

Additions to existing domains were made as follows:—

| Land District. | Domain. | Area added. | | |
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| | | A. | R. | P. |
| North Auckland | New Lynn | 19 | 1 | 16 |
| " | Okaihau | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| " | Ahipara | 0 | 1 | 35·2 |
| " | Kopuru | 10 | 2 | 2 |
| " | Mount Roskill | 1 | 0 | 24·1 |
| Auckland | Ohinewai | 0 | 1 | 13* |
| " | Mount Drury | 13 | 2 | 31·2 |
| " | Taupo | 1 | 1 | 19·7 |
| Hawke's Bay | Hampden Bush | 2 | 1 | 24 |
| " | Woodville | 24 | 0 | 16 |
| Taranaki | Mania | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| " | Opunake | 4 | 0 | 7 |
| Wellington | Paraparaumu Beach | 3 | 2 | 37·57 |
| " | Owhango | 0 | 2 | 0* |
| " | Wanganui River Trust | 10 | 0 | 25·1 |
| Nelson | Pohara | 6 | 3 | 17·3 |
| " | Kaiteriteri | 43 | 0 | 11 |
| Marlborough | Kaikoura | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Koroniko | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Westland | Rananga | 1 | 0 | 26·6 |
| Otago | Tuapeka | 0 | 2 | 30 |
| " | Taieri Lake | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Pounaweia | 18 | 3 | 31 |
| " | Wanaka Islands | 12 | 0 | 20* |
| " | Karitane | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| " | Roslyn | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| " | Roslyn | 10 | 0 | 11 |
| Southland | Croydon Bush | 264 | 1 | 39 |
| Total area added to twenty-seven domains | | 470 | 3 | 39·77 |

* Closed road areas.

The areas added to the Mania and Opunake Domains were dealt with by special legislation. Section 36 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1938, vested Section 13, Block XIV, Town of Mania, in the Crown as an addition to the Mania Domain. Section 13 contains an area of 1 rood, and was acquired by the Town Board in 1925 as a site for a public library and as an endowment for town purposes. It was desired to construct public swimming-baths in the town, and Section 13, together with the adjoining Section 12, was decided upon as being the most suitable site. Section 12, which also contains 1 rood was vested in the Crown as a reserve for police purposes. It was not required by the Police Department and arrangements were therefore made to change the purpose of the reservation to one for recreation purposes and to add the area to the Mania Domain. That action was taken under existing statutory authority, but special legislation was necessary to deal with the Town Board's section. In the Opunake case two harbour endowment areas of 2 acres 2 roods and 1 acre 2 roods 7 perches respectively were vested in the Crown as additions to the Opunake Domain by section 7 of the Opunake Harbour Act, 1938. The larger area of the two is situated on the beach and is admirably adapted for reservation for public-domain purposes. The smaller area is situated on the top of the cliff behind the beach and is to be planted in trees and generally beautified.

Brief mention may be made of some of the more interesting of the other additional areas dealt with during the year:—

Areas totalling 13 acres 2 roods 31·2 perches were added to the new Mount Drury Domain. The additional areas comprise, first, a block of 4 acres 2 roods 32·7 perches situated on the corner of Salisbury Avenue and the Maunganui Road; secondly, a block of 8 acres 3 roods 38·5 perches bounded by the Main Road and Oturoa, Omanawhiri, and Matapihi Streets; and, thirdly, a strip of closed road along the Ocean Beach comprising an area of 1 acre 0 roods 25 perches. It is considered that the development of these areas, together with that of the Mount Drury Reserve, will be of great advantage to Mount Maunganui. Control of portion of the foreshore at the Ocean Beach has also been vested in the Mount Drury Domain Board.

An area of 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches in the Town of Hampden was transferred to the Crown by the Waipawa County Council and added to the Hampden Bush Domain. The Council had held the land for the purposes of a public park and recreation-ground for the inhabitants of the township, but as the local Domain Board desired to control the area the Department was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Some fourteen small reserves which had become vested in the Crown for recreation purposes on the subdivision of private properties were added to the Paraparaumu Beach Domain. The reserves extend at intervals along the beach between Paekakariki and Paraparaumu. Control of the domain has been placed in the hands of the Hutt County Council, which is keenly interested in all reserve matters in its area, and it is proposed to add further reserves from time to time as additional areas become vested in the Crown.