

## EXPENDITURE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The following is a summary of the expenditure of the Department, certified to by Mr. Paterson, Chief Accountant:—

## SUMMARY of STATEMENT of EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1908.

Vote No.	Name of Vote or Account.	Amount voted (Net).	Expenditure (Gross).			Recoveries.			Expenditure (Net).		
		£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
70	Lands and Survey ... ..	149,232	159,435	6	1	22,893	19	3	136,541	6	10
71	Lands and Survey, Miscellaneous	61,620	37,620	9	7	135	19	6	37,484	10	1
109	Immigration ... ..	10,000	20,591	9	7	11,460	12	0	9,130	17	7
120	Improved Farm Settlements ...	4,950	3,690	10	7	1,478	11	1	2,211	19	6
121	Lands, Miscellaneous ... ..	9,550	5,797	11	0	2	19	0	5,794	12	0
122	Irrigation and Water-supply ...	3,000	1,555	6	3	1	4	8	1,554	1	7
123	State Forests Account ... ..	31,147	25,841	17	8	10	11	4	25,831	6	4
125	Scenery Preservation Account ...	12,475	6,260	18	7	776	11	6	5,484	7	1
	Totals ... ..	281,974	260,793	9	4	36,760	8	4	224,033	1	0
	Consolidated Fund Unauthorised Account...		1,437	13	11	1,298	1	1	139	12	10
	Special Acts, Deposit Accounts, &c. ...		21,226	5	8	...			21,226	5	8
	Land for Settlements Account ... ..		46,952	4	9	...			46,952	4	9
	Cheviot Estate Account ... ..		8,872	10	6	...			8,872	10	6
	Maori Land Settlement Account ... ..		145,954	16	2	3,032	18	9	142,921	17	5
	Totals ... ..		224,443	11	0	4,330	19	10	220,112	11	2
	Grand totals ... ..		485,237	0	4	41,091	8	2	444,145	12	2

The work of this branch has increased to such an extent that, in addition to Miss Woodhouse, who is a very competent assistant, the office had to be strengthened by the addition of two cadets. The deposits on immigration from those persons who desire to bring out to New Zealand near relatives form no inconsiderable item in the accounts. Mr. Paterson has also had large dealings with Native-land purchases, necessitating special ledgers being opened for every block of native land.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, it may not be out of place to state that my own share of the work has been made much easier by your knowledge of every portion of New Zealand, as you have now personally visited every settled district from the North Cape to Stewart Island. I am also glad that from your personal knowledge you will bear me out in recording that the whole of the Commissioners of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyors, together with their staffs, are doing their utmost to advance settlement and to render loyal and efficient service to the Government of this Dominion, work which may not be realised by the public generally, but which is nevertheless bearing ample fruit at the present time, and likely to do so even more in the great future which awaits New Zealand and its inhabitants.