

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1894-95—continued.

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.			Area held at 31st March, 1896.			Revenue received during the Year.				
	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.						
		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Made freehold ...	7	42	3	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perpetual lease ...	...	...	...	...	43	974	0	12	79	18	1
Occupation with right of purchase ...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	28	0	3	9
Lease in perpetuity ...	9	123	2	37	90	1,402	0	26	101	17	4
Village-homestead special settlement ...	}	...	...	...	93	1,524	2	5	R. 113	1	11
Special-settlement associations ...		...	...	...	15	2,955	1	12	I. 63	4	5
Improved farm settlements ...	38	5,151	3	33	76	9,340	1	32	105	15	5
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act ...	47	1,717	1	35	47	1,717	1	35	47	8	1
Homestead lands ...	...	...	...	...	4	401	3	24	...	...	...
Small grazing-runs ...	18	34,857	2	4	247	475,891	2	12	10,271	4	7
Pastoral licenses ...	62	2,064,483	2	2	242	3,999,668	2	36	32,552	14	2
Coal and mineral licenses, &c. ...	4	188	2	0	304	105,669	1	8	183	10	3
Timber-cutting ...	5	20	0	0					49	8	6
Miscellaneous ...	74	175,456	2	38					1,226	6	8
Survey fees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	230	17	8
Other sources ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,062	19	1
Total Crown lands ...	633	2,345,981	2	15	2,560	4,905,581	3	33	64,870	6	1
Total endowments ...	5	1,019	0	7	59	47,714	3	17	1,418	9	8
Gross totals...	638	2,347,000	2	22	2,619	4,953,296	3	10	66,288	15	9

On comparing this table with that furnished last year, it will be seen that the transactions exceeded those of the previous year, both in number and area, by 120 and 2,032,051 acres 3 roods 19 perches; but in this large area is included the runs in respect of which surrenders were accepted and new licenses issued under the Pastoral Tenants' Relief Act. As regards the revenue, it will be observed that the gross receipts of the year were less than those of the previous year by £3,515 7s. 3d.

There were opened for selection under the various systems of disposal: 20,910 acres under the optional system; 237 acres cash by auction, being town and suburban lands; 120 acres lease by auction; 37 acres village-homestead allotments on lease in perpetuity; 404,719 acres pastoral runs (in addition to those dealt with under the Pastoral Tenants' Relief Act); 36,727 acres small grazing-runs; and 10,839 acres under the Land for Settlements Act on lease in perpetuity: total, 473,589 acres. The following (not included in the foregoing) were also disposed of during the year: 5,552 acres under sections 114 and 115 of the Land Act, to sixty-four selectors; 1,717 acres under the Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, to forty-seven selectors; and 5,252 acres were allotted under the Improved Farm-settlement Regulations, to thirty-eight selectors.

In respect of all lands opened for application during the year, 2,142 applications were received, the number obtaining sections being 342. With regard to this preponderance in the number of applications in comparison with the number of sections opened for selection, I shall make a few observations under the head of the ballot system.

While adverting to the extent of the year's transactions, it may be both useful and interesting to present in a simple form the total number of transfers, surrenders, and forfeitures during the year under the several classes of tenure, which has been done in the following table:—

NUMBER OF TRANSFERS, SURRENDERS, and FORFEITURES during the Year ended 31st March, 1896.

Tenure.	Transfers.		Surrenders (including exchanges).		Forfeitures.		Totals.	
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.
		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.
Deferred payments ..	9	1,687	6	1,953	1	320	16	3,960
Perpetual lease ..	21	5,236	34	13,297	3	968	58	19,501
Occupation with right of purchase ..	2	350	2	471	..	..	4	821
Lease in perpetuity ..	11	3,170	1	82	4	1,186	16	4,438
Land for Settlements Act ..	..	..	1	10	7	1450	8	1460
Village settlement perpetual lease ..	..	..	..	..	1	8	1	8
Village settlement, lease in perpetuity ..	5	57	2	9	13	229	20	295
Village-homestead special settlement ..	..	..	1	49	1	8	2	57
Improved-farm settlements ..	..	..	..	..	1	51	1	51
Small grazing-runs ..	5	7,658	14	40,411	2	851	21	48,920
Pastoral licenses ..	11	146,746	122	1,905,216	2	28,450	135	2,080,412
Miscellaneous ..	4	1,969	2	1,109	3	233	9	3,311
Totals ..	68	168,873	185	1,962,607	38	33,754	291	2,163,234