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CROWN LANDS OFFICE:

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
CROWN LANDS.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



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1890-91.

Crown Lands Office, 7th July, 1891.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you my Report on the work done by the Crown Lands Office during the year 1890 and the first six months of the present year.

Revenue.

The revenue estimated by me for the year 1890, excluding survey fees, was £56,000; the actual amount received was £55,151. The receipts to the end of June, 1891 amount to £24,773.

Progress of Settlement.

The number of applications received for land in the year 1890 amounted to 1924, for an area of 116,000 acres. Deposits were paid in that year on 610 lots, containing an aggregate area of 42,987 acres. On the 1st January, 1891, the new Crown Lands Act came into operation, and, notwithstanding the provisions made in it for permanent improvements, and that issue of grant deed on each lot will be delayed until £1 per acre has been spent, up to the end of June applications for 743 lots, with an area of 54,684 acres, have been received. Of these 7942 acres are in mining areas, chiefly on the West Coast. During the present year deposits have been paid on 18,350 acres.

The amount received for sales by auction in 1890 was £8454 6s. 8d. for 207 lots, containing an area of 572 acres, being an average of £14 15s. 7d. per acre. In the present year auction sales have been small, as no lots in towns on the West Coast have been offered.

Pastoral Leases.

The revenue under this head in 1890 amounted to £5690, being an increase on previous years; for the six months of 1891 £2642 has been received. The total area of pastoral land now leased is 666,193 acres, at an annual rental of £5007 12s.

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

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALBERT REID,
Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works.

SELECTION UNDER 24TH SECTION.

RETURN showing the Number of Lots sold in each County for the Years 1882 to 1890 inclusive, and the first Six Months of 1891.

County.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891. 6 Months.
Buckingham	41	84	116	97	79	65	56	70	104	43
Cornwall	20	27	42	39	34	35	36	44	36	16
Cumberland	5	17	30	20	24	32	23	18	10	15
Devon	74	90	218	145	147	181	123	150	132	48
Dorset	84	75	122	80	64	150	102	148	71	24
Flinders .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	16	2
Franklin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Glamorgan	5	4	19	8	7	6	3	11	9	1
Kent	22	29	29	46	36	13	28	33	44	12
Lincoln .....	...	...	1	...	2	12	2	3	5	2
Monmouth	26	40	25	28	23	19	15	27	16	1
Montagu .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	28	3
Pembroke	28	37	88	70	76	24	27	53	34	16
Russell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...
Somerset	3	8	1	5	6	6	5	9	1	...
Wellington	9	16	33	53	90	69	47	101	86	42
Westmorland	18	27	51	40	38	19	10	8	18	6
TOTALS.....	335	454	775	631	626	631	483	723	610	231

STATISTICS—CROWN LANDS BRANCH—

From 1882 to 1890 inclusive, and the first Six Months of 1891.

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891. 6 Months.
Receipts from all sources	£ 52,338	£ 52,423	£ 59,679	£ 57,231	£ 52,503	£ 53,604	£ 56,883	£ 57,864	£ 55,151	£ 24,773
Receipts from Deposits and Instalments, 24th Section	21,422	24,975	33,743	31,614	30,620	31,346	35,382	38,196	37,373	17,290
Receipts from other sales	21,828	17,675	16,805	17,373	14,582	16,080	13,848	10,970	10,074	4072
Rent of Crown land for pastoral purposes	7996	8781	8002	7115	5812	5018	4576	5032	5690	2642
Fees for Timber Licences, Grant Deeds, Diagrams, &c.	1092	992	1120	1129	1489	1160	3077	3666	2014	769
Area of Country Lands sold	Acres. 26,274	Acres. 36,796	Acres. 68,284	Acres. 52,862	Acres. 50,609	Acres. 55,046	Acres. 35,671	Acres. 50,566	Acres. 42,987	Acres. 18,350
Area selected under Immigration Act	357	1297	5849	6052	3664	3912	1227	1109	217	112½
Number of applications for selection and purchase	1075	1610	1748	1942	1734	1514	1524	1783	1924	743
Number of Grant Deeds issued	377	402	602	610	554	549	573	553	530	247

RETURN showing Area of Country Lots of Crown Lands sold during the Years 1882 to 1890 inclusive, and the first Six Months of 1891.

