

## RUN-CLASSIFICATION.

Special notice should be taken of the work under this heading. During the year upwards of a million and a quarter acres had to be inspected and dealt with, either by auction as pastoral runs or reserved for small grazing-runs or closer settlement. All the members of the Board were at various times engaged with me at this, and for the extensive area expeditious and good work was accomplished. Approximately half the area classified was dealt with under the pastoral-license system, and when offered at auction sold at satisfactory rentals; the remaining half is now under survey, and if a sufficient number of surveyors are available should be offered early in the ensuing year.

The following return will be of interest, as showing how the classification works out:—

Name or Number of Run.	Area for Pastoral Lease.	Area for Settlement.	Total Present Area.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Kawarau .. .. .	66,000	143,420	209,420
Run 354 .. .. .	29,130	15,550	44,680
Cowan's Run .. .. .	21,600	12,364	33,964
Morven Hills .. .. .	90,000	238,000	328,000
Linburn .. .. .	16,000	65,200	81,200
Ida Valley .. .. .	..	72,296	72,296
Matakanui .. .. .	..	53,985	53,985
Runs 331 and 331A .. .. .	31,910	13,570	45,480
204E .. .. .	2,382	..	2,382
Runs 204B, D, F, 205H, 306, 171D, C, G, 121A, and K .. .. .	46,884	..	46,884
96, 97, 98 .. .. .	132,600	..	132,600
95 and 430A .. .. .	49,200	..	49,200
Table Hill sections .. .. .	375	..	375
5 of C .. .. .	2,000	..	2,000
26 and 27 .. .. .	58,060	..	58,060
8 .. .. .	10,400	..	10,400
12, 12A, and 18 .. .. .	66,600	..	66,600
433 .. .. .	24,600	..	24,600
	647,741	614,385	1,262,126

## RENEWABLE LEASES.

The area held under this system has been increased during the year by the selection of 3,003 acres, at an annual rental of £67 10s. 8d., all of which comes under the provisions of the National Endowment Act. The Meadowbank and Kauroo Hill Settlements, acquired under the Land for Settlements Act, were opened for selection under this tenure. The total number of selectors of renewable leases Settlement Lands on the books is 106, holding 76,146 acres, at a total annual rental of £13,487 18s. 4d.

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT LANDS.

The following table shows the areas of land at present held under the National Endowment clauses of "The Land Act, 1908." The aggregate area brought under the provisions of this part of the Act in this district is 2,217,030 acres 2 roods 35 perches:—

	No.	Area.	Annual Rental.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Ordinary renewable lease .. .. .	16	3,098 0 25	70 2 0
Village-homestead renewable lease .. .. .	5	54 0 36	2 14 0
Small grazing-runs .. .. .	210	528,443 3 23	10,204 10 6
Pastoral runs .. .. .	54	1,682,422 0 18	13,241 19 6
Totals .. .. .	285	2,214,018 1 22	23,519 6 0

## INSPECTIONS AND RANGER'S REPORTS.

The value of the improvements effected by selectors, as shown by the reports of the Crown Lands Rangers, is still largely in excess of the amount required under the conditions on which the lands are held. A reference to the tables will show that at the date of the last inspections the excess over actual requirements in respect to the holdings inspected amounted to no less a sum than £120,114, which must be regarded as eminently satisfactory. As regards the progress of settlement generally, it is pleasing to be able to state that on the whole the year's operations have been of a favourable and successful character.