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REPORT

OF

PROCEEDINGS TAKEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS

OF

THE SETTLEMENT ON LANDS ACT 1893

(PART III., *LAND ACT* 1901),

DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,

1902.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

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REPORT.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Melbourne, 30th July, 1902.

To *His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor in and over the State of Victoria and its Dependencies.*

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings taken under the *Settlement on Lands Act 1893* (Part III. of the *Land Act 1901*) for the financial year ended on the 30th June, 1902:—

The number of applications under Sections 5 and 20 received and registered during the year is 170, of which 68 have been approved, 61 refused or abandoned, and 41 are in course of being dealt with.

Under Sections 318 and 332 of the *Land Act 1901* (formerly Sections 5 and 20 of the *Settlement on Lands Act 1893*) 111 additional applications have been received, of which 43 have been approved, 18 refused or abandoned, and 50 are being dealt with. This makes a total of 281 applications received, of which 111 have been approved, 79 refused or abandoned, and 91 are being dealt with.

The number of leases under Sections 5–10 and 20–24 issued to settlers who have completed their term of permissive occupancy (three years) is 133, and there are 16 in course of preparation, which will be issued as speedily as possible. The total number of leases issued to date is 1,996. Out of this number 449 leases have been cancelled for non-compliance with conditions, conversion to other sections, &c. During the year 66 transfers have been approved of, making a total of 177 sanctioned to date. In every case the transferor has been required to show good reason for desiring to transfer, and the transferee has been a person eligible to become a village settler.

Section 10 of the *Land Act 1900* provided that Village Settlement Lessees might retain their Village Settlement leases, and obtain Conditional Purchase leases for additional land, the value of which, together with the value of the original holding, should not exceed £200. The issue of 278 such leases has been recommended and permits to occupy have been issued. These leases have nearly all been prepared and are being issued as quickly as possible. This section becomes Section 346 of the *Land Act 1901*, and 49 additional permits have been issued and the leases are in course of preparation.

Under Section 110 of the *Land Act 1898* provision was made for Village Settlers being allowed to surrender their Village Settlement leases or permits, and to obtain in lieu thereof Conditional Purchase leases, to include the land held under the original leases or permits and additional land, which, together with such original holding, should not exceed £200 in value. The issue of 96 Conditional Purchase leases under these conditions has been recommended, and permits to occupy have been issued. The leases are in course of preparation and will shortly be issued. This section becomes Section 346 of the *Land Act 1901*.

Under Sections 108 and 109 of the *Land Act 1893*, provision was made for Village Settlers being allowed to surrender their Village Settlement leases, and to obtain in lieu thereof Conditional Purchase leases without additional land. Thirty-four leases have been recommended and permits issued. These sections now become Sections 344 and 345 of the *Land Act 1901*.

During the year 21 settlers have had their holdings excised from the Village Settlement area and brought under sections either 42 of the *Land Act 1890* or 88 of the *Land Act 1901*.

During the year rents have been paid under Sections 5, 10, 20, and 24 amounting to £4,087 5s. 10d. This includes £3,632 9s. 1d. rent under Village Settlement leases and permits, and £454 16s. 9d. under Conditional Purchase leases.

Monetary aid to the extent of £3,418 10s. 5d. was repaid during the year, bringing the amount repaid to date up to £7,604 12s. 5d.

During the year £131 was advanced to settlers as monetary aid, and the whole of this was granted to settlers who had suffered losses by floods at the Koo-wee-rup and Moe Swamps. In addition to this, a sum of £1,121 was lent under mortgage to settlers who had also suffered by floods.

The total amount of monetary aid granted since the inception of the Act is £67,376 8s. 4d.,* which is made up as follows:—

Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1894	...	...	£	s.	d.
			8,873	0	0
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1895	...	...	27,189	12	6
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1896	...	...	21,409	7	6
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1897	...	...	6,527	17	4
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1898	...	...	2,227	13	6
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1899	...	...	830	11	0
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1900	...	...	77	16	6
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1901	...	...	109	10	0
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1902	131	0	0
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			£67,376	8	4
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The number of settlers actually residing is 1,914, and the number not residing but improving is 153, making a total of 2,067 in occupation. The total number of souls, including wives and children, residing is 9,149.

The Labour Colony at Leongatha is still under the management of trustees. A copy of the Report in connexion with that colony is appended hereto.

M. K. McKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey,
and President of the Board of Land and Works.

* This amount does not include money lent under mortgage in connexion with the Floods Relief Scheme.

RETURN.

