

No. 3.

REPORT on KAPUA SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Canterbury Land District.—Total Area: 574 acres 1 rood 5 perches. Purchased from Trustees of Mr. M. Studholme. (New Zealand Gazette, 1st December, 1893, page 1691.) Land offered for selection, 24th January, 1894. Tenure: LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Capital Value per Acre.	Annual Rental at 5 per Cent.	Date of Selection.	Name of Lessee.	Value of Improvements required at End of First Year.	Value of Improvements effected at End of First Year.	Remarks.
1	I.	Waitaki ..	A. B. P. 44 0 0	£ s. d. 11 8 4	£ s. d. 25 2 4	1/2/94	F. W. Kuegler ..	£ s. d. 12 11 2	£ s. d. 152 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £110; fencing, £27; sheds, garden, and planting, £15. Lessee resident with family. About 27 acres under cultivation.
2	"	" ..	44 0 0	11 0 0	24 4 0	"	Thomas Mason ..	12 2 0	17 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 24 acres under cultivation.
3	"	" ..	44 0 0	11 0 0	24 4 0	"	William Gale ..	12 2 0	15 0 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 28 acres under cultivation.
4	"	" ..	42 3 33	11 11 8	24 18 0	"	Thomas Thyne ..	12 9 0	6 6 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 32 acres under cultivation.
5	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 0 0	22 10 0	1/3/94	Thomas Chamberlain ..	11 5 0	29 10 0	Hut, £8; fencing, £17 10s.; well, £4. Lessee widower, and resident. About 13 acres under cultivation.
6	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 0 0	22 10 0	1/2/94	Simon Green ..	11 5 0	21 7 0	Improvements consist of fencing only. Lessee married man; camped on the land. Nearly 50 acres under cultivation.
7	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 0 0	22 10 0	29/3/94	John Gale ..	11 5 0	28 0 0	Fencing, £24; well, £4. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 2 acres under cultivation.
8	"	" ..	50 0 0	9 3 4	22 18 4	1/2/94	Michael Hogan ..	11 9 2	29 10 0	Improvements consist of fencing, £23 10s.; clearing swamp, £6. Lessee a single man; camped on the land. About 32 acres under cultivation.
9	"	" ..	50 0 0	8 13 4	21 13 4	"	Kate Beard ..	10 16 8	66 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £32; fencing, £24; clearing swamp, £7 10s.; garden planting, £2 10s. Lessee married woman, resident, with husband and family. About 12 acres cultivated.
10	"	" ..	50 0 0	8 3 4	20 8 4	1/3/94	Eliza Fotheringham ..	10 4 2	72 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £35; fencing, £27 10s.; clearing swamp, £9 10s. Lessee married woman, resident, with children. About 12 acres under cultivation.
11	"	" ..	37 1 29	9 1 8	17 0 8	21/6/94	T. McDonald ..	8 10 4	66 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £33; fencing, £23; clearing swamp, £10. Lessee married, resident, with wife and family. About 9 acres under cultivation.
12	I. & II.	" ..	60 0 0	7 8 4	22 5 0	1/2/94	James Tavendale ..	11 2 6	74 0 0	Dwellinghouse, £55; fencing, £19. Lessee married, resident with wife and family.
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NOTE.—The holders of Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8—Messrs. Mason, W. Gale, T. Thyne, S. Green, J. Gale, and M. Hogan—have been called upon to erect dwellinghouses and take up permanent residence on their holdings by the 18th July, otherwise their leases will be forfeited.

I have the honour to report that the settlement on this block is satisfactory from most points of view. Five of the settlers have built comfortable houses and are resident with their families on the land. Seven have not yet built permanent residences, but are settled on their holdings in camps for the present, it being the intention of most, if not all, of these to build this autumn. All of the sections have been ring-fenced, and in several instances have been subdivided into convenient paddocks. In some cases the settlers have their gardens already in profitable condition, and planted with fruit-trees and shelter-belts. In every instance where the land has been under cultivation this year the crops have been excellent, though the season has been dry, and have proved the good quality of the land and its suitability for small settlement, some of the root and grain crops on the low-lying and lately-drained land having been as heavy as land could carry. Naturally the settlers are well contented with their first year's results, and I have no doubt, under proper treatment of the soil, there are many as good or better yields in store for them. The only matter for regret in connection with the settlement is, in my opinion, the unavoidable allotment to so many single men of sections which could easily afford support to a large family, so that the settlement is not carrying as large a population as it might.

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