

## CHAPTER V.—GENERAL.

## I. LEGISLATION.

The only legislation which affects the Service is contained in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1933. Sections 7 and 8 of the Act changed the reservation over a total area of 686 acres in Marlborough Land District, being Sections 1A and 8A, Block VIII, Wakamarina Survey District; Section 43, Block VIII, and Section 1, Block XI, Heringa Survey District; and Section 33, Block IX, Wakamarina Survey District; from provisional State forests to Scenic Reserves.

Section 12 enacted a similar change with respect to an area of 277 acres 2 roods 27 perches in Nelson Land District, being Section 23, Block VII, Kaiteriteri Survey District.

Section 14 changed the reservation over an area of 37 acres 2 roods 6 perches in Otago Land District, being part Section 28, Block X, Woodland Survey District, from a provisional State forest to recreation purposes.

Section 17 changed the reservation over 1,900 acres in Southland Land District, being part of Run 441, Manapouri Survey District, from a provisional State forest to National Park purposes.

## 2. FINANCE.

*Receipts.*

Receipts from all sources for the financial year ended 31st March, 1934, amounted to £52,709. Details, together with comparisons with the previous two years, are appended:—

TABLE 9.

Item.	1933-34.	1932-33.	1931-32.
	£	£	£
Indigenous-forests receipts—			
Timber-sales .. .. .	31,017	27,129	36,320
Timber royalties and trespass .. .. .	3,164	3,667	3,751
Leases, grazing .. .. .	1,816	1,637	1,704
Sawmill-sites, industrial, &c. .. .. .	1,348	1,412	1,865
Miscellaneous .. .. .	2,206	1,587	2,249
National Endowment Account allocation .. .. .	6,612	6,221	6,391
Nurseries and plantations—			
Trees and seeds .. .. .	6,546	3,542	3,278
Firewood and poles .. .. .			
Miscellaneous .. .. .			
Totals .. .. .	52,709	45,195	55,558

The increase in revenue as compared with last year indicates that the position in the sawmilling industry is gradually showing signs of improvement, which is also evidenced by an increase in the number of mills working full time and the reopening of others which had suspended operations.

*Payments.*

The net expenditure from the State Forests Account for the financial year ended 31st March, 1934, was £116,386.

A summary showing payments under the main subdivisions is appended, together with the corresponding figures for the years 1931-32 and 1932-33.

TABLE 10.

Item.	1933-34.	1932-33.	1931-32.
	£	£	£
Fixed charges and staff salaries—			
Interest and expenses of raising loans .. .. .	269*	97,256	90,223
Staff salaries .. .. .	32,901	34,232	40,974
Allocation of revenue—			
National Endowment Account .. .. .	3,893	3,840	6,337
Local-body payments .. .. .	3,508	3,259	6,416
Management, establishment and development—			
Indigenous forests .. .. .	8,817	9,501	12,893
Fire-fighting equipment and prevention .. .. .	820	668	1,578
Educational: Reference library, &c. .. .. .	120	411	276
Research and experimental equipment, &c. .. .. .	1,022	1,017	1,199
Afforestation: Nurseries and plantations .. .. .	54,292	49,348	107,795
Land-purchase .. .. .	10,542	12,646	6,874
Miscellaneous .. .. .	202	205	502
Sand-dune reclamation .. .. .	..	..	110
Totals .. .. .	116,386	212,383	275,177

\* NOTE.—Interest on loans is now being carried forward as a liability to the Consolidated Fund until realization of the plantations.