

Name.	Survey District.	Description.	Origin of Name, and Remarks.
<i>Otago—continued.</i>			
Wairereata* ..	Milford Sound	Falls on Harrison River ..	Means “falls of dawn.”
Lake Waitaki ..	Kurow ..	Post-office at Waitaki Hydro Power Works	Change from “Waitaki Hydro.”
Welshman Peak* ..	Humboldt ..	Peak west of Cow Saddle ..	Otago Section, New Zealand Alpine Club, after Barrington, who first entered valley in 1864.
Wilmot	Matukituki ..	Saddle between East Branch of Matukituki River and divide	Otago Section, New Zealand Alpine Club.
Wright Pass* ..	Forbes ..	Pass north of Mount Earnslaw ..	Otago Section, New Zealand Alpine Club, after H. F. Wright.
<i>Southland.</i>			
Whakaea ..	Wakaia ..	River, plain, and post-office 32 miles from Gore	Correct spelling.

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

Members of Board.—The following are the members of the Board, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Surveyors' Registration Act, 1928: Mr. H. E. Walshe (Surveyor-General), *ex officio* (Chairman), Messrs. G. H. Bullard, M. Crompton-Smith, C. K. Grierson, and A. H. Bogle: the two latter appointed on the recommendation of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors.

Land Surveyors' Examination.—The following candidates were successful in passing the examinations held in September, 1938, and March, 1939, set respectively by the Tasmanian Board and the Victorian Board.

September, 1938—

W. N. Vautier (Gisborne).
J. B. Stevens-Jordan (Wellington).
J. E. Benham (New Guinea).

March, 1939—

B. A. Reeves (Nelson).
G. D. King (Dunedin).

Articles of Indenture.—During the year the following cadets were registered under articles of indenture to registered surveyors: R. E. Tonkin (Tauranga), A. Gallagher (Tauranga), E. Farnell (Auckland), T. A. Gillard (Morrinsville), W. G. Raphael (Christchurch), W. R. Hamilton (Gisborne), M. C. Rogers (Hamilton), and B. V. Wright (Wanganui).

The following survey cadets were appointed by the Lands and Survey Department, and are eligible to sit for the Land Surveyors' Examination on completion of the necessary field service: T. E. Miles (Canterbury), J. M. Gilbert (Marlborough), A. W. Eden (Napier), and G. E. Drake (Taranaki).

Registration of Surveyors.—There were 480 surveyors entered in the Register of Surveyors on the 31st December, 1938, an increase of three on last year's total.

Surveyors Act, 1938.—A new bill amalgamating the provisions of the Surveyors Registration Act, 1928, and Surveyors' Institute Amendment Act, 1928, drafted by the New Institute of Surveyors, was approved by the board.

This bill passed the House of Representatives and, with a few minor amendments, finally passed the Legislative Assembly. The new Act comes into operation on the 1st July, 1939, and, in addition to the provisions of the previous Acts, provides—

- (1) That no person shall be entitled to act as a surveyor unless he is the holder of an annual practising certificate issued by the Institute of Surveyors. This qualification is additional to the requirements of the Act in respect to the registration of surveys by the Survey Board.
- (2) That the Institute shall from time to time pay to the Board a sum, not exceeding £150 in any year, which may be required for the payment of expenditure lawfully incurred by the Board.

Other than these two major amendments the provisions of the new Act are practically identical with the provisions of the previous Acts.

Survey Regulations.—The Board has under consideration the preparation of new Survey Regulations. The final draft has been submitted to the Solicitor-General for comment, and it is hoped that the regulations will be ready for publication before the end of the year.

R. G. DICK, Secretary.