

SUMMARY OF RESERVES.

District.	Number.	Area.	
		A.	R. P.
Auckland	3	239	1 22
Hawke's Bay	1	44	3 4
Taranaki	4	4,287	3 0
Wellington	8	2,869	2 36
Nelson	4	878	3 19
Marlborough	2	5,888	0 0
Canterbury	1	152	1 30
Otago	1	0	3 31
Totals	24	14,361	3 22
Reserved up to 31st March, 1923	725	430,596	1 1
	749	444,958	0 23
Less reservations revoked	33	0 38
Grand totals	749	444,924	3 25

SCENERY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1924.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in Public Account, 1st April, 1923 ..	4,139	19 0	Salaries	25	0 0
Rents, &c.	2,175	18 4	Compensation, &c., in connection with lands taken under the Scenery Preservation Act	49	0 0
Recoveries on account of expenditure of previous years	48	10 9	Compensation for Native lands taken for scenery-preservation purposes	80	0 7
			Compensation for amount paid to previous Native owners for timber rights over area in Rotoiti Native Township	100	0 0
			Maintenance of Trounson's Kauri Forest	384	14 8
			Erection of caretaker's cottage, Trounson's Kauri Forest	693	4 6
			Parr's Park, Swanson, acquisition of	412	0 0
			Shakespeare Cliff, Cook's Bay, acquisition of	125	0 0
			Purchase price of 874 acres of Tapu Estate, to be exchanged for 22,000 acres of land at Lake Waikaremoana (balance)	361	19 3
			Ynecya Bay Scenic Reserve, acquisition of Section 13, Block IV, Puketapu S.D., capital value of	286	0 0
			Ruapekapeka Pa, renovation of	182	16 8
			Surveys, valuations, and incidental expenses	208	0 0
			Administration of reserves—	138	12 6
			Salaries of caretakers and allowances	10	0 0
			Travelling-expenses	6	2 4
			Advertising, &c.	0	17 6
			Eradication of noxious weeds	132	16 0
			Erection and upkeep of fences, &c.	118	2 9
			Law-costs	5	10 2
			Printing and stationery	4	7 6
			Wages paid to fire-fighters	4	4 0
				282	0 3
				3,328	8 5
			Less recovery from Public Works Department, representing one-third cost of acquisition of land at Lake Waikaremoana Watershed (balance)	108	8 9
				3,219	19 8
			Balance at end of year—Cash in Public Account, 31st March, 1924	3,144	8 5
				£6,364	8 1

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