LEVIN STATE FARM.—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s. (Cr.				£	s.	
800 acres of land, at £4 per acre	3,200	0	0	Present value of farm (land)	• •	•	•	3,200	0	0
Wages, day and contract (including manager's salary)	2,251	2	4	Permanent works— Fencing, 296 chains, 7 wires						
Timber for houses, stables, sheds, &c	234		6	and 1 barb, posts 9ft. apart						
Labour (tradesmen on buildings)	132		4	(clearing line included)	£244	4	5			
Goods, miscellaneous, including horse-feed,			İ	Road-making, 209 chains felled						
harness, blacksmithy, and all sundry ac-	004	10 1		and cleared 1 chain, stumped						
counts	294 185		9	and formed 18ft., and about 60 chains metalled	366	10	0			
Fares (rail and steam) deducted from wages	49		6	Bush felled, burnt, and land	500	19	0			
Freight on goods	97		5	grassed, 440 acres	990	0	0			
Fruit-trees, shelter-trees, seeds, &c	137	7	9	3 wells dug and pumps erected						
2 draught horses	36		0	(2 lift and 1 force), includ-						
Accounts, 1893–94	124		$\frac{2}{7}$	ing troughs	25	0	0			
Balance	21	19	7	10 acres partly stumped, for orchard	06	10	0			
				2,000 fruit-trees	115		0			
				2,500 shelter-trees		ŏ				
				,			_	1,772	14	1
				Buildings, &c.—						
			Į	Schoolhouse, including la-						
				trines, desks, cupboards,	£250	^	0			
				fittings, maps, &c Manager's house, including	3 5200	0	U			
				fences, tanks, sheds, &c	340	0	0			
•				Stables, cart-shed, &c	125		ō			
				6 cottages, at £22 each	132	0	0			
			-	1 office (detached)			0			
				1 office (detached) and fittings	14	0	0	050		^
				Goods on hand-			_	870	19	U
· . · · ·				Posts, 4,000 at £1 5s. per 100	£50	0	0			
				Strainers, 150 at 5s. each			Ō			
				Firewood, 66 cords at 9s			0			
				Stays, 150 at 1s			0			
			l	1,500 palings, at 10s. per 100	. 7	10	0	100		
				Stock, &c			_	132	4	0
				3 drays at £20 each	£60	0	0			
				1 trap	12		ŏ			
				Harness, saddles, &c	40		0			
				2 horses at £25 each	50	_	0			
				1 horse at	15		0			
				1 horse at	8	_	0			
				Tools, &c Ploughs, harrows, wheel-	50	0	0			
				barrows, &c	40	0	0			
				Sundries, including seeds, seed	10	•	~			
			1	potatoes, blacksmith's forge,						
				grindstone, &c	40		0			
				Stump-extractor	15		0			
				8 tons oaten straw, at £3	24		0			
				Oats, chaff, bran, &c			0			
				1 spray-pump and fittings	- 3	0	-	366	10	0
			-	Cash receipts*—				550	10	v
			İ	Royalty on timbert		• •		269	12	1
				Posts, strainers, firewood, &c.		••		153	0	1
	£6,764	15	- 3					£6,764	15	-3
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* This represents 64 per cent, on the expenditure.

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£422 12 2

† Credited as under-

Lands and Survey ... Lands and Survey, miscellaneous Revenue ...

Sir,—

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report for the year ending the 31st March, 1895, and to state that the Factories Act is very generally appreciated and well observed by all persons concerned in it in this district.

It is a matter for serious regret that, owing to the general depression in trade, many of the larger establishments, especially in the iron trade, have had to considerably reduce the number of their employés, and that those kept on are not employed on full time. Another feature that looks bad is that in reducing the hands a larger proportion of men are dispensed with than boys, giving in some instances the impression that the shop is being worked with boy-labour, whilst the men are idle.

There are 430 factories and workrooms registered to date, employing 3,640 persons—i.e., 2,650 males and 990 females—as against 252 factories, employing 3,327 persons—i.e., 2,568 males and 759 females—for last year. You will therefore observe that, whilst we have an increase of 178 registered factories, &c., this year, there is only an increase of 313 persons employed—i.e., 82 males and 231 females. The explanation is given above.