

in the preservation of a valuable beauty spot. Other purchased areas awaiting Proclamation include about 100 acres of bush of splendid quality on the Taumarunui-Tokaanu Highway acquired from the Maori owners, a block of bush land on D'Urville Island, and an area of 96 acres near Horse-shoe Bay, Stewart Island, taking in the well-known Garden Mound and its surroundings. This last-mentioned area formed part of a Crown leasehold, but arrangements were made with the lessee for the surrender from his lease of the portion required for scenic purposes.

SUPERVISION OF RESERVES

Special Scenic Boards were appointed or reappointed during the year as follows: The New Plymouth Scenic Reserves Board to control nine scenic and historic reserves in and about New Plymouth; the Cape Kidnapper Bird Sanctuary Board to safeguard the famous gannet sanctuary at the southern tip of Hawkes Bay; the Hutchinson Scenic Board to control the Hutchinson Reserve in the Puketitiri district of Hawkes Bay; the Forest Hill Scenic Board to control the Forest Hill Reserves in Southland; the Mount Balloon Hut Scenic Board to control the Mount Balloon Reserve on the Arthur Tableland, Nelson; the Hundalee Scenic Board to control the Hundalee Reserves on the Kaikoura Coast; the Ship Cove Reserve Board to control the Ship Cove and other reserves in Queen Charlotte Sound; the Orari Gorge Scenic Board to control the Orari Gorge Reserve; the Pelorus Scenic Board to control the valuable reserves at and around Pelorus Bridge; the Papatowai Scenic Board to control some beautiful reserves on the South Otago Coast; and the Tukituki River Scenic Board to control a reserve near Waipukurau.

In addition, the control of the reserves listed hereunder was vested in the local authorities named:—

Name of Reserve.	Local Authority Concerned.
Raetihi	Raetihi Borough Council.
Waihi Falls	Weber County Council.
Stoney Creek	Taranaki County Council.
Rangiwaea	Rangitikei County Council
Edendale	Edendale Town Board.
Coronation	Whangarei Borough Council.
Kaihoka Lakes	Collingwood County Council.
Waiopahu	Levin Borough Council.
Gordon Park	Wanganui City Council.
Tuakau	Tuakau Town Board.
Evansdale Glen	Dunedin City Council.
Paremoremo	Waitemata County Council.
Birkenhead	Birkenhead Borough Council.
Kennedy's Bush	} Christchurch City Council.
Hoon Hay Park	
Cooper's Knob	
Cass Peak	
Ahuriri Bush	}

Some additional reserves were placed under the control of the Pelorus and Punakaiki Scenic Boards.

Forty-four ladies and gentlemen were appointed as honorary Inspectors of scenic reserves throughout the Dominion.

The field staff of the Department have endeavoured to keep an eye on scenic reserves as far as possible, and have attended to the posting of notices on reserves in various places. Extreme pressure of work in connection with the settlement of service-men on the land has, however, prevented field officers from exercising as much supervision as would be possible in ordinary circumstances.