

No. 4.

REPORT ON TE ANARAKI SETTLEMENT to 31st March, 1895: Otago Land District.—Total Area: 347 acres 3 roods 18·3 perches. Purchased from Mr. William Meek. (*New Zealand Gazette*, 11th January, 1894, page 53.) Land offered for selection, 7th February, 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.	Remarks.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£	
1s	XII.	Oamaru ..	5 0 2	19 3 4	9 2 0	9/5/94	H. P. Matthews ..	Nil	Non-resident.
2s	"	" ..	5 0 0	17 3 4					
3s	"	" ..	5 0 0	17 3 4	8 11 8	7/2/94	Florence Woollett ..	Nil	Non-resident.
4s	"	" ..	5 0 0	17 3 4	4 5 10	2/5/94	Mary McAuley ..	3	Non-resident. 5 acres in potatoes.
5s	"	" ..	5 0 0	16 3 4	8 1 8	18/7/94	Elizabeth Rowlands	86	Resident. Family of seven.
6s	"	" ..	5 0 0	16 3 4					
7s	"	" ..	5 0 0	16 3 4	4 3 4	"	Thomas Norris ..	10	Resident. 1 acre in potatoes.
8s	pt. VIII. Awamoko		5 0 0	16 13 4	16 13 4	6/6/94	Bridget A. Ross ..	41	Resident. Family of eight. 17 acres oats, 2 acres potatoes.
9s	pt. XII. Oamaru		10 0 0	16 13 4	16 13 2	"	Thomas Earl ..	72	Resident. Family of three. 5 acres oats, 4 acres root crop.
10s	XII.	Oamaru ..	10 0 0	16 3 4	9 9 6	"	Johanna Doyle ..	49	Resident. Family of five. 3 acres oats, 2 acres potatoes.
11s	"	" ..	10 0 0	16 3 4	18 3 4	"	Catherine Darragh	Nil	Non-resident.
12s	"	" ..	9 3 37	17 3 4	9 1 8	"	Beatrice O'Donnell	54	Resident. Family of six. 5 acres cultivated.
13s	"	" ..	4 3 33	19 3 4	9 10 10	"	Minnie Taylor ..	56	Resident. Family of five. 3 acres oats, 1 acre potatoes.
14s	"	" ..	4 3 28	19 3 4	7 11 2	"	Philip Murtha ..	4	Non-resident.
15s	"	" ..	10 0 0	18 3 4	14 7 0	"	Mary Jones ..	83	Resident. Family of six. 6 acres in cultivation.
16s	"	" ..	10 0 0	18 3 4	11 8 10	23/5/94	John Harvey ..	6	Non-resident. 15 acres cultivated.
17s	"	" ..	10 0 0	18 3 4	14 3 4	"	Christina Harvey ..	8	Non-resident. 19 acres cultivated.
18s	"	" ..	9 3 33	19 3 4	14 3 4	9/5/94	James Rowland ..	6	Non-resident. 12 acres cultivated.
19s	"	" ..	9 1 16	16 3 4	14 3 4	"	Alexander Rodger ..	6	Resident. 12 acres cultivated.
20s	pt. VIII. Awamoko		9 0 8	16 3 4	16 3 4	"	Alexander McAuley	8	Resident. 12 acres cultivated.
21s	pt. XII. Oamaru		9 1 3	15 3 4	16 3 4	"	Peter Taylor ..	7	Non-resident. 12 acres cultivated.
22s	pt. VIII. Awamoko		16 0 24	14 3 4	17 3 4	"	John S. Allen ..	11	Non-resident. 20 acres cultivated.
23s	pt. XII. Oamaru		20 0 0	14 3 4	21 9 0	11/4/94	Jane Flett ..	114	Resident. Family of nine. 7 acres cultivated.
24s	VIII.	Awamoko	20 0 0	14 3 4	20 17 2	"	John Crawford ..	139	Resident. Family of seven. 7 acres cultivated.
25s	"	" ..	20 0 0	14 3 4					
26s	"	" ..	20 0 0	16 3 4					
27s	"	" ..	20 0 0	16 3 4					
28s	"	" ..	20 0 0	17 3 4					
29s	"	" ..	12 3 17	16 13 4					
30s	"	" ..	12 3 20	16 13 4					
31s	"	" ..	25 0 4	16 13 4					
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From schedule attached it will be seen that settlers have expended £763 in erecting buildings and fencing, while 170 acres have been cultivated. Settlers own thirty-one milch cows and seven horses; and the total resident population amounts to fifty-eight adults and children all told. Twelve settlers have effected actual settlement, eight partial settlement, and two have done nothing as yet to their holdings. I consider, however, that the net result is very satisfactory, seeing that the settlement is still in its infancy, the first year of occupation for nine of the settlers not yet having expired.

The general appearance of the settlement is a very pleasing one. The buildings erected by settlers are substantial, well finished, and of a permanent character. Tree-planting and other improvements that tend to the improvement of the settlers' surroundings have already been initiated, and generally the settlement may be considered a success. The quality of the land is first-rate, there is plenty of water, and the settlement is in close proximity to a township, school, dairy factory, and railway-station, and is only nine miles distant from the Town of Oamaru.

There is no doubt a good deal more of this kind of settlement could be effected in the Oamaru district, the only drawback being that, while there are a number of families desirous of settling down on small areas in the district, what they lack is the necessary funds to build a dwellinghouse. The Government rentals they could always meet, but they possess no accrued capital. This is a difficulty that has to be considered, and applies, I believe, to two or three of the Teanaraki settlers who have only as yet effected partial settlement.

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