

Pamphlets and illustrated newspapers to the number of 88,692 have been circulated during the year in New Zealand and abroad, also 30,800 post-cards.

9,136 photographs have been issued during the year for the purpose of illustrating newspaper articles published abroad, and for exhibiting in shipping offices, steamer-saloons, and other places where travellers are congregated.

3,857 lantern-slides have also been issued by the Department for lecturing purposes in different parts of the world.

ESPERANTO.

A number of officers of the Department have now made themselves familiar with this new international language, and advertisements in Esperanto have been placed in the Department's "Itinerary of Travel" by several New Zealand firms. Although we have not yet advertised in any Esperanto journals, a considerable number of letters and post-cards have been received from overseas countries as widely apart as Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Malta, and Bulgaria, asking for particulars of the Dominion's land system, agricultural facilities, labour laws, tourist resorts, &c.

SPORT.

The number of overseas visitors in search of angling, deer-stalking, and shooting have been well maintained, particularly those in search of trout-fishing, which are ever on the increase. The sport which is now afforded by the number and size of trout which occupy our lakes and streams has become well known abroad, and I look to angling attractions with confidence as a means of largely increasing our tourist traffic.

I append hereto a schedule showing the big game imported and distributed by this Department since it came into operation:—

Year.	Number and Description of Game.	From.	Where liberated.
1901	4 red deer ...	Wairarapa herds ...	Lake Waikaremoana.
"	3 " ...	" ...	Stewart Island.
1903	7 " ...	Presented by Miss Audrey Chirnside, Werribee Park, Victoria	Tuhua, West Coast.
"	8 " ...	Ditto ...	Lake Wakatipu.
1904	6 thar ...	Presented by the Duke of Bedford, England	Mount Cook.
1905	6 Japanese deer ...	Ditto ...	Kaimanawa Ranges, near Taupo.
"	5 blacktail deer ...	Purchased in the United States ...	Tarawera, Hawke's Bay.
"	10 elk ...	Presented by President Roosevelt, United States	Fiordland National Park.
"	8 " ...	Purchased in the United States ...	"
"	19 Virginian deer ...	" ...	18 in Stewart Island, 1 in Nelson.
1906	8 red deer ...	Presented by Miss Audrey Chirnside, Werribee Park, Victoria	Lake Kanieri, West Coast.
"	4 " ...	Ditto ...	Tuhua, West Coast.
"	5 " ...	Wairarapa herds ...	Tongariro National Park.
1907	9 " ...	Presented by G. W. Chirnside, Werribee Park, Victoria	Lake Rotoiti, Rotorua.
"	8 chamois ...	Presented by H.I.M. the Emperor of Austria	Mount Cook.
"	2 sambur ...	Purchased in Noumea ...	Galatea, Rotorua District.
"	6 axis ...	Purchased in England ...	5 liberated at Mount Tongariro; 1, which was blind, presented to Wellington Zoo.
1908	4 red deer ...	Presented by Mr. Lucas, Warnham Court, England	Paraparaumu Deer-park.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, practically the whole of the game imported and liberated is doing well, and it is only a matter of a few years when much of the country which may now be regarded as absolutely waste lands will provide great attractions for overseas visitors, and also a healthy means of recreation for residents of the Dominion.

ROTORUA ACCLIMATISATION DISTRICT.

The control of the Rotorua Acclimatisation District was taken over by this Department on the 1st February, 1907, and since that date the Whakatane and Wairoa (Hawke's Bay) Districts have also been taken over by the Department on petition from the residents of those districts interested in acclimatisation matters. The area of the district now under control is about six thousand square miles. With the establishment of a controlling officer at Rotorua it has been possible to range the district very much more efficiently for the prevention of poaching than was the case in