

For the purpose of preparing maps of the districts enumerated, and a few others not immediately required, tracings were made from the triangulation plans and 10-chain block-sheets of eighteen survey districts, necessitating in all about 240 tracings. This work kept Mr. Harris away from headquarters for eight weeks and a half, and Mr. Darby for five weeks and a half. The former was also away assisting the field officers in camp for fifteen weeks, and at the Government Printing Office drawing colour stones for Bulletin No. 3, two weeks; while the latter spent some twenty weeks in camp.

Among other miscellaneous work should be mentioned,—

A small map of New Zealand, and another of part of Miconui Subdivision to illustrate last year's annual report.

Two diagrams for Bulletin No. 6, and three detail plans for Bulletin No. 7, not yet published.

The general routine work has been carried on, such as the revising and colouring of proofs of maps for publication, the recording of plans and field-books, and the making of tracings for various purposes.

An outstanding feature of the year's work is the inauguration of the system of compiling preparatory maps on the working-scale of 20 chains to an inch, referred to above. The adoption of this system has greatly facilitated the work of the Geological Survey parties, and will eventually simplify in great measure the work of the draughtsmen in compiling the final maps.

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