Revenue Returns.

The revenue received from all sources amounted to £550,248, or some £40,000 in excess of last year. Under the heading of "Territorial Revenue" (which comprises receipts from ordinary Crown lands as distinct from that under the Land for Settlements Act, and embraces cash, deferred payment, perpetual lease (1885), occupation with right of purchase, lease in perpetuity, pastoral and small grazing-runs, timber licenses, &c.), amounted to £260,789, whilst non-territorial (which embraces areas disposed of under the land-for-settlements conditions, State forests receipts, Cheviot Estate, amounts recouped under Loans to Local Bodies Act, &c.) amounted to £289,459. The principal contributors under the first or territorial division were: Auckland, £51,770; Hawke's Bay (including Gisborne and East Coast), £23,088; Wellington, £26,836; Canterbury and Otago respectively, £50,726 and £50,956; whilst for the second or non-territorial division the chief contributors were: Auckland, £33,357; Hawke's Bay, £44,730; Wellington, £33,466; Marlborough, £21,180; Canterbury, £83,148, and Otago £31,366. The other land disticts contributed in a lesser degree, but all well up to the estimate. For the coming year, 1906–7, it is estimated that £245,000 will be received from territorial revenue (a less amount than last year, owing to the effect of the remission under the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act), and from non-territorial sources, £291,000 (an excess over last year, owing to the opening for selection of new estates), the total estimated revenue being £536,000, though probably last year's receipts will be reached.

Pastoral Runs.

This subject is introduced for the sake of appending a table showing the position of all areas held as pastoral runs in Canterbury and Otago, the years in which such leases expire, and the areas reverting to the Crown. This table of reference will be found very useful, because considerable pressure has been and is being put upon the Government to resume these runs, the petitioners not being aware that the only runs which can be resumed by giving twelve months' notice are those which were classed as "Pastoral and Agricultural" when the classification took place. All the runs classed and leased as "pastoral" can only be resumed with the consent of the lessees or by awaiting the falling-in of the leases by effluxion of time.

In the Canterbury Land District, it will be seen by the table that on the 30th of last September 133 runs were held for a total area of 3,349,551 acres, and that not until 1911 and 1917 will any very extensive areas revert to the Crown, and that out of the whole area held only 15,078 acres is resumable upon twelve months' notice. In the Otago Land District 224 runs were held on 30th September last, with a total area of 4,499,629 acres, with no considerable areas falling into possession of the Crown until after 1910, and that out of the total area given above only 297,287 acres is resumable upon giving twelve months' notice.

Pastoral Runs, Canterbury Land District.

Number of pastoral runs held at 30th September, 1905	133
Area held	3,349,551 acres.

Schedule showing Number of Pastoral-run Leases Expiring from Year to Year.

Year.	Number of Leases expiring.	Total Area Acres.
1907	17	46,891
1908	5	6,217
1909	..	..
1910	13	117,961
1911	24	1,169,400
1912	13	400,009
1913	3	2,858
1914	13	107,912
1915	1	3,900
1916	1	1,839
1917	14	835,723
1918	18	459,492
1919	8	193,033
1920	1	3,938
	131	3,349,173
Yearly licenses	2	378
	133	3,349,551
		Acres.
Area resumable		15,078
Area not resumable		3,334,473
		3,349,551