

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SHOWING THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED AND THE PURPOSE TO WHICH MONEY SO EXPENDED HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1919.

	£	s.	d.
Item 1.—Salaries	279	11	8
Item 2.—Administration of reserves and historic spots (including fencing and other works, and including grant of £1,750 to Summit Road Scenic Reserves Board)—			
Salaries of caretakers	157	18	5
Travelling-expenses	31	4	5
Eradication of weeds	20	0	0
Providing and upkeep of fences on reserves	1	9	1
Legal costs	3	3	0
Payment to Summit Road Scenic Reserves Board for administration expenses and to pay off liabilities ..	1,750	0	0
		1,963	14 11
Item 3.—Compensation for lands acquired under Scenery Preservation Act, 1908—			
Ngapaeruru Scenic Reserve		229	2 5
Item 4.—Compensation for lands acquired along the Wanganui River—			
Hauatara	94	17	0
Ngaporo	90	4	3
Waimarino C D Block	365	16	10
		550	18 1
Item 5.—Compensation for Native lands taken for scenery purposes (including historic spots) under the Public Works Act, 1908, and the Native Land Act, 1909—			
Rotohokohoko D North No. 6	425	0	0
Part Waiti-Kuranui 1 B Y Block	23	5	1
Part Waitangi Block, Block X, Rotoma	52	1	9
Ngatira Scenic Reserve	14	13	7
Tongoio Scenic Reserve	0	0	11
		515	1 4
Item 7.—Expenses of Boards		1	0 0
Item 13.—Surveys, valuations, and incidental expenses—			
Survey Hundalee Reserve	20	0	0
Valuation fees	24	3	0
Advertising intention to take lands	5	5	8
		49	8 8
		£3,588	17 1

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE SCENERY-PRESERVATION BOARD.

DURING the year ended 31st March, 1919, no meetings of the Board were held, owing to the activities of the Department of Lands and Survey, and particularly those of the local Commissioners of Crown Lands who are members of the Board, being devoted almost entirely to the pressing and arduous duties devolving upon them in connection with the settlement of discharged soldiers on the land. As it happened there was no particularly urgent matter that needed to be dealt with by the Board, otherwise a meeting of the Board to consider it would have been called. Soon after the close of the year, however, it was found practicable to hold some meetings, and the results will be detailed in next year's report.

The Board has in contemplation a joint meeting of all the members of the Board and gentlemen interested in the preservation of historical monuments and sites, with a view to this important and interesting matter being dealt with in a comprehensive and sympathetic manner. If possible such a meeting will be held at an early date.

With the cessation of the war it is intended to report on several matters that unavoidably have had to stand over.

E. H. WILMOT,
Chairman, Scenery-preservation Board.

APPENDIX C.

KAPITI ISLAND.

KAPITI Island lies off the coast of the Wellington District, nearly opposite Paraparaumu, and contains an area of 4,990 acres. Of this the Crown is the owner of approximately 4,348 acres, while the balance of 642 acres is held by Native ownership. Of the area in possession of the Crown, 1,779 acres is under forest. The island was acquired under the provisions of the Kapiti Island Public Reserves Act, 1897, for the purpose of a sanctuary for native fauna and flora, and as it contains most valuable plant-formation it has been found very suitable for this purpose.