

TABLE C.—STATEMENT of LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1897, prepared in terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—*continued*.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1897.	Price to be paid where Transaction not complete at 31st March, 1897.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
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Otago Land District— Ardgowan ..	A. P. P. 4,241 0 0	Blocks I. and II., Oamaru Survey District, Otago Land District	Good agricultural land, the whole of which may be ploughed	New Zealand and Australian Land Company	£ s. d. 34,600 0 0	£ s. d.	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. That there is a demand for land in the district. The Board recommends Government to acquire the land at a price not exceeding £7 an acre. (Taken by arbitration—Award of Compensation Court, £34,600, or £8 3s. an acre)	£ s. d. 7 0 0	
Maerewhenua ..	11,150 3 36	Block III. and part of Block II., Awamoko, and Block III. and part of Block IV., Maerewhenua Survey Districts, Otago Land District	Low-lying downs and flats	Borton, J. ..	66,905 17 0	.. ..	That the land is good, and suitable for settlement; that the offering of such a property to the public would create a demand from outside in addition to a limited demand in the district. The Board recommends purchase at a price not greater than £6 an acre	6 0 0	See Report attached.
Makareao ..	2,367 3 31	Blocks VII., IX., XII., XV., Moeraki Survey District, and Block IV., Dunback Survey District, Otago Land District	Limestone hill land and arable flats along banks of Shag River	Kitchener, A. B. ..	7,168 3 8	.. ..	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for land in the district. The Board recommends the purchase of 2,368 acres of the land at £3 1s. an acre	3 1 0	See Report attached.
Makareao Extension ..	2,535 3 0	Blocks VIII., XII., and XIV., Moeraki Survey District, Otago Land District	Limestone formation; pastoral tussock hills	Kitchener, A. B. ..	5,071 10 0	.. ..	The land is good, and suitable for mixed grazing-runs and farms. There will be a demand for this land, and the purchase is therefore recommended	2 0 0	See Report attached.
Momona ..	218 2 36	Block IV., Maungatua Survey District, Otago Land District	Soil partly river deposit; subsoil of open porous clayey nature	Thompson, W. ..	.. ..	3,608 19 3	The land is good, and suitable for settlement in small farms. There is a demand for land in the district; and that the purchase is therefore recommended	17 0 0	
Pomahaka ..	7,462 3 1	Blocks X., XI., XIII., and XIV., Pomahaka, Otago Land District	Mostly agricultural land	Douglas, J. ..	18,656 17 10	.. ..	We have ascertained the value and suitability for settlement of the lands, and respectfully recommend the purchase of the same at a price not exceeding £2 10s. an acre.	2 10 0	See Report attached.
Puketapu ..	509 0 6	Block IV., Moeraki Survey District, Otago Land District	Good hill-slopes, all ploughable	Cochrane, J. ..	3,308 14 10	.. ..	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. The Board believes there is a demand in the district. The Government is recommended to purchase the land at £6 10s. an acre, conditionally on the title to parts of Sections 4 and 7, Block I., Hawkesbury, being completed	6 10 0	See Report attached.
Tahawai ..	69 0 19	Block I., Kurow Survey District, Otago Land District	Open, level ground; deep, rich, alluvial silt	Stringer, G. ..	622 1 4	.. ..	That the character of the land is such as to render it suitable for settlement in small lots; that there is a demand for land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase at £9 per acre	9 0 0	See Report attached.
Teanaraki ..	347 3 18	Block XII., Oamaru, and Block VIII., Awamoko, Otago Land District	All rich agricultural land	Meek, W. ..	5,044 0 6	.. ..	We recommend purchase at a price of £14 per acre, and, in the event of this offer not being accepted, we are of opinion that £15 an acre would not be too high a price to pay for such land.	15 0 0	See Report attached.
Toka-rahi ..	11,051 2 9	Blocks II., VI., VII., and VIII., Maerewhenua Survey District, Otago Land District	First-class tableland and low-lying ridges on limestone formation	McMaster, A. A. ..	.. ..	77,360 17 10	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There will be demand for this land in the district, and the purchase of the property is therefore recommended	.. ..	See Report attached.
Total ..	39,954 2 36	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	141,377 5 2	80,969 17 1			