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SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st July, 1931.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report on the settlement of Crown lands for the year ended 31st March, 1931, together with particulars of the special settlement of inferior lands, and of the development work that is being carried out on unoccupied Crown and settlement lands. In submitting this report I desire to point out that the operations recorded herein were carried out under the direction of my predecessor, Mr. J. B. Thompson, C.B.E.

I have, &c.,

W. ROBERTSON,
Under-Secretary.

The Hon. E. A. Ransom, Minister of Lands.

REPORT.

REVIEW OF PAST YEAR.

REPORTS from all districts indicate clearly that the past year has been a particularly trying one for Crown settlers and their brother farmers throughout the country. Production generally was well maintained; but the extremely low prices ruling for our principal primary products have so seriously reduced the national income that the effects are being felt by all classes of the community. Climatic conditions also were not particularly favourable, the seasons generally being cold and stormy, and alternating between periods of excessive rainfall and dry spells, of sometimes serious duration.

It is clearly evident that the times call for increased production, both by the fuller utilization of areas already farmed, and by bringing into occupation all idle lands that are capable of successful development. The Department is taking an active part in the work of increasing the volume of the Dominion's primary products, and energetic endeavours are being made to open new areas for selection, while the position of tenants who find themselves financially embarrassed is receiving every consideration, particularly with a view to maintaining the top-dressing of pastures.

The complete loss of all land records through the destruction by earthquake and fire of the Government Buildings in Napier is proving a grievous handicap to the Department in carrying on its operations in Hawke's Bay. However, energetic steps are being taken to prepare new registers of tenants and holdings, and to compile as far as possible all the detailed information necessary for the efficient working of a District Lands Office. In this task the Department is receiving valuable assistance from local authorities, legal firms, and other offices; and, while it will be impossible to completely reinstate all records, it is anticipated that within a reasonable time sufficient will be accomplished to place matters on a sound working basis. In the meantime, the Department is successfully coping with current work that must be kept up to date.

Selections of Crown and settlement lands on all tenures during the year totalled 368,800 acres. The tenants on the books of the Department at the 31st March number 37,178, occupying a total area of approximately 19,300,000 acres. Pastoral runs account for over 9,000,000 acres, while 1,872,000 acres of purchased estates are held under lease under the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act.

LEGISLATION.

The Land Laws Amendment Act, 1930, gives additional powers for the disposal and development of Crown lands, the main provisions being briefly as follows:—

The Crown may sell land which is not considered suitable for close settlement under the Land Act to any company, firm, or person who will promote the development of such land. For this purpose the Governor-General is authorized to set any such land apart for disposal under special terms and conditions. Disposal is to be by way of sale or deferred payments spread over a term of twenty years, and subject to such special conditions as may be considered reasonable and desirable under the circumstances of any particular case. The grant of the fee-simple will not be made until all conditions have been complied with and the purchase-money paid in full. The limit of area fixed by the Land Act, 1924, as capable of being held by any one person will not apply to lands so disposed of; but the special consent of Parliament will be required before land in excess of 5,000 acres is sold to any one applicant, and in no case shall more than 50,000 acres be granted to any applicant.

Lands developed by the State may be set apart for allotment to persons who have actually been employed on work in connection with the development of such lands, and Land Boards are authorized to determine which of such persons shall have preference.

The Minister may enter into arrangements with the trustees of any institution or with any other body actively concerned in the training of youths for farming, whereby unoccupied Crown or settlement lands may be developed, and the services of the trainees utilized in carrying out the work. Any land so developed may be set apart for allotment to persons employed on the work.

For some considerable time the need has been felt for an elastic provision to facilitate the disposal of Crown lands which through general unattractiveness or other reasons have remained open for selection for lengthy periods. To meet cases of this nature the Act provides that Land Boards may, with the consent of the Minister, dispose of such lands to persons tendering or offering such less amount as may seem reasonable under the circumstances of any case.

Various machinery amendments which experience has shown to be necessary to facilitate the more effective working of the land laws in various directions are also included in the amending Act.

The Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1930, contains fourteen clauses dealing with Crown lands, reserves, &c.

LAND-DEVELOPMENT.

Good progress has been made in the development of unoccupied Crown lands, and a considerable area of gum and pumice country is in hand in various localities. The various advisory committees have been busily engaged, with the result that a fairly complete investigation has been made of idle lands remaining in the hands of the Crown. The position is changing from day to day as new areas are reported on, and more detailed reports come to hand on areas already investigated to some extent; but, from the information that has already been placed before the Lands Development

Board, it appears that the areas under development, to be developed, or in respect of which special advances will be made to the selectors, will amount to about 130,000 acres, which should provide approximately five hundred new farms. The greater part of this area is at present almost totally unproductive, and its development and settlement should materially assist in increasing the production of the Dominion.

The Ngakuru Blocks of pumice country are breaking in satisfactorily, the results achieved in the laying-down of pastures and general development being very encouraging. Satisfactory progress is also being made with the development of the Tapuwae Estate purchased under the Land for Settlements Act.

The system of advances for development purposes is becoming more widely known, and, as referred to at a later stage of this report, is assisting greatly in the selection of unimproved areas.

The following summary of operations up to the 31st March last, under Part I of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, is furnished in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of the Act:—

(a) The several areas of unoccupied Crown lands in respect of which development works have been undertaken—

(1) The Wharekohe Block, of 3,700 acres of gum land, Whangarei District: It is proposed to plough and develop about 1,450 acres. Operations had barely commenced at the 31st March, but a good many men will eventually be employed on this block, which should finally provide twenty farms.

(2) The Ngakuru No. 1 Block, of 2,200 acres of light pumice land: At the 31st March, 1,213 acres had been cleared, of which 1,160 acres had been sown in grass. Shelter-belts have also been planted, and about thirty-three miles of fencing erected.

(3) The Ngakuru No. 2 Block, comprising about 6,000 acres, of which approximately half is ploughable: Some 1,975 acres cleared and 400 acres cultivated. Small area sown in grass.

(4) Te Kauwhata Block, of 1,000 acres of wattle country: This land is being converted into eight dairy-farms. Work on three farms almost completed, and that on a fourth should be finished during next spring. The remaining area is being cleared of fallen timber, and will be ploughed during the winter and sown down next autumn.

(5) The Onepu Block, of 3,400 acres, situated near Te Teko, on the southern end of the Rangitaiki Plains: This area is being developed by draining, scrubbing, ploughing, and sowing-down in grass. A considerable length of new drains has been constructed, old drains reconditioned, manuka cut and burned, &c. The sowing and manuring of 200 acres had been completed by the end of the year, while a further 200 acres will be grassed in the spring and 750 acres next autumn.

(6) The Koromatua Block, of 833 acres, in the Elstow District, Hauraki: Drainage, roading, and cultivation will be carried out, and at the 31st March, two and a half miles of drains had been constructed.

(7) Reporoa Settlement areas of 3,215 acres, comprising the unlet sections in the settlement: Comprises mostly easy hill country with small areas of good-quality swamp. A considerable amount of drainage has been carried out, and further development is under consideration.

(8) Tapuwae Estate, King-country: A purchased estate of 3,350 acres, comprising tableland country of good quality. Some 730 acres of bush has been felled, burnt, and sown, and 150 acres drained.

(9) The Easterfield Block, near Westport, comprising 250 acres of pakihi land: Grassing experiments are being carried out by the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The total cost of development works carried out to the 31st March, 1931—

	£	s.	d.
(1) Wharekohe Block	410	6	3
(2) Ngakuru No. 1 Block	15,300	12	7
(3) Ngakuru No. 2 Block	5,747	10	0
(4) Te Kauwhata Block	18,941	2	3
(5) Onepu Block	960	16	8
(6) Koromatua Block	574	8	9
(7) Reporoa sections	142	10	5
(8) Tapuwae Estate	7,525	12	1
(9) Easterfield Block	348	13	8

Total expenditure to 31st March, 1931 .. £49,952 2 8

In addition to the expenditure on the blocks set out above, funds have been expended on the roading, survey, &c., of various other blocks in respect of which the actual development is to be carried out by the selectors. The total expenditure on roading, surveys, and development (apart from roading costs payable out of the Public Works Fund) up to the 31st March, 1931, was £64,200 15s. 3d.

(c) and (d) The area or number of developed allotments disposed of, and the prices at which any such lands have been sold, and the rents receivable in respect of lands disposed of by way of lease or license: No developed allotments had been disposed of at the 31st March last.

(e) The total amount advanced to Crown tenants for the development of their sections, the number of advances, and the purposes for which such advances have been made,—

Loans approved up to the 31st March numbered 204, covering a total of £82,054. The amount actually advanced at the 31st March was £18,267.

The advances were made for bush-felling, ploughing, fencing, grassing, draining, provision of water-supplies, erection and repair of buildings, and purchase of manures and grass-seed.

SPECIAL SETTLEMENT OF INFERIOR LANDS.

The following summary of the lands dealt with during the year is furnished in accordance with the provisions of section 223 (14) of the Land Act, 1924:—

(a) Aggregate area of land set apart: Nil.

(b) Number of allotments and aggregate area disposed of: Five allotments, 1,021 acres.

The total number of allotments taken up and the area held as at 31st March, 1931, was twenty-seven allotments, 6,578 acres.

LANDS FOR SELECTION.

During the year 368,809 acres were taken up on various tenures, the number of selections being 1,639 under all headings. These figures include some 605 sections, comprising altogether an area of 97,408 acres, taken up under miscellaneous leases and licenses, so that the selections on permanent tenures numbered 1,034 sections, covering a total area of 271,401 acres. The following table gives the selections of Crown lands for the last five years:—

SELECTIONS UNDER ALL TENURES.

Year ending	Number.	Area. Acres.
31st March, 1927	1711	456,590
31st March, 1928	1913	460,590
31st March, 1929	1911	462,563
31st March, 1930	2091	402,900
31st March, 1931	1639	368,809

The following estates were opened for general application during the year under the Land for Settlements Act:—

Land District.	Name of Settlement.	Number of Holdings offered for Selection.	Area opened for Selection.
			Acres.
North Auckland	Awanui	7	470
Auckland	Mangakura	7	921
Auckland	Puketarata	5	422
Gisborne	Apanui	7	475
Hawke's Bay	Awamate	6	670
Hawke's Bay	Rylands	5	1,246
Wellington	Waitawa	3	246
Otago	Rosebery	15	3,852
Otago	Tapanui	9	1,948
Otago	Arthurton	4	4,500
Southland	Te Wae Wae	4	439
Totals .. ..	.. ..	72	15,189

The following group settlements under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928, were allotted during the year :—

Land District.	Name of Settlement.	Number of Holdings.	Area.
			Acres.
North Auckland	Otarao	3	596
North Auckland	Whakata	6	508
Auckland	Bushmere	2	424
Auckland	Nolan	5	443
Auckland	Tahuna	3	440
Auckland	Nelson	3	159
Auckland	Morgan	4	415
Hawke's Bay	Woodlands	9	138
Hawke's Bay	Pukahu	2	30
Gisborne	Ruangarehu	2	142
Otago	The Downs	8	4,792
Totals		47	8,087

The total of 368,809 acres selected during the year includes lands taken up under both permanent and temporary tenures, and also town and suburban lands. The *permanent* selections of *rural lands only* were as follow :—

Class of Land.	Number of Rural Sections selected.	Total Area selected.
		Acres.
Crown and national-endowment land	450	107,531
Settlement land	146	43,932
Education reserves, &c.	32	5,858
Grand totals	628	157,321

The lands dealt with above comprise both areas offered for the first time and areas which became available for reoffering through various reasons. The figures for *entirely new* rural areas selected during the year are as follows :—

Class of Land.	Number of New Rural Sections selected.	Total Area selected for the First Time.
		Acres.
Crown and national-endowment land	227	42,064
Settlement land	125	39,265
Education reserves, &c.	9	2,038
Grand totals	361	83,367

The demand for certain classes of land has been seriously affected by the fall in the prices of primary products ; but the system of advances for development purposes is becoming more widely known, and is proving a powerful factor in maintaining a steady demand on the part of prospective settlers for moderately-priced unimproved or partly improved land, the selection of which affords a reasonable opportunity of building up a valuable asset by the personal efforts of successful applicants.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts for the year from all sources (excluding, of course, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account receipts) total £1,005,700, a decrease of £269,406 on last year's figures. The sum of £265,625 was derived from ordinary Crown lands, £456,174 from lands held under the Land for Settlements Act (including Hutt Valley Settlement and Cheviot Estate), £112,608 from the national endowment and £109,775 from the education endowment.

