

## RECEIVER OF LAND REVENUE.

In the Receiver's Office 8,947 ordinary revenue receipts and 138 provisional-title receipts were issued, covering a gross revenue of £109,836 18s. 9d., an increase on the previous year of £15,000. In the Deposit Account, 1,935 receipts for a sum of £41,643 11s. 4d. and 796 cheques for refunds and disbursements were issued. The sum of £22,258 8s. 2d. was paid into the Local Bodies Account, from which was disbursed by 139 payments to eighty-three local bodies the sum of £15,714 19s. 2d.

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from the officers of this branch of the Department, particularly those in charge of the various sub-branches with whom I come more directly in contact.

JAMES MACKENZIE,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

## LANDS OPENED FOR SALE OR SELECTION.

The condition and progress of closer settlement in Hawke's Bay District during the past financial year may be considered as very satisfactory. The lands opened for sale or selection as ordinary Crown lands, under the various tenures, during the year amounted to 9,227 acres. Of this, 8,529 acres were offered for the first time, and 698 acres had been previously offered. Under the Land for Settlements Act 21,694 acres were offered for the first time, comprising sections situated in Te Mata, Pourerere, Raumati, Kanakanaia, and Te Arai Settlements.

The small area still open for selection—viz., 1,299 acres—clearly shows the unabated demand for Crown lands in the district.

## Summary of Land Transactions, 1907-8.

Tenure.	Transactions during Year.		Leasehold Lands held at 31st March, 1908.		Revenue received during Year 1907-8.
	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.	
		A. R. P.		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Cash ... ..	48	132 2 28	...	...	1,368 4 6
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	...	...	...	...	2,497 7 9
Perpetual lease ... ..	...	...	11	3,352 0 23	132 5 0
Deferred payments ... ..	...	...	1	1,415 0 0	42 10 0
Occupation with right of purchase	22	4,760 3 7	258	136,751 3 23	6,536 5 10
Lease in perpetuity ... ..	6	597 1 23	209	104,404 1 11	3,465 9 11
Village settlements—					
Cash ... ..	1	0 1 31	...	...	9 0 0
Occupation with right of purchase	3	2 3 22	10	47 3 36	1 11 3
Lease in perpetuity ... ..	15	1,247 3 8	73	3,902 1 5	1,565 13 8
Village - homestead special settlements	...	...	27	160 1 18	49 0 5
Special - settlement associations—Lease in perpetuity	...	...	14	3,111 0 19	127 14 9
Improved farms ... ..	...	...	16	1,830 0 0	198 18 7
Small grazing-runs ... ..	1*	2,478 0 0	87	251,416 3 2	2,320 19 1
Pastoral runs ... ..	...	...	16	103,703 0 0	722 6 0
Timber-cutting ... ..	...	...	...	...	786 18 6
Miscellaneous leases ... ..	11	385 3 9	92	63,748 0 20	1,247 7 10
Transfer and lease fees ... ..	...	...	...	...	253 7 6
Crown-grant fees ... ..	...	...	...	...	44 11 8
Survey liens ... ..	...	...	...	...	49 1 9
Other sources ... ..	...	...	...	...	581 8 0
Land for settlements—					
Lease in perpetuity ... ..	9	648 2 0	427	119,740 0 17	34,180 19 6
Lease in perpetuity (village)	2	0 3 16	16	34 3 0	13 14 5
Small grazing-runs ... ..	...	...	16	19,681 0 0	4,180 10 8
Miscellaneous leases ... ..	2	5 2 16	11	374 3 3	269 1 4
Buildings, &c. ... ..	...	...	...	...	683 12 3
Renewable lease ... ..	83	20,168 2 1	83	20,168 2 1	7,806 1 7
Renewable lease (buildings)	...	...	...	...	62 10 3
Native townships ... ..	7	33 3 30	108	723 1 10	343 3 0
Endowments ... ..	...	...	27	9,797 3 36	294 8 11
Totals ... ..	210	30,463 0 31	1,502	844,363 1 24	69,834 3 11

\* Exclusive of 12 holdings, covering an area of 21,430 acres 2 roods 1 perch, the leases of which expired during the year, but were renewed.