

SURVEYS FOR LAND-SETTLEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1950

District.	Chief Surveyor.	Preliminary Topographical Surveys.	Final Land Title Surveys.	Number of Units.
		Aeres.	Aeres.	
North Auckland and South Auckland	T. S. Roe ..	23,725	8,291	71
Gisborne	C. L. Cox ..	31,337	6,784	20
Hawke's Bay	A. J. Wattie ..	4,609	7,626	59
Taranaki	J. S. Strawbridge ..	1,611	712	6
Wellington	W. G. Nelson ..	43,169	12,769	53
Marlborough	J. C. Meale ..	3,615	21,616	14
Nelson	J. W. McIntyre ..	460	461	11
Westland	E. M. Morilleau ..	462	1,967	3
Canterbury	T. S. McMillan ..	2,836	19,330	45
Otago	H. A. Adams ..	13,394	11,573	14
Southland	H. M. Smith ..	3,188	2,446	9
Totals	128,406	93,575	305
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1949	196,698	156,333	447
1948	227,631	98,492	305

This table sets out the areas dealt with in each district for land-settlement purposes only. It represents the actual area of land surveyed for this purpose and does not include land units settled which have not required survey.

COST OF WORK APPORTIONED TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS

District.	By Staff Surveyors.	By Contract Surveyors.	Totals.	Percentage.	Number of Surveyors.	
					Staff.	Contract.
	£	£	£			
Head Office ..	8,462	..	8,462	11.0	2	..
North Auckland and South Auckland	13,832	4,110	17,942	23.4	10	30
Gisborne ..	2,218	46	2,264	3.0	2	1
Hawke's Bay ..	2,544	603	3,147	4.2	2	4
Taranaki ..	1,663	329	1,992	2.6	2	4
Wellington ..	7,645	8,721	16,366	21.4	7	14
Marlborough ..	2,053	1,932	3,985	5.2	1	3
Nelson ..	1,734	86	1,820	2.4	1	2
Westland ..	597	120	717	1.0	1	1
Canterbury ..	7,450	836	8,286	10.8	3	2
Otago ..	6,589	3,064	9,653	12.6	3	5
Southland ..	1,704	140	1,844	2.4	1	1
Last year ..	56,491 46,187	19,987 20,358	76,478 66,545	100.0 ..	35 32	67 69

It will be noted that the amount of work carried out by contract is approximately the same as last year. Again slightly more than 50 per cent. of the survey work in the Wellington district was carried out by contract surveyors.

The services rendered by contract surveyors, which is much greater than is normally required, has materially assisted in coping with the land-settlement and housing-survey requirements of the Department. It has enabled the Department to divert staff to other urgent work required for general development operations such as land-settlement, State hydro-electric development, &c.