

*Te Hoe Block* (Locality: Ohinewai).—Area, 284 acres. Acquired, 1st November, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. All development work has been completed and the two ex-servicemen who have been working on wages will be finally established on their respective units in July, 1948.

*Te Mimi Block* (Locality: Morrinsville).—Balance area, 166 acres. Acquired, 31st May, 1946. Subdivision, six dairy-farms. All development work, which comprised erection of farm buildings, renovations to existing buildings, fencing, roading, and installation of water-supply, has been completed. Five sections were settled on fixed charges during 1947-48, and the remaining settler, who has been working on wages, will be established as at 1st July, 1948.

*Te Puningā Block* (Location: Morrinsville).—Acquired, 9th June, 1947. Area, 791 acres. The property has been subdivided into eight dairy-farms and will be settled by ex-servicemen on 1st July, 1948. Houses and cow-sheds have been erected or will be completed shortly and other improvements effected, including fencing, roading, and water-supply. During this season the herd of 480 cows and heifers has been milked under four separate share-milking agreements.

*Tokirima Block* (Locality: Ohura).—Area, 1,613 acres. Acquired, 30th April, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep units. Owing to shortage of fencing-wire, settlement must be deferred until 1949. However, if erection of dwellings is completed shortly, it is proposed to ballot sections on wages. The property is being managed by an ex-serviceman with the promise of an undefined section.

*Vincent's Block* (Locality: Otorohanga).—Area, 196 acres. A single-unit mixed farm. All development operations will be completed to enable property to be settled by ballot on 1st July, 1948. The development work includes erection and renovation of farm buildings, fencing, and cultivation.

*Waihuka Block* (Locality: Waimiha).—Area, 2,539 acres. Weather conditions this year have been fair with no adverse effect on production. The block is carrying breeding-ewes, breeding-cows, and steers. Careful attention is being given to control of fern, ragwort, and rabbits, and a small area has been sown in grass. Land is subject to a mineral deficiency, cobalt being used in manures and use of stock-licks to maintain stock in good condition. Settlement will not be possible for some years.

*Waikuku Block* (Locality: Morrinsville).—Balance area, 118 acres. Acquired, 1st April, 1946. Subdivision, ten dairy-farms. Improvements have been effected on nine sections and ex-servicemen established thereon. Cow-shed and store-shed are being erected on the remaining holding and an adequate water-supply system is being installed. This work will be completed in time to settle an ex-serviceman for the 1948-49 season.

*Wairama Block* (Locality: Kiwitahi).—Area, 685 acres. Acquired, 3rd March, 1948. It is proposed to subdivide into four dairy and one sheep farm. Subdivisional fencing and farm buildings are to be erected, and it is anticipated that settlers will be established on dairy sections in 1950 and on the sheep unit in 1953. The property is being managed by an ex-serviceman with the promise of an undefined section.

*Waitanguru Block* (Locality: Mairoa).—Balance area, 10,384 acres. Approximately one-fifth of this block is in native bush or otherwise unsuitable for development and a similar area reverted. A considerable amount of fencing is required in order to preserve pastures, but project curtailed due to shortage of materials. Tracks and crossings to be formed to obtain access to partly developed area. It is anticipated that three sheep-farms on this area will be available for settlement in 1949. Balance depending upon availability of fencing-wire.

*Walton Block* (Locality: Walton).—Area, 416 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1948. Property is to be subdivided into three dairy-farms. Fencing, farm buildings, and farm tracks include development work to be undertaken. It is hoped to settle these subdivisions in 1949. The property is being managed by an ex-serviceman with the promise of an undefined section.