

*Other Lands.*—A few small areas have been offered at public competition during the year for occupation for grazing purposes. The Crown lands scheduled in the "Land Guide" for disposal remain practically the same as at the commencement of the year, most of them being lands either of inferior quality or too remote from a market to be capable of profitable occupation on settlement conditions. These lands could, for the most part, only be utilised by owners of adjacent properties, who would probably be debarred from selecting them by the limitations of the Land Act.

*Land-transactions.*—The following table shows the result of the land-transactions for the year :—

Class of Selection.	Transactions during the Year.		Area held at 31st March, 1897.		Revenue received during the Year.
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	
		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Cash—					
Rural Crown lands ... ..	15	709 1 27	...	...	*912 4 2
Suburban, Cheviot ... ..	1	12 0 8	...	...	48 4 0
Town Crown lands ... ..	44	32 1 7	...	...	1,038 7 11
Cheviot ... ..	12	8 2 29	...	...	287 18 0
Deferred-payment holders (including pastoral deferred payment)	...	...	35	14,661 0 30	3,738 12 10
Deferred payment made freehold ...	4	2,680 0 10	...	...	...
Perpetual-lease holders ... ..	...	...	107	17,450 3 10	1,239 1 10
Perpetual lease made freehold ...	3	207 3 33	...	...	348 1 0
Occupation with right of purchase ...	1	240 0 0	12	1,080 3 24	80 14 11
Lease in perpetuity—					
Ordinary ... ..	1	655 1 0	159	70,595 1 10	2,784 18 9
Lake Ellesmere ... ..	4	1,036 0 1	68	13,943 3 39	1,369 18 0
Cheviot ... ..	5	320 1 31	111	23,846 2 21	5,973 14 4
Land for settlements ... ..	155	14,587 3 15	277	17,602 0 23	6,013 5 8
Conversions to lease in perpetuity (Crown)	23	1,466 0 37	...	...	...
Village settlements—					
Deferred payment ... ..	...	...	21	318 2 30	186 3 5
Deferred payment made freehold ...	8	128 3 14	...	...	...
Perpetual lease ... ..	...	...	72	1,340 3 38	826 13 7
Perpetual lease made freehold ...	1	1 0 0	...	...	25 0 0
Occupation with right of purchase ...	...	...	4	1 0 0	1 4 0
Lease in perpetuity ... ..	...	...	23	9 2 11	9 7 8
Village-homestead special settlement—					
Perpetual lease (Crown) ... ..	...	...	145	4,366 0 35	627 6 7
Lease in perpetuity ... ..	13	289 2 1	80	3,662 1 35	231 1 6
Cheviot ... ..	3	40 2 0	83	2,473 1 37	869 4 7
Ellesmere ... ..	5	50 0 0	47	1,417 1 3	275 7 4
Farm homesteads (Crown lands)—					
Perpetual lease ... ..	...	...	27	2,203 0 39	175 5 8
Lease in perpetuity ... ..	...	...	1	89 3 18	5 12 4
Land for settlement ... ..	...	...	13	2,510 1 9	135 19 3
Small grazing-runs—					
Crown lands ... ..	2	1,792 0 0	36	72,541 2 20	4,437 14 3
Land for settlement ... ..	1	3,966 0 0	1	4,279 2 5	94 0 0
Grazing-farms, Cheviot ... ..	...	...	27	44,886 2 0	6,311 13 1
Pastoral leases—					
Crown lands ... ..	15	195,303 0 0	92	2,846,675 0 0	30,434 10 10
Cheviot ... ..	...	...	2	2,102 0 0	262 3 8
Miscellaneous leases—					
Crown lands ... ..	28	9,637 1 20	229	34,122 0 1	1,625 4 9
Cheviot ... ..	16	227 0 30	87	3,827 3 35	614 16 10
Land for settlement ... ..	9	4,138 1 9	1	0 2 13	329 12 8
Endowment ... ..	7	191 0 0	23	6,993 0 24	450 19 1
Other sources ... ..	...	...	...	...	3,121 7 9
Total ... ..	376	237,720 3 32	1,783	3,193,002 1 30	74,885 10 3

\* Includes £21 16s. 8d. scrip.

NOTE.—£254 1s., miscellaneous endowment revenue, was paid to Receiver-General's Deposit Account, not being territorial revenue.

*Applications for Land.*—2,114 applications for land were received and dealt with during the year, 209 of these being granted. By far the greatest proportion of these were for the blocks offered under the Land for Settlements Acts.