

1899.  
NEW ZEALAND.

# “LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894”

(REPORT ON).

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in compliance with Section 39 of “The Land for Settlements Act, 1894.”*

The LAND PURCHASE INSPECTOR to the Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,—

Department of Land for Settlements, Wellington, 20th June, 1899.

I have the honour to report on the transactions under “The Land for Settlements Act, 1894,” for the twelve months ending the 31st March, 1899.

There were twenty-two meetings of the Boards held during the year for business in the following land districts—viz., Auckland, 1; Hawke's Bay, 2; Marlborough, 5; Nelson, 1; Westland, 1; Canterbury, 8; Otago, 4.

Fifty-one estates, of a total area of 534,682 acres, were offered during the year. Of that area, 47,192 acres were declined, not recommended, or withdrawn, leaving 487,490 acres, of which an area of 271,905 acres is under consideration, and an area of 215,580 acres was recommended for purchase. Including with this latter area part of the land offered in the previous year, twenty-four estates were recommended for purchase, with the result that the offers were accepted for thirteen, of an aggregate area of 102,204 acres, for the sum of £582,115. Of the other eleven estates, the owners of three declined the prices offered; the owners of five have the offers made them under consideration; and in the case of three estates no offers have yet been made.

The names of the estates purchased are:—Karapiro, Willows, Mahora, Starborough, Richmond Brook, part of Flaxbourne, Waikakahi, Tamai, R.S. 20184, R.S. 2682, R.S. 36228, R.S. 36469, and part of Elderslie. With the exception of Richmond Brook, Tamai, and Elderslie, now under survey, possession of all was given within the year under review.

The total purchases under the Land for Settlements Act since its commencement are sixty-two estates, containing an area of 256,829 acres, at a cost of £1,250,647 for land, and £53,862 for road formations, surveys, and administration. In all, a total of £1,304,509.

The limit of appropriation fixed by statute, which expires on 31st March, 1900, is £2,000,000. There is therefore a balance of £695,491 available for additional purchases up to that date, after which no new business can be entered on. Recently there have been several large estates offered, which if purchased will, together with the price to be paid for Hatuma Estate, and the offers to purchase now under consideration by several landowners, if accepted, absorb the greater portion of the above sum.

Appended hereto are details in tabular form, viz:—

Table A.—Return of all lands offered to the Government, and how dealt with, from the 1st April, 1898, to the 31st March, 1899.

Table B.—Return of lands recommended for purchase by the Board of Land Purchase Commissioners to the 31st March, 1899.

Table C.—Statement of lands acquired to the 31st March, 1899.

Report of the Surveyor-General on the “Condition and Settlement” of lands acquired.

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JAMES MCKERROW,  
Chairman of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners,  
and Land Purchase Inspector.

The Hon. Minister of Lands.

TABLE A.—RETURN of all LANDS OFFERED to GOVERNMENT under “The Land for Settlements Act, 1894,” and how dealt with, from 1st April, 1898, to 31st March, 1899.

Land District where Land situated.	Area offered.		Price asked per Acre.		Area declined without going to Board.		Area not recommended by Board.		Area recommended by Board.		Offer accepted or rejected by Vendor.	Remarks.
	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.		
Auckland ..	16,152	0 0	..	0 15 0	16,152	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	Land not suitable.
" ..	2,495	0 0	..	0 15 0	2,495	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	"
" ..	118,046	0 0	..	4 0 0	..	..	..	..	2,271	0 0	Accepted	118,046 acres under consideration.
" ..	6,746	0 0	..	4 0 0	..	..	..	..	6,746	0 0	Declined	Purchase completed.
" ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Vendors would not accept price offered.
Total ..	145,710	0 0	..	..	18,647	0 0	..	..	9,017	0 0	..	118,046 acres under consideration.
Hawke's Bay ..	775	0 0	19	0 0	..	..	..	..	775	0 0	Accepted.	..
" ..	1,134	0 0	28	5 0	..	..	..	..	1,134	0 0	"	..
" ..	1,005	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,005 acres under consideration.
Total ..	2,914	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,909	0 0	..	1,005 acres under consideration.
Wellington ..	2,050	0 0	4	19 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,050 acres under consideration.
" ..	10,000	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,000 "
" ..	100	0 0	..	..	100	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	Not suitable for purposes of Act.
" ..	1,741	0 0	16	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,741 acres under consideration.
" ..	1,700	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,700 "
" ..	745	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	745 "
Total ..	16,336	0 0	..	..	100	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	16,236 acres under consideration.
Marlborough ..	5,827	0 0	5	0 0	..	..	..	..	5,827	0 0	Accepted	Purchase of 5,827 acres not quite complete.
" ..	404	0 0	3	0 0	..	..	..	..	404	0 0	"	Purchase complete.
" ..	8,000	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,000 acres under consideration.
Total ..	14,231	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,231	0 0	..	8,000 acres under consideration.
Westland ..	627	0 0	2	15 0	627	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	Land not suitable.
Total ..	627	0 0	..	..	627	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Land District where Land situated.	Area offered.	Price asked per Acre.	Area declined without going to Board.	Area not recommended by Board.	Area recommended by Board.	Offer accepted or rejected by Vendor.	Remarks.
Canterbury	A. R. P. 7 0 0	£ s. d. .. ..	A. R. P. .. ..	A. R. P. .. ..	A. R. P. 7 0 0	Accepted ..	Purchase completed. 7,000 acres under consideration.
"	7,000 0 0	5 10 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	Land too high priced.
"	215 0 0	19 0 0	215 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	Accepted ..	Purchase completed.
"	41 0 0	65 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	41 0 0	.. ..	Withdrawn.
"	1,812 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	Rejected ..	Owner refused price offered.
"	57,518 0 0	4 4 0	.. ..	.. ..	57,518 0 0	.. ..	"
"	29,155 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	29,155 0 0	.. ..	15,834 acres under consideration by Cabinet.
"	15,834 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	15,834 0 0	.. ..	Offer made by Government to purchase, under consideration
"	1,030 0 0	4 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	by vendors.
"	8,147 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	8,147 0 0	.. ..	Ditto.
"	7,759 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7,759 0 0	.. ..	Land not suitable.
"	60 0 0	33 0 0	60 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,631 acres under consideration by Cabinet.
"	1,631 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,631 0 0	.. ..	1,834
"	1,834 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,834 0 0	.. ..	Offer made by Government to purchase, under consideration
"	7,132 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7,132 0 0	.. ..	by vendors.
"	5,244 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,244 acres under consideration.
"	8,000 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	8,000
"	500 0 0	.. ..	500 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	Land not suitable.
"	47,866 0 0	6 15 0	.. ..	.. ..	47,866 0 0	Accepted ..	Purchase completed.
"	9,900 0 0	2 10 0	.. ..	.. ..	9,900 0 0	.. ..	Offer made by Government to purchase, under consideration
"	11,375 0 0	1 6 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	by vendors.
"	101 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	101 0 0	.. ..	11,375 acres under consideration.
"	155 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	155 0 0	.. ..	Purchase not quite complete.
Total	222,316 0 0	.. ..	775 0 0	.. ..	187,080 0 0	.. ..	32,649 acres under consideration; 1,812 acres withdrawn.
Otago	4,800 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	4,800 0 0	.. ..	Accepted ..	Purchase not quite complete.
"	148 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	148 0 0	.. ..	Land not suitable.
"	200 0 0	.. ..	200 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	64,769 acres under consideration.
"	64,769 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	Owner accepted price offered.
"	11,200 0 0	7 10 0	.. ..	.. ..	11,200 0 0	Accepted ..	Land too high priced.
"	1,950 0 0	.. ..	1,950 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	24,000 acres under consideration.
"	24,000 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7,200
"	7,200 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	"
Total	114,267 0 0	.. ..	2,150 0 0	4,800 0 0	11,348 0 0	.. ..	95,969 acres under consideration.

