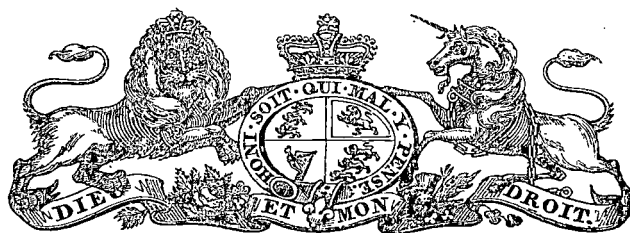


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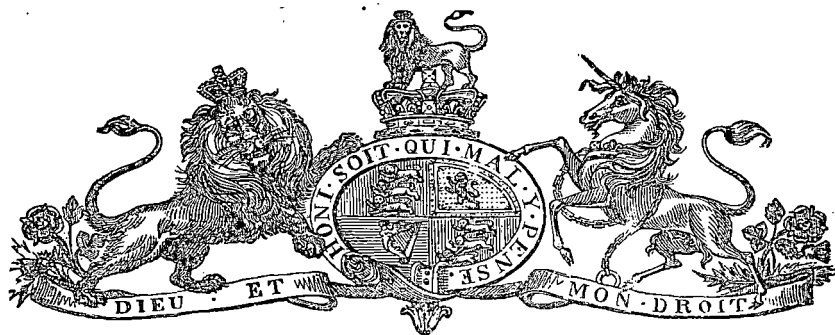
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Revenue.

THE late Deputy Surveyor-General estimated the Revenue for the year ending 30th June, 1888, at £52,495, exclusive of survey fees. The amount received to the 31st May was £46,751; and as land sales are to be held at Hobart, Launceston, and Latrobe at the end of this month, the receipts will probably reach £51,000, if not the full amount estimated.

The amount received for the year 1887 was £53,604, being an increase of £1101 on the previous year.

Progress of Settlement.

The number of applications for land during 1887 was 1514; and during the five months of this year they number 627.

The area of country lands upon which deposits were paid in 1887 was 55,046 acres, as against 50,609 acres in 1886. In the County of Devon the area was 17,897 acres, and in the County of Dorset 10,719 acres. A reference to the tables will show that these areas were far in excess of those of the years 1885 and 1886. At the end of the year 1887 certain areas along the Scottsdale line of railway, which had been withdrawn, were thrown open for selection, and a large number of applications have been received, the surveys in connection with which are now being made. During the five months of this year deposits have been paid on 17,743 acres, of which 6295 acres were in the County of Devon and 3544 in Dorset.

Drafting Room.

The Chief Draftsman reports that a large amount of work has been performed during the past twelve months. New plans have been compiled of the Towns of Triabunna, Strahan, Derby, St. Mary's, Franklin, Carnarvon, Sorell, Colebrook Dale, Mangana, Bellerive, Ross, Hythe, and Chudleigh. New editions have been issued of Ulverstone and Formby, and plans are in course of preparation of Somerset, Richmond, Avoca, Swansea, and the suburbs of Launceston. Corrected editions have also been issued of the Counties of Wellington, Devon, Cornwall, and Buckingham. Plans have been required showing boundaries of Districts for Assessment purposes, Fruit Districts, and Rabbit Districts. The preparation of these, with the ordinary work of making tracings, &c. has kept the staff fully occupied.

During the year 1887, 1114 surveyors' plans were examined and checked, and during the five months of 1888, 307 plans.

The work of preparing Registers, showing the lands selected under the Waste Lands Act, has occupied a considerable portion of the time of two draftsmen, and, though not yet completed, the Public Works branch has been from time to time supplied with the necessary information for the distribution of the funds under that Act.

Lithography.

Both the Photo-Lithographer and Lithographer have been fully employed, and the style of work turned out has shown a great improvement upon that of previous years. A large amount of work has been done for the Defence Force, Board of Health, Post Office, Fisheries Department, Federal Council, Statistician, &c., in addition to that required by the Lands, Works, and Mines Departments in the ordinary course.

Examination for Land Surveyors.

In December, 1887, two candidates were examined, both of whom passed satisfactorily.

Regulations for District Surveyors.

Some of the District Surveyors having represented that the scale of fees at present paid was not sufficiently large for the increased accuracy of the work required from them, and various suggestions having been made which did not prove satisfactory, it was decided that a conference of surveyors should be held for the purpose of considering whether, without sacrificing accuracy, the Regulations could be so amended that the work should prove more remunerative. To some extent the object of this conference will be attained; but it is not considered practicable to increase the emoluments of surveyors at the cost of the selector.

Miscellaneous.

I am glad to be able to report that the Chief Draftsman has completed, for the Registrar-General, the much needed work, the re-description of the boundaries of Registration Districts, three of the draftsmen having supplied him with the necessary maps.

