

PART II.

SUMMARY OF STATE FORESTS SET APART FOR AFFORESTATION, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CHIEF FORESTER.

Land District.	No.	Area of Reserves.			Area planted in 1905-6.			Total area planted to Date.		
		A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Auckland	5	13,323	0	0	978	3	0	3,131	0	0
Marlborough	1	881	0	0	130	0	0	192	2	0
Canterbury	2	806	0	0	32	2	0	491	3	0
Otago	4	2,490	0	0	294	1	0	1,678	3	0
Total	12	17,500	0	0	1,435	2	0	5,494	0	0

REPORT BY CHIEF FORESTER.

In submitting my (tenth) annual report for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, I have again to record a successful year's work at all stations. The results of operations are naturally largely influenced by the climatic conditions experienced, although a large share of credit is due to the officers in charge, as well as the staff generally.

From the summaries below, it will be observed that during the ten years, since forestry operations were established, over thirty-two million trees have been raised in nurseries and plantations.

Last year's crop in the nurseries totalled over eight million, while the nurseries now contain nearly fifteen million trees of one, two, and three years old.

During the past year over three and a quarter million trees were planted permanently on an area of 1,435½ acres, bringing the total area planted to date to 5,494 acres, on which are growing nearly eleven and three quarter million trees.

The following tables show details of the year's operations, while detailed reports of each nursery and plantation, schedules of trees grown, expenditure, and values are appended:—

NUMBER OF TREES GROWN IN NURSERIES AND PLANTATIONS, AND AREA PLANTED, FROM SEPTEMBER, 1896, TO 31ST MARCH, 1906.

—	Number in Nurseries, 31st March, 1906	Values.			Number raised in Nurseries and Plantations, 1896 to 1906.	Values.			Number raised in Nurseries and Plantations, 1905-6.	Number planted in 1905-6.	Area planted in 1905-6.	Total Number in Plantations, 31st March, 1906.	
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.				Acres	Acres.
Eweburn Nursery	945,950	1,672	13	9	1,694,582	3,861	0	5	238,250	..	..	..	..
Tapanui Nursery	2,565,675	4,008	13	6	6,635,765	17,556	5	11	742,625	..	..	..	..
Rotorua Nursery	7,881,400	10,694	7	6	17,586,971	32,203	18	11	4,619,400	..	..	..	..
Starborough Nursery	1,533,700	2,428	17	6	2,165,375	4,213	5	3	900,200	..	..	..	..
Hanmer Springs Nursery	1,395,840	2,268	5	2	1,378,000	1,402	0	0	750,000	..	..	..	..
Ruatangata Nursery	652,200	1,217	3	0	934,484	2,091	13	4	483,200	..	..	..	..
Naseby Plantation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,650	..	..	360,185	132½
Gimmerburn Plantation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	129,100	16	..	223,775	76½
Dusky Hill Plantation	..	..	..	..	396,700	..	..	..	21,950	70,075	..	2,002,588	805½
Conical Hills Plantation	..	..	..	..	605,296	..	..	..	239,600	623,000	278½	2,074,171	664½
Raincliff Plantation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50,000	206½
Hanmer Springs Plantation	..	..	..	..	374,200	..	..	..	70,900	52,735	32½	788,270	285
Dumgree Plantation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	365,250	130	..	536,086	192½
Whakarewarewa Plantation	..	..	..	..	81,680	..	..	..	967,983	435½	..	2,408,186	1,401½
Waiotapu Plantation	..	..	..	..	158,681	..	..	..	876,525	322	..	2,814,179	1,215½
Kaingaroa Plantation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44,275	21
Ruatangata Plantation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,224	22
Puhipuhi Plantation	..	..	..	..	12,600	..	..	..	12,600	150,460	221	274,560	471
Government domains, reserves, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	133,632	..
Totals ..	14,974,765	22,290	0	5	32,024,274	61,328	3	10	8,078,725	3,254,778	1,435½	11,717,126	5,494