

TABLE I—STATISTICS : CATCHMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The following is a complete list of catchment and soil conservation Districts constituted as at 31st March, 1949. The statistics have been obtained from Catchment Boards who supplied new valuations of constituent local authorities as at 1st April, 1948, and from the *N.Z. Official Year-book*, 1946 :—

Name.	Area (Approximate) (Square Miles).	Rateable Capital Valuation (Approximate), (£ Million).			Population (Approximate).	Headquarters of Board.
		Rural.	Urban.	Total.		
Catchment districts—						
Hauraki	1,360	13·8	4·2	18·0	45,000	Box 505, Te Aroha.
Rangitikei	2,896	14·4	2·5	16·9	26,470	Box 22, Marton.
Manawatu	2,700	27·6	12·6	40·2	75,800	Box 422, Palmerston North.
Hawkes Bay	3,055	18·1	11·7	29·8	57,800	Box 233, Napier.
Wairarapa	2,237	13·6	4·1	17·7	26,250	Box 41, Masterton.
Poverty Bay	2,135	10·8	5·0	15·8	31,500	Box 338, Gisborne.
Nelson	2,518	4·4	5·0	9·4	30,570	Box 41, Nelson.
Westland	6,306	1·9	3·0	4·9	26,820	Box 50, Greymouth.
North Canterbury	4,165	25·1	40·5	65·6	162,750	Box 788, Christchurch.
South Canterbury	4,326	20·8	8·5	29·3	61,850	Box 160, Timaru.
Otago	13,210	18·0	20·8	47·8	327,460	Box 620, Dunedin.
Southland	11,467	18·0	12·1	30·1	71,850	Box 408, Invercargill.
Totals, twelve catchment districts	56,375	186·5	139·0	325·5	944,120	
Soil Conservation District— Waitaki	4,600	3·0	0·0	3·0	4,750	Kurow.
Totals, catchment and soil conser- vation districts	60,975	189·5	139·0	328·5	948,870	
Totals, New Zealand (including Stewart and Chatham Islands)	103,416	315·6	331·5	647·1	1,702,298	
Percentage covered by catch- ment and soil conservation districts	59	60	42	51	56	

TABLE II EXPENDITURE, 1ST APRIL, 1948 TO 31ST MARCH, 1949

Item.	Voted, 1948-49.	Expenditure, 1948-49.	Miscellaneous Receipts.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Flood and erosion control works	300,000	312,968 13 5	11,986 13 7
Hydrological data	20,000	7,425 6 6	91 17 5
Hydraulic model laboratory	15,000	11 11 4	
Initial expenses of Catchment Boards and loans to local authorities	70,000	64,461 0 3	15,478 6 9
Investigations and surveys	15,000	7,695 12 8	479 7 2
Publicity and educational work	10,000	8,225 11 8	46 16 6
Research and experimental work	7,500	26,863 14 1	8,585 2 2
Soil conservation reserves : Acquisition and fencing	15,000	8,352 18 7	171 0 0
Soil conservation districts : Investigations and initial expenses	750	40 8 3	
Soil conservation works	50,000	26,928 9 10	3,544 7 1
Travelling-expenses and fees of Council	2,500	1,968 7 10	4 17 2
Contribution from Consolidated Fund	..	..	5,000 0 0
Totals	505,750	464,941 14 5	45,388 7 10

Amount appropriated for year ended 31st March, 1949, £450,000.