

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN OF PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS," "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS,"
AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 30th day of November, 1908; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts,"; and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a Rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1908,		93,350	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,		107	
		<hr/>	93,457
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Oct., 1908,		6,871	
Do. in month of Nov., 1908,		13	
		<hr/>	6,884
Total,		<hr/>	100,341
Rents fixed—			
By Chief Commission to end of Oct., 1908,		3,081	
,, in month of Nov., 1908,		3	
		<hr/>	3,084
By Sub-Commission to end of Oct., 1908,		76,148	
,, in month of Nov., 1908,		167	
		<hr/>	76,315
Dismissed—			
To end of Oct., 1908,		1,250	
In month of Nov., 1908,		1	
		<hr/>	1,251
Struck out—			
To end of Oct., 1908,		15,101	
In month of Nov., 1908,		27	
		<hr/>	15,128
Withdrawn*—			
To end of Oct., 1908,		2,669	
In month of Nov., 1908,		2	
		<hr/>	2,671
Total Number disposed of,		—	98,449
Number to be disposed of,		—	1,892
Total,		<hr/>	100,341

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of Oct., 1908,	150,758
Do., do. in month of Nov., 1908,	37
Total,	150,815

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45 fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1908,	49,315
Do., do. in month of Nov., 1908,	28
Total,	49,341

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):		Number disposed of to end of Oct., 1908,	3,329
Applications received to end of Oct., 1908,	2,525	,, in month of Nov., 1908,	26
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	3		
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	2,528		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Oct., 1908,	51		
Do. in month of Nov., 1908,	—		
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	51		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Oct., 1908,	1,073		
Applications in month of Nov. 1908,	—		
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	1,073		
Total,	<hr/>	Total Number disposed of,	3,955
	3,652	Number to be disposed of,	297
		Total,	3,652

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888*	55	Leases or Grants declared void	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Oct., 1908,	24	Applications granted to end of Oct., 1908,	10
„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—
	24		10
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Oct., 1908,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1908,	12
„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—
	3		12
		Applications withdrawn to end of Oct., 1908,	4
		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—
			4
Total,	27	Total number disposed of,	26
		Number to be disposed of,	1
		Total,	27

V.—APPEALS *re* FAIR RENTS, &c.
FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of Oct., 1908,	57,440	Number heard to end of Oct., 1908,	31,271
„ in month of Nov., 1908	—	„ in month of Nov., 1908,	49
			31,320
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Oct., 1908,	24,749
		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	22
			24,771
Total,	57,479	Total Number disposed of,	56,091
		Remaining to be disposed of,	1,388
		Total,	57,479

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1908,	39,248	Number heard to end of Oct., 1908,	23,613
„ in month of Nov., 1908,	62	„ in month of Nov., 1908,	106
			23,719
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Oct., 1908,	13,527
		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	36
			13,563
Total,	39,310	Total Number disposed of,	37,282
		Remaining to be disposed of,	2,028
		Total,	39,310

VI.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS.

Applications received to end of Oct., 1908,	5,906	Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1908,	5,418
„ in Nov., 1908,	—	„ in Nov., 1908,	59
			5,477
		Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of Oct., 1908,	413
		„ in Nov., 1908,	—
			413
		Total number disposed of,	5,890
		Number to be disposed of,	16
			—
Total,	5,906	Total,	5,906

VII.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to end of Oct., 1908,	1,803	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of Oct., 1908,	182
„ in Nov., 1908,	1	Number received in Nov., 1908,	—
			182
		Number of cases in which <i>no</i> consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents* to end of Oct., 1908,	1,612
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Nov., 1908,	1
			1,613
			1,795
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired,	9
Total,	1,804	Total,	1,804

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 3.

VIII.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS.

(a) PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities Payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number	Amount
Loans applied for,	29,179	£ 11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused	3,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned,	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued,	25,367	9,992,536

