

Item—Surveys, £15,250.

934. In view of the limited amount of settlement now being proceeded with, this item should be reduced to £12,000.

Saving, £3,250.

Item—Telephone Services, &c., £1,550.

935. This item should be reduced to £1,200.

Saving, £350.

Item—Tracing-cloth, &c., £1,200.

936. In view of our recommendation that non-essential drafting-work and map-making should be eliminated, this item should be reduced to £800.

Saving, £400.

Item—Transfer and Removal Expenses, £750.

937. This item should be reduced to £500.

Saving, £250.

Item—Travelling Allowances and Expenses, £3,135.

938. This item should be reduced to £2,700.

Saving, £435.

SUBDIVISION II.—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Item—Aranui 1B Block: Rent, £41.

939. This is non-recurrent, and represents a reduction on 1932–33 appropriations.

Saving, £41.

Item—Destruction of Wild Pigs and Goats, Run 110, Marlborough, £50.

940. This item should not be repeated.

Saving, £50.

Item—Fees to Examiners, Draughtsmen's Examinations, £8.

941. This item should be deleted.

Saving, £8.

Item—Egmont National Park Board: Destruction of Goats, £146.

942. **It is considered that this expenditure should be met wholly by the local authority concerned,** as it should not be the responsibility of the general taxpayer. We recommend the deletion of the item.

Saving, £146.

Item—Late Under-Secretary for Special Services rendered, £625.

943. This item is non-recurrent, and represents a reduction on 1932–33 appropriations.

Saving, £625.

Item—Tongariro National Park Board, towards Management Costs of Chateau, &c., £4,000.

944. This item is inappropriate to this vote.

Item—Noxious Weeds on Crown Land, Eradication of, £1,000.

945. This is to provide for a payment to the Department of Agriculture in connection with the eradication of noxious weeds. When dealing with the latter Department we recommend that the control of noxious weeds should devolve upon local authorities. This item should therefore be deleted.

Saving, £1,000.

Item—Rangitaiki River Improvement, £600.

946. In view of the large sums of public money expended by the Crown in connection with the Rangitaiki Drainage Area **we are of opinion that any further works should be financed by the settlers themselves.** In any case the work covered by this grant was wholly for the benefit of the settlers, and there appears to be no reason why the cost should be met from general taxation. We recommend the deletion of the item.

Saving, £600.

Item—Reclamation of Sand-dunes, £1,000.

947. This item should be reduced to £450. We recommend that the possibility of utilizing unemployed for the planting of marram-grass should be investigated.

948. **We also recommend that investigations be made with a view to the levying of rates under the Sand Drift Act on account of betterment derived by adjoining owners.**

Saving, £550.