

excellent specimen of lithography. The projection is the polyconic—the middle line being the meridian of 172° 30' E, and the two maps will be of the same size. The scale and form have been adapted to the size of the steam litho. machine, in order that great numbers may be printed quickly.

Messrs. Kemp and McCardell have been engaged chiefly on 1-mile district maps of Marlborough, Nelson, and Canterbury. Nelson and Marlborough have been completed, and the maps are capable of being joined into a complete map of that part of the Middle Island.

When engaged on the compilation of the map of the Middle Island now being drawn on stone, it was found that the existing maps, compiled from Admiralty charts, showed the position of the West Coast about the Steeples to be drawn about 6' of longitude too far east.

The maps of land advertised for sale during the past year have been printed in colours, denoting the various modes of disposal, and they seem to have answered the purpose of bringing each class of land clearly before the public very well.

The work done in the Photographic Gallery and in the Litho. Printing Office has not been so great as last year, and consequently two printers have been dispensed with.

In the Record Office the work done is partially represented by the statement that 7,341 letters were received and despatched during the year. This office and that of the Accountant's have had their duties increased by the correspondence and accounts of the expenditure undertaken to open up lands for sale by means of the construction of roads, &c. Payments on this account to the amount of £32,580 3s. 10d. have been passed during the year.

In January last, in accordance with your instructions, I visited the Chatham Islands, and reported on certain disputes as to roads, and generally as to the state of the country. The islands contain about 192,000 acres, and of this probably 45,000 acres are in the hands of Europeans, but the Crown does not possess in freehold a single acre there. Wool is the principal production; the extent of agricultural land does not, I believe, exceed 20,000 acres. The action now being taken by Parliament will stimulate the progress of the community; and if the Natives can be induced to sell their lands for settlement, or even give fixed leases, the prosperity of the islands would be greatly increased. At present, being followers of Te Whiti, the Maoris do not deal with their possessions in any form.

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Office Surveyor.

LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING executed from July, 1880, to June, 1881.

Department.	No. of Separate Printings.	No. of Impressions		Department.	No. of Separate Printings.	No. of Impressions	
		By Hand.	By Machine.			By Hand.	By Machine.
Public Works ...	227	33,914	136,780	Patent ...	11	1,450	3,600
Survey ...	374	33,523	102,775	Treasury ...	13	1,495	...
Telegraph ...	39	10,000	9,900	Printing ...	3	435	...
Geological ...	24	7,100	35,335	Architect ...	4	260	...
Native ...	26	2,255	...	Inspector of Prisons ...	1	30	...
Customs ...	48	2,960	...	Defence ...	1	250	...
Railway ...	15	2,725	...	Exhibition Commissioners ...	1	300	...
Registrar-General ...	18	1,105	...	Legislative Council ...	1	50	...
Property-tax ...	3	1,530	...	Colonial Secretary ...	17	1,002	...
Marine ...	10	940	1,150	Crown Lands ...	4	205	...
Annuities ...	8	2,400	2,200				
Education ...	63	5,870	...				
Justice ...	56	3,935	...	Totals ...	967	113,734	291,740

MAPS MOUNTED, various sizes, from 18 in. x 18 in. to 6 ft. x 6 ft., 1,370.

WORK ON HAND 30th June, 1881, 21 plans, in 38 colours, giving 17,370 impressions and 29,920 pulls.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

				No. of Plates Taken during the Year.					No. of Plates Taken during the Year.
Survey ...	...	...	...	121	Railway ...	...	...	...	1
Public Works ...	...	...	...	80	Customs ...	...	...	...	13
Patent ...	...	...	...	8					
Telegraph ...	...	...	...	19	Total ...	...	...	...	257
Marine ...	...	...	...	2					
Government Printer ...	...	...	...	1	Ferrocyanide prints ...	...	...	...	41
Museum ...	...	...	...	12	Silver ...	...	...	...	1,083

WORK ON HAND 30th June, 1881, 7 plans, 9 plates 16 in. x 16 in