

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF DOMAIN BOARDS.

The UNDER-SECRETARY FOR LANDS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF LANDS.

SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 18th September, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a synopsis of the annual reports of Domain Boards for the year ended 31st December, 1911, which have been furnished in accordance with section 45 of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

Although only a brief summary of the operations of each Board is published, it is sufficient to show that the great majority of the public domains of the Dominion are being gradually improved and embellished, and made more suitable for the purpose for which they have been dedicated—their use and enjoyment for recreation by the whole community.

The total number of public domains in each land district, together with the total areas, is shown in the following table:—

Land District.	Number of Domains.	Area in Acres.
Auckland ... ..	147	19,686
Hawke's Bay ... ..	33	920
Taranaki ... ..	49	1,552
Wellington ... ..	70	38,234*
Marlborough ... ..	9	763
Nelson ... ..	21	3,330
Westland ... ..	12	381
Canterbury ... ..	98	8,675
Otago ... ..	57	6,838
Southland ... ..	26	1,172
Grand totals ... ..	522	81,551

\* Includes 33,000 acres set aside as a domain under section 9 of the Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891

In 1910 the total number was 512, and the total area 81,265 acres. It will therefore be noted that an increase, both in the number of separate domains and the total area, has been made during the year under review.

Thirteen new domains were constituted during the year. The total number does not show a corresponding increase, owing to the fact that in some cases it has been found necessary for purposes of administration to amalgamate domains in the same locality. For instance, the domains hitherto named Parkville, Eketahuna, and Kensington Park are now known by the common name of Eketahuna, and are controlled by one Board.

The Boards controlling the undermentioned domains have failed to report, and inquiries are now being made as to the cause of default.

## AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—Situated in Rangitoto Survey District. Area, 236 acres 1 rood.

Kawhia.—Sections Nos. 1, Block XI, Town of Kawhia, and 1, Block X, Kawhia North Survey District. Area, 7 acres and 37 perches.

Kohukohu.—Part of the foreshore of Hokianga River, situated in Block X, Mangamuka Survey District, and Sections Nos. 2 and 3, Town of Kohukohu (Government). Area, 11 acres 3 roods 18 perches.

Motutara.—Northern and southern portions of Section No. 2, Block IX, Kumeu Survey District. Area, 73 acres and 16 perches.

Newmarket.—Allotments Nos. 32 and 33 of Section No. 4, Suburbs of Auckland. Area, 3 acres 2 roods.

Rawene.—Allotments Nos. 153 to 166, Town Rawene, and 106 to 111, Suburbs of Rawene. Area, 19 acres 2 roods 25 perches.

Taupiri Mountain.—Section No. 481, Parish of Taupiri. Area, 162 acres 2 roods.

Te Kuiti.—Sections Nos. 29, 30, and 31, Block III, Otanake Survey District. Area, 6 acres 1 rood 38 perches.

Waimana.—Section No. 22, Waimana Settlement, Block III, Waimana Survey District. Area, 5 acres 2 roods 16 perches.

Waitakerei.—Sections Nos. 16, 18, 19, E. 64, 65, S. 68, S.E. 75, S. 78, S. 79, 110, 111, and S. 112, Karangahape Parish; N. 54, Block V, Waitakerei Survey District; and 163 and 193, Waitakerei Parish. Area, 4,732 acres.