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REPORT

OF

PROCEEDINGS TAKEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS

OF

PART III., LAND ACT 1901,

RELATING TO VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS,

DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,

1905.

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

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REPORT.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Melbourne, 30th July, 1905.

*To His Excellency the Honorable SIR REGINALD ARTHUR JAMES TALBOT,
Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath,
Governor in and over the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in
the Commonwealth of Australia.*

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings taken under Part III. of the *Land Act* 1901, which relates to Village Settlements, for the financial year ending on the 30th June, 1905:—

The number of applications under Sections 318 and 332 received and registered during the year is 126, of which 55 have been approved.

The number of settlers who have completed their term of permissive occupancy and obtained their leases during the year is 62, making a total of 2,220 since the commencement of the *Settlement on Lands Act* 1893.

During the year 83 transfers of Village Settlement leases have been approved of, making a total of 387 sanctioned to date. In every case the transferrer has been required to show good cause for desiring to transfer, and the transferee has been a person eligible to become a village settler.

Under Sections 344 and 345 of the *Land Act* 1901, provision is made for settlers being permitted to surrender their Village Settlement permits or leases, and to obtain in lieu thereof Conditional Purchase leases. Seventy-seven of these leases have been issued during the year. The total number of settlers who have availed themselves of this provision is 231.

Under Section 346 of the *Land Act* 1901, provision is made for settlers being permitted to surrender their Village Settlement leases, and to obtain in lieu thereof Conditional Purchase leases to include the original holding and additional land, the total value of which should not exceed £200. Thirty-nine of these leases have been issued during the year. The total number who have availed themselves of this provision is 211.

Section 346 also provides that a settler may retain his Village Settlement land and obtain a Conditional Purchase lease for other land, provided that the value of same, together with the value of the Village Settlement allotment, does not exceed £200. Thirty of such leases have been issued during the year, and the total number issued is 535.

Fifty-two settlers have during the year acquired Crown grants.

Twelve settlers have surrendered their Village Settlement leases, and have obtained antedated Agricultural Allotment licences in lieu thereof under Section 47 of the *Land Act* 1901. In these cases where settlers obtained monetary aid the balance of aid owing has been carried on to the new leases. These conversions have been effected under the provisions of Section 88 of the *Land Act* 1901.

Monetary aid to the extent of £3,629 7s. 11d. was repaid during the year, bringing the amount repaid to date up to £19,660 16s. 3d.

No monetary assistance has been afforded during the year. The total amount of aid granted since the inception of the Act in 1893 is £67,379 8s. 4d., which is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1894	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
Total amount of monetary aid advanced for the year ended 30th June, 1903	3	0	0
	<u>£67,379</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

The number of settlers actually residing is 1,677, and the number not residing but improving is 189, making a total of 1,866 in occupation. The number of souls, including wives and children, residing is 8,240.

J. MURRAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey,
and President of the Board of Land and Works.

RETURN—continued.

Name of Settlement.	Total Number of Settlers residing.	Number of Children.	Number not residing, but improving.	Number of Settlers who have left since 30th June, 1904.	Total Number of Souls residing.	Number of 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 ending 30th June, 1905.	Area occupied (in Acres).	
													£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£
Katamate	19	50	5	—	71	44	15	680	7	6 hives of bees	290	1,902	549	0	0	1,727	0	0	540
Kialla	17	93	—	—	124	66	12	300	22	30 hives of bees	15	387	397	0	0	1,277	0	0	225
Kiata (Salisbury)	8	36	—	—	52	167	20	300	40	—	20	421	1,255	0	0	2,000	0	0	115
Kinglake	3	9	—	—	15	1	1	14	—	—	16	116	26	0	0	630	0	0	60
Koonoomoo	30	107	1	1	150	156	62	550	96	—	450	1,520	1,070	0	0	2,060	0	0	1,450
Koonork (Hoddle Range)	6	20	1	—	30	93	10	125	31	—	—	423	531	0	0	989	0	0	185
Koo-wee-rup	323	1434	7	3	2035	3150	455	3,210	495	45 hives of bees, 8 sheep	9,370	21,380	20,530	0	0	82,473	0	0	13,939
Korumburra	45	205	—	6	250	500	72	980	120	20 hives of bees	140	3,890	3,660	0	0	8,790	0	0	1,000
Korumburra (Strzeleeki)	5	21	—	3	27	150	10	190	30	—	12	425	739	0	0	1,195	0	0	720
Linton (Scribby Creek)	20	64	—	—	104	50	30	300	10	10 hives of bees	230	2,700	1,010	0	0	5,025	0	0	1,100
Macedon and Woodend	30	18	—	7	48	18	—	40	—	—	40	100	100	0	0	1,200	0	0	900
Mardan	18	48	2	—	66	135	27	490	60	—	46	925	1,012	0	0	1,495	0	0	434
Marungi	6	30	—	—	34	36	7	270	3	—	35	396	210	0	0	405	0	0	125
Meenyan	13	16	2	—	40	100	8	200	9	—	4	680	400	0	0	500	0	0	350
Miepoll	4	12	1	—	20	25	10	272	2	—	79	190	295	0	0	347	0	0	55
Minboo North	5	11	—	—	16	4	2	50	2	—	5	40	50	0	0	250	0	0	72
Mirboo South	1	3	1	—	4	44	4	—	11	—	2	256	254	0	0	456	0	0	184
Moe (Childers)	7	30	—	1	38	55	8	90	18	—	90	414	296	0	0	1,295	0	0	102
Moe Swamp	32	168	1	1	295	586	103	760	172	—	549	11,940	7,550	0	0	11,900	0	0	912
Moubulk	31	88	—	2	141	98	29	426	35	4 sheep	211	1,640	865	0	0	5,340	0	0	642
Mooolbark	29	70	—	—	120	80	23	284	53	6 sheep	181	1,135	988	0	0	6,534	0	0	380
Muckatah	9	22	4	2	34	5	13	132	16	—	156	885	172	0	0	644	0	0	140
Murrabit West	9	23	—	7	40	22	19	200	13	8 geese	70	650	435	0	0	1,560	0	0	265
Nayook	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	—	—	30	—	—	—	20
Neerim and Jindivick	16	45	—	1	44	80	4	192	34	—	10	700	170	0	0	1,000	0	0	680
Neerim North	12	34	—	—	30	61	11	150	46	—	19	420	280	0	0	800	0	0	200
Neerim East	25	54	3	—	97	251	28	430	54	—	414	3,065	1,219	0	0	4,619	0	0	960
Newham	21	67	—	—	104	19	11	160	7	—	114	520	187	0	0	3,397	0	0	400
Rosetale	14	57	10	1	81	115	25	350	16	12 sheep	65	2,000	550	0	0	1,750	0	0	480
Sale	24	38	55	1	62	78	20	500	25	—	100	2,160	700	0	0	3,000	0	0	380
Sarsfield	7	34	—	—	41	45	12	200	38	—	20	200	300	0	0	1,000	0	0	33
Seoreshy	31	84	—	2	143	66	22	278	37	—	156	1,647	764	0	0	4,813	0	0	360
Shepparton	24	118	—	1	151	109	35	1,008	20	30 hives of bees	75	1,473	734	0	0	1,892	0	0	310

