

The descriptions which have been written relating to counties, ridings, mining-areas, registration districts, boroughs, estates, drainage districts, acclimatisation areas, and marine reached the total of 158.

Ninety-two tracings to illustrate subjects of correspondence have been made. Number of maps, tracings, and photographs mounted, 782.

LITHOGRAPHING, PRINTING, and PHOTOGRAPHY, 1st APRIL, 1901, to 31st OCTOBER, 1901.

Department.	Printing.				Photographing.			
	Number of Complete Copies printed.		Number of Impressions taken.	Number of Separate Printings.	Number of Line Negatives.	Number of "Process" Negatives.	Number of Bromides.	Number of Silver Prints.
	By Machine.	By Hand.						
Lands and Survey ...	274,780	4,728	747,606	444	150	42	748	82
Mines ...	42,125	...	52,625	24	6	20	...	...
Public Works ...	4,635	3,159	9,719	98	9	22	...	...
Marine ...	7,430	860	21,595	20	1	...	...	...
Postal and Telegraph ...	500	...	1,000	2	1	...	...	...
Public Trust ...	450	...	950	4	...	...	...	...
Registrar-General ...	8,500	...	25,500	3	1	...	...	...
Education. ...	...	700	700	1	...	...	...	...
Agricultural and Stock ...	31,300	2,150	33,450	23	15	...	...	...
Treasury ...	931	1,288	2,219	1	...	...	...	...
Railway ...	72,300	...	216,900	12	...	...	...	...
Customs and Trade ...	...	425	425	2	2	...	...	...
Government Insurance ...	5,000	...	5,000	1	...	...	...	...
Meteorological ...	2,500	...	7,500	3	1	...	...	...
Premier's ...	...	1,204	2,228	13	3	2	1,650	131
Native ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Colonial Secretary ...	...	150	150	1	1	1	...	3
Tourist ...	20,000	540	60,540	27	11	4	...	...
Roads and Bridges ...	...	2,800	2,800	47	...	...	...	...
Public Health... ..	4,000	...	10,000	10	2	...	...	...
New Zealand Times Company	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...
Totals ...	474,451	18,004	1,200,907	736	203	101	2,398	224

Number of plates used: viz., 16 in. by 16 in., fifty-four; 12 in. by 10 in., twelve; 30 in. by 30 in., twenty-five; 24 in. by 24 in., fourteen; 18 in. by 24 in., forty-nine; 8 in. by 10 in., thirty-five; 16 in. by 22 in., one. Number of lithographic stones used, 562.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. F. T. O'Neill, Chief Clerk, reports:—

The total number of letters and telegrams received was 15,532, and the outward correspondence amounted to 15,038—a total of 30,570 documents received, recorded, or despatched. This total is less than last year to the number of about 8,000, which is accounted for by the correspondence relating to road and tourist matters no longer being dealt with by this Department. The number of new subjects opened amounted to 1,858, and 492 records were received from other departments for reference or report.

The number of Proclamations, Orders in Council, Warrants, and notices prepared during the year under the Acts specified was,—

"The Land Act, 1892": 14 Proclamations setting apart lands as village settlements, 15 Orders in Council fixing terms and conditions of lease of village-homestead allotments, 34 Warrants notifying lands for sale by public auction, 9 Proclamations setting apart lands for leasing as small grazing-runs, 70 Warrants opening lands for sale or selection, 7 Proclamations setting apart or withdrawing lands from improved-farm settlements, 19 Warrants temporarily reserving lands, 12 Warrants permanently reserving lands, 9 Proclamations taking and closing roads, 3 Proclamations taking or resuming lands for various public purposes, and 1 Proclamation authorising an education reserve to be sold.

Native Townships Act: 2 Proclamations setting apart lands for Native townships.

Local Bodies' Loans Act: 11 Proclamations setting apart land for settlement.

Cemeteries Act: 41 Warrants and 1 Order in Council appointing and removing trustees.

State Forests Act: 4 Proclamations setting apart lands as State forests.

Public Domains Act: 16 Orders in Council bringing lands under the Act, and 60 Orders in Council delegating powers.

Public Reserves Act: 9 Orders in Council vesting reserves in local bodies, 6 Orders in Council exchanging reserves for other land, and 9 Warrants changing the purposes of reserves.

Public Works Act: 13 Proclamations taking and closing roads, 7 Proclamations taking lands for various public purposes, 2 Orders in Council declaring county and district roads, and 7 Warrants authorising surveyors to take and lay off roads.