

Table 2, which follows, shows the distribution by forest-conservation regions of the new areas proclaimed. The major proclamations affected Rotorua, Wellington, and Nelson, and comprised mainly forest high country valuable for protection purposes.

TABLE 2.—SUMMARY OF AREAS ADDED TO PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL STATE FORESTS, 1ST APRIL, 1938, TO 31ST MARCH, 1939.

Forest-conservation Region.	Permanent State Forests.		Provisional State Forests.		Totals.
	Ordinary.	National Endowment.	Ordinary.	National Endowment.	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	12,346	784	4,881	..	18,011
Rotorua	79,126	6,172	..	..	85,298
Wellington	82,966	..	..	..	82,966
Nelson	56,259	..	525	1,622	58,406
Westland	1	..	122	822	945
Canterbury	5,844	..	..	..	5,844
Southland	5,799	460	2,096	..	8,355
Totals	242,341	7,416	7,624	2,444	259,825

Table 3 shows the areas withdrawn from forest reservation, and the reasons therefor. The largest area—17,985 acres—was included in Arthur Pass National Park.

TABLE 3.—SUMMARY OF AREAS WITHDRAWN FROM PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL STATE FORESTS, 1ST APRIL, 1938, TO 31ST MARCH, 1939.

Forest-conservation Region.	For Settlement Purposes.		For Scenic Reserves.		For Stock Reserves.	For School Reserves.	For National Park.	Totals.
	Permanent State Forest.	Provisional State Forest.	Permanent State Forest.	Provisional State Forest.	Permanent State Forest.	Permanent State Forest.	Provisional State Forest.	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Auckland	565	845	..	382	9	..	..	1,801
Rotorua	18	3,954	..	..	..	13	..	3,985
Wellington	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Nelson	511	..	..	..	..	..	..	511
Westland .. ..	..	834	13	..	..	..	17,985	18,832
Canterbury .. ..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
Southland .. ..	..	402	214	892	..	..	..	1,508
Totals	1,126	6,035	227	1,274	15	13	17,985	26,675

It may here be recalled that, pursuant to section 34 of the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918, and subsequent legislation, many large tracts of forested country were proclaimed provisional State forests with a view to the proper utilization of the milling-timber under the supervision of the Forest Service, the subsequent return of control to the Lands and Survey Department of such areas as were deemed suitable for settlement, and the reservation of the remainder as permanent State forests.

Since then many thousands of acres have been added to the permanent forest estate—the total last year being 152,891, of which 73,840 acres, mainly high mountainous country, will be conserved for protection forest and 63,856 acres in Catlins River district, Otago, placed under forest management. The impressive record of permanent State forest proclamations listed in Table 4 speaks for itself.