

Amount advanced for Houses, Bushfelling, &c.

			Houses.			Bushfelling.			Total.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	9,084	5	0	6,030	10	4	15,114	15	4
Under other tenure	Nil.			Nil.			Nil.		
Totals	£9,084	5	0	£6,030	10	4	£15,114	15	4
In the North Island	4,482	0	0	5,221	13	2	9,703	13	2
In the Middle Island	4,602	5	0	808	17	2	5,411	2	2
Totals	£9,084	5	0	£6,030	10	4	£15,114	15	4

Repayment of Above Advances.

						£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In the North Island	2,856	15	5			
In the Middle Island	1,059	13	9			
Remaining unpaid				3,916	9	2
Total				11,198	6	2
									£15,114	15	4

Amount received for Rent and Interest during the Year.

						Rent.			Interest.			Total.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	4,338	11	3	581	13	10	4,920	5	1
Under other tenure	1,712	7	1	Nil.			1,712	7	1
Totals	£6,050	18	4	£581	13	10	£6,632	12	2
In the North Island	2,315	1	7	363	5	10	2,678	7	5
In the Middle Island	3,735	16	9	218	8	0	3,954	4	9
Totals	£6,050	18	4	£581	13	10	£6,632	12	2

The total amount received as rent and interest in connection with village-homestead settlements from the commencement of the system to the 31st March last was as under:—

						Rent.			Interest.			Total.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In the North Island	15,894	3	6	6,791	12	8	22,685	16	2
In the Middle Island	27,295	18	5	3,312	13	0	30,608	11	5
Totals.	£43,190	1	11	£10,104	5	8	£53,294	7	7

Arrears of Rent and Interest on the 31st March.

			Number.	Area.			Rent.	Interest.	Total.
				A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Under village-homestead regulations	89	1,836	3	4	216 12 3	146 11 10	363 4 1
Under other tenure	42	1,322	2	36	150 14 11	...	150 14 11
Totals	131	3,159	2	0	367 7 2	146 11 10	513 19 0
In the North Island	89	2,129	1	39	279 9 11	139 15 0	419 4 11
In the Middle Island	42	1,030	0	1	87 17 3	6 16 10	94 14 1
Totals	131	3,159	2	0	367 7 2	146 11 10	513 19 0

Value of Improvements on the Land.

						£ s. d.		
						£	s.	d.
Under village-homestead regulations	144,191	0	0
Under other tenure	23,850	0	0
						£168,041	0	0
In the North Island	80,477	0	0
In the Middle Island	87,564	0	0
Total	£168,041	0	0

With such good financial results as indicated in this report it seems a matter for regret that the system of village settlements cannot be extended throughout the colony, more especially as there are so many suitable men anxious to take up good land in moderate holdings.

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