

OFFICE WORK

Land Transfer and Computing Branch.—The following plans were examined and approved: land transfer, 53; Survey Office, 20; and Native, 2.

In addition, 145 traverse sheets were checked, 657 diagrams were endorsed on certificates of title, and 108 Proclamations coloured off.

General Office Work.—Nine plans were compiled for various legalization purposes, 15 diagrams were endorsed on Crown leases, and 11 on Court orders. Forty tracings were prepared for the Valuation Department, 20 in the preparation of field data, and 252 for general purposes. Three hundred and twelve sun-prints were made and 206 tracings and lithos mounted.

Town Schemes.—Four plans of town subdivisions were approved by the Hon. the Minister of Lands under the provision of section 16 of the Land Act, 1924. These covered an area of 6 acres subdivided in 15 allotments. The subdivisions called for the dedication of 7 chains of new road.

The work has been steadily increasing during the year, and I desire to record my appreciation of the manner in which all members of the staff have carried out their duties.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT

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FIELD WORK

Settlement Surveys: Rehabilitation.—During the year both field and office staff have been mainly employed on this work. Preliminary surveys showing details of fences, buildings, water-supply, soil types, &c., are required for all blocks, and during the year 20,228 acres were plane tabled for this purpose by staff surveyors and 2,806 acres by contract surveyors.

Nine different areas were subdivided into 39 sections, of a total area of 8,665 acres, by staff surveyors, and one area, of 2,806 acres, were subdivided into 7 sections by a contract surveyor.

Standard Surveys.—No work under this heading has been carried out during the year.

Road and Railway Surveys.—Under this heading 4.4 miles of new road was laid off.

Housing Subdivision.—Under this heading 2 surveys were made by staff surveyors having 57 lots and an area of 17 acres 1 rood 34 perches.

Native Land Survey.—Work done under this heading: 1 subdivisional survey having 2 lots and containing 38 acres 2 roods 16 perches, 5 compiled plans having 11 lots containing 76 acres 2 roods 21 perches, 3 pre-earthquake plans reproduced having 22 lots and containing 201 acres 1 rood 34 perches, 20 Court orders endorsed, 7 Court tracings.

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During the year the office staff have been employed for the most part on rehabilitation work, and in this connection 24 plans have been prepared from Surveyor's field notes. Other work carried out included the following: 17 record maps drawn and 1 revised; 8 sale posters drawn; 601 tracings; 334 lithographs and tracings mounted; 685 sun-prints prepared; 32 diagrams placed on warrant titles, and 60 on Crown leases.