Cash received on the conversion of leaseholds to freehold tenures has shown a decrease of approximately £48,000.

The following table gives the relation of this freehold revenue to total receipts during the past five years :—

					Conversions to Freehold.	Amount yielded therefrom.	Total Receipts.
						£	£
Year ending 31st March, 1927	..	..	..	..	304	76,570	1,245,338
„	1928	..	..	..	261	69,276	1,271,821
„	1929	..	..	..	317	111,119	1,290,856
„	1930	..	..	..	323	107,550	1,275,106
„	1931	..	..	..	233	58,693	1,005,700

Of the 233 conversions to freehold during the year, 198 were in the North Island districts.

POSTPONEMENTS.

Postponements of payment of rent were granted to 299 tenants during the year, involving the sum of £27,517. At the 31st March, £84,016 remained postponed on account of 751 tenants, as against £119,093 on account of 886 tenants at the 31st March, 1930.

REBATES.

For prompt payment of rent 18,211 Crown tenants were granted the usual rebate in terms of section 123 of the Land Act, 1924, and section 59 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925. These rebates amounted to a total of £40,519.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

Of the area in the national endowment 6,583,286 acres were held under lease or license at the 31st March by 4,454 tenants, paying an annual rental of £140,873, while a very large area (partly, however, covered by existing leases) had been set aside as provisional State forests. For further particulars *re* the national endowment see parliamentary paper C.—14.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

An area of approximately 815,500 acres of educational endowments under the administration of the various Land Boards is leased to some 4,081 tenants, who pay a total annual rental of £133,544.

LANDS RESERVED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Under the provisions of section 360 of the Land Act, 1924, and section 71 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, various areas of Crown and settlement land were permanently reserved during the year. The reservations made totalled seventy-two, covering an area of 3,019 acres. A summary of work carried out under this heading is given below :—

Purpose of Reserve.	Number of Reservations made.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Additions to school-sites	3	3	3	16.4
Cemetery	3	4	0	4
Government purposes	6	7	0	16.9
Gravel and quarry	4	52	3	6
Hospital-sites	2	25	3	14
Landing-place	1	4	2	8
Post-office site	1	0	0	17.46
Preservation of native fauna	2	1,897	0	0
Public-hall sites	2	1	1	38.5
Raceman's cottage-site	1	5	2	28
Railway	2	4	1	18
Recreation	25	883	0	8.96
River-protection	6	16	1	4
Roadman's cottage-site and public pound	1	26	0	11
School-sites	10	32	1	22.8
Travelling stock	3	55	0	11
Totals	72	3,019	2	25.02

The above does not include areas that have been vested in the Crown as public reserves in town subdivisions pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of the land Act, 1924.

LAND-DRAINAGE OPERATIONS.

During the year some 1,123,045 cubic yards of spoil were excavated by floating and dry-land excavators, and, in addition, 21,080 yards of rock were dealt with. Further particulars of the various activities of this branch of the Department are given in Appendix III.

EXPENDITURE.

Summary of Expenditure approved during the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

Name of Vote or Account.	Net Amount	Gross Expenditure.		Recoveries.		Net Expenditure.	
	voted.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Vote, Lands and Survey (Subdivision I)	151,943	274,192	17 9	126,935	19 11	147,256	17 10
Vote, Lands and Survey (Subdivision II)	22,156	17,889	5 10	..	..	17,889	5 10
Total, Vote, Lands and Survey	174,099	292,082	3 7	126,935	19 11	165,146	3 8
Vote, Scenery Preservation	2,801	2,303	11 5	1 0 0	..	2,302	11 5
Vote, Lands for Settlement: Expenses	15,607	10,448	10 7	27 0 0	..	10,421	10 7
Vote, Discharged Soldiers Settlement: Expenses of Management	40,000	39,956	9 9	6 9 9	..	39,950	0 0
Vote, Hauraki Plains Settlement	47,369	50,259	13 3	16,791	8 9	33,468	4 6
Vote, Native Land Settlement	94,535	63,431	15 4	618	18 11	62,812	16 5
Vote, Swamp Drainage	54,100	48,964	17 11	902	2 9	48,062	15 2
Totals	428,511	507,447	1 10	145,283	0 1	362,164	1 9
<i>Other Accounts.</i>							
Cheviot Estate Account	161	16 11	..	..	161	16 11
Deteriorated Lands Account	869	12 10	..	..	869	12 10
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account	577,871	6 3	824	12 3	577,046	14 0
General Purposes Relief Account	14	1 10	..	..	14	1 10
Hunter Soldiers' Assistance Trust Account	29	13 10	..	..	29	13 10
Hutt Valley Land Settlement Account—
Section 11 (2) (a)	8,963	13 10	..	..	8,963	13 10
Administration expenses	11,985	17 6	..	..	11,985	17 6
Kauri-gum Industry Account—Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, section 4	767	8 10	..	..	767	8 10
Lands for Settlement Account—
Expenses incidental to estates	28,105	7 4	2,288	3 7	25,817	3 9
Acquirement of estates	279,361	2 5	4,479	17 4	274,881	5 1
Administration expenses of estates	9,903	13 4	..	..	9,903	13 4
Expenditure under section 20, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1927	3,118	0 0	..	..	3,118	0 0
Expenditure under section 20 (3), Land Act, 1924	1,110	0 0	..	..	1,110	0 0
Expenditure under section 83 (3), Land Act, 1924	232	2 8	..	..	232	2 8
Expenditure under section 21, Land Act, 1924—Administration expenses, Cheviot Estate lands	425	10 4	..	..	425	10 4
Interest under section 208 (8), Land Act, 1924	271	3 6	..	..	271	3 6
Expenditure under section 11, Deteriorated Lands Act, 1925	246	19 4	..	..	246	19 4
Expenditure under section 105, Lands for Settlement Act, 1925	5	7 3	..	..	5	7 3
Expenditure under section 49, Lands for Settlement Act, 1925	540	17 6	..	..	540	17 6
Expenditure under section 13, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1926	116,001	6 5	..	..	116,001	6 5
Expenditure under section 7 (2), Swamp Drainage Act, 1915	193	12 0	..	..	193	12 0
Farm accounts	6,581	11 1	..	..	6,581	11 1
Expenditure under section 7, Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1927	456	13 6	..	..	456	13 6
Expenditure under section 16, Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1926	153	4 9	..	..	153	4 9
Expenditure under section 6, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929	56,255	7 9	2,714	10 10	53,540	16 11
Advances under section 7, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929	15,548	14 4	..	..	15,548	14 4
Expenditure under section 9, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929	6,192	13 4	..	..	6,192	13 4
Expenditure under section 13, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929	7,947	17 6	..	..	7,947	17 6
Expenditure under section 14, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929	2,718	15 6	..	..	2,718	15 6
Expenditure under section 15, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929 (Administration expenses)	412	2 0	..	..	412	2 0
Expenditure under section 47, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929	16,811	4 0	..	..	16,811	4 0
Interest under section 13, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1930	776	14 8	..	..	776	14 8
Interest under section 19 (4), Finance Act, 1930 (No. 2)	18,512	19 3	..	..	18,512	19 3
National Endowment Account—Expenditure under section 295 (2), Land Act, 1924	5,874	3 9	..	..	5,874	3 9
National Endowment Trust Account—Expenditure under section 20, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1927	610	0 0	..	..	610	0 0
Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account—
Expenditure under section 7, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910	7,251	2 7	797	18 5	6,453	4 2
Expenditure under section 8, Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910	314	15 0	..	..	314	15 0
General Purposes Account—Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905, section 6 (1)	439	5 0	..	..	439	5 0
Refunds of revenue, Deposit Account expenditure, expenditure under special Acts of the Legislature, &c.	35,066	7 4	..	..	35,066	7 4
Totals	1,222,102	5 3	11,105	2 5	1,210,997	2 10
Grand totals	1,729,549	7 1	156,388	2 6	1,573,161	4 7

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.—SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

NORTH AUCKLAND.

(O. N. CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

During the past year weather conditions adversely affected the farming community. Spring was backward, with cold winds, and consequently there was lack of growth. A dry summer followed and pastures suffered considerably. Hay and ensilage have, however, been saved to a great extent, but the crops were light.

Paspalum supplied the major feed during the dry weather, and all farmers are now sowing a paddock or two to keep their dairy herds up to normal production. The dairying industry has had a setback on account of the low price of butterfat. The returns due to increased production have not nearly equalled the fall in prices, and the payments received by the settlers are much below those of last year. This position may be further reflected in next season's returns, as a number of the farmers were unable to top-dress their pastures as liberally as in the past. The sheep-farmer has not had a profitable season. Wool and lamb values have not been such as to ensure payable returns.

The market prices for cows, dry cattle, and sheep have been the lowest for some time past. Notwithstanding this, there is a decided tendency to increase production by increasing and improving pastures and systematically testing and culling the herds.

Very few farms are changing hands, and the settler realizes that he must farm his lands in a scientific manner in order to obtain the best results and so combat the low prices received for his produce.

The demand for vacant land has continued to be keen, and much competition has taken place where blocks showing prospects of successful development have been opened for selection by ballot.

AUCKLAND.

(K. M. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Variable weather has been experienced throughout the season, commencing with unusually cold and dry climatic conditions in October and continuing in some parts of the district intermittently through the usual flush period of the year. Production of butterfat in some of our settlement areas has therefore been disappointing, but, nevertheless, the indications are that the continued practice of herd-testing and top-dressing will result in a larger production in the aggregate over the whole district, which will to some extent offset the result of the prevailing low export prices of our farm-produce. It is anticipated that the majority of the Crown tenants will thus be able to maintain their position, and carry on with better prospects ahead when the urgent necessity for equilibrium between prices and overhead costs is fully realized and becomes an accomplished fact.

Owing to the financial stringency, greater difficulty is being experienced this year by settlers in securing supplies of manure for autumn top-dressing, and the Land Board, ever mindful of the fact that under modern conditions of farming the maintenance of production and of capital and mortgage values is largely dependent on the adequate application of manure to pastures, has given full and due consideration to all applications for relief or assistance under this heading.

The menace of ragwort in some parts of this district is now becoming much more recognized by the farming community than hitherto, and this fact, together with the increased sales and application of sodium chlorate by the dairy-farmer, points to the fact that the spread of ragwort can be controlled and the weed economically eliminated if dealt with in time, and a careful watch kept over pastures throughout the year.

Another feature of the present season is the increased use settlers have continued to make of surplus grass for the purpose of ensilage, the production of which is proving to be such an essential part of farm economy, and its use both as supplementary feed for stock during dry spells of weather and throughout the winter months is proving in every way very beneficial.

The Crown settlers engaged mainly in sheep-farming and grazing are comparatively few in number in this district, but, in common with all other farmers in this class, they have worked at a heavy loss owing to the unexpected and unprecedented slump in wool, sheep, and cattle. All possible consideration and assistance will be given to tide them over the critical period which faces them, and when prices and costs again reach a state of equalization and stability, their position will no doubt be established on a better basis than when prices were fluctuating at high levels, and their prospects can for this reason be looked forward to with some degree of confidence in the future.

The demand for land during the year remained keen, and small farms suitable for dairying were always eagerly sought after.

GISBORNE.

(E. H. FARNIE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The total rainfall for the year was slightly above the average in the Bay of Plenty, April, June, and August to November all being fairly wet months, while May, July, and December to March were all dry, and well below the average. The East Coast, on the other hand, experienced a fall far short of the usual, although during July and August, and to a lesser degree in June and September, there were heavy snowfalls. Snow fell during July and again in September. Cold and stormy weather during the latter month, and also in October and November, checked the growth that had set in during the early spring. Dry westerly winds soon had the country drying up, and the drought conditions lasted till the end of the financial year. The shortage of feed forced farmers to reduce their flocks and herds. Consequently, stock of all kinds had to be practically sacrificed for what it would fetch.

