

1929.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND COURTS
AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER CONTROL OF NATIVE DEPARTMENT.
REPORT OF UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1929.

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Native Department, 1st July, 1929.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.
HEREWITH is submitted a report upon the activities of the Department for the period ended 31st March, 1929.

R. N. JONES, Under-Secretary.

NATIVE LAND COURTS.

The business transacted by the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court respectively is set out in Table A. The fees collected totalled £5,284, as against £5,893 during the last preceding period.

MAORI LAND BOARDS.

The areas of Native land disposed of by private dealings are as follows :—

	Number.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Sales	334	17,811	1	29
Leases	358	54,803	0	23

The area disposed of last year was : Sold, 55,408 acres 3 roods 32 perches ; leased, 91,746 acres 1 rood 31 perches.

The Boards received in fees £2,647, commission £5,563, as against £2,269 and £4,723 respectively during the previous period, an increase of £1,218.

Native land now remaining vested in Maori Land Boards is as follows :—

	A.	R.	P.
Area vested as at 31st March, 1928	672,778	1	23
Area sold or revested	5,072	3	24·7
	667,705	1	38·3

The funds held or invested by Maori Land Boards increased by £30,187 7s. during the year under review. The following are the figures as at 31st March, 1929 :—

	£	s.	d.
Deposited with the Native Trustee	248,360	15	6
Government securities	29,540	0	0
Other securities	260,637	19	1
Cash balances	45,846	7	4
	£584,385	1	11