

The workshop at Thornton again had a very busy year attending to the repairs and maintenance of all excavators, tractors, trucks, and cars. One especially large job handled was the dismantling, transport, repair, and re-erection of the Monighan drag-line. The weight of this machine is about 35 tons, and its transport across the Rangitaiki River was made more difficult by the cumbersome nature of some of the parts.

#### EXPENDITURE AND RATES

Expenditure on maintenance for the year amounted to £13,579.

Rates struck : Special, £10,506 ; general, £9,187.

Rates collected, including arrears : Special, £10,381 ; general, £9,033.

The amount shown as expenditure on maintenance may be subject to slight variation on completion of accounts.

#### MAORI RATING

The total Maori rates paid, including arrears, during the year under review was £2,106. Maori rates levied for the year 1946-47 amounted to £2,123.

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#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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