That part of the district lying along the main central ridges from the East Cape to Matawai and Motu was more fortunate, and settlers there experienced much heavy rain which ensured ample feed for their flocks.

During a somewhat similar drought period in 1925-26 many settlers suffered heavily from losses of cattle and they had just about recovered from that blow, and stocked up again, only to have to face a more trying period during the year that has just drawn to a close. It is rather premature at this stage to give any indication of what the losses of stock will amount to, and, even if the weather breaks now, as it appears to have done, it may be too late to ensure a reasonable amount of growth before the colder weather sets in. Under the circumstances, the present outlook is not at all promising.

Owing to poor prices ruling last season, due to heavy importations from South Africa, a very much reduced area of maize was sown this year, and with very poor results owing to the weather conditions. But for the drought conditions, dairying would have shown an all-round increase in production throughout the district in continuation of the gradual increase made in the last few years. Nevertheless, a considerable increase in dairying can still be anticipated in this district. Herd-testing has made remarkable progress, last season nearly five times as many cows being tested as in 1926-27.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(J. D. THOMSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The past year has been a bad one for the greater part of the district. Weather conditions during the first quarter were very dry, the winter was cold with snow in parts, but the rain was not heavy. Cold southerly winds were the rule. Spring was cold, and there was an absence of warm weather until Christmas time. Very little rain was experienced, and drought conditions set in early and continued until practically the end of March. The effect on the pastures was ruinous, and whole districts were absolutely bare of grass, the sheep having to be shifted to outside areas in order to prevent excessive mortality. The dairy-farmer was rather better off than the sheep-farmer, but the prices obtained for butterfat, averaging from 9d. to 1s., do not give much scope for profitable farming, and, in addition, the output was much lower than usual. During winter and early spring there was a rather heavy mortality amongst sheep and hoggets as the result of lack of good pasture and the presence of liver-fluke trouble. At the commencement of the killing season a few farmers were able to get up to £1 for fat lambs, but prices then rapidly receded, and the average would be about 10s. to 12s. 6d. Fat lambs were the only bright feature of the sheep-farming industry, and even this was not too bright. Prices of sheep fell to pitiful levels, quite good store sheep being purchased at 1s. and even less. The price obtained for wool showed a further drop on last season, the average being about 6d. per pound. There was a slight rally in February, but prices then came down again. Owing to poor feed the clip was lighter than usual, and, as a result of these conditions, few farmers have made sufficient to pay annual charges and farming expenses, and it is anticipated that there will be numerous applications for concessions. The southern part of the district—that is, from Dannevirke—did not suffer to the same extent from the severe drought conditions which affected the rest of Hawke's Bay, and dairy-farmers there would have had more of a normal season had prices been better. Generally speaking, the drought, though bad enough, was not so severe as the record drought of 1925-26.

A most disastrous earthquake shook the district on the morning of the 3rd February, and left widespread havoc in its wake. The area badly affected was from Wairoa to Waipawa, and the towns suffered severely. In Napier the 'quake was followed by a devastating fire which swept over the business area and completed the destruction started by the earth-lift. There was an appalling loss of life in Napier and Hastings. The office of the Department at Napier was badly shattered, the roof and upper walls collapsed, and the fire which followed destroyed all documents, books, and valuable records, completely disorganizing the office. Unfortunately, one member of the staff, Mr. T. M. Ryan, lost his life in this disaster.

Considerable damage was done to settlers' houses, fences, and land. In some localities all the fences were down owing to the spurs either slipping or being shattered so badly that the posts broke or were pulled out of the ground. The damage to houses was very severe in a number of cases, and practically every chimney from Wairoa to Waipukurau was thrown down. Some houses were practically wrecked. Drains and river-courses had their channels narrowed owing to the banks moving inwards and leaving in some instances wide cracks running parallel to the channel. This may be a very serious trouble when heavy rains come. Rains and floods will also affect the shattered areas on spurs and sidelings which will probably slip badly. The upheaval of the land was most pronounced in some localities, and roads to settlers' farms suffered serious damage, access in numerous cases being cut off. The main road north was impassable in several places owing to tons of rock and clay slipping in the gorges. The destruction by fire of several thousand bales of wool at Port Ahuriri will be a serious blow to the owners, many of whom were Crown lessees. In some cases two years' clips were lost.

TARANAKI.

(W. D. ARMIT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

During the past year a later spring season than usual was experienced in Taranaki, and it speaks well for production that a small increase in butterfat is recorded over the previous year. Some of the factories with dual plant changed over from cheese to butter making late in the year, owing to the comparatively better price return for butter as compared with cheese. The season has been favourable to good yield on the whole.

Price returns this season have depressed the farming industry, and with falling values and decreased commodity prices the primary producer has been compelled to lean heavily on financial institutions and stock and station firms. A great measure of assistance has undoubtedly been extended to farmers.

Fat lambs for export opened at about £1 in Taranaki, but prices decreased very rapidly. Good lambings throughout the district were experienced. Numbers of sheep-farmers with held-over wool from the previous year have been compelled to accept a record low-level price for this wool, and a very slender margin over actual shearing and transport costs has been received for the average crossbred clips offered in this district.

Numerous applications for rental concessions are being received from Crown tenants, particularly from the grazing districts, and it is evident these will increase even more if the present low level of prices continues.

WELLINGTON.

(H. W. C. MACKINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Crown tenants on both dairying and pastoral propositions have had a disheartening year, although the dairyman should be in a better position financially than his brother tenant, the pastoralist. The farmer who is depending solely on wool, lambs, and fat stock for his income has had a hard struggle for existence, as the poor prices obtained for his products have barely met working-expenses, and have provided nothing towards meeting his rent and interest obligations or the maintenance of his pastures. It will be necessary to carry these tenants on until markets have risen sufficiently to enable them to again meet their commitments.

In the northern portion of the district, towards Taumarunui, with the exception of a wet spring and early summer, weather conditions during the year were ideal from a farming point of view. The district was never better for feed, and hay crops were harvested practically without loss. Dairy-farmers have benefited by the top-dressing of their pastures, herd-testing, and the provision of winter feed. It is considered that they should get about 1s. per pound for butterfat, including bonus, and at this figure should just about pay their way.

In the Wanganui district similar conditions to those in the north have obtained. Favourable weather conditions and abundance of feed have enabled farmers to carry over stock which in a drier year they would have been forced to sell on a very weak market with heavy loss. Back-country tenants are still enjoying rent-remissions which were granted some years ago. Some of the roads in the district have been considerably improved under unemployment relief schemes.

In the Rangitikei district, as a result of a dry winter, dairy stock came into profit in good condition, and those dairy-farmers who are well established should come through all right with butterfat at 1s. per pound. The spring and early summer were wet, while the summer and early autumn were dry, but with very cool temperatures. As a result the "yolk" did not come up much in the wool, and fleeces were light. Prices for lambs were good in the early part of the fat-lamb season, but did not prevail through the season, and settlers had to accept very low prices for stock, as a result of which they will sustain losses on last year's purchases. The pastures of those settlers who have top-dressed show a marked improvement, and the returns have increased.

In the Wairarapa and southern portion of the district similar conditions to those in other parts have prevailed. In addition to poor prices, some settlers in this part of the district have had drought conditions to contend with, and have, in consequence, had a decreased supply of milk. For the most part settlers in these localities are becoming well established and with a return to normal prices will soon regain their former positions.

There is still a demand for better-class lands, but, for the most part, inquirers appear to be diffident about selecting farms while markets are so unpromising as at present.

NELSON.

(A. F. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

From a farming point of view the outstanding feature of the past year has been the unprecedented slump in the prices of staple products. Wool, in particular, has fallen to prices far below the cost of production, which, if continued for any length of time, must involve the producer in ruin. Cases have come under my notice where wool has returned £2 10s. per bale to the grower, out of which must be paid the cost of mustering, shearing, and baling.

Weather conditions throughout the year have been against successful farming operations, the eastern part of the district experiencing a prolonged dry spell through the autumn and winter, with an absence of the usual spring rains. Heavy mortality has occurred among sheep on account of lack of feed, in addition to which agricultural operations were severely handicapped by drought conditions. It is most unfortunate that adverse weather conditions have coincided with a period of market depression. Butterfat prices have been low, and, in addition, the output has been below normal owing to unfavourable climatic conditions. Hop crops have been light, and tobacco crops have been patchy and rather backward. There has been considerable overproduction of raspberries owing to the failure of the jam-factories to purchase as much as was anticipated, consequently many tons were allowed to rot. Orchardists have had quite a successful season, the crop being a record one. The local market has been weak, but prices for export fruit have been satisfactory.

Road communication to Karamea and through the Buller Valley interrupted by the earthquake of 1929 has now been restored, although no doubt the road will be subject to slips for some years to come. There has been marked improvement of roads during recent years which has greatly facilitated communications with remote localities.

MARLBOROUGH.

(P. R. WILKINSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The climatic conditions in Marlborough have not been over-generous to the farming community during the past twelve months, and this, coupled with the low prices ruling for produce of all kinds, has had rather a depressing effect. Last winter was exceptionally dry, one period of over fifty consecutive frosts being recorded, and most parts of the district have suffered from drought conditions over the whole period under review. Spring growth came away late and there was a consequential shortage of feed at lambing-time when it was most needed, and ewes and lambs were backward as a result. Dairy stock also came in in poor condition in many parts of the district. The dry winter and spring permitted agricultural farmers to get an early start, and crops generally went in in splendid order, but the drought conditions which followed counteracted any benefit which should have accrued, and, generally speaking, crops were only fair.

The prevailing period of low prices has shown the farming community that to make ends meet they must produce more from the same area of land, and evidences of a forward movement in the direction of herd-testing, culling, top-dressing, flock-improvement, &c., are noted. Owing to the dry conditions prevailing, there is a shortage of feed in some parts of the district; this, together with poor prices, has induced many farmers to try to carry over their surplus stock; this will tax their holdings to the utmost capacity, and is probably more than the land can do—the wisdom or otherwise of this policy will be reflected in next year's returns. Certainly grass-management has been more carefully studied, and an increase in the making of ensilage has been noted where the rainfall has been better. The close of last year showed an all-round increase in output of most classes of produce, but it is not expected that this season's returns will show the same percentage of gain over all classes owing to the adverse weather prevailing.

A matter which requires attention is the question of access to several backblock settlers. The land cannot bear extra loading for that purpose, but it is considered that some effort should be made to utilize unemployed labour in that direction, and a careful examination is being made of the needs of the outlying districts, with a view to securing the assistance of the Public Works Department in connection therewith.

A thorough investigation of the pastoral runs in the Clarence Valley watershed, comprising an area of 300,000 acres, was made in March by the local advisory committee to the Lands Development Board in conjunction with officers of this Department and the Public Works Department. A separate report is being submitted on the possibilities of the area for closer settlement.

WESTLAND.

(T. CAGNEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

General Conditions and Progress of Settlement.—The weather conditions experienced during the past year have not been conducive to the best results being derived from farming, particularly during the latter part of the year, throughout which an unusual number of severe floods were experienced, causing considerable erosion of some of the best land, flooding, and loss of fencing. The number and the severity of the floods probably constitutes a record for Westland for many years past, although the total rainfall for the period might only be regarded as normal.

Coupled with the adverse weather conditions, the low prices for all classes of farm-produce has made the year a difficult one for the farmer. I am pleased, however, to be able to state that farmers generally in Westland are taking an optimistic view of the future, promoted no doubt to some extent by the fact that butterfat prices, though low, are firm, and also the generally improved tone of the wool-market towards the end of the period. Most farmers have been successful in conserving sufficient hay for winter feed, although some valuable crops were lost through bad weather, and in other cases the hay was gathered overripe owing to the same cause. Winter feed would be assured by the production of ensilage, which does not receive the attention it merits on the Coast.

