

SUMMARY of the SETTLEMENTS established upon ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH, up to the
31st March, 1904.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selec-tors.	Resi-dences	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position	Prospects.
Brought forward	1,961	1,564				
Canterbury— <i>contd.</i>						
Mead ..	21	16	Grazing	Satisfactory ..	Fair	Fair.
Chamberlain ..	21	19				
Annan ..	37	..	Only recently selected,			
Rosewill ..	137	..				
Otago—						
Pomahaka Downs	21	24	Mixed farming and grazing	Poor ..	Unsatisfactory ..	Poor.
Teaneraki ..	23	18		Fair ..	Fair	Fair.
Tahawai ..	8	8	Dairying	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Maerewhenua ..	72	61	Mixed farming and grazing	" ..	Good	"
Puketapu ..	11	9	Dairying	" ..	Satisfactory ..	"
Ardgowan ..	65	54	Mixed farming, dairying, and grazing	" ..	"	"
Makareao ..	31	18	Mixed farming and grazing	" ..	"	"
Makareao Extension	3	3	" ..	" ..	"	"
Momona ..	14	23	Dairying	" ..	Very prosperous ..	"
Tokarahi ..	80	45	Dairying and mixed farming	" ..	Satisfactory ..	"
Janefield ..	20	27	Mixed farming ..	" ..	"	"
Elderslie ..	33	24	Grazing and agriculture ..	" ..	Well established ..	"
Barnego ..	20	31	Dairying, mixed farming, and grazing	Fair ..	Fair	Fair.
Earnssoleugh ..	12	16	Fruit-growing, &c. ..	Satisfactory ..	Good	Good.
Windsor Park ..	37	21	Agriculture and grazing ..	" ..	"	"
Windsor Park No. 2	10	8	" ..	" ..	"	"
Duncan ..	7	4	Dairying and mixed farming	Fair ..	Satisfactory ..	Very fair.
St. Helens ..	3	3	Grazing	" ..	"	Good.
Southland—						
Merrivale ..	48	39	Dairying, farming, and grazing	" ..	Good	"
Otahu ..	7	4	Grazing	" ..	Unsatisfactory ..	Poor.
Beaumont ..	8	4	"	" ..	"	"
Ringway ..	6	8	Mixed farming	" ..	"	Doubtful.
Glenham ..	29	20	Dairying, farming, and grazing	" ..	"	"
Totals ..	2,745	2,076				

SURVEYS.

The operations of the Survey Branch of the Department were directed, as in the previous year, almost solely to surveys for the purposes of extending and completing the laying-out of roads to give access to and open up Crown lands for settlement. The strength and disposition of the staff in the ten land districts were as follows:—

District.	Staff Surveyors.		Contract Surveyors.	Total.
	Permanent.	Temporary		
<i>North Island—</i>				
Auckland...	10	19	32	61
Hawke's Bay	4	4	3	11
Taranaki...	5	6	3	14
Wellington	9	10	3	22
	28	39	41	108
<i>South Island—</i>				
Marlborough	2	3	...	5
Nelson ...	5	7	...	12
Westland	1	6	4	11
Canterbury	4	1	1	6
Otago ...	4	...	5	9
Southland	3	1	7	11
	19	18	17	54
Totals ...	47	57	58	162*

* Including one Ranger occasionally employed.