

Expenditure.—Table 1E shows a general statement of the apportionment of salary expenditure for the various classes of work carried out during the year.

Of the £6,804 expended on mapping, approximately £3,500 represents the salaries of officers engaged on the preparation of the Centennial Atlas and approximately £1,300 for work in connection with the aerial survey mapping. This emphasizes the fact that the general lithographic work in the Department is practically at a standstill, due to the concentration on the routine work. Approximately 40 per cent. of this routine work is carried out for other Departments.

The summary does not include the salaries of controlling officers nor the cost of materials and other overhead expenditure.

Table 1F shows an analysis of the expenditure in the various districts and Head Office. The Auckland office, although showing the largest total expenditure of all districts, has the smallest expenditure on the item "Mapping." This is due to the large amount of routine work, which has depleted the lithographic draughting staff.

General.—As an outcome of the Inspecting Draughtsman's (Mr. R. C. Airey) inspection of District Offices, uniformity instructions have been issued to all District Offices. It is hoped by this means that a uniformity in the routine of all District Offices will be accomplished.

It has not been possible during the year for many districts to make much progress in the preparation and revision of record maps. Routine work has still maintained a high level, returns, generally, showing an increase on the previous year.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY GEOGRAPHIC BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1939.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Honorary Geographic Board was held in the Surveyor-General's room on 7th July, 1938.

The following members were present: Messrs. Johannes C. Anderson (Chairman), H. E. Walshe (Surveyor-General), Hon. Sir Apirana T. Ngata, Messrs. M. Crompton-Smith, A. P. Harper, and R. G. Dick (Hon. Secretary).

The meeting stood for a moment in silence in respect for the memory of the late Right Reverend Bishop Williams of Waiapu.

The appointment of Mr. P. Te Herinui Jones was recommended by the Board to fill the extraordinary vacancy created by the death of the Right Reverend Bishop Williams of Waiapu.

The Board recommended that, when opportunity arises, the name of Lord Durham, who was associated with the early colonization of New Zealand, should be commemorated by placing his name on some prominent feature or locality in addition to the smaller features already named after him.

It was decided that the confirmation of new place names by the Board was conditional on their being possible of correct location on departmental maps.

The following is a list of the names dealt with and confirmed by the Board at the meeting.

All names marked with an asterisk (*) are confirmed subject to their correct location on departmental maps.

Name.	Survey District.	Description.	Origin of Name, and Remarks.
<i>Auckland.</i>			
Ngahinapouri ..	Alexandra-Hamilton	Farming district near Ohaupo ..	Correct spelling.
Tikorangi Hill ..	Onewhero ..	Hill near mouth of Waikato River	Correct name.
Whitianga ..	Otama ..	Town and harbour	Mr. A. L. Lee. Correct name.
<i>North Auckland.</i>			
Houhora ..	Hohoura East	Native block, trig., and harbour, Mangonui County	Referred by Head Office, Survey Department. Correct spelling.
Koutu ..	Hokianga ..	Post-office and Native block, Hokianga Harbour	Ditto.
Motumaire ..	Kawakawa ..	Small island opposite Russell ..	Correct spelling.
Port Whangarei ..	Whangarei ..	Port of Whangarei Town ..	Referred by Marine Department. Correct name.
Tokatu ..	Kawau ..	Point on Tawharanui Peninsula	Referred by Lands and Survey Department. Correct name.
Waewaetorea ..	Bay of Islands	Island in Bay of Islands ..	Referred by Marine Department. Correct name.
Waikare ..	Russell ..	River, inlet, island, and Native block	Referred by Marine Department. Correct spelling.
Whatuwhiwhi ..	Karikari ..	Native block, Mangonui County	Referred by Head Office, Survey Department. Correct spelling.