It is encouraging to record that a keen demand still exists for farming-land of all classes. Evidence to this effect was disclosed in the number of applicants for the education reserve at Harihari which was subdivided and offered for selection during the year, forty-four applicants being admitted to the ballot for the seven subdivisions offered.

CANTERBURY.

(W. STEWART, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The general report on conditions in Canterbury for the year is incorporated in the Land for Settlements' report, which covers the bulk of our holdings.

Our Crown land areas are mostly confined to the pastoral runs and small grazing-runs, and this class of tenant has been hardest hit by present abnormal conditions. Fine wool has slumped worse than crossbred wool, and this year's market for cull sheep and wether lambs has been disastrous. In many cases returns have not paid working-expenses, without any allowance for rent or interest on outlay for improvements, &c. In order to hold present tenants postponements are necessary where lessees have not themselves been able to establish reserves to tide over periods such as are now being experienced.

The efforts of the Forestry and Internal Affairs Departments have materially reduced the deer menace throughout the whole district.

With reference to education reserves being administered by the Land Board, a good proportion of these that have been due for renewal during the year have necessitated arbitration proceedings to finally arrive at the new rental.

Our largest group of education-reserve holdings (Isleworth) is very subject to damage by rising springs, and it is satisfactory to note that the settlers and County Council are likely to undertake a proper scheme of drainage, a policy which the Department has advocated for some time.

OTAGO.

(N. C. KENSINGTON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The conditions during the past year in the Otago Land District have been only fair as regards climatic conditions and production. In the southern part of the district a good deal of snow fell in the months of August and September, and lay on the flat country for a considerable time. Wet and showery weather was experienced through the spring and on till January. The result was that many farmers found it difficult to get in their turnip crops, and extra turnips will in some cases have to be bought to supplement partial failures. Dry conditions were experienced generally in North Otago, but, notwithstanding this, the wheat crops have turned out remarkably well. Large areas are being prepared for the coming season, and a considerable increase in the area put down in wheat in the Otago District can be expected. This is accounted for by the fact that the growers of wheat were in the fortunate position of being among the few who showed a good profit during the past slump year; but the majority of farmers recognize that they are not likely to obtain the same price next season as in the past. The slump prices for butterfat, wool, lambs, and surplus stock have created in Otago, in common with other districts, an unprecedented state of affairs. It is unnecessary to dwell on this phase of farming difficulties; suffice it to say that the Land Board is prepared to recommend relief in all reasonable cases, and I think it can be said that mortgagees and mercantile firms are prepared to extend equally sympathetic treatment.

There should be sufficient feed available in the southern part of the district to carry stock safely through the winter; but on account of the dry conditions which have prevailed in North Otago there is a possibility of a shortage of winter feed. Central Otago has been more fortunate, as the broken weather experienced during the spring and early summer produced abundance of feed. This part of the district has probably never looked better, and reports show that both grain and root crops have done well.

The fruitgrowers in Central Otago have experienced a good season and the apple crop is a good one, although no high prices can be expected. The Poolburn dam is practically completed, and additional water to supplement the present irrigation system which this governs will be available next season.

SOUTHLAND.

(J. MACDONALD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Taken on the whole the weather conditions in Southland during the past year have not been favourable to farming operations. Too much rain, with occasional cold snaps in the spring and early summer, adversely affected the early dairying returns, and put a check on the number of fat lambs usually sold off the ewes. In the later summer months, however, weather conditions changed for the better, with the result that feed became plentiful, and stock should continue to do well on the pastures during the fall and early winter. Agricultural work in the spring was much retarded and, consequently, the harvest had been unusually late. The crops are prolific, but the quality of the grass-seed, oats, and wheat will hardly be up to the average. There was not a great snowfall on the high country, and the sheep thereon came through the winter in good condition. Snow losses were slight, but the lambing returns were rather disappointing.

Steady progress was made during the year in the matter of increased land-settlement, the number of entirely new selections being twenty-one, with an aggregate area of 2,343 acres. There is a steady demand for undeveloped land of reasonably good quality, the demand having been stimulated by the provisions for financial assistance contained in the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929. To meet this demand three blocks will be offered for selection within the new few months. Two of these blocks are in the Gorge Road district, and comprise 1,000 acres of worked-out bush country divided into eight sections. The work of providing formed-road access has been in hand for some time, and upon its completion at an early date the sections will be offered for selection. The third block, at Pourakino Valley, contains some 2,500 acres of worked-out bush country, some of which has been cleared, burned, and sown in grass. The work of providing formed-road access is now in the hands of the Public Works Department, and as it is a work of some magnitude on which unemployed men are being placed some time must elapse before it can be completed. The number of holdings will then be decided upon, and these will be offered for selection without delay.

APPENDIX II—LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.

SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED UPON ESTATES ACQUIRED AND DEALT WITH UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT UP TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Name of Estate.	Lease-holds.	Free-holds.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Remarks as to Present Position.
<i>North Auckland.</i>				
Aponga	4	..	Grazing	Fair.
Awanui	7	..	Dairying	Good.
Bickerstaffe	41	7	Grazing	"
Bayliss	1	..	Dairying	"
Cadman	1	..	Grazing lease	"
Carrroll	25	9	Homes	Good.
Cradock .. .. .	..	14	Homes and orchards	"
Eccleston No. 2	11	14	Homes	"
Finlayson	1	..	Grazing	Fair.
Hetana	6	84	Homes and orchards	Good.
Kitchener	1	11	"	"
Koremoa	14	..	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Lawry	1	..	Grazing lease only	"
Methuen	3	27	Homes and orchards	Good.
Motutara	11	..	Dairying and grazing	Satisfactory.
Otarao	3	..	Dairying	Good.
Paerata	2	..	Mixed farming	"
Pakaraka	14	1	Dairying	Satisfactory.
Parahi	10	..	Grazing and dairying	Good.
Prescott	11	8	Homes	"
Plumer	4	17	"	"
Puketi	2	..	Grazing	Poor.
Puni	10	..	Dairying	Fair.
Remuera	26	..	"	Good.
Streamlands	13	..	"	"
Tangowahine	17	..	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Te Pua	6	1	Dairying	Good.
Tokiri	4	..	"	"
Upokonui	4	..	Dairying and grazing	"
Waari	27	37	Homes and orchards	Fair.
Waimata	16	..	Dairying and grazing	Good.
Waiteitei	10	1	Dairying	"
Whakata	6	..	"	"
Totals	312	231		
<i>Auckland.</i>				
Apata	7	1	Dairying	Good.
Balachraggan	21	5	"	Very good.
Bushmere	2	..	"	New settlement. Prospects good.
Clifford	8	1	"	Good.
Delaney	1	..	Home	"
Fencourt	21	27	Dairying, mixed farming	Very good.
Gorton	10	..	Dairying	"
Hereford Park	2	..	"	Unsatisfactory.
Hikuai	21	1	"	Good.
Horahia	6	..	"	Fair.
Horahora	10	..	Dairying, mixed farming	"
Kaipaki	4	..	Dairying	Very good.
Karapiro	9	10	"	"
Kopuku	3	1	"	Fair.
Kopuku No. 2	5	..	"	"
Mangaotama	3	1	"	Very good.
Mangakura	7	..	"	Prospects fair—new.
Manapouri	5	10	"	Good.
Mangateparu	55	1	"	"
Mangawhero	11	17	"	"
Matamata	76	248	"	Very good.
Matuku	11	..	"	Fair.
Morgan	4	..	"	Prospects good—new.
Nelson	3	..	"	"
Ngahinepouri	4	..	Mixed farming	Very good.
Nolan	5	..	Dairying	Prospects good—new.
Ohauti	12	1	"	Fair.
Okauia	6	11	"	Good.
Omeheu	10	..	"	"
Opouriao	32	68	"	Very good.
Orini	2	..	"	Unsatisfactory.
Orongo	38	..	"	Doubtful.
Otamarakau	7	..	"	Good.
Otway	9	9	"	Very good.
Pakarau	19	5	"	"
Pukemapou	9	..	"	Good.
Puketarata	5	..	"	Prospects good—new.

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Name of Estate.	Lease-holds.	Free-holds.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Remarks as to Present Position.
<i>Auckland—continued.</i>				
Puahue	21	..	Dairying, mixed farming	Good.
Rangiatea	12	15	Dairying	Very good.
Rangitaiki	8	..	Dairying, small farming	Good.
Reporoa	96	13	Dairying and grazing	Only fair.
Rewi	7	5	Dairying	Very good.
Reynolds	23	2	"	Fair.
Rockburn	1	..	"	Prospects good—new.
Rotomanuka	1	..	"	Good.
Selwyn	78	166	Dairying, mixed farming	"
Tahaia	11	..	Dairying	"
Tainui	2	1	Grazing	Fair.
Tairua	24	3	Residence	Good.
Taniwha	11	1	Dairying	"
Tangao	1	..	"	Prospects good—new.
Tapapa	11	..	"	Very good.
Tautari	37	9	Dairying, mixed farming	Fair.
Teasdale	16	87	Business and residence	Very good.
Te Miro	35	..	Dairying, mixed farming	Fair.
Te Ngaroa	2	..	Dairying	Good.
Waiare	4	..	"	"
Waimana	19	23	Dairying, mixed farming	Very good.
Walters	3	..	Dairying	Promises well—new.
Waitakaruru	16	2	Dairying and grazing	Good.
Whatawhata	3	..	Dairying	Very good.
Whitehall	6	14	"	"
Totals.. .. .	911	758		
<i>Gisborne.</i>				
Apanui	7	..	Dairying	Good.
Ardkeen	14	..	Pastoral	"
Clydebank	2	4	"	"
Glencoe	6	..	Dairying	"
Homebush	13	..	"	"
Hukutaia	17	2	"	Very good.
Kanakanaia	7	1	Pastoral	Good.
Ngatapa	23	4	"	Very good.
Ohuka	12	..	"	Fair.
Paremata	6	..	Dairying and pastoral	"
Pouparae	3	6	Agricultural	Very good.
Repongaere	11	1	Dairying and pastoral	Good.
Tapper's	1	..	Pastoral	"
Te Arai	41	21	Dairying, pastoral, and agricultural	Very good.
Ruangarehu .. .. .	..	2	Dairying and agricultural	Selected, 24/2/31
Waimarie	9	9	Dairying, pastoral, and agricultural..	Very good.
Wharekaka	13	..	"	"
Wigan	8	11	"	"
Willows	14	8	"	"
Totals.. .. .	207	69		
<i>Hawke's Bay.</i>				
Argyll	53	11	Agricultural and pastoral	Very good.
Beattie	5	..	Pastoral	Good.
Clydebank	14	3	"	"
Corby	4	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Coyne	1	..	"	"
Crownthorpe	18	..	Pastoral	Good.
Elsthorpe	35	16	"	Very good.
Forest Gate	20	9	Agricultural and pastoral	Good.
Glengarry	29	..	Dairying	Fair.
Gwavas	11	1	Agricultural and pastoral	Good.
Hatuma	57	23	"	Very good.
Kumeroa	13	3	Agricultural, pastoral, and dairying..	"
Lindsay	59	14	Mixed farming	"
Mahora	25	10	"	"
Manga-a-toro	20	6	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Mangatahi	20	4	"	"
Marakeke	17	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Omana	9	1	Dairying	"
Otamauri	15	2	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Parinui	4	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Pourere	6	1	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Raureka	10	9	Dairying and fruit-culture	Very good.
Raumati	30	3	Pastoral and dairying	Very fair.
Rissington	5	..	Pastoral	Good.
Springhill	17	1	Mostly pastoral	Very good.
Sherenden	21	..	"	"
Te Kaihi	3	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Te Kura	11	..	Dairying	Fair.
Te Mata	13	1	Fruit-farming	Good.

