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TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS DEPARTMENT

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE).

BY THE MINISTER OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS, HON. DR. ROBERT McNAB.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The MINISTER IN CHARGE OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS DEPARTMENT to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

MY LORD,—

Wellington, 12th May, 1916.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts for the year ended the 31st March, 1916.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT McNAB,

Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS.

SIR,—

Wellington, 10th May, 1916.

I have the honour to submit herewith my report for the year ended the 31st March, 1916.

I have, &c.,

B. M. WILSON,

General Manager.

The Hon. Dr. Robert McNab, Minister of Tourist and Health Resorts.

I AM glad to be able to report that despite adverse conditions the revenue of the Tourist Department for the past year compares favourably with that of the previous year. The actual revenue for the year was £31,067, an increase of £4,437 on last year's figures, which amounted to £26,630. This increase has been mainly brought about by a large influx of visitors from Australia, due at least in part to the advertising in that country of our scenic attractions. Our principal tourist resorts have also been very largely patronized by our own people.

In accordance with instructions received from you the whole question of charges for accommodation and fees at the various resorts is now being overhauled to see what alterations can be made with a view to enhanced revenue, and recommendations will be submitted to you in time to allow any proposed alterations to be given effect to next season. All officers have worked hard during the season to secure additional revenue and to, wherever possible, curtail expenditure.

The following statement gives in detail the revenue at the different resorts during the past two years, and the financial position of each :—

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RECEIPTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS, FINANCIAL YEARS 1915-16 AND 1914-15.

	1915-16.	1914-15.
	£	£
Te Aroha—		
Bath fees, &c.	859	834
Games, library fees, &c.	191	235
Tea-kiosk	157	147
Miscellaneous	114	101
	<u>1,321</u>	<u>1,317</u>
Rotorua—		
Sanatorium fees	2,739	1,812
Out-patients' fees	586	531
Bath fees, pump-room, &c.	2,533	2,165
Dry massage and electrical treatment	870	595
Water-supply	1,956	1,496
Electric-light charges	3,490	3,418
Games, &c.	433	414
Round trip : launch fares, guiding fees, &c.	2,574	2,436
Sale of mineral waters	325	206
Launch licenses, wharfages, &c.	15	16
Sulphur royalties	78	..
Rents	528	402
Miscellaneous	139	89
Trout-fishing and game-shooting fees	702	851
	<u>16,968</u>	<u>14,431</u>
Waitomo Caves—		
Accommodation and admission charges, &c.	3,342	3,503
Hanmer Springs—		
Sanatorium fees	700	674
Bath fees, &c.	429	486
Tennis-players, &c.	92	74
Tea-house	183	156
Water-supply	62	54
Rents	91	82
Miscellaneous	37	48
	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,574</u>
Hermitage—		
Accommodation and guiding, &c.	4,539	3,015
Queenstown—		
Games, &c.	113	123
Glade House, Milford Track, and Te Anau steamer—		
Accommodation, guiding, &c.	483	587
Steamer	547	199
	<u>1,030</u>	<u>786</u>
Head Office—		
Sale of pamphlets, photographs, &c.	48	76
Advertising	44	91
Rents	168	208
Commission on passenger bookings	1,895	1,498
Miscellaneous	5	8
	<u>2,160</u>	<u>1,881</u>
	<u>£31,067</u>	<u>£26,630</u>

SCHEDULE SHOWING FINANCIAL POSITION AT EACH RESORT.

Resort.	Year 1915-16.				Year 1914-15.			
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Te Aroha	1,321	2,502	1,181	..	1,317	2,572	1,255	..
Rotorua	16,266	17,969	1,703	..	13,580	19,461	5,881	..
Rotorua Acclimatization District	702	419	..	283	851	369	..	482
Waitomo Caves	3,342	2,683	..	659	3,503	3,056	..	447
Hammer Springs	1,594	3,435	1,846	..	1,574	4,072	2,498	..
Hermitage, Mount Cook ..	4,539	4,267	..	272	3,015	3,220	205	..
Te Anau and Manapouri steamers, Glade House and Milford Track	1,030	1,940	910	..	786	1,962	1,176	..
Queenstown	113	529	416	..	123	587	464	..

NOTE.—No allowance is made in these figures for interest on capital expenditure or for depreciation of plant or buildings.

The expenditure during the year amounted to £47,966, against £49,823 for the previous year, a decrease of £1,857.

Following is a brief summary of the work carried out at each resort during the year, viz.:—

ROTORUA.

No work of any importance has been undertaken by the Department at Rotorua this year. The Sanatorium was, under arrangement with the Health Department, placed at its disposal for the accommodation of wounded soldiers during the war, temporary provision being made for inmates of the Sanatorium at a local boardinghouse. The revenue has kept up remarkably well, and the leading health and pleasure resort of New Zealand has been very largely patronized by Australians and New-Zealanders.

