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NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31st MARCH, 1916.

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives by Leave.

Sir,—

Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington, 1st July, 1916.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Department for the year ended 31st March, 1916. In former years it has been the practice to present to Parliament separate statements on various aspects of the Department's work, but this year it has been considered desirable to publish all these separate statements in one report. I have accordingly taken the opportunity briefly to refer to the organization and functions of the Department as a whole, and in particular to the work of the Head Office, which has not previously been dealt with in any of the published reports.

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The Hon. G. W. Russell, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

Under-Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

I. THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

II. THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

1. The Effect of the War on the Department.
 - Shipment of Gift Goods and Transmission of Moneys.
 - War Funds Act, 1915.
 - Permits and Passports.
 - Gaming Amendment Act, 1915.
 - Relieving Staff.
 - Sub-Departments.
 - New Zealand Gazette.*
2. The Ordinary Work of the Head Office during the Year.
 - Introductory Paragraph.
 - (1.) Local Government.
 - Boroughs and Town Districts.
 - Counties.
 - Road Districts.
 - Land Drainage and River Districts.
 - Legislation of 1915.
 - Future Legislation.
 - General.
 - (2.) Inland Fisheries.
 - Destruction of Ill-conditioned Fish.
 - Marketing of Fish and Smoked Trout.
 - Study of the Worm Parasite.
 - Destruction of Shags.
 - Trout-hatchery.

- (3.) Animals Protection Act.
 - Shooting Seasons for Game and Deer.
 - Sanctuaries.
 - Damage by Deer.
 - Deterioration of Deer Herds.
 - Huias.
 - The Tuatara.
 - Miscellaneous.
 - Consolidated Animals Protection Act.
 - (4.) Fire Brigades Act.
 - Fire Districts.
 - Inspection of Fire Brigades.
 - Consolidated Fire Brigades Act.
 - (5.) Motor Regulation Act.
 - (6.) Mutual Fire Insurance Associations Amendment Act, 1913.
 - (7.) Land Agents Act.
 - (8.) Weights and Measures Act.
 - (9.) Board of Science and Art.
 - (10.) Hector Observatory.
3. The Work of the Sub-Departments during the Year.
 - Introductory Paragraph.
 - Census and Statistics Office.
 - Registrar-General's Office.
 - Dominion Laboratory.
 - Dominion Museum.

III. STAFF.

IV. ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

APPENDIX.

- I. Report of Government Statistician.
- II. Report of Registrar-General.
- III. Report of Dominion Analyst and Chief Inspector of Explosives.
- IV. Report of Director of the Dominion Museum.
- V. Report of Officer in Charge, War Funds Office.
- VI. Report of Government Astronomer.