

SURVEYS FOR LAND-SETTLEMENT

District.					Preliminary Topographical Surveys.	Final Land Title Surveys.	Number of Units.
					Aeres.	Aeres.	
Auckland and North Auckland	..	..	..	..	21,024	16,411	121
Gisborne	..	..	..	..	8,931	20,230	19
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	21,298	12,424	34
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	4,216	1,129	17
Wellington	..	..	..	..	29,559	5,917	33
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	13,268	10,580	8
Nelson	..	..	..	..	950	380	2
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	571	9
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	28,451	13,722	36
Otago	..	..	..	..	71,782	9,127	12
Southland	..	..	..	..	28,152	8,001	14
Totals	..	..	..	..	227,631 (141,312)	98,492 (61,209)	305 (219)

(Last year's figures are shown in parentheses.)

This table summarizes the actual areas, for land-settlement purposes, dealt with in the field during the year, part of the costs of which will be carried forward to the following year.

It will be noted that there has been a considerable increase in output over the previous year. So far the major portion of this work has been carried out by staff surveyors, but with the increase in land purchases it will be necessary during the coming year to let out more of this work on contract to private practising surveyors.

COST OF SURVEY WORK APPORTIONED TO THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS

District.	By Staff Surveyors.		By Contract Surveyors.		Totals.		Percentage.	Number of Surveyors.	
								Staff.	Contract.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
Head Office	3,291	7 10	..	..	3,291	7 10	5.8	1	..
Auckland and North Auckland	13,927	1 4	4,967	5 5	18,894	6 9	33.1	6	33
Gisborne	2,161	13 1	..	..	2,161	13 1	3.8	2	..
Hawke's Bay	3,190	1 0	220	4 4	3,410	5 4	6.0	3	3
Taranaki	2,398	4 0	145	0 6	2,543	4 6	4.5	2	2
Wellington	5,298	19 7	4,287	14 10	9,586	14 5	16.8	2	19
Marlborough	1,288	9 8	172	18 6	1,461	8 2	2.6	1	1
Nelson	1,744	1 5	..	..	1,744	1 5	3.0	1	..
Westland	330	18 4	494	17 11	825	16 3	1.4	..	1
Canterbury	5,279	12 0	1,027	8 10	6,307	0 10	11.0	3	7
Otago	2,660	19 5	1,686	12 8	4,347	12 1	7.6	3	5
Southland	2,493	11 1	..	..	2,493	11 1	4.4	2	..
Totals	44,064	18 9 (40,848 1 6)	13,002	3 0 (8,764 8 6)	57,067	1 9 (49,612 10 0)	100.0	26 (27)	71 (59)

(Last year's figures are shown in parentheses.)

This table analyses the apportionment of the cost of surveys carried out under the authority of the Chief Surveyors of the various districts. More use has been made of the services of contract surveyors, the number of contracts issued being 87. It is intended to make still more use of the contract system during the coming year.