

Table 5.—PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF OFFICE-WORK DONE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1928, TO 31ST MARCH, 1929.

District.	Plans placed on Instruments of Title.				Deeds and other Instruments passed.	Plans examined and passed.				Maps drawn for Lithography.		Lithographs, &c., sold.		
	Crown.		Native Land.	Land Transfer.		Crown.	Native.	Land Transfer.	Other Departments.	Standard Publications.	Sale Plans, &c.			
	Leases, Licenses.	Freehold.												
North Auckland ..	498	374	188	8,982	5,030	112	15	618	162	13	67	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	917	212	798	2,903	1,793	43	104	267	131	7	103	248	3	5
Gisborne ..	64	..	632	694	694	11	53	47	30	..	5	41	9	0
Hawke's Bay ..	184	54	286	4,912	2,560	28	42	130	19	5	12	58	2	3
Taranaki ..	397	90	152	2,397	3,096	18	34	150	37	2	12	70	15	9
Wellington ..	700	852	299	8,597	3,316	43	56	500	133	1	54	168	12	6
Marlborough ..	32	22	32	1,204	441	19	15	42	40	..	1	25	12	6
Nelson ..	218	32	30	885	1,165	29	2	105	24	4	17	50	9	3
Westland ..	295	..	..	575	25	36	..	16	4	..	3	31	9	9
Canterbury ..	293	98	48	6,174	3,129	54	20	443	35	1	2	128	3	5
Otago ..	504	154	30	3,322	1,978	68	4	121	28	11	10	116	18	6
Southland ..	317	74	16	1,813	1,155	32	1	72	7	10	8	85	2	0
Head Office ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	517	2	7
Totals ..	4,419	1,962	2,511	42,458	24,382	493	346	2,511	650	74	294	1,685	8	2

APPENDIX I.

HEAD OFFICE, DRAUGHTING BRANCH.

Map-publication.—The total maps published during the year were 102, and the cost for printing £1,730. The maps comprised survey districts ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile to 1 in.), 22; survey districts (1 mile to 1 in.), 29; counties (1 mile to 1 in.), 7; towns (8 chains to 10 chains to 1 in.), 16; cadastral series (2 miles to 1 in.), 2; territorial (4 miles to 1 in.), 5; territorial (8 miles to 1 in.), 1; miscellaneous, 20. The total number of copies printed was 37,150.

Cash sales of litho maps from all districts amounted to £1,685, an increase of 22·5 per cent. on that of the preceding year.

Other Government Departments were supplied with maps to the value of £1,872.

The 4-miles series of maps is making good progress, and this useful series should be completed in two years' time. An 8-miles series is now in hand, featuring road information chiefly, and this should prove of value to motorists and road users generally.

Town Schemes.—The town schemes approved show a considerable falling-off in the numbers, 239 only being approved this year, as against 298 last year. This is partly accounted for by the extension of the boundaries of the City of Auckland. The percentage of the various districts were—North Auckland, 45·2; Canterbury, 17·6; Wellington, 11·7; Auckland, 9·67; Otago, 5·4.

Analysis of the schemes shows that 2,546 acres were subdivided into residential lots outside the boundaries of boroughs and town districts; and of this area new roads account for 248 acres, road and access reserves 11 acres, recreation and other public reserves, 142 acres, leaving a balance subdivided into lots available for sale of 2,145 acres.

Draughtsmen's and Computers' Examination.—The annual examination was held in December, 1928, thirty-seven candidates presenting themselves for examination. The results were as follows:—Draughting: First grade—eleven candidates, of whom four passed (Messrs. L. Harding, T. P. Mahony, A. V. Woodall, and H. R. Cochran); second grade—eleven candidates, of whom four passed (Miss N. E. Styles, and Messrs. P. D. Rhodes, A. W. Hampton, and K. V. Kennedy); Computing: First grade—one candidate, who failed; second grade—fourteen candidates, of whom five passed (Messrs. P. D. Rhodes, G. C. Wilson, W. Roberts, R. G. Galbreath, and J. C. Foster).

The outside examiners for the special subject of "photo-litho drawing" were again Messrs. M. Crompton Smith and G. N. Sturtevant.

Standard of Length.—During the year 67 bands were compared with the standards, the total length being 4 miles 71 chains. Of these, 44 were ordinary field surveyors' steel bands, of a length of 321 chains, and 20 were invar bands, of a length of 59 chains. The local ground standard was tested twice, as it is found that it is by no means stable.

Civic Survey Maps.—Special editions of town maps on a larger scale than our usual publications have been printed during the year, and others are in preparation. These maps are to form the basic map of the civic survey.

Topographical Maps.—Maps of four areas have been drawn and printed for military training, and one area is still in hand.