

The three major items of expenditure with the relative output for the past three years are as follows:—

	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
(i) Topographical survey for settlement	192,563	227,639	196,698
(ii) Rural and settlement survey	90,308	132,271	172,461
	Lots.	Lots.	Lots.
(iii) Town and housing section survey	1,614	2,149	3,506

Except for a slight decrease in the return of topographical surveys this year, these items show a steady increase in output. These surveys comprise 60 per cent. of the field operations carried out during the year.

The expenditure listed under the heading "Topographical mapping (1 : 63360)" comprises mapping completed during the war period, costs of which have been brought forward on the publication of the map sheets concerned.

The summary once again reveals the fact that vital and urgent survey works are still held in abeyance. Reference will be made later in the report to the triangulation, topographical mapping, and precise levelling operations.

SURVEYS FOR LAND-SETTLEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1949

District.	Chief Surveyor.	Preliminary Topographical Surveys.	Final Land Title Surveys.	Number of Units.
North Auckland and South Auckland	W. Traill.	24,131	19,920	197
Gisborne	C. L. Cox	7,021	27,418	36
Hawkes Bay	A. J. Wattie	16,310	18,988	62
Taranaki	J. S. Strawbridge	1,986	2,894	16
Wellington	T. S. Roe	29,269	28,368	69
Marlborough	W. Watson	8,193	21,585	12
Nelson	J. W. McIntyre	152	62	3
Westland	E. M. Morilleau	..	..	..
Canterbury	T. S. McMillan	86,794	18,849	15
Otago	H. A. Adams	10,501	10,968	19
Southland	H. M. Smith	12,341	7,281	18
Totals—		196,698	156,333	447
1948	..	227,631	98,492	305
1947	..	141,312	61,209	219

This table sets out the areas dealt with in each district for solely land-settlement purposes. It represents the actual area of land surveyed for these purposes and does not include land units settled which have not required survey.

The increase in the area finally surveyed and the number of units show a large increase on the previous year. It is anticipated that an equal or greater rate of output will be maintained during the coming year. It is intended to utilize the services of contract surveyors on this work to a greater extent in the future, thus releasing staff surveyors for other urgent work.