

Watson's Block (Locality : Te Kuiti).—Area, 1,051 acres. Comprises one sheep-farm of 520 acres, the remainder of the block being set aside as a bush reserve. The sheep section was balloted last year and an ex-serviceman established thereon at 17th July, 1947.

Wharepapa Block (Locality : Wharepungua).—Balance area, 1,364 acres. Balance subdivision, four sheep-farms. Three ex-servicemen are at present working on wages with promises of sections and it is proposed to establish them in 1949. The remaining section will be settled in 1950. The following development is to be undertaken : erection of fencing, installation of water-supply, 100 acres to be cleared, and 300 acres to be sown in grass.

Whatauri Block (Locality : Wharepungua).—Balance, 277 acres. Subdivision, two mixed farms. All improvements have been completed and the two ex-servicemen who are at present working on wages will be allotted the sections on fixed charges as from 1st July, 1948.

Whataroa Block (Locality : Te Kuiti).—Balance area, 489 acres. Seven dairy sections were allotted to ex-servicemen in 1946 and one in 1947. The balance of this block is mainly swamp and further development depends upon extensive drainage to be carried out by the Mangapu Drainage Board.

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Batten's Block (Locality : Waipu).—Area, 1,581 acres. An abandoned Crown security, comprises sheep- and cattle-grazing country. A considerable amount of clearing and grassing is required to achieve full production, but it was not possible to proceed with this work over the past few years owing to the shortages of labour and manures. A proposal to acquire additional land to form two units did not prove feasible and the property has now been opened for general selection as a single unit with preference for ex-servicemen.

Came's Property (Locality : Matakana).—Area, 246 acres. Single-unit dairy-farm. Acquired, October, 1946. Comparatively minor development was completed and the property was allotted to an ex-serviceman as at 1st July, 1947.

Ngamahanga Farm Settlement (Locality : Pakaraka).—Area, 325 acres. Purchased March, 1946. Subdivided into two dairying units, which were allotted to ex-servicemen on 1st October, 1947.

Ruawai Farm Settlement (Locality : Ruawai).—Two properties were purchased to form this settlement ; one 206 acres of river flat and the other 322 acres of hill country. A dairying unit of 127 acres was taken from the hill country for the settlement of a Maori discharged serviceman, and the remaining areas were subdivided into three dairying units, each with a winter run-off. Two of these subdivisions were allotted to ex-servicemen as at 1st July, 1947, and the remaining unit will be allotted to an ex-serviceman at the beginning of the 1948–49 season.

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Littlejohn's (Locality : Hikutaia).—Area, 129 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1946, subject to a share-milking agreement expiring 31st May, 1948. No development required, and the area, which comprises one dairy-farm with a run-off, will be balloted among ex-servicemen for possession on the 1st June, 1948.

Ngaupari (Locality : Te Puke).—Area, 216 acres. Acquired, September and November, 1947, and subdivided into fifteen citrus units. These were balloted in November, 1947, and ten have been selected. The remaining five are available to ex-servicemen suitably graded.