

Nature and Tenure of Lands selected.	Number of Purchasers or Selectors.	Area.	Cash received on Past and Current Transactions.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Town lands sold for cash .. .. .	147	122 0 38	20,095 17 7
Suburban lands sold for cash .. .. .	63	254 1 8	
Rural lands sold for cash .. .. .	165	28,087 1 26	
Deferred payment .. .. .	..	..	38,022 6 0
Perpetual lease (includes perpetual leases made freehold, £53,807 3s. 11d.)	19	9,105 2 28	79,589 15 7
Occupation with right of purchase .. .. .	277	59,647 3 20	8,732 17 6
Lease in perpetuity .. .. .	278	62,229 3 15	13,641 18 6
Agricultural lease .. .. .	2	13 1 0	241 7 0
Village settlement, cash .. .. .	4	3 2 13	26 11 3
" deferred payment .. .. .	..	..	564 1 9
" perpetual lease .. .. .	..	..	1,126 8 3
" occupation with right of purchase .. .. .	4	3 2 7	7 7 9
" lease in perpetuity .. .. .	91	1,280 1 27	1,070 12 1
Village-homestead special settlement (lease in perpetuity)	15	319 0 20	2,341 7 3
Special-settlement associations (lease in perpetuity) ..	142	28,084 1 17	10,072 16 10
Improved-farm special settlements (lease in perpetuity and occupation with right of purchase)	45	4,881 3 24	247 19 2
Occupation leases, Mining Act .. .. .	48	2,817 0 7	81 17 9
Small grazing-runs .. .. .	25	63,752 3 28	20,570 4 11
Pastoral runs .. .. .	129	1,187,771 3 17	73,124 16 2
Miscellaneous leases and licenses .. .. .	271	99,396 3 14	19,756 3 9
Cheviot Estate—			
Cash lands .. .. .	13	20 2 37	336 2 0
Lease in perpetuity .. .. .	5	320 1 31	5,973 14 4
Village-homestead special settlements (lease in perpetuity)	3	40 2 0	869 4 7
Grazing-farms .. .. .	..	..	6,311 13 1
Pastoral runs .. .. .	..	..	262 3 8
Miscellaneous .. .. .	16	227 0 30	1,607 3 5
Land for Settlements Acts—			
Lease in perpetuity .. .. .	376	42,377 1 10	18,043 16 1
Lease in perpetuity, village settlement .. .. .	11	37 0 6	342 0 4
Special-settlement associations (lease in perpetuity) ..	..	..	135 19 3
Small grazing-runs .. .. .	2	5,180 3 5	158 10 6
Miscellaneous .. .. .	22	4,718 3 36	999 0 7
Totals .. .. .	2,173	1,600,695 0 24	324,353 16 11

A few items in the above table require notice. The town, suburban, and rural lands disposed of, as shown in the first three lines, are sold for cash at auction, or, in the case of rural lands, are sometimes selected under the optional clauses of "The Land Act, 1892." These latter transactions, however, are few in number, as will be seen below. There were no selections under the deferred-payment system, for it is obsolete, except in the few cases which come under section 114 of the Act, which authorises those who already hold under that tenure to select additional land under the same terms where it adjoins their holdings. The same section has been taken advantage of to select nineteen sections under the obsolete system of perpetual lease. Both classes of selection must shortly cease through the fact of all adjacent lands being taken up. Included in the cash received under the head of perpetual leases is the large sum of £53,807 3s. 11d., which represents the extent to which the right of purchase has been exercised in such cases, as authorised by the Act of 1887. It seems probable that this last system will, like the deferred-payment, become extinct within a short time, as it is obvious from the returns of the last few years that the right of purchase is very largely taken advantage of. The reason is not far to seek. Until the passing of "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1895," perpetual leases were not considered very eligible securities for borrowing on, and since the passing of that Act it is found that money is now borrowed from the Advances to Settlers Office in order to obtain the freehold, which, of course, enables larger sums to be raised.

Under the optional clauses of the Land Act the following selections were made :—

	Number.	Acres.
Cash .. .. .	90	9,835
Occupation with right of purchase .. .. .	277	59,647
Lease in perpetuity .. .. .	278	62,229
Lands selected under section 114 .. .. .	7	508
" " 115 .. .. .	31	6,310
" " 117 .. .. .	4	41

To bring the figures contained in the first table into a comprehensive view, the items are summarised below under a few headings, in which are included all the selections under the various Acts administered by the department, with the exception of endowments and miscellaneous leases :—