

Among miscellaneous maps which have been printed and published, the following may be noted, viz.: Sheet No. 1 of the Auckland four-mile and eight-mile series, printed in two colours, with the hill ranges (the same sheet has been published on the two-mile scale as a topographical map); preliminary maps of the Counties of Eketahuna and Akitio on the mile-to-the-inch scale; map of the reclaimed land in the City of Wellington, in colours; map of reserves in the City of Wellington, in colours; maps of Stewart Island County on the mile-to-the-inch and two-mile scales, in colours; map of the Pacific islands, in colours; county maps of New Zealand, in colours; maps (188) for "Tourist Guides," in colours; chart of circumpolar stars, in colours; map to accompany tourist pamphlet, "Wonderland." A map of the seat of war, which it was considered advisable to publish owing to the events in South Africa, was compiled and rapidly completed in three colours: 20,000 copies have been printed and sold or otherwise disposed of.

As in previous years, a variety of maps, diagrams, and illustrations have been prepared and photo-lithographed for other departments. The following may be specially noted: For the Railway Department there have been printed 30,000 time-table maps in three printings, 2,600 copies of diagram in three printings, and 2,000 copies of ten "process" illustrations; for the Mines Department, 4,750 copies of diagrams in two printings, and 1,000 copies of thirty-one "process" illustrations; for the Public Works Department, 15,150 copies of maps and working drawings, and 2,150 copies of sixteen "process" illustrations; for the Marine Department, 1,350 facsimiles of ninety-three diagrams, 700 copies of sight-testing diagram in seventeen printings, 700 copies of drawing of international code of signals in four printings, and 1,600 copies of six "process" pictures; for the Government Insurance Department, 3,600 policy headings; for the Telegraph Department, 150 copies of map showing telegraph-lines, in two printings; for the Registrar-General, 5,000 copies of map of New Zealand in three printings, and 5,000 copies of eight diagrams in four printings; for the Agricultural Department, 6,000 copies of produce diagram in four printings, and 6,000 copies of forty-five pages of agricultural statistics; for the Public Trust Office, 1,000 maps in two printings; for parliamentary Committees, 1,700 copies of plan to accompany Report on Fisheries, and 1,500 copies of diagram in three printings; for Defence Department, 106 silver prints; for Police Department, 48 silver prints; and for the Education Department, examination papers. The work for the Railway, Telegraph, Registrar-General, Agricultural, Public Trust, Parliamentary Committee, and Education authorities was drawn at the Head Office of this department.

The work in hand includes maps of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill, which are being prepared for the special use of the military authorities. The compilation of these maps has been necessarily slow, owing to the exceptionally large amount of detail required to complete them.

The preliminary map of Sheet No. 1, County of Wairarapa North, is now being proceeded with. The delay in publishing this map is caused by the numerous corrections that have been made on the proof-sheet sent to the District Office, notwithstanding the circumstance that it was compiled in the first instance from the District Office records.

There are also in hand map of the Municipal District of Apia, and maps of the Islands of Savaii and Upolu, which are being prepared for the President of the Municipal District of Apia.

A new index county map of Waitaki has been completed. Maps of the Counties of Wanganui and Waitotara are under compilation in the Head Office.

The work in connection with the disposal of lands has been very heavy during the year. 231 land-sale maps have been prepared, and copies forwarded to the district offices for distribution. For Auckland there have been published 57; for Taranaki, 9; for Hawke's Bay, 14; for Wellington, 49; for Nelson, 2; for Marlborough, 13; for Westland, 2; for Canterbury, 24; for Otago, 25; and for Southland, 36. 123,700 copies have been printed. The pamphlets containing maps, illustrations, conditions, &c., of lands disposed of under the Land for Settlements Act, which are supplementary to the above, have been prepared with despatch. 1,500 copies of pamphlets relating to the following fifteen settlements have been published, viz.: Tamai, Richmond Brook, Starborough (Extension), Janefield, Te Matua, Ohakea, Pareoro No. 2, Aorangi, Takitu, Fencourt, Elderslie, Punaroa, Papaki, Whitehall, and Rautapiri. The demand for these pamphlets has been very great. In accordance with the usual custom, photographic reductions of land-sale maps to the mile scale have been made, and copies forwarded to the district offices for compilation of county maps, administration reports, &c. 28,960 copies have been printed.

A further issue of 3,000 copies of each of the ten "Guides," describing the tourist routes in New Zealand, have been printed and extensively distributed. For this purpose 63,600 maps and 139,150 illustrations have been printed. There are now in circulation eleven of these publications. 1,000 copies of each "Guide" have been forwarded to the Agent-General; 1,000 copies of each have been distributed through the agency of the Railway Department, and 500 copies of each have been circulated by Cook and Son. Copies have also been forwarded from the Head Office to shipping companies.

For Proclamations under the Public Works Acts 57 schedules and 117 plans have been examined. For the purposes of the Land Act and Land for Settlements Act, 91 schedules and 87 plans have been prepared. For Proclamations under the Loans to Local Bodies Act, 19 schedules and 19 plans have been prepared. For the purposes of the Native Land Acts, 3 schedules and 5 plans have been examined. For the purposes of the Native Townships Act, 3 schedules have been examined. 18 plans of townships for approval of His Excellency the Governor have been examined. 27 schedules of local and public Acts introduced into the House of Representatives have been examined and certified. 86 descriptions of boundaries of ridings, road districts, mining districts, registration districts, boroughs, labour districts, education reserves, &c., have been written, and the boundaries recorded on maps and records kept in the office. 125 tracings to illustrate subjects of correspondence have been made.