

TABLE J.—Summary of the Settlements established upon Estates—*continued.*

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
<i>Canterbury—contd.</i>						
Lyndon No. 2)	9	9	Principally pastoral	Good	Good	Good.
Maytown	11	11	Small farming and dairying	"	"	"
Eccleston	4	4	Mixed farming	"	"	"
Mead	21	19	"	"	"	"
Chamberlain	20	23	Partly pastoral, partly mixed farming	Very good	Very good	Very good.
Annan	43	40	Ditto	"	"	"
Rosewill	154	145	Mixed farming	"	"	"
Morice	29	29	Dairying and grass seeding	Fair	Fairly good	Fair.
Kinloch	30	24	Grazing	"	"	"
Mills	21	21	Dairying and small farming	"	Good	Good.
Homestead-sites, &c.	47	4	"	"	"	"
	1,236	1,074				
<i>Otago—</i>						
Pomahaka Downs	38	14	Grazing and cropping	Very fair	Good	Good.
Te Aneraki	22	15	Dairy-farming	Fair	Fair	Fair.
Tahawai	8	8	"	Good	Good	Good.
Maerewhenua	74	58	Mixed farming	"	"	"
Puketapu	11	10	Dairy-farming	"	"	"
Ardgowan	66	50	Mixed and dairy farming	"	"	"
Makareao	34	23	"	"	"	"
Momona	14	13	Dairying	Very good	Sound	Very good.
Tokarahi	79	46	Mixed farming	Good	Good	Good.
Janesfield	21	19	Chiefly growing roots and vegetables	"	Sound	"
Elderslie	34	24	Mixed farming	"	Good	"
Barnego	24	16	"	"	Sound	"
Earnsoleugh	13	8	Fruit-growing	Very fair	Doubtful	Fair.
Windsor Park No. 1	37	23	Mixed and dairy farming	Good	Good	Good.
Windsor Park No. 2	10	8	Mixed farming	"	"	"
Duncan	7	4	Mixed and dairy farming	Poor	Unsatisfactory	Not at all encouraging.
St. Helen's	3	3	Mixed farming	Fair	Fair	Fair.
Greenfield	41	40	"	Good	Satisfactory	Good.
Steward	47	41	Mixed farming and wool-growing	"	Good	"
Plunket	18	14	Mixed and dairy farming	"	"	"
Totara	27	25	"	"	"	"
Kurow	13	12	Dairy-farming	"	"	"
Airedale	12	11	Mixed and dairy farming	"	"	"
Otekaiki	57	"	Mixed farming	"	"	"
Taumata	9	"	Mixed and dairy farming	"	"	"
	709	485				
<i>Southland—</i>						
Merrivale	49	40	Dairying and stock-raising	Very good	Very good	Very encouraging.
Otahu	6	5	Farming and grazing	Fair	Satisfactory	Encouraging.
Beaumont	12	7	"	"	"	"
Ringway	8	8	Mixed farming and grazing	"	"	"
Glenham	33	28	Dairying, farming, and grazing	Good	Fair	Fair.
Edendale	139	119	"	Very good	Very good	Excellent.
	247	207				
Grand total	4,217	3,237				

CROWN PURCHASES UNDER "THE MAORI LAND SETTLEMENT ACT, 1905," AND AMENDMENTS.

Negotiations for the purchase of numerous blocks of suitable Maori land in the four North Island districts have now culminated in the completion of the following areas:—

Auckland	...	...	...	...	...	121,776	1 34
Taranaki	...	...	...	...	...	127,821	2 35
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	...	...	13,294	2 23
Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	109	0 0
						263,001	3 12

Notwithstanding anything that has been said to the contrary, the Maori owners have been dealt with both fairly and liberally by the several land-purchase officers, whilst the State has no reason to feel dissatisfied with the returns it has received for its monetary expenditure.

COGNATE SUBJECTS.

REPORT ON STATE NURSERIES AND PLANTATIONS.

The usual report upon the operations of the Afforestation Branch by the Chief Forester is printed as a separate paper, and shows that very substantial progress has been made in those nur-