

CHAPTER I.—MANAGEMENT.

1. AREAS UNDER CONTROL.

TABLE I.

AREAS OF STATE FORESTS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Forest-conservation Region.	Permanent State Forests.		Provisional State Forests.		Totals.	Percentage of Total Area of Region under Reservation.
	Ordinary.	National Endowment.	Ordinary.	National Endowment.		
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Auckland ..	313,600	81,645	111,314	14,006	520,565	6·06
Rotorua ..	342,504	235,948	132,315	84,365	795,132	15·82
Wellington ..	970,811	65,891	38,231	7,649	1,082,582	7·23
Nelson ..	451,985	121,615	1,070,945	627,339	2,271,884	32·42
Westland ..	621,195	163,305	521,761	421,641	1,727,902	44·72
Canterbury ..	332,806	3,647	..	..	336,453	3·38
Southland ..	432,413	55,774	718,944	13,740	1,220,871	7·19
Totals ..	3,465,314	727,825	2,593,510	1,168,740	7,955,389	11·98

The foregoing table shows that the total area under forest reservation is now approximately 8,000,000 acres, or nearly 12 per cent. of the superficial area of the Dominion; the gross increase for the year was 61,884 acres, but when this is reduced by the area withdrawn (18,829 acres) and increased by certain corrections in previous figures (2,162 acres) the net increase is 45,217 acres.

Forest officers, in collaboration with officers of the Lands and Survey and Agriculture Departments, have, as other duties permitted, been steadily engaged throughout the year in examining blocks of Crown land which have definitely proved unsuitable for farming purposes, and as agreements are reached in this connection new areas are from time to time brought under the Forests Act.

It may be fitting to record here the thanks of the Forest Service for the valuable co-operation of the Departments mentioned in carrying out this work of forest and land classification.

The areas proclaimed under the Forests Act during the year are shown in forest-conservation regions in Table 2 which follows. Nelson Conservancy is responsible for the greatest area in this respect.

TABLE 2.

SUMMARY OF AREAS ADDED TO PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL STATE FORESTS, 1ST APRIL, 1936, TO 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Region.	Permanent State Forests.		Provisional State Forests.		Total.
	Ordinary.	National Endowment.	Ordinary.	National Endowment.	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland ..	3,963	..	164	..	4,127
Rotorua ..	..	..	1,328	..	1,328
Wellington ..	15,174	..	2,647	..	17,821
Nelson ..	35,300	..	3,138	170	38,608
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	54,437	..	7,277	170	61,884

As already stated, 18,829 acres were withdrawn from forest control during the year. It will be seen from Table 3 that the major portion of this area—viz., 16,417 acres—will not be denuded of its forest cover as it has been set aside for scenic purposes; of the remainder, approximately 2,300 acres were released for farm settlement.

TABLE 3.

SUMMARY OF AREAS WITHDRAWN FROM PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL STATE FOREST RESERVATION, 1ST APRIL, 1936, TO 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Region.	For Settlement Purpose.		For Scenic Reserve.		For Stock Reserve.	For Aerodrome.	Totals.
	Permanent State Forest.	Provisional State Forest.	Permanent State Forest.	Provisional State Forest.	Provisional State Forest.	Permanent State Forest.	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland ..	143	14	317	..	..	..	474
Rotorua ..	..	..	100	..	11	3	114
Wellington ..	74	..	..	..	..	..	74
Nelson ..	47	..	..	6,025	..	..	6,072
Westland ..	..	1,610	9,715	260	..	..	11,585
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	..	510	..	..	..	..	510
Totals ..	264	2,134	10,132	6,285	11	3	18,829