

APPENDIX IV.
COST OF SURVEYS IN NEW ZEALAND FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE COLONY TO THE 1ST JANUARY, 1877,
DRAWN FROM THE LATEST RETURNS.

For the Settlement of—	Section Survey.			Cost.	Remarks.	Cost per Acre.
	Reliable.	Unproven.	Total.			
Auckland	Acre. ..	Acre. 2,530,000	Acre. 2,530,000	£ 260,008		s. d. 2 1½
Taranaki	30,000	130,000	160,000	£3,813		6 8½
Hawke's Bay .. ..	..	1,000,000	1,000,000	92,437	To the cost per Return (£22,437) is added £40,000 for licensed surveys.	1 10½
Wellington (Provincial) ..	1,131,954	342,000	1,476,954	152,575	Cost prior to 1853 not obtainable. Cost of Hawke's Bay old surveys included.	2 0½
" (General) .. ..	..	70,000	70,000	10,168		2 10½
Nelson	42,000	275,000	317,000	95,564	Public Works were incorporated with surveys. The cost is also largely affected by gold-field administration, which shows little acreage results. £6,300 is deducted from Return (£101,864) for N. Z. Co.'s surveys in Marlborough.	6 0½
Marlborough .. ..	..	893,000	893,000	52,649	£6,300 for N. Z. Co.'s surveys, and £25,000 for licensed surveys are added to £21,349 given in Return.	1 2½
Canterbury .. ..	..	2,014,696	2,014,696	233,722	Return gave cost at £261,722, but £28,000 of this is here debited to Westland, being before separation.	2 3½
Westland	54,000	..	54,000	61,604	£28,000 is added to cost (£33,604) given in Return, being money expended by Canterbury before separation. A great proportion of the cost must be debited to gold-field administration, which gives little or no acreage results. The surface of this province is also abnormal, being almost entirely covered with forest, and the settlements are made in small areas, at widely separate localities, demanding extensive line-cutting.	22 9½
Otago (including Southland) ..	2,903,000	..	2,903,000	296,263	Otago) £257,683 ; In these amounts are included the cost of the pastoral surveys, amounting to 12 millions of acres, also the gold-field surveys which return little or no acreage, and the sectionizing of 90 towns and villages.	2 0½
	4,163,954	7,254,696	11,418,650*	1,314,803		
* Per Major Palmer's Report, 1st March, 1875, 4,730,900 acres accurate—6,405,500 acres needing more or less revision. Total, 11,136,400 acres.						
For Native Administration—	In Blocks and Allotments.			Cost.	Remarks.	Cost per Acre.
	Reliable.	Unproven.	Total.			
North Island	Acre. ..	Acre. 7,502,966	Acre. 7,502,966	£ 238,907	(£216,706 in Auckland) Native surveys are generally over large blocks or areas, and not for settlement purposes; or are merely preparatory for the latter; they are therefore kept separate.	s. d. .. 7½