

bulk of which being settlement lands, has increased from 45,495 acres to 70,322 acres. So far the field staff, at the expense of other work, have been able to deal promptly with all surveys of settlement and development work.

The following is a summary of the areas dealt with in the various districts for land-settlement purposes. The table shows the actual areas dealt with by the field staff, the cost of portion of which has not been included in the return of field-work pending completion of the illustrating plans and maps:—

Surveys for Land Settlement

District.	Preliminary Topographical Surveys.	Final Land Title Surveys.	Number of Units.
	Acre.	Acre.	
Auckland and North Auckland	36,467	15,401	119
Gisborne	3,400	5,072	14
Hawke's Bay	23,034	11,471	46
Taranaki	2,425	2,824	21
Wellington	23,400	7,546	35
Marlborough	6,755	2,060	9
Nelson	..	120	3
Westland	..	..	..
Canterbury	17,762	30,152	50
Otago	19,605	8,142	26
Southland	25,948	2,180	5
Te Kuiti (Development Branch)	22,570	1,468	15
Totals	181,366	86,436	343

The preliminary topographical surveys in most cases involve the preparation of a map illustrating all natural features, improvements, a general classification of the land concerned, and any other features that might have an ultimate bearing on the development of the area. Some land-title survey work is being held in abeyance until subdivisional proposals and development works are finalized.

Settlement-survey work is fairly evenly distributed throughout the various districts, except in the Nelson and Westland districts, where practically no settlement work is in view.

An analysis of the cost of field-work carried out by staff and contract surveyors in the various Chief Surveyors' offices is scheduled hereunder:—

District.	By Staff Surveyors.			By Contract Surveyors.			Totals.			Percentage.	Number of Surveyors.	
											Staff.	Contract.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Auckland and North Auckland	16,940	10	5	3,878	2	0	20,818	12	5	42.0	6	31
Gisborne	189	9	4	250	14	6	440	3	10	0.9	1	1
Hawke's Bay	2,191	9	10	257	0	0	2,448	9	10	4.9	3	2
Taranaki	661	5	5	110	8	11	771	14	4	1.6	2	2
Wellington	3,562	16	1	2,085	13	3	5,648	9	4	11.4	4	12
Marlborough	1,066	4	4	..	..	..	1,066	4	4	2.2	1	..
Nelson	2,149	0	0	151	5	1	2,300	5	1	4.6	1	1
Westland	363	5	5	140	9	11	503	15	4	1.0	1	2
Canterbury	5,817	5	8	826	15	3	6,644	0	11	13.4	4	4
Otago	2,366	10	8	809	0	2	3,175	10	10	6.4	2	5
Southland	5,769	8	8	..	..	..	5,769	8	8	11.6	3	..
Totals	41,077	5	10	8,509	9	1	49,586	14	11	100	28	60
							(26,267	16	4)		(27)	(55)

Last year's returns are shown in parentheses.