SESS. II.—1897. NEW ZEALAND.

LANDS SETTLEMENT DURING TERMS OF OFFICE OF LATE AND PRESENT MINISTER OF LANDS.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 3rd July, 1897.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return, being a modification of the return C.-1., 1895, 'Selectors and Land selected under Settlement Conditions,' showing, during the year the Hon. Mr. Richardson took office, the selectors and land settled from the date of his taking office to the end of the year; and similarly showing during the year the present Minister of Lands took office the settlement from the commencement of the year to the time he took office, and separately from that time to the end of the year."—(Mr. ALLEN.)

SELECTORS AND LAND SELECTED UNDER SETTLEMENT CONDITIONS.

0.4	From 8th October, 1887, to 31st March, 1888.			From 1st April, 1890, to 24th January, 1891.			From 24th January, 1891, to 31st March, 1891.			
System.	Number of Area, Selectors,		ì.	Number of Selectors,	of Area.		Number of Selectors,	Area.		
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Cash		192	6,932	0 35	480	95,307	0 25	93	4,706	3
Deferred payment		134	16,210	3 36	225	29,783	0 18	33	4,308	0
Perpetual lease		160	30,790	1 18	628	240,244	1 21	160	48,672	1
Village—										
Cash		18	13	1 10	75	195	$2\ 26$	12	14	1 2
Deferred payment		35	173	$1 \ 37$	46	306	0.33	5	43	1
Perpetual lease		12	317	3 35	46	705	0 31	10	248	3
Homestead		54	1,485	3 38	10	349	3 37			
Special-settlement associations		346	35,274	1 15	2	71	0 0			
Homesteads		7	1,121	1 6	7	795	0 0	2	150	0
Agricultural lease		3	. 113	2 13	2	199	1 28	2	350	1 1
Small grazing-runs	• •	59	116,163	3 5	36	81,471	2 19	7	4,689	0 3
Total		1,020	208,597	1 8	1,557	449,428	2 38	324	63,185	0 2

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