

*Schedule III.—Trees Account.*

|                                                                | Number.    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Trees received during year .. .. .                             | 1,469,695  |
| Less to replace blanks .. .. .                                 | 890,635    |
| Planted on new area .. .. .                                    | 579,060    |
| Previously planted .. .. .                                     | 17,675,129 |
| Total number planted on 6,960 acres (average age, six years).. | 18,254,189 |

*Schedule IV.—Property Account.*

|                                                                   | £      | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Land (7,777 acres) Crown land, not charged to Forestry Account .. |        |    |    |
| Buildings .. .. .                                                 | 967    | 19 | 1  |
| Improvements .. .. .                                              | 930    | 9  | 6  |
| Fencing .. .. .                                                   | 1,142  | 15 | 2  |
| Stores in hand .. .. .                                            | 785    | 15 | 3  |
|                                                                   | £3,826 | 19 | 0  |

*Balance-sheet.*

|                                                | £       | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| Total expenditure .. .. .                      | 40,985  | 19 | 0  |
| Less Property Account .. .. .                  | 3,826   | 19 | 0  |
| Cost of operations .. .. .                     | £37,159 | 0  | 0  |
| 6,960 acres planted (average age, six years).  |         |    |    |
| Estimated value of plantation per acre .. .. . | 9       | 5  | 0  |

*Summary of Trees planted.*

|                                                         | Number.    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Number on plantation at present day—                    |            |
| Contents of various blocks .. .. .                      | 18,197,748 |
| On fire-breaks .. .. .                                  | 11,367     |
| Ornamental and shelter trees at prison camps, &c. ..    | 43,586     |
| Experimental trees .. .. .                              | 1,488      |
| Total trees now living .. .. .                          | 18,254,189 |
| Number used to replace failures, &c.—                   |            |
| Leguminous plants used as bait for rabbits and hares .. | 1,425      |
| Ornamental trees destroyed by rabbits and hares ..      | 16,000     |
| Experimental trees not suited to district .. .. .       | 757,214    |
| Used to replace failures .. .. .                        | 3,127,403  |
|                                                         | 22,156,231 |
| Less trees raised from seed sown <i>in situ</i> .. .. . | 83,121     |
| Trees received from nursery .. .. .                     | 22,073,110 |

*Summary showing Area of Waiotapu Plantation (6,960·43 Acres in Trees).*

|                                                                                                         | Acres.   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Larch .. .. .                                                                                           | 3,176·69 |
| Pines .. .. .                                                                                           | 3,591·29 |
| <i>Eucalypti</i> .. .. .                                                                                | 180·50   |
| Birch .. .. .                                                                                           | 11·95    |
| Roads, tracks, and fire-breaks .. .. .                                                                  | 312·30   |
| Lands unsuitable for planting, including swamps, creeks, horse-paddocks, and residence reserves .. .. . | 260·25   |
| Unplanted land .. .. .                                                                                  | 244·32   |
|                                                                                                         | 7,777·30 |

## KAINGAROA PLAINS PLANTATION.

(Area, 33,355 acres; altitude (approximate), 1,800 ft.)

The afforestation-work at this station has been done entirely by prison labour, with very satisfactory results, and it is regrettable that, instead of increasing, the number of prisoners sent to this station has decreased. During the year the average number of men employed daily was 12·36, and the value of the work performed was £1,113 5s., or an average of about £90 1s. 4d. per man. Last year the average daily number of prisoners employed was 15·20, while an average taken for the period from 1900 to the present date gives 28·98.

An area of 600 acres was planted with Corsican pine, 1,609,750 trees being used. Previous plantings were chiefly in the nature of shelter-belts to protect the camp and stock paddocks, and accounted for 8,650 trees, mostly Monterey pine, so that to date 1,618,400 trees have been planted at this station.