

1934.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND COURTS

AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER CONTROL OF NATIVE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1934.

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives by Leave.

Native Department, 1st July, 1934.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

HEREWITH is submitted a report upon the activities of the Department for the period ending 31st March, 1934.

P. G. PEARCE, 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 £3,393, as against £3,748 for the preceding period.

MAORI LAND BOARDS.

The Boards received in fees £1,523, as against £1,231 last year, an increase of £292, while the commissions collected rose from £2,618 last year to £3,363, an increase of £745, making a total increase of £1,037.

Native land remaining vested in the Boards at the 31st March, 1934, was as follows :—

					A.	R.	P.
Area as at 31st March, 1933	657,407	0	9
Area sold or revested	41	0	31
Balance	654,665	3	18

The funds held or invested by the Boards increased by £45,738 11s. 6d. during the year. The following are the figures as at 31st March, 1934 :—

					£	s.	d.
On deposit with the Native Trustee	184,958	14	0
Government securities	85,743	8	4
Other securities and advances	338,165	6	1
Cash balances	13,331	13	9
Total	£622,199	2	2

PRIVATE DEALINGS IN NATIVE LAND.

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

					Number.	Area.		
						A.	R.	P.
Sales	142	4,693	1	11·78
Leases	215	27,076	2	37·72

The areas disposed of last year were : Sold, 4,699 acres 1 rood 28 perches ; leased, 34,638 acres and 34 perches.