The revenue derived from the Sanatorium and baths amounted to £7,497, an increase of £2,188 over the previous year. The gardens and grounds have been maintained in good condition, and the playing-areas have stood the test of the heavy strain imposed on them. The new ground at the back of the bath building should be ready for play next season, and help to relieve the congestion which at present occurs in holiday seasons.

The receipts from electric energy increased from £3,418 to £3,490, and fifty-five new consumers were added.

The fishing during this season has shown a considerable and gratifying improvement in the size and quality of the fish in Rotorua Lake, and the number of visiting anglers has been well above the usual average. In response to repeated requests from anglers in the Wanganui River portion of the Rotorua Acclimatization District, the fishing season there was opened on the 1st October, one month earlier than the season for the remainder of the district, and will terminate correspondingly. The change has given general satisfaction, as the fish taken from the Wanganui and its tributaries were in excellent condition in October.

TE AROHA.

The Department's Domain has been maintained in good order, though no important works have been undertaken. The revenue has been £1,321, compared with £1,317 for the previous season. The total number of baths taken during the year was 33,402.

WAITOMO CAVES.

Revenue from hostel and caves amounted to £3,342, against £3,503 for 1915. A much-needed new laundry was erected, and improvements effected to the approaches to the caves. The number visiting the hostel was 4,483 persons.

WAIKAREMOANA.

The projected additions were not proceeded with this season, but certain improvements in drainage and bathing accommodation should be effected before next season. It is proposed to again call for tenders for the leasing of the accommodation-house, and this matter is now in hand.

TE PUIA SPRINGS.

At Te Puia the new bath building is in course of erection, and should shortly be completed. Considerable improvements have also been effected in the hostel.

HANMER SPRINGS.

In view of the proposal of the Health Department to erect a hospital for wounded soldiers at Hanmer, the Department has not taken further action to rebuild the Sanatorium, but has continued to lease the cottages now used for the accommodation of invalids. The revenue from this source and from the grounds has been £1,594, while for the previous year it was £1,574.

HERMITAGE, MOUNT COOK.

The returns from this resort are easily the best to date, and this fact, coupled with the necessity of having to refuse accommodation to many intending visitors, points to the urgency of further accommodation being provided, and for this plans have been prepared. The season was opened earlier than usual, and alpine sports indulged in at the head of the Mueller Glacier with very satisfactory results. The revenue for the year was £4,539, an increase of £1,524 on the previous season.

During the year a considerable amount of improvement work has been carried out. After last tourist season closed the guiding staff remained on and several miles of new track were constructed, which have added much to the convenience of visitors. In the spring the repairing-work of all the tracks in the vicinity of the Hermitage and glaciers was put in hand, and these were kept in good order throughout the season.

Early in March an unfortunate washout occurred on the Ball Hut track, when the "Blue Lake," a well-known and much-admired beauty-spot on the way to the Tasman Valley, was totally filled in and destroyed.

The traffic-bridge over the Hooker River, which was completed during the winter, was of considerable assistance and convenience during the season to visitors doing the Tasman trips, besides relieving the anxiety of having to negotiate the river during flood-time. The increase in the livery returns is largely due to the use which has been made of the bridge.

A new hut has been constructed on the Haast Ridge, at an altitude of about 7,000 ft., near the site of the old bivouac. The hut—which is a memorial to the climbers killed in 1913—has been erected at the joint cost of the Government and a committee of climbers and friends of the deceased. This work, which has been very arduous, has been carried out by the Public Works Department. The situation of the hut commands a most comprehensive view of the whole of the glacier systems of the great Tasman and surrounding high peaks, and will be the climbing-base for ten to twelve of the highest mountains in the Alps, including Mounts Cook and Tasman.

The Department's action in opening the Hermitage in October, a month earlier than usual, to encourage skiing and other winter sports, proved to be a step in the right direction. The weather was not all it might have been, but nevertheless a very large party spent an enjoyable time at the Mueller hut. With such encouragement each spring I feel sure that ski-ing and winter sport will soon become a big feature in our mountains.

During the season a considerable number of high ascents (of which a list is appended) and interesting expeditions were accomplished, the most important being the first ascent of Mount Cook by a New Zealand lady, this honour having fallen to Mrs. P. Graham. Great interest was also taken in the complete traverse of the three peaks of Mount Cook by Mrs. Thomson, of Wellington, and also the complete traverse and first ascent of the second peak of Mount Sefton, and the complete traverse of the three peaks of Mount Cook by Mr. Samuel Turner, F.R.G.S., also of Wellington. Besides the climbs mentioned, four ascents were made of the Hochstetter Dome, nine ascents of Mount Annette, three of Mount Kitchener, three of Mount Wakefield, including one traverse of Mounts Kinsey and Wakefield, and one crossing of the Ball Pass. Trips to the glaciers, valleys, and other points of interest in the vicinity of the Hermitage were well patronized. About fifty persons, including the guides, made the crossing of the Copland Pass, several parties making the round trip across to the West Coast and returning by Graham's Saddle.