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<i>Hawke's Bay—continued.</i>				
Tongoio	11	..	Mostly pastoral	Fair.
Tomoana	6	8	Fruit and dairying	Very good.
Waihau	21	1	Mostly pastoral	Fair.
Waipuka	1	..	Pastoral	Good.
Watea	10	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Wilder	4	..	"	Good.
Awamate	6	..	Dairying	} New settlements.
Rylands	4	..	Mixed farming	
Woodlands	8	..	Fruit-farming	
Totals	616	127		
<i>Taranaki.</i>				
Araheke	3	..	Dairying	Good.
Clandon	7	..	"	Very good.
Croydon	7	1	"	Fair.
Hawke	1	..	"	Good.
Huatoki	30	5	Residential and small farming	Fair.
Huia	5	..	Mixed farming	Indifferent.
Huinga	8	2	Dairying	Good.
Karu	5	..	Mixed farming	Indifferent.
Katikara	3	..	Dairying	Very good.
Kohura	11	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Kota	7	..	"	Fair.
Mana	1	..	Grazing	"
Mangamaire	1	..	"	Indifferent.
Marco	2	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Matane .. .. .	..	1	Dairying	Freehold.
Ngutu	1	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Okahu	1	..	Dairying	"
Parkes	7	..	"	Very good.
Piu	5	..	Mixed farming	Indifferent.
Rahu	1	..	"	Poor.
Ratapiko	4	1	Dairying and mixed farming	Fair.
Spotswood	9	37	Homestead and small dairying	Very good.
Taitama	7	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Tariki	7	1	Dairying	Very good.
Tawhiwhi	9	..	Mixed farming	Indifferent.
Tokaora	2	14	Dairying	Very good.
Tututawa	3	..	Dairying and grazing	Good.
Totals	147	62		
<i>Wellington.</i>				
Ahiaruhe	10	..	Dairying	Good.
Akitio	6	..	Grazing sheep and cattle	"
Almadale	6	..	Dairying	Lower good, upper fair.
Aorangi	23	19	"	Good.
Arawhata	2	..	Dairying ; also few sheep	Fair.
Armstrong	1	..	Dairying	"
Bailey	1	..	"	Good.
Bartholomew	6	..	"	Fair to poor.
Benge	1	..	"	Fair.
Braemore	4	..	Pastoral	Good.
Brown	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Bruce	1	..	"	Fair to poor.
Callender	1	..	Dairying ; also few sheep	Fair.
Carrington	34	2	Mixed	"
Cherry Grove	3	..	Dairying	Good.
Cloverlea	17	..	Dairying and residential	"
Corliss	1	..	Dairying	"
Coyle	1	..	"	Poor.
Currie	2	..	"	Good.
Dawbin	1	..	Dairying and residential	"
Devonshire	1	..	"	"
Dixon	1	..	Dairying	"
Dyer	37	10	Mixed	"
Eaglesham	8	..	Grazing	"
Epunu Hamlet	19	26	Mixed and garden	"
Evans	1	..	Dairying ; also few sheep	"
Fairfield	7	1	Dairying and residential	Fair.
Falloon	6	..	Mixed ; also few sheep	Good.
Gee	1	..	Dairying and residential	Fair.
Glasspole	1	..	Dairying	Good.
Gower	2	..	"	"
Graham	1	..	"	Fair.
Greves	1	..	Dairying ; also few sheep	"
Greystoke	12	..	Dairying and residential	Good.
Hall-Jones	20	19	Gardening	"
Hammond	1	..	Dairying	Fair.

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<i>Wellington—continued.</i>				
Hardie	Dairying	Fair, does not make any progress.
Harper	1	..	"	Fair.
Haunui No. 1	8	..	"	Good.
Haunui No. 2	7	..	"	"
Hawtrey	44	52	Residential	Little demand.
Heatherlea	17	10	Dairying	Good.
Heights	2	..	Sheep and dry cattle	Fair.
Heretaunga	14	112	Residential	Very good.
Hill	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Horrobin	1	..	Mixed	"
Johnson	1	..	Grazing	Poor.
Kairanga	11	..	Dairying and residential	Good.
Kiwitea	1	..	"	"
Kopane	14	..	"	Holdings too small.
Kuku	4	..	Mixed	Good.
Langdale	12	13	Grazing	"
Langley-Purdom	1	..	Dairying	"
Lean	1	..	Residential	"
Lewis	1	..	Dairying	"
Linton	5	..	"	"
Little	1	..	Mixed	"
Littler	1	..	Dairying	Very good.
Longbush and Mahupuku	16	6	Mixed	Good.
Loughnan	26	..	Residential	"
Makopua	2	..	Pastoral	"
Makowai and Extension	26	..	Dairying	Fair.
Mangawhatu .. .. .	..	7	"	Good.
Marama-a-mau	6	..	"	"
Marshall	1	..	"	Fair.
Mataikona	6	..	Grazing	Poor.
Matamua	2	1	Dairying	Fair.
Maungaraki	18	2	Residential	"
McDonnell	1	..	Dairying	"
McKenzie	1	..	"	Good.
McLean	1	..	"	"
Melling	2	..	Residential	"
Moroa	19	..	Dairying	Poor.
Motukai	3	..	Grazing	Fair.
Muhunoa	2	..	Dairying	"
Neligan	1	..	"	Fair to good.
Nesdale No. 1	1	..	Dairying and pastoral	Fair.
Nesdale No. 2	1	..	"	"
Ngahape	6	..	Grazing	Good.
Ngakaroro	2	..	Dairying	Fair.
Ngarara	5	..	"	Good.
Ohakea	3	13	"	Fair.
Olliver	2	..	Grazing	"
Olver	1	..	Dairying	Poor.
Omapu	4	..	"	Good.
Oroua	2	..	"	Fair.
Osborne	5	..	"	Good.
Otahome	2	..	Grazing	"
Oturoa	7	..	Dairying	"
Owenga	19	2	Residential	Fair.
Paa Creek	1	..	Dairying ; also few sheep	Very good.
Paparangi	22	14	Residential	Fair.
Paramu	1	..	Grazing	"
Perham	1	..	Mixed	"
Phillips	4	..	Dairying	Good.
Pihautea	27	1	"	"
Pitt .. .. .	..	5	Gardening	Fair.
Pohehe	1	..	Dairying, sheep, and cattle	Very good.
Poroporo	16	2	Mixed	Good.
Pukekoa	9	..	Dairying	Fair.
Pukenamu and Extension	7	..	"	"
Puketoi	10	..	Grazing, sheep, cattle	Very good.
Putorino	14	..	Dairying	Fair.
Quillinan	1	..	"	Good.
Raumaewa	3	..	"	Fair.
Ruatangata	3	..	"	Good.
Sandilands	1	..	"	Poor.
Saxon	1	..	"	Fair.
Soland	1	..	"	"
Stanley	1	..	"	Fair, improving.
Stokes	1	..	"	Fair.
Tablelands and Hikiwera	14	3	Grazing	Good.
Taikorea	5	..	Dairying	Fair.
Tauherenikau	1	..	Mixed	"
Taumaihi	4	..	Residential	"
Taupuae	2	..	Grazing	Good.

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<i>Wellington—continued.</i>				
Tawaba	24	1	Mixed	Good.
Te Matua	8	7	Dairying	"
Te Ore Ore	8	..	Dairying, mixed farming	Very good.
Te Whiti	6	..	Dairying	Good.
Tikotu	3	..	"	Fair.
Tiraumea	16	..	Grazing	Making steady progress.
Tupurupuru	3	..	"	Good.
Tuturumuri	12	..	"	"
Waddington	13	3	Gardening	Fair to poor.
Wahren	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Waihora	3	..	Mixed	Good.
Waitawa	1	..	Dairying	Very good.
Waterson	2	..	"	Fair.
Westella	12	..	"	"
Westmere	9	..	Mixed	Good.
White	1	..	Dairying	"
Wilford	78	126	Residential	"
Woulfe	1	..	Dairying	Very good.
Wright	1	..	"	"
Youle	1	..	"	Good.
Normandale	29	20	Mixed	Fair to poor.
Totals.. .. .	965	477		
<i>Nelson.</i>				
Blue Glen	1	..	Grazing	Poor.
Braeburn	20	2	Mixed farming	Good.
Glenrae	1	..	"	"
Golden Downs	2	..	"	"
Kohatu	1	..	Grazing	Fair.
Lake	5	..	"	"
Matakitaki	1	..	"	"
Maruia	10	..	Grazing and dairying	"
Palmer	1	..	"	"
Spittal	1	..	Dairying	"
Tutaki	2	1	Grazing	Poor.
Walker	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Wangapeka	15	3	Mixed farming	Good.
Homestead-site	1	..	Grazing	"
Totals.. .. .	62	6		
<i>Marlborough.</i>				
Alberton	4	..	Agricultural and dairying	Fair.
Blind River	18	..	Sheep and agricultural	Very good.
Bomford	1	..	Agricultural	Poor.
Erina	10	2	Sheep	Fair.
Fernleigh	7	..	Dairying	"
Flaxbourne	129	13	Agricultural and pastoral	Very good.
Goat Hills	3	..	Sheep	Fair.
Hillersden	52	8	"	Good.
Hillersden Bush	2	..	"	"
Linkwaterdale	5	..	Dairying and agricultural	Fair.
Lynton Downs	11	..	Sheep	"
Moorlands	6	..	Agricultural	"
Neville	1	1	"	"
Northbank	10	..	Sheep	Good.
Omaka	14	..	Agricultural, sheep, and dairying	"
Puhipuhi	2	..	Sheep	"
Rainford	11	..	Dairying	"
Richmond Brook	12	..	Sheep	Excellent.
Starborough	162	26	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Waipapa	4	..	Sheep	Fair.
Warnock	2	..	Dairying	"
Wither	19	3	Sheep	Good.
Totals.. .. .	485	53		
<i>Westland.</i>				
Kokatahi	8	..	Dairying and grazing	Highly satisfactory.
Poerua	24	4	"	"
Runanga	1	..	Residential	"
Raupo	4	..	Dairying and grazing	Satisfactory.
Totals.. .. .	37	4		
<i>Canterbury.</i>				
Acton	3	..	Mixed farming	Very fair.
Albury	78	3	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Well established.
Allanholme	9	..	"	Good.
Annan	43	5	Mixed farming and grazing	Well established.

