

51,434 acres of freehold lands and a sum of £784. These exchanges were of lands in the Marlborough District chiefly, and were arranged to give both parties better boundaries, and also land for home-stations for the utilisation of the high pastoral country in the neighbourhood.

The following is a summary of the disposal and condition of the estates settled :—

Land District.	Selectors.	Residents	Condition.
<i>Auckland—</i>			
Opouriao	72	62	Fairly prosperous.
Okauia	9	6	Pasture not good.
Rangiatea	19	17	Dairy farms, good pasture.
Karapiro	17	10	Dairy farms.
Fencourt	34	22	Dairy farms.
Whitehall	7	6	Not yet inspected.
<i>Hawke's Bay—</i>			
Raureka	18	18	Prosperous, lease conditions complied with.
Elsthorpe	46	28	All occupied for pasture.
Waimarie	17	14	Satisfactory crop—maize and grass.
Pouparae	8	6	Cropped with maize, pumpkins, and potatoes.
Tomoaana	13	11	In oats, barley, mangolds, potatoes, gardens, and orchards.
Mahora	32	24	
Willows	22	12	Chiefly maize and potato crops—sheep and cattle.
<i>Wellington—</i>			
Paparangi	37	35	Progress of older settlements satisfactory, dwellings being rapidly erected.
Obakea	15	10	
Te Matua	13	13	
Aorangi	37	34	
Langdale	23	12	
<i>Marlborough—</i>			
Blind River	17	19	Better progress than last year.
Omaka	13	11	Season good; crops fair.
Pubipuhi	2	1	Leased with Crown lands.
Starborough	112	52	Harvest good, well garnered, improvements well done.
Richmond Brook	11	8	Improvements considerable.
<i>Westland—</i>			
Poerua Settlement	18	8	Not much progress made, season unpropitious.
<i>Canterbury—</i>			
Pareora	28	25	Satisfactory, and settlers prosperous.
Studholme Junction	4	3	Satisfactory progress.
Kapua	10	10	Satisfactory; floods troublesome.
Rosebrook	14	14	Improvements well done; comfortable homes established.
Otaio	9	9	Doing well.
Patoa	4	3	Doing fairly well.
The Peaks	12	1	
Roimata	26	26	Prosperous; drainage troublesome.
Kereta	4	4	Fairly satisfactory.
Braco	14	14	Condition improved.
Epworth	2	1	Satisfactory.
Ashley Gorge	10	10	Doing fairly well; comfortable houses.
Omihi Valley	1	..	Stock paddock.
Orakipaia	27	18	Residents doing well; non-residents doing little improvement.
Highbank	70	62	Making good progress; less cropping done.
Otarakaro	5	7	Tenants working their holdings well.
Wharenui	26	24	Very prosperous.
Rakitairi	21	18	Both doing well, especially Rakitairi.
Waipai	15	15	
Horsley Downs	25	24	Prosperous.
Albury	74	64	Tenants doing well; settlement improving rapidly.
R.S. 1862	1	..	Let as homesteads for other lands.
Part R.S. 2682	1	..	
R.S. 36469, Cannington	1	..	
R.S. 36231	1	..	
R.S. 36056 and 36057	1	..	
R.S. 36228	1	..	
Marawiti	12	13	Large holdings progressing steadily; small holdings not doing so well.
Hekeao	13	12	Improving rapidly.
Pawaho	25	20	Progress satisfactory.
Waikakahi	156	132	Prosperous; advance considerable.
Tamai	34	24	Has made fair progress.
Takitu	5	3	Improvements small, high prices of sheep prevented full stocking.
Pareora No. 2	33	25	Improvements substantial.
Rautawiri	6	4	Promises well.
Papaka	9	5	
Punaroa	17	10	Large holders doing well; small backwards.
Lyndon	8	..	Promises well.
<i>Otago—</i>			
Pomahaka	13	18	Fair crops; land better stocked.
Teaparaki	22	18	Crops fair; some sections infested with Californian thistle.
Tahawai	8	8	Condition healthy.
Maerewhenua	71	61	Heavy loss by hail storm; condition sound.
Puketapu	11	9	Progress good.
Ardgowan	65	51	Very prosperous; fair progress.
Makareao	31	16	Progress slow, especially small holdings.
Makareao No. 2	3	8	
Momona	14	14	Most successful.
Tokarahi	78	43	Very satisfactory.
Janeffield	19	17	Bids fair to become prosperous.
Elderslie	33	14	Very good progress made.
Barnego	21	15	Season bad; valuable improvements.
<i>Southland—</i>			
Merrivale	47	37	Every section improved.
Otahu	5	4	Not much improvement.
Beaumont	11	4	Returns poor.