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The Surveyor-General to the Hon. the Minister of Lands.

Wellington, 1st August, 1932.

SIR,-I have the honour to present herewith the report on survey operations for the year ended 31st March, 1932.

The Hon. E. A. Ransom, Minister of Lands.

I have, &c., H. E. WALSHE, Surveyor-General.

REPORT.

A SUMMARY of the operations carried out for the year ended 31st March, 1932, follows, grouped under appropriate headings. A concise summary of the field-work completed during the year is tabulated in Tables A, B, and 1 to 5 herewith.

Table A shows that though there is a marked reduction in the average cost of rural surveys, the cost of Native surveys has increased considerably, due principally to the fact that there were a very

large number of small isolated surveys.

Table B shows that the area of Native lands surveyed during the year only represents a little more than one-fifth of last year's return. There has also been a slight decrease in the area of rural lands surveyed. By far the greater proportion of the area under the latter heading lies in the Auckland and North Auckland Districts.