

the previous year—4,300,000 boxes were of white-pine and 1,000,000 of rimu. During the year there was delivered for butter-box manufacture in North Island factories 9,500,000 board feet of white-pine and 4,500,000 board feet of rimu from the South Island, and 13,500,000 board feet of white-pine from North Island sources.

SECTION K. - COMMERCIAL AFFORESTATION COMPANIES.

110. Inquiries concerning the operations of commercial afforestation companies continue to be received; these should be addressed to the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, Wellington C. I.

In the *Monthly Abstract of Statistics*, February, 1941, the Government Statistician has furnished the information that at 31st March, 1940, the total area planted by these companies was 310,441 acres. New planting has again been on a reduced scale, and during the winter of 1940 it is understood that an area of 163 acres in North Auckland was the only new area planted, making a total of 310,604 acres.

APPENDIX I.

CHANGES IN STATE FOREST AREAS, 1ST APRIL, 1940, to 31ST MARCH, 1941.

| Conservancy. | Additions. | | | Deletions. | | | Totals. |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Permanent State Forest : Ordinary. | Provisional State Forest : Ordinary. | Totals. | Permanent State Forest : Ordinary. | Provisional State Forest. | | |
| | | | | | Ordinary. | National Endowment. | |
| | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |
| Auckland .. | 3,867 | 3,658 | 7,525 | 49 | 233 | .. | 282 |
| Rotorua .. | 833 | 1,267 | 2,100 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Wellington .. | 83,621 | .. | 83,621 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nelson .. | 14,045 | 1,720 | 15,765 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Westland .. | 146,996 | 1,680 | 151,676 | .. | 1,239 | 1,315 | 2,554 |
| Canterbury .. | 53,168 | .. | 53,168 | 48 | .. | .. | 48 |
| Southland .. | 598 | .. | 598 | 21 | .. | .. | 21 |
| Totals .. | 303,128 | 11,325 | 314,453 | 118 | 1,472 | 1,315 | *2,905 |

* All withdrawn for settlement purposes.

APPENDIX II.

AREA OF STATE FOREST AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1941, AND PROGRESS OF RESERVATION OF STATE FORESTS, 1921-41.

| Conservancy. | Permanent State Forest. | | Provisional State Forest. | | Totals. | Percentage of Land Area under State Forest Reservation. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---|
| | Ordinary. | National Endowment. | Ordinary. | National Endowment. | | |
| | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |
| Auckland .. | 388,248 | 89,789 | 127,527 | 14,006 | 619,570 | 7·21 |
| Rotorua .. | 623,226 | 289,939 | 136,319 | 63,108 | 1,112,592 | 14·09 |
| Wellington .. | 973,642 | 37,308 | 27,453 | 7,634 | 1,046,047 | 8·65 |
| Nelson .. | 754,659 | 177,573 | 884,215 | 586,228 | 2,402,675 | 34·29 |
| Westland .. | 312,414 | 354,110 | 360,449 | 230,762 | 1,857,735 | 48·08 |
| Canterbury .. | 486,260 | 3,647 | .. | .. | 489,907 | 4·92 |
| Southland .. | 529,678 | 56,234 | 633,901 | 13,740 | 1,233,553 | 7·27 |
| Totals as at 31st March, 1941 | 4,668,127 | 1,008,600 | 2,169,874 | 915,478 | 8,762,079 | 13·20 |
| | | Percentage of Total. | | Percentage of Total. | | |
| Totals for 1941 | 5,676,727 | 64·8 | 3,085,352 | 35·2 | 8,762,079 | 13·20 |
| Totals for 1936 | 4,043,693 | 51·1 | 3,866,479 | 48·9 | 7,910,172 | 11·91 |
| Totals for 1931 | 2,126,837 | 27·4 | 5,634,329 | 72·6 | 7,761,166 | 11·69 |
| Totals for 1926 | 1,866,990 | 24·7 | 5,686,700 | 75·3 | 7,553,690 | 11·38 |
| Totals for 1921 | 1,668,319 | 24·5 | 5,134,651 | 75·5 | 6,802,970 | 10·25 |