

# RETURN

OF

## WASTE LANDS IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO

AVAILABLE FOR

### AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT, ETC.

*(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives of 30th June, 1870.)*

That there be laid on the Table of this House—"A Return of the area of country in the Province of Otago, within and without Gold Fields; the quantity of land in each part suitable for Agricultural settlement; the quantity of land already thrown open for settlement, either under the Hundred system or otherwise; the amount of land alienated from the Crown in the various Hundreds in the Province, and also the quantity of land sold or leased under the Agricultural Lease System on the Gold Fields;—such Return also to state the amount of land now available for settlement, and also the quantity of country (stating locality) over which freeholders or leaseholders on the Gold Fields have the privilege of depasturing their stock by paying the usual assessment."

*(Mr. Mervyn.)*

WELLINGTON.

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WASTE LANDS OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO AVAILABLE FOR  
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Mr. J. T. THOMSON to the SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS.

Department of Lands and Survey, Otago,  
Dunedin, 18th July, 1870.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 4th instant, and in reply now beg to forward the Return of Lands required. The cost of preparing the Return is £5 10s., as noted at the foot.

I must further note that there is a large quantity of land within the Province which is now being alienated from the Crown, and which is not included in the accompanying Return, viz.:—

Reserve for Clutha River Trust...	...	...	...	...	50,200 acres.
„ Benevolent Institutions	...	...	...	...	389,415 „
„ Hospitals	...	...	...	...	501,090 „
„ High and Grammar Schools	...	...	...	...	240,500 „
„ District Schools	...	...	...	...	863,000 „
„ University	...	...	...	...	100,000 „
Total	...	...	...	...	2,144,205 „

The University Reserve has been already Crown Granted; the other reserves have been set apart by resolutions of the Provincial Council, and grants are being applied for.

I have, &c.,  
J. T. THOMSON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Hon. the Secretary for Crown Lands.

TELEGRAM to COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Dunedin, from SECRETARY, Crown Lands Office, of 26th July, 1870; with answer thereto.

Question.—“In the second and third columns of the ‘Return of area of country in Province of Otago,’ are the amounts 312,200 acres and 570,000 acres still unsold, and not as yet thrown open for settlement? Please answer quickly.”

Answer.—“Of the 882,200 acres, about two-thirds are under pastoral lease to Crown tenants, and the one-third is open for selection but is principally bush, so has not been sought after by land purchasers.”

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RETURN of the Area of Country in the PROVINCE of OTAGO, within and without Gold Fields; the quantity of Land in each part suitable for Agricultural Settlement; the quantity of Land already thrown open for Settlement either under the Hundreds system or otherwise; and also the quantity of Land sold or leased under the Agricultural Lease System on the Gold Fields; the amount of Land now available for Settlement, and the quantity and locality of Country over which Freeholders or Leaseholders on the Gold Fields have the privilege of depasturing their Stock by paying the usual assessment.

Total Area of the Province of Otago.	Area within Gold Fields.	Area not within Gold Fields.	Area already thrown open for Settlement.		Area alienated from the Crown in various Hundreds.		Area leased or sold under the Agricultural Lease System on Gold Fields.		Area now available for Settlement.	Quantity of Country over which Freeholders or Leaseholders on the Gold Fields may depasture Stock.	
			Hundreds.	Proclaimed areas withdrawn from Pastoral Districts.	Names of Hundreds.	Acreage.	Sold.	Leased.		Locality.	Acreage.
Acres. 13,360,640	Acres. 6,117,360 Of which 312,200 acres are suitable for agricultural settlement.	Acres. 7,243,280 Of which 570,000 acres are suitable for agricultural settlement.	Acres. 1,384,400	Acres. 461,500	Dunedin	66,659	Acres. 1,996	Acres. 35,510	Acres. 6,206,200 About 1,000,000 acres of forest, and 1,500,000 acres of utterly barren lands are included in the area here given.	Shotover and vicinity of Lake Wakatipu	} : 294,600
					East Taieri	70,100					
					West Taieri	52,961				Tuapeka & Waipori	83,600
					Waihola	54,055					
					North Tokomairiro	62,076				Switzers	4,500
					South Tokomairiro	59,712					
					East Clutha	40,985				Mount Benger	20,000
					West Clutha	52,927					
					Waitahuna	36,669				Moa Flat	1,000
					Pomahaka	31,988					
					Popotuna	52,885				Cookston	1,500
					Oamaru	83,938					
					Otepopo	50,400				Clyde	10,500
					Moeraki	55,008					
					Hawkesbury	63,386				Tiger Hill (Blacks)	2,100
					Waikouaiti	21,401					
					Awamoko	40,140					
					Kakani	29,335					
					Waikawa	1,097					
					Catlins	6,202					
					Tuturau	14,406					
					Mokoreta	9,257					
					Toetoes	5,961					
					Maruvenua	37,647					
					Traquair	1,085					
					Stuart	6,200					
					Odd reserves, Crown granted and set apart by Ordinance.						
						1,006,480					
						56,050					
13,360,640	6,117,360	7,243,280	1,384,400	461,500		1,062,530	1,996	35,510	6,206,200		417,800