

which there was little or no stoppage of the work during that time. The new arrangements will prove quite satisfactory when the hydraulic lift has been erected and heating apparatus provided. The machines are now driven by steam-power, and can be run at differential speeds. The printing-power will be increased shortly by the addition of a new machine, quad. crown size, to print from stone 32 in. by 42 in., built by Furnival and Co., England.

The out-turn of the litho. machines and presses has been greater than that of any previous year. The number of subjects dealt with has been 1,447, or 433 more than last year. The number of impressions pulled amounted to 1,375,641, or 277,138 more than last year. Of the total impressions taken, the machines are to be credited with 1,306,581 and the hand presses 69,060.

The out-turn of work from the photographic gallery has been very large, the number of plates taken being 1,114, or 226 more than last year, and the number of silver prints 648 for the year. This result is very creditable to Mr. Ross and his assistant.

No trial has been given to the photo-trichromatic or three-colour work referred to in last year's report, for, although the colour-filters have been obtained from England, there has not been spare time for experimenting.

Twenty-three wash-drawings of scenery have been made.

For tinting, etching, sets-off, corrections, touching up, &c., nearly four hundred lithographic stones have been prepared.

Two hundred and fifty photographs have been improved by Mr. Sturtevant for reproduction as process pictures.

Details of the photographing and lithographic printing and plan-mounting done during the year are appended.

I owe thanks to the staff for cheerful assistance in disposing of the work.

LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING and PHOTOGRAPHING.

Department.	Number of Separate Printings.	Printing.		Photographing.			
		Number of Impressions taken.		Number of Plates.	Number of Silver Prints.	Number of Bromides.	Number of Bromide Enlargements.
		By Machine.	By Hand.				
Survey	1,025	818,475	53,272	862	416	...	10
Public Works	156	39,601	6,383	54	3	...	...
Railway	57	161,680	4,250	...	...	60	...
Mines	86	132,275	1,229	112	...	...	...
Marine	35	6,150	2,095	...	...	...	...
Customs	2	500	1	...	...	...	...
Postal	20	17,000	240	13	...	...	...
Telegraph	7	8,700	160	12	...	...	...
Registrar-General	19	47,000	6	4	...	...	...
Premier	11	3,750	300	1	200	...	6
Government Insurance	4	500	4	...	...	...	...
Agriculture and Stock	16	66,000	14	42	29	...	...
Treasury	2	1,800	...	...	...	...	...
Education	3	900	6	8	...	...	...
Meteorological	3	2,250	100	2	...	...	...
Colonial Secretary	1	...	1,000	...	...	...	...
Government Printer ... ..	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Totals	1,447	1,306,581	69,060	1,114	648	60	16

Abstract of lithographs printed during the twelve months :—

Head Office ... ..	...	899,811
Auckland Office ... ..	...	4,500
Westland Office ... ..	...	12
Otago Office ... ..	...	4,000
Total ... ..	...	908,323

Number of subjects taken in hand and printed off, 987.

Number of plate-transfers pulled, 51.

Number of maps, tracings, and photographs mounted, 965.

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

Mr. SHORT, the Chief Clerk, reports as follows :—

During the year 17,200 letters and telegrams were received and 14,300 despatched.

The following Proclamations, Orders in Council, and warrants were prepared and issued, namely :—

In respect to Land Administration under the various Land Acts : Warrants opening land under Part III., 53 ; warrants of sales by auction of land, 35 ; Proclamations setting apart village-homestead lands, 10 ; Proclamation withdrawing village-homestead lands, 1 ; Orders in Council