

defining purpose. In addition to the above seven Orders in Council were prepared and issued, bringing thirteen sections under the provisions of the Tourist and Health Resorts Control Act, 1908, and six were prepared and gazetted, vesting the control of fourteen sections in the Minister having the administration of the said Act.

Road Proclamations.—Under the Native Land Act, 1909, seventeen Proclamations taking and laying off roads under sections 387, 388, and 389 of the Act were prepared and gazetted: these roads were chiefly in the Auckland District. Thirty-four authorities were issued under section 403, authorizing certain surveyors to enter upon Native lands for the purpose of executing surveys.

Under section 11 of the Land Act, 1908, fifteen Proclamations were issued taking land for roads, and two notices of the taking and laying-off were issued under section 14. Three Warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor were issued under section 14, authorizing the taking of roads, and one was issued under section 213 of the Land Act.

Three notices of the taking and laying-off of roads under section 93 of the Public Works Act, 1908, were also prepared and gazetted.

Loans obtained for roading Lands.—During the year twenty-one Proclamations and two Warrants were prepared and gazetted in order that loans might be obtained under the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act, to improve and prepare twenty-three blocks for settlement, and the necessary action taken to comply with the provisions of the Act.

Domains.—Twenty-eight Orders in Council bringing recreation reserves under Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act were executed. Thirty-six Orders were also issued appointing Domain Boards, and 102 appointments to fill vacancies upon existing Boards were also made.

Cemeteries.—In addition to the usual routine matters concerning cemeteries, fifty-five Warrants were gazetted appointing or removing trustees.

Miscellaneous.—Forty-five Proclamations, Warrants, and instruments were issued dealing with various matters. Regulations under the Land Act as to recording improvements on Crown leaseholds were issued. Amended regulations under the Kauri-gum Industry Act were also issued. A number of certificates were given as to ages and dates of arrival in the Dominion of persons claiming the old-age pensions, the information being obtained from the old immigration records. Four editions of the Land Guide were published, the total number of copies amounting to 12,000. A monthly poster of the lands for sale each month was published, in addition to the special sale plans referred to above. The usual and necessary returns and statements were prepared, in addition to forty-five special returns that were required during the year.

Titles.—The following return contains a summary of the number of Crown grants, Warrants, certificates of title, and miscellaneous leases and licenses issued during the year:—

District.	Number of Crown Grants.	Area in Crown Grants.	Number of Warrants.	Area in Warrants.	Certificates of Title not included in Warrants.		Number of Certificates of Title.	Area in Grants, Warrants, and Certificates of Title.	Number of Miscellaneous Leases and Licenses.	Area in Miscellaneous Leases and Licenses.
					Number.	Area.				
		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.		Acres.
Auckland ..	4	474	42	49,443	33	4,500	277	54,417	19	184
Hawke's Bay ..	4	206	10	15,408	5	63	120	15,677	2	55
Taranaki ..	..	..	11	12,436	7	146	69	12,582	25	98
Wellington ..	..	..	22	19,485	26	2,500	160	21,985	36	890
Nelson ..	1	84	3	8,914	..	..	36	8,998	..	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	10	9,371	17	1,700	115	11,071	24	1,014
Westland ..	..	..	2	3,914	..	..	4	3,914	5	20,300
Canterbury ..	..	..	7	3,877	2	134	28	4,011	30	66,790
Otago ..	..	..	24	7,256	5	72	75	7,328	5	90,880
Southland ..	..	..	33	32,884	2	15	47	32,899	2	24,458
Totals ..	9	764	164	162,988	97	9,130	931	172,882	148	204,669

REPORT BY THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

The Chief Accountant, reports that during the year the work of his branch has considerably increased, as evidenced by the fact that 16,833 vouchers were passed through his office, being an increase of 2,052 over that of the previous year. During the year a considerable portion of his time has been occupied both in and out of the office in negotiating with Native owners with regard to the purchase of Native lands under offer to the Crown.