(b) PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
(a) Loans Applied for.		£		£
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS— Acts, 1891-96 :—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903,	43,862	12,586,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Nov., 1908, in respect of applications lodged to end of Oct., 1908	—	—	43,862	12,586,799
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896 :— Loans applied for,	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891 :— Loans applied for,	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885 :— Loans applied for,	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
APPLICATIONS REFUSED :—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants Refused to end of Nov., 1908,	3,405	1,023,428	51,362	14,491,009
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885,	1,077	302,244	4,482	1,325,672
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1908, less applications refused			46,880	18,165,337
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS— Acts, 1891-96 :—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1908,	40,433	11,504,224		
„ in the month of Nov., 1908,	—	—		
Orders rescinded in month of Nov., 1908, of those made to end of Oct., 1908,	40,433	11,504,224	40,433	11,504,224
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896 :— Loans sanctioned,	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891 :— Loans sanctioned,	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885 :— Loans sanctioned,	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,			46,856	18,156,190
(c) Loans Issued.				
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS— Acts, 1891-96 :—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1908,	40,385	11,486,555		
„ in the month of Nov., 1908,	1	86	40,386	11,486,591
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896 :— Loans issued,	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891 :— Loans issued,	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885 :— Loans issued,	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908,			46,809	18,138,557
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board Act, 1899.	58	502,797		
Total,	—	—	58	502,797

(c) IRISH LAND ACT, 1903.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Loans Applied for.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1908, .	5,168	764,699		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	246	33,344		
	5,414	798,043		
Less number withdrawn in month of Nov., 1908, of applications lodged to end of Oct., 1908, .	—	—	5,414	798,043
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1908, .	2,917	689,619		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	65	11,861		
	2,982	701,480		
Less number withdrawn in month of Nov., 1908, of applications lodged to end of Oct., 1908, .	2	328	2,980	701,157
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1908, .	531	160,509		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	—	—	531	160,509
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of Oct., 1908, .	5	4,216		
„ „ in month of Nov., 1908, .	—	—	5	4,216
			8,930	1,663,925
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Nov., 1908,			45	29,149
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1908, less applications refused			8,885	1,634,776
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1908, .	4,444	627,462		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	118	16,863		
	4,562	644,325		
Orders rescinded in month of Nov., 1908, of those made to end of Oct., 1908, .	—	—	4,562	644,325
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1908, .	2,531	567,926		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	8	995		
	2,539	568,921		
Orders rescinded in month of Nov., 1908, of those made to end of Oct., 1908, .	—	—	2,539	568,921
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1908, .	531	160,509		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	—	—	531	160,509
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Oct., 1908, .	5	4,216		
„ „ in the month of Nov., 1908, .	—	—	5	4,216
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,			7,637	1,377,971

(c) IRISH LAND ACT, 1903—*continued*.

Advances in Cash—3½ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Loans Issued.		£		£
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1908, . . .	3,999	549,418	4,144	569,868*
" " in the month of Nov., 1908, . . .	145	20,450		
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1908, . . .	2,324	545,878	2,344	547,946
" " in the month of Nov., 1908, . . .	20	2,568		
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1908, . . .	531	160,509	531	160,509
" " in the month of Nov., 1908, . . .	—	—		
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of Oct., 1908, . . .	3	3,310	3	3,310
" " in the month of Nov., 1908, . . .	—	—		
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908, . . .			7,022	1,281,633

* These figures include 827 Loans for £148,569 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund, but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 12.

(1.) (a)—Advances in Cash made for purposes of Section 2 (1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899.

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Advances made for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—		£		£
Amount to end of Nov., 1908, . . .	6	4,633	6	4,633

(c)—IRISH LAND ACT, 1903—*continued*.

(2) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.

Sales of Estates—to Tenants direct, to the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8 and Section 7, and the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907, and to the Congested Districts Board through the medium of the Land Commission under Sections 72 and 79, and Section 77.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st October, 1908.			During month of November, 1908.			During period ended 30th November, 1908.		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
			£			£			£
I. Direct Sales.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	2,074	45,707	19,444,872	43	941	337,216	2,117	46,648	19,782,088
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for (including Advances made),*	7,853	205,243	70,261,929	64	2,497	819,346	7,917	207,740	71,081,275
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	173	6,919	2,424,820	2	15	5,800	175	6,934	2,430,620
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners (including Estates for which Advances have been made),†	294	12,684	3,737,879	11	92	51,140	305	12,776	3,789,019
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	99	3,475	1,049,592	3	36	19,880	102	3,511	1,069,472
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge (including Estates for which Advances have been made),‡	101	3,499	1,059,935	2	14	10,612	103	3,513	1,070,547
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission,	88	6,761	1,141,259	—	—	—	88	6,761	1,141,259
2. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission (including Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been obtained),§	109	7,946	1,324,609	—	—	—	109	7,946	1,324,609