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	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.		
Southland ..	17,248 0 0	..	17,248 0 0	..	..	..	..	Land not suitable.
" ..	1,033 0 0	..	1,033 0 0	..	..	..	..	" "
Total ..	18,281 0 0	..	18,281 0 0	..	..	..	..	
Grand total ..	534,682 0 0	..	40,580 0 0	4,800 0 0	215,585 0 0	271,905 acres under consideration ; 1,812 acres withdrawn.	..	

SUMMARY.

Land District.	Number of Offers.	Area offered.	Area declined without going to Board.	Area not recommended by Board.	Area recommended by Board.	Under Consideration.	Withdrawn.	Totals.
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland ..	5	145,710	18,647	..	9,017	118,046	..	145,710
Hawke's Bay ..	3	2,914	..	..	1,909	1,005	..	2,914
Wellington ..	6	16,336	100	..	..	16,236	..	16,336
Marlborough ..	3	14,231	..	..	6,231	8,000	..	14,231
Westland ..	1	627	..	..	..	..	..	627
Canterbury ..	23	222,316	775	..	187,080	32,649	1,812	222,316
Otago ..	8	114,267	2,150	4,800	11,348	95,969	..	115,300
Southland ..	2	18,281	18,281	..	..	..	..	17,248
Grand totals	51	534,682	40,580	4,800	215,585	271,905	1,812	534,682

THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894.

TABLE B.—RETURN OF LANDS RECOMMENDED FOR PURCHASE by the BOARD of LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONERS under the above Act up to 31st March, 1899.

[NOTE.—Wherever the land-tax value is absent, the tax value of the property offered cannot be separated from the rest of the estate.]

Name of Seller and Locality.	Area offered by Vendor.		Price asked.		Tax Value.		Price offered for Land.		Total Price paid to Seller.		Cost of Roading, Administration, &c., to Date.		Total Cost to Date.		Date of Deed.	Remarks.
	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.																
..	4,738	0 0	4 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.
..	1,358	0 0	6 12	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	3,546	0 0	4 0	0	..	..	3 15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	6,746	0 0	4 0	0	..	..	3 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	2,711	0 0	..	..	..	..	1 18	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,028	0 0	..	..	..	..	2 15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	3,100	0 0	3 10	0	..	..	2 17	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,734	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Negotiations pending.
..	21,319	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	2,865	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	6,375	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	4,150	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,100	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,322	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	2,244	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	380	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,748	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,051	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,451	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	2,785	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	2,089	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	5,919	0 0	..	..	..	..	0 14	0	4,143	12 1	594	8 10	4,738	0 11	25/5/98	Purchase complete. (See report attached.)
Assets Realisation Board, "Okauia"	7,604	0 0	..	..	4 9	4	3 4	0	24,261	3 3	1,505	6 8	25,766	9 11	21/9/96	"
Gould, J., "Opouriao"	4,004	0 0	3 10	0	..	..	3 10	0	14,014	0 0	190	4 10	14,204	4 10	8/8/98	"
Assets Realisation Board, "Rangiatea"	2,271	0 0	4 0	0	..	..	4 0	0	8,364	4 6	79	12 0	8,443	16 6	..	Purchase complete.
" " "Karapiro"	98,638	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	50,782	19 10	2,369	12 4	53,152	12 2	..	"
Total .. ..	6,964	0 0	5 15	0	3 5	9	4 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner could not complete title.
HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.																
..	1,472	0 0	5 3	4	2 0	0	3 12	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.
..	8,000	0 0	3 0	0	..	..	2 15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Bruce, George, "Waimarie"	430	0 0	..	..	..	..	20	0	8,608	15 0	171	3 5	8,779	18 5	21/7/96	Purchase complete. (See report attached.)
Donner, Mrs. E., "Pouparae"	338	0 0	25	0	..	..	23	0	7,768	16 6	36	13 1	7,805	9 7	23/2/97	"
Murray, Roberts, and Co., "Elsthorpe"	10,293	0 0	6 0	0	5 0	0	4 10	0	45,878	10 0	1,761	2 3	47,639	12 3	16/3/96	"
Williams, J. H., "Raureka"	427	0 0	27	0	23	1	24	0	10,260	0 0	222	16 8	10,482	16 8	30/3/96	"
Williams, J. H., "Tomoana"	111	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	12 3	16 12 3	..	..	Exchange completed.
Bank of New Zealand, "Willows"	776	0 0	19	0	..	..	19	0	14,734	10 0	23	4 9	14,757	14 9	13/4/99	Purchase complete.
Williams, J. N., "Mahora"	1,134	0 0	28	0	..	..	27	10	31,178	2 6	112	15 10	31,290	18 4	30/3/99	"
Total .. ..	29,945	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	118,438	14 0	2,344	8 3	120,773	2 3	..	"

