

ESTATES OFFERED for SELECTION during the Year ending the 31st March, 1905, under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Land District, and Name of Estate.	Area of Estate.	Number of Selectors.	Area unselected, 31st March, 1905.	Annual Rental payable on Lands leased.	Date of Opening.
	A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
Auckland— Matamata	42,738 3 2	164	959 3 32	6,863 2 2	2nd June, 1904.
Southland— Edendale	19,809 3 11	116	3,047 3 5	5,882 12 8	15th April, 1904.
Totals	62,548 2 13	280	4,007 2 37	12,745 14 10	

SUMMARY of the SETTLEMENTS established upon ESTATES ACQUIRED and DEALT WITH, under the Provisions of the Land for Settlements Acts, up to the 31st March, 1905.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland— Opouriao	97	76	Dairying and mixed farming	Satisfactory ..	Prosperous ..	Good.
Okauia	8	6	Grazing	Not satisfactory	Not satisfactory ..	Not promising.
Rangiatea	18	18	Dairying and cropping ..	Satisfactory ..	Thriving ..	Good.
Karapiro	17	11	Dairying	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	"
Fencourt	34	34	"	Fair ..	Good ..	"
Whitehall	10	15	Grazing and dairying ..	Good ..	Fair ..	"
Matamata	163	95	Dairying and mixed farming	" ..	Satisfactory ..	"
Bickerstaffe	15	13	Grazing and dairying ..	" ..	Fair ..	"
Craddock Hamlet ..	8	7	Workmen's homes ..	Improving ..	Fairly satisfactory	"
Hetana Hamlet ..	9	8				
Kitchener Hamlet ..	8	7				
Methuen Hamlet ..	13	8				
Plumer Hamlet ..	10	5				
Waari Hamlet ..	5	4				
	415	307				
Hawke's Bay— Raureka	19	17	Dairying and farming ..	Very satisfactory	Decidedly prosperous	"
Elsthorpe	47	28	Pastoral	"	Ditto ..	"
Waimarie	18	16	Dairying and farming ..	"	" ..	"
Pouparae	9	9	"	"	" ..	"
Tomoana	13	12	"	"	" ..	"
Willows	22	18	"	"	" ..	"
Mahora	34	28	Dairying, fruit, and cropping	"	" ..	"
Hatuma	62	58	Agricultural and pastoral ..	"	" ..	"
Manga-a-toro	26	24	Pastoral	"	" ..	"
Kumeroa	15	13	Agricultural and pastoral ..	"	" ..	"
Forest Gate	28	26	"	"	" ..	"
Argyll	59	56	"	"	" ..	"
Wigan	17	7	Pastoral	"	" ..	"
Lindsay	6	2	Pastoral (sections offered to and accepted by the then tenants before the estate was balloted for)	"	" ..	"
	375	314				
Taranaki— Tokara	13	14	Dairying	Very fair ..	Good ..	"
Spotswood	14	11	Workmen's homes and poultry farms (only half estate taken up)	Fair ..	Steady ..	Fair.
Clandon	6	5	Dairying	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
	33	30				
Wellington— Paparangi	37	35	Residential, poultry-farming, and dairying	" ..	Prosperous ..	"
Ohakea	15	15	Dairying, sheep-farming, and cropping	" ..	" ..	Excellent.
Te Matua	13	12	Dairying	" ..	Very satisfactory	"
Aorangi	37	37	Dairying, market-gardening, and residential	Very good ..	" ..	"
Langdale	28	21	Grazing and cropping ..	Good ..	Satisfactory ..	Good.
Mangawhata	7	8	Dairying and sheep-farming	" ..	" ..	"
Epuni	42	42	Residential, market-gardening, and fruit-growing	Very good ..	" ..	Excellent.
Maungaraki	19	17	Residential, market-gardening, pigs, and poultry	Good ..	" ..	Good.