In explanation it may be stited that the sums disbursed in the purchase of Lands from the Natives during the period included between the 1st of January 1853, and the present date amounted to £92,662.

In the Province of Auckl	lanc	• •		• •		£155,558
	Plymouth	• •	••	• •	• •	8,034
" Welli	ngton	• •	• •	• •	• •	55,529
" Nelson	n	• •	• •			63,249
" Canter	rbury	, .	• •	• •	••	60,691
" Otago)	• •	••	••	••	9,904

The proportions, therefore, contributed by each Province towards Land Purchases, were as follows:—

Province of	Auckland	••	••	••	• •	£40,839
"	New Plymouth	• •		• •		2,109
"	Wellington	• •	• •	••		14,579
66	Nelson	• •	:	• •	••	16,604
"	Canterbury	• •	• •	• •	• •	15,932
"	Otago	• •	••	••	• •	2,599

£92,662

CHARLES KNIGHT,
Auditor-General.

NATIVE LAND PURCHASE DEPARTMENT.

Return of Sums to be paid for Native Land Purchases on outstanding Contracts.

Auckland Province— To complete purchases on which payments have been made on	£	s.	d. £	s.	d.
account	7215	0	0		
To effect purchases, the negociations for which have been opened		0	0 18,855	Δ	0
Wellington Province—			10,000	U	V.
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To complete purchases on which payments have been made on account	57 35	0	0		
To effect purchases, the negociations for which have been	# 000	_	-74:		
opened	7000	<u> </u>	0 12,735	0	0
			31,590	0	0

RETURN OF THE AREAS OF PROVINCES IN THE NORTHERN ISLAND.

The Area over which the Native Title is extinguished. The Area remaining in the hands of the Natives.

	Area.	Area over which the Native Title has been extinguished.			
Auckland Province New Plymouth Wellington		1,416,080 acres 60,000 " 3.784,930 "	14,810,800 acres 1,934,240 " 5,484,430 "		

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