

APPENDIX No. 6.

VILLAGE-HOMESTEAD SETTLEMENTS.

THE following are details of village-homestead settlements in each of the provincial districts of the colony on the 31st March, 1897.

The position of the settlements at that date was as under :—

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--------|----------|
| Number of settlements in the colony— | | | | | |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 107 |
| | | | | | 158 |
| Number of original settlers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,205 |
| Original settlers now remaining | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,202 |
| Number of present settlers— | | | | | |
| Resident | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,046 |
| Non-resident | ... | ... | ... | ... | 488 |
| Not reported on | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| | | | | | 1,543 |
| Number settled on the land, including wives and families— | | | | | |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,338 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,335 |
| | | | | | 4,673 |
| The total acreage originally taken up was— | | | | | |
| | | | | Acres. | Acres. |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30,219 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25,230 |
| | | | | | 55,449 |
| (The area in the North Island includes Auckland and Parnell endowments, now transferred to the city and borough respectively.) | | | | | |
| The total area now held is— | | | | | |
| | | | | Acres. | Acres. |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15,719 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19,528 |
| | | | | | 35,247 |
| Average area to each settler | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22½ |
| Total area laid down in pasture or cultivated— | | | | | |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7,917 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,348 |
| | | | | | 18,265 |
| The total amount advanced from the commencement of the system to the 31st March last was | | | | | |
| | | | | £ | £ |
| Advances repaid, 1896 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25,849 |
| " " 1897 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 565 |
| | | | | | 1,346 |
| | | | | | 1,911 |
| Remaining unpaid— | | | | | |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18,872 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,066 |
| | | | | | 23,938 |
| Value of land disposed of and now held by settlers | | | | | |
| | | | | | 83,522 |
| Total | | | | | |
| | | | | | £107,460 |
| The total annual rent, including interest on advances was— | | | | | |
| | | | | £ | £ |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,685 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,219 |
| | | | | | 4,904 |

Equivalent to a rental of 2s. 9d., per acre, and equal to 4½ per cent. on capital.

The amount received for rent and interest for the year ending 31st March last was—

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|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| In the North Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,880 |
| In the Middle Island | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,025 |
| | | | | | 4,905 |

Equal to 4½ per cent. on capital.

The total amount received for rent and interest from the commencement of the system to the 31st March last was £27,014, classified as under :—

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| North Island—Rent, £7,596; interest, £4,238 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11,834 |
| Middle Island—Rent, £13,210; interest, £1,970 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15,180 |
| | | | | | 27,014 |