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Name of Seller and Locality.	Area offered by Vendor.		Price asked.		Tax Value.		Price offered for Land.		Total Price paid to Seller.		Cost of Roading, Administration, &c., to Date.		Total Cost to Date.		Date of Deed.	Remarks.	
	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.																	
..	4,236	0 0	5 15	0	..	..	5 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Withdrawn by vendor.	
..	745	0 0	9 15	0	..	..	7 5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	1,090	0 0	10 15	0	..	..	7 5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
Drake, W., "Paparangi"	6,690	0 0	..	..	..	..	6 0	0	3,875	8 0	2,705	6 2	6,580	14 2	3/8/97	Owners would not accept price offered. Purchase complete.	
..	323	0 0	15 0	0	..	..	12 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total .. ..	13,084	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,875	8 0	2,705	6 2	6,580	14 2	..	..	
MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.																	
..	9,600	0 0	3 0	0	..	..	1 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.	
..	6,500	0 0	6 0	0	..	..	3 7	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	4,950	0 0	4 10	0	..	..	2 17	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
Fell, C. Y., "Blind River"	5,020	0 0	3 10	0	..	..	3 0	0	14,678	10 5	2,260	12 7	16,939	3 0	2/8/94	"	
Goulter, C. F., "Omaka"	3,898	0 0	2 15	9	..	..	2 15	9	10,865	13 6	403	2 6	11,268	16 0	4/5/96	Purchase complete. (See report attached.)	
Parsons, J. A., "Pahi Pahi"	320	0 0	2 10	0	..	..	1 0	0	320	0 0	3	16 0	323	16 0	22/4/97	"	
Beaumont's Trustees, "Starborough"	32,386	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	99,350	0 0	1,355	4 6	100,705	4 6	..	"	
Richmond, F. H., "Richmond Brook"	5,827	0 0	5 0	0	..	..	4 2	0	21,921	10 0	37	19 0	21,959	9 0	..	Purchase complete (part only, 5,139 acres). (See report attached.)	
..	404	0 0	3 0	0	..	..	3 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
Clifford, Sir G., part "Flaxbourne"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
Total .. ..	68,905	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	147,135	13 11	4,060	14 7	151,196	8 6	..	..	
WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.																	
..	4,868	0 0	3 0	0	..	..	3 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner's decision not yet known.	
Clark, C., "Poerua"	3,230	0 0	1 5	0	..	..	1 2	6	3,634	1 6	1,313	12 5	4,947	13 11	16/1/96	Purchase complete. (See report attached.)	
Total .. ..	8,098	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,634	1 6	1,313	12 5	4,947	13 11	..	..	
CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.																	
..	100	0 0	23 0	0	14 0	0	17 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.	
..	177	0 0	11 0	0	..	..	10 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	200	0 0	14 0	0	..	..	13 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	416	0 0	17 10	0	..	..	12 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	75	0 0	75 0	0	..	..	50 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	448	0 0	8 17	6	..	..	6 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.	
..	125	0 0	..	..	..	..	19 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	360	0 0	..	..	..	..	7 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	711	0 0	6 10	0	..	..	5 15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	261	0 0	25 0	0	..	..	21 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	79	0 0	45 0	0	..	..	30 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	97	0 0	50 0	0	..	..	30 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	100	0 0	45 0	0	..	..	28 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	35	0 0	50 0	0	..	..	28 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	75	0 0	85 0	0	..	..	60 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	40	0 0	35 0	0	..	..	27 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	300	0 0	35 0	0	..	..	28 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	409	0 0	..	..	..	..	17 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	4,810	0 0	6 15	0	..	..	5 15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
..	95	0 0	..	..	..	..	52 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"	
Carried forward ..	8,913	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

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	A.	R. P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—contd.																
Brought forward	8,913	0 0	..	..	..	..	8 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.
..	184	0 0	10 0	0	..	..	9 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	218	0 0	11 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	20	0 0	..	..	..	..	6 5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,967	0 0	7 10	0	..	..	20 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Negotiations stopped.
..	39	0 0	25 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Owner refused price offered.
..	494	0 0	5 5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	3,802	0 0	4 13	2	..	..	3 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,360	0 0	10 10	0	..	..	8 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	400	0 0	5 0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	57,518	0 0	4 4	0	..	..	3 10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	29,155	0 0	3 16	6	..	..	5 15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	15,834	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,631	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	8,147	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	7,759	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	1,834	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	7,132	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
..	9,900	0 0	2 10	0	..	..	2 7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
Assets Realisation Board, "Albury"	19,341	0 0	..	..	..	..	3 7	6	65,294	11 8	1,084	1 3	66,378	12 11	30/3/97	"
" " " " "Rakitairi"	3,526	0 0	..	..	..	..	5 10	0	19,362	7 6	389	10 7	19,701	18 1	30/3/97	"
" " " " "Watapi"	1,125	0 0	..	..	..	..	8 10	0	9,553	2 3	106	6 1	9,659	8 4	30/3/97	"
" " " " "Wharenui"	73	0 0	..	..	..	..	65 0	0	4,765	6 3	228	19 5	4,994	5 8	6/1/97	"
Bong, W., "Braco"	28	0 0	55 0	0	..	..	50 0	0	1,375	0 0	44	10 3	1,419	10 3	19/8/95	"
" " " " "Otakararo"	40	0 0	53 0	0	..	..	50 0	0	1,990	6 3	83	18 11	2,074	5 2	15/10/96	"
Brown, M. I., "Highbank"	9,120	0 0	6 17	6	6 5	0	6 10	0	59,209	12 7	1,267	17 6	60,477	10 1	27/5/96	"
Copland, A., "Otalo"	377	0 0	13 0	0	7 10	0	11 0	0	4,143	11 3	126	7 3	4,269	18 6	2/4/95	"
Gould, Beaumont, and Co., "Ashley Gorge"	718	0 0	..	..	..	..	5 10	0	4,855	19 6	265	8 9	5,121	8 3	16/11/95	"
Heath Trust, "Horsley Down"	4,004	0 0	5 4	0	..	..	5 0	0	20,022	5 8	492	15 4	20,515	1 0	12/1/97	"
Hoare, R., "Kereta"	106	0 0	20 0	0	9 11	0	15 0	0	1,584	0 0	31	16 0	1,615	16 0	8/10/95	"
Menzies, C., "Pawaho"	35	0 0	45 0	0	..	..	45 0	0	1,823	12 6	118	12 9	1,942	5 3	29/4/98	"
Meyer, J., "Epworth"	21	0 0	15 0	0	10 0	0	12 0	0	252	4 6	10	4 1	262	8 7	22/10/95	"
Midland Railway Company, "Patea"	7,347	0 0	1 0	0	0 15	0	0 18	0	6,612	10 3	250	5 6	6,862	15 9	13/3/96	"
Moore, G. H., "Omih Stock Reserve"	20	0 0	15 0	0	..	..	12 0	0	240	0 0	25	16 9	265	16 9	23/3/96	"
N.Z. and A. Land Co., "Pareora"	621	0 0	10 16	0	..	..	11 12	0	7,198	14 10	113	5 11	7,312	0 9	29/9/93	"
Peter's Trustees, "Hekeso"	2,209	0 0	12 12	0	..	..	5 0	0	10,545	5 0	928	11 10	11,473	16 10	30/3/98	"
Pringle, W., "Rosebrook"	600	0 0	12 10	0	12 0	0	10 0	0	5,984	4 8	74	0 1	6,058	4 9	6/5/95	"
Quinn and Rooney, "Orakipaoa"	384	0 0	25 0	0	13 0	0	30 0	0	7,683	17 6	106	7 0	7,790	4 6	1/4/96	"
R.S. 1862 (R.S. 36469)	20	0 0	3 0	0	..	..	2 0	0	60	0 0	4	3 0	64	3 0	2/2/97	"
Studholme's Trustees, "Kapua"	574	0 0	9 0	0	..	..	8 0	0	4,594	5 0	279	12 2	4,873	17 2	2/2/94	"
Studholme's Trustees, "Studholme Junction"	108	0 0	12 0	0	..	..	12 0	0	1,291	5 6	161	5 8	1,452	11 2	3/11/93	"
Tonks, Norton, and Co., "Roimata"	49	0 0	50 0	0	47 9	6	45 0	0	2,200	6 7	620	9 4	2,820	15 11	21/8/95	"
Wason, J. C., "Marawiti"	2,029	0 0	7 5	0	..	..	7 0	0	14,200	18 10	272	16 1	14,473	14 11	7/6/97	"
Carried forward	208,347	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	254,843	8 1	7,037	1 6	261,880	9 7		

TABLE B.—RETURN OF LANDS RECOMMENDED FOR PURCHASE by the BOARD of LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONERS—continued.

