

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY.

Due to the increased training programme and the heavy demands made on personnel and aircraft, no large photographic programme was undertaken during the year. An Airspeed Oxford aircraft, specially equipped for photographic work, has now been delivered, and the organization of a survey flight will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. The first task to be carried out by this flight is the survey of approximately 1,000 square miles in the North Auckland district for the Lands and Survey Department.

AIR DISPLAY.

In order that the public might have an opportunity of seeing something of the progress that has been made in the development of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and to raise funds for welfare purposes in the Force, an air display was held at Rongotai Aerodrome on 6th June, 1938. A special illustrated programme was printed for the occasion containing articles of interest on Air Force matters generally. Various phases of air training were demonstrated in the course of the display. Approximately ten thousand people attended the display, and nearly £1,100 was raised.

CONCLUSION.

I share the admiration of my predecessor for the manner in which the headquarters staff, both Service and civilian, and also the units, have carried out the very heavy duties that have fallen on them in consequence of the programme of rapid expansion that is being undertaken. Although a great deal remains to be accomplished, much has been done, and I have been very impressed by the ability, initiative, and energy that has been displayed by all concerned.

Great credit is again due to the Engineer-in-Chief and officers of the Public Works Department for the assistance which, in the construction of new Air Force stations and aerodromes and by technical advice, has made it possible to develop the expansion programme.

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