The new guides' quarters were completed during December, and were extensively used for an overflow while the rush of visitors was on during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The chamois and thar liberated on the reserves have been seen several times during the summer, and on all occasions the animals have looked very fit and in splendid condition. A herd of eighteen thar was seen on one occasion on the Sealy Range behind the hostel.

For the purposes of record a list of the season's climbs is included herein.

LIST OF CLIMBS ON SOUTHERN ALPS, SEASON 1915-16.

Date.	Name of Peaks.	Height, in Feet.	Climbed by	Name of Guide.	Route and Remarks.
1915. April 7	Unnamed peak on Ben Ohau Range, first peak south of Mount Sealy	About 7,541	Mrs. J. Thomson ..	C. Kain ..	First ascent by east <i>arête</i> .
.. 8	Mount Sealy	8,631	F. G. Rolleston, M. W. Beaven, W. G. Graves	P. Graham	Ascent N. face; descent W. face.
Oct. 28	.. ..	8,631	G. Gresson, M. Gresson	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent W. face.
Dec. 6	Mount Bannic	8,300	Mrs. J. Thomson ..	C. Kain ..	Ascent and descent S. face.
.. 11	Mount Burns	8,984	.. ..	.. ..	Ascent and descent E. face.
.. 13	Mount Cook	12,349	Mrs. P. Graham ..	P. Graham, F. Milne	Ascent and descent by Green's route from Haast Bivouac. "First New Zealand lady."

LIST OF CLIMBS ON SOUTHERN ALPS, SEASON 1915-16—*continued*.

Date.	Name of Peaks.	Height, in Feet.	Climbed by	Name of Guide.	Route and Remarks.
1915.		About			
Dec. 13	Mount Cook	12,349	R. Young, J. Lippe, J. Murrell	..	Green's route.
.. 22	Elie de Beaumont	10,200	Mrs. J. Thomson ..	C. Kain ..	S.E. face ascent and descent.
.. 23	Mount Darwin	9,715	" ..	" ..	W. main <i>arête</i> .
.. 23	Mount Sealy	8,631	Mr. Von Haast, Mr. H. Holl, Mrs. Holl, Mrs. P. Graham	P. Graham	Ascent main E. <i>arête</i> , descent W. face.
.. 30	Minaret Peaks and Mount De la Beche	10,058	Miss E. Moore, Mr. H. Holl, Mr. Von Haast	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by E. face and broken ice of Ranfurly Glacier from Malte Brun hut.
1916.					
Jan. 7	Aiguilles Range	9,731	Miss I. Chambers, Mr. H. Chambers	P. Graham	Traverse; ascent N.W. <i>arête</i> , descent N. face.
.. 7	"	9,731	Mr. Maughan, Mr. H. Sloman	C. Kain ..	Ditto.
.. 8	Mount Darwin	9,715	Mr. H. Chambers ..	P. Graham	Ascent W. face, descent S.W. <i>arête</i> .
.. 8	Minaret Peaks and Mount De la Beche	10,058	Mr. H. Sloman ..	C. Kain ..	E. face from Malte Brun hut.
.. 9	Nun's Veil	8,975	Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. Kennedy	J. Lippe ..	Ascent and descent by Nun's Veil glacier on S. face.
.. 16	Maunga Ma	8,335	Mr. Maughan, Mr. H. Sloman	C. Kain ..	Ascent by E. face from Mueller hut.
.. 20	Aiguilles Range	9,731	Mr. H. Holl ..	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by rocks on N. face.
.. 21	Mount Malte Brun	10,421	" ..	" ..	Ascent by W. <i>arête</i> .
.. 22	Footstool	9,073	Miss I. Chambers, Miss B. Holdsworth	P. Graham, J. Lippe	Ascent by traversing ridge from Copland Pass and descent by E. face.
.. 22	Unnamed peak on Sealy Range, the third rock peak W. of Mount Sealy	8,100	Mrs. Sloman ..	C. Kain ..	First ascent. Ascent by N. face from Sladden Glacier.
.. 22	Mount Darby	8,287	" ..	" ..	Ascent and descent by E. face from Sladden Glacier.
.. 23	Mount Sealy	8,631	Miss L. Bing ..	R. Young	Ascent and descent by W. face.
.. 23	Maunga Ma	8,335	Mrs. Sloman ..	C. Kain ..	By E. face.
.. 24	"	8,335	Miss L. Bing ..	R. Young	Ascent by E. face.
.. 24	"	8,335	Miss M. Marsden ..	C. Kain ..	"
.. 25	Mount Sealy	8,631	Mrs. Sloman ..	" ..	Ascent and descent by W. face.
.. 25	Unnamed peak on Sealy Range, first rock peak W. of Mount Sealy	8,250	" ..	" ..	W. face.
.. 25	Unnamed peak on Sealy Range, second rock peak W. of Mount Sealy	8,110	" ..	" ..	N.E. face.
.. 31	Maunga Ma	8,335	Miss I. Chambers ..	P. Graham	E. face from Mueller hut.
.. 31	Mount Cook (three peaks) ..	12,349	Mrs. J. Thomson ..	C. Kain ..	Complete traverse, three peaks. Ascent from Hooker bivouac to third peak, and thence by main <i>arête</i> to second and highest summit; descent by Green's route.
Feb. 1	Mount Darby	8,287	Miss I. Chambers, Mrs. P. Graham	P. Graham	Traverse; ascent by N. <i>arête</i> , descent by S. <i>arête</i> to Sladden Glacier.
.. 1	Unnamed peak on Sealy Range, second peak W. of Mount Sealy	8,110	Ditto ..	" ..	Traverse from W. to E.
.. 7	Unnamed peak on Mount Cook Range, second N. peak S. of third peak of Mount Cook	8,472	Mrs. Sloman ..	C. Kain ..	Ascent by S. <i>arête</i> from Hooker hut, second ascent.
.. 8	Third peak --De la Beche ..	8,800	Mr. L. E. Falkner ..	J. Murrell	Ascent by rock ridge leading from Tasman Glacier.
.. 11	Mount Sefton	10,350	Mr. S. Turner, F.R.G.S.	P. Graham, F. Milne	Complete traverse, also first ascent of second Peak. Ascent by Zurbriggen's route, descent W. side to Copland Valley.
.. 12	Mount Sealy	8,631	Mr. L. E. Falkner ..	J. Murrell	W. face.
.. 12	Unnamed peak on Sealy Range, first rock peak W. of Mount Sealy	8,250	" ..	" ..	E. <i>arête</i> .
.. 13	Mount Montgomery	7,654	" ..	" ..	E. <i>arête</i> from Barron's Saddle
.. 24	Mount Cook (three peaks) ..	12,349	Mr. S. Turner, F.R.G.S.	F. Milne, J. Lippe	Complete traverse of three peaks. Ascent from Hooker bivouac to third peak, and thence by main <i>arête</i> to second and highest summit; descent by Green's route.

