

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1902-3—*continued*.

Tenure, &c.	Transactions during Year.			Areas held under Lease at 31st March, 1903.			Gross Revenue received during the Year.		
	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.				
Brought forward ...	232	A.	R. P.	1,476	A.	R. P.	£	s.	d.
Village-homestead special settle- ment	...	22,522	0 25	77	275,056	1 7	10,997	10	3
Special - settlement association (lease in perpetuity)	...	...	...	14	1,214	3 15	*105	12	0
Homestead lands ...	...	...	...	2	2,765	1 12	†55	6	5
Small grazing-runs ...	16	25,961	3 14	266	158	0 37	121	2	0
Pastoral runs ...	16	140,937	1 21	237	534,338	1 35	12,188	12	8
Coal and mineral leases ...	...	...	...	...	4,519,101	1 16	30,246	17	8
Timber-cutting ...	18	310	3 8	564	88,535	3 21	1,352	6	9
Miscellaneous licenses and leases	78	21,488	3 37	...	...	...	845	3	7
Other miscellaneous revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ordinary Crown lands	360	211,221	0 25	2,636	5,421,170	1 23	55,912	11	4
Land for settlements—									
Lease in perpetuity ...	53	6,703	2 11	379	55,661	2 30	18,563	0	5
Lease in perpetuity, village ...	1	20	0 0	30	413	0 4	397	12	10
Small grazing-runs ...	...	...	...	3	3,667	1 30	405	3	5
Pastoral runs ...	...	...	...	2	953	2 38	122	2	9
Miscellaneous ...	3	83	2 27	48	762	1 11	129	7	1
Totals land for settle- ments	57	6,807	0 38	462	61,458	0 33	19,617	6	6
Endowments ...	1	861	3 6	44	44,578	2 34	1,062	18	9
Grand totals ...	418	218,890	0 29	3,142	5,527,207	1 10	76,592	16	7

* Rent.

† Interest.

This summary shows in the aggregate an increase of 143 in number as compared with the previous year, although the area dealt with is considerably less, while the increases in the number of holdings and area held as at 31st March were ninety-four and 33,865 acres respectively.

Arrears.—It will be seen that the total amount of arrears at 31st March was £2,673 19s. 11d., owing by 137 selectors occupying an area of 87,338 acres, a decrease as compared with the previous year of £617 17s. and of forty-one selectors in arrear. The proportion of these arrears under the Land for Settlements Act is £1,654 16s. 11d., owing by fifty-one selectors occupying 10,349 acres, the higher value of the lands leased accounting for the larger amount than in respect of ordinary Crown lands. It is noticeable that of the total sum outstanding on account of ordinary Crown lands—viz., £993 10s., by eighty-three selectors occupying 75,132 acres—the greater proportion relates to small-grazing-run lessees, thirty-six of whom, occupying 65,230 acres, owe £834 5s., leaving only £159 5s. owing by forty-seven holders of 9,902 acres under all other tenures, thus emphasizing the statement previously made that so large an amount of arrears in respect of small grazing-runs would not exist if rebates were extended to this class of tenure. The following comparative table of arrears for the last four years shows, I think conclusively, that the granting of rebates has had the effect of considerably reducing the aggregate amount of outstanding rents, more particularly in regard to land for settlements. The gross annual rental is given for the purpose of showing that, even while the amount of annual rental has increased, the amount outstanding has decreased:—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ARREARS, 1900 TO 1903.

Year.	Number of Tenants in Arrear.	Area held by Tenants in Arrear.	Amount of Arrears.	Total Number of Tenants on Books.	Gross Annual Rent.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands.</i>					
		Acres.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1900 ...	159	50,834	988 0 5	2,490	51,015 9 2
1901 ...	153	75,160	1,043 17 5	2,582	51,283 11 3
1902 ...	120	67,398	922 9 3	2,598	51,409 7 1
1903 ...	83	75,132	993 10 0	2,636	51,605 16 3
<i>Land for Settlements.</i>					
1900 ...	98	15,187	4,077 1 3	368	14,976 13 4
1901 ...	104	16,972	4,076 19 10	389	17,145 9 6
1902 ...	57	9,584	2,358 17 8	407	17,460 3 6
1903 ...	51	10,349	1,654 16 11	462	20,194 16 8