

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ESTATES.

The progress, present position, and prospects of each settlement are given in the report of the Commissioners of Crown Lands embodied in the succeeding table. Owing to the unusually dry spring and summer of the past season, circumstances have operated rather adversely in several of the newly selected areas, as it is undoubtedly the fact that the first two years are the most trying from the settlers' point of view. Thirteen additional estates have been acquired and opened for selection, and in nearly all cases the applicants were far in excess of the number of allotments available.

TABLE J.—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, 1908.

Land District and Name of Settlement.	Selectors.	Residences.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilised.	Progress during Year.	Present Position.	Prospects.
Auckland—						
Opouriao ..	93	77	Dairying ..	Excellent	Very satisfactory	Very best.
Okauia ..	8	7	General farming ..	Nil	Not satisfactory	Gloomy.
Rangiatea ..	20	18	Dairying ..	Moderate	Satisfactory	Fair.
Karapiro ..	18	11	" ..	"	"	"
Fencourt ..	37	33	" ..	Good	Very satisfactory	Very best.
Whitehall ..	11	10	" ..	Moderate	Satisfactory	Fair.
Bickerstaffe ..	33	24	Cattle raising ..	Fair	"	"
Matamata ..	181	138	Dairying ..	Good	Very satisfactory	Bright.
Selwyn ..	82	37	Mixed farming ..	Moderate	Satisfactory	Fair.
Mangapouri ..	10	6	Dairying ..	Good	"	Bright.
Mangawhero ..	17*	15	" ..	"	"	"
Waimanā†	24	..	" ..	"	"	"
Teasdale†	33	..	" ..	"	"	"
Rewi†	" ..	"	"	"
Hamlets—						
Craddock ..	9	9	Workmen's homes	Moderate to good	Satisfactory	Hopeful.
Hetana ..	30	22				
Kitchener ..	11	10				
Methuen ..	28	22				
Plumer ..	16	16				
Waari ..	8	7				
	669	462				
Hawke's Bay—						
Raureka ..	19	18	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-culture	Very fair	Prosperous	Good.
Elsthorpe ..	47	27	Pastoral ..	"	"	"
Waimarie ..	18	16	Agricultural ..	"	"	"
Pouparae ..	9	9	" ..	"	"	"
Tomoana ..	13	12	Agricultural, dairying, and fruit-culture	"	"	"
Mahora ..	34	32	Ditto ..	Very good	"	"
Willows ..	22	14	Agricultural ..	Very fair	"	"
Hatuma ..	62	59	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Very good	"	"
Manga-a-toro ..	26	25	Pastoral ..	Very fair	"	"
Kumeroa ..	15	14	Pastoral and dairying ..	"	"	"
Argyle ..	62	60	Agricultural and pastoral ..	Very good	"	"
Wigan ..	17	14	Pastoral ..	"	"	"
Lindsay ..	66	61	Agricultural and pastoral ..	"	"	"
Mangatahi ..	23	20	Pastoral ..	Very fair	"	"
Forest Gate ..	29	25	Agricultural and pastoral ..	"	"	"
Te Mata†	8	..	" ..	"	"	"
Pourerere†	5	..	" ..	"	"	"
Raumatī†	20	..	" ..	"	"	"
Kanakanae†	7	..	" ..	"	"	"
Te Arai†	51	..	" ..	"	"	"
	553	406				
Taranaki—						
Tokaora ..	13	14	Dairying ..	Good	Satisfactory	Good.
Spotswood ..	8	8	Workmen's homes	Not good	Not satisfactory	Not promising.
Clandon ..	6	5	Dairying ..	Good	Satisfactory	Good.
Huinga ..	9	8	" ..	"	"	"
	36	35				
Wellington—						
Paparangi ..	37	36	Residential sites, dairying, &c.	Good	Prosperous	Very good.
Ohakea ..	15	15	Dairying ..	Very good	"	"
Te Matua ..	13	12	" ..	"	"	"
Aorangi ..	37	40	Dairying and residential purposes	"	Very prosperous	Excellent.
Langdale ..	31	23	Grazing and cropping	"	"	"
Mangawhata ..	7	8	Dairying ..	Good	Very satisfactory	Good.

* Includes 5 selectors who also selected land in Selwyn Settlement. of these selectors.

† New settlements not reported on.

‡ No inspections