

Surveyors, the following county maps have been received and forwarded to the Government Printer to be photo-lithographed: viz., part of Hawke's Bay County, the Counties of Rangitikei, Hutt, Horowhenua, Manawatu, and Patea, and parts of the Counties of Marlborough, Waimate, Geraldine, and Levels. Maps of twenty-five counties have yet to be forwarded to complete the series. These maps will make admirable index county maps. The new county maps of Wanganui, Waitotara, and Waimarino, compiled and drawn at the Head Office, and referred to in last year's report, have been printed and published in three sheets.

Two draughtsmen have been employed uninterruptedly in duties appertaining to the preparation and publication of data and plans relating to land-settlement. Two hundred and ten land-sale poster maps have been published and forwarded to the Commissioners of Crown Lands for distribution. For Auckland there have been published 56 maps, for Hawke's Bay 14 maps, for Taranaki 16 maps, for Wellington 33 maps, for Nelson 2 maps, for Marlborough 12 maps, for Canterbury 24 maps, for Westland 5 maps, for Otago 30 maps, for Southland 18 maps. One hundred and fifteen thousand copies of these maps have been printed, and photographic reductions to the mile scale of the larger areas have been printed and supplied to the District Offices for purposes of compilation of county maps and to illustrate subjects of correspondence. The demand for these mile-to-the-inch reductions is increasing, as is apparent from the constantly recurring requests for them. Twenty thousand six hundred and fifty copies have been printed.

Eighteen pamphlets containing directions to applicants, maps, illustrations, and complete detailed information relating to the following estates purchased under the Land for Settlements Acts have been compiled, printed, and published: viz., Cradock, Plumer, Kitchener, Methuen, Hetana, Kumeroa, Forest Gate, Glenham, Lyndon No. 2, Maytown, Eccleston, Windsor Park, Windsor Park No. 2, Kokatahi, Duncan, Mead, Northbank, and Chamberlain. The numbers of pamphlets printed for each settlement have varied from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred copies, and these have been distributed largely from the Head Office, as well as through the agency of the District Offices.

During the year under report important and responsible duties were undertaken and discharged for the Representation Commissioners by the Head Office staff. These included the preparation of sixty popular descriptions of proposed electorates, enumerating the various local political divisions which together formed a proposed electorate; also sixty detailed descriptions, defining in technical terms the boundaries of the electoral districts as finally determined by the Commissioners; the preparation of 411 large-scale maps—one set for the Clerk of Parliament, one for the Registrar of Electors, and one for the Head Office—and the publication of lithographed maps on the sixteen-mile scale, showing the names and boundaries of the districts for the information of the public. Although these important duties were of a highly technical nature, and performed at a necessarily rapid speed, no errors have been reported.

The following thirty plans of private townships have been examined and reported on and approved by His Excellency the Governor: Waipiti, Linwood North, Franklyn, Ahuroa, Cashmere, Mangamahu, Soleville, Henui, Fitzroy West, Mihi, Auburn, Sockburn, Cashmere Extension, Beckland's, Cliftonville, Ranolf, Fitzroy North, Somerfield, Strandon, Upper Tuakau Extension, Levin Extension, Port Moturoa, Rosebery, Gonville Extension, Scargill, Miramar, Clonburn, Melbaville, Bonithon, and Utuhina.

Fifteen Proclamations under "The Public Works Act, 1894," and "The Public Works Acts Amendment Act, 1900," have been prepared.

Eleven notifications under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," have been prepared.

Eighteen Proclamations taking lands for roads and closing roads under section 13 of "The Land Act, 1892," have been prepared.

One Order in Council under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," has been prepared.

Two Proclamations under "The Native Townships Act, 1895," have been prepared.

Eight Orders in Council setting apart areas as reserves under "The Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1898," have been prepared.

Two Proclamations under "The State Forests Act, 1885," have been prepared.

Ninety-eight warrants relating to the temporary and permanent reservation of land under "The Land Act, 1892" have been prepared.

Eighteen Proclamations setting apart the following blocks of land for settlement under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," have been prepared: viz., Puketarata No. 3, Kiokio,