

which gives an increase of £4,829 1s. 9d. on the preceding year, while the increase in the number of selectors in the district is thirty-three.

Nature of Selections.	Transactions during the Year.			Area held under Lease at 31st March, 1908.				Gross Revenue received during the Year.			
	Number.	Area.			Number.	Area.					
		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Cash by auction	37	1,031	2	19	...	...	...	...	1,178	2	7
Cash by application	6	1,155	3	35	...	...	...	...	531	2	9
Deferred payments	...	...	...	...	4	5,946	1	14	167	8	6
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	58	9,624	3	7	367	8	8
Perpetual lease made freehold	6	2,348	0	7	...	...	...	...	1,796	5	7
Occupation with right of purchase	14	3,114	3	22	324	73,250	1	16	1,449	9	4
Occupation with right of purchase made freehold	4	168	1	26	...	...	...	...	116	10	7
Lease in perpetuity	11	4,100	1	26	345	101,998	2	10	2,050	5	7
Exchange to lease in perpetuity	2	77	0	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Occupation lease (Mining Districts Land Occupation Act)	1	31	2	28	42	1,201	3	12	109	6	5
Village settlements—											
Deferred payments made freehold	1	10	3	6	...	...	...	...	13	14	4
Perpetual lease	...	...	...	...	74	1,006	3	30	134	6	5
Perpetual lease made freehold	6	81	1	23	...	...	...	...	198	11	3
Occupation with right of purchase	...	...	...	...	4	3	0	24	1	9	11
Renewable lease	9	76	1	29	9	76	1	29	...	...	...
Lease in perpetuity	12	251	3	15	305	4,781	1	14	388	18	8
Exchange to lease in perpetuity	5	76	1	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village - homestead special settlement	...	...	...	...	46	523	3	34	127	4	6
Improved-farm settlement	...	...	...	...	45	4,732	1	16	302	4	9
Small grazing-runs (National Endowment)	...	...	...	...	19	64,436	0	13	764	10	0
Pastoral runs (ordinary)	11	147,584	0	0	65	702,138	1	0	3,952	16	5
Pastoral runs (National Endowment)	...	...	...	...	26	668,660	0	0	...	...	...
Miscellaneous leases and licenses	62	3,304	1	32	387	32,958	0	11	1,455	19	9
Timber-cutting	...	11,585,456 s. ft.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,028	12	7
Other miscellaneous revenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	535	18	11
Totals ordinary Crown lands	187	163,413	1	30	1,753	1,671,338	1	30	19,670	7	6
Land for settlements—											
Lease in perpetuity	10	2,757	3	18	234	48,712	0	36	10,127	2	11
Small grazing-runs	...	...	...	...	2	2,808	1	0	210	12	4
Miscellaneous	1	0	2	2	11	1,166	2	39	639	10	7
Totals land for settlements	11	2,758	1	20	247	52,687	0	35	10,977	5	10
Endowments	1	310	1	5	69	131,332	3	37	1,425	15	4
Gross totals	199	166,482	0	15	2,069	1,855,358	2	22	32,073	8	8

LANDS OPENED FOR SALE OR SELECTION.

The area opened for sale or selection for the first time during the year was 3,653 acres, which included 447 acres on the optional system, all of which was selected; 472 acres for cash by auction, of which 463 acres were sold; and burned-bush areas grassed by the Department which were offered on temporary lease, the greater portion of which has been taken up.

The area opened during the year of lands which had been previously offered was 13,236 acres; of this area 1,329 acres were under the optional system, of which 669 acres were selected; 477 acres of village-homestead lands were offered on renewable lease, of which 76 acres were selected. Two pastoral runs containing 9,854 acres were offered, one of 2,744 acres being purchased; the other is on the west coast of Stewart Island, and probably will remain unselected for some time.

The operations in connection with the several tenures are summarised as follows:—

Amongst the areas sold for cash was the greater part of the Township of Greenhills, on the Invercargill-Bluff Railway line, which had lain unused and unsought for a number of years, a considerable