

Plans and specifications of the following bridges have been drawn and printed, namely: Maruwhenua, Glenroy, Dee Creek, and Tuakau.

There has been a large out-turn of work in the photo-lithographic office, the number of pulls from the three machines being over two millions—2,089,632—of which 171,500 is increase over the previous year. The total number of complete copies printed was 1,170,227, the hand-presses contributing 36,075 of that number. 1,878 lithographic stones have been used. The number of subjects taken in hand and finally disposed of has been 1,249; number of plate transfers pulled, 86. The alterations designed to facilitate the transport of lithographic stones from the stone-grinding troughs to the various rooms will be carried out during the coming summer.

For sets-off, corrections, additions, touching-up, hill-drawing, tinting and etching, 664 lithographic stones have been prepared for the lithographic draughtsman. 122 photographs have been improved for photographing as "process" illustrations. 8 wash drawings of landscape and other views have been made. 5 negatives have been retouched. Number of maps, tracings, and photographs mounted, 824.

In the photographic gallery Mr. Ross and assistant have been fully employed. The extra-departmental work, both of line and "process" negatives, has grown to large proportions, while the work of this department has expanded at a rapid pace. The number and measurement of line negatives taken are as follows, viz.: 83 of 24 in. by 24 in., 178 of 16 in. by 16 in., and 113 of 18 in. by 24 in. The number of "process" negatives taken amounted to 154; the number of silver prints prepared, 650. The internal arrangements of the gallery would be improved by the introduction of a reflector, as the vagaries of the weather frequently necessitate the postponement of important work. The general abstract of work done in the photo-lithographic office and the photographic gallery is given in the tabular statement below.

## LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING.

Department.	Printing.				Photographing.			
	Number of Complete Copies printed.		Number of Impressions taken.	Number of Separate Printings.	Number of Line Negatives.	Number of "Process" Negatives.	Number of Bromides.	Number of Silver Prints.
	By Machine.	By Hand.						
Lands and Survey ...	762,670	27,332	1,463,417	1,256	247	84	4	108
Mines ...	56,040	179	66,969	47	21	29	...	...
Public Works ...	44,942	5,228	108,395	298	29	20	...	...
Marine ...	165,225	1,540	192,715	98	34	6	...	...
Postal and Telegraph ...	4,550	...	16,150	6	4	...	...	...
Public Trust ...	700	...	1,400	4	...	...	...	...
Registrar-General ...	10,000	...	55,000	2	3	...	...	...
Education ...	...	286	316	5	...	...	...	...
Agricultural and Stock ...	20,000	20	38,020	12	11	...	...	4
Police... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Railway ...	51,150	60	116,410	16	10	15	...	...
Customs ...	...	700	700	1	...	...	...	60
Defence ...	...	230	230	2	9	...	...	105
Government Insurance ...	3,000	...	3,000	1	...	...	...	...
Government Printer ...	2,070	...	7,530	8	5	...	...	...
Legislative ...	3,075	...	7,800	6	1	...	...	...
Meteorological ...	730	...	1,080	3	...	...	...	...
Premier's ...	10,000	500	10,500	5	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	1,134,152	36,075	2,089,632	1,770	374	154	4	325

*Abstract of Lithographs printed during the Twelve Months.*

	Copies.	
Head Office ...	...	1,170,227
Auckland Office ...	...	3,550
Dunedin Office ...	...	3,805
Total ...	...	1,177,582

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. W. S. Short, Chief Clerk reports:—

The correspondence inwards amounted to 21,241, and outwards to 19,200, making a total of 40,441 letters and telegrams, besides parcels and letters containing printed matter, of which no