

Summary of Reserves.

District.	Number.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Auckland	1	46	1	37
Wellington	5	1,387	2	37
Nelson	4	647	0	8
Westland	3	22,576	3	28
Canterbury	1	160	2	0
Otago	7	623	2	17
Totals, 1910-11	21	25,442	1	37
Reserved up to 31st March, 1910	148	40,546	1	26
Grand totals	169	65,988	3	23

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, showing the Amounts expended, and the Purposes to which the Money so expended has been applied, for the Year ended the 31st March, 1911.

Purchase of land (private land),—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Perry's Waterfall, Makuri	42	11	3			
Wilton's Bush, Wellington	50	0	0			
Catlin's River, Otago	25	0	0			
Mount Cargill, Dunedin	144	0	0			
Kennedy's Bush, Christchurch	120	0	0			
Waro Limestone Rocks, Whangarei	165	0	0			
Taieri River bank, Otago	125	0	0			
Te Awai-te-take Pa, Taranaki	17	10	0			
				689	1	3
Purchase of land (Native land),—						
Puke-rangiora Pa, Taranaki	72	0	0			
Kumutoto Scenic Reserve, Queen Charlotte Sound	5	12	6			
Wairua Falls, Whangarei	2	7	5			
Ruakuri Caves, Waitomo	1	11	9			
Hangatiki Scenic Reserve, Waitomo	145	17	2			
Karoro Stream, Glenomaru, Otago	150	0	0			
				377	8	10
Fencing of reserves and historic spots, administration, and maintenance				685	7	7
Expenses of Board				11	3	2
Surveys, valuations, and incidental expenses				1,642	15	7
Salaries—						
Inspector and Surveyor	300	0	0			
Secretary	25	0	0			
				325	0	0
Total				£3,730	16	5

APPENDIX B.

REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR OF SCENIC RESERVES.

UP to the middle of last June I was engaged, in conjunction with Mr. Y. Booker, in surveying pieces of Native land that are to be reserved below Pipiriki. We finished our field-work in June, and during the winter were engaged in mapping in the office. Mr. Booker took the field again in the middle of August. He made a small alteration (promised by the Hon. Mr. Carroll) in a reserve near Atene, and cut out the land in Recommendation 35, above the Manganui-a-te-Ao; on completion of this I lost his valuable help, as he was required for settlement surveys. All reservations proposed below Pipiriki are now finished.

I resumed field-operations in August by an inspection of reserves proposed to be made along the shores of Kawhia Harbour, in the Auckland Province. I also inspected proposed reservations in the Marakopa Valley and at Waitomo, reports of all of which I have already supplied. Settlement in the above districts is advancing rapidly, and these proposals require attention soon, as they deal with forest very liable to be destroyed.

I resumed surveys of reserves on the Wanganui River in October, and cut out three reservations near the famous "Drop Scene" (Aratira), above Pipiriki. This is without exception the roughest country I have surveyed in New Zealand; the bush is light, but it is one tangled mass of supplejacks, lawyers, and other vines. On nearly every line I cut out, a rope had to be used to scale the cliffs. In one line of 15 chains there was a rise of over 1,000 ft. Field-work in this locality is therefore difficult and slow.