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MIDLAND RAILWAY LANDS

(DETAILS OF CROWN LANDS DISPOSED OF BY THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated Friday, the 14th day of August, 1896.
Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing the acreage of Crown land disposed of by the Midland Railway Company under terms of their contract with the Government—(1) How much of that area was situated in the Province of Canterbury; (2) how much of the area was situated in the County of Ashley; and (3) how much land was sold by them classed as reserves for the various purposes and not included in the plan or map they had to select from?"—(Mr. BUDDO.)

LANDS disposed of by MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY in terms of Midland Railway Contract.

								Acres.
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44,002
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Canterbury*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174,739
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	218,741

* Of this area 139,290 acres are in County of Ashley, and 35,449 acres are in County of Selwyn.

None of the above lands were classed as reserves.

The Midland Railway Company has, however, in addition to the above, sold the following lands which are not shown in the Midland Railway contract, and for which Government will not grant titles—viz. : 663 acres and 18 perches in the County of Ashley; 305 acres 3 roods 2 perches in the County of Selwyn : total, 968 acres 3 roods 20 perches.

A. BARRON, Under-Secretary.

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