Name of Settlement.	Total Number of Settlers residing.		Married.	Single.	Number of Children.	Number not residing but improving.	Number of Settlers who have left since 30th June, 1901.	Total Number of Souls residing.	Number of Bullocks, Cows, and Calves.	Number of Horses.	Number of Fowls.	Number of Pigs.	Other Stock.	Area cultivated, Acres.	Fencing (Chains).	Total Value of Live Stock.		Total Value of Improvements.		Amount of Aid granted for Year ending 30th June, 1902.	Area occupied (in Acres).
	£	s. d.														£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Arapiles	16	3	13	3	50	—	1	79	7	18	520	7	3 goats	260	700	248	0	600	0	0	248
Bairnsdale (Eagle Point)	24	—	24	—	74	1	6	98	68	26	300	32	—	166	800	400	0	2,600	0	0	270
Bairnsdale (Raymond Island)	36	1	35	1	111	—	—	147	70	32	354	10	—	150	330	640	0	2,160	0	0	877
Balnarring	10	1	9	1	11	—	—	21	13	10	180	4	—	40	545	270	0	1,490	0	0	194
Barmah	18	1	17	1	46	—	—	64	59	25	393	16	144 hives of bees	98	1,070	360	0	800	0	0	293
Beenak	6	1	5	1	21	—	1	31	6	2	73	4	—	32	160	65	0	1,485	0	0	250
Beethang	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	1	60	1	0	50	0	0	17
Blackwood and Trentham	21	6	15	6	51	—	5	72	24	16	170	14	8 goats	110	1,600	180	0	3,100	0	0	460
Bullarto and Coliban	127	22	105	22	353	8	30	486	261	71	1,444	79	4 goats	1,109	7,213	953	0	15,140	0	0	1,500
Bumberrah (Swan Reach)	9	—	9	—	19	—	—	28	3	8	60	—	—	15	270	70	0	750	0	0	55
Bunbartha	12	11	11	7	40	7	2	54	45	14	328	2	—	130	693	255	0	573	0	0	321
Bundalong	18	11	11	7	40	—	4	79	76	46	387	42	15 sheep	266	965	702	0	1,171	0	0	470
Colbinabbin	9	4	5	4	12	—	26	26	10	13	145	—	—	57	700	140	0	1,251	0	0	304
Coleraine	25	24	1	1	79	3	2	126	71	43	525	26	41 sheep	56	1,300	664	0	1,494	0	0	482
Coleraine	105	93	12	485	4	9	620	541	120	901	190	190	100 sheep	704	4,491	3,159	0	3,931	0	0	1,422
Coodah Swamp	7	6	1	1	21	—	—	33	18	15	60	1	—	29	270	167	0	329	0	0	71
Cooma	14	12	2	2	43	1	1	57	31	27	155	4	94 sheep	25	1,342	234	0	2,171	0	0	640
Coongulmerang	7	7	—	—	30	—	—	37	4	7	50	14	—	31	220	90	0	750	0	0	33
Coongulmerang and Wuk Wuk	5	4	1	1	33	2	2	40	14	20	153	4	—	92	272	237	0	408	0	0	162
Corop	3	3	—	—	11	—	—	14	12	2	30	3	—	2	40	33	0	260	0	0	47
Darlimurla	6	4	2	2	10	—	—	14	13	—	71	3	14 goats	20	205	45	0	315	0	0	390
Darnum	43	31	12	109	—	—	3	184	68	78	1,548	60	20 goats	1,493	4,192	1,246	0	5,025	0	0	1,460
Dimboola and Wail	14	13	1	47	3	2	65	46	8	8	295	9	—	78	1,169	263	0	2,171	0	0	447
Drouin (Township)	17	9	8	25	—	—	2	59	152	30	231	27	—	65	1,513	822	0	3,760	0	0	950
Drouin West	60	45	15	217	15	—	3	320	133	100	1,457	129	12 sheep and 9 goats	350	4,136	1,567	0	6,612	0	0	1,390
Echuca	11	8	3	16	—	—	3	33	53	22	372	5	12 sheep	107	955	408	0	1,372	0	0	400
Egerton	10	9	1	25	1	—	—	43	46	10	225	18	25 sheep	78	690	185	0	1,095	0	0	1,022
French Island	3	2	1	12	1	—	—	15	40	4	55	4	—	15	240	145	0	350	0	0	100
Fumina	8	6	2	27	1	—	2	40	21	21	280	14	48 sheep and 13 hives of bees	87	441	420	0	810	0	0	138
Ganoo Ganoo	32	30	2	155	—	—	5	187	40	20	250	25	—	100	1,830	200	0	2,500	0	0	90
Gracedale	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	70	7	—	14	146	50	0	100	0	0	220
Gunbower Island	55	30	25	101	6	2	145	181	82	1,029	21	74 sheep	2 goats	1,107	6,318	1,211	0	4,725	0	0	2,382
Kanarooka	23	2	21	2	70	2	1	102	26	21	700	8	2 goats	210	800	325	0	1,065	0	0	307
Kaniva	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

RETURN—continued.