LIST OF CLIMBS ON SOUTHERN ALPS, SEASON 1915-16—continued.

Date.	Name of Peaks.	Height, in Feet.	Climbed by	Name of Guide.	Route and Remarks.
1916. Feb. 27	Mount Sealy	About 8,631	Mr. H. Radcliffe, Mr. A. McFarlane, Mr. L. Mueli	J. Murrell	W. face.
„ 29	Footstool	9,073	Mr. S. Turner, F.R.G.S.	F. Milne ..	From Sefton bivouac.
Mar. 7	Aiguilles Range	9,731	Mr. H. Radcliffe ..	„ ..	Ascent by rock N. face.
„ 8	Mount Malte Brun	10,421	„ ..	„ ..	Traverse; ascent W. <i>arête</i> , descent N.W. face.
„ 9	Mount Sealy	8,631	Prof. Easterfield ..	P. Graham	Traverse; ascent N. face, descent W. face.
„ 10	Unnamed peak on Sealy Range, first rock peak W. of Mount Sealy	8,250	Prof. Easterfield, Miss Theomin, Mrs. P. Graham	„	Ascent and descent W. face.
„ 10	Ditto	8,250	Mr. S. Taylor, Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. M. Dunn	R. Young	„
„ 14	Mount Lloyd—second peak S. of Mount Sealy on the Ben Ohau Range	7,850	Mrs. Sloman ..	C. Kain ..	Ascent by E. <i>arête</i> . First ascent.
April 2	Mount Sealy	8,631	Mr. Bevan Brown ..	J. Lippe ..	Ascent by W. face.

TE ANAU - MILFORD TRACK.

No fresh work was undertaken on this track, which was, however, maintained in good condition, and a large number of culverts, &c., renewed. The revenue has been £483, compared with £587 for last year. It is difficult to understand the reason for the falling-off on this track. The walk has been widely advertised in Australia and pushed by our Agents. The necessity of an improvement in the road and service from Lumsden has been frequently commented on by visitors.

AGENCIES AND PASSENGER BOOKINGS.

This branch of the Department's activities shows returns practically equal to last year, indicative of the continued popularity of the Department's convenient booking scheme. The total value of tours booked was £35,476, against £35,847 for the previous year. The revenue derived from commission was £1,895.

OVERSEA AGENCIES.

