

The Department resumed control of the steamer "Tawera" on Lake Te Anau prior to the opening of the Milford Track, and a most successful season was experienced, a pleasing feature being the popularity of short excursion trips for visitors at the Te Anau Hotel.

Cascade Creek Camp maintained its popularity during the year, and it was necessary to erect several new huts to provide additional accommodation during the summer season. Further improvements will be made at this camp during next year.

FINANCIAL.

The revenue collected from the various activities controlled by the Department, and the expenditure from the Consolidated and Public Works Fund for the past six years, was as follows :—

Return of Receipts, 1932–38.

	1932–33.	1933–34.	1934–35.	1935–36.	1936–37.	1937–38.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	59,138	65,077	75,634	84,564	100,678	115,973

Return of Expenditure, 1932–38.

	1932–33.	1933–34.	1934–35.	1935–36.	1936–37.	1937–38.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consolidated Fund ..	85,850*	91,571*	103,028*	124,151*	148,389*	175,120*
Public Works Fund ..	14,455	13,510	12,880	13,683	16,789	23,159

Ticket sales at the Government Tourist Bureaux for the past six years were as follows :—

	£		£
1932–33	263,573	1935–36	402,148
1933–34	308,255	1936–37	480,789
1934–35	343,933	1937–38	533,847

The estimated revenue to New Zealand from overseas tourists visiting the Dominion during the past six years has been as follows :—

	£		£
1932–33	375,000	1935–36	850,000
1933–34	450,000	1936–37	1,000,000
1934–35	800,000	1937–38	1,200,000

* Includes expenditure on overseas publicity.