

1893.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.

(RETURN OF BLOCKS OF LAND OFFERED TO GOVERNMENT.)

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 5th July, 1893.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing the various blocks of land offered to the Government under 'The Land for Settlements Act, 1892,' and not purchased by the Government, the return to show in regard to each block offered—(1) The date when the block was offered; (2) the area of the same, and the provincial district in which it is situated; (3) the price demanded, and the land-tax valuation of the same; and (4) the reasons why the block was considered unsuitable."—(Hon. Sir J. HALL.)

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1. The first part of the document is a letter from the President of the United States to the Congress, dated January 3, 1862. It is a message of condolence to the people of the State of California, who have been afflicted by a severe drought and famine. The President expresses his sympathy for the suffering people and offers them his best wishes for a speedy recovery.

"THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1892."

Blocks of Land offered to Government, and not purchased by Government.	Date of offer.	Area.		Provincial District where situated.	Price demanded.		Land-tax Valuation.		Reasons why Blocks considered unsuitable.
		A.	R. P.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Land near Oamaru ..	13 Jan., 1893	2,322	0 0	Otago	..	..	..	..	Price too high; not suitable for small farms; no demand for small farms at such a high rate.
Land in Selwyn County ..	21 Nov., 1892	11,748	0 0	Canterbury	..	..	20,000	0 0	Pastoral country, light; stony plains.
Land near Dromore ..	19 Dec., "	1,093	0 0	"	..	4,645 5 0	3,825	0 0	Land not suitable for small farms; not first-class land; also near existing small-farm settlement.
" St. Andrew's ..	30 Oct. & 14 Nov., 1892	249	1 13	"	..	2,617 19 5	..	..	Land not of first-rate quality; overworked.
" Pleasant Point ..	7 Jan., 1893	1,279	2 7	"	..	11,515 17 10	..	..	Land not of first-rate quality; difficulties about water for subdivision.
" Tinwald ..	5 Dec. & 17 Dec., 1892	254	0 0	"	..	3,555 0 0	1,930	0 0	Land good; price high, but soil overworked.
" Ashburton ..	7 Dec., "	550	0 0	"	..	2,337 10 0	2,066	0 0	Land not considered suitable for small farms.
" Christchurch ..	..	150	0 0	"	..	13,100 0 0	9,000	0 0	Act does not appear to contemplate the purchase of high-priced suburban lands.
" "	..	95	0 23	"	..	..	..	..	Ditto.
" "	17 Dec., 1892	100	0 0	"	..	..	9,500	0 0	"
" "	..	39	0 0	"	..	2,346 10 0	..	..	"
" Leeston, &c. ..	9 Jan., 1893	192	0 38	"	..	5,313 11 3	..	..	This land is in a district where there are plenty of small farms already.
" Waimate ..	12 Dec., 1892	320	0 0	"	..	3,840 0 0	..	..	Ditto.
" Arowhenua, &c. ..	10 Dec., "	667	1 4	"	..	3,316 8 0	..	..	Lands too high-priced; somewhat wet; small farms in vicinity.
" Christchurch ..	3 Jan., 1893	245	0 0	"	..	23,880 0 0	19,235	0 0	Act does not appear to anticipate the purchase of high-priced suburban lands.
" "	..	220	0 0	"	..	15,585 0 0	16,872	0 0	Ditto.
" "	..	115	0 0	"	..	6,220 0 0	5,010	0 0	"
" Patiti ..	11 Mar., 1893	92	0 0	"	..	1,196 0 0	1,104	0 0	Not suitable for subdivision.
" Tinwald ..	8 May, "	300	0 0	"	..	2,100 0 0	1,960	0 0	Not desirable for purchase; too high-priced.
" Wakanui ..	..	1,147	0 0	"	..	..	..	..	No definite offer.
" Waihao ..	19 Nov., 1892	7,446	3 0	"	..	18,616 17 6	7,047	0 0	Land not suitable for small farms, either from position or quality.
" Westerfield ..	..	722	0 0	"	..	..	..	..	Lands are under lease, and therefore not suitable.
" Christchurch ..	..	116	0 0	"	..	4,511 0 0	..	..	Act does not appear to contemplate the purchase of high-priced suburban lands.
" "	..	79	0 0	"	..	6,029 13 6	..	..	Ditto.
" Rangiora ..	..	195	0 0	"	..	3,510 0 0	..	..	Not sufficient demand for small farms in the district.
" "	16 Dec., 1892	111	0 0	"	..	2,773 0 0	..	..	Ditto.
" Rolleston ..	15 Dec., "	375	0 21	"	..	6,488 15 11	..	..	Not sufficient information.
Land in Selwyn County ..	16 Dec., "	3,747	0 0	"	..	13,500 0 0	11,556	0 0	Not suitable either in position or quality for subdivision into small farms.
Land near Waipara, &c. ..	17 Dec., "	14,727	0 0	"	..	87,876 0 0	..	..	Price too high; some not of first quality; others affected by there being insufficient demand for land.
" Otaio ..	31 Dec., "	156	0 0	"	..	2,184 0 0	..	..	Adjacent to existing small-farm settlement; price too high.
Land in Selwyn County ..	6 Jan., 1893	2,080	0 6	"	..	6,500 0 0	6,500	0 0	Land light, and not suitable for small farms.
Land near Pareora ..	"	1,818	0 0	"	..	19,993 0 0	14,683	0 0	Land too high-priced; doubtful if small farms would be taken up at price asked.
" Elephant Hill ..	"	6,717	3 10	"	..	18,471 15 0	Land not suitable; doubtful if small farms would be taken up here.
Total area	59,470	1 2						

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		A.	B. P.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Land near Kalkoura ..	27 Aug., 1891	2,239	0 0	Marlborough	5,985	0 0	Price considered too high.
Land near Napier ..	9 Sept., "	65,029	0 0	Hawke's Bay ..	..	..	100,328	0 0	Pastoral country; not suitable for small farms.
Land, Bay of Islands ..	9 June, 1892	4,154	0 0	Auckland ..	..	..	..	..	Offer withdrawn.
Land, " "	30 July, "	1,142	0 0	" "	..	..	2,400	0 0	Ditto.
Land, Manawatu ..	29 Sept., "	7,300	0 0	Wellington ..	36,500	0 0	26,524	0 0	Price considered too high.
Land near Nelson ..	1 Nov., "	3,672	0 0	Nelson ..	3,672	0 0	..	..	Land not suitable for small farms.
Pakiri ..	14 Feb., 1893	3,300	0 0	Auckland ..	1,850	0 0	2,660	0 0	Price considered too high.
Land, Bay of Islands ..	12 May, "	9,700	0 0	" "	3,637	10 0	3,112	0 0	Land not suitable for small farms.
Land, Waivera District ..	..	412	0 0	" "	100	0 0	156	0 0	Land of inferior quality.
Land near Kaipara ..	25 May, 1893	23,839	0 0	" "	10,000	0 0	5,920	0 0	Pastoral country; not suitable for small farms.
" "	5 May, 1893	12,168	0 0	" "	4,563	0 0	3,000	0 0	Too rough; not suitable for small farms.
Total area	..	132,955	0 0						

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