

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURE.

It is interesting to note how money raised under the Act or provided from other sources 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 |
| 1923-24 | 1,488 | 118 | 1,589 | .. | 25 | 3,210 |
| 1924-25 | 1,158 | 1,565 | 240 | .. | 18 | 2,981 |
| 1925-26 | 17,923 | 2,310 | 305 | 9 | .. | 20,547 |
| Grand total .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 185,715 |

* 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 recoupment of interest, &c.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE SCENERY PRESERVATION BOARD.

THE Scenery Preservation Board comprises the following members: Messrs. W. T. Neill (Surveyor-General), Chairman; B. M. Wilson (General Manager, Tourist and Health Resorts); Chief Judge R. N. Jones (Under-Secretary, Native Department); and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the district within which the lands being dealt with are situated.

Meetings were held in the office of the Surveyor-General, Wellington, on the 4th April, 1925 (Auckland); 1st May, 1925 (North Auckland); 3rd August, 1925 (Wellington); 19th August, 1925 (Marlborough and Canterbury); 6th October, 1925 (North Auckland, Auckland, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Westland, and Otago); 7th August, 1925 (Taranaki); 13th October, 1925 (North Auckland and Wellington); 11th November, 1925 (Wellington); 16th December, 1925 (Wellington); and 10th March, 1926 (Taranaki). A meeting was also held in Auckland to consider a matter in the North Auckland District.

Twenty-five recommendations were submitted by the Board to His Excellency the Governor-General for the acquisition and reservation of areas of scenic and historic interest throughout the Dominion under the Scenery Preservation Act.

Several field inspections in connection with important matters coming before the Board were made by the Chairman and Mr. Wilson.

W. T. NEILL, Chairman.