

315 plans, were prepared. In connection with the Land Transfer work, 257 certificates of title, involving the preparation of 514 plans, were issued during the year. One hundred and eighteen leases and thirty-seven applications to deal with land under the Land Transfer Act were also examined. In addition to these, thirty-seven plans were examined and passed. These plans embraced thirty-eight original sections, subdivided into 275 allotments, containing 4,617 acres. A number of Land Transfer record-maps were also prepared. We have done very little in the way of preparing maps for lithographing during the year, but have been busy in other directions. The only lithos prepared in this office during the year were those of Pegasus mineral areas, and of Wrey's Bush Township. As you are aware, a large number of district lithos were prepared by Mr. Deverell some years ago, and, as the most of the survey districts were included, the necessity of preparing others was not very urgent. The extension of the land district, however, and perhaps the growing scarcity of the issues already sent out, may necessitate during the coming year the preparation of several fresh district lithos. In carrying on the work of both field and office I have been very ably and faithfully assisted by the officers under me, and it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to their merits. The Departments of Lands and Survey require occasionally to assist each other, and this mutual assistance is rendered in the heartiest way, thus expediting the work of both branches of the department.

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