

plished; nor have the respective duties of the two Commissioners (Judge A. Mackay and the Surveyor-General) allowed of their meeting during the year to consider questions that have arisen in connection with this matter. As soon, however, as the Waiau surveys are completed, a further and large number of allocations can be made, and then the termination of this lengthy business will be near.

#### ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL MEN IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

Some monetary assistance has been rendered during the past year to places where the local inhabitants were numerically insufficient to support a doctor; also in the cases of some of the sanatoria. The following list shows the payments made:—

	£	s.	d.
Te Aroha Hot Springs ... ..	50	per annum; paid	50 0 0
Preservation Inlet ... ..	50	" "	16 13 4
Waimarino district (Raetihi) ... ..	75	" "	22 10 0
Hanmer Plains ... ..	100	" "	100 0 0
Wanaka district ... ..	100	" "	Nil.

#### NATIVE TOWNSHIPS ACT.

During the year only one township has been offered under the above Act—namely, that of Te Puia, near Waipiro, Waipapu County, offered on the 15th February, when ten allotments were taken up at an annual rental of £19 2s. 6d. There are, however, all ready surveyed, and which will be offered shortly, the following townships: Araroa, Tuatini, Potaka, Parata, and Ohotu. At the present time there are sixty-six allotments let in the four townships that have been offered. These townships have scarcely been so successful as was anticipated, but in course of time, as the country round them gets settled, there will be more demand for them.

#### TERRITORIAL AND OTHER REVENUE.

The amounts collected by the department under various headings are shown in the table following:—

	£	s.	d.
Territorial revenue ... ..	262,228	13	8
Land for settlements ... ..	46,354	14	4
Cheviot Estate ... ..	14,822	15	5
State forests ... ..	8,845	18	10
North Island Main Trunk Railway ... ..	8,572	13	3
Thermal springs ... ..	1,075	12	11
Hanmer Sanatorium ... ..	875	18	5
Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth lands ... ..	1,693	18	5
Mount Cook Hermitage ... ..	534	6	4
Crown-grant fees ... ..	1,046	5	7
Survey and other costs recovered ... ..	2,344	13	6
Native townships ... ..	238	1	9
Government Loans to Local Bodies Account ... ..	15,157	15	10
Endowments ... ..	16,333	3	6
Miscellaneous receipts ... ..	2,818	17	0
Total ... ..	£382,943	8	9

There was a decrease in the territorial revenue proper amounting to £11,570 13s. 8d., but of only £2,201 12s. on the total sum collected, as compared with the previous year. Even this decrease was less than had been anticipated, for, as the deferred-payment and perpetual-lease tenures work out and become freeholds, the cash received must be a decreasing quantity from year to year.

The following table shows a comparison between last year's transactions and those of the previous period, so far as territorial revenue is concerned:—

District.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ... ..	29,182 2 0	32,289 5 8	3,107 3 8	...
Taranaki ... ..	26,066 14 10	22,559 18 1	...	3,506 16 9
Hawke's Bay ... ..	17,765 18 2	23,154 16 6	5,388 18 4	...
Wellington ... ..	48,751 3 10	40,402 7 11	...	8,348 15 11
Marlborough ... ..	9,903 18 11	8,355 10 6	...	1,548 8 5
Nelson ... ..	15,553 16 2	8,864 9 4	...	6,689 6 10
Westland ... ..	1,313 4 10	1,259 1 0	...	54 3 10
Canterbury ... ..	54,518 13 4	54,255 19 11	...	262 13 5
Otago ... ..	56,525 6 3	55,187 10 2	...	1,337 16 1
Southland ... ..	14,218 9 0	15,899 14 7	1,681 5 7	...
	273,799 7 4	262,228 13 8	10,177 7 7	21,748 1 3
	262,228 13 8	...	...	10,177 7 7
Decrease ... ..	11,570 13 8	...	...	11,570 13 8