Name of Settlement.	Total Number of Settlers residing.		Single.	Married.	Number of Children.	Number not residing but improving.	Number of Settlers who have left since 30th June, 1901.	Total Number of Souls residing.	Number of Bullocks, Cows, and Calves.	Number of Horses.	Number of Fowls.	Number of Pigs.	Other Stock.	Area cultivated. Acres.	Fencing (Chainage).	Total Value of Live Stock.	Total Value of Improvements.	Amount of Aid granted for Year ended 30.6.02.	Area occupied (in Acres).
	Total Number of Settlers residing.	Single.																	
Katamatite	28	2	86	—	3	140	34	16	260	2	13 hives of bees	258	1,000	525	1,000	258	0	0	540
Kialla	15	3	96	2	—	124	55	21	192	20	8 hives of bees	329	479	23	400	329	0	0	74
Kiata (Salisbury)	5	4	19	4	—	29	4	15	48	4	—	240	400	18	400	240	0	0	115
Kinglake	3	3	9	—	—	15	1	1	47	1	—	20	106	20	20	20	0	0	60
Koonoomoo	27	20	7	3	2	122	150	40	608	80	4 goats	1,150	1,500	461	1,500	1,150	0	0	1,450
Koonork (Hoddle Range)	7	5	19	—	—	26	77	5	83	3	—	204	386	204	386	343	0	0	185
Koo-wee-rup	330	276	54	4	11	2198	3823	440	3,516	703	6 sheep	15,927	19,373	3,160	19,373	15,927	0	0	12,010
Korumburra	56	45	11	4	2	305	640	64	854	166	168 hives of bees, 3 goats	3,535	3,790	234	3,790	3,535	0	0	1,000
Korumburra (Strzelecki)	7	7	29	—	—	43	71	7	120	20	—	350	300	30	300	350	0	0	720
Kunat Kunat (Lake Boga)	6	6	44	4	—	22	16	19	151	9	—	320	677	357	677	320	0	0	490
Linton (Scrubby Creek)	19	14	5	—	7	95	63	29	435	14	—	800	2,050	196	2,050	800	0	0	1,150
Macedon and Woodend	58	38	20	—	—	194	100	4	190	6	—	400	2,320	116	2,320	400	0	0	1,200
Mardan	19	18	1	—	—	65	88	22	200	20	—	481	700	56	700	481	0	0	434
Marungi	6	6	31	—	1	33	12	7	312	—	—	116	371	30	371	116	0	0	125
Meenyan	9	8	1	1	3	33	35	6	200	2	—	200	600	20	600	200	0	0	350
Miepoll	5	2	3	—	—	24	16	6	136	6	—	169	190	55	190	169	0	0	55
Mirboo North	2	2	9	—	2	11	—	2	20	3	—	16	30	4	30	16	0	0	100
Mirboo South	4	4	5	—	—	12	36	3	51	3	—	235	537	391	537	235	0	0	358
Moe (Childers)	8	7	1	—	1	40	54	14	98	18	—	258	380	64	380	258	0	0	120
Moe Swamp	34	32	2	—	—	233	542	96	380	311	—	3,775	6,740	312	6,740	3,775	0	0	912
Monbulk	43	26	17	—	2	157	32	18	328	7	—	512	1,594	185	1,594	512	0	0	772
Mooroolbark	32	23	9	—	—	132	39	14	169	25	—	452	1,071	164	1,071	452	0	0	380
Muckatah	15	10	5	—	—	61	20	8	220	12	—	160	360	120	360	160	0	0	140
Murrabit West	12	8	4	—	1	37	20	24	200	10	—	470	620	80	620	470	0	0	265
Nayook	1	1	6	—	—	5	—	—	12	4	—	42	40	5	40	42	0	0	60
Necrim and Jindivick	17	13	4	—	3	62	86	4	177	13	—	216	758	47	758	216	0	0	680
Necrim North	12	8	4	—	—	42	36	12	193	11	—	183	400	40	400	183	0	0	200
Necrim East	22	15	7	—	5	97	116	19	390	35	—	712	2,546	289	2,546	712	0	0	1,080
Newham	20	18	2	—	—	79	15	17	120	4	—	214	489	80	489	214	0	0	410
Rosedale	15	12	3	—	—	70	150	50	625	12	—	1,940	1,700	70	1,700	1,940	0	0	520
Sale	56	50	6	—	5	150	160	30	400	20	—	950	2,190	200	2,190	950	0	0	420
Sarsfield	9	9	—	—	1	54	53	17	300	11	—	730	195	21	195	730	0	0	33
Scoresby	34	31	3	—	—	152	62	16	175	12	—	801	1,228	158	1,228	801	0	0	440

Labour Colony Office,
364 Little Lonsdale-street, Melbourne,
29th July, 1902.

