

As well as the above work, 7 single-unit properties have been redefined for the purpose of lifting limitation on titles. In this group 1,858 acres have been surveyed, 3 properties, totalling 803 acres, by private contract, and 1 unit, also by private contract, is in hand.

Owing to shortage of staff surveyors it will not be possible, in view of topographical survey requirements, to cope with all subdivisional work, and a large proportion of such will have to be allocated to private surveyors.

Progress may be retarded as all private surveyors are practically fully engaged.

Triangulation (Third Order).—One staff surveyor completed 32 square miles at a cost of £3 15s. per square mile.

Suburban Surveys.—An area of 2 acres 2 roods 35 perches was surveyed by a staff surveyor at a cost of 88·7s. per acre.

Town Surveys.—Two staff surveyors and two contract surveyors surveyed 77 sections at a cost of £4·72 per section. The resurvey of part of Town of Wanaka accounted for 50 of these sections.

Housing Surveys.—A total of 142 sections were surveyed by three contract surveyors at a cost of £3·18 per section. Of these sections, 102 form part of the Corstorphine Housing Block, 29 sections in the Wakari district, 10 sections at Palmerston, and 1 at Mosgiel.

Standard Survey: (Rural).—Of the Leith-Waitati Road, 6½ miles were finalized at a cost of £30·6 per mile, which completes this work.

Road Surveys.—The Leith-Waitati Road survey was completed, comprising 6½ miles and 1½ miles of road deviations completed at Roxburgh, and two small road deviations of 1 mile at Waikouaiti and Clinton were also carried out, the cost for the 9 miles being £51·7 per mile.

Inspection and Investigation Surveys.—The inspection of 6 surveys was carried out at a cost of £7·2 per survey.

Maintenance of Survey Marks.—Reference marks for S.S. blocks, Dunedin City, were fixed at a cost of £1 16s. 1d.

Proposed Operations.—Completing rehabilitation surveys at Taieri and Awamangu and periphery survey of Island Block Farm Settlement, &c.

OFFICE WORK

Land Transfer.—During the year 138 plans were received for examination, and 130 plans containing 484 lots of a total area of 1,183 acres were approved.

One thousand one hundred and four dealings were examined and passed and 1,994 diagrams placed on instruments of title.

Plan Preparation and Examination.—During the year 82 plans were received, comprising 49 Crown and 33 for other Departments. Of these, 43 were drawn in the office and 21 were compiled from official records. Eighty-two plans were examined, including 46 Crown and 36 for other Departments, and 80 plans were approved, 39 of these being Crown and 41 other Departments.

General Draughting.—The final drawings for 1 in. provisional sheet S. 161 were completed, 2 index record maps were drawn and 4 block sheets redrawn, 6 tenure maps prepared, 134 plans recorded, 717 tracings prepared for office use, and 81 tracings for other Departments, 237 prints and 50 photo-stats were prepared, 574 lithographs and tracings mounted, including 18 scheme plans which were forwarded for approval. Sixty-five diagrams were placed on leases, and 225 searches made mostly in connection with land sales and properties offered to the Crown.