

## SUPERVISION OF RESERVES.

During the year local Scenic Boards were appointed or reappointed as follows: Te Kuiti Borough Council, to control portion of the Mangaokewa Gorge Reserve; Waipukurau Borough Council, to control the Tukituki River Reserve; Silverstream Scenic Board, to control the Silverstream Reserve in the Hutt Valley; Nelson City Council, to control the Ururakau Reserve; Peel Forest Scenic Board, to control the Peel Forest Reserves; Haehae-te-Moana Scenic Board, to control the Haehae-te-Moana Reserves, Four Peaks; Papatowai Scenic Board, to control the Papatowai Bush, Tahakopa Beach, and McLennan River Reserves; and the Southland Electric-power Board, to control the Lake Monowai Reserve.

The preservation of scattered scenic reserves is a matter of some anxiety; but, wherever possible, honorary inspectors are appointed, and this policy will be continued. The inspectors are of great assistance to the Department in exercising general supervision and reporting any acts of vandalism that may occur.

The State Forest Service has also afforded a great deal of assistance, and thanks are due for its ready co-operation, marked during the year by the appointment of twenty-six forest rangers as honorary inspectors.

Other appointments made include those of Messrs. F. Earl, K.C., R. L. Levin, Rahuruhi Pururu, Wiremu Waaka Kameta, Hohepa Maaka, Rangiahua Patene, Ngataiawhio te Ruahuihui, Whata Karaka, and Te Hikanui Mita as inspectors for the Lake Rotoiti Reserves; and of W. Chapman, W. H. H. George, J. H. Hornblow, S. W. Marsh, and A. O. Sorenson for various reserves throughout the Dominion.

## COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURE.

It is interesting to note how money raised under the Act has been expended. It will be seen that the cost of administration has been reduced to a very small proportion of the total 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
1919-20 .. ..	510	188	12	..	40	750
1920-21 .. ..	3,031	471	299	..	25	2,825
1921-22 .. ..	57,768	227	224	..	25	58,244
1922-23 .. ..	6,306	377	290	..	25	6,998
Grand total .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	158,977

\* Included in Board's expenses.

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

It must be noted that the above expenditure does not include expenses of raising loans and recoupments of interest, &c.

## 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.