

RETURN of SURVEYS EXECUTED in the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND up to JULY, 1876.

Districts.	Total Area.	Geographical and Standard Survey.				Settlement and Section Survey.						Remarks.
		Meridional Circuit.	Major Triangulation.		Minor Triangulation.		Block.		Spotting.			
			Reliable.	Unproven.	Reliable.	Unproven.	Reliable.	Unproven.	Reliable.	Unproven.		
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Canterbury (1)	8,693,026	...	...	...	992,000	2,008,000	...	...	...	2,014,696	2,014,696	¹ Mechanically plotted only, but a large part reducible. ² Untested either by minor triangulation or mathematically reduced traverse. ^{3 4 5 6 7 & 8} Ditto. ⁹ Generally speaking, not ruled by minor triangulation nor mathematically reduced. ¹⁰ Untested. ¹¹ Ditto. ¹² Ditto, and unruled by minor triangulation. ¹³ Not ruled by minor triangulation. ¹⁴ The New Zealand Company's and other early block surveys, all separately accurate, have been closed by minor triangulation, while the spotting surveys have been re-surveyed and embodied in recent surveys. ¹⁵ Partly broken down to minor. ¹⁶ Subsequently closed (to major trig. points) to a considerable extent. Mechanically plotted till lately. Much of the Native land surveys must be classed as sketch or reconnaissance, being in rough inaccessible country, and for the most not executed for settlement purposes, but for extinguishment of Native title only.
Marlborough	3,000,000	...	...	...	...	39,000	...	...	...	5,000	5,000	
Nelson	7,000,000	...	...	...	...	63,000	...	...	...	42,000	158,000	
Westland	3,045,760	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54,000	...	
Auckland (2)	17,000,000	...	...	...	60,000	...	...	2,500,000	...	...	30,000	
Taranaki	2,137,000	...	...	...	12,000	...	30,000	130,000	...	...	...	
Hawke's Bay (3)	3,050,000	...	...	...	...	320,000	...	...	...	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Wellington	7,000,000	...	3,500,000	...	3,000,000	...	1,446,954	30,000	...	...	...	
Otago (4)	16,140,000	13,240,000	680,000	...	5,800,000	...	2,103,000	...	800,000	...	...	
Native and Confiscated Lands (5)	...	...	9,647,390	...	...	...	...	7,502,966	...	...	...	
	67,065,786	13,240,000	14,633,090	...	9,864,000	2,430,000	3,579,954	11,167,966	896,000	3,207,696	3,207,696	

(1) It is not to be understood that all section surveys unproven are incorrect; only that, till submitted to the test of minor triangulation or major traverse circuit, which would be a very expensive and laborious undertaking, they cannot as a whole be considered reliable, and that in the above return their practical usefulness is not questioned, though in this report special work has been stated to be wrong. What have been stated as reliable are such as are governed either by minor triangulation or what are mathematically proved in themselves.

(2) & (3) This includes the work only under the Waste Land Boards.

(4) Including Southland.

(5) Auckland, Wellington, and Hawke's Bay.