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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS:
SURVEYS.
(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The SURVEYOR-GENERAL to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,— Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 25th May, 1909.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report on the survey operations of the Department for the twelve months ended the 31st March, 1909.
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THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Surveyor-General.
The Right Hon. Sir Joseph G. Ward, P.C., K.C.M.G., Minister of Lands.

REPORT.

The output by the field staff for the year is summarised below, but the complete details for the different districts will be found in the attached tables and reports of the several Chief Surveyors in charge.

The total cost of the surveyors and their parties amounted to £71,068, which is about £2,800 in excess of that of the previous year. This is accounted for chiefly by the increased demands for settlement surveys, which necessitated the employment of additional surveyors, both staff and contract; at the close of the year, the former alone numbered seventy-six.

The following is a summary of the principal work completed during the past year :—

Class of Work.	Area.	Cost per Acre.	Total Cost.
	Acres.		£ s. d.
Minor triangulation	162,355	1·18d.	2,628 2 7
Topographical	75,486	3·76d.	1,182 6·10
Topographical, for selection as unsurveyed	38,052	4·07d.	646 15 9
Rural and suburban, by staff	365,949	1·53s.	28,018 18 10
Rural and suburban, by licensed surveyors	8,324
Town	525	£23·8	1,120 0 10
		per section	
Native Land Court, by staff	37,456	9·71d.	1,515 1 8
Native Land Court, by licensed surveyors	121,439
Maori Land Board	49,193	15·70s.	3,219 8 2
Gold-mining, by staff	248	3 08s.	38 5 2
Gold-mining, by licensed surveyors	6,108
Roads and railways	226 miles	£21 per mile	4,755 4 11
Miscellaneous work and other duties	12,879 8 1