The total passenger bookings at Sydney amounted to £2,053, and at Melbourne £2,408. The commissions were £86 at Sydney and £98 at Melbourne. The Department's honorary Agencies at Adelaide and Brisbane were largely availed of for the distribution of advertising matter. Good work has also been done by the honorary Agent at Vancouver, who, besides distributing information to inquirers, has been active in placing suitable literature on outgoing boats from Vancouver. Short reports are attached from the Melbourne and Sydney Agents.

The expenditure at Sydney and Melbourne has been as under :—

	Sydney	Melbourne.
	£	£
Rent	250	300
Salaries (including extra clerical assistance)	319	475
Miscellaneous	148	146

ADVERTISING.

Every opportunity has been taken to judiciously advertise the scenic attractions of New Zealand and, as indicated in last year's report, the Department co-operated with the Railway Department in advertising in Australia. The services of our Melbourne and Sydney Agencies were utilized for this purpose, and the influx of Australian visitors must in part be attributed to this cause and the strenuous work of our representatives, Messrs. Manson and Blow.

The Department prepared and distributed attractive posters depicting the alpine region and the southern lakes. These have been distributed and displayed at railway-stations and in prominent places both in Australia and New Zealand, and further development in this direction is intended. A complete set of films of the alpine region has been secured by the photographer of the Department of Agriculture, and it is intended to have these extensively displayed in Australia as well as in New Zealand through the medium of picture companies.

No new publications were issued during the year, the stock on hand having met all requirements.

Portion of the Department's exhibits at the San Francisco Exhibition have been sent to an exhibition now being held at San Diego (California). The cinematograph film which was displayed at the former Exhibition is now being shown throughout America under an arrangement made by Mr. E. Clifton, New Zealand Commissioner, and a set has also been sent to Australia for display there.

SPORTING.

This Department has distributed a very large amount of ova at the sporting resorts under its control. Particular attention has been paid to Waikaremoana, where 200,000 were liberated. Ova was distributed in other lakes and rivers as follows:—

Rotorua	30,000
Kakahi	30,000
Taumarunui	20,000
Te Teko	30,000
Pongakawa	5,000
Mohaka	50,000
Okataina	30,000
Total	195,000

During the year eleven red deer from Paraparaumu were liberated within or near the Rotorua Acclimatization District. Mr. Chirnside, who has been a good friend in the past, has again presented the Department with four deer from his herd at Werribee Park, Victoria, and these will be sent, after a short period of quarantine, to Rotorua to strengthen the herd there.

The usual reports from officers are attached.

B. M. WILSON,
General Manager.

REPORT OF RESIDENT OFFICER, ROTORUA.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report for the year ending 31st March, 1916.

The lack of funds has prevented any new work of considerable extent being entered upon, and consequently the year's operations have been uneventful, being entirely in the nature of routine maintenance-work.

The decreasing stock of local metal, which at best is of extremely poor quality, has rendered it necessary to import blue metal in increasing quantities, with a resultant increase in our maintenance cost. During the year some 153 cubic yards of local metal has been quarried and spread, and 288 cubic yards of imported blue metal has been used.

An experiment has been made with a preparation for road-treatment called "soltar." Sections of streets totalling in length 1,025 ft. have been coated with "soltar," and as far as can be seen at present the experiment bids fair to be satisfactory.

As regards asphalt footpaths, 2,391 lineal feet have been recoated with tar and sand, while 1,206 ft. of old asphalt-work has been picked up and replaced with new asphalt.

Six wooden and five reinforced-concrete culverts have been made and fixed at various points throughout the town where necessary.

The levy on the Town Account made by the Waikato Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for the current financial year was £206, to meet which a rate (on capital values) of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound was struck.

The levy made by the Fire Board amounted to £351 (an increase of £100 on that of the previous year), which was met by a rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound.

The Fire Board during the year purchased a motor hose-tender, and the fire-fighting equipment is now in first-class condition.

Twenty-three building permits were issued for new buildings and additions to existing ones, the total value represented being £7,310. The capital value of the town is £506,713.

WM. HILL,
Resident Officer.

The General Manager, Wellington.

ROTORUA TOWN BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1916.

Separate Account.

NO. 1. HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID RATE ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rates—Arrears	89	16	9	Debit balance at 31st March, 1915	74	1	10
„ Current, 1915–16 ..	184	15	11	Waikato Hospital Board ..	206	13	5
			274	Printing and advertising ..	4	4	2
Debit balance at 31st March, 1916 ..			11	Postages	1	0	4
							285 19 9
			<u>£285 19 9</u>				<u>£285 19 9</u>

NO. 2. FIRE-PREVENTION RATE ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit balance, 31st March, 1915			0	Rotorua Fire Board ..	333	17	9
Rates—Arrears	135	13	4	Printing and advertising ..	4	10	1
„ Current, 1915–16 ..	218	19	4	Postages	1	0	5
			354				339 8 3
				Credit balance at 31st March, 1915			15 16 6
			<u>£355 4 9</u>				<u>£355 4 9</u>

ROTORUA TOWN BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1916—continued.

