

ANNUAL REPORTS OF DOMAIN BOARDS.

The UNDER-SECRETARY FOR LANDS to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

Department of Lands, Wellington, 24th July, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a synopsis of the annual reports of Domain Boards for the year ended 31st December, 1910, which have been furnished in accordance with section 45 of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

The reports, as in previous years, indicate steady improvement of the public domains of the Dominion.

Some delay in the receipt of reports has been occasioned by a number of Domain Boards being under the impression that by forwarding a copy of the annual report and balance-sheet to the Audit Department the provisions of the Act have been complied with, overlooking the fact that a copy should also be sent to the Minister of Lands.

The following table shows the number of domains in the various land districts, together with the total areas:—

Land District.	Number of Domains.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
Auckland	145	19,795	1	39.5
Hawke's Bay	33	918	0	8
Taranaki	46	1,470	1	37.3
Wellington	68	*37,974	1	18.6
Nelson	19	3,316	1	12.8
Marlborough	9	763	0	1
Westland	12	361	1	2
Canterbury	98	8,671	3	8.4
Otago	57	6,830	2	37.1
Southland	25	1,163	2	1
Grand totals	512	81,265	0	5.7

* Includes 33,000 acres set aside as a domain under section 9 of the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891.

Of this number, reports on 492 have been received, the Boards controlling the following domains having failed to furnish the required reports:—

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Epsom.—Allotments Nos. 180, 180A, and 182, of Section No. 10, Suburbs of Auckland. Area, 19 acres 1 rood 5 perches.

Howick.—Suburban Sections Nos. 141 to 148, Town of Howick. Area, 8 acres.

Motutara.—Northern and southern portions of Section No. 2, Block IX, Kumeu Survey District. Area, 73 acres and 16 perches.

Northcote.—Sections Nos. 1 to 10 and 68, Town of Northcote. Area, 3 acres 1 rood 29 perches.

Oruamo.—Section No. 218, Takapuna Parish. Area, 5 acres 2 roods 7 perches.

Paremoremo.—Sections Nos. 76A and 94A, Paremoremo Parish. Area, 6 acres 1 rood 1 perch.

Raupo.—Sections Nos. 58, Block XVI, Tokatoka Survey District, and 1, 2, 15, and 16, Village of Raupo. Area, 37 acres 2 roods 28 perches.

Takapuna.—Section No. 250, Takapuna Parish. Area, 180 acres 2 roods.

Waimana.—Section No. 22, Waimana Settlement, Block III, Waimana Survey District. Area, 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches.

Waiwera.—Sections Nos. 168, 169, 170, and 171, Waiwera Parish. Area, 12 acres 2 roods 9 perches.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

Pukearuhe.—Sections Nos. 1 to 6, 13 to 15, and 25 to 30, Township of Pukearuhe, and 2 and 9, Pukearuhe Town Belt. Area, 28 acres 2 roods.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Khandallah.—Allotments Nos. 2 and 3 of Sections Nos. 1 and 2, Block XI, Belmont Survey District. Area, 31 acres 1 rood.