IVa. Section 77.									
1. Estates which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board from the Land Judge by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission,	16	689	92,489	—	—	—	16	689	92,489
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Congested Districts Board and accepted by the Land Judge (including Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been obtained), ...	16	689	92,489	1	60	11,817	17	749	108,806
V. Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	3	45	88,464	1	5	9,865	4	50	48,329
2. Estates for which Offers to acquire lands at prices estimated under the Act have been made by the Land Commission (including Estates for which Advances have been made), ...	36	143	127,774	13	24	24,016	49	167	151,790
VI. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79; and Section 77, and Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made, ...	2,448	68,596	24,191,496	49	997	872,761	2,497	64,593	24,564,257
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates which the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board have agreed to purchase (including Estates for which Advances have been made),¶ ...	8,409	280,204	76,604,615	91	2,687	916,431	8,500	282,891	77,521,046

* The totals for the period ended 30th Nov., 1908, include 975 applications, and advances applied for, amounting to £478,738, which have been refused by the Commissioners

† In addition to the totals for the period ended 30th Nov., 1908, 158 estates of an estimated value amounting to £1,371,136 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Secs. 6 & 8.

‡ " " " " 45 " " " 540,512 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Sec. 7.

§ " " " " 147 " " " 1,687,363 were offered for sale to the Congested Districts Board.

|| " " " " 4 " " " 92,450 were offered for sale by the Land Judge to the Congested Districts Board under Sec. 77.

¶ " " " " 354 " " " amounting to 3,601,463 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Secs. 6 & 8 and Sec. 7, and Congested Districts Board under Secs. 77 & 79.

(3) RE-SALES UNDER IRISH LAND ACT, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 25 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. (*Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392*).

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 31st Oct., 1908.		During Month of Nov., 1908.		During period ended 30th Nov. 1908	
	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
Re-sales by Land Commission :		£		£		£
Sections 6 and 8, ...	4,339	1,661,260	74	16,740	4,413	1,678,000
Section 7, ...	2,321	771,424	56	20,682	2,377	792,106
Re-sales by Congested Districts Board :						
Sections 72 and 79, ...	603	121,882	136	19,085	789	140,467
Section 77, ...	93	22,591	—	—	93	22,591
Total, ...	7,356	2,576,657	266	56,507	7,622	2,633,164

NOTES.—(1) The following Cash payments were made by Purchasers on Re-sale, and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rules 25 (2) & 26 (3):—

	£	s.	d.
On Re-sale under Sections 6 and 8	6,661	16	6
" " " Section 7	334	14	0
" " " Section 79	218	18	9
" " " Section 77	257	6	0
TOTAL	£7,522	15	3

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 9.

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent in Improvements, the amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund to the Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 43, or to the Congested Districts Board under Section 72 (3).

(4) In the case of 80 Re-sales by the Congested Districts Board part of each purchaser's Holding was comprised in an Estate purchased by the Board under Section 72 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, and part in an Estate purchased under Section 43 of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1896.

(4) LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACT, 1906 (SECTION 16.) ADVANCES MADE TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Amount to end of October, 1908,	£719,475
During the month of November, 1908,	91,335
Amount to the end of November, 1908,	£810,810

(5) SUMMARY SHOWING TOTAL ADVANCES MADE OUT OF THE IRISH LAND PURCHASE FUND TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.	£
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant	421,299*
Do. Land Judges Court,	547,946*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896	160,509*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891,	3,310
Congested Districts Board, (Ireland) Act, 1899 (Sec. 2)	4,633
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.	
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants,	19,782,088
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8), Irish Land Act, 1903	2,480,620
Do. do. (Sec. 7)	1,069,472
Congested Districts Board (Sec. 79) do.	1,141,259
Do. do. (Sec. 77) do.	92,489
Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907	48,329
Total	25,701,954
Advances due to enhanced prices on Resales repaid to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund under Sec. 43 (3), and to the Congested Districts Board under Section 72 (3) of the Irish Land Act, 1903	6,225
Total	25,708,179
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)	810,810
Gross Total	£26,518,989

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1908.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th November, 1908.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Oct., 1908	36,095		Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1908,	20,202	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	19		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	1	
		36,114	Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1908,	4,512	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1908,	4,537		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	4,512
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	—	4,537	Applications withdrawn* to end of Oct., 1908,	575	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of Oct., 1908,	2,716		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	575
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	—	2,716	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Oct., 1908,	13,468	
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Oct., 1908,	177		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	9	13,477
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	—	177	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of Oct., 1908,	52	
			„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	52
Total,	—	43,544	Total disposed of,	—	38,819
			Number to be disposed of,	—	4,725
			Total,	—	43,544

