

REPORT.

THE main parts of this report comprise a summary of the operations of the field parties, grouped under appropriate headings, and a brief account of the office-work performed during the year under review.

Of the sixty-seven surveyors employed, thirty were staff and thirty-seven contract surveyors, while apart from these a number of cadets and assistants were employed.

The attached Tables A, B, and 1 to 5 inclusive, contain a concise summary of the amount of work completed during the year. Full details are given in the reports by the Chief Surveyors for each land district, which are filed as departmental records.

Under the heading of "Rural Surveys" in Table B an area of 90,837 acres is shown as completed work, as compared with 266,308 acres for last year, a decrease of 174,721 acres; and under the heading of "Native Land Surveys" the area of completed work is shown as 211,747 acres, a decrease of 133,753 acres as compared with last year's return.

The average cost per acre of rural and Native land surveys shows an advance of 5d. and 6d. respectively on last year's rates. This advance in the cost of the work is principally due to the smaller areas of the blocks that have been subdivided. The work, however, is being done at a reasonable price.

TABLE A.

Class of Work.	Area, &c.	Average Cost.	Total Cost.
			£ s. d.
Topographical, by staff surveyors	68,000 acres	3-78d.	1,071 19 8
Triangulation, by staff surveyors	15,860 "	1-98d.	130 12 2
" by private surveyors	55,000 "	0-88d.	200 0 0
Rural, by staff surveyors	90,837 "	2-46s.	11,184 6 9
" by private surveyors	750 "	Not available	..
Suburban, by staff surveyors	2,030 "	13-53s.	1,373 2 4
" by private surveyors	5 "	60-00s.	15 0 0
Town, by staff surveyors	633 sections	£2-64	1,670 15 9
" by private surveyors	1 section	£10-00	10 0 0
Native Land Court, by staff surveyors ..	23,167 acres	2-91s.	3,374 11 7
" by private surveyors	188,580 "	2-07s.	19,535 2 7
Roads by staff surveyors	131-30 miles	£32-93	4,323 1 9
" by private surveyors	2-30 "	£23-04	53 0 0

TABLE B.

Land District.	Rural Survey.	Native-land Court.
	Acres.	Acres.
North Auckland	10,995	6,024
Auckland	30,296	103,209
Gisborne	1,187	8,749
Hawke's Bay	..	42,918
Taranaki	11,859	11,778
Wellington	3,729	37,262
Marlborough.. ..	..	148
Nelson	2,284	75
Westland	3,342	865
Canterbury	5,158	400
Otago	1,087	319
Southland	20,900	..
Totals	90,837	211,747