

SUMMARY of LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1896-97.

Class of Selection.	Transactions during Year.			Area held at 31st March, 1897.			Revenue received during the Year.				
	Number.	Area.			Number.	Area.			£	s.	d.
Cash	61	A.	R.	P.	...	A.	R.	P.	*1,102	12	3
Deferred payments ... ..	...	812	3	4	130	34,672	0	12	6,632	1	11
Deferred payments made freehold	48	13,544	3	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perpetual leases ... ..	...	...	...	...	494	91,950	2	16	3,802	17	11
Perpetual leases made freehold ...	9	2,245	3	11	...	...	...	...	1,771	2	0
Occupation with right of purchase	15	2,838	1	39	95	17,784	1	25	667	7	11
Lease in perpetuity	66	11,849	1	19	480	132,854	2	8	3,019	13	6
Lease in perpetuity exchanged from other tenures	21	6,880	3	2							
Land for settlement—											
Lease in perpetuity	102	6,208	1	19	195	21,249	1	25	5,982	18	3
Village lease in perpetuity	1	5	0	2	31	412	3	39	324	7	4
Small grazing-runs	1	1,214	2	3	1	1,214	2	3	64	10	6
Miscellaneous	12	568	1	14	13	578	1	14	78	18	0
Agricultural leases	2	13	1	0	21	1,010	1	23	241	7	0
Village settlements—											
Cash	1	1	3	18	...	...	...	...	9	6	3
Deferred payments ... ..	...	...	...	...	7	263	0	25	70	7	7
Deferred payments made freehold	9	89	3	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perpetual leases ... ..	...	...	...	...	42	933	2	33	69	5	1
Perpetual leases made freehold	1	40	1	19	...	...	...	...	35	0	0
Occupation with right of purchase	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	28	0	19	0
Lease in perpetuity	29	432	3	1	112	1,754	3	14	125	15	5
Village-homestead special settlement	...	...	...	...	87	1,436	0	17	R.112	19	7
Special-settlement association ...	...	...	...	...	15	2,955	1	12	I. 63	17	3
Improved-farm settlements	11	1,645	2	30	84	10,329	1	8	114	19	1
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	18	877	3	30	65	2,595	1	25	31	3	8
Homestead lands ... ..	...	...	...	...	4	401	3	24	60	8	4
Small grazing-runs	13	53,309	3	28	247	489,370	2	20	11,050	7	10
Pastoral licenses	36	396,538	1	21	255	4,173,881	3	33	†31,012	2	1
Coal and mineral licenses ... ..	...	...	...	...	335	81,730	2	16	134	7	10
Timber-cutting	13	290	0	0							
Miscellaneous licenses	81	72,755	2	12	...	...	...	...	76	8	0
Survey fees ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,750	0	4
Crown grant fees ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	310	15	0
Other sources ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	†176	4	1
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	494	16	4
Total Crown lands	552	572,165	3	27	2,718	5,067,383	3	20	69,386	19	4
Endowments—											
Deferred payments made freehold	1	143	3	7	56	47,198	0	0	1,760	3	2
Perpetual leases made freehold	1	320	0	0							
Gross totals	554	572,629	2	34	2,774	5,114,581	3	20	71,147	2	6

* Includes £9 15s. 6d. on account Canterbury.

† Includes £11 on account Canterbury.

‡ Includes £1 1s. on account Canterbury.

From a comparison of the foregoing summary with that for 1895-96 it will be seen that, while the transactions in the first column appear to be smaller, the aggregate area of land disposed of on settlement conditions is greater by nearly 9,000 acres, and that there is an increase in the second column of 156 holdings and 161,285 acres in area, the third column showing, as before stated, an increase of revenue to the extent of £4,858 6s. 9d.

Lands opened for Selection.—There was opened for sale and selection during the year—under the optional system, 14,929 acres; for cash by auction, 369 acres; for lease by auction and application, 21 acres; village-homestead allotments on lease in perpetuity, 801 acres; pastoral runs, 360,604 acres; small grazing-runs, 56,635 acres, including 1,215 acres under Land for Settlements; for lease in perpetuity under Land for Settlements, 4,974 acres: together making a total of 438,333 acres. In addition to this several areas have been allotted under sections 114 and 115 of "The Land Act, 1892," and others disposed of under the improved-farm settlement scheme and the Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, as shown in the summary. There were