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<i>Canterbury—continued</i>				
Ashley Gorge	7	3	Dairy-farming and grazing	Well established.
Ashton	8	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Ashwick	8	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Avenel	17	..	Mixed farming	Very fair.
Avenel Extension	11	..	"	"
Avonhead	17	..	Small farming	Improving.
Avonhead No. 2	18	..	"	"
Aylesbury	6	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Bankfield	9	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Uncertain yet.
Beach	8	..	Mixed farming	"
Bourndale	10	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very fair.
Braco	3	11	Market-gardening	Well established.
Brinklands .. .. .	..	2	Dairying and mixed farming	Under manager.
Broadfields	4	..	Mixed, grain-growing	Uncertain.
Brooksdale	14	..	Mixed farming	Fair—improving.
Bruce	4	..	"	Uncertain yet.
Buckley	3	..	"	"
Buddo	10	5	Workers' dwellings	Fair.
Burkes Homestead	1	..	Homestead-site .. .. .	..
Chamberlain	20	1	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Well established.
Clandeboye	10	..	Dairy-farming and grain-growing	Very fair.
Clandeboye No. 2	6	..	"	Fair.
Claremont	13	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	"
Clayton	6	..	Sheep-farming	Very good.
Clunes	8	..	Mixed farming and dairying	New selection.
Coldstream	11	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Cooper's Creek	1	..	Sheep-farming	"
Copland	2	..	Sheep, dairying, and grain-growing	Good.
Craigmore	10	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Cricklewood	10	..	"	"
Culverden	57	14	Mixed farming and grazing	Good.
Douglas	36	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair, improving.
Doyleston	7	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Drayton	15	5	Agricultural	Improving.
Dromore	4	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Uncertain yet.
Eccleston	4	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Well established.
Epworth .. .. .	..	2	"	Now freehold.
Finlay Downs	5	..	Dairy-farming and grain-growing	Very good.
Four Peaks	8	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	"
Fyvie	4	1	Mixed farming	Not satisfactory.
Glenmark	28	2	Mixed farming and grazing	Good.
Glentanner .. .. .	..	..	Homestead-site	Fair.
Gorge Road	4	17	Workers' homes .. .. .	..
Grange	3	..	Dairying and grain-growing	Uncertain yet.
Hadlow	3	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Hawthorne	9	..	"	"
Hei Hei	15	1	Poultry-farming, &c.	Uncertain yet.
Hekeao	10	7	Mixed farming	Well established.
Hewitt	1	..	Homestead-site .. .. .	..
Highbank	71	10	Mixed farming	Well established.
Hillboro	3	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Homebrook	16	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Homestead-sites	10	..	" .. .. .	..
Hornby	18	5	Agricultural and gardening	Fair.
Horsley Downs	8	22	Mixed farming	Well established.
Isleworth	18	..	Mixed, grain-growing	Uncertain yet.
Jungle	2	..	Dairy-farming	Satisfactory.
Kaimahi	4	9	"	"
Kakahu	5	..	Workers' homes and gardening	"
Kapua	12	..	Mixed farming and grazing	"
Kapuatohe	5	9	Sheep-farming and dairying	Good.
Keith .. .. .	..	1	Workers' homes and gardening	Satisfactory.
Kereta	4	..	Mixed farming	"
Kinloch	31	1	Dairying	Well established.
Kohika	17	..	Dairy-farming and grazing	Very good.
Kohika No. 2	2	..	Mixed farming	Well established.
Kowhatu	5	..	"	Very good.
Ladbrooks	14	..	"	Fair.
Lambrook	5	..	"	Uncertain yet.
Lansdown	10	1	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Lauriston	5	1	Mixed, grain-growing	Uncertain yet.
Leeston	5	1	Agricultural	Well established.
Lees Valley	10	..	Sheep-farming	Considerably improved.
Lyndhurst	18	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Lyndon	8	1	"	Well established.
Lyndon No. 2	9	..	Mixed farming and grazing	"
Macgregor	1	..	"	Unsatisfactory.
Marawiti	12	1	"	Well established.
Maytown	9	2	Sheep-farming and dairying	Good.
Mead	21	1	Mixed farming and grazing	Well established.
Meadows	14	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very fair.

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<i>Canterbury—continued.</i>				
Milford	4	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Mills	21	..	Small farming and dairying	Well established.
Moanaroa	3	..	Mixed farming	New selection.
Morice	28	3	Dairying and grass-seed growing	Satisfactory.
Morten	17	1	Poultry, &c.	Uncertain yet.
Montford	9	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Improving.
Mount Nessing	11	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very good.
New Park	7	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Oakwood	5	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Uncertain.
Ohapi	6	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Omihi .. .. .	..	..	Homestead-site .. .. .	..
Otarakaro .. .. .	..	7	Market-gardening	Well established and satisfactory.
Orakipaoa	26	1	Dairying, grain-growing, and gardening	Well established.
Otaio	9	..	Small farming and dairying	"
Papaka	9	..	Market-gardening	"
Pareora	26	2	Sheep-farming and dairying	Good.
Pareora No. 2	26	7	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Well established.
Patoa	1	3	Grazing and small farming	Satisfactory.
Pawaho	8	17	Market-gardening	"
Peaks	9	3	Mixed gardening	"
Puhuka	9	1	Workers' homes	Well established.
Punaroa	15	2	Dairying, sheep-farming, and grain-growing	"
Raincliff	1	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	"
Rakitairi	20	2	"	"
Rapuwai	5	..	"	"
Rautawiri	6	..	"	"
Riverina	3	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Roimata	7	22	Workers' homes	Satisfactory.
Rosebrook	11	3	Small farming and dairying	Good.
Rosewill	151	11	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Well established.
Ruapuna No. 2	15	..	Mixed farming	Very good.
Scargill	9	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Fair.
Scotson	2	..	Mixed farming	New selection.
Seafield	4	..	"	Satisfactory.
Seaforth	6	..	Small farming and dairying	Uncertain yet.
Sherwood Downs	26	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Springwell	6	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Uncertain yet.
Stoke	7	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Strathmore	3	..	"	Fair.
Studholme Junction	4	..	Small farming and dairying	Good.
Takitu	5	..	Sheep-farming	Well established.
Tamai	8	32	Workers' homes	Satisfactory.
Tara	9	1	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very good.
Tarawhai	4	24	Workers' homes	Satisfactory.
Teschemaker	12	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very good.
Timaunga	16	..	Mixed farming	Fair, improving.
Timaunga Extension	7	..	"	Good.
Tripp	25	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Valverde	11	..	Mixed farming	"
Waiapi	11	4	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Well established.
Waikakahi	185	18	"	"
Waimate	35	..	Sheep-farming, grain and fruit growing	Good.
Wairere	8	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Waitohi Peaks	9	..	Sheep-farming	Improving.
Welburn	6	..	Mixed farming, dairying	New selection.
Wharenui	13	12	Workers' homes	Well established.
Winchester	10	..	Sheep-farming, grain-growing, and dairying	Fair.
Woodlau	4	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Uncertain yet.
Totals.. .. .	1,886	320		
<i>Otago.</i>				
Airedale	12	1	Dairying and general	Good.
Ardgowan	66	6	"	"
Arnmora	5	..	Mixed	Fair.
Aviemore	1	..	Grazing	Good.
Awamoa	1	1	Mixed	"
Barnego	20	4	Dairying and general	"
Bellamy	14	..	Grazing	Poor.
Cardrona	1	..	"	Only fair.
Clareview	5	..	Dairying and general	Good.
Clifton	8	..	General	Fair.
Conical Hills	45	1	Grazing and general	Poor.
Crosshill	6	..	Mixed	Fair.
Croucher	1	..	"	Good.
Dalmain	3	..	Grazing	Fair.
Duncan	4	4	Dairying	Poor.
Earnsleugh	25	1	Fruitgrowing	Fair.
Elderslie No. 1	36	2	General	Good.
Elderslie No. 2	16	..	"	Very good.

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<i>Otago—continued.</i>				
Galloway	11	1	Fruit and homestead sites	Very fair.
Gladbrook	46	3	Dairying	Fair.
Glenn	4	..	Mixed	"
Greenfield	36	7	"	Good.
Hilderthorpe	19	..	General, and workers' homes	Fair.
Janefield	19	3	Dairying and fruit	Good.
Kauroo Hill	42	3	General	"
Kelso	3	..	Dairying	"
Kurov	11	3	General and dairying	Only fair.
Lakeview	1	..	General	Good.
Maerewhenua	77	1	"	Very good.
Makaraeo	33	..	"	Very fair.
Makaraeo Extension	3	..	"	"
Manuherikia	11	1	General, with irrigation	Poor.
Maraeweka	8	..	General	Very fair.
Matakanui	3	..	General and grazing	Good.
Meadowbank	11	..	General	Very good.
Melville Park	6	..	Dairying and mixed	Poor.
Momona	7	7	Dairying	Very good.
Murrayfield	2	..	Mixed	Good.
Oakleigh	1	..	"	Only fair.
Otanomomo	25	1	Dairying	Good.
Otekaike	64	1	Mixed	Fair.
Plunket	18	1	"	Good.
Pomahaka	26	2	"	Very fair.
Poplar Grove	21	2	Dairying	Fair.
Pukeawa	14	2	Mixed	Good.
Pukenui	6	..	"	"
Puketapu	6	5	Dairying	"
Rockford	4	..	Mixed	"
Rosebery	15	..	Grazing and general	"
Rugged Ridges	1	..	Grazing	Very fair.
Steward	52	2	Mixed	Good.
St. Helens	3	..	General	Very fair.
Takawai	7	1	Dairying	Good.
Taumata	9	..	Mixed	"
Teaneraki	23	..	Dairying	Very fair.
Te Puke	4	..	Mixed	Good.
Teviot	24	1	Grazing	Fair.
Tilverstowe	7	..	Mixed	"
The Downs	8	..	"	"
Tapanui	7	..	General	Good.
Tokarahi	79	2	Mixed	"
Tokoiti	4	..	"	"
Totara	27	..	"	"
Wairuna	11	..	"	Fair.
Waitahuna No. 1	1	1	"	"
Waitahuna No. 2	6	1	"	Poor.
Westcott	7	..	"	"
Wilden	13	..	Mixed, agricultural, and pastoral	Good.
Windsor Park No. 1	36	2	Mixed	Very good.
Windsor Park No. 2	10	..	"	"
Totals.. .. .	1,161	73		
<i>Southland.</i>				
Allenby	5	..	Dairying	Good.
Ardlussa	5	..	Pastoral	Poor.
Beaumont	10	2	Mixed farming	"
Brydore	2	..	Dairying	Good.
Campbell	4	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Crichton Park	4	2	Pastoral	"
Edendale	98	56	Dairying	Very good.
Ermedale	11	2	Mixed farming	Fair.
Fern Hill	4	..	"	Good.
Fortification Hill	6	..	Pastoral	Fair.
Glenham	32	12	Mixed farming	Very good.
Knowsley Park	9	..	Pastoral	Poor.
Lambert	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Lamont	6	..	"	"
Maori Hill	17	3	Mixed farming	Good.
Merrivale	43	12	"	"
Merrivale No. 1	9	..	"	Fair.
Merrivale No. 2	7	..	"	"
Monte Cristo	4	..	Dairying	Good.
Otahu	6	2	Mixed farming	Fair.
Ringway	4	3	"	"
Simpson	1	..	"	"
Stalker	8	1	Dairying	Very good.
Srathvale	9	..	"	"
Tamatea	7	..	"	Good.
Teihoka	2	..	Mixed farming	"
Te Wae Wae	4	..	Dairying	"
Wairikiki	7	..	Pastoral	Poor.
Waikiwi Town	33	27	Suburban building-sites	Good.
Totals.. .. .	358	122		
Grand totals	7,147	2,302		

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NORTH AUCKLAND

(O. N. CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Owing to adverse weather conditions, combined with low prices for stock and produce, the financial results have been reduced to a considerable extent, and it has been a somewhat difficult year for farmers generally. Improved farming methods have, however, been adopted by most of the settlers, and this largely minimized the losses which would otherwise have resulted, and on the whole fair progress has been made.

Three new settlements have been acquired during the year—*i.e.*, Otarao and Whakata under the group-settlement scheme, and Awanui which was opened for general application by ballot. These have provided holdings for sixteen additional settlers and good progress has already been made in effecting improvements.

AUCKLAND.

(K. M. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

During the year two estates were purchased and opened for selection—namely, Mangakura Settlement, situated near Waerenga, containing an area of 942 acres, subdivided into seven holdings, and Puketarata Settlement, between Te Awamutu and Otorohanga, with an area of 422 acres, subdivided into five holdings. There was a fair demand for these sections, which are suitable for dairying, and all were selected at the ballot. Two one-man dairying farms were also acquired during the year, and allotted to discharged soldiers—namely, Tangao Settlement of 221 acres, and Rockburn Settlement of 76 acres.

Under the group-settlement provisions of the Act, five blocks, with a total area of 1,882 acres, have been acquired, resulting in the settlement of seventeen new settlers on the land.

The drop in the prices of primary products has adversely affected all settlers, and, although those on a number of the older and well-established settlements should be able to carry on without difficulty until the return of better conditions, a considerable number of the settlers on the newer settlements will have a difficult period ahead of them, and it is probable that in many cases the Land Board will have to consider applications for concessions in regard to rental payments, with a view to affording some measure of relief.

GISBORNE.

(E. H. FARNIE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The Apanui Settlement, near Opotiki, was the only area balloted for during the last twelve months, and, being dairying land of good quality, the whole of the seven sections were readily disposed of to a good class of settler. Already the carrying-capacity of the property has been materially increased, and the present indications are that the purchase was quite a good one in the interests of the district. A property of 142 acres, situated near Te Karaka, was purchased under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928, on behalf of two applicants.

