

County.	Number of Blocks.	Area. Acres.
Auckland Land District—		
Manukau County	1	2,262
Piako County	19	49,755
Ohinemuri County	15	35,574
Thames County	9	16,433
Tauranga County	43	64,135
Whakatane County	7	105,182
Opotiki County	17	124,765
Rotorua County	22	131,206
Kawhia County	17	120,050
Awakino County	11	73,526
Waitomo County	75	238,848
West Taupo County	26	274,361
Raglan County	12	112,583
	<hr/> 274	<hr/> 1,348,680
Taranaki Land District—		
Clifton County (Rangitoto-Tuhua Block)	1	245,132
Clifton County (other blocks)	12	114,032
Clifton and Stratford	1	31,461
Stratford County	1	11,592
Stratford and Waitotara	2	109,775
Patea County	1	706
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Wellington Land District—		
Mauriceville County	1	1,000
Masterton County	3	7,164
Waimarino County	9	158,691
Wanganui County	15	74,086
Waitotara County	1	1,286
Rangitikei County	9	96,960
Horowhenua County	1	3,777
Wairarapa South	7	35,796
Hutt County	1	1,464
Kiwitea County	1	6,584
Elketahuna	1	3,990
	<hr/> 49	<hr/> 390,798

It is hoped that within a comparatively short time a large expansion of settlement may take place not only through the additional area of lands made available by direct purchase as above indicated, but by the Maoris themselves voluntarily placing large areas in the hands of the Maori Land Boards, set up under "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905," who can offer them for lease themselves.

Although large portions of the Native lands in the North Island will thus be dealt with, yet all the blocks between Auckland and the North Cape are exempted from the operations of the Act, as regards purchase by the Crown, until the end of the year 1908, and the same limitation has been placed on the large area extending from Lottin Point, near the East Cape, to the Mohaka River, near Wairoa, in Hawke's Bay, which includes the Gisborne District.

In connection with the working of this Act, and more especially with regard to section 24—which gives the Minister power to make advances to Maoris to enable them to cultivate their lands—special regulations have been prepared and gazetted and the necessary forms printed to give effect to this very valuable provision.

REBATES OF RENT.

In addition to the £7,034 remissions of rent, under the Bush and Swamp Crown Lands Settlement Act, for the past year, a further rebate of rent has been made to Crown tenants on ordinary Crown lands during the year of £6,468, thus giving them a total remission for the year of £13,502—a very substantial help, which all classes of settlers must appreciate. In addition to this, settlers on the land-for-settlements estates have had rebate of rent allowed them amounting to £13,523, whilst the Cheviot settlers have participated to the amount of £685 (see Table 37).