

Table B.—Return showing Selections during the Year, &amp;c.—continued.

Tenure.	Selections during the Year.		Net Area held at 31st March, 1909.	
	Number.	Area.	Number of Selectors.	Area.
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands—continued.</i>		A. R. P.		A. R. P.
Village-homestead special settlement .. .. .	..	..	612	13,601 1 10
Special-settlement associations .. .. .	..	..	662	115,731 2 22
Improved-farm special settlements .. .. .	..	..	595	73,126 2 6
Small grazing-runs .. .. .	2	3,555 0 0	250	459,696 1 20
Pastoral runs .. .. .	43	151,980 3 37	451	6,772,210 3 37
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	52	9,118 1 15	200	37,332 2 11
Miscellaneous leases .. .. .	443	91,488 3 22	3,184	607,230 1 14
Totals .. .. .	1,702	530,710 0 16	18,590	11,419,159 1 32
<i>Cheviot Estate,—</i>				
Lease in perpetuity .. .. .	..	..	118	24,387 2 2
Village homestead .. .. .	..	..	92	2,480 1 0
Grazing-farms .. .. .	..	..	49	45,782 0 7
Pastoral runs .. .. .	..	..	1	1,642 0 0
Miscellaneous leases .. .. .	3	12 3 20	52	1,293 0 24
Totals .. .. .	3	12 3 20	312	75,584 3 33
<i>Land for Settlements,—</i>				
Cash lands .. .. .	21	47 0 10	..	..
Lease in perpetuity .. .. .	..	..	3,663	676,370 2 18
Renewable lease .. .. .	228	93,294 0 20	373	155,972 3 7
Village lease in perpetuity .. .. .	..	..	46	438 1 28
„ renewable lease .. .. .	2	9 2 16	2	9 2 16
Special-settlement associations .. .. .	..	..	11	2,114 1 9
Small grazing-runs .. .. .	..	..	112	211,004 0 33
Pastoral runs .. .. .	..	..	2	953 2 38
Miscellaneous leases .. .. .	37	2,347 2 33	204	6,777 0 2
Totals .. .. .	288	95,698 1 39	4,413	1,053,640 2 31
<i>National Endowment Lands,—</i>				
Renewable lease .. .. .	383	123,770 2 4	412	128,260 1 1
„ village settlement .. .. .	57	468 0 20	70	574 1 33
Small grazing-runs .. .. .	8	25,434 0 0	423	1,129,732 2 13
Pastoral runs .. .. .	30	69,957 2 16	221	4,265,916 0 34
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	31	5,624 2 38	124	22,156 1 39
Miscellaneous leases .. .. .	101	64,844 3 24	333	163,001 1 28
Totals .. .. .	610	290,099 3 22	1,583	5,709,641 1 28
Thermal springs, Rotorua .. .. .	..	..	306	6,057 0 2
Grand totals .. .. .	2,603	916,521 1 17	25,204	18,264,083 2 6

#### IMPROVED-FARM SETTLEMENTS OPENED UNDER THE LANDS IMPROVEMENT AND NATIVE LANDS ACQUISITION ACT.

The total area now held is 73,126 acres, for which there are 595 selectors, who have received advances to the total amount of £64,299 7s. 6d., but whose improvements are valued at £186,897 4s. 5d. Those situated in the Auckland District have not made much advance. In the Ohura country, Taranaki, the Commissioner of Crown Lands says in his report, “The improved-farm settlements established in this portion of the district have made excellent progress, and will undoubtedly prove a great success.” In the Wellington Land District this class of settlement has made excellent progress, but, as the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington, remarks in his report, “The most of the smaller farming tenures, including improved-farm settlements, &c., are gradually coming under the general provisions of the Land Act, and following dairying wherever possible.” In last year’s report a hope was expressed of opening additional areas under this system for workers who had been engaged upon the North Island Main Trunk line. Owing, however, to the very valuable nature of the milling-timber upon most of the areas suitable for settlement, it was decided to open smaller areas under the village-homestead conditions of “The Land Act, 1908.” This is more particularly referred to in the next paragraph.

#### VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS.

Under the provisions of “The Land Act, 1908,” areas adjoining the North Island Main Trunk line were opened during the year, the applications being confined to workers on the railway, and with the preference to married men. It was considered that areas from 1 acre to 10, 20, or 30 acres would stand a better chance of being thoroughly cultivated than larger areas. One hundred and nine men availed themselves of this class of settlement, selecting 690 acres. There are at present 2,170 persons holding 42,401 acres under village settlement conditions, but these figures do not include those selectors who selected land under that system but who were permitted to exchange into other tenures.