

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Occupation of witnesses—

Farmers, 241.
 Road Engineers, County Clerks, &c., 13.
 M.H.R.s, members of local bodies, Land Boards, &c., 10.
 Commission agents, merchants, &c., 8.
 Storekeepers, tradesmen, &c., 22.
 Gum-diggers, miners, &c., 2.
 Village settlers, fruit-growers, &c., 12.
 Civil servants, 7.
 Solicitors, surveyors, &c., 3.

(1.) Constitution of Land Boards:

Favour nominative system, as at present, 35.
 Greater discretionary powers should be given Land Boards, 6.
 Nominative system as at present, but County Councils should act as advisory Boards, 1.
 Advocate partially elective system, 33.
 Land Boards should be done away with altogether, 4.
 Auckland Land District too large, 2.
 Administration of lands should be placed in hands of local bodies, 6.
 Number of members on Land Board should be increased, 23.
 Court of Appeal against decisions of Land Board should be set up, 4.
 Favour elective system, 34.

(2.) The tenures upon which lands may be obtained and occupied, and whether in the interests of the colony any alteration of the law is desirable:

Favour option of purchase as a desirable sentiment and in interests of settlement, 97.
 Favour option of purchase for financial reasons, and security of tenure, &c., 128.
 Advocate deferred-payment system, 16.
 Advocate occupation-with-right-of-purchase system, 18.
 Freehold should be given at original valuation, 14.
 Cash purchasers should make same improvements as occupation with right of purchase, 1.
 Object to revaluation, 54.
 Favour periodical revaluations, 12.
 Favour leasehold, because capital available for farming, 9.
 Favour lease in perpetuity, 31.
 Lease-in-perpetuity lease too long, 6.
 Option of freehold for ordinary Crown lands should be given, but not under Land for Settlements Act, 1.

(3.) Whether Crown tenants labour under restrictions inimical to their well-being, and unnecessary in the interests of the State:

Should be no restrictions, 6.
 Cropping regulations unnecessary, 5.

(4.) Whether the residential conditions now existing are too exacting, and require relaxing, and, if so, in what direction:

Advocate double improvements in lieu of residence, 6.
 Residence conditions should be modified in discretion of Land Board where no roads, schools, &c., 37.
 Present residence conditions should be applied to freehold, 5.
 Residence conditions should be strictly enforced, 10.
 Residence conditions in connection occupation-with-right-of-purchase holdings should only be enforced for a short period, 8.

(6.) Also whether it is expedient that the homestead privileges as indicated in the Appendix to "The Land Act, 1885," should be reintroduced:

Should be reintroduced in connection with poor lands, with modifications as to area, &c., 42.

(7.) As to the working of the present ballot system, and the dealing with applications for land:

Condemn ballot system, 11.
 Favour priority of application, 3.
 Favour auction system, 7.
 Prefer tender system, 3.
 Approve ballot system, 8.
 Unsuccessful applicants should be given preference in subsequent ballots, 1.
 Condemn grouping system in connection with ballot, 2.

(8.) The area of lands loaded for roads, the amount of such loading, the amount expended on roads in or giving access to lands loaded, whether good faith has been kept in regard to them, and as to the amount borrowed, spent, and available:

Bad roads retarding settlement, 83.
 Roads should be made out of general revenue, 15.
 Roads should be made before lands opened for selection, 11.
 Local bodies do not spend "thirds" judiciously, 4.
 Royalties on timber, flax, &c., should go towards road-making, 8.
 Local bodies should be given assured finance, 19.
 Crown and Native lands should contribute to roading, 25.
 Good faith has not been kept in regard to roads, 36.