

No. 6.—LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING executed from the 1st July, 1885, to the 30th June, 1886.

Department.	No. of Separate Printings.	Number of Impressions.		Department.	No. of Separate Printings.	Number of Impressions.	
		By Machine.	By Hand.			By Machine.	By Hand.
Survey	266	81,412	15,551	Native	5	..	230
Public Works	369	81,600	16,660	Treasury	5	..	726
Customs	9	500	1,120	Property-tax	5	2,500	2,250
Geological	26	45,090	1,812	Registrar-General	15	..	1,251
Justice	19	500	1,856	Patent	1	..	100
Mines	115	93,650	1,447	Colonial Secretary	8	..	385
Insurance	1	..	150	Crown Lands	13	12,000	400
Railway	22	32,000	1,815	Defence	29	..	1,363
Post and Telegraph	15	4,000	1,900	Forest	35	26,000	2,879
Marine	26	8,250	1,273	Parliament	1	3,000	..
Education	47	8,500	3,099				
Premier's Office	54	83,025	..	Totals	1,138	496,902	56,489
Agent-General.. ..	8	5,600	..				
Exhibition	37	..	222				
Printing	7	9,275	..				

No. 7.—ABSTRACT OF LITHOGRAPHS PRINTED during the Year.

Head Office, Wellington	553,391
Auckland	2,950
Dunedin	13,800
Invercargill	1,600
Total	<u>571,741</u>
Maps mounted	2,584

HEAD OFFICE.

During the year just closed the correspondence has consisted of letters, &c., received and despatched, 8,032; references from other departments, 1,525.

The accounts represent an expenditure of £171,733 7s. 9d., of which £107,828 15s. 9d. is for surveys, and £63,904 12s. for road-construction. Of the latter sum of £63,804 12s. for road-formation, £23,511 18s. 4d. has been expended by local authorities, and £40,292 13s. 8d. directly by officers of the Survey Department. Number of vouchers passed, 8,210.

The recoveries from other departments and from the public for work done amount to £11,351 12s. 1d., and the amount due at the end of the year is £10,443 11s. 3d.

The maps prepared for publication in the Head Office during the past year have been fourteen survey-districts, scale one mile to an inch, fifteen sale-plans, four geographical maps, besides a great variety of minor works.

Maps for the census of 1886 were prepared entirely in this office (excepting the Census District of Westland). They numbered 674 separate plans, each of which was mounted on cloth, bound to the sub-enumerators' books, coloured to show boundaries of boroughs, with their wards, town districts, road districts, ridings, counties, electorates; and these were further divided into smaller areas, in case it should be necessary in the future to readjust the representation in Parliament. I am glad to say that, notwithstanding the liability to error, I have heard of only one case in which a mistake was made in the books issued. This is creditable to Mr. Flanagan, under whose direction the work was done, and also to the officers engaged upon it.

A further portion of the map of the Middle Island to be printed on the scale of eight miles to an inch has been in the hands of Mr. Grant and Mr. Malings. This part will extend from lat. 43° to lat. 45°, or, say, from the Hurunui to the Waitaki.

Drawings for Mr. Kirk's "New Zealand Forest Flora" have been further prosecuted: Mr. Graham has drawn twenty-four plates, Mr. Boscawen forty-seven plates, and the publication of Part I., containing twenty-six plates, is now in the press. As exact reproductions of the several specimens, they compare favourably with the best of this kind of work.

In the photographic gallery the number of negatives taken is 529. Of these 415 were transferred to stone, and 114 were used for silver prints. The out-turn is about one-sixth more than last year.