Separate Account—continued.

No. 3. ROTORUA CEMETERY ACCOUNT (Section 55, Cemeteries Act, 1908).

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Credit balance, 31st March, 1915	..	..	Maintenance	42	19 0
Fees for exclusive right of burial	11	3 0	Bank charges	0	10 0
Fees for ordinary burial ..	17	0 0			
			Balance, 31st March, 1916		43 9 0
		28 3 0			11 16 11
		<u>£55 5 11</u>			<u>£55 5 11</u>

General Account.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at 31st March, 1915	..	113 16 6	Administration—		
Treasury—			Salaries	300	17 6
Bath fees	819	11 2	Printing and advertising ..	2	14 9
Rents of Crown lands ..	1,978	1 7	Audit	6	13 4
Fees and fines (Magistrate's Court) ..	15	18 0	Bank charges	0	10 0
		2,813 10 9	Bank interest on overdraft	4	11 6
Fees—			Office expenses	13	11 1
Sanitary service ..	361	1 4			328 18 2
Public pound ..	76	19 1	Public Works—		
Dog registration ..	23	0 0	Maintenance of streets and roads (labour and material)	3,003	0 9
		461 0 5	Street-lighting	10	0 0
Licenses—					3,013 0 9
Building permits ..	25	10 0	Sanitary service—		
Vehicle	107	16 8	Labour	407	11 2
Drivers'	7	18 0	Fodder and plant	71	11 6
Publicans'	204	0 0			479 2 8
Auctioneers'	25	0 0	Public pound—		
Billiard-rooms ..	20	13 4	Fodder and advertising ..	..	70 16 2
Hall	15	0 0	Public Health—		
Shooting-gallery ..	3	5 0	Sanitary inspection .. ..	..	22 13 0
Second-hand dealers' ..	0	5 0	Public library—		
Shows	11	10 0	Salary	66	13 4
Hawkers'	0	15 0	Books and papers	49	0 5
		421 13 0	Telephone, &c.	17	1 1
Rents—					132 14 10
Real property	16	6 0	Licensing expenses—		
Boat-shed compartments	15	0 0	Tauranga County Council ..	..	57 0 2
Explosive-magazines ..	3	15 0	Miscellaneous—		
		35 1 0	Insurance (fire and accident)	36	13 2
Public Library—			Dog registration	10	3 5
Subscriptions	50	19 5	Charitable aid	8	19 11
Rents	60	13 6	Maintenance of town clock	7	10 0
		111 12 11	Ground rent, Section 39, suburbs	4	0 0
Material sold .. ..	..	32 4 9	Sundries	1	2 0
Contributions to works ..	..	65 4 0			68 8 6
Miscellaneous—					
Native-village revenue ..	1	12 0			
By-laws and badges sold ..	1	0 0			
Refunds, Hospital Board, for charitable aid ..	8	19 11			
Refunds, accident-insurance premium	4	0 0			
		15 11 11			
Penalty—					
10 per cent. on overdue rates .. ..	..	9 16 4			
Debit balance at 31st March, 1916 .. ..	..	93 2 8			
		<u>£4,172 14 3</u>			<u>£4,172 14 3</u>

12th April, 1916.

WM. HILL,
Resident Officer, Rotorua.

Statement of Balances.

<i>Accounts.</i>					
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
General Account ..	Dr.	93 2 8	Dr. Rotorua Town Account ..	90	7 6
Separate Account No. 1	Dr.	11 7 1	Plus outstanding cheques ..	7	3 11
		104 9 9			97 11 5
Separate Account No. 2	Cr.	15 16 6	Cr. Cemetery Account ..	11	16 11
Separate Account No. 3	Cr.	11 16 11	Cash in hand	8	18 2
		27 13 5			20 15 1
		<u>£76 16 4</u>			<u>£76 16 4</u>

12th April, 1916.

WM. HILL,
Resident Officer, Rotorua.

ROTORUA TOWN BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1916—*continued.*

