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TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS DEPARTMENT

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BY THE MINISTER OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS, HON. W. NOSWORTHY.

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

The Minister in Charge of Tourist and Health Resorts Department to His Excellency the Governor-General.

My Lord,— Wellington, 10th September, 1919.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the year ended 31st March, 1919.

I have, &c., W. Nosworthy,

Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts.

His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand.

Annual Report of the General Manager of Tourist and Health Resorts.

Sir,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1919.

I have the honour to submit herewith my report for the year ended 31st March, 1919.

I have, &c.,

B. M. WILSON,

General Manager.

The Hon. W. Nosworthy, Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts.

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The direct revenue of the Department last year reached the amount of £33,689, the highest in the history of the Department. In view of the fact that this revenue was obtained in spite of the epidemic, which for a time caused a total cessation of the tourist traffic, and of the subsequent dislocation of all overseas traffic from Australia, the result must be considered as very satisfactory.

The French Mission, headed by General Pau, arrived in New Zealand on the 26th December, 1918. The Mission, besides visiting the principal towns of the Dominion, toured to the leading tourist resorts.

The visitors were greatly impressed with the beauties of the country, and I have no doubt that as a result many French tourists will visit the Dominion.

Mr. J. H. Barr, an officer of my Department, accompanied the Mission, and the whole tour was very successfully conducted.

The displays of kinemacolor pictures in Australia were kept going by the agents in these countries, and additional film has been taken during the season of the West Coast Sounds and the coast generally. When these are available they will also be exhibited as an advertising medium.

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