Name of Seller and Locality.	Area offered by Vendor.	Price asked.		Tax Value.		Price offered for Land.		Total Price paid to Seller.		Cost of Roading, Administration, &c., to Date.		Total Cost to Date.	Date of Deed.	Remarks.
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—contd.														
Brought forward	208,347 0 0													
Rutherford, J. S. (R.S. 2682)	7 0 0	65	0 0			254,843	8 1	7,037	1 6	261,880	9 7	9/1/99	Purchase complete.	
McLean, A., "Tamaia"	41 0 0	8	0 0			2,662	11 3	4	13 0	109	13 0	5/4/99	"	
" " " " "Waikakahi"	47,865 0 0	8	0 0			323,030	9 7	1,693	10 9	2,662	11 3	30/3/99	"	
Douglas, J. (R.S. 20184)	37 0 0	11	0 0			366	7 6			324,784	0 4		"	
Rhodes, R. H. (R.S. 36228)	101 0 0									366	7 6		"	
Rowe, Peter (R.S. 36469)	155 0 0												"	
Total	256,553 0 0					581,067	16 5	8,735	5 3	589,803	1 8		"	
OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.														
Borton, J., "Maerewhenua"	14 0 0	35	0 0											Owner refused price offered.
Cochrane, J., "Puketapu"	158 0 0													"
Douglas, J., "Pomahaka"	14,000 0 0													Negotiations fell through.
Kitchener, A. B., "Makareao"	11,151 0 0	8	0 0			66,905	17 0	2,630	0 0	69,535	17 0	8/8/95	Owner refused price offered.	
Kitchener, A. B., "Makareao Extension"	7,463 0 0	3	10 0			3,308	14 10	240	8 10	3,549	3 8	23/8/95	"	
McMaster, A. A., "Tokarahi"	2,536 0 0	3	5 0			18,656	17 10	4,305	2 0	22,961	19 10	10/10/93	Purchase complete. (See report attached.)	
Meek, W., "Teaneraki"	11,052 0 0	7	5 0			7,168	3 8	6,884	3 4	19,123	17 0	20/5/96	"	
N. Z. and A. Land Co., "Ardgowan"	348 0 0	15	0 0			5,071	10 0	2,840	1 4	80,200	19 2	9/5/99	"	
Stringer, George, "Tahawai"	4,241 0 0					77,360	17 10	544	12 9	5,588	12 6	17/11/93	"	
Thomson, W., "Momonu"	69 0 0	11	0 0			34,600	0 0	4,212	15 11	38,812	15 11	6/10/98	"	
Reid, John, "Elderslie"	219 0 0	18	0 0			622	1 4	10	19 4	633	0 8	9/5/95	"	
Total	11,200 0 0	7	10 0			3,608	19 3	76	17 7	3,685	16 10	5/5/97	"	
SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.														
Elder, Smith, and Co., "Merrivale"	65,605 0 0					222,347	2 3	21,745	0 4	244,092	2 7		"	Owner refused price offered.
Menzies and Batger, "Otahu"	1,907 0 0	4	5 0											No offer to purchase made.
Stevens, W., "Beaumont"	1,207 0 0	4	10 0											"
Total	600 0 0	10	0 0											Owner refused price offered.
Total area recommended to 31st March, 1899														
		Total amount paid to sellers to 31st March, 1899		Total amount to be paid to sellers at 31st March, 1899		Total cost of estates purchased to 31st March, 1899, inclusive of departmental expenses								
		1,170,304 11 8		80,842 0 0		1,224,167 0 0								
		46,802 8 7		10,556 7 11		3,685 16 10								
		21,745 0 4		3,009 17 8		685 18 6								
		24,995 0 0		7,555 4 6		10,482 11 3								
		2 5 0		2 10 0		2 12 6								
		4 5 0		3 0 0		3 0 0								
		4 10 0		10 0 0		10 0 0								
		10 0 0		10 0 0		10 0 0								
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TABLE C.—STATEMENT OF LANDS ACQUIRED TO 31st March, 1899, prepared in Terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
					£	s.	d.	
Auckland Land District— Karapiro .. ..	A. R. P. 2,270 3 9	Block X., Cambridge Survey District	Soil a chocolate-coloured light alluvial, overlaying a bed of pumice, sand, and gravel	Assets Realisation Board	8,364 4 6		3 10 0	See Report attached.
	5,919 1 30	Part of Matamata Estate, east of Waihou River	Partly flat and partly undulating fern and bush land	Assets Realisation Board	4,143 12 1		0 14 0	See Report attached.
	7,604 0 0	Blocks V., IX., XIII., Whakane, and Block II., Waimana Survey District	Deep alluvial soil, of good quality	Gould's Trustees ..	24,261 3 3		3 4 0	See Report attached.
	4,004 0 0	Block XVI., Waioa Survey District, and Block IV., Maungakawa Survey District	Soil a fluviatile deposit generally, with clayey sub-soil in places	Assets Realisation Board	14,014 0 0		3 10 0	See Report attached.
Total .. ..	19,798 0 39			..	50,782 19 10			
Hawke's Bay Land Dist.— Elsthorpe .. ..	*9,740 0 0	Blocks III., VII., and XII., Oero Survey District	Soil and situation good, suitable for mixed farms	Buchanan's Trustees	45,878 10 0		4 10 0	See Report attached.
Mahora .. ..	1,133 3 9	Lot 139, of Lot 2, Sub-division D, Heretaunga Block, in Block XV., Heretaunga Survey District, and Lot 140, of Lot 2, Sub-division D, Heretaunga Block, in Block XV., Heretaunga Survey District	Rich alluvial land, soil not worked out	Williams, J. H. ..	81,178 2 6		27 10 0	See Report attached.
Pouparae .. ..	337 3 4	Block I., Turanganui Survey District, and Block I., Waimata Survey District	All very deep alluvial flat land	E. Donner	7,768 16 6		23 0 0	See Report attached.
Raureka .. ..	427 2 0	Block III., Te Mata Survey District	Rich alluvial soil ..	Williams, J. H. ..	10,260 0 0		24 0 0	See Report attached.
Tomoana Waimarie .. ..	110 2 16 430 1 30	Near Hastings Blocks I. and VIII., Waimata Survey District	Rich alluvial soil .. Level alluvial land	Williams, J. H. .. Bruce, G. ..	8,608 15 0		22 0 0	
Carried forward ..	12,180 0 19		..	..	103,694 4 0			

\* Corrected area—553 acres having been exchanged for 110 acres 2 roods 16 perches at Tomoana.