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Oct., 1908,	13,859		Rents fixed to end of Oct., 1908,	5,382	
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	21		„ in month of Nov., 1908,	12	
			Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1908,	528	5,394
			„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	
			Applications withdrawn* to end of Oct., 1908,	143	528
			„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of Oct., 1908,	6,871	143
			„ in month of Nov., 1908,	13	
Total	13,880		Total disposed of,	—	12,949
			Number to be disposed of,	—	931
			Total,	—	13,880

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of Oct., 1908,	7,382
Do. do. in month of Nov., 1908,	—
Total,	7,382

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of Oct., 1908,	155
Do., do. in month of Nov., 1908,	1
Total,	156

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (<i>e.g.</i> , Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.) :		Number disposed of to end of Oct., 1908,	411
Applications received to end of Oct., 1908,	729	„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	—		411
	729	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to end of Oct., 1908,	51
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 83) received to end of Oct., 1908,	3	Transferred in month of Nov., 1908,	—
Applications received in month of Nov., 1908,	—		51
	3	Total number disposed of	462
Total,	732	Number to be disposed of	270
		Total,	732

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID (“LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,”—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888, †	6	Leases or Grants declared void	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF “LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887”—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Oct., 1908,	24	Applications granted to end of Oct., 1908,	7
„ in month of Nov., 1908,	—	Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Oct., 1908,	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of Oct., 1908,	1
		Applications transferred to Land Commission Court to end of Oct., 1908,	3
		Proceedings in Nov., 1908,	—
		Total number disposed of,	15
		Number to be disposed of,	9
Total,	24	Total	24

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,
7th January, 1909.

JOHN H. FRANKS.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN OF PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS," "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS."
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MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1908.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of December, 1908; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts"; and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Nov., 1908,		216,598
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,		112
		<u>216,710</u>
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1908,		11,936
Do. in month of Dec., 1908,		3
		<u>11,939</u>
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Nov., 1908,		30,934
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,		3
		<u>30,937</u>
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to end of Nov., 1908,		1,613
Do. received in Dec., 1908,		1
		<u>1,614</u>
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1908,		1,541
Do. in month of Dec., 1908,		—
		<u>1,541</u>
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Nov., 1908,		738
Do. in month of Dec., 1908,		1
		<u>739</u>
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1908,		52
Do. in month of Dec., 1908,		—
		<u>52</u>
Total.		<u>263,532</u>

Rents fixed—		
By Chief Commission to end of Nov., 1908,	8,679	
" in month of Dec., 1908,	4	
	<u>8,683</u>	
By Sub-Commission to end of Nov., 1908,	184,978	
" in month of Dec., 1908,	208	
	<u>185,186</u>	
Dismissed—		
To end of Nov., 1908,	10,525	
In month of Dec., 1908,	18	
	<u>10,538</u>	
Struck out—		
To end of Nov., 1908,	40,846	
In month of Dec., 1908,	31	
	<u>40,877</u>	
Withdrawn†—		
To end of Nov., 1908,	16,099	
In month of Dec., 1908,	1	
	<u>16,100</u>	
Total Number disposed of,	—	261,384
Number to be disposed of,	—	2,148
		<u>263,532</u>

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a Rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1908,		93,457	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,		119	
		<hr/>	93,576
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to end of Nov., 1908,		6,884	
Do. in month of Dec., 1908,		2	
		<hr/>	6,886
Total,		<hr/>	100,462
Rents fixed—			
By Chief Commission to end of Nov., 1908,		3,084	
" in month of Dec., 1908,		—	
		<hr/>	3,084
By Sub-Commission to end of Nov., 1908,		76,315	
" in month of Dec., 1908,		230	
		<hr/>	76,545
Dismissed—			
To end of Nov., 1908,		1,251	
In month of Dec., 1908,		3	
		<hr/>	1,254
Struck out—			
To end of Nov., 1908,		15,128	
In month of Dec., 1908,		31	
		<hr/>	15,159
Withdrawn *—			
To end of Nov., 1908,		2,671	
In month of Dec., 1908,		1	
		<hr/>	2,672
Total Number disposed of,		—	98,714
Number to be disposed of,		—	1,748
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total,		<hr/>	100,462

*An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to end of Nov., 1908,		150,815
Do.	do. in month of Dec., 1908,	63
Total,		150,878

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1908,		49,341
Do.	do. in month of Dec., 1908,	55
Total,		49,396

