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, 1897.

AUCKLAND.

I have the honour herewith to forward my annual report upon the land-transactions of this district for the year 1896-97, and, in order that the volume of the same may be readily taken in, I have placed in the forefront a summary, as I did last year:—

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1896-97.

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.		Area held on 31st March, 1897.		Revenue.
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	the Year.
Cash— Town	25	A. R. P. 53 0 0		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Suburban	10	75 1 30		·	
Rural	81	6,247 3 14			
Total cash	116	6,376 1 30			6,999 0 3
Deferred payment		•••	241	27,226 3 23	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Perpetual lease	90	8.474 0 7	724	184,508 2 30	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Perpetual lease, freehold	30 123	$\begin{bmatrix} 8,474 & 0 & 7 \\ 22,384 & 1 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$	800	149,371 3 34	1,676 3 7
Occupation, right of purchase Lease in perpetuity	*400	10,601 0 5	434	81,330 2 28	1,015 17 4
Lease in perpetuity under		716 0 11	68	6,599 3 23	615 9 9
Land for Settlements Act		,		,	
Mining district land occupation	6	209 0 17	22	1,017 3 7	6 4 0
Agricultural leases		•••	7	625 2 27	···
Village - homestead special		•••	178	7,306 0 7	408 18 0
settlement	ļ				
Special settlement associa-					
tion— Deferred payment			17	1,611 2 2	435 9 7
Perpetual lease			2	100 0 0	17 17 0
Lease in perpetuity	47	9,229 3 2	127	29,735 1 0	31 5 6
Improved-farm settlement	11	1,278 2 0	45	5,033 0 0	• • •
Homestead			37	3,975 2 3	•••
Small grazing-runs		•••	14	68,849 0 0	582 19 6
Pastoral runs			$\frac{12}{2}$	91,654 0 27	51 12 0
Miscellaneous leases		276 1 27	57	4,357 1 23	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Timber sold	231 trees		140	$1.232 \ 1.16$	$8,720 6 0 \\ 1.158 18 0$
Thermal springs		595 1 13	140	1,232 1 16	1,158 18 0 $1,981 5 0$
Other sources	•••	•••		•••	1,001 0 0
Total areas, &c		60,141 0 7	2,925	664,535 3 10	+36,483 4 8
" timber	231 trees	45,300,503ft.		•••	••• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Cash Lands show very little difference to last year. The total area is less, being 6,376 acres, but the receipts are greater, being £6,999, against £6,355 last year. Adding to this the perpetual leases made freehold, gives a total of cash land revenue of £10,934 15s., exclusive of the deferred-payment sections made freehold.

Deferred Payment.—The total number of sections and area still held under this system is 241 sections, with a total area of 27,227 acres. By some curious oversight, which must have occurred some years past (probably at the time when the East Coast district was cut off from

^{*} Including exchange from other tenures. † This does not include £1,177 15s. 10d. survey fees received during the year.