**TABLE C.—STATEMENT OF LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1899, prepared in Terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—continued.**

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller, 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
Brought forward— Hawke's Bay— <i>continued</i> . Willows .. ..	A. B. P. 12,180 0 19	..	..	..	£ s. d. 108,694 4 0			
	775 2 0	Blocks II., V., and VI., Turanganui Survey District	All flat and ploughable, soil not exhausted	Bank of New Zealand	14,784 10 0	The land is good, and suitable for settlement in farms of from 20 to 50 acres each. The Government recommends the acquisition of the property	£ s. d. 19 0 0	See Report attached.
	12,955 2 19	..	..	..	118,428 14 0			
Wellington Land District— Paparangi .. ..	322 3 32	Block XII., Belmont Survey District	Soil of fairly good quality, with strong clay sub-soil	Drake, C. S.	3,875 8 0	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for this land in the district, and the Board therefore recommends the acquisition of the property	12 0 0	See Report attached.
	322 3 32	..	..	..	3,875 8 0			
	Total .. ..							
Marlborough Land Dist.— Blind River .. ..	5,020 0 0	Blocks XII. and XIV., Clifford Bay Survey District	Agricultural and pastoral lands	Fell, C. Y.	14,678 10 5	In the belief that a demand exists in the district, the Board recommends the purchase	3 5 0	See Report attached.
	404 0 0	Block XIV., Clifford Bay Survey District	Loamy soil, all ploughable	Clifford, Sir G.	1,212 0 0*	The Board approves of an exchange of certain Crown lands on Stonyhurst for an area of freehold land on Flaxbourne.	3 0 0	See Report attached.
	3,898 0 0	Block VI., Avon Survey District, and Block I., Taylor Pass Survey District	Good agricultural land	Goulter, Charles	10,865 13 6	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for such land in the district, and the Board therefore recommends the purchase	2 15 9	See Report attached.
Puhipuhi .. ..	320 0 0	Sections 50 and 51, Puhipuhi Survey District	..	Parsons, J. A.	320 0 0	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for such land in the district, and the Board therefore recommends the purchase	1 0 0	
Richmond Brook ..	5,827 0 0	Awatere Valley, contiguous to Starborough	Alluvial flats and rolling downs	Richmond, F. H.	21,921 10 0	The land is good, and suitable for settlement; and the Board recommends the purchase	4 5 0 4 14 0 1 10 0	See Report attached.
Starborough .. ..	32,985 3 15	In Clifford Bay, Taylor Pass, Cape Campbell, and Blue Mountain Survey Districts	Good flats, terraces, and rolling downs; soil of excellent quality; the whole area in good heart	Beaumont's Trustees	99,350 0 0	The land is good and suitable for settlement in farms of from 200 to 500 acres, and from 2,000 to 5,000 acres each, and the Board recommends the acquisition of the whole property	1 10 0 4 15 6	See Report attached.
Total .. ..	47,854 3 15	..	..	..	147,135 13 11			
Westland Land District— Poerua .. ..	3,230 1 6	Blocks X. and XIV., Te Kinga Survey District	Mica-schist silt on shingle	Clark, C.	3,634 1 6	To meet the strong desire for land on the part of the people residing in the district, that Mr. Clark be offered £1 2s. 6d. an acre as a final price, and that the proposed road and other expenditure on the land be such that the total expenditure on which rental will be charged does not exceed £2 an acre on an average	1 2 6	See Report attached.
	3,230 1 6	..	..	..	3,634 1 6			

\* To be paid for after 31st March, 1899.

TABLE C.—STATEMENT OF LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1898, prepared in Terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—*continued*.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.		
	A. R. P.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Canterbury Land District—								
Albury ..	19,340 3 38	Blocks XI. and XV., Tenga- wai Survey District, and Blocks II. and III., Opawa Survey District	Land of various qua- lities: limestone, rolling downs, and a margin of stony flats	Assets Realisation Board	65,294 11 8		3 7 6	See Report attached.
Arowhenua (Rakitairi and Waiapi)	4,651 0 12	Blocks I. and II., Arowhenua Survey District, Blocks XI., XII., XV., and XVI., Opahi Survey District, and Block IX., Geraldine Survey Dis- trict	Land of various qualities	Assets Realisation Board	28,915 9 9		8 10 0	See Report attached.
Ashley Gorge ..	1,166 0 24	Blocks III., IV., and XVI., Ashley Survey District, and Block IV., Oxford Survey District	Deep marshy soil on flats; the hill land fair pasture	Gould, Beaumont, and Co. (Ellis's Trustees)	4,855 19 6		5 10 0	See Report attached.
Braco ..	27 2 0	Block X., Christchurch Sur- vey District	Level land, good soil, suitable for market- gardens	Boag, W...	1,375 0 0		2 0 0	as this case comes under recommendation of the high pastoral country necessary for the working of the high pastoral country behind belonging to the Crown, at a price of £2 an acre. The land is good, and suitable for division into small lots of from 1 acre upwards. The Board believes there will be a demand for such lands. The Board therefore recommends Government to purchase. The land is suitable for subdivision into smaller areas. There is a demand for land in this district. The Board recommends the Government to acquire the land
Epworth ..	21 0 3	Block II., Arowhenua Survey District	Loamy soil on banks of stream	Meyer, J.	252 4 6		12 0 0	See Report attached.
Hekeao ..	2,209 0 8	Blocks III. and VII., Shep- herd's Bush Survey Dis- trict	Good, level, and un- cultivated, agricul- tural and pastoral land; good black soil, with a subsoil of deep loamy clay	Peter's trustees	10,545 5 0		5 0 0	See Report attached.
Highbank ..	9,119 3 2	Blocks I. and II., Corwar Survey District, Blocks IV. and VIII., Spaxton Survey District	All flat land, soil good	Brown, M. I.	59,209 12 7		6 10 0	See Report attached.
Horsley Down ..	4,004 1 33	Blocks II., III., and IV., Waipara Survey District, and Block V., Waitohi Survey District	Good arable land ..	Heath Stook Trust	20,022 5 8		5 0 0	See Report attached.
Carried forward ..	40,540 0 0		..	..	190,470 8 8			

