

the selection of land for settlement. These maps require the compilation of a schedule of land ownerships and the preparation of an index map on a scale of 1 mile to an inch illustrating the location of each separate land holding. This work will be completed during the coming year.

Still greater use is being made of the photostat machine for copying purposes. A new machine is to be installed in the Dunedin office which will relieve the draughting staff of the bulk of the tracing work, which is slow and uneconomic.

WARRANTS

During the year, 147 (189) warrants for certificates of title comprising 561 (740) items and 8 (12) proclamations of road-lines under the Maori Land Act, 1931, were dealt with.

MAP SALES

The following table summarizes map sales for the year ending 31st March, 1948 :—

Class of Map.	Sold for Cash or Credit.	Free Issues and Office Use.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Survey districts and counties	693 3 3	1,413 4 9	2,106 8 0
Towns	438 0 9	263 11 0	701 11 9
Territorial	749 14 11	337 12 3	1,087 7 2
Topographical	2,025 1 0	739 10 6	2,764 11 6
Miscellaneous	296 2 9	88 6 10	384 9 7
Totals	4,202 2 8	2,842 5 4	7,044 8 0
Previous year	(4,720 10 1)	(2,132 15 3)	(6,853 5 4)

There has been a slight increase in the disposal of maps this year. No attempt has yet been made to popularize the sale of departmental maps, on account of the limited map stocks. However, it is hoped that, in view of additional stocks of topographical maps which may come to hand from other sources during the year, it may be possible to establish map-sales agencies throughout the Dominion.

SUMMARIZED EXPENDITURE

The following schedule sets out the salary expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1948, apportioned to various classes of work in both the office and the field. Relative figures for the previous year are also shown :—

	1947-48.	1946-47.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General (Crown surveys, records, tracings, investigations, diagrams, and general office-work)	67,773 16 7	64,940 3 9
Triangulation	1,958 2 6	3,024 1 4
Topographical mapping	9,849 19 2	9,454 2 6
Standard traverse	90 18 9	481 5 4
Survey maintenance	627 4 3	516 10 0
Precise levelling	329 14 5	648 1 2
Inspection and investigation surveys	1,214 14 3	1,218 1 4
Town scheme plans	4,450 1 0	1,431 14 0
Land-settlement (topographical and schemes)	12,825 5 3	12,412 0 1
Work for—		
Maori Affairs Department	3,275 8 3	2,523 11 11
Land and Deeds Department	23,799 5 0	18,520 3 3
Public Works Department—		
General	4,635 12 3	4,055 5 3
Housing	3,445 2 1	3,070 0 2
Other Departments	7,549 7 1	9,216 18 1
	<u>£141,824 10 10</u>	<u>£131,511 18 2</u>