

Table 31.—RETURN showing POSITION and TRANSACTIONS in IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS from their Commencement to 31st March, 1909.

| District.      | Area.  | Total Number of Sections in the Settlements. | Number of Settlers remaining in Occupation on 31st March, 1909. | Number of Persons resident. | Area occupied. |    |    | Total Area made Freehold. |       |                        | Area felled. | Area grassed. | Number of Stock on Allotments. |        |
|----------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----|----|---------------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------|
|                |        |                                              |                                                                 |                             | A.             | R. | P. | Number.                   | Area. | Total Amount received. |              |               |                                |        |
|                |        |                                              |                                                                 |                             |                |    |    |                           |       |                        |              |               |                                |        |
|                | Acres. |                                              |                                                                 |                             | A.             | R. | P. | £                         | s.    | d.                     | Acres.       | Acres.        |                                |        |
| Auckland ..    | 12,104 | 111                                          | 51                                                              | 191                         | 5,971          | 2  | 29 | 2                         | 181   | 10                     | 0            | 1,843         | 2,759                          | 2,011  |
| Hawke's Bay .. | 2,025  | 17                                           | 16                                                              | 64                          | 1,890          | 0  | 0  | 1                         | 272   | 17                     | 3            | 1,829         | 1,829                          | ..     |
| Taranaki ..    | 42,127 | 356                                          | 250                                                             | 872                         | 32,732         | 2  | 7  | ..                        | ..    | ..                     | ..           | 15,803        | 17,463                         | 10,222 |
| Wellington ..  | 32,572 | 273                                          | 233                                                             | 811                         | 27,859         | 3  | 34 | 34                        | 3,433 | 4                      | 0            | 19,228        | 19,943                         | 26,734 |
| Southland ..   | 4,862  | 57                                           | 45                                                              | ..                          | 4,732          | 1  | 16 | ..                        | ..    | ..                     | ..           | 2,945         | 2,844                          | 1,394  |
| Totals ..      | 93,690 | 814                                          | 595                                                             | 1,938                       | 73,126         | 2  | 6  | 37                        | 3,887 | 11                     | 3            | 41,648        | 44,888                         | 40,361 |

| District.      | Amount paid to Selectors for Improvements. |                                  |              |                                  |                 |                                         | Rent and Interest paid by Selectors. |    | Value of Improvements now on the Land, including those paid for by Government. |       |    |    |        |    |   |         |    |   |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|--------|----|---|---------|----|---|
|                | Past Transactions.                         |                                  | During Year. |                                  | Total Payments. | During the Year ended 31st March, 1909. | From Commencement of System.         |    |                                                                                |       |    |    |        |    |   |         |    |   |
|                | For Houses.                                | For Bushfelling and other Works. | For Houses.  | For Bushfelling and other Works. |                 |                                         |                                      |    |                                                                                |       |    |    |        |    |   |         |    |   |
|                | £                                          | s.                               | d.           | £                                | s.              | d.                                      | £                                    | s. | d.                                                                             | £     | s. | d. |        |    |   |         |    |   |
| Auckland ..    | 1,457                                      | 5                                | 0            | 6,101                            | 2               | 0                                       | 7,847                                | 17 | 11                                                                             | 661   | 13 | 4  | 3,483  | 13 | 5 | 16,969  | 0  | 0 |
| Hawke's Bay .. | 159                                        | 14                               | 4            | 1,860                            | 9               | 5                                       | 2,020                                | 3  | 9                                                                              | 248   | 13 | 11 | 2,936  | 5  | 4 | 8,141   | 12 | 9 |
| Taranaki ..    | 3,575                                      | 10                               | 0            | 19,069                           | 0               | 8                                       | 24,915                               | 13 | 8                                                                              | 1,814 | 16 | 4  | 12,360 | 10 | 0 | 61,160  | 0  | 0 |
| Wellington ..  | 3,090                                      | 15                               | 0            | 14,367                           | 2               | 0                                       | 17,457                               | 17 | 0                                                                              | 2,299 | 19 | 0  | 21,272 | 4  | 3 | 90,480  | 8  | 2 |
| Southland ..   | 902                                        | 1                                | 0            | 11,155                           | 14              | 2                                       | 12,057                               | 15 | 2                                                                              | 304   | 13 | 5  | 2,385  | 4  | 3 | 10,146  | 3  | 6 |
| Totals ..      | 9,185                                      | 5                                | 4            | 52,553                           | 8               | 3                                       | 64,299                               | 7  | 6                                                                              | 5,329 | 16 | 0  | 42,437 | 17 | 3 | 186,897 | 4  | 5 |