

It will be seen from the reports of the Chief Surveyors that the system of co-operative contract has been almost entirely used, and the result is fully satisfactory. There are, no doubt, many malcontents, who are probably physically incapable, or who have not yet learned to work well or with skill. Such men do not earn the wages of a bushfeller or a navvy, and some of them may not earn much more than they consume personally, leaving little or nothing for their families, who sometimes are a burden on charitable aid. On the other hand, settlers say that they cannot afford to pay the wages which the Government gives. It has been the aim of the department to avoid attracting men from settlement, but also to pay a fair price for work done.

The following is a statement of the sums borrowed on the security of the lands affected for the purpose of opening them for settlement by roads. The interest on the sums borrowed is a charge on the lands, and is paid over to the account as received with the rent:—

STATEMENT showing the BLOCKS of LAND which have been proclaimed under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891," and the Report of the Surveyor-General on the Value of such Blocks, and on the necessary Works, and the Estimated Cost of the Works, and of the Moneys expended in respect of such Blocks out of Moneys borrowed under the said Act.

Name of Block.	Area of Block.	Gazetted.			Surveyor-General's Report.			Expenditure.		
		No.	Page.	Date.	Valuation of Block.	Works required to open up such Block.	Estimated Cost proposed to be borrowed.	To March 31, 1893.	April 1, 1893, to March 31, 1894.	Total to Mar. 31 1894.
1891-92.										
Tauhoa, Sections 184 to 201 ..	Acres. 4,069	15	336	18 Feb., 1892	£ 1,675	Road-works	£ 449	£ 300	£ 80	£ 380
Mangamingi	6,000	"	"	"	9,040	"	4,286	1,020	3,266	4,286
Oroua-Coal Creek	6,000	"	"	"	6,440	"	1,050	456	594	1,050
Waimarino	20,900	"	"	"	16,880	"	1,000	1,000	..	1,000
North-east Puketoi	13,300	"	"	"	6,455	"	6,837	135	139	274
Mount Baker	9,200	"	"	"	9,600	"	3,990	3,731	259	3,990
Blocks II., VIII., V., VI., Woodlands	13,400	"	"	"	11,225	"	2,487	108	2,379	2,487
Maruwhenua (part)	13,000	"	"	"	10,000	"	4,950	4,950	..	4,950
Maungataniwha	4,000	23	479	18 Mar., "	1,500	"	5,000	5,000	..	5,000
Takahue	1,900	"	"	"	712	"	500	125	48	173
Manganuiowae	5,000	"	"	"	2,500	"	300	100	..	100
Waoku	22,804	"	"	"	10,000	"	500	170	..	170
Motatau	5,000	"	"	"	1,875	"	2,000	878	1,122	2,000
Mareretu	5,000	"	"	"	2,500	"	600	275	43	318
Ahuroa	4,000	"	"	"	2,500	"	600	395	..	395
Motu	33,000	"	"	"	14,025	"	500	..	99	99
East Puketoi	83,500	"	"	"	83,500	"	2,475	2,177	298	2,475
Maruwhenua	36,090	"	"	"	49,200	"	19,375	4,815	10,952	15,767
							2,000	2,000	..	2,000
1892-93.										
Ruaapekapeka	11,900	77	1345	6 Oct., 1892	4,462	Road-works	500	..	..	..
Akaaka Swamp	2,935	72	1273	15 Sept., "	2,093	Drainage ..	950	497	29	526
Waimate Reserve No. 1126 ..	634	"	"	"	6,269	Road-works	300	300	..	300
Waimate Reserve No. 1128 ..	516	"	"	"	7,268	"	25	25	..	25
Waimate Reserve No. 1178 ..	157	"	"	"	2,193	"	25	25	..	25
Huiroa	6,433	"	"	"	5,318	"	2,093	90	506	596
Mangaehu	492	"	"	"	604	"	301	..	..	..
Kaimanuka	9,987	"	"	"	5,350	"	2,665	2,665	..	2,665
Momahaki	626	"	"	"	550	"	156	156	..	156
Blocks VII., X., XI., Woodlands	1,693	74	1297	22 Sept., "	1,384	"	307	307	..	307
Hautapu-Ruahine	28,600	"	"	"	21,000	"	7,000	868	1,261	2,129
Block I., Tautuku	3,850	77	1346	6 Oct., "	2,800	"	555	555	..	555
Takaka and Mount Arthur ..	26,000	74	1298	22 Sept., "	7,800	"	1,825	..	..	..
Lillburn, Monowai, and Alton	30,745	83	1389	20 Oct., "	23,059	"	8,000	..	2,046	2,046
Nuhaka	9,577	80	1365	13 Oct., "	4,664	"	568	..	488	488
Otau	18,510	71	1255	8 Sept., "	6,941	"	2,350	..	333	333
Liberal	2,800	83	1388	20 Oct., "	2,900	"	400	..	347	347
Maioiro Swamp	722	80	1365	13 Oct., "	451	Drainage ..	225	..	225	225
Tanner	5,200	78	1361	10 Oct., "	5,950	Road-works	1,780	998	782	1,780
Blocks XVI. and I., Longwood	5,659	90	1529	11 Nov., "	2,829	"	1,400	420	455	875
Oxford	4,000	4	23	12 Jan., 1893	3,550	"	1,200	..	..	..
Upper Waitara	840	13	240	23 Feb., "	1,914	"	126	..	..	..
Glenomaru, Blocks III., IV., V., VII., IX., X.	1,495	95	1606	8 Dec., 1892	946	"	237	237	..	237
		13	246	23 Feb., 1893		"				
		102	1742	29 Dec., 1892	1,681	"	367	..	..	..
		"	1745			"				
Rankleburn, Block VI. ..	544	102	1744	29 Dec., 1892	409	"	136	136	..	136
		"	246	23 Feb., 1893		"				
Milsom	6,686	21	374	23 Mar., 1893	6,237	"	1,750	..	..	..
Opuawhanga No. 1	5,000	23	412	30 Mar., "	1,875	"	500	265	..	265
Waiwera	3,900	"	413	"	4,101	"	1,460	..	225	225
Kakariki	5,000	"	"	"	5,786	"	1,500	56	1,113	1,169
Waiau	8,831	"	412	"	5,621	"	1,405	235	202	437
Ngatimarua, Blocks V., IX., XIII.	4,580	"	"	"	4,762	"	1,940	110	..	110
Block I., Paterson	633	"	411	"	316	"	158	158	..	158
Mokoreta	7,400	"	"	"	3,700	"	1,850	180	18	198
Waikawa-Otara	31,000	"	"	"	15,500	"	7,750	415	..	415
Waikawa	6,000	"	412	"	3,000	"	1,500	1,500	..	1,500
Carried forward ..	541,653	..	..	..	422,910	..	112,203	37,833	27,309	65,142