

*Tokoroa* (Locality: Tokoroa).—Area, 5,201 acres. Possession date, 4th April, 1938. Subdivision not yet finalized. A start has been made with the subdivision, and eight dairy units were set down for settlement in July, 1948. The building contractor has commenced operations, but shortage of materials will probably delay settlement until the following year. Heavy broom has been grubbed over an area of 500 acres. An area of 200 acres has been brought in from the rough, the old swede area of 60 acres sown in permanent grass, and a further area of 40 acres sown in swedes. All live-stock on this block have been maintained in splendid condition.

*Waikare* (Locality: Te Kauwhata).—Area, 505 acres. Possession date, 31st October, 1946. Subdivision, five dairy-farms. Except for houses, practically all the development work, which includes fencing, draining, roading, and the installation of a water-supply, has been completed. The sections will be balloted in July, 1948.

*Waikite* (Locality: Rotorua).—Area, 9,677 acres. Possession date, 10th October, 1938. Subdivision not yet planned. Maintenance work has been carried out and 1,100 acres were top-dressed, with good results. Four sections on the Whirinaki portion of this block have been set down for settlement and the buildings have been commenced. These sections should be ready for permanent allotment on 1st July, 1949. Sheep and cattle on these areas have come through in good condition.

*Waipapakauri* (Locality: Part Waipapakauri Aerodrome).—Area, 450 acres. Until a decision is reached regarding the areas to be set aside for aeradio stations it is not possible to continue with the proposed development programme. Twenty-three chains of drains were deepened during the year. An area of approximately 160 acres was again used for dairying, the balance being grazed with run stock from Puriri Block. During the spring and summer there was an abundance of feed and an ample supply of hay was harvested.

*Waitaha* (Locality: Tauranga).—Area, 168 acres. Possession date, 18th October, 1946. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. The present ex-serviceman occupier has a tenancy over the whole area until the end of the current dairy season. Roading is necessary before the area can be farmed as separate units. New dwelling and cow-shed also required.

*Waitoki* (Locality: Te Aroha).—Area, 296 acres. Possession date, 20th June, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. Good progress has been made in preparing this property for settlement. One new house is almost completed, the old house has been renovated, and a new cow-shed and implement-shed finished. One hundred and ten chains of the main drain have been renovated with the willows blocking the waterway removed. Three hundred chains of fencing has been repaired and 23 chains of new fence erected. An ex-serviceman with the promise of a section has been milking a herd of 68 cows, and it is hoped that both sections will be allotted on fixed charges next season.

*Whangapoua* (Locality: Coromandel).—Area, 23,505 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1946. Subdivision not finally planned. A further area of 217 acres was acquired, and this will be developed in conjunction with Whangapoua. Of the total area, approximately 2,449 acres of flat to undulating country will ultimately be subdivided into dairy-farms and the balance controlled by the State Forest Service. The work carried out during the year included the erection of three implement-sheds, minor renovations to the homestead, the sowing of 345 acres in new grass and 50 acres in crops, the erection of 360 chains of boundary fence, and the digging of 180 chains of drains.

*Wharere Block* (Locality: Bay of Plenty).—Area, 4,941 acres. Possession date, 11th August, 1933. Subdivision not finally planned. The area now being developed is about 2,000 acres, of which approximately 1,000 acres is in grass, while the balance has reverted to swamp growth and blackberry. As this block is very low-lying, it cannot be efficiently drained by gravity alone. One flood pump has been in operation for several years and serves an area of about 400 acres, and a second station is in course of erection.