

No. 11 (R. Little), have now dray-road access, and bridle-track access is available to that one. The roadwork done consists of 47 chains of engineering survey; 43·4 chains of dray-road formation, with 20 lineal feet of culverts, on the Gorge Road, and 122·6 chains of dray-road formation, with 96 lineal feet of culverts, on the Puhirua Road. A large papa cut, 34 ft. long, 6 ft. deep, and 4 ft. wide, was also constructed on the Puhirua Road. On the Puhirua West Road 66 chains of road-line was felled adjacent to settlers' fellings. The number of souls on the farm is fifty-eight, with 280 cattle, thirty-eight horses, and fifty pigs. The total area in grass is 1,027 acres, the length of fencing 941 chains, and the area of gardens 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. The total value of improvements on the settlement is £3,252 5s. 11d., of which those effected at the settlers' own unaided expense amount to £1,730 12s. 2d.

Masterton-Tenui.—All the twelve sections in this farm are being held, resided upon, and improved. They are now mostly well stocked. One settler (J. McConville) accidentally shot himself, but the section is being carried on by a relative of his. There has not been any bushfelling for Government advances this year, but about 68 acres has been felled privately. The roadwork consists of 54·6 chains of dray-road formation, with 72 lineal feet of culverts, on the Mataroa Road. All the sections have now dray-road access. The position of this farm will make it reasonably successful, though all the sections are mostly very rough. The number of souls on the farm is sixty-two, with 120 cattle, twenty horses, 246 sheep, and seventy-four pigs. The total area in grass is 518 acres, the length of fencing 820 chains, and the area in gardens 6 acres. The total value of improvements in the settlement is £2,106 13s. 3d., of which those effected at the settlers' own unaided expense amount to £1,265 13s. 2d.

Sommerville.—This farm, consisting of eight 200-acre sections, was allotted last September. Five of the settlers are already residing, and are erecting dwellings, making gardens, fencing, &c. The situation and character of the country are both against the success of this farm. All the sections have bridle-track access. The number of souls resident on the farm is five.

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WELLINGTON.

Mangatiti.—This settlement contains an area of 4,875 acres, and is divided into thirty-six sections, of which four, with a total acreage of 491 acres, are at present unoccupied. During the year 370 acres of bush has been felled and cleared, at a cost to the Government of £528 10s., and 319 acres has been grassed, towards which the sum of £112 7s. has been advanced for the payment of grassing and supplying grass-seed. The total area felled in the settlement is 1,350 acres 2 roods, and the area grassed is 1,039 acres 2 roods. The amount of money advanced by the Government towards these improvements is £2,395 11s. 5d., and the total advances made to the settlers towards housebuilding is £116, making the total amount of Government advances on the settlement £2,511 11s. 5d. The settlers themselves have effected improvements in the way of house-building, making gardens and orchards, fencing, &c., to the value of £791 11s. 9d., making the total of the improvements £3,303 3s. 2d. Including the thirty-two selectors of the sections, there are residing in the settlement ninety-six persons, and the stock consists of 105 head of cattle, 40 horses, 245 sheep, and 24 pigs.

Akitio.—This settlement, which contains an area of 4,794 acres, is divided into forty-three sections, of which four, with a total acreage of 412 acres, are at present unoccupied. During the year 449 acres of bush has been felled, and 87 acres grassed, towards which the Government has expended the sum of £207 5s. The total area felled in this settlement is 2,203 acres 2 roods, and the area grassed is 1,284 acres 2 roods. The amount of Government money advanced on these improvements is £2,819 15s. 5d., and the amount advanced to the settlers for house-building £274, thus making the total advanced by the Government for improvements of all kinds £3,093 15s. 5d. Besides these the settlers themselves have effected improvements, such as fencing, felling, building, outhouses, &c., to the total estimated value of £1,590 0s. 6d., the total value of all improvements on the settlement being £4,678 14s. 5d. Including the thirty-nine selectors, there are 108 persons resident on the settlement, and the stock on it consists of 142 head of cattle, 49 horses, 70 pigs, and 2,789 sheep. As there was a very favourable season for burning this year, advantage was taken of it to burn not only the bush felled last season, but also that which was felled during the previous year, which, owing to the inclemency of the weather, would not burn. When the area thus burned is grassed the numbers of the stock will be greatly added to.

Kawatau.—In this settlement there are twelve sections, having a total area of 999 acres 3 roods 36 perches, the uniform size of each section being 83 acres 1 rood 13 perches. During the year two of these sections have changed hands, Section 11 having been transferred from Mrs. J. Rumble to Joseph Wright, and Section 13 from Thomas Kennedy to Eli Caselberg. Nine acres of bush has been felled, burned, and grassed on two sections, and there has been no advance made to any settler during the year. The total area felled and grassed in the settlement is 658 acres 2 roods 13 perches, and the amount paid by the Government towards this was £1,165 1s., and the amount advanced to the settlers for the purpose of house-building was £220, making the total amount of Government moneys advanced £1,385 1s. Besides this, the settlers themselves have effected improvements—fencing, gardens, out-buildings, &c.—to the value of £1,485 8s. 6d., making a total value of all improvements of £2,870 9s. 6d. Including the