

ESTATES OFFERED for SELECTION during the Year ending the 31st March, 1904, under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Land District, and Name of Estate.	Area of Estate.			Number of Selectors.	Area unselected, 31st March, 1904.			Annual Rental payable on Lands leased.			Date of Opening.
	A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland—											
Waari .. .. .	427	2	32	5	378	0	14	8	1	2	20 April, 1903.
Bickerstaffe .. .. .	12,480	0	19	10	9,484	0	20	486	6	0	7 Dec., 1903.
Hawke's Bay—											
Argyll .. .. .	33,705	1	30	60	1,650	0	0	8,171	2	10	23 June, 1903.
Wigan .. .. .	10,072	1	37	16	462	2	0	2,652	4	6	15 Dec., 1903.
Taranaki—											
Spotswood .. .. .	310	3	23	14	187	1	31	291	5	2	5 May, 1903.
Clandon .. .. .	881	0	13	5	..			623	0	6	16 Nov., 1903.
Wellington—											
Longbush .. .. .	3,021	3	26	6	318	2	18	727	1	6	16 June, 1903.
Tabelands .. .. .	5,496	3	30	8	1,338	2	0	998	4	4	16 June, 1903.
Normandale .. .. .	1,623	0	9	15	1,495	0	0	155	7	10	15 Dec., 1903.
Marlborough—											
Rainford .. .. .	246	0	21	11	..			315	15	4	31 Aug., 1903.
Canterbury—											
Annan .. .. .	32,858	2	33	37	..			5,129	10	2	15 June, 1903.
Rosewill .. .. .	38,683	2	15	137	1,344	2	31	13,284	7	4	31 Mar., 1904.
Otago—											
St. Helens .. .. .	547	3	20	3	..			224	11	0	29 June, 1903.
Totals .. .. .	140,355	3	28	327	16,658	3	34	33,066	17	8	

TABLE H.—SUMMARY of the SETTLEMENTS established upon ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH, under the Provisions of the Land for Settlements Acts, up to the 31st March, 1904.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residencies.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland—						
Opouriao .. .. .	86	70	Dairying and mixed farming	Satisfactory ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Okauia .. .. .	8	7	Grazing .. .. .	Not satisfactory	Not satisfactory..	Not promising.
Rangiatea .. .. .	18	17	Dairying and cropping	Satisfactory ..	Thriving ..	Good.
Karapiro .. .. .	17	10	Dairying .. .. .	Good ..	Prosperous ..	"
Fencourt .. .. .	34	33	" .. .. .	Fair ..	Good ..	"
Whitehall .. .. .	10	10	Grazing and dairying	Good ..	Fair ..	"
Cradock Hamlet	7	6	These were subdivided for the purpose of providing workmen's homes near the City of Auckland. Only a few of the sections have been selected. Up to the present, position is unsatisfactory.			
Hetana Hamlet..	10	6				
Kitchener Hamlet	8	6				
Methuen Hamlet	11	8				
Plumer Hamlet..	4	1				
Waari Hamlet ..	5	3				
Bickerstaffe ..	10	..		Only recently selected.		
Hawke's Bay—						
Raureka .. .. .	19	18	Dairying, fruit-growing, and crops	Good ..	Good ..	Good.
Elsthorpe .. .. .	45	27	Sheep- and cattle - farming and cropping	Satisfactory ..	Prosperous ..	"
Waimarie .. .. .	18	16	Dairying .. .. .	" ..	Good ..	"
Poupare .. .. .	9	9	Dairying and growing of maize, &c.	Successful ..	Successful ..	"
Tomoana .. .. .	13	12	Dairying, fruit-growing, &c.	Very satisfactory	Good ..	"
Mahora .. .. .	33	28	Dairying and mixed farming	Satisfactory ..	" ..	"
Willows .. .. .	22	18	Grazing sheep and cattle; growing maize, potatoes, &c.	" ..	" ..	"
Hatuma .. .. .	62	57	Grazing sheep and mixed farming	" ..	" ..	"
Manga-a-toro ..	25	22	Sheep-farming .. .. .	" ..	" ..	"
Kumeroa .. .. .	14	13	Dairying and sheep-farming	" ..	" ..	"
Forest Gate .. ..	28	23	Sheep- and cattle-farming ..	Very satisfactory	" ..	"
Argyll .. .. .	60	38	Grazing sheep and cattle	" ..	" ..	"
Wigan .. .. .	16	..	" .. .. .	" ..	" ..	"
Taranaki—						
Tokaora .. .. .	14	13	Dairying .. .. .	Steady ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Spotswood .. .. .	14	9	Residential, poultry-farming, &c.	Not satisfactory	Fair ..	"
Clandon .. .. .	5	5	Dairying .. .. .	Good ..	Good ..	"
Wellington—						
Paparangi .. .. .	37	35	Residential, dairying, and poultry-farming	" ..	" ..	"
Ohakea .. .. .	15	15	Dairying, mixed farming, &c.	" ..	" ..	"
Te Matua .. .. .	13	12	Dairying .. .. .	" ..	" ..	"
Aorangi .. .. .	37	37	Dairying, mixed farming, and market-gardening	" ..	Very satisfactory	"
Carried forward	727	584				