SIR,

The Trustees of the Leongatha Labour Colony have the honour to submit the Ninth Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1902.

During the year 466 men were dealt with at the Labour Colony, making a total of 4,648 since its establishment; and the average has been 75 for the year, the average has been kept low owing to the increased demand for milkers and farm hands in Gippsland.

On the 1st July, 1901, 97 men were employed; 369 men were admitted during the year; 305 were discharged; leaving 101 there on the 30th June, 1902. Outside employment was obtained for 40 men at 10s. to 30s. per week and found; sixteen were discharged for various offences; three sent to Melbourne for medical treatment; one died from heart disease while returning from consulting the local medical adviser; the remainder left, either for work secured by themselves or with sufficient funds to enable them to search for work.

The conduct of the men has been good, no serious accidents occurred, and the general health has been good.

The cost per head per week for food, wages, and management has been 8s. 2d., the increase being owing to cost of food, particularly meat, of which large quantities are used.

Since last report, 14 acres have been fully cleared, the total available for crops now being 264 acres, and the area under grass is 540 acres.

A reservoir to contain 228,000 gallons of water has been completed; the yard of the milking shed has been pitched with stone taken from other parts of the Colony.

A 13-tooth cultivator, horse rake, winnower, fire-fly plough, seed sower, and a maize grinder have been purchased, and other necessary implements have been made on the place.

The crops grown were:—

White Bonanza oats	... 76 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres	Bokhara Clover	... 8 acres
Mangolds	... 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Buck wheat	... 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Onions	... 11 "	Blue peas	... 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Chevalier barley	... 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Dun peas	... 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Maize (90-day)	... 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Lucerne	... 5 "
Wheat (Ward's Prolific)	... 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Orchard and garden	21 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Green feed	... 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ "		
Potatoes	... 21 "		
Tobacco	... 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "		
			212 acres

Pearson's experimental plots are being continued under the direction of Dr. Howell, and are yielding information to the district. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Williamson Wallace, the Director of Agriculture, for using a portion of the Colony as a propagating vineyard for American vines; this will be profitable both to the Agricultural Department and to the Labour Colony. Mr. Dubois, the viticultural expert, and Mr. Adcock, the inspector, have visited the Colony and pronounced the soil and climate suitable for growing grapes.

The dairy herd is in excellent order, an average of 51 cows were milked, and returned, for cream alone, £493 8s. 3d. Mr. S. S. Cameron, veterinary surgeon of the Board of Health, has tested all the herd on the Colony for tuberculosis. One cow was killed in the presence of a large number of residents of the district, specially invited for the purpose of hearing a valuable lecture by Mr. Cameron. The herd is now quite free from disease. The Shropshire sheep, together with the Merinos, are doing well. The pigs sold have given satisfactory results, returning £129 2s. 7d., and we have still 224 on hand. Sales from the poultry gave £33 15s. 5d. The yield from the bees has been low, owing to the dry season, still £4 11s. 7d. worth of honey has been sold, while a quantity of honey is still on hand for immediate sale. Three draught fillies soon to be broken in will materially assist in working the place next season.

The ensilage turned out well, and 50 tons were given to the cows in early winter, thereby keeping up the milk yield.

Paspalum dilatatum grass has been planted out for distribution, we have an order for 350,000 plants for early delivery, and numerous inquiries. During the year 250 friends throughout Victoria have been supplied with roots of this grass for testing in the various districts of this State, and reports are now being received, which will yield valuable information as to the merits of this wonderful grass.

Thirteen chains of wire and 12 chains of post and rail fencing have been erected.

The actual expenditure for the year has been £3,078 16s. 5d., which is £900 below the previous year; on the Colony £1,948 18s. 7d., and on the farm £1,129 17s. 10d.

Receipts were—Goods sold to colonists, £204 4s. 7d.; produce sold and used on the place, £1,450 16s. 3d.

The total cost to the State for the nine years has been £28,804 11s. 4d.

The assets are estimated at £25,945, leaving a debit balance of £2,859, to which must be added outstanding accounts, £123, with sufficient funds in hand to cover same, making a balance to profit and loss to date of about £2,982.

The Trustees have to thank Mr. S. O. Wood, M.R.C.V.S., who continues to act as honorary veterinary surgeon, and Mr. J. A. Levey, who kindly supervised the accounts and books at the head office.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. Y. GOLDSTEIN, Hon. Secy.

To the Honorable the Minister of Lands, Melbourne.