

The number of trees reserved for forest-extension this year is 857,775, of which 521,775 are *Pinus radiata*, 78,400 *Cupressus macrocarpa*, and 40,000 Douglas fir.

Sale of tree-seeds totalled 41 lb.

Two afforestation companies which are contemplated will probably be established in Canterbury during the coming year. The proposals call for the establishment of 12,500 acres of plantations.

ADDRESSES, ETC.

In all, fifteen addresses to local bodies were given, and seventy-three special inspections of planting-sites were made.

REVENUE.

	1923-24.			1922-23.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sale of trees .. .. .	1,893	18	8	1,759	9	6
Sale of seeds .. .. .	82	11	0	55	19	10
Sale of firewood .. .. .	89	12	6	75	2	6
Sale of posts, &c. .. .. .	5	18	6	6	18	8
Grazing .. .. .	235	8	11	41	10	0
Rental of departmental cottages .. .. .	297	2	1	271	16	10
Sheep and wool .. .. .	53	12	5	761	13	10
Miscellaneous .. .. .	25	0	0	29	0	1
	£2,683	4	1	£3,001	11	3

PROPOSALS.

The planting programme for the coming year is as follows : Hanmer Springs Plantation, 750 acres ; Balmoral Plantation, 450 acres ; Greenvale Plantation, 500 acres ; Naseby Plantation, 100 acres ; total, 1,800 acres.

In addition to the above, arrangements have been made for the supply of sufficient trees to plant 200 acres at the West Coast Experimental Area.

ANNEXURE IV.—SUMMARIES.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN NURSERIES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1924.

Name of Nursery.	Total Expenditure.				Trees in Nurseries.			
	Tree-growing.	Maintenance.	Buildings, &c.	Total.	Estimated Trees raised during Year.	Output of Trees.		Estimated Number in Nurseries at 31st March, 1924.
						Trees sent to Plantations during Year.	Trees sent to Outside Places during Year.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
Rotorua ..	7,208 7 9	473 7 4	617 17 6	8,299 12 7	4,305,400	3,994,898	1,399,334	8,314,700
Tapanui ..	2,157 11 9	2,070 13 5	29 18 9	4,258 3 11	1,467,600	504,575	341,431	3,251,750
Hanmer Springs ..	1,190 12 7	1,457 13 4	176 15 4	2,825 1 3	4,632,024	535,660	159,797	6,976,224
Naseby ..	393 18 6	74 16 8	..	468 15 2	167,700	235,500	24,200	398,650
Ranfurly* ..	..	10 6 6	..	10 6 6	..	..	..	..
	10,950 10 7	4,086 17 3	824 11 7	15,861 19 5	10,572,724	5,270,633	1,924,762	18,941,324

\* Nursery now closed.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN PLANTATIONS DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1924.

Name of Plantation.	Trees.			Total Expenditure for Year, including Cost of Trees from Nurseries.	New Area planted.
	Number received from Nursery.	Number used to replace Losses.	Number planted on New Area.		
				£ s. d.	Acres.
Kaingaroa Plantation* ..	3,931,415	79,975	3,851,440	15,038 17 0	5,614.6
Puhipuhi ..	..	..	..	422 10 6	..
Conical Hills ..	7,000	7,000	..	1,115 18 0	..
Pukerau ..	23,975	17,538	6,437	615 1 3	7.25
Dusky Hill ..	..	..	..	512 19 4	..
Greenvale ..	323,600	13,680	309,920	4,006 17 11	340
Naseby ..	183,500	120,050	81,450	2,524 17 1	67
Hanmer Springs ..	339,215	..	339,215	4,640 16 5	498.75
Balmoral ..	398,445	36,700	361,745	3,080 5 0	540
Westland ..	85,250	..	85,250	1,243 7 4	140
	5,292,400	256,943	5,035,457	33,201 9 10	7,207.6

\* Formerly shown as Kaingaroa West and Kaingaroa Plains Plantation.