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES. †

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			
Applications received to end of Nov., 1908,		2,528	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,		6	
		<hr/>	2,534
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Nov., 1908,		51	
Do. in month of Dec., 1908,		—	
		<hr/>	51
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Nov., 1908,		1,073	
Applications in month of Dec., 1908,		—	
		<hr/>	1,073
Total,		<hr/>	3,658
Number disposed of to end of Nov., 1908,		3,355	
" in month of Dec., 1908,		4	
		<hr/>	
Total Number disposed of		3,359	
Number to be disposed of		299	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total		<hr/>	3,658

†The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the court has jurisdiction to decide, under the Act of 1881, is an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out.	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Nov., 1908,	24	Applications granted to end of Nov., 1908,	10
„ in month of Dec., 1908,	—	„ in month of Dec., 1908,	—
	24		10
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to end of Nov., 1908,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1908,	12
„ in month of Dec., 1908,	—	„ in month of Dec., 1908,	—
	3		12
		Applications withdrawn to end of Nov., 1908,	4
		„ in month of Dec., 1908,	—
			4
Total,	27	Total Number disposed of,	26
		Number to be disposed of,	1
		Total	27

V.—APPEALS *re* FAIR RENTS, &c.
FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to end of Nov., 1908,	57,479	Number heard to end of Nov., 1908,	31,320
„ in month of Dec., 1908,	82	„ in month of Dec., 1908,	61
			31,381
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Nov., 1908,	24,771
		„ in month of Dec., 1908,	11
			24,782
Total	57,561	Total Number disposed of,	56,163
		Remaining to be disposed of,	1,398
		Total,	57,561

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1908,	39,310	Number heard to end of Nov., 1908,	23,719
„ in month of Dec., 1908,	100	„ in month of Dec., 1908,	97
			23,816
		Number withdrawn or struck out in office to end of Nov., 1908,	13,563
		„ in month of Dec., 1908,	43
			13,606
Total	39,410	Total Number disposed of,	37,422
		Remaining to be disposed of,	1,988
		Total,	39,410

VI.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS.

Applications received to end of Nov., 1908,	5,906	Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1908,	5,477	
„ in Dec., 1908,	—	„ in Dec., 1908,	—	5,477
		Applications dismissed, struck out and withdrawn to end of Nov., 1908,	413	
		„ in Dec., 1908,	—	413
		Total Number disposed of,	—	5,890
		Number to be disposed of,	—	16
Total,	5,906	Total,	—	5,906

VII.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to end of Nov., 1908,	1,804	Number of cases in which consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to end of Nov., 1908,	182	
„ in Dec., 1908,	3	Number received in Dec., 1908,	2	184
		Number of cases in which <u>no</u> consents were received, and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents * to end of Nov., 1908,	1,613	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of Dec., 1908,	1	1,614
			—	1,798
		Number of cases in which applications have been received, but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired,	—	9
Total	1,807	Total	—	1,807

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 3

VIII.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS.

(a) PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

Advances in Cash—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number	Amount
Loans applied for	29,179	£ 11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused,	8,812	1,459,530
	25,367	9,992,536
Loans sanctioned	25,367	9,992,536
Loans issued	25,367	9,992,536

(b)—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891-1896.

Advances in Guaranteed Land Stock—4 Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
(a) Loans Applied for.		£		£
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS— ACTS, 1891-96:—				
Loans applied for under Agreements entered into prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903	43,862	12,536,799		
Less number withdrawn in month of Dec., 1908, in respect of applications lodged to end of Nov., 1908,	—	—	43,862	12,536,799
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896:—				
Loans applied for	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891:—				
Loans applied for	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885:—				
Loans applied for	2,835	749,767	2,835	749,767
APPLICATIONS REFUSED:—				
Applications from Landlords and Tenants refused to end of Dec., 1908,	3,405	1,023,428	51,362	14,491,009
Purchase of Estates, Section 5, Act of 1885,	1,077	302,244	4,482	1,325,672
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Dec., 1908, less appli- cations refused,			46,880	13,165,337
(b) Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS— ACTS, 1891-96:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,	40,433	11,504,224		
„ in the month of Dec., 1908,	—	—		
Orders rescinded in month of Dec., 1908, of those made to end of Nov., 1908,	40,433	11,504,224	40,433	11,504,224
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned.	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned,	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885:—				
Loans sanctioned,	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Net number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Dec., 1908, ...			46,856	13,156,190
(c) Loans Issued.				
APPLICATIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS— ACTS, 1891-96:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908,	40,386	11,486,591		
„ in the month of Dec., 1908,	2	275	40,388	11,486,866
SECTION 40 OF LAND ACT OF 1896:—				
Loans issued,	4,568	1,106,049	4,568	1,106,049
REDEMPTION OF RENT ACT, 1891:—				
Loans issued,	97	98,394	97	98,394
PURCHASE OF ESTATES, SECTION 5, ACT OF 1885:—				
Loans issued,	1,758	447,523	1,758	447,523
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Dec., 1908,			46,811	13,138,832
(d) Advances made to the Congested Districts Board under Section 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, and Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Con- gested Districts Board Act, 1899.				
	58	502,797		
Total,	—	—	58	502,797