TABLE C.—STATEMENT OF LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1899, prepared in Terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—*continued*.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
	A. R. P.				£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Brought forward ..	40,540 0 0	..	..	..	190,470 8 8			
Canterbury Land District— <i>continued</i> .								
Kapua ..	574 1 5	Blocks I. and II., Waitaki Survey District	All first-class land; partly reclaimed swamp	The New Zealand and Australian Land Company (Limited)	4,594 5 0	The quality and position of the land are excellent, and, from inquiries made, the Board believes there is a demand for small farms in the district, and therefore recommends the purchase of the block	7 16 9	See Report attached.
Kereta ..	105 2 16	Block IX., Arowhenua Survey District	Alluvial swamp land	Hoare, R. ..	1,584 0 0	The land is good, and suitable for subdivision into sections from 20 acres upwards. The Board believes there is a demand for a few sections in the neighbourhood. The Board recommends the Government to purchase the land	15 0 0	See Report attached.
Marawiti ..	2,028 2 33	Blocks II., III., IV., V., Corwar Survey District	Land of fair quality, soil good, and in most places of fair depth	Wason, J. C. ..	14,200 18 10	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. The Board believes there will be a demand for the land, and therefore recommends its acquisition	7 0 0	See Report attached.
Omihl Stock Reserve ..	20 0 0	Block XVIII., Waikari Survey District	Arable land	Moore, G. H. ..	240 0 0	The Board recommends Government to acquire 20 acres out of Mr. Moore's "Glenmark" Estate, situated on Waipara-Cheviot Road	12 0 0	See Report attached.
Orakipaea ..	384 0 31	Blocks III. and VII., Arowhenua Survey District	Rich alluvial soil ..	Quinn and Rooney ..	7,683 17 6	The land is good, and suitable for settlement in eight or ten allotments of from 5 to 10 acres each, and the rest of the estate, approximately, as at present fenced. There is a demand in the district. The Board recommends the acquisition of the property	20 0 0	See Report attached.
Otarakaro ..	39 3 9	Block X., Christchurch Survey District	Open, flat, grass land; soil deep and of good quality.	Boag, W... ..	1,990 6 3	The land is good, and suitable for settlement in eight or ten allotments of from 5 to 10 acres each, and the rest of the estate, approximately, as at present fenced. There is a demand in the district. The Board recommends the acquisition of the property	20 0 0	See Report attached.
Otaio ..	376 2 30	Blocks XII. and XVI., Otaio Survey District	Open, flat land ..	Copland, A. ..	4,143 11 3	That the block is very suitable for subdivision into small farms; that there is an unsatisfied demand for land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase	12 0 0	See Report attached.
Pareora ..	620 2 13	Block XII., Otaio Survey District, and Block IV., Patiti Survey District	Open, level, agricultural land of good quality	New Zealand and Australian Land Co. (Limited)	7,198 14 10	The quality and position of the land are excellent, and, from inquiries made, the Board believes there is a demand for small farms in the district, and therefore recommends the purchase of the block	11 12 0	See Report attached.
Patea ..	7,347 0 38	Waipara and Waitohi Survey Districts	Pastoral country ..	New Zealand Midland Railway Company (Limited)	6,612 10 3	That part of the land is fairly suitable for settlement; that a demand exists for this block on the part of the Hurunui special settlers and others. The Board recommends Government to arrange the acquisition of the block. The Board is also of opinion that there is a prospect of some part of the block not being selected for other than pastoral purposes, or, perhaps, not at all; but, in view of the great necessity that exists for providing extensions to the holdings of the Hurunui settlers, without which—they inform members of the Board—their present holdings must be abandoned, the Board thinks Government should be prepared to face this loss (if any) rather than that an industrious class of <i>bona fide</i> settlers should be obliged to abandon their homes.	0 18 0	See Report attached.
Carried forward ..	52,087 0 15	..	..	..	238,718 13 7			

"THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1894."  
TABLE C.—STATEMENT of LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1898, prepared in terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—*continued*.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions on which Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.		
	A. R. P.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Brought forward ..	52,037 0 15	..	..	..	238,718 12 7			
Canterbury Land District— <i>continued</i> .								
Pawaho ..	51 3 18	Block XVI., Christchurch Survey District	Flat agricultural land; good soil on clay subsoil. Hill sections on fairly steep slope; soil fairly good on clay	Menzies, Charles ..	1,823 12 6		45 0 0 and 15 0 0	See Report attached.
R.S. 20184 (Waikakahi)	36 2 22	Waitaki and Elephant Hill Survey District	..	Douglas, J. ..	366 7 6		10 0 0	See Report attached.
R.S. 2682 (Albury) ..	6 2 4	Block II., Opawa Survey District	Part very good; part much broken	Rutherford, J. S. ..	105 0 0		105 0 0	See Report attached.
R.S. 36469 (R.S. 1862), Carrington	20 0 0	Block IV., Nimrod Survey District	..	New Zealand and Australian Land Co. (Limited)	60 0 0			
Roimata ..	48 3 37	Blocks XV. and XVI., Christchurch Survey District	Good flat land, dark, rich, alluvial soil	Trustees of estate of late Sir Henry Parkes	2,200 6 7		45 0 0	See Report attached.
Rosebrook ..	600 1 8	Block XVI., Pareora Survey District	Open, flat, and undulating down lands	Pringle, W. ..	5,984 4 8		10 10 0	See Report attached.
Studholme ..	107 2 17	Blocks XV. and XVI., Waitaki Survey District	Flat agricultural land of good quality	Studholme's Trustees	1,291 5 6		12 0 0	See Report attached.
Tamai ..	40 3 34	Block XII., Christchurch Survey District	Flat suburban land of good quality, suitable for workmen's homes	McLean, A. ..	2,662 11 3		65 0 0	See Report attached.
Waikakahi ..	47,865 1 1	Waitaki and Elephant Hill Survey Districts	Ranging from first-class agricultural land to light, shingly land; soil not exhausted	McLean, A. ..	323,090 9 7		6 15 0	See Report attached.
Wharenui ..	73 1 10	Part of R.S. 85 ..	Land of good quality, with a strong clay subsoil	Assets Realisation Board	4,765 6 3		65 0 0	See Report attached.
Total ..	100,888 2 6	..	..	..	581,067 16 5			

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Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
Otago Land District— Ardgowan ..	A. R. P. 4,241 0 0	Blocks I. and II., Oamaru Survey District	Good agricultural land, the whole of which may be ploughed	New Zealand and Australian Land Company (Limited)	£ 34,600 0 0	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. That there is a demand for land in the district. The Board recommends Government to acquire the land at a price not exceeding £7 an acre. (Taken by arbitration—Award of Compensation Court, £34,600, or £8 3s. an acre)	£ s. d. 7 0 0	
Maerewhenua ..	11,150 3 36	Block III. and part of Block II., Awamoko, and Block III. and part of Block IV., Maerewhenua Survey Districts	Low-lying downs and flats	Borton, J.	66,905 17 0	That the land is good, and suitable for settlement; that the offering of such a property to the public would create a demand from outside in addition to a limited demand in the district. The Board recommends purchase at a price not greater than £6 an acre	6 0 0	See Report attached.
Makareao ..	2,367 3 31	Blocks VII., IX., XII., XV., Moeraki Survey District, and Block IV., Dunback Survey District	Limestone hill land and arable flats along banks of Shag River	Kitchener, A. B.	7,168 3 8	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There is a demand for land in the district. The Board recommends the purchase of 2,368 acres of the land at £3 1s. an acre	3 1 0	See Report attached.
Makareao Extension ..	2,535 3 0	Blocks VIII., XII., and XIV., Moeraki Survey District	Limestone formation; pastoral tussock hills	Kitchener, A. B.	5,071 10 0	The land is good, and suitable for mixed grazing-runs and farms. There will be a demand for this land, and the purchase is therefore recommended	2 0 0	See Report attached.
Momona ..	218 2 36	Block IV., Maungatua Survey District	Soil partly river deposit; subsoil of open porous clayey nature	Thomson, W.	3,608 19 3	The land is good, and suitable for settlement in small farms. There is a demand for land in the district; and that the purchase is therefore recommended	17 0 0	
Pomahaka ..	7,462 3 1	Blocks X., XI., XIII., and XIV., Pomahaka Survey District	Mostly agricultural land	Douglas, J.	18,656 17 10	We have ascertained the value and suitability for settlement of the lands, and respectfully recommend the purchase of the same at a price not exceeding £2 10s. an acre	2 10 0	See Report attached.
Puketapu ..	509 0 6	Block IV., Moeraki Survey District	Good hill-slopes, all ploughable	Cochrane, J.	3,308 14 10	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. The Board believes there is a demand in the district. The Government is recommended to purchase the land at £6 10s. an acre, conditionally on the title to parts of Sections 4 and 7, Block I., Hawkesbury, being completed	6 10 0	See Report attached.
Tahawai ..	69 0 19	Block I., Kurow Survey District	Open, level ground; deep, rich, alluvial silt	Stringer, G.	622 1 4	That the character of the land is such as to render it suitable for settlement in small lots; that there is a demand for land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase at £9 per acre	9 0 0	See Report attached.
Teanaraki ..	347 3 18	Block XII., Oamaru, and Block VIII., Awamoko	All rich agricultural land	Meek, W.	5,044 0 6	We recommend purchase at a price of £14 per acre, and, in the event of this offer not being accepted, we are of opinion that £15 an acre would not be too high a price to pay for such land	15 0 0	See Report attached.
Toka-rahi ..	11,051 2 9	Blocks II., VI., VII., and VIII., Maerewhenua Survey District	First-class table-land and low-lying ridges on limestone formation	McMaster, A. A.	77,360 17 10	The land is good, and suitable for settlement. There will be demand for this land in the district, and the purchase of the property is therefore recommended	7 0 0	See Report attached.
Total ..	39,954 2 36	..	..	..	222,347 2 3			

