

Nautical Almanac." The tide surveys and the predicted tides in Auckland and Wellington are practically brought up to 1914. That is an indication of some of the technical work that generally comes out under cover of the Survey Report itself, and these are all of an annual nature. In addition there are other publications issued by the Lands and Survey Department from time to time, and usually published in the same form.

4. Do you think it would be desirable that these publications should all be brought out in some uniform size?—Undoubtedly, in the majority of cases.

5. The suggestion by the Government Printer is that they should come out in two sizes—viz., demy quarto and in royal octavo, the size of the "Transactions of the New Zealand Institute." Could all these papers be brought out in one of those forms?—I think so.

6. They would not appear twice—in that form and in the foolscap form?—In our Department each item of the Department's activity is referred to in the General Report, and this would be sufficient for reference purposes, as, for instance, in "Tidal Surveys," which is referred to as Appendix V. I think such references would be sufficient publication in the official report, which could be published in any form desired by the Department.

7. When you prepare a report upon the tides, or anything of that sort, who is responsible for passing that for the Printer?—The Surveyor-General.

8. Take the report of Mr. Philips Turner, for instance: who is responsible for that?—So far as I am aware, they are passed by the Under-Secretary.

9. So far as reports refer to technical mathematical work they are passed by the Surveyor-General, but not in, say, forestry work?—That is so.

10. *Hon. Mr. Herdman.*] What form do you suggest the publication should take instead of the foolscap form?—I understand there are only two forms suggested by the Government Printer. I should think one or other of these forms would be suitable, and see no difficulty in printing them in demy quarto size, which, I understand, is 11¼ in. by 8½ in. In the foolscap size there is sometimes a tendency for the illustrations to be unnecessarily large. With regard to smaller sized publications, the illustrations could be produced without loss of clearness.

11. *Mr. Russell.*] I suppose that what you think would be most desirable would be, probably, that all the technical papers in connection with the Lands and Survey Department should be consolidated into the one book each year: would that be your idea?—That would appear to meet the case, sir.

12. You would not suggest that three or four reports, like those of Dr. Cockayne and others, if appearing in one number should be made separate publications of—it would mean increased expense in the binding, in the making-up, and in printing the different portions; whereas if the Government printed the works in each Department right down until all were completed, there would be only one volume and the work would be expedited?—Yes, but reprints in paper covers could be produced at small cost, as is done by the Carnegie Institution and elsewhere.

13. Supposing, Mr. Adams, we had royal octavo as the standard size, would one page give you sufficient room for the publication of maps and pictures?—I think so, but if necessary we could put a folder in. These large maps, for instance, are put in up to any size. Personally, I think demy quarto might be large enough in most cases.

14. Your idea is that what should be bound up with the Appendices to the Journals of the House should only be the report, and that all the technical publications—the subsidiary publications—should be independent and issued in this standard form?—Yes, I think so; whilst, if the Committee could see its way to do so, it would be a very desirable thing to have a summary index published in the "Transactions of the New Zealand Institute" indicating the scientific work published by the Government.

15. *The Chairman.*] That is already provided for?—I am pleased to hear it, as it seems to me to be an index to which inquirers could be referred to so as to find any scientific matter whatever published in the Dominion.

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