1914. NEW ZEALAND.

THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT, 1908

(REPORT ON).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in compliance with Section 85 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1908.

THE LAND PURCHASE INSPECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONERS to the MINISTER OF LANDS.

Sir,— Wellington, 8th July, 1914.

I have the honour to submit the report of the Department for the year ending the 31st March, 1914.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.

The number of properties considered was 199, of an area of 652,883 acres. Many of these were found to be quite unsuitable for settlement, or were offered at such a price as to preclude business.

The area purchased and taken possession of was 141,327 acres, costing £560,498. In addition the leases of 108,786 acres of Crown land were surrendered, and a portion has been utilized as additions to settlement lands. The total expenditure to 31st March is £6,936,613, for 1,490,367 acres.

There was an active demand for the whole of the estates purchased, with the exception of those in Southland. These are, however, being gradually taken up, and it is expected that the whole will be occupied within a month or so.

The successful applicants are reported as being of a good type and likely to do justice to their

holdings.

The purchase of further areas is being steadily pursued, and already 25,793 acres, valued at £181,582, have been completed. There appears to be a disposition on the part of landowners to quit their holdings, and considerable areas are being offered, but in many instances at prices which are considered to be much beyond the value. With the present returns for all produce there is, however, some justification for owners looking for extreme prices.

LAND SETTLEMENT FINANCE ACT.

The operations during the period have been somewhat restricted, principally owing to the tightness of the money-market in the earlier part of the year.

There were four associations incorporated, with an area of 4,182 acres, valued at £58,830, and a membership of 27. The total number of associations incorporated to date is 38, with an area of 39,232 acres, valued at £520,924, and 266 members.

There are several others now under consideration. With few exceptions the success of the several associations is assured.

In two instances at least, mainly owing to adverse weather-conditions and bad roads, the financial position of the members has been seriously affected, and some mode of relief may be necessary.

The procedure to be adopted under the present Land Settlement Finance Act is found most cumbersome and almost unworkable, therefore every endeavour should be made to place upon the statute-book the proposed new Bill. It is confidently expected that a considerable impetus would be given to settlement under an improved measure.

Appended are explanatory tables.

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JOHN D. RITCHIE.

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Minister of Lands.

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Table A .- Number of Properties considered during the Year ending 31st March, 1914.

amber.	Area of Estates offered.		
	Acres.		
38	165,903		
27	220,946		
3	3,264		
24	32,140		
2	6,993		
2	17,521		
1	555		
45	77,130		
22	45,490		
35	82,941		
00	652,883		
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Table B.—Summary of Estates acquired up to 31st March, 1914.

	Land	District.			Number.	Area.	Purchase-money.	Incidental Expenses, Improvements, Roads &c.
						Acres.	£	£
Auckland					30	285,737	488,402	90,207
Hawke's Bay					34	226,197	1,414,681	100,245
Taranaki					5	5,356	90,196	6,749
Wellington					30	70,861	533,807	67,841
Marlborough					11	201,394	563,638	50,982
Nelson	• •				.3	27,292	34,375	3,183
Westland	•				2	5,125	8,343	2,921
Canterbury	••			7.	99	369,304	2,385,867	100,980
Otago	••			•	38	219,503	1,095,886	96,550
Southland	•••		• •		12	79,598	321,418	22,174
T	otals				264	1,490,367	6,936,613	541.832

Table C.—Position of the Land for Settlements Account for the Year ending 31st March, 1914.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Cash and instalments	47,672 0 4	Purchase-money	560,497 3 3
Amounts received from New Zealand		Charges and expenses— £ s. d.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
State-guaranteed Advances Office—		In connection with	
In terms of section 89 of New Zea-		estates purchased 21,331 13 1	
land State-guaranteed Advances		Other expenses 4,568 11 11	
	163,877 12 0		25,900 5 O
Part proceeds of loan for redemp-	,	Debentures redeemed and matured	50,000 0 0
tion of debentures matured 1st		Interest	266,205 2 0
April, 1912	50,000 0 0	1	200,200 2 0
Debentures issued, &c., under New	,	Amendment Act, 1913	37,171 0 0
	306,588 0 0	Sinking fund	48,910 5 7
Amount set aside for opening up Crown	,	Balance	64,297 6 11
lands for settlement in terms of sec-			01,201 0 11
tion 63, Land Laws Amendment Act,			
1913	3,000 0 0		
Receipts under Land Act, 1908-	0,000 0 0		
Section 177	at a		
Section 191	108 2 6		
	340,183 0 10		
	135,664 6 11		
	5,888 0 2		
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TABLE D.—Position of the Land for Settlements Account at 31st March, 1914.

