

TABLE B.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING THE AREA OF CROWN LAND SELECTED EACH YEAR DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS; THE GROSS REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM ALL SOURCES DURING THE SAME PERIOD; AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTORS AND THE NET AREA OF CROWN LAND HELD AT THE CLOSE OF EACH YEAR.

Year ended 31st March.	Area of Crown Land taken up during Year.		Area of Crown Land held at Close of Each Year.		Gross Revenue received during Each Year from all Sources.
	Number of Purchasers or Selectors.	Area.	Total Number of Selectors.	Area.	
		Acres.		Acres.	£
1908	2,225	1,326,780	24,179	17,883,911	658,795
1909	2,603	916,521	25,204	18,264,083	696,375
1910	2,582	2,431,143	26,498	18,722,779	674,907
1911	2,267	1,412,742	27,496	18,961,509	784,843
1912	2,459	2,635,329	28,466	19,391,231	893,058

From the above it will be seen that the number of selectors was larger than that of the previous year and of the year 1908, but smaller than in the years 1909 and 1910. The area selected was, however, larger than in any of the previous four years, the increased area being principally due to the pastoral runs that were relet in the Land Districts of Canterbury and Otago.

In addition to this the Department also administers educational and other endowments, which are leased to 4,237 selectors, occupying an area of 1,187,751 acres, and making a grand total of 32,703 selectors with an area of 20,578,982 acres held at the 31st March, 1912.

The following tables marked C and D give respectively the number of selectors and the area selected during the year, and the total lands held under each tenure at the close of the year.

TABLE C.—RETURN SHOWING SELECTIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Tenure.	Number.	Area taken up.		
<i>Ordinary Crown Lands,—</i>		A.	R.	P.
Cash lands	391	6,059	0	22
Occupation with right of purchase	379	131,482	2	35
Renewable lease	15	629	3	37
Mining districts land-occupation leases	53	1,404	0	23
Village settlement, cash	1	0	2	0
„ occupation with right of purchase	1	0	2	15
„ renewable lease	42	405	0	32
Improved-farm special settlement	8	1,385	1	39
Small grazing-runs	1	2,505	0	0
Pastoral runs	73	1,348,644	2	32
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	106	33,372	0	19
Miscellaneous leases	515	45,233	1	22
Totals	1,585	1,571,122	3	36
<i>Cheviot Estate,—</i>				
Cash lands	2	0	2	0
Miscellaneous leases	2	7	3	19
Totals	4	8	1	19
<i>Land for Settlements,—</i>				
Cash lands	15	35	3	6
Renewable lease	247	91,768	0	30
Renewable lease, village settlement	1	0	1	0
Pastoral runs	1	31	0	15
Miscellaneous leases	26	694	0	20
Totals	290	92,529	1	31
<i>National-endowment Lands,—</i>				
Renewable lease	307	94,084	0	0
Village renewable lease	16	194	3	11
Mining districts land-occupation leases	2	22	0	0
Small grazing-runs	22	142,111	3	11
Pastoral runs	32	683,861	0	0
Pastoral licenses in mining districts under special regulations	86	19,741	3	2
Miscellaneous leases	115	31,653	0	4
Totals	580	971,668	3	4
Grand totals	2,459	2,635,329	2	10
Primary education endowments	16	5,179	1	10
Secondary education endowments	3	1,081	2	25
Other endowment lands	9	5,956	2	22