TABLE C.—STATEMENT of LANDS acquired to 31st March, 1899, prepared in terms of Subsection (2) of Section 39 of the said Act—continued.

Name of Settlement.	Area of each Block of Land as purchased.	Locality of Land.	Quality of Land.	Name of Person or Company from whom it was bought or acquired.	Price paid to Seller to 31st March, 1899.	Report and Valuation of Board.		Report on Conditions and Settlement of the Land.
						Report of Board.	Valuation of Board.	
Southland Land District— Beaumont ..	A. R. P. 4,322 3 20	Aparima Valley, Wairaki Survey District	The flat land is good quick soil, well adapted for grain and root crops. The ridges are composed of a strong clay soil on rough gravel bottom	Stevens' Trustees ..	£ s. d. 10,482 11 3	That the land is suitable for settlement, and is a continuation and extension of the area for agricultural farms up the Aparima Valley	£ s. d. 2 2 8 6	See Report attached.
Merrivale ..	9,998 0 0	Waiau Survey District	Mixed agricultural and pastoral; deep, rich, free soil	Elder, Smith, and Co.	24,995 0 0	That the land is good, and suitable for settlement; that the Board believes there is a demand for this class of land in the district; that the Board recommends the purchase	2 10 0	See Report attached.
Otahu ..	6,044 0 29	Waiau Survey District	The land on ridges and along their base is good, but thinner towards river; sections well watered by running streams. Splendid timber available for fencing and building on property ..	Menzies and Batger	7,555 4 6	That the land is suitable for settlement, and is practically an extension of the Merrivale and Waiau Valley Settlements, to which it is adjacent	1 5 0	See Report attached.
Totals ..	20,365 0 9	..	..	..	43,032 15 9			
Grand totals ..	245,370 1 2	..	..	..	1,170,304 11 8			

## REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL TO THE MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 5th June, 1899.

I have the honour to furnish the following report on "the condition and settlement" of the lands acquired under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments, in terms of section 39 (2) of the Act. The report refers to lands which have been handed over to this department for administration up to the 31st March last.

There have been fewer estates dealt with during the year ended the 31st March last than in the previous period, the number for 1899 being seven, containing an area of 90,708 acres 1 rood 4 perches, whilst that for 1898 was fourteen, of a total area of 58,691 acres 1 rood 31 perches.

The following table shows the new estates which have been handed over to this department and dealt with during the year, and the attached table shows various particulars respecting them, and also of all the estates that have been dealt with since the policy of acquiring estates from private owners was initiated in 1894.

## ESTATES OFFERED for SELECTION during the TWELVE MONTHS ending 31st March, 1899.

Land District and Name of Estate.	Area of Estate.			Number of Selectors.	Area unselected, 31st March, 1899.			Annual Rental payable of Lands leased.			Date opened for selection.
	A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland—											
Rangiatea ...	4,004	0	0	17	753	0	0	564	6	2	June 22, 1898.
Karapiro ...	2,270	3	9	13	69	1	0	394	15	0	Oct. 21, 1898.
Hawke's Bay—											
Mahora ...	1,133	3	0	27	268	1	27	1,260	1	8	Mar. 22, 1899.
Willows ...	775	1	36	16	190	1	0	573	10	4	Mar. 22, 1899.
Canterbury—											
Pawaho ...	52	0	18	21	7	0	22	108	14	6	April 5, 1898.
Waikakahi ...	48,248	0	21	139	6,426	2	11	14,838	14	10	Mar. 20, 1899.
Marlborough—											
Starborough (leasehold surrendered, 1,625 ac.)	34,224	0	0	43	3,949	0	0	4,893	10	10	Mar. 13, 1899.
Totals ...	90,708	1	4	276	11,663	2	20	£22,633	13	4	

Since the 31st March, the greater part of the area of 11,663 acres unselected at that date has been taken up.

In addition to the foregoing figures there have been thirty-five selections in the estates acquired prior to 31st March, 1898. Of the four estates at that date which showed the largest amount of unselected land, viz.: Okauia, Pomahaka, Otahu, and Beaumont (total, 12,896 acres), 7,592 acres have been selected during the year, which, together with other selections, only leaves in the hands of the Government an area of 4,759 acres. Details of all the selections will be found in the accompanying table.

The forfeitures for non-compliance with the conditions of the leases, together with surrenders, amounted to thirty, the area so forfeited being 2,643 acres, 3 roods, 20 perches, let for a rental of £463 9s. 4d. Most of the forfeited sections have been relet.

The arrears of rent on the 31st March amounted to £2,938 6s. 9d., which was owing by 134 lessees, or an average of £22 per selector.

The reports of the Commissioners on the different estates will be found in the Annual Report of the Lands and Survey Department of this year, and from these it will be seen that considerable progress has been made on each estate. The effects of the dry weather of last year, together with some high winds when the crops were coming on this year, were still felt at the date of the reports, and the arrears of rent are in large measure due to those causes, which are, however, only temporary in their operation.

The number of estates acquired under the Act, and which have been offered for selection, is fifty-six, containing an area of 243,947 acres (in which are included 3,112 acres of Crown land, being leases held by the former owners but now surrendered and dealt with as part of the estates). On these estates, at the 31st March last, there were 3,077 persons residing, the number of houses being 813, whilst the value of the improvements on the estates amounted to £129,133 18s. 9d.