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<i>Assets.</i>			<i>Liabilities.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cemetery Account—Bank ..			Outstanding accounts ..	197	5 5
Cash in hand ..		11 16 11	Overdraft at bank, 31st March, 1916 ..	90	7 6
Outstanding accounts—		8 18 2	Outstanding cheques ..	7	3 11
Korbing and channeling ..	45	15 6	Balance of assets over liabilities..	2,654	5 6
Felling and blasting trees ..	0	15 6			
Hoardings ..	4	14 0			
Oats and firewood ..	12	16 2			
Isolation Hospital fees ..	5	15 0			
Rents—Real property (houses and sections) ..	48	12 10			
Rents—Explosive-magazines ..	5	6 3			
Sanitary fees ..	279	8 5			
		403 3 8			
Outstanding rates—					
Hospital and charitable aid and fire-prevention ..	160	14 11			
Additional 10-per-cent. penalty ..	2	8 8			
		163 3 7			
Estimated—					
Library building and furniture	700	0 0			
Sanitary depot—building and plant ..	130	0 0			
Pound cottage ..	130	0 0			
General working plant ..	480	0 0			
Rowing-club shed ..	400	0 0			
Fencing, &c., Marine Parade	100	0 0			
Fencing, &c., gravel-pit reserve ..	42	0 0			
Office furniture and plant ..	170	0 0			
Cemetery chapel ..	120	0 0			
Benzine-magazine ..	90	0 0			
		2,362 0 0			
		£2,949 2 4			£2,949 2 4

12th April, 1916.

WM. HILL,
Resident Officer, Rotorua.

REPORT OF THE BALNEOLOGIST, ROTORUA.

THE past year has been one of strenuous work both for the staff and for myself, and we are able to look back with pardonable satisfaction on the results achieved. The outstanding features of the year have been the remarkable way in which the tourist traffic, and more especially what I may call the invalid-tourist traffic, has been maintained, and the successful scheme of placing the resources of our principal spas at the disposal of the military authorities for the treatment of wounded and invalided soldiers.

For this latter purpose the control of the Sanatorium hospital was temporarily handed over to the Health Department as a military hospital, and special arrangements were made at the baths for the treatment of wounded soldiers by baths, massage, electricity, &c. This has entailed a considerable increase of work on the staff, more especially on the male massage staff, whose work has deserved the highest praise. In regard to civilian patients requiring treatment as inmates of the Sanatorium, there has necessarily been considerable limitation as to numbers, but every endeavour has been made to minimize any hardships thus caused. Accommodation outside has been found for a limited number of female patients who have been treated at the old rates, and, whenever possible, the more urgent male civilian cases have been admitted as usual to the Sanatorium.

In regard to the baths, the receipts have risen considerably, and, taking all adverse circumstances into consideration, I think we have every reason to be pleased with our showing for the year.

ARTHUR S. HERBERT, Government Balneologist.

The General Manager, Wellington.

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT AGENT, MELBOURNE.

New Zealand Government Offices, Melbourne, Australia, 8th April, 1916.

I HAVE the honour to submit the annual report on the working of these offices for the year ended the 31st March, 1916.

Taking into consideration all the circumstances of the past year, I am glad to be able to say that the result of the work of the Agency in so far as its activities in relation to tourist traffic are concerned has been quite satisfactory. The figures for the passenger bookings as compared with the previous year are as follows: For year ended 31st March, 1916, £2,408 1s. 7d.; for year ended 31st March, 1915, £2,281 2s.

The absence of any improvement to the Bluff-Melbourne service has been and is still a drawback to increased traffic to New Zealand from Victoria, obviating as it does in most cases the fitting-in of a complete round trip. However, in the majority of inquiries, tourists have been persuaded to take the next best tour available; but, on the other hand, the southern tourist resorts have not been visited by Victorian tourists as much as in previous years.

The Australian harvest has been exceptionally good, and this, coupled with the fact that tourist traffic from Australia to Great Britain and the Continent has practically ceased, has helped our operations considerably.

The appropriation allotted to this office for advertising was judiciously expended per medium of the daily papers and posters, the publicity given to New Zealand and this office by such means, combined with distribution of literature and the exhibition of the Railway Department's posters on railway-station boardings, helped materially in augmenting tourist traffic to New Zealand, and also the swelling of booking returns. A pleasing feature of the literature available is that supplied by certain leagues in the Dominion, which have for their object the promotion of traffic to their particular districts—the extension of activities in this direction is most helpful. In addition to the foregoing, numerous sets of lantern-slides have been lent, and the film depicting New Zealand scenery has been shown by some of the picture-theatres. This latter form of advertising shows good results, as New Zealand scenery on the film is always appreciated.

During the year a considerable amount of work was carried out for the Defence Department, including paying Defence accounts, advancing money to returned wounded and invalided soldiers, obtaining information *re* Australian Forces, making casualty lists available to the public, answering inquiries *re* dead, wounded, and missing men, and numerous matters of a general nature.

The introduction of passports about last December led to a great deal of hardship to those wishing to visit the Dominion, and particularly to those New-Zealanders who happened to be in Australia at the time. This office did all it could to help those immediately affected by this new innovation. However, as soon as the permit system was arranged the situation was immediately relieved, and matters have improved considerably.

WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Other Departments which have made use of these offices during the period under review include Trade and Customs, Agriculture, Industries and Commerce, Internal Affairs, Mines, State Fire Insurance, and Public Works. In each case, I think, with satisfactory results to the Departments concerned. An extension of the use of this office by Departments is desired, and could perhaps be taken advantage of to a greater extent than heretofore.

