

During the year the control of the Tukituki River Scenic Reserve was vested in the Waipukurau Borough Council for a further term of three years, and Mr. John Parkinson was appointed an honorary Inspector over the Kaituna Valley Scenic Reserves.

As reported last year, the control of the Turuturumokai Pa was vested in the Hawera Borough Council. The conditions of control were subsequently amended, authority being given to the Minister charged for the time being with the administration of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, to take such steps as he thinks fit for the planting of suitable trees in the reserve, or to require the Hawera Borough Council to plant such trees therein as the Minister shall specify. As a result of this action over 1,200 native trees of different varieties have been planted by the Council. Care is being taken not to damage the old earthworks made by the Natives when the pa was used for defence purposes in the Maori War. It is hoped that in the future this historic reserve will be unique as a plantation of native trees, and will thus be of special interest to all lovers of our beautiful New Zealand bush.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure during the year was £750, out of which the cost of acquisition of lands amounted to £510.

By a reference to the appended table it will be seen that, out of the £100,000 authorized under the Scenery Preservation Act, £94,000 has now been raised. As was the case during the preceding twelve months, every care was taken to curtail expenditure.

Comparison of Expenditure.

Year.	Compensation for Land.	Fencing and Maintenance.	Surveys, Valuations, &c.	Board's Expenses.	Salaries.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1904-5	216	Nil	52	1,822	*	2,090
1905-6	3,336	„	527	1,221	*	5,084
1906-7	7,856	304	801	185	*	9,146
1907-8	4,286	382	555	86	175	5,484
1908-9	3,813	1,063	540	24	325	5,765
1909-10	1,688	1,159	2,603	Nil	325	5,775
1910-11	1,066	685	1,643	11	325	3,730
1911-12	2,619	715	2,237	22	345	5,938
1912-13	12,997	798	2,697	6	345	16,843
1913-14	10,467	627	1,547	3	365	13,009
1914-15	6,253	758	476	12	388	7,887
1915-16	1,530	698	104	6	390	2,728
1916-17	252	836	76	1	390	1,555
1917-18	428	602	114	3	390	1,537
1918-19	1,295	1,964†	49	1	280	3,589
1919-20	510	188	12	..	40	750
Grand total	90,910

* Included in Board's expenses.

† Includes £1,750 paid to Summit Road Scenic Reserves Board.

APPENDICES.

Attached to this report are the following appendices :—

- A. Schedule of reserves made during the year, accompanied by a statement of accounts.
- B. Report of the Scenery Preservation Board.
- C. Kapiti Island.