

At Waiotapu arrangements are in progress for the removal of the prison camp to the centre of a new block of some 5,000 acres to the north-east of the present area. The site for the new camp (three miles distant from the old one) is in a most favourable position, with an excellent water-supply available, and every facility for good drainage. When this camp is completed and occupied, a great deal of time will be saved by the men in going to and from their work. It is proposed to plant this new area as far as possible in wedge-shaped blocks radiating from a common centre at the camp. The walking-distance to and from work will thus be evenly distributed for each year's planting.

CONVALESCENT CAMP.

In order to provide suitable employment for discharged patients from the sanatorium at Cambridge, it is proposed to establish a movable camp on the Whakarewarewa Plantation, some distance beyond the Waipa Prison Camp. This will to some extent overcome the difficulty with which the medical authorities are now faced in having to discharge convalescent patients who in many cases are compelled to resume their ordinary indoor occupations, thus lessening the possibilities of a complete restoration to health. It is not intended that each patient shall do a certain amount of work or plant a given number of trees, as payment will be made by results on the co-operative system. The State will thus be providing healthy employment for the needy without paying more for the work than it is at present costing by ordinary labour.

The following summaries show the result of the year's operations and present position:—

TABLE A.—SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Nursery or Plantation.	Number of Trees raised in Nurseries and Plantations, 1907-8.	Number of Trees in Nurseries or Plantations on 31st March, 1908.	Values of Same.	Number of Trees planted, 1907-8.	Area planted in 1907-8.	Total Area planted to 31st March, 1908.
			£ s. d.		A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Eweburn Nursery	542,100	1,105,640	1,757 5 4	..	..	..
Hanmer Springs Nursery ..	1,695,000	2,986,200	4,865 8 6	..	..	..
Kurow Nursery	43,000	43,000	45 3 0	..	..	..
Rotorua Nursery	4,550,000	7,864,700	10,857 9 0	..	..	..
Ruatangata Nursery	522,062	761,410	1,715 4 3	..	..	..
Starborough Nursery	..	739,600	1,634 16 0	..	..	..
Tapanui Nursery	3,037,000	4,403,960	6,738 19 9	..	..	..
Conical Hills Plantation ..	..	3,313,579	*	370,200	136 0 0	1,082 1 0
Dumgree Plantation	..	350,000	*	228,640	84 0 0	469 3 0
Dusky Hill Plantation	..	1,276,167	*	475,135	174 2 8	505 2 8
Gimberburn Plantation	..	487,695	*	72,000	26 2 0	173 1 0
Hanmer Springs Plantation ..	..	1,863,170	*	591,400	206 0 0	668 0 0
Kaingaroa Plains Plantation ..	..	44,275	*	..	..	21 0 0
Naseby Plantation	..	360,185	*	..	..	132 2 0
Puhipuhi Plantation	..	918,795	*	457,790	425 0 0	1,125 0 0
Raincliff Plantation	..	50,000	*	..	..	206 3 0
Ruatangata Plantation	..	..	*	..	..	22 0 0
Waiotapu Plantation	..	6,932,934	*	2,591,230	952 0 0	2,728 2 0
Waitabuna Plantation	..	30,525	*	3,700	1 1 14	12 1 14
Whakarewarewa Plantation ..	..	5,042,126	*	1,650,690	650 2 0	2,319 0 0
Domains, reserves, &c. ..	..	133,632	..	..	..	..
Totals	10,389,162	38,707,593	27,614 5 10	6,440,785	2,655 3 22	9,465 3 22

* Reliable estimates of values not available.

TABLE B.—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND VALUES.

	Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1908.	Expenditure from September, 1896, to 31st March, 1908.	Value of Trees grown and Improvements in Nurseries, 1907-8.	Value of Trees in Stock and Improvements in Nurseries, from Inception to 31st March, 1908.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount at 31st March, 1907 ..	..	..	28,067 16 10	51,992 2 2
Eweburn Nursery	820 16 2	9,538 1 7	2,087 0 10	6,540 2 11
Hanmer Springs Nursery ..	1,246 15 10	3,923 8 5	5,639 11 8	6,917 13 9
Tapanui Nursery	1,860 9 5	15,245 17 1	7,430 7 4	14,170 6 3
Ruatangata Nursery	1,629 4 4	6,013 6 7	2,494 3 10	4,949 10 7
Rotorua Nursery	3,914 14 7	25,526 19 0	11,556 15 5	18,367 2 5
Starborough Nursery	1,058 1 9	8,689 1 2	3,569 16 7	8,102 14 9
Kurow Nursery	579 0 1	3,070 2 7	340 16 7	2,367 11 5
Conical Hills Plantation ..	1,403 16 3	9,686 17 11	*	*
Naseby Plantation	241 7 0	2,073 10 5	*	*
Gimberburn Plantation	415 17 9	2,021 3 2	*	*
Dusky Hill Plantation	1,715 0 4	10,314 9 5	*	*
Raincliff Plantation	..	1,104 12 5	..	..
Hanmer Springs Plantation ..	1,123 13 4	4,374 4 1	*	*
Dumgree Plantation	1,065 9 11	9,862 7 11	*	*
Whakarewarewa Plantation ..	3,201 15 4	13,541 13 5	*	*
Waiotapu Plantation	1,547 17 8	5,209 17 3	*	*
Kaingaroa Plains Plantation ..	11 2 8	368 18 2	*	*
Puhipuhi Plantation	1,685 3 8	4,788 13 4	*	*
Waitaki Plantation	359 6 8	403 14 5	*	*
Waitabuna Plantation	13 15 10	168 10 3	*	*
Domains, Reserves, &c. ..	..	431 13 1	..	..
Clerical assistance	150 0 0	673 15 0	..	..
Postages and telegrams	42 0 4	60 5 4	..	..
Contingencies: Telephones, stationery, office material, travelling-expenses, and transfer of officers, &c. ..	357 6 2	1,031 13 5	..	..
Totals	24,442 15 1	138,122 15 5	61,186 9 1	113,407 4 3

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