A number of settlers in the Ardkeen, Glencoe, and Repongaere Settlements were granted additional areas during the year, which should have the effect of ultimately increasing their prospects.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(J. D. THOMSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The Awamate Settlement, purchased last year, was opened in May, and all sections were taken up. It was unfortunate that the selectors should have experienced such a bad season when making a start, notwithstanding which, fair progress has been made and some excellent hay and fodder crops have been obtained. Towards the close of the year the Rylands Estate, five sections, totalling 1,246 acres, was offered, and four sections selected. These are suitable for dairying or mixed farming. A property of 25 acres was purchased under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928, and disposed of to two applicants. This area is in the vicinity of Hastings, and will be utilized for orchards.

A small area on the Tangoio Settlement has been set aside for the use of the Department of Agriculture in order to make experiments in connection with the eradication of blackberry.

TARANAKI.

(W. D. ARMIT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

A number of properties have been offered for purchase during the year. Some are unsuitable for subdivision and others were offered at a price considered to be too dear.

The Tunnel Timber Co.'s property at Tapuwae, comprising 3,350 acres, was purchased in August, 1930, and is being developed by the Department. An area of 730 acres of bush was felled last winter and spring, and a successful burn secured in February. A substantial sowing of English grasses has been given. The property is fully stocked, and further extensive purchases will be made to stock

the newly-sown burn during the coming season. An area of 150 acres has been drained by contract workers and good results have been secured. Future development consists of fencing and the felling and grassing of about 1,200 acres of bush and scrub land. The Tapuwae Estate consists of tableland country of good quality and easy contour. Development costs of bush areas (felling, clearing of tracks, cost of grass-seed and sowing) amount to £3 8s. per acre, which must be considered very satisfactory.

Some of the later-purchased settlements do not prosper, and this season the drastic fall in monetary returns for primary products of all descriptions has resulted in a falling-off of revenue.

WELLINGTON.

(H. W. C. MACKINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The remarks made concerning the conditions of settlement on ordinary Crown lands apply equally to lands acquired under the Land for Settlements Acts. The tenants on settlement estates are now becoming well established and those who follow dairying will be able to just about meet commitments, but those on sheep-raising propositions have been hard hit, and will require to be nursed along until prices for wool and stock become normal again. The tenants on the later purchases such as Westella, Phillips, Currie, and Gower Settlements, were most unfortunate in experiencing the present depression right at the outset of their ventures, but their lands are of that quality that given two or three years of buoyant prices these farmers will be in a sound position.

NELSON.

(A. F. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No properties have been acquired under the Land for Settlements Act for some years past. A careful inspection of areas offered from time to time has shown that they were not suitable for closer settlement.

Owing to the low prices for wool and butterfat settlers generally are experiencing considerable difficulty in meeting their liabilities but they should have little difficulty in doing so when prices improve.

MARLBOROUGH.

(P. R. WILKINSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

During the year six estates, of an aggregate area of 78,561 acres, were offered to the Dominion Land Purchase Board, and one application was received from three persons for an area of 210 acres under the group-settlement scheme. One offer is still under consideration, but for various reasons, the others have been rejected.

In common with the rest of the farming community, the settlers, even on the older established settlements, are feeling the pinch, but, except in a few instances where excessive goodwills have been paid, should be able to carry on until conditions improve.

WESTLAND.

(T. CAGNEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No areas were acquired under the Land for Settlement Act during the year. A number of properties were offered to the Government, but, except in the case of three of these still under consideration, had to be refused mainly on the score of the prices being excessive. The settlers on the Raupo Settlement, established about two years ago, are making commendable headway, and proving themselves the right class of farmer. All other settlements in Westland are old-established, being originally selected under lease-in-perpetuity tenure. The administration of these is now purely a matter of routine.

CANTERBURY.

(W. STEWART, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Weather conditions have varied considerably over the various parts of the district, but on the whole have been rather favourable. In most of the district the autumn and winter were alike suitable for stock and for agriculture. Spring was rather later than usual, and in most localities lambing percentages were good, but early lambs did not fatten well, as there was too much wet weather. There have also been again many cases of heavy mortality in lambs.

Cropping prospects looked very bright in early summer, but a long spell of dry weather and scorching nor-westers ruined many of the crops on the lighter areas, so that many late crops did not fill properly and there is much shrivelled wheat not up to milling standard. In some localities early roots and rape failed, but later-sown green crops were generally successful, and later lambs fattened well, agricultural farmers securing a fair margin of profit on fattening bought lambs. The prospects for feed during the coming winter are very promising.

Prices this season have been disastrous for most farm-products except wheat; and, though production has been above the average, this has gone a very little way towards meeting the slump prices. Graziers have been hardest hit of all; wool and stores and cull sheep being at a very low ebb. The mixed agricultural farmer and dairyman, although also suffering from reduced prices, are not in quite such a bad position as the pastoralist, even though cast ewes were bought in the autumn at 15s. and sold fat this season at 5s.

Many offers of sales of areas to the Crown for subdivision are still being received, but prices have either been too high or the areas have been unsuitable for subdivision.

The Department is continuing to administer Brinklands, which was bought last year but not taken up, and is carrying out extensive improvements which it is hoped will cause the selection of the area when re-offered.

OTAGO.

(N. C. KENSINGTON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Under this heading large areas have been opened up, comprising purchases made principally towards the end of the 1929-30 year. The Wilden Settlement, comprising 24,020 acres, was subdivided into thirteen sections, the Tapanui Settlement of 1,950 acres into nine sections, and the Rosebery Settlement of 3,933 acres into fifteen sections. All these sections have been taken up. In addition, the Downs Settlement, comprising 4,792 acres, was taken up under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928, by eight selectors.

SOUTHLAND.

(J. MACDONALD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No new estate in Southland has been purchased under the Land for Settlements Act during the year ended on 31st March last. On the older settlements there has been little change of recent years. The settlers on the recently acquired settlements of Tamatea, Fern Hill, Te Wae Wae, and Brydone have settled down to work with a will and are all fully stocked up. There is only one unselected farm on these settlements—viz., Section 1s, Fern Hill Settlement.

APPENDIX III.—LAND-DRAINAGE OPERATIONS.

(R. G. MACMORRAN, Chief Drainage Engineer.)

Separate reports have been prepared covering the main land-drainage works—viz., Hauraki Plains, Rangitaiki, Kaitaia, Hikurangi, Waihi, and Poukawa—which comprise the major work of this Branch.

Inspections and reports on general drainage matters have been made in several cases—viz., Koromatua Block, Onepu Block, Wairakau Settlement, Reporoa Settlement, Williams Settlement, Paritu Block, Pukemapou, Lake Rerewhakaitu, Puketotara Block, Wharekohe Block, Onewhero Block, Tikinui Block, and Te Kuri Block. Grants and subsidies to local bodies have been supervised and inspected, and vouchers in this connection totalling £23,665 have been passed for payment.

Hereunder is a short summary of some of the general work, exclusive of the main works mentioned above.

Koromatua and Onepu Blocks, and Reporoa Settlement Sections.—Drainage and general development works have been carried out on these areas. In the Koromatua Block 2 miles 25 chains of drains were constructed, and 2,998 yards of clay ballast carted for road-formation. In the Onepu Block 2 miles 64 chains of new drains were constructed, and 1 mile 78 chains of old drains reconditioned. Living-quarters were erected for employees, and 525 acres of manuka cut and burned. At the end of the year 200 acres had been manured and sown in grass, and material ordered for fencing this land. A scheme was drawn up for draining unlet sections in Reporoa Settlement. The work done comprised 26 chains of new drain, 77 chains of drain widened and deepened, and 95 chains of drain formed by straightening and improving old stream-beds.

Kerepehi Block Roads Metalling, Hauraki Plains.—This Block, on Hauraki Plains, was opened for selection in May, 1930, and the twenty-three sections offered were all taken up. The work of metalling 3 miles 57 chains of road was completed in February, and during the period under review base-course metal was laid for a distance of 63 chains and surface course completed on 3 miles 57 chains of road with 4,856 cubic yards metal, delivered by scow to various points on the river-bank and carted when required on to the road.

Patetonga Riding Roads Metalling, Hauraki Plains.—This work is now in its last season, and comprised the widening, improving, and metalling of 7 miles of Patetonga Main Road and 1 mile 20 chains of Patetonga Landing Road. The work on the Main Road comprised 51 chains of hill road reconstruction, spreading 4,710 cubic yards metal, and cartage of 1,285 cubic yards clay for haunching metal. On Patetonga Landing Road base-course metal was laid for 1 mile 20 chains with 1,095 cubic yards metal and 580 cubic yards clay carted. The metal for these roads is obtained from a quarry in the vicinity opened up by this Branch.

School Cut (Kaitaia).—This work was commenced in August and a new cut 30 ft. wide at bottom with an average depth of 18 ft. constructed by drag-lines for a distance of 20 chains with 5 chains old river-bed widened and deepened, entailing the dredging of 48,850 cubic yards of spoil. The new channel was bridged at Church Road and flood-gates and culverts installed for the drainage of adjacent lands. Other works entailed erection of fences and provision of new playing-area for Kaitaia Public School. The new playing-area has been drained, cleared, and ploughed, and will be finally worked up and levelled for grass-sowing as soon as the ground is in a favourable condition.

Pukemapou Settlement.—Work comprised the drain formation through Crown, Native, and private land to provide an outlet for low-lying sections (11 and 12) in this settlement. Some 3 miles 44 chains of drains were constructed or improved, entailing 8,826 cubic yards excavation. The work done will enable these hitherto wet sections to be offered for selection at an early date.

Te Aute Swamp, Hawke's Bay.—An engineering survey was undertaken of the area of swamp under offer to the Crown by Mr. C. A. Williams and adjoining swamp lands. This swamp has been in the process of draining for some forty years, but a considerable portion has sunk so low that gravity drainage fails during the wet season and considerable flooding occurs. The survey was carried out to determine whether the gravity drainage system could be improved so as to completely drain the area without resource to pumping. Some 3,250 acres were dealt with, entailing some 20 miles 50 chains of traverses, 27 miles 30 chains of levels, 122 cross-sections, 71 peat soundings up to 33 ft. deep, and 11 borings.

Summary of Work done:—

	Miles	ch.		Miles	ch.
Cleaning drains	305	22	Levels taken	140	79
Widening and deepening drains	52	1	Traverses run	111	63
Constructing new drains	51	31			Number.
Dredge-cuts and canals (new)	4	43	Flood-gates built .. .. .	..	18
River and canal improvements	30	64	Pile bridges erected .. .. .	..	4
Roads formed	3	13	Silt bridges erected .. .. .	..	5
Roads metalled	2	28	Road culverts constructed .. .. .	..	25
Roads partially metalled	8	41			Cubic Yards.
Stop-banks formed	1	74	Metal used for roads .. .. .	..	12,568
Stop-banks raised and strengthened	16	23	Clay carted for roads .. .. .	..	9,598
Stopbanks repaired	13	0	Spoil excavated by floating and dry-		
Fences erected	3	11	land excavators .. .. .	..	1,123,045
			Rock excavated .. .. .	..	21,080

Office.—The expenditure passed through the books totalled £148,304 6s. 9d., of which amount £43,272 19s. 3d. was paid from Thames and Whakatane Imprest Accounts and £44,464 4s. 8d. through the Auckland Branch of the Treasury.

Some 269 piecework and co-operative contracts were let and 3,294 vouchers prepared and passed for payment. The revenue collected totalled £17,750 5s. 2d.

Rates.—Rates levied on Hauraki Plains, Rangitaiki, Waihi, and Kaitaia areas totalled £18,657 6s. 7d., entailing 1,851 rate notices. Rates collected amounted to £11,787 2s. 10d.

Photostat.—This machine was in operation on sixty-one occasions, with a total of 4,671 prints taken for use as follows: Our own operations, 1,233; Departments (no charge made), 1,444; other Departments (charged), 960; Hawke's Bay plans, 870; spoils, 64.

TABLES.