I regret this year there was no amount made available for the official celebration of New Zealand's national day—Dominion Day—both in Melbourne and Sydney. In order that the occasion may not be forgotten here an informal reception was held—many public men calling to pay their respects to the Dominion. These include the Consuls, Trade Commissioners, the Lord Mayor, Councillors, and numerous others.

GENERAL.

Inquiries by persons seeking information respecting New Zealand as a place for settlement were numerous, and in all cases full details were made available, many inquirers ultimately deciding to settle in the Dominion.

The files of New Zealand papers and other publications in this office have been resorted to by a large number of New-Zealanders and others seeking information.

Inquiries on subjects not already mentioned have been very numerous, and the official publications kept for reference purposes at these offices have been in constant requisition in respect to matters relating to mining, education, finance, legislation, Customs duties, labour, powers of attorney, defence, stamp duties, old-age pensions, and other matters.

J. W. CLARKE,

Acting Agent for New Zealand Government.

The General Manager, Wellington, New Zealand.

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT AGENT, SYDNEY.

New Zealand Government Offices, Sydney, N.S.W., 5th April, 1916.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report for the year ended 31st March, 1916.

In reporting on the year's work I am exceedingly pleased to be able to state that, in spite of the war, these offices have been busier than during any past year. There has been a slight falling-off in the tourist section, but the beneficial amount of work that has been carried out for other Government Departments in New Zealand has more than compensated for this.

PASSENGER-BOOKING.

The booking of tourists to and through the Dominion has been continued as usual, but I am sorry to report that the money taken at this office is £228 8s. less than the amount taken for the previous year. The slight falling-off that has occurred in our tourist business is undoubtedly due to the war, and the Tourist Bureaux in Sydney and the steamship companies which trade to New Zealand each report a similar experience.

The following figures will show how the war has affected our passenger-booking business, and will no doubt prove interesting :—

					Number of Persons booked.	Amount of Money received for Bookings. £ s. d.
Year 1913-14	..	..	..	..	191	2,952 18 11
„ 1914-15	..	..	..	..	156	2,281 1 5
„ 1915-16	..	..	..	..	135	2,052 13 5

IMMIGRATION.

One of the results of the war has been the large falling-off in the number of foreign immigrants who have sailed from Sydney for New Zealand. About one hundred and fifty such foreigners were examined with a view to seeing if they could pass the education test as prescribed by the Immigration Restriction Act. Of this number ninety-three were successful, and consequently certificates were issued to them.

In addition to these, a number of people having names of enemy origin, but who claimed to be British subjects, were also examined, and in twenty-two cases certificates were given.

ADVERTISING.

During the year £207 3s. 8d. was spent on advertising the Dominion in New South Wales and Queensland. The advertisements were spread over a number of excellent channels, and included making and exhibiting 1,000 posters, advertising on electric flashlight signs, drop-curtains at vaudeville and picture theatres, ferry-steamers, and in newspapers and journals. In connection with the posters I am pleased to report that arrangements were made to have a number of the posters permanently displayed in the offices of some of the leading shipping companies, the New South Wales Tourist and Immigration Office, and some of the leading hotels. These posters were suitably framed, and should be a standing advertisement for the Dominion for many years to come.

In addition to the above we have received a good advertisement from a moving picture entitled "A Maori Maid's Love." This picture has been screened all over Australia since December last.

I am pleased to report that arrangements were made during the year to have interesting paragraphs about New Zealand sport published, free of charge, in the *Bulletin*. Advantage has been taken of this medium whenever possible.

During the year advantage was taken of every opportunity to advertise New Zealand by distributing literature, lending magic-lantern slides, photographs, and paintings, and also New Zealand Ensigns for patriotic displays.

WORK CARRIED OUT ON BEHALF OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

I am pleased to report that the amount of business performed for other Government Departments in New Zealand has increased more than 100 per cent., and as far as one can see there is every reason to believe that this branch of our duties will continue to increase in the future. The Departments for whom we have acted during the year include Cook Islands Administration, Customs, Defence, Education, Government Printing, Internal Affairs, Land and Income Tax, Marine, Mines, Native, Post and Telegraph, Prime Minister's Office, Public Trustee, Public Works, and State Fire Insurance.

NEW-ZEALANDERS VISITING SYDNEY.

During the year the office has been greatly availed of by visiting New-Zealanders, and in this respect I have pleasure in reporting that I have been instrumental in assisting many of them in connection with their business and pleasure inquiries.

Since the Commonwealth authorities made it necessary for all oversea travellers from Australia to have passports I have been kept busy helping those New-Zealanders who omitted to obtain their passports in the Dominion to secure same from the Australian Government.

W. R. BLOW,

New Zealand Government Agent, Sydney, N.S.W.

The General Manager, Wellington, New Zealand.

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