Dr.				£	Cr.					£
Loans current				7,222,375	Purchase-mone					6,936,613
	• •				Incidental expe	nses				600,760
Receipts under Land Act,					Interest				٠.	2,506,267
Receipts under Land Act,	section	177	• •	59,700	Sinking fund	• •	• •			459,372
	• •	• •			Land Laws Am	endm er	nt Act, se	ction 63		34,171
Interest on investments	• •	• •	• •	1,973	Balance					64,297
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			£.	10,601,480					£	10,601,480
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Ongaonga	::	::		14 10	By agreement.	: ;	6,539	32,727 10,838 5	: ::
Wealthogron	Springhill Waratah Kofri	:::	Onga	9 15 8 0 8 10	By agreement	Spring hill	2,428 2,079	10,833 23,672 16,632 14,880	: ::
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Wairau Valley 6 5 0 By agreement. Hillersden F9,808 Wairau Valley 6 5 0 By agreement. Lynton Downs 6,771 42,321† NELSON By agreement. Howard 2,945 4,400‡	Macdonald, J. R., and Bartholomew, A. M. Stone-Wigg, A. J Poroporo Beetham, H. H Brancepeth Brancepeth	: : : મ્	Levin Near Waira	35 0 8 0 6 10 1 0	$\begin{array}{c} \text{By agreement} \\ " \\ " \\ \end{array}$	es S	604 3,762 523 5,148	21,159 30,096 3,399 5,148	::::
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Nelson. By agreement. Howard 2,945							85,030	208,621	:
	Lake Run	:	Toph	:	By agreement		2,945	4,400‡	:

Table E.—Return of Lands purchased from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914—continued.

Area approxi- mately not	yet taken Possession of.	Acres.	::	:	::	::	:	::::;:	::	:	: :
Area taken Possession of during Year and Amount paid.	Paid for Land, &c.	£ 12,299 17,554 31,710	61,563	61,551	10,234 9,289	19,523 20	19,543	25,653 33,932* 18,510 19,189 11,279	108, 563	32	560,498
Area taken Pos Year and	Area.	Acres. 820 1,253 3,624	5,697	•	758 664	1,422	•	3,538 6,463 4,114 4,952 3,609	22,676	:	141,327
Name of Settlement.		Lansdowne	:		Clareview Te Puke	:		Maori Hill Waiarikiki Knowsley Park	:	:	
Mode of	Acquisition.	By agreement ;;	:		By agreement	:		By agreement	:	:	
Price	per Acre.	£ s. d. 15 0 0 14 0 0 8 15 0	:		13 10 0 14 0 0	:		7 7 7 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	:	:	
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Locality	· Correction	CANTERBURY. Near Waimate Waituna Waihaorunga	:		Orago. Herbert Georgetown	:		Southland. Tuatapere Balfour Mataura	:	:	
Nema of Refeta	Marine Of Topiano.	Lensdowne Hohenfeldt Tara	÷		Clareview	:		Maori Hill Ardlussa Wajarikiki Knowsley Park Fortification Hill	:	:	
Many of Ourse	Name of Owner.	Croucher, M. Sutherland, D. M Meredith, R	Less adjustments, rates, &c.		Buckley, D	Add adjustments, rates, &c.		Cameron, D., and Macaulay, J. Ardlussa Land Company McAuley, A. S. Matheson, M. Washbourne Bros.	Less amount for eash in lieu of debentures, Ardlussa	Less adjustments, rates, &c.	

* Including goodwill of 6,000 acres leasehold.

Table F.—Estates acquired since 31st March, 1914, or Purchased before and not dealt with.

Name.	Estate.	Locality.	Area.	Price.	Possession.
W. J. Burch and Son L. H. Otway A. S. G. Carlyon W. G. Rudd H. Ensor A. Copland A. Copland	Aylesbury Gwavas Meadowbank Hillboro' Otaio Finlay Downs	Matakohe, Auckland Waihou, Auckland Tikokino, Hawke's Bay Lee's Valley, Canterbury St. Andrew's, Canterbury Otaio, Canterbury	Acres. 2,141 1,658 5,942 2,343 2,620 612 691 3,635 2,108 4,043	£ 14,452 14,922 28,967 12,418 12,445 8,415 10,365 41,882 20,533 17,183	31 March, 1915 1 Aug., 1914 28 Feb., 1915 28 ,, ,, 31 March, ,, 31 ,, ,, 30 ,, ,, 30 ,, ,, 30 ,, ,,

Table G.—Land-settlement Finance Associations incorporated up to 31st March, 1913.

