

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX No. 1.—ADMINISTRATION.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS ON SETTLEMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1896.

AUCKLAND.

I HEREWITH furnish a review of the land operations carried on in this district for the past year, which again brings in evidence the fact that, owing to causes which I shall presently emphasize, the area selected under every species of tenure is less than that shown in my report of last year, being only a total area of 80,301 acres, though the actual revenue received is £2,275 in excess of that received for 1894-95, whilst the separate number of items in the summary of transactions are 136 more than last year. Thus the area is less, but the settlers or selectors are more in number, with a less average area of individual holding. At the commencement I stated that I should presently emphasize the cause which in my opinion has led to the total area selected being less than in previous years. The main cause, I think, is owing to the "mining boom," which has now been in continuous operation for the past year, and large sums of money, which would have been used for settlement purposes in taking up new lands, have been diverted and invested in the gold-fields. In several cases lands were applied for, and when the survey was completed and lands opened for selection, the applicants had gone into mining speculations instead, and were unwilling or unable to select.

I append a summary of land transactions in tabular form, as being the most effective way of grouping the selections to enable the particulars to be easily grasped :—

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1895-96.

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.			Area held on 31st March, 1896.			Revenue. received during the Year.		
	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.				
		A.	R. P.		A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.
Cash—									
Town	14	81	1 17						
Suburban	4	43	0 14						
Rural	83	8,742	3 37						
Total cash	101	8,867	1 28	...	...	...	6,355	0	7
Deferred payment holders	...	...	...	412	56,146	1 37	1,814	7	7
Perpetual-lease holders	1	50	0 0	836	223,027	3 37	5,158	7	5
Perpetual-lease, freehold	22	8,120	0 24	...	...	...	3,896	19	2
Occupation, right of purchase	167	27,831	2 9	699	130,936	0 1	2,293	12	6
Lease in perpetuity	82	17,062	3 28	383	75,298	2 6	1,936	12	1
Agricultural leases	...	...	...	26	1,575	2 27	...		
Mining district occupation licences	17	864	1 6	17	864	1 6	130	14	6
Village homestead special settlement	...	...	...	208	8,612	2 24	262	6	6
Lands for settlement, lease in perpetuity	60	6,524	3 9	60	6,524	3 9	634	5	2
Special settlement—									
Deferred payment	...	...	...	40	3,900	0 21	760	17	11
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	6	280	2 34	11	10	9
Lease in perpetuity	36	4,950	1 38	91	23,001	1 38	252	17	11
Improved farm special settlement	13	1,680	0 0	42	4,555	2 0	...		
Homesteads	...	...	...	46	5,542	2 10	...		
Small grazing-runs	...	...	...	14	68,849	0 0	402	1	1
Pastoral runs	...	...	...	12	121,711	0 0	123	10	10
Miscellaneous leases	15	2,194	1 26	57	4,401	3 37	3,421	12	5
Timber sold	...	2,659,089ft.	...	...	...	...			
Rotorua leases	38	155	1 26	112	637	0 3	795	1	10
Other sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,268	14	6
Total, areas, &c.	552	80,301	1 34	3,061	735,865	3 10	30,518	12	9
" timber	...	2,659,089ft.	...	...	...	...	...		