

“The Public Works Act, 1894”: 1 Proclamation taking land for a gravel-pit, 1 Order in Council consenting to entry of surveyor on to Native lands to take roads, 1 Order in Council declaring roads to be under control of Wellington City Council, 21 Warrants authorising surveyors to take roads through Native lands.

Miscellaneous: Under this heading 2 Orders in Council, 4 Warrants, and a number of various other documents were prepared, and 16 Land Guides were revised and printed.

The summary appended gives the number of Crown grants and other titles issued during the year:—

Land District.	Num-ber of Crown Grants.	Area in Crown Grants.	Num-ber of War-rants.	Area in Warrants.	Number of Cer-tificates.	Area in Grants, Warrants, and Certificates.	Area granted to Natives.	Number of Leases and Li-censes.*	Area in Leases and Licenses.	Number Crown Grants cor-rected.	Number of Dupli-cate Grants issued.
		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.	Acres.		Acres.		
Auckland ..	5	273	40	46,631	218	46,904	669	83	687	8	2
Hawke's Bay ..	3	599	5	48,500	80	49,099	73,608	4	116	1	..
Taranaki ..	..	..	13	11,952	68	11,952	281	7	1,367	2	..
Wellington ..	3	163	15	10,238	121	10,401	3,828	24	568	4	..
Nelson ..	..	..	5	11,085	131	11,085	..	3	2	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	6	2,187	20	2,187	980	3	74,555	..	..
Canterbury ..	..	..	10	27,710	95	27,710	..	37	1,550	1	..
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	3	2,075	..	..
Otago ..	2	1	23	11,374	151	11,375	..	39	51,989	..	..
Southland ..	1	5	8	6,206	163	6,211	..	3	193	..	..
Totals ..	14	1,041	125	175,883	1,062	176,924	79,366	206	133,042	16	2

\* In addition to leases signed by the Governor above mentioned, 1,009 leases signed by Commissioners have been received, recorded, and filed, also 169 deeds of land acquired by the Crown.

#### ACCOUNTS.

Mr. R. A. Paterson, Accountant, reports:—

Number of vouchers authorised for payment	...	...	...	4,282
Imprest vouchers authorised for credit	...	...	...	3,617
Credit vouchers against other Departments	...	...	...	191
Imprest advances	...	...	...	530

Total ... .. 8,620

as against 8,055 during the previous financial year.

A detailed statement of the expenditure in respect of each of the appropriations, including a full statement from the commencement of the Land for Settlements Account, has been prepared and issued within the Department. The various accounts have also been balanced with the Treasury books. The following is a summary of the expenditure of the various appropriations and accounts for the year, and which shows also the revenue of the State Forests, Cheviot Estate, and Land for Settlements Accounts:—

*Summary of Statement of Expenditure of Lands and Survey Department for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1903.*

Name of Vote or Account.	Amount voted.	Expenditure (Gross).	Recoveries.	Expenditure (Net).	Receipts.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lands and Survey .. ..	114,252	136,197 12 7	14,211 9 1	121,986 3 6	..
Lands and Survey, Miscellaneous ..	14,744	7,457 0 10	..	7,457 0 10	..
Immigration .. ..	300	541 15 5	400 0 0	141 15 5	..
Improved-farm Settlements .. ..	5,845	1,567 4 3	..	1,567 4 3	..
Lands, Miscellaneous .. ..	5,762	781 5 4	..	781 5 4	..
State Forests .. ..	15,195	11,209 3 8	191 4 1	11,017 19 7	3,870 14 10
Land for Settlements Expenses* ..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	156,098	157,754 2 1	14,802 13 2	142,951 8 11	..
Consolidated Fund: Unauthorised Ac-count	..	352 5 0	..	352 5 0	..
Cheviot Estate Account .. ..	..	9,036 12 6	..	9,036 12 6	14,609 9 9
Land for Settlements Account (includ-ing Vote No. 113)	..	†467,228 10 0	51 4 1	467,177 5 11	†121,335 0 5
Permanent Charges .. ..	..	4,453 10 2	..	4,453 10 2	..
Special Acts, Deposit Accounts, &c. ..	..	21,380 4 8	..	21,380 4 8	..
Totals .. ..	..	502,451 2 4	51 4 1	502,399 18 3	..
Grand totals .. ..	156,098	660,205 4 5	14,853 17 3	645,351 7 2	..

\* Included in Land for Settlements Account. from Investment Account (interest earned).

† Includes purchase-money, £353,462 7s. 2d.

‡ Includes £10,335 1s. 9d.

The amount advanced to implestees during the year was £50,916.