Association.	Locality.	Name of Owner.	Area.	Purchase- money.	Number of Mem- bers	Area of Allotment.
	AUCKLAND.		Acres.	L £		Acres.
Eureka	Eureka	G. Howie	824	15,870	5	100, 188, 200, 185, 151.
Tainui		W. Ranstead	466	6,520	5	112, 50, 50, 82, 172.
Komata South	Komata South	Hubbards and Hub-	658	9,990	5	176, 158, 89, 104, 131.
Wilatoio	Hikutaia	bards's executors G. Alley	839	7 669	8	100 100 100 110 145 05
Hikutaia Melrose	773 4 1	G. Alley	858	7,663 6,466	5	180, 180, 129, 110, 145, 95 169, 169, 176, 176, 168.
Martha	TT	McGuire and Miller	1,698	10,245	10	174, 172, 184, 184, 185
Glengariff	01	Greenslade, Mrs	1,088	15,237	9	198, 200, 100, 101, 200. 152, 185, 130, 155, 156
		777 37				208, 102.
Dunlop		Sturges, W. N.	450	5,967	5	110, 123, 63, 76, 78.
Waipa		McGovern, F.	678	11,186	5	100, 101, 138, 176, 163.
***	ſ	Hutchinson, C. Q Butler, R.	1,009 $1,182$	8,582	7	196, 130, 270, 170, 243. 200, 200, 200, 205, 117
Walton	w ···	Dunier, 16.	1,102	13,003	9	138, 122.
Waitangi	Waiuku	Sinclair, W. F	1,014	9,637	5	200, 200, 205, 205, 204.
Pukekawa	Pukekawa	Morrison, R. E	690	4,840	6	150, 133, 150, 53, 204.
Moana Vale	Roto-o-rangi	Paine, F	1,812	13,474	11	150, 150, 141, 190, 200
	TYT 14	35 77 77 3 377				300, 262, 420.
Lansdowne		Mapp, F. H. and W.	773	8,506	7	160, 159, 118, 124, 212.
Woodside	Matangi	Goodwin, E. G. W.	1,294	24,583	11	170, 130, 153, 100, 78, 101
		and A.	15,333	171,769	113	195, 92, 83, 141, 51.
Korokipo	HAWKE'S BAY. Korokipo	J. E. Lane	670	16,630	7	64, 102, 79, 162, 101, 112
Matamau	Matamau	Lloyd, T. H. G., and	1,459	24,789	12	50. 112, 114, 127, 114, 166
	Martinga	Tansey, M.	2,129	41,419	19	181, 188, 141, 122, 194.
Nikau Grange	WELLINGTON. Ashburst	Messrs. Fraser	672	10 000	6	190 141 145 199 109
Nikau Grange Moorfield	I	Messrs. Fraser E. H. Crabbe	807	18,830 16,948	5	130, 141, 145, 133, 123. 150, 184, 191, 150, 132.
Auchmore	A1 1	McGregor, J	633	14,570	7	120, 101, 100, 115, 64, 55
Glencairn	Turakina			33,567	6	78. 28, 2 5, 61, 105, 110.
Quilltowen	Wanganui	Whiteman, E. H	329	11,587	8	178, 52, 140, 75, 147, 143 171.
Otauiri	Hunterville	Simpson, R. K., A. G., and R. K. jun.	906	21,524	12	95, 135, 184, 199, 147, 169, 199, 186, 94, 95, 95.
	Marlborough.	,	4,946	117,026	44	
Clifton Grove	Lower Wairau	Haywood, A. E	368	15,307	5	70, 65, 38, 41, 71, 83.
	CANTERBURY.	fra e				
Brookland	Winchester	R. Brookland	400	9,621	5	53, 68, 93, 65, 121.
Waitohi Downs		D. Shaw, jun	1,021	12,636	6	178, 197, 200, 223, 223,
Melville Downs	Fairlie	Black, William	1,023	12,280	5	197, 224, 198, 208, 196.
Gleniffer	Beautiful Valley	Macaulay, A., and	852	10,277	5	160, 200, 164, 164, 164.
		Mrs. Dick	1 110	10.040	ا ہر ا	907 907 906 910 975
Wontner	4	Nowth W D	1,113	12,248	5	207, 207, 206, 218, 275. 279, 333, 335, 276, 305.
Wentnor	Plagant Valley	North, W. B			K	
Chastleton		Harris, E	1,528	10,885	5	919 949 959 356 949
Chastleton	Pleasant Valley				5 8	213, 248, 252, 256, 242,
Chastleton	Fairlie	Harris, E.	1,528	10,885		213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301.
Chastleton Owersby	Fairlie	Harris, E Dixon, R. A	1,528 2,181 8,118	10,885 17,992 85,939	39	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301.
Chastleton Owersby	Fairlie	Harris, E.	1,528 2,181	10,885 17,992	8	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250.
Chastleton Owersby Merrivale No. 1	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E	1,528 2,181 8,118 2,276	10,885 17,992 85,939 16,560	39	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250, 199, 169, 257, 249.
Chastleton Owersby	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E Dixon, R. A	1,528 2,181 8,118	10,885 17,992 85,939	39	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250, 199, 169, 257, 249. 184, 157, 297, 310, 275
Chastleton Owersby Merrivale No. 1	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E	1,528 2,181 8,118 2,276	10,885 17,992 85,939 16,560	39	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250,
Chastleton Owersby Merrivale No. 1	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E	1,528 2,181 8,118 2,276 1,880 4,156	10,885 17,992 85,939 16,560 14,074 30,634	8 39 11 8 19	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250, 199, 169, 257, 249. 184, 157, 297, 310, 275,
Chastleton Owersby Merrivale No. 1 " No. 2	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E	1,528 2,181 8,118 2,276 1,880 4,156 35,050	10,885 17,992 85,939 16,560 14,074 30,634 462,094	8 39 11 8 19 239	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250, 199, 169, 257, 249. 184, 157, 297, 310, 275
Chastleton Owersby Merrivale No. 1	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E	1,528 2,181 8,118 2,276 1,880 4,156	10,885 17,992 85,939 16,560 14,074 30,634	8 39 11 8 19	213, 248, 252, 256, 242, 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250, 199, 169, 257, 249. 184, 157, 297, 310, 275
Chastleton Dwersby Merrivale No. 1 " No. 2	SOUTHLAND. Merrivale	Harris, E	1,528 2,181 8,118 2,276 1,880 4,156 35,050	10,885 17,992 85,939 16,560 14,074 30,634 462,094	8 39 11 8 19 239	213, 248, 252, 256, 242 284, 385, 301. 305, 376, 293, 178, 250 199, 169, 257, 249. 184, 157, 297, 310, 275