Appended are tables showing the statistics of the Crown Lands Department since the year 1881.

E. N. C. BRADDON.

SELECTION UNDER 24TH SECTION.

RETURN showing the Number of Lots sold in each County for the Years 1882 to 1887 inclusive, and the first Five Months of 1888.

<i>County.</i>	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888. 5 Months.
Buckingham	41	84	116	97	79	65	34
Cornwall	20	27	42	39	34	35	13
Cumberland	5	17	30	20	24	32	12
Devon	74	90	218	145	147	181	71
Dorset	84	75	122	80	64	150	44
Glamorgan	5	4	19	8	7	6	1
Kent	22	29	29	46	36	13	18
Lincoln .....	...	...	1	...	2	12	1
Monmouth	26	40	25	28	23	19	5
Pembroke	28	37	88	70	76	24	10
Somerset	3	8	1	5	6	6	5
Wellington	9	16	33	53	90	69	24
Westmoreland	18	27	51	40	38	19	8
TOTALS.....	335	454	775	631	626	631	246

STATISTICS—CROWN LANDS BRANCH—

From 1882 to 1887, inclusive, and the first Five Months of 1888.

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888. 5 Months.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts from all sources	52,338	52,423	59,679	57,231	52,503	53,604	19,054
Receipts from Deposits and Instalments, 24th Section	21,422	24,975	33,743	31,614	30,620	31,346	12,865
Receipts from other sales	21,828	17,675	16,805	17,373	14,582	16,080	3554
Rent of Crown land for pastoral purposes	7996	8781	8002	7115	5812	5018	1812
Fees for Timber Licences, Grant Deeds, Diagrams, &c.	1092	992	1129	1129	1489	1160	823
Area of Country Lands sold	Acres. 26,274	Acres. 36,796	Acres. 68,284	Acres. 52,862	Acres. 50,609	Acres. 55,046	Acres. 17,743
Area selected under Immigration Act	357	1297	5849	6052	3664	3912	643
Number of applications for selection and purchase	1075	1610	1748	1942	1734	1514	627
Number of Grant Deeds issued	377	402	602	610	554	549	280

RETURN showing Area of Country Lots of Crown Lands sold during the Years 1882 to 1887, inclusive, and the first Five Months of 1888.

County.	1882.			1883.			1884.			1885.			1886.			1887.			1888. 5 Months.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Buckingham	1693	2	0	3497	2	0	5056	1	16	4684	3	9	3494	3	37	2931	3	36	1755	3	13
Cornwall	1741	2	0	2336	3	0	2359	3	16	1717	0	23	2132	3	8	2171	2	29	393	1	32
Cumberland	2236	0	0	2231	3	0	5210	0	1	3318	1	3	2719	1	38	2680	3	35	820	3	31
Devon	5763	2	32	7246	3	0	18,307	3	18	12,281	1	3	10,134	0	9	17,897	0	30	6295	3	0
Dorset	6430	3	32	5689	3	16	11,827	0	0	8332	1	9	4676	1	33	10,719	1	28	3544	2	28
Glamorgan	240	3	10	1224	0	0	3415	2	9	1195	3	32	1806	2	22	297	0	14	15	3	0
Kent	2271	2	0	1732	3	0	2634	3	4	3117	3	33	2818	2	20	794	0	26	994	0	12
Lincoln .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	392	2	27	...	...	...	622	0	0	2957	0	13	50	1	4
Monmouth	873	0	5	3022	2	27	1545	3	3	1727	2	17	1279	1	0	1071	3	12	151	2	21
Pembroke	1770	3	0	2984	1	0	8194	0	29	6003	2	3	6664	0	13	1884	0	1	431	0	10
Somerset	958	3	0	2098	1	0	150	2	13	1408	1	7	654	3	21	1087	0	4	451	3	16
Wellington	941	2	0	1171	3	0	2769	0	18	4586	0	27	10,315	0	0	9164	0	34	2378	2	21
Westmoreland	1354	0	0	3470	1	0	6720	3	39	4488	3	0	3291	2	33	1409	3	8	459	0	12
TOTALS	26,275	3	39	36,706	2	3	68,584	2	33	52,862	0	6	50,609	3	34	55,046	1	30	17,743	0	0

RETURN of Town and Suburban Lots sold during the Years 1882 to 1887, inclusive, and the first Five Months of 1888.

Year.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount sold for.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
1882.....	308	893 0 6½	8677 16 8
1883.....	173	839 1 13	4400 15 2
1884.....	291	1031 3 16	5908 19 3
1885.....	224	1058 0 17	4907 2 3
1886.....	79	394 0 27¾	5221 12 7
1887.....	100	478 3 4½	3119 13
1888 (5 months)	58	105 0 6	568 6