

1932.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND COURTS
AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER CONTROL OF NATIVE DEPARTMENT.
REPORT OF UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1932.

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The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington. Native Department, 1st July, 1932.
HEREWITH is submitted a report upon the activities of the Department for the period ended 31st March, 1932.

R. N. JONES, Under-Secretary.

NATIVE LAND COURTS.

The business transacted by the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court is set out in Table A. The fees collected amounted to £3,877, as against £4,908 for the preceding period.

MAORI LAND BOARDS.

The areas of Native land disposed of by private dealings are as follows:—

						Number.	Area.		
							A.	R.	P.
Sales	220	10,645	2	6
Leases	270	27,837	2	22

The areas disposed of last year were: Sold, 49,163 acres 3 roods 3 perches; leased, 43,717 acres 3 roods 9 perches.

The Boards received in fees £1,641, as against £1,788 last year, a decrease of £147, while the commissions collected fell from £4,882 last year to £4,149, a decrease of £733, making a total decrease of £880.

Native land remaining vested in the Boards at 31st March, 1932, was as follows:—

						A.	R.	P.
Area as at 31st March, 1931	657,470	1	13
Area sold or revested	368	0	22
Balance	657,102	0	31

The funds held or invested by the Boards decreased by £33,949 6s. during the year. The following are the figures as at 31st March, 1932:—

						£	s.	d.
On deposit with the Native Trustee	173,757	6	10
Government securities	30,270	0	0
Other securities and advances	366,757	5	3
Cash balances	24,262	16	2
Total	£595,047	8	3

NATIVE LAND PURCHASE BOARD.

Native land purchased by the Crown amounted to 5,624 acres. Since 1910 1,539,818 acres of Native land have been acquired through the Native Land Purchase Board.