

ANNUAL REPORTS OF DOMAIN BOARDS.

The UNDER-SECRETARY FOR LANDS to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,—
I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a synopsis of the annual reports of Domain Boards for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

It is evident from the reports that the public domains of the Dominion are being steadily utilized and improved for public use and enjoyment.

The number of new domains constituted during the year was fifty-one, containing a total area of 1,272 acres 2 roods 39·8 perches. The following table shows the number in each land district, together with the total area:—

Land District.	Number of Domains.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Auckland	146	19,660	1	37·5
Hawke's Bay	33	953	0	0
Taranaki	46	1,470	1	37·3
Wellington	67	*37,945	3	25·6
Nelson	17	712	1	13·8
Marlborough	9	753	0	1
Westland	12	361	1	2
Canterbury	98	6,724	0	3·4
Otago	56	6,806	2	22·1
Southland	24	1,148	0	27
Grand totals	508	76,535	1	9·7

* Includes 33,033 acres set aside as a domain under section 9 of the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891.

The Boards controlling the following domains have omitted to furnish annual returns as required by section 45 of the Public Reserves and Domain Act. Inquiries are being made regarding the cause of default.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Devonport.—Allotments Nos. 36, 37, and 39 of Section No. 2, and Mount Victoria Reserve, Takapuna Parish. Area, 41 acres 2 roods 36 perches.
Epsom.—Allotments Nos. 180, 180A, and 182, of Section No. 10, Suburbs of Auckland. Area, 19 acres 1 rood 5 perches.
Epsom and Mount Eden.—Part of Allotment No. 46, Allotment No. 49, and part of Allotment No. 48, of Section No. 6, Suburbs of Auckland. Area, 29 acres 3 roods 16 perches.
Mount Eden.—Allotments Nos. 1A of Section No. 6 and 68A of Section No. 10, Suburbs of Auckland. Area, 63 acres 2 roods 38 perches.
Mount Hobson.—Allotment No. 2A of Section No. 11, Suburbs of Auckland. Area, 23 acres 1 rood.
Rangitoto Island.—Area, 5,698 acres 2 roods of Rangitoto Island, situated in Rangitoto Survey District.
Raupo.—Sections Nos. 58, Block XVI, Tokatoka Survey District, and 1, 2, 15, and 16, Village of Raupo. Area, 37 acres 2 roods 28 perches.
Waimana.—Section No. 22, Waimana Settlement, Block III, Waimana Survey District. Area, 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches.
Whangaripo.—Section No. 10A, Parish of Pakiri. Area, 15 acres.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.

Havelock.—Section No. 77, Block IV, Te Mata Survey District. Area, 4 acres 3 roods 10 perches.
Kumeroa.—Section No. 1, Block V, Town of Kumeroa. Area, 10 acres.
Vigor Brown.—Sections Nos. 5 and 133, Westshore, Napier. Area, 2 acres. (Board appointed 3rd November, 1909.)
Waipawa.—Sections Nos. 16, 27, 28, and 29, Block XI, Waipukurau Survey District, and 105, Town of Waipawa. Area, 71 acres 1 rood 22 perches.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

Mangaroa.—Suburban Section No. 35, Town of Mangaroa. Area, 13 acres and 20 perches.
Patea.—Blocks XLIV and XLV, Town of Patea. Area, 65 acres 2 roods 25 perches.