

In addition to the foregoing, certain gentlemen were appointed honorary inspectors in respect to the following scenic reserves: Peel Forest and Raincliff Bush (Canterbury); Hawk's Crag, Mount Courtenay, Newton, and Glenhope (Buller Gorge, Nelson); Ngongotaha Mountain (Rotorua, Auckland).

The personnel of the Summit Road Scenic Reserves Board was increased by the appointment of fourteen additional members during the year.

INSPECTOR OF SCENIC RESERVES.

Mr. E. Phillips Turner, F.R.G.S., who had acted in the above capacity since 1908, was appointed Chief Officer of the Forestry Branch during the year, and consequently relinquished his position as Inspector. He has done valuable work in that position and has been of very great service to the Department.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure during the year was £3,589, out of which the cost of acquisition of lands amounted to £1,295.

By a reference to the appended table it will be seen that, out of the £100,000 authorized to be expended under the Scenery Preservation Act, £90,160 has now been expended. As was the case during the preceding twelve months, every care was taken to curtail expenditure.

Comparison of Expenditure.

Year.	Compensation for Land.	Fencing and Maintenance.	Surveys, Valuations, &c.	Board's Expenses.	Salaries.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1904-5	216	Nil	52	1,822	*	2,090
1905-6	3,336	„	527	1,221	*	5,084
1906-7	7,856	304	801	185	*	9,146
1907-8	4,286	382	555	86	175	5,484
1908-9	3,813	1,063	540	24	325	5,765
1909-10	1,688	1,159	2,603	Nil	325	5,775
1910-11	1,066	685	1,643	11	325	3,730
1911-12	2,619	715	2,237	22	345	5,938
1912-13	12,997	798	2,697	6	345	16,843
1913-14	10,467	627	1,547	3	365	13,009
1914-15	6,253	758	476	12	388	7,887
1915-16	1,530	698	104	6	390	2,728
1916-17	252	836	76	1	390	1,555
1917-18	428	602	114	3	390	1,537
1918-19	1,295	†1,964	49	1	280	3,589
Grand total						90,160

* Included in Board's expenses.

† Includes £1,750 paid to Summit Road Scenic Reserves Board.

APPENDICES.

Attached to this report are the following appendices:—

- A. Schedule of reserves made during the year, accompanied by a statement of accounts.
- B. Report of the Scenery-preservation Board.
- C. Kapiti Island.