

WARRANTS

During the year 210 (147) warrants for certificates of title comprising 789 (561) items and 15 (8) proclamations of road-lines under the Maori Land Act, 1931, were dealt with (last year's figures are shown in parentheses).

MAP SALES

Map sales during the year have not shown any marked improvement. The facilities available—namely, map sales counters in various survey offices—are entirely unsuited and inadequate for the public advertisement and disposal of maps. However, until the map-printing facilities are increased to cope with departmental demands it would be impossible to guarantee sufficient map-supplies to cope with demands that would be made by map sales agencies if established. In addition, it will be some years before the arrears in the drawing of new maps and revisions of existing maps can be brought up to date. The drawings of new map series are in hand, but cannot be expedited because of the demands of routine work.

The following table summarizes map sales for the year ended 31st March, 1949:—

Class of Map.	Sold for Cash or Credit.	Free Issue and Office Use.	Totals.
	£	£	£
Survey districts and counties	970	629	1,599
Towns	564	102	666
Territorial	680	222	902
Topographical	2,435	476	2,911
Miscellaneous	121	63	184
Totals	4,770 (4,202)	1,492 (2,842)	6,262 (7,044)

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

SUMMARIZED EXPENDITURE

The following schedule sets out the salary expenditure of both field and office staff for the year ended 31st March, 1949, apportioned to various classes of field and office works. Relative figures for the previous year are also given:—

	1948-49.	1947-48.
	£	£
General (Crown surveys, records, tracings, investigations, diagrams, and general office-work)	80,755	67,774
Triangulation	6,034	1,958
Topographical mapping	4,209	9,850
Standard traverse	165	91
Survey maintenance	804	627
Precise levelling	2,785	330
Inspection and investigation surveys	1,886	1,215
Town scheme plans	5,647	4,450
Land-settlement (topographical and schemes)	13,854	12,825
Tidal calculations	48	..
Work for—		
Maori Affairs Department	2,499	3,275
Lands and Deeds Department	24,038	23,799
Ministry of Works	5,355	4,636
Housing Division (Works)	3,043	3,445
Other Departments	8,728	7,549
	159,850	141,824