Table H.—Land-settlement Finance Associations incorporated from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914.

Association.		Locality.	Name of Owner.	Area.	Purchase- money.	Number of Mem- bers.	Area of Allotment.	
Blairgowrie		HAWKE'S BAY. Near Dannevirke	Ross, R. B.	Acres. 1,483	£ 23,681	9	Acres. 155, 153, 153, 149, 167	
22141180 11110	• •	Trous Builder Itino	1000, 11. 2.				167, 195, 176, 138.	
		CANTERBURY.					, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Kelman	• •	Loweliffe	Kelman, A. W., F. B., and J. A.	863	13,283	6	186, 115, 112, 100, 250 100.	
Trentham	••	Fairlie	Langridge, A. G., and Crampton, G. W.	1,631	15,498	7	260, 260, 217, 264, 226, 300, 104.	
				2,494	28,781	13	300, -1-	
		Otago.						
Bruce	••	Kakanui	Bruce, G.	205	6,368	5	39, 40, 76, 25, 25.	
Totals		.,		4,182	58,830	27		

TABLE I.—LAND-SETTLEMENT FINANCE ASSOCIATIONS UNDER NEGOTIATION AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Association.		Members.	Date of Agreement.	Name and Address of Vendor.		Area.	Price.
AUCKLAND. Jephson		5	••	Jephson, Paterangi		Acres. 447	£
Wellington. Lake Alice*		7	1/12/13	J. C. Meyer, jun., Marton		378	10,270
CANTERBURY. Angland	••	5 5	13/1/14	Quinn, Mrs. D., Arowhenua Guerin and Young, Winchester	••	295 556	8,800 14,150

*Since incorporated.

TABLE J.—LAND-SETTLEMENT FINANCE ASSOCIATIONS DECLINED AT 31ST MARCH, 1914.

	Association.		Members.	Date of Agreement.	Name and Address of Vendor.	Area.	Declined.
Waipa Ngaroto	AUCKLAND.		 5	**	Banks, J., near Cambridge	Acres. 1,400 614	22/1/14 5/4/13
York Fa	WELLINGTON.	••	5	26/7/ 13	Ellis, Mrs. M. F. and F. J., Hunter- ville	483	11/11/13

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