

Reservations totalling 3,127 acres were made in the Marlborough Land District, particulars being as follows:

- (a) Three areas totalling 506 acres in Kaiuma Bay, Pelorus Sound, comprising 351 acres formerly held under Crown lease and 155 acres of freehold. The land is mostly steep hillsides on the shady side reverting rapidly to second growth. Its acquisition links up the Crown reserves in the locality, and will greatly assist in reducing the fire hazard.
- (b) An area of 727 acres mostly in birch bush and situated in the vicinity of the well-known Pelorus Bridge Reserves. Arrangements will be made to vest control of this new reserve in the Pelorus Scenic Board.
- (c) An area of 367½ acres in the Jordan Valley, Kaikoura County, acquired from a Crown lessee in exchange for other land. The new reserve is mostly in bush of scenic value, and will probably be placed under the control of the Hundalee Scenic Board.
- (d) An area of 286 acres in Tennyson Inlet, comprising 28 acres of freehold and 258 acres formerly held under a Crown lease, and situated adjacent to the extensive and valuable bush areas acquired in that locality a good many years ago.
- (e) Three areas totalling 1,240½ acres in Queen Charlotte Sound, consisting of a block of 269 acres at Resolution Bay adjoining the Ship Cove Reserve and two areas of 737 acres and 231 acres respectively on Blumine Island. These areas will be placed under the control of the Ship Cove Reserve Board. The Blumine Island areas were formerly public reserves for other purposes, but were lately made available for reservation under the Scenery Preservation Act.

In the Nelson Land District four new reserves totalling 2,777 acres were constituted during the year. These comprise:

- (a) An area of 363 acres of bush land at Okiwi Bay in the Croixelles generously donated to the Crown by Mrs. Perrine Moncrieff, of Nelson, together with an adjoining area of 58 acres of Crown land. Brief reference to Mrs. Moncrieff's public-spirited action was made in last year's report, and I should like now to add that this gift of a fine block of bush country is further evidence, if such were needed, of the lively and practical interest she has always shown in the preservation of our native bush and birds. It is hoped to arrange for the acquisition of some more bush land in the locality to add to the gift reserve.
- (b) An area of 358 acres of steep country with limestone bluffs near the Paturau River south-west of Westhaven Inlet. The reserve consists of 301 acres acquired by purchase and 57 acres donated by the owners, Taitapu Lands, Ltd., in connection with the legalization of a certain road in the locality. The area has a fairly long road frontage, and the bush consists principally of rata and rimu, with pukatea along the road.
- (c) An area of 413 acres of bush land in the upper portion of the Buller Valley adjoining extensive reserves set apart many years ago.
- (d) An area of 1,589 acres of bush land on D'Urville Island running from sea-level to an altitude of approximately 2,300 ft. This land was acquired about two years ago, subject to survey, and has now been permanently reserved. Suitable bush areas on D'Urville are being acquired as opportunities offer, and further purchases are under contemplation.

Reservations totalling 4,018 acres were made in the Westland Land District. At Harihari, areas of 95 acres and 35 acres (formerly travelling stock and rifle range reserves respectively) were brought under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act. These are steep hillsides in heavy forest adjacent to the Main South Road. Farther south in