | Acres. 28,489 | 274 | 22,526 | 555 | 37,427 |
| Deferred payment | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 13 |
| Perpetual lease | 19 | 9,106 | 2 | 651 | 1 | 640 |
| Occupation with right of purchase | 281 | 59,652 | 382 | 81,416 | 461 | 109,951 |
| Lease in perpetuity | 966 | 139,571 | 782 | 128,855 | 891 | 167,178 |
| Pastoral and grazing runs | 156 | 1,256,706 | 209 | 2,139,872 | 267 | 337,786 |
| Occupation and agricultural leases, Mining Acts | 50 | 2,830 | 28 | 1,542 | 33 | 1,562 |
| | 1,864 | 1,496,354 | 1,677 | 2,374,862 | 2,209 | 1,154,557 |
| Forfeitures and surrenders | 852 | 592,035 | 704 | 779,271 | 586 | 499,152 |
| | 1,012 | 904,319 | 973 | 1,595,591 | 1,623 | 655,405 |

It will be noticed that there is an increase in the number of selectors or purchasers who took up lands as compared with last year, the largest increase being under the head of cash purchasers, which is due largely to the sale of town sections. An increase is also shown in the number of selections under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase and lease-in-perpetuity systems. It will be seen that the largest number of selections are now under the lease-in-perpetuity system, one of the reasons for which is that in several of the systems this tenure is obligatory. Under the optional system (Part III. of the Act) the following figures will show the popular choice:—