

## (K.) IMMIGRATION.

The duties which come under the above heading are carried out by the officers of the Lands Department, the Under-Secretary for Lands being also Under-Secretary for Immigration, but under the direction of the Minister for Immigration. The work performed is more directly connected with the class of immigrant nominated by relatives in New Zealand. The Department also carries on extensive correspondence with persons in all parts of the world who are desirous of obtaining information regarding this Dominion.

## (L.) NATIVE MATTERS: SURVEYS, ETC., OF MAORI LANDS.

Owing to the passing of the Native Land Act, 1909, the direct purchase of Native lands by the Lands Department has ceased, though the Under-Secretary for Lands is a member of the Native Land Purchase Board as constituted under section 361 of the Native Land Act, 1909. This Department has, however, been completing during the past year the purchases commenced by it under previous Acts, notably that of a large portion of the Moerangi Block, in Kawhia County, and an area of from 60,000 to 80,000 acres in the Urewera country.

The Lands Department is also carrying out the decision of the Government that the whole of the surveys of Maori lands were to be made under its direction, and that payment to private surveyors for Maori-land surveys would, in the first instance, be advanced by the Government through this Department. The areas of Native lands under survey at present amount to 629,870 acres.

## CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

A report by the Chief Clerk is attached giving a general detail of the work performed by the Head Office and of the numerous subjects dealt with. Each officer has his allotted work, and takes a great interest in carrying it out.

## ACCOUNTS, ETC.

A report is also attached by the Chief Accountant showing the numerous and diverse nature of the accounts dealt with by his branch of the Head Office work, more particularly under the special Acts of Parliament connected with the drainage operations, &c.

## PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS, ETC.

In July last, Mr. F. W. Flanagan, Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Canterbury District, was promoted to the very important post of Valuer-General, a position which his considerable experience should enable him to fill with great benefit to the Public Service. The vacancy caused by his promotion was filled by the transfer of Mr. T. N. Brodrick from Hawke's Bay to the more responsible position of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor for the Canterbury District. The position of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyor, Hawke's Bay (which includes Gisborne and the east coast), was filled by the promotion of Mr. C. R. Pollen, Chief Draughtsman and Surveyor, Auckland. The position of Chief Draughtsman in the Auckland Office was filled by the promotion of Mr. H. D. McKellar, Land Transfer Draughtsman and Surveyor, his place being taken by Mr. T. K. Thompson, formerly District Surveyor. Mr. D. W. Gillies, Chief Draughtsman in the Nelson Office, was appointed to the position of an Inspecting Surveyor in the Auckland District, and his place was taken by Mr. F. E. Greenfield, formerly Draughtsman and Surveyor in the Blenheim office.

It is with extreme regret that I have to chronicle the death of Mr. G. P. Wilson, a senior draughtsman on the Head Office staff. Mr. Wilson's work was of the highest class, and his unassuming disposition, coupled with strict integrity, and the conscientious discharge of his duties, endeared him to the whole staff.

The draughting staff of the Head Office has carried out its duties—involving the supply of all maps for census and representation purposes—under the supervision of Mr. H. T. McCardell, acting as Chief Draughtsman. Mr. McCardell's illness later in the year necessitated the temporary appointment of Mr. H. A. R. Farquhar, Draughtsman and Surveyor, to that position.

## CONCLUSION.

I have to thank all the Commissioners of Crown Lands and Chief Surveyors, together with the whole of the field and office staff, for the conscientious and painstaking manner in which their duties have been performed. Assisted by the several Land Boards, the Commissioners discharge most onerous