(c)—IRISH LAND ACT, 1903.

Advances in Cash— $3\frac{1}{4}$ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Applied for.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1908,	5,414	798,043		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	1	500		
	5,415	798,543		
Less number withdrawn in month of Dec., 1908, of applications lodged to end of Nov., 1908,	4	266	5,411	798,277
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1908,	2,980	701,157		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	24	10,418		
	3,004	711,575		
Less number withdrawn, in month of Dec., 1908, of applications lodged to end of Nov., 1908,	4	1,590	3,000	709,985
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1908,	581	160,509		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	—	—	581	160,509
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans applied for to end of Nov., 1908,	5	4,216		
" " in month of Dec., 1908,	—	—	5	4,216
			8,947	1,672,987
Applications Refused.				
Applications refused to end of Dec., 1908,			47	29,387
Number and amount of Loans applied for to end of Dec., 1908, less applications refused			8,900	1,643,600
Loans Provisionally Sanctioned.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,	4,562	644,325		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	145	36,273		
	4,707	680,598		
Orders rescinded in month of Dec., 1908, of those made to end of Nov., 1908,	2	150	4,705	680,448
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,	2,589	568,921		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	80	12,481		
	2,619	581,402		
Orders rescinded in month of Dec., 1908, of those made to end of Nov., 1908,	—	—	2,619	581,402
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,	581	160,509		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	—	—	581	160,509
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans sanctioned to end of Nov., 1908,	5	4,216		
" " in the month of Dec., 1908,	—	—	5	4,216
			7,860	1,426,575
Number and amount of Loans sanctioned to end of Dec., 1908,				

(c)—IRISH LAND ACT, 1903—*continued*.

Advances in Cash—3¼ Per Cent. Annuities payable by Tenant Purchasers.

(1.) Applications for Advances to the Land Commission other than to the Estates Commissioners.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans Issued.				
Direct Sales between Landlord and Tenant:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908, . . .	4,144	569,868	4,199	576,718*
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1908, . . .	55	6,845		
Direct Sales in Court of Land Judge:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908, . . .	2,344	547,946	2,353	548,741
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1908 . . .	9	795		
Section 40 of Land Act of 1896:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908, . . .	531	160,509	531	160,509
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1908, . . .	—	—		
Redemption of Rent Act, 1891:—				
Loans issued to end of Nov., 1908, . . .	3	3,310	3	3,310
„ „ in the month of Dec., 1908, . . .	—	—		
Number and amount of Loans issued to end of Dec., 1908, . . .			7,086	1,289,278

* These figures include 866 Loans for £152,365 in cases of Resale by the Congested Districts Board, where the lands resold were bought by advances made to the Board under the Irish Land Act, 1903. In such cases the advances are not again drawn from the Land Purchase Fund, but are written off against the Board's liability. See Table (3), page 12.

(1.) (a)—Advances in Cash made for purposes of Section 2 (1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Advances made for the purposes of Section 2 (Sub-Section 1) Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899:—				
Amount to end of Dec., 1908, . . .	6	4,633	6	4,633

(c)—IRISH LAND ACT, 1903—*continued*.

(2.) Proceedings of Estates Commissioners.

Sales of Estates—to Tenants direct, to the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, and Section 7, and the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907, and to the Congested Districts Board through the medium of the Land Commission under Sections 72 and 79, and Section 77.

