

In conclusion, I would just like to remark that my predecessor has kept a careful watch on what has been necessary and essential to preserve as far as practicable a gradual and even distribution of the rainfall and mountain climatic influences, the reservations made combining in many instances magnificent scenic beauties, and also with it securing climatic and forest reserves in their truest sense, as, for example, the area around Mount Messenger and the sublime and majestic gorges in the Upper Tangarakau Valley.

If some scheme as I have generally outlined, together with what has been so ably done previously, is carried into effect, I cannot help thinking that those who follow us in years to come will, in this part of the colony at any rate, have some fair specimens left of the ancient beauties of New Zealand fauna and flora during the first half-century of European occupation in this land. If, on the other hand, it is thought lightly of and neglected, in fifty years' time much, if not all, of what was once lovely, beautiful, and characteristic of New Zealand bird and forest life will be gone for ever and referred to as matters of history only. It is needless to say that, once gone, there will be but little chance of ever replacing it; at any rate, it will be quite impossible to replace it in its old primeval grandeur.

Holding these views personally, I therefore trust that the proposed object that you are labouring to accomplish may be brought to a successful issue.

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SCHEDULE OF GAZETTED FOREST RESERVES.

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" ...	"	11	654 0 0	21/6/94	959
" ...	"	12	1,445 0 0	21/6/94	959
" ...	"	9	405 0 0	15/6/93	891
" ...	VIII.	12	405 0 0	21/6/94	959
" ...	"	13	383 0 0	21/6/94	959
" ...	"	17	406 0 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	IX.	30	67 0 0	10/3/98	442
" ...	XI.	16	220 0 0	15/6/93	891
" ...	XII.	5	3,248 0 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	"	6	360 0 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	"	8	345 0 0	10/1/01	60
" ...	XIII.	10	1,886 0 0	25/1/00	160
Upper Waitara ...	IV.	5	1,535 0 0	10/1/01	60
" ...	VIII.	7	1,744 0 0	10/1/01	60
" ...	IX.	6	1,660 0 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	X.	3	615 0 0	26/9/95	1527
" ...	XIII.	8	2,970 0 0	25/1/00	160
Waitara ...	X.	63	56 0 0	26/9/95	1527
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" ...	"	18	32 0 0	21/7/92	1071
" ...	"	19	67 0 0	21/7/92	1071
" ...	XV.	22	1,627 0 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	"	23	1,590 0 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	XVI.	16	397 0 0	25/1/00	160
Pouata ...	V.	8	1,510 0 0	17/4/02	858
" ...	X.	5	405 0 0	15/12/98	1985
" ...	XV.	13	52 0 0	15/12/98	1985
Eao ...	Part VII.	...	2,296 0 0	29/12/92	1724
Mahoe ...	I.	19	524 0 0	15/12/98	1985
Ngatimaru ...	II.	1	114 0 0	21/7/92	1071
" ...	"	44	91 3 0	25/1/00	160
" ...	IV.	12	406 0 0	15/12/98	1985
Huiroa ...	III.	12	272 0 0	30/1/90	115
" ...	"	13	58 0 0	26/7/94	1164
" ...	VIII.	6	400 0 0	15/12/98	1985
" ...	"	11	230 0 0	15/12/98	1985
" ...	XII.	19	730 0 0	21/7/92	1071
Cape ...	Parts III., VII.	Parts 169, 170	5,500 0 0	Enabling Bill passed 1896	...
" ...	VI.	119	51 0 0	16/4/96	635
" ...	VII.	15	148 0 0	15/12/98	1985
" ...	X.	15	64 0 0	15/12/98	1985
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