County.	1882.			1883.			1884.			1885.			1886.			1887.			1888.			1889.			1890.			1891. 6 Months.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	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	2500	1	11	3051	1	26	6150	0	2	2311	3	0
Cornwall	1741	2	0	2336	3	0	2359	3	16	1717	0	23	2132	3	8	2171	2	29	1379	1	11	3007	2	28	3048	0	7	2268	3	16
Cumberland	2236	0	0	2231	3	0	5210	0	1	3318	1	3	2719	1	38	2680	3	35	2295	1	12	745	3	19	1083	2	23	785	2	7
Devon	5763	2	32	7246	3	0	18,307	3	18	12,281	1	3	10,134	0	9	17,897	0	30	9937	2	1	11,566	2	3	9247	2	0	3369	2	1
Dorset	6430	3	32	5689	3	16	11,827	0	0	8332	1	9	4676	1	33	10,719	1	28	8238	3	7	9794	0	37	4767	3	18	1802	3	4
Flinders	...			...			...			...			...			...			...			3743	3	2	2412	0	21	35	0	26
Franklin	...			...			...			...			...			...			...			57	2	0	...			...
Glamorgan	240	3	10	1224	0	0	3415	2	9	1195	3	32	1806	2	22	297	0	14	387	1	0	743	1	1	443	2	35	74	2	7
Kent	2271	2	0	1732	3	0	2634	3	4	3117	3	33	2818	2	20	794	0	26	1392	3	9	2121	1	9	2445	0	22	923	3	28
Lincoln	...			...			392	2	27	...			622	0	0	2957	0	13	114	3	1	340	2	12	991	1	3	105	2	24
Monmouth	873	0	5	3022	2	27	1545	3	3	1727	2	17	1279	1	0	1071	3	12	946	0	7	1166	2	10	488	3	6	42	0	0
Montagu	...			...			...			...			...			...			...			148	0	23	291	1	35	30	0	0
Pembroke	1770	3	0	2984	1	0	8194	0	29	6003	2	3	6664	0	13	1884	0	1	2524	2	16	3441	1	24	2243	0	12	1581	3	7
Russell	...			...			...			...			...			...			165	3	14	...			...			...
Somerset	958	3	0	2098	1	0	150	2	13	1408	1	7	654	3	21	1067	0	4	451	2	36	1287	2	24	23	3	16	...		
Wellington	941	2	0	1171	3	0	2769	0	18	4586	0	27	10,315	0	0	9164	0	34	4792	0	5	5695	2	20	8432	2	28	4768	1	22
Westmorland	1354	0	0	3470	1	0	6720	3	39	4488	3	0	3291	2	33	1409	3	8	544	3	12	655	0	13	977	3	1	250	2	14
TOTAL	26,275	3	39	36,706	2	3	68,584	2	33	52,862	0	6	50,609	3	34	55,046	1	30	35,671	0	22	50,566	2	9	42,986	3	29	18,350	1	36

RETURN of Town and Suburban Lots sold during the Years 1882 to 1890 inclusive, and the first Six Months of 1891.

Year.	No. of Lots.	Area.			Amount sold for.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
1882.....	308	893	0	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	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	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	5221	12	7
1887.....	100	478	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3119	13	0
1888.....	192	705	3	30	5793	13	4
1889.....	435	885	1	0 $\frac{3}{16}$	14,050	11	4
1890.....	207	572	0	39 $\frac{1}{10}$	8454	6	8
1891 (6 months)	44	228	2	18 $\frac{11}{20}$	1082	9	4

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