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 30th November, 1908.			During month of December, 1908.			During period ended 31st December, 1908.		
	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Estates.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
I. Direct Sales.			£			£			£
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	2,117	46,648	19,782,088	40	1,271	544,356	2,157	47,919	20,326,444
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been applied for (including Advances made),*	7,917	207,740	71,081,275	11	961	268,713	7,928	208,701	71,849,988
II. Sections 6 and 8.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	175	6,934	2,430,620	8	65	28,897	183	6,999	2,459,517
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Owners (including Estates for which Advances have been made),†	305	12,776	3,789,019	2	64	8,299	307	12,840	3,797,318
III. Section 7.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	102	3,511	1,069,472	1	34	4,117	103	3,545	1,073,539
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Land Commission and accepted by the Land Judge (including Estates for which Advances have been made),‡	103	3,513	1,070,547	1	34	4,117	104	3,547	1,074,664
IV. Sections 72 and 79.									
1. Estates which have been Purchased by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission,	83	6,761	1,141,259	—	—	—	83	6,761	1,141,259
2. Estates for which Requests have been transmitted by the Congested Districts Board to the Land Commission (including Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been obtained)§	109	7,946	1,324,609	—	—	—	109	7,946	1,324,609

IVa. Section 77.									
1. Estates which have been Purchased by the Congested Districts Board from the Land Judge by means of Advances obtained from the Land Commission	16	689	92,489	—	—	—	16	689	92,489
2. Estates for which Offers to Purchase have been made by the Congested Districts Board and accepted by the Land Judge (including Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been obtained), 	17	749	103,806	—	—	—	17	749	103,806
V. Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	4	50	48,329	2	3	1,679	6	53	50,008
2. Estates for which Offers to acquire Lands at prices estimated under the Act have been made by the Land Commission (including Estates for which Advances have been made), ...	49	167	151,790	14	81	55,049	63	248	206,839
VI. Summary of Direct Sales; Sections 6 and 8; Section 7; and Sections 72 and 79; and Section 77, and Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.									
1. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been made,	2,497	64,593	24,564,257	51	1,373	579,049	2,548	65,966	25,143,306
2. Estates for the Purchase of which Advances have been Applied for; and Estates which the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board have agreed to Purchase (including Estates for which Advances have been made),¶	8,500	232,891	77,521,046	28	1,140	336,178	8,528	234,031	77,857,224

* The totals for the period ended 31st December, 1908, include 1,094 applications, and advances applied for, amounting to £509,594, which have been refused by the Commissioners.

† In addition to the totals for the period ended 31st December, 1908, 165 estates of an estimated value amounting to £1,451,624 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Secs. 5 & 8.

‡ " " " " 49 " " " £577,711 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Sec. 7

§ " " " " 147 " " " £1,697,013 were offered for sale to the Congested Districts Board.

|| " " " " 4 " " " £92,450 were offered for sale by the Land Judge to the Congested Districts Board under Sec. 77.

¶ " " " " 365 " " " £3,808,796 were offered for sale to the Commissioners under Secs. 6 & 8 and Sec. 7, and Congested Districts Board under Secs. 77 & 79.

(3) RE-SALES UNDER IRISH LAND ACT, 1903.

Re-sales to tenants and other purchasers of holdings and parcels and demesnes included in Estates purchased by the Land Commission under Sections 6 and 8, Section 7, and by the Congested Districts Board by means of Advances from the Land Purchase Fund—the advances comprised in such Re-sales being written off the Advances made to the Land Commission and the Congested Districts Board—Treasury Rules 25 (1) and 26 (2) of 14th April, 1905. (*Stat. Rules and Orders, 1905. No. 392*).

CLASSIFICATION.	During period ended 30th Nov., 1908.		During month of Dec., 1908.		During period ended 31st Dec., 1908.	
	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.	No. of Purchasers.	Amount of Advances.
Re-sales by Land Commission:		£		£		£
Sections 6 and 8,	4,413	1,678,000	4	8,591	4,417	1,686,591
Section 7,	2,377	792,106	1	213	2,378	792,819
Re-sales by Congested Districts Board:						
Sections 72 and 79,	739	140,467	39	3,796	778	144,263
Section 77,	93	22,591	—	—	93	22,591
Total,	7,622	2,633,164	44	12,600	7,666	2,645,764

NOTES.—(1) The following Cash payments were made by Purchasers on Re-sale, and paid to the Land Purchase Fund pursuant to Treasury Rules 25 (2) & 26 (3):—

	£	s.	d.
On Re-sale under Sections 6 and 8	6,861	16	6
Section 7	384	14	0
" " " Section 79	218	18	9
" " " Section 77	257	6	0
TOTAL	£7,722	15	8

(2) Advances made to Tenants on Re-sales of Estates purchased by the Congested Districts Board are included in Advances made by the Land Commissioners other than the Estates Commissioners, see note to Table (1), page 9.

