

Additions to existing domains were made as follows :—

Land District.				Domain.				Area added.		
								A.	R.	P.
North Auckland	..	..	..	Tutamoe	..	..	..	10	0	6
„	..	..	..	Opua	..	..	..	10	3	12
„	..	..	..	Konini	..	..	..	0	1	24
„	..	..	..	Mount Roskill	..	..	..	0	0	32
Auckland	..	..	..	Whakatane	..	..	..	0	0	8·8
„	..	..	..	Kihikihi	..	..	..	0	2	38
„	..	..	..	Ohope Beach	..	..	..	10	3	10·89
„	..	..	..	Hamilton	..	..	..	{ 2	0	26·02
Wellington	..	..	..	Nukumaruru	..	..	..	{ 5	3	29·94
„	..	..	..	Tokaanu	..	..	..	4	3	28·6
„	..	..	..	Otaki	..	..	..	59	3	3
Nelson	..	..	..	Kaiteriteri	..	..	..	0	1	10·93
Canterbury	..	..	..	Upper Riccarton	..	..	..	{ 4	2	35
Otago	..	..	..	Fraser River	..	..	..	{ 1	1	30
Total area added to fourteen domains				..	..	..	..	{ 0	3	14
				..	..	..	..	{ 2	0	34·2
				..	..	..	..	1	3	14
				..	..	..	..	117	0	37·38

PART II.—NATIONAL PARKS

An important event during the year was the constitution of the Abel Tasman National Park situated in Tasman Bay, Nelson. The park comprises an area of 37,622 acres, made up of 21,900 acres of provisional State forest, 14,354 acres of Crown land, and 1,368 acres of scenic and other reserves situated in the Totaranui, Kaiteriteri, Waitapu, and Takaka Survey Districts, and covering what is sometimes known as the Kaiteriteri Peninsula. It is granite country, much of which is still in virgin bush, and possesses great scenic and botanic value, while the historical associations of Tasman, D'Urville, and Captain Wakefield with that part of Tasman Bay give it added interest as a national reserve. There are miles of rugged coast-line, open bays, beautiful rivers with many falls, and fine beaches with a background of bush-clad ranges. Four fine rivers—the Marahau, Falls, Awaroa, and Awapoto—rise in the reserve, through which the three last-named flow for the greater part of their courses to the sea.

The official opening of the park was performed by His Excellency the Governor-General on 19th December, 1942, in the presence of a representative gathering, including the members of the Netherlands delegation, who visited the Dominion for the Tasman Tercentennial Celebrations.

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