

REVENUE.

The revenue collected by the Receivers of Land Revenue for the year totals £893,058, and is greater by £108,215 than the previous year's receipts. The territorial revenue included in this sum is £247,803, which is slightly less than the amount under this heading in the previous year.

Table F appended gives the amount collected in each land district :—

TABLE F.—REVENUE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1912.

District.						Territorial Revenue.	Non-territorial Revenue.	Total Revenue
						£	£	£
Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	68,833	101,748	170,581
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	31,465	85,150	116,615
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	16,793	29,438	46,231
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	29,840	80,997	110,837
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	9,586	25,815	35,401
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	11,236	28,916	40,152
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	5,680	17,207	22,887
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	23,554	149,017	172,571
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	31,726	89,393	121,119
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	19,090	37,574	56,664
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	247,803	645,255	893,058

REBATES OF RENT.

If rents are paid within thirty days of the date upon which they are due, the Land Act and the Land for Settlements Act provide for a discount to the tenant. Upon ordinary Crown lands and national-endowment lands 10,629 tenants received such discounts, amounting to £12,425 12s. 11d., and on Cheviot Estate and land-for-settlements holdings 4,728 tenants obtained discounts to the extent of £25,569 0s. 9d., making the total rebates £37,994 13s. 8d.

PAYMENTS OF "THIRDS" AND "FOURTHS" TO LOCAL BODIES.

Section 145 of the Land Act, 1908, enacts that a certain proportion of the rents received from the letting of the lands are to be paid to the local authorities for road-making purposes. During the past year the amount handed to the local bodies under this authority totalled £33,365 19s. 1d.

TIMBER AND FLAX ROYALTIES.

The "halves" of timber and flax royalties paid to local bodies under the authority of section 319 of the Land Act, 1908, amounted to £13,822 11s.

LANDS PURCHASED AND DEALT WITH UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT.

Six estates, containing 76,451 acres, were subdivided and placed in the market during the year, five being in the Canterbury Land District and one in the Otago Land District. Practically the whole of this area was disposed of on the day of opening, indicating that there is still a keen demand for improved land situated in a favourable locality. Up to the 31st March last an area of 1,342,760 acres had been acquired and opened for selection. The area actually held under lease was 1,231,253 acres, by 5,060 selectors, paying an annual rental of £297,117. Improvements to the value of £2,084,184 had been effected, and the total receipts amounted to £2,373,058.

The subjoined table gives in a brief form the principal purposes for which these settlements are being utilized, and the present position of each. A perusal of this table will show, from the varied purposes for which the lands are utilized, that the purchase and disposition of areas under the Land for Settlements Act provides land for all classes of the community.