

SUMMARY OF FOREST AND TIMBER RESERVES.

Class of Reserve.	Area.		
	A.	R.	P.
Climatic	205,292	0	0
Timber	39,950	1	32
Preservation of scenery	18,211	3	39
Preservation of forest	175	0	0
Conservation of water	3,336	1	34
Recreation	6,225	1	5
Growth and preservation of timber	321	0	0
Sections vested in Auckland City Council for recreation and conservation of native flora and fauna (see "The Reserves Disposal and Exchange Act, 1895")	4,709	2	20
Plantation (State nursery)	2,595	1	11
Class of reserve not stated	17,713	1	37
Preservation of native fauna, Little Barrier Island	6,960	0	0
Total	305,490	2	18

HAWKE'S BAY.

Department of Lands and Survey,
District Office, Napier, 25th September, 1903.

Circular No. 507.

REFERRING to Circular No. 507, I have the honour to forward herewith a schedule showing the forest reserves, &c., in this district.

The forest reserves generally cover the watersheds of the main rivers and streams, and so will maintain the water-supply. We have also the chain reserves on the banks of rivers in our Crown settlements, but in many cases these require to be used as roads, but if not the forest on them will be destroyed when the settlers burn off their bush. We have one or two scenic reserves, as shown in schedule, and some hot-springs reserves, but not much has been done in the past to preserve beauty-spots, and now that the country is settled it is too late, they having been destroyed. All we can do in the future is to provide for forest and scenic reserves on our Crown lands now under survey; and instructions have been given accordingly.

I know of no special places in the settled districts that I could recommend the Government to acquire from their scenic or other advantages. We have the Tongoa, Te Reinga, and other small falls, and the Murmuru caves; but I doubt if any of them are sufficiently attractive to warrant the expense of purchasing them and obtaining road access, &c.

The Surveyor-General, Wellington.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SCHEDULE SHOWING CLIMATIC AND SCENIC RESERVES.

Section.	Block.	District.	Forest Area.			Scenery Area.			Hot-springs Area.		
			A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
...	...	Maungawaru, Haparapara, Hikurangi, Whangaparoa West, Raukumara East and West	134,204	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	II.	Whangara	404	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
107	VI.	Patutahi	200	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Ngatapa	1,250	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Waikaremoana	7,700	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	"	600	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	"	8,629	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	XV.	Nuhaka North ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	580	0	0
88,118	III.	" ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	2	7
...	...	Kaweka... ..	26,386	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Norsewood, Takapau, Wakarara, Ngaururoro	71,350	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Norsewood	5,225	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	"	620	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	III.	Weber	13	3	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	"	"	74	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	VII.	"	220	2	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Woodville	8,704	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	V.	Tautane... ..	217	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	XVI.	Weber ... ..	...	...	...	103	1	2	...	...	...
23	X.	Takapau ... ..	...	...	...	7	0	0	...	...	...
...	I.	Waimata	107	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	Motu ... ..	...	...	...	600	0	0	...	...	...
...	VII.	Mohaka... ..	66	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	XIV.	Pohui	32	1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
			266,003	3	33	710	1	2	607	2	7