

proportion of the land being deep swamp, or swampy scrub land. The whole township was resurveyed, and the unsold portions reclassified as part suburban and part rural land, and offered at auction, with the result that of 46 acres suburban land 31 have been sold, and of 220 acres of rural land 213 acres have been purchased.

*Occupation with Right of Purchase.*—Fourteen selections, containing 3,115 acres, were taken up during the year—a decrease of thirteen as compared with last year: the number of selectors under the tenure remains the same as last year—viz., 324.

*Lease in Perpetuity (ordinary).*—Eleven selections comprising 4,100 acres were made—a decrease of twenty-one on those of last year. The net area now held on this tenure is 101,998 acres, the number of lessees being 345, which is an increase of eight lessees over the number holding last year.

*Village Settlements.*—The total number of lessees in the numerous village settlements in this district is 438, being an increase of nine on the preceding year. Twenty-one new selections were made during the year, nine of which were on renewable lease. The total area held is 6,392 acres.

*Pastoral Runs.*—The number of pastoral-run licenses held is ninety-one, covering an area of 1,370,798 acres, and yielding an annual rental of £4,152 19s. 4d. Of these, twenty-six have been brought under the provisions of “The National Endowment Act, 1907.” One pastoral run containing 159,700 acres, situate at Preservation and Chalky Inlets, was forfeited, and the area has since been added to the West Coast National Park.

#### THE BUSH AND SWAMP CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENT ACT.

The total area opened to selection under this Act during the year was 768 acres, comprising 135 acres heavy bush land, 93 acres scrub land, and 540 acres swamp land.

The area taken up during the year by twenty selectors was 5,749 acres.

The total number of selectors holding under this Act is ninety-five, the area held being 21,995 acres.

The Crown Lands Ranger has inspected ninety-three holdings, covering an area of 21,884 acres, and reports that the majority of the selectors have made good improvements, in many cases considerably more than required, while a few have not made any improvements, want of road-access being the cause. Twenty of the selectors are residing on their holdings, and thirty are residing adjoining. The total value of the improvements effected is £4,295 8s. 6d., being £2,568 4s. in excess of the required improvements.

#### “THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT ACT, 1907.”

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, 670,000 acres of pastoral country have been set apart for the purposes of the Act, the whole of which is held under license, and returns an annual rental of £1,738 7s.

Nineteen small grazing-runs, containing 64,436 acres and yielding an annual rental of £735 17s. 10d., are also brought under the provisions of this Act.

In addition to the above, nine selections of village-homestead lands on renewable lease, containing 76 acres and carrying an annual rental of £7 10s. 6d., come within the provisions of the National Endowment Act.

#### REBATES OF RENT.

On ordinary Crown land rebates of rent for prompt payment were made to 644 lessees, the amount being £300 18s. 2d.

On land for settlements the rebates made to 181 tenants amounted to £764 10s. 1d.

#### ARREARS OF RENT.

The number of lessees of ordinary Crown lands in arrear is thirty-five, the total amount being £107 10s. 7d., a decrease of £55 on the previous year.

On land for settlements twenty-two lessees are in arrear to the amount of £555 16s. 9d., which gives a decrease of £359 3s. 2d. on last year.

#### FORFEITURES AND SURRENDERS.

During the year twenty leases and licenses over ordinary Crown lands were forfeited, the area being 161,803 acres; but this area included one pastoral run containing 159,700 acres. One lease under the Land for Settlements Act was forfeited, area 253 acres.

There were four surrenders of ordinary Crown leases, area 181 acres.

#### FREEHOLD TITLES ISSUED.

The number of provisional titles issued by the Receiver of Land Revenue during the year was fifty-seven, the area purchased being 4,101 acres, under the tenures shown by the following table:—

Tenure.	Selectors.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Deferred payment .. .. .	1	10	3	6
Perpetual lease .. .. .	13	2,439	1	30
Occupation with right of purchase .. .. .	4	168	1	26
Cash under “The Land Act, 1892” .. .. .	10	883	1	6
Auction sales .. .. .	29	599	2	30
	57	4,101	2	18