Table 1.—RETURN SHOWING (APPROXIMATELY) POSITION OF LANDS IN THE DOMINION AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

District.	Total Area sold or granted and held on Freehold.	Total Area reserved for Public Purposes.	Total Area of Crown Lands leased under all Tenures (exclusive of Reserves leased by Crown).	Total Area of Crown Lands available for Future Disposal.	Total Area of Native Land.	Land unfit for Disposal (including Area occupied by Rivers, Lakes, Roads, &c.).	Total Area in Land District.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Auckland ..	2,586,592	442,535	508,370	203,746	519,529	217,428	4,478,200
Auckland ..	2,574,579	1,162,873	943,815	733,257	1,631,750	1,174,299	8,220,573
Gisborne ..	1,131,748	432,546	526,705	119,252	1,055,344	253,896	3,519,491
Hawke's Bay ..	1,541,836	200,684	595,587	99,405	394,389	82,420	2,914,321
Taranaki ..	1,124,031	340,600	627,721	74,453	168,244	69,382	2,404,431
Wellington* ..	3,573,741	1,020,656	813,526	172,056	790,650	680,440	7,051,069
Nelson ..	657,978	2,366,312	780,933	138,064	30,051	741,662	4,715,000
Marlborough ..	788,448	353,145	1,472,393	45,456	..	108,558	2,768,000
Westland ..	162,983	2,142,741	729,338	359,210	..	469,106	3,863,378
Canterbury ..	3,551,961	1,443,854	3,983,570	3,211	..	495,834	9,478,430
Otago ..	1,966,507	956,509	5,471,943	30,715	..	668,448	9,094,122
Southland ..	1,851,802	4,265,427	1,520,410	142,261	..	103,347	7,883,247
Totals ..	21,512,206	15,127,882	17,974,311	2,121,086	4,589,957	5,064,820	66,390,262

* Includes Chatham Islands.

Table 2.—LANDS SELECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Land District	Cash.		Deferred Payment.		Renewable Lease.		Small Grazing-runs.		Pastoral Runs.		Pastoral Licenses in Mining Districts under Special Regulations.		Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.		Miscellaneous Leases, &c.		Education Endowments.		Totals.		
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
North Auckland	40	876	69	7,329	111	23,859	75	7,810	26	1,621	321	41,495
Auckland	75	3,557	81	8,256	73	12,487	..	..	..	..	13	2,107	..	185	67	11,305	3	1,117	319	39,014
Gisborne	1	..	2	142	27	11,018	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	9,058	3	3,106	53	23,324
Hawke's Bay	8	5	10	151	20	5,080	1	1,718	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	341	7	5	56	7,300
Taranaki	13	794	20	28	25	9,961	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	14,968	5	1,028	108	26,779
Wellington	19	795	42	2,120	27	14,615	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	11,016	6	18	142	28,564
Nelson	20	31	3	1,155	27	9,712	..	..	..	..	6	956	..	..	61	7,403	4	185	121	19,442
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	2	282	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	64	..	..	7	346
Westland	7	14	3	1	20	303	..	..	1	5,000	10	2,953	..	7	97	5,948	14	2,510	157	16,736
Canterbury	13	149	4	52	21	3,176	2	3,685	1	11,160	..	..	..	..	55	13,877	4	274	100	32,373
Otago	18	1,177	11	4,955	48	32,174	..	..	2	69,043	..	..	..	..	100	11,838	5	187	185	119,430
Southland	2	29	5	1,861	16	2,964	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	3,780	25	5,372	70	14,006
Totals	216	7,427	250	26,050	417	125,631	3	5,403	4	85,203	29	6,016	13	248	605	97,408	102	15,423	1,639	368,800	

Table 3.—LANDS HELD ON LEASE AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Land District.	Deferred Payment.		Lease in Perpetuity.		Renewable Lease.		Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Small Grazing-runs.		Pastoral Runs.		Pastoral Licenses in Mining Districts.		Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.		Perpetual Leases.		Miscellaneous Leases and Licenses.		Education Endowments.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
North Auckland	473	34,185	420	67,491	918	181,516	747	129,041	1	553	..	..	2	71	7	324	489	109,834	725	43,319	3,782	566,334
Auckland	1,602	173,002	384	105,443	1,281	262,531	867	238,300	7	30,800	1	8,755	167	45,758	150	3,338	943*	77,614*	182	53,508	5,584	999,049		
Gisborne	53	17,452	80	40,091	274	137,406	129	87,714	85	201,106	1	186	..	..	..	..	124	30,094	69	38,790	815	552,839
Hawke's Bay	116	42,145	412	110,743	532	207,561	177	52,618	24	49,122	12	85,832	..	..	..	..	139	47,886	196	51,721	1,608	647,628
Taranaki	143	15,270	606	152,570	449	156,145	410	174,029	3	3,422	..	..	..	..	..	..	282	46,475	603	47,497	2,497	595,736
Wellington	1,158	111,504	1,037	143,465	1,157	206,631	443	164,255	20	29,318	7	11,914	..	..	..	..	497	29,426	516	101,589	4,837	798,578
Nelson	73	16,795	368	122,170	590	32,410	89	32,410	8	8,755	4	201,509	173	32,963	18	677	436	114,972	140	7,649	1,900	772,378		
Marlborough	44	24,207	550	178,897	287	149,551	79	24,316	108	276,018	42	810,258	..	..	..	..	238	14,011	40	1,413	1,395	1,478,723
Westland	56	4,899	359	41,268	665	79,197	23	4,736	..	..	46	679,910	275	54,666	133	906	873†	195,932†	129	15,883	2,560	1,078,547
Canterbury	106	23,322	1,449	251,647	906	361,702	160	1,602	143	466,798	123	2,809,616	..	..	..	..	926†	230,675†	236	70,546	3,960	4,217,702
Otago	94	50,649	1,303	277,484	1,028	354,545	160	24,106	388	1,455,394	310	3,271,819	..	..	..	..	1,477	166,429	440	46,319	5,599	5,661,143
Southland	117	11,927	540	91,263	417	84,952	201	34,041	20	64,989	70	1,264,521	..	..	..	..	406	42,048	805	337,297	2,641	1,932,536
Totals	4,035	525,357	7,508	1,582,532	8,504	2,416,111	3,335	967,168	806	2,585,722	617	9,144,873	615	133,387	681	17,184	166	6,832	6,830	1,104,496	4,081	815,531	37,178	19,299,193

* Includes Thermal Springs District leases. † Includes Hamner Crown leases. ‡ Includes agricultural leases.
 NOTE.—This table includes national endowments and education endowments, but excludes other endowments administered by Land Boards.

Table 4.—LANDS DISPOSED OF UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Land District.	Area acquired.	Area occupied by Roads and Reserves unlet.	Area of Land unlet, including Land forfeited, surrendered, or resumed and not relet, and also Land not yet offered for Selection.	Total Area purchased for Cash and made Freehold to Date.		Total Lands leased to Date.			Rent and other Payments received during the Year.	Total Receipts from Inception to 31st March, 1931.	
				Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Price realized.	Number of Selectors.	Area.			Annual Rental.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	£		Acres.	£	£	£
N. Auckland	52,246	1,066	3,380	231	2,603	35,436	312	45,197	15,774	10,087	187,746
Auckland ..	357,904	77,678	20,416	758	134,955	298,510	911	124,855	36,274	33,663	994,485
Gisborne ..	87,721	399	10,011	69	12,381	112,084	207	64,930	22,990	18,518	285,842
Hawke's Bay	229,462	2,474	1,096	127	22,457	136,714	616	203,435	74,149	*42,381	*852,987
Taranaki ..	28,232	257	..	62	2,225	53,172	147	25,750	10,028	7,339	215,142
Wellington..	161,287	1,058	689	477	14,179	168,797	965	145,361	78,044	67,309	1,236,624
Nelson ..	61,965	973	8,757	6	1,634	2,953	62	50,601	3,255	1,063	59,113
Marlborough	235,867	2,643	761	53	9,154	37,320	485	223,309	35,505	26,746	809,568
Westland ..	6,033	81	101	4	398	238	37	5,453	863	677	16,141
Canterbury	607,125	4,587	3,774	320	20,666	154,509	1,886	578,098	161,716	124,715	3,562,549
Otago ..	334,806	3,797	84	73	7,619	38,208	1,161	323,306	88,873	69,989	1,650,328
Southland ..	100,688	1,050	312	122	17,524	67,724	358	81,802	20,399	13,110	462,735
Totals ..	2,263,336	96,063	49,381	2,302	245,795	1,105,665	7,147	1,872,097	547,870	415,597	10,333,260

* Figures approximate only.

Table 5.—ENDOWMENT LANDS ADMINISTERED BY LAND BOARDS AND LEASED AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Land District.	National Endowment.			Education Endowments.			Other Endowments.			Totals.		
	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number.	Area.	Annual Rental.
		Acres.	£		Acres.	£		Acres.	£		Acres.	£
North Auckland	424	91,462	6,505	725	43,319	8,801	11	1,733	34	1,160	136,514	15,340
Auckland ..	574	167,946	7,185	182	53,508	3,718	5	1,137	27	761	222,591	10,930
Gisborne ..	81	151,483	10,541	69	38,790	7,883	10	115	203	160	190,388	18,627
Hawke's Bay ..	56	66,750	5,080	196	51,721	10,031	..	..	..	252	118,471	15,111
Taranaki ..	164	63,696	3,209	603	47,497	11,036	19	9,724	1,195	786	120,917	15,440
Wellington ..	117	61,997	4,320	516	101,589	30,874	63	15,511	3,042	696	179,997	38,236
Nelson ..	687	234,525	3,888	140	7,649	694	455	16,144	1,463	1,282	258,318	6,045
Marlborough ..	208	541,376	7,244	40	1,413	570	..	..	..	248	542,789	7,814
Westland ..	990	244,195	3,698	129	15,883	874	1	125	4	1,120	260,203	4,576
Canterbury ..	156	1,678,139	41,480	236	70,546	31,044	183	16,507	1,874	575	1,765,192	74,398
Otago ..	766	2,515,224	40,401	440	46,319	6,477	69	176,889	8,078	1,275	2,738,432	54,956
Southland ..	231	766,493	7,322	805	337,297	21,542	13	109,259	2,399	1,049	1,213,049	31,263
Totals ..	4,454	6,583,286	140,873	4,081	815,531	133,544	829	347,144	18,319	9,364	7,745,961	292,736

Table 6.—TOTAL RECEIPTS, ARREARS, AND POSTPONEMENTS OF RENT AT 31ST MARCH, 1931.

Land District.	Ordinary Crown Lands.	Land for Settlements.	Hutt Valley.	Cheviot Estate.	National Endowment Lands.	Education Endowment Lands.	Other Endowment Lands.	Miscellaneous.	Total Receipts.	Total Arrears.	Total Postponements.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
North Auckland	24,182	15,416	..	..	4,398	8,135	94	151	52,376	16,640	4,717
Auckland ..	60,633	33,663	..	..	5,164	2,455	72	2,797	104,784	17,506	9,514
Gisborne ..	21,358	21,719	..	..	9,044	6,252	62	207	58,642	10,292	5,608
Hawke's Bay	30,725*	42,381*	..	..	2,963*	7,797*	594*	37*	84,497*	†	†
Taranaki ..	14,250	7,339	..	..	1,337	10,074	1,708	13,223	47,931	10,499	1,178
Wellington ..	18,484	67,309	24,039	..	3,268	23,870	6,786	752	144,508	23,878	16,484
Nelson ..	5,779	1,063	..	..	3,287	633	1,706	1,190	13,658	5,596	1,455
Marlborough ..	9,546	26,789	..	..	6,255	416	..	280	43,286	3,732	4,192
Westland ..	4,869	677	..	..	5,511	899	21	1,740	13,717	1,497	46
Canterbury ..	25,281	115,818	..	16,862	28,426	24,276	1,816	1,748	214,227	23,904	26,545
Otago ..	37,868	69,989	..	..	37,925	6,055	7,423	1,986	161,246	5,239	10,228
Southland ..	12,650	13,110	..	..	5,030	18,913	1,603	775	52,081	5,623	4,049
Totals	265,625	415,273	24,039	16,862	112,608	109,775	21,885	24,886	990,953	124,406	84,016

* Figures approximate only.

† Figures not available.

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