(3) Where Advances made to Tenants and other purchasers include money spent in Improvements, the amount may be refunded from the Land Purchase Fund to the Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 43, or to the Congested Districts Board under Section 72 (3).

(4) In the case of 80 Re-sales by the Congested Districts Board part of each purchaser's Holding was comprised in an Estate purchased by the Board under Section 72 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, and part in an Estate purchased under Section 43 of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1896.

(4) LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACT, 1906 (SECTION 16.) ADVANCES MADE TO RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Amount to end of November, 1908,	£810,810
During the month of December, 1908,	42,770
Amount to the end of December, 1908,	£853,580

(5) SUMMARY SHOWING TOTAL ADVANCES MADE OUT OF THE IRISH LAND PURCHASE FUND TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.		£
Direct Sales.—Landlord and Tenant		424,348*
Do. Land Judges Court,		548,741*
Section 40, Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896		160,509*
Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.		3,310
Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899 (Sec. 2)		4,683
ESTATES COMMISSIONERS.		
Direct Sales of Estates to Tenants,		20,326,444
Purchase of Estates (Secs. 6 and 8) Irish Land Act, 1903		2,459,517
Do. do. (Sec. 7) do.		1,073,589
Congested Districts Board, (Sec. 79) do.		1,141,259
Do. do. (Sec. 77) do.		92,489
Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907		50,008
Total		26,284,847
Advances due to enhanced prices on Re-sales repaid to Reserve Fund from Land Purchase Fund under Sec. 43 (3), and to the Congested Districts Board under Section 72 (3) of the Irish Land Act, 1903		6,225
Total		26,291,072
Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1906 (Section 16)		853,580
Gross Total		£27,144,652

* These figures include the amount of any Guarantee Deposits which may have been retained in these cases.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1908.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st December, 1908.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to end of Nov., 1908,	36,114		Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1908,	20,203	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	86		" in month of Dec., 1908,	33	
		36,200	Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1908,	4,512	20,286
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1908,	4,537		" in month of Dec., 1908,	5	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	3		Applications withdrawn* to end of Nov., 1908,	575	4,517
		4,540	" in month of Dec., 1908,	—	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to end of Nov., 1908,	2,716		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission to end of Nov., 1908,	13,477	575
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	—		" in month of D ., 1908,	3	
		2,716	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the end of Nov., 1908,	52	13,480
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to end of Nov., 1908,	177		" in month of Dec., 1908,	—	52
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	—		Total disposed of,	—	38,860
		177	Number to be disposed of,	—	4,773
Total,	—	43,633	Total,	—	43,633

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to end of Nov., 1908,	13,880		Rents fixed to end of Nov., 1908,	5,394	
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	70		" in month of Dec., 1908,	16	
			Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1908,	528	5,410
			" in month of Dec., 1908,	3	
			Applications withdrawn* to end of Nov., 1908,	143	531
			" in month of Dec., 1908,	2	
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to end of Nov., 1908,	6,884	145
			" in month of Dec., 1908,	2	
			Total disposed of,	—	6,886
			Number to be disposed of,	—	12,972
Total,	13,950		Total,	—	978
					13,950

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, Fixing Fair Rent to end of Nov., 1908,	.	.	7,382
Do. do. in month of Dec., 1908,	.	.	—
Total,	.	.	7,382

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, Fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to end of Nov., 1908,	.	.	156
Do. do. in month of Dec., 1908,	.	.	—
Total,	.	.	156

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (<i>e.g.</i> , Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of holdings, &c.):		Number disposed of to end of Nov., 1908,	411	
Applications received to end of Nov., 1908,	729	„ in month of Dec., 1908,	2	413
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	2	Transferred to Irish Land Commission to end of Nov.,	51	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to end of Nov., 1908,	3	Transferred in month of Dec., 1908,	—	51
Applications received in month of Dec., 1908,	—	Total number disposed of,	—	464
	3	Number to be disposed of,	—	270
Total,	734	Total,	—	784

* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID (“LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887.”—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void,	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out,	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised,	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission,	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF “LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887”—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to end of Nov., 1908	24	Applications granted to end of Nov., 1908,	7
„ in month of Dec., 1908,	—	Applications dismissed or struck out to end of Nov., 1908,	4
		Applications withdrawn to end of Nov., 1908,	1
		Applications transferred to Land Commission to end of Nov., 1908,	3
		Proceedings in Dec., 1908,	—
		Total number disposed of,	15
		Number to be disposed of,	9
Total,	24	Total,	24

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,

11th February, 1909.

JOHN H. FRANKS.