The total cost of the estates purchased to 31st March, 1899 =	£	1,170,305
Cost of roads, surveys, administration, and preliminary expenses		53,862
		<u>1,224,167</u>
Less cost of Richmond Brook Estate, not yet selected		21,921
		<u>£1,202,246</u>
The lands disposed of are let at an annual rental of		£57,747
The lands unlet (exclusive of roads, unlet reserves, &c.) are valued at a rental of		4,503
		<u>£62,250</u>



It will thus be seen that if the whole of the lands were let, the rentals would bring in a return of 5·17 per cent. on the capital invested in the estates that have been offered for selection. On the other hand, the rentals of land actually let are bringing in a return of 4·8 per cent. on the amount invested. As much of the land unlet at the 31st March has since been disposed of, the rentals at the time of writing are actually bringing in over 5 per cent. on the capital sunk in them.

The sum actually payable for interest, calculated as for the 31st March, on the money raised for the purchase of these estates was £42,497 3s. 5d., as against a rental of £57,747.

The construction of the branch railway or tram-line to give access to the limekilns on the Makareao Estate is in hand by the Public Works Department, and is approaching completion; whilst the work of building the kilns has also been commenced. A sum of £4,685 9s. 10d. has been expended in this work up to the 31st March.

S. PERCY SMITH,

Surveyor-General and Secretary for Crown Lands.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting Minister of Lands.



Table D.—RETURN of LANDS disposed of under the Land for Settlements Acts for the Year which ended 31st March, 1899.

Name of Estate.	Date when Land opened for Selection.	Area acquired, including ascertained Surplus or Deficiency.			Area occupied by Roads and Reserves unlet.			Area of Land Unlet, including Land Forfeited, Surrendered, or Resumed and not Relet, and also Land not yet offered for Selection.			New Selections and Addition to Holdings during the Year.			Total Lands Leased at Date.			Yearly Value of Unlet Land at 31st March, 1899.	Occupied Land.			Arrears on 31st March, 1899.			Rent and other Payments received during the Year.	Total Receipts from Inception to 31st March, 1899.																				
											No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent payable.	No. of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rent now payable.		No. of Houses on Holdings.	No. of Souls resident on Holdings.	Value of Improvements.	No.	Area.	Rent in Arrear.																						
Auckland—		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.																	
Opouriao .. ..	Feb. 12, 1896	7,604	0	0	264	2	0	384	1	21	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	64	6,955	0	19	1,390	15	8	45	11	2	56	199	11,942	0	0	13	1,398	0	39	98	14	4	931	11	6	3,379	15	7
Okauia .. ..	Feb. 21, 1898	5,920	0	0	1,606	2	0	747	2	0	5	2,715	0	0	115	7	10	7	3,566	0	0	135	3	10	149	14	0	*	*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	19	5	59	17	5			
Rangiatea .. ..	June 22, 1898	4,004	0	0	149	3	0	753	0	0	17	3,101	1	0	564	6	2	17	3,101	1	0	564	6	2	147	16	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	348	13	10	348	13	10			
Karapiro .. ..	Oct. 21, 1898	2,270	3	9	90	1	30	69	1	0	13	2,111	0	19	394	15	0	13	2,111	0	19	394	15	0	19	12	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	197	18	1	197	18	1			
Hawke's Bay—																																													
Raureka .. ..	May 6, 1896	427	2	0	11	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	416	0	38	543	2	0	..	..	..	17	84	1,821	5	0	2	112	1	1	64	15	6	561	8	6	1,420	19	5	
Elsthorpe .. ..	June 24, 1896	9,740	0	0	192	0	20	4	3	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	9,543	0	0	2,302	13	0	5	16	0	23	92	5,836	17	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,218	6	6	6,665	4	0		
Waimarie .. ..	Sept. 9, 1896	430	1	30	4	2	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	425	3	14	463	0	0	..	..	..	15	60	1,413	18	0	2	18	0	26	10	1	0	424	14	6	998	1	6	
Pouparae .. ..	April 21, 1897	337	3	4	1	1	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	336	1	12	405	8	0	..	..	..	8	27	786	15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	346	3	0	635	19	0		
Mahora .. ..	Mar. 22, 1899	1,133	3	0	21	1	5	268	1	27	27	844	0	8	1,260	1	8	27	844	0	8	1,260	1	8	371	11	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	546	11	7	546	11	7		
Tomoana .. ..	Mar. 2, 1898	111	3	38	1	3	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	110	0	3	135	2	0	..	..	..	9	34	1,314	15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	9	0	128	0	0	
Willows .. ..	Mar. 22, 1899	775	1	36	..	..	..	190	1	0	16	585	0	36	573	10	4	16	585	0	36	573	10	4	184	19	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	286	15	2	286	15	2		
Wellington—																																													
Paparangi .. ..	Feb. 28, 1898	322	3	32	24	2	31	12	3	20	13	72	3	31	89	14	4	32	285	1	21	284	11	6	22	10	0	23	92	1,347	0	0	1	11	3	7	5	6	2	169	18	9	312	0	10
Marlborough—																																													
Blind River ..	Jan. 16, 1895	5,020	0	0	344	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	5,163	0	0	888	10	11	..	..	..	16	95	4,201	15	6	14	4,114	0	0	701	5	9	712	9	0	2,170	0	6	
Leasehold surrendered		487	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	3,837	3	0	589	6	8	..	..	..	12	55	3,348	15	0	4	1,059	0	0	97	8	2	294	7	11	1,405	4	7
Omaka .. ..	June 24, 1896	3,898	0	0	60	1	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	5	0	33	0	0	
Puhipuhi .. ..	Feb. 25, 1897	320	0	0	..	..	..	320	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Starborough, part Flax-bourne, and Exchange Crown Leasehold surrend'd	Mar. 13, 1899	34,224	0	0	608	0	0	3,949	0	0	43	31,292	0	0	4,893	10	10	43	31,292	0	0	4,893	10	10	928	10	4	3	..	215	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,371	6	1	2,371	6	1
Canterbury—																																													
Pareora .. ..	Jan. 18, 1894	620	2	13	8	2	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	611	3	15	396	18	6	..	..	..	26	105	1,950	4	6	6	143	3	9	46	1	7	348	0	3	1,743	0	1	
Studholme Junction ..	Jan. 18, 1894	109	0	7	4	1	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	104	2	8	73	4	6	..	..	..	3	13	257	18	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	1	1	353	10	3	
Kapua .. ..	Jan. 24, 1894	574	1	22	2	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	572	1	22	270	3	4	..	..	..	12	40	1,102	5	0	4	181	1	29	97	9	4	213	8	6	1,154	8	10	
Rosebrook .. ..	June 26, 1895	600	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	600	1	8	307	13	6	..	..	..	14	63	1,667	17	6	2	106	3	9	25	18	3	230	7	0	1,064	6	2	
Otaio .. ..	June 26, 1895	373	3	14	6	2	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	367	0	33	216	14	8	..	..	..	9	25	842	14	6	3	135	2	17	41	15	9	188	17	8	738	4	6	
Patoa .. ..	Nov. 27, 1895	4,535	3	14	17	3	26	..	293	0	0	..	..	..	14	13	0	4	4,517	3	28	170	16	6	..	..	..	2	5	813	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	579	5	8	517	10	4
The Peaks .. ..	Aug. 1, 1895																																												

