

*Waioomio Scheme.*—This scheme is situated about two miles from the Kawakawa Post-office and Railway-station. The land varies considerably from raupo swamp to limestone and fair to poor gum land. The property is a difficult one. No sheep are carried at the present time, the intention being to stock up with store cattle to build up the pastures.

*Waiveia Scheme.*—Situated in the Hokianga County on the northern side of the Hokianga Harbour and distant about two miles from the west coast, this scheme comprises an area of 4,640 acres purchased by the Crown from Europeans. A large-scale development programme was undertaken during the year. Three hundred and seventy-five chains of fences have been either extensively renovated or completely renewed, 560 acres have been cleared of scrub, 200 chains of drains completed, 1,100 posts and 22,000 battens split, and 12 new bridges erected. As a result of an inadequate supply of fertilizer during the past years, deterioration has occurred in the quality of some of the pastures. Live-stock carried on the property includes 641 run cattle and 2,809 sheep. The season's wool-clip was 59 bales.

#### WAIKATO-MANIAPOTO NATIVE LAND COURT DISTRICT

This district extends south of Auckland from the Tamaki Isthmus to Taumarunui and comprises roughly the whole of the Waikato district, the Coromandel and Hauraki areas, and the King-country.

No new large-scale development has been carried out during the year and only five new units were established. As soon as fertilizer, farm requisites, and suitable labour become available, it is confidently anticipated that further large areas of Maori land could be successfully developed.

In order to assist in overcoming the present shortage of maize, an area of 50 acres was planted at Whangamata by way of trial. Present indications point to a good crop being harvested.

During the year the undermentioned main items of work were performed on the unit and scheme properties:—

Bush felling and clearing	..	..	..	1,040 acres.
Grassing	..	..	..	762 acres.
Fences..	..	..	..	1,364 chains.
Drains	..	..	..	535 chains.
New Roading	..	..	..	220 chains.
Installation of water-supplies	..	..	..	10

Attention during the year has again been devoted to the improvement of the dairy herds and consequent increase of butterfat-production by the use of pedigree bulls with good butterfat backing.

*Kopua Scheme.*—Situated near Pirongia, on the main Te Awamutu-Kawhia Highway, this property comprises an area of 566 acres. A portion of the area, 371 acres, was acquired from the Native Trustee in 1937. The balance of the area was purchased from a European some years later. (Eighty acres of gorse and blackberry have been cleared by tractor during the year.) This property, when fully developed, will subdivide into three farms.

*Ngahape Scheme.*—This scheme, containing 794 acres, is situated approximately eight miles north of Otorohanga, with access to the main highway. It was practically all in permanent grass, but the ravages of the grass-grub caused an area of over 100 acres to be ploughed and resown.

*Ngatunui Scheme.*—This property comprises 527 acres, situated near Pirongia. The policy of sowing temporary grass on the badly infested gorse areas and then ploughing a section each year for swedes prior to putting down into permanent grass