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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY

SCENERY PRESERVATION

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND SCHEDULE OF LANDS ACQUIRED AND RESERVED DURING THE YEAR UNDER THE SCENERY PRESERVATION ACT

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 17 of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908

> Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 30th June, 1947.

Sir.—

I have the honour to submit herewith a report on scenery preservation for the year ended 31st March, 1947.

I have, &c., D. M. Greig, Under-Secretary for Lands.

The Hon. the Minister in Charge of Scenery Preservation, Wellington.

REPORT

PROCLAMATIONS during the year setting apart land as scenic or historic reserves under the Scenery Preservation Act covered a total area of 6,538 acres.

In the North Auckland Land District a small piece of closed road was added to a scenic reserve in the Kaihu district. Two areas of 114 acres and 108 acres respectively of steep bush country near the Ruapekapeka Pa were placed under reservation, one of them being voluntarily surrendered out of his lease by a Crown lessee in order that the bush might be preserved. In the Kaeo district an area of 217 acres at the headwaters of the Waionopu Stream was set apart. This reserve comprises some 170 acres most generously donated by Mr. T. H. Hayes and members of his family, plus some 47 acres of Crown land, the whole forming a compact area with well-defined natural boundaries on three sides. Most of the reserve is in good bush, and there is an outstanding hill on the area running up to 1,060 ft. An area of 148 acres of Crown land was added to the Trounson Kauri Park to help in rounding off the boundaries of that magnificent reserve.