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

SIR,—

1st May, 1916.

I have the honour to present herewith the report on survey operations for the year ended 31st March, 1916.

I have, &c.,

E. H. WILMOT, Surveyor-General.

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, P.C., Minister of Lands.

REPORT.

As in last year's report, so in this, I shall present only the general position of the work performed during the year and that now on hand, leaving details to be found in the various tables accompanying.

The acreage surveyed is very considerably in excess of that of last year, while the cost per acre is in almost every class of work much lower. This satisfactory position is accounted for partly by the more favourable weather-conditions during last year, and partly by the inclusion in the returns of large areas of pastoral country that were subdivided for settlement in Otago. It is, however, particularly creditable in view of the inconvenience the surveyors were put to by reason of so many survey hands enlisting.