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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY
SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS
(ANNUAL REPORT ON)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

SIR,— Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 30th June, 1948.

I have the honour to submit the annual report on the settlement of Crown lands for the year ended 31st March, 1948, together with particulars of operations under the Small Farms Act, 1932-33, the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, and the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943.

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D. M. GREIG,

Under-Secretary.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

REPORT

GENERAL REVIEW

REPORTS from the districts indicate that Crown tenants generally have had another satisfactory year. As at 31st March, 1948, the tenants on the books of the Department numbered 34,633, occupying a total area of approximately 17,245,075 acres.

Land for all types of farming has been in very keen demand, and particular care has been exercised by the Department to ensure that any suitable Crown properties becoming available for re-selection are offered with minimum delay. Opportunities for civilian selection of Crown lands have been very limited, as all suitable blocks are required for the settlement of discharged servicemen, and additional land is still being acquired and purchased for that purpose.

Every effort has been concentrated on releasing at the earliest possible date those blocks which are being developed and subdivided for the settlement of discharged servicemen, but operations have been hampered owing to the limited supply of essential materials, particularly fencing-wire. Another delaying factor has been the erection of buildings, especially houses. Details of properties acquired and purchased for soldier settlement during the year, together with a résumé of the progress made in land-development operations, are given in a later section of this report.

Revaluations of Crown leases and licences, in terms of section 216 of the Land Act, 1924, which were suspended during the war years, are now being undertaken. Up to the 31st March, 1948, 24 cases have been finally dealt with, and reductions in capital values totalling £29,288 were approved. Applications by 14 high-country, pastoral-run holders for a review of their annual rentals, in terms of section 277 of the Land Act, 1924, were also considered. In these cases reductions in rentals amounting to £1,675 were approved.

The volume of work associated with the administration of the Discharged Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, is still heavy, and, as will be seen from the information set out later in this report, satisfactory progress has been made in dealing with transactions arising as a result of the operation of the Act.

LEGISLATION

LAND LAWS AMENDMENT ACT, 1947

Amendments to certain provisions of various Acts administered by the Department, and also some entirely new provisions, were enacted in the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1947, which contains three Parts.

Part I gives servicemen settlers, after three years' occupation of their holdings, the right to apply to the Land Settlement Board for a review of their charges. The legislation also provides that in the event of a serviceman being dissatisfied with the Land Settlement Board's decision he is to have the right of appeal to the Land Sales Court, which is to deal with each case in substantially the same manner as if it were an appeal to the Court from an order of a Land Sales Committee determining the basic value of the land under the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943.

Part II contains amendments of a machinery nature to the Land Subdivision in Counties Act, 1946.

Part III includes an amendment to section 40 of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1945, covering the disposal of Crown land for commercial purposes, and an amendment to section 52 of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928, to permit the erection of caretakers' residences on domain lands. An amendment to section 3 of the Swamp Drainage Amendment Act, 1928, relating to classification of lands for rating purposes, is also included in this Part of the Act.

RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL ACT, 1947

This Act, of thirty sections, makes provision in *section 15* for the extension of the term of certain Crown leases which were due to expire by effluxion of time. The necessity for this legislation arose from the fact that the Department, owing to pressure of land-settlement and other business, is not in a position at present to handle the work involved in the renewal of leases. The other sections in the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1947, are of a machinery nature, and deal with Crown lands, reserves, endowments, and other lands.

RECEIPTS

The receipts for the year from all sources totalled £3,752,988. The receipts for the previous year totalled £3,249,531. Details are as follows :—

Heading.	Year ended 31st March, 1948.	Year ended 31st March, 1947.
	£	£
Rents, royalties, and interest	1,063,727	906,133
Rates and miscellaneous receipts from drainage areas	52,134	39,843
Administration charges, and other departmental receipts	120,262	110,165
Sales of land, improvements, repayment of advances, &c.	1,046,513	1,228,114
Farming receipts from development schemes	1,453,660	955,787
Miscellaneous	16,692	9,489
	3,752,988	3,249,531

POSTPONEMENTS, REMISSIONS, AND ARREARS OF RENT AND INTEREST

Rents and interest the payment of which remained postponed at 31st March, 1948, amounted to £4,410. Arrears of rent and interest (including arrears in respect of the current half-yearly charge) totalled £123,344, while remissions for the year totalled £5,601.

SERVICEMEN'S SETTLEMENT AND LAND SALES ACT, 1943

APPLICATIONS

Applications for consent to transactions filed during the year ended 31st March, 1948, numbered 41,352, which was 5,643 less than the total in the previous year and 2,547 less than in the year ending 31st March, 1946.

Rural lands accounted for 5,466 applications, while those made in respect of urban properties numbered 35,886.

It is considered that the present drop in applications is indicative of a return to normal conditions. The two years ending 31st March, 1947, were peak years. During that period the majority of servicemen returned to civilian life, and as a large percentage of them were prospective purchasers of properties they absorbed to a considerable extent any surplus properties available.

DESPATCH OF WORK

Applications disposed of during the year numbered 41,652, which is 300 more than were received. The result of this is that the number of applications outstanding at 31st March, 1948, is 300 less than the number outstanding at the corresponding period last year. The fact that the Committees dealt with more applications during the year than were received shows that the work is being kept well up to date.

REDUCTIONS IN CONSIDERATION-MONEYS

Reductions in consideration-moneys directed by Land Sales Committees for the year ended 31st March, 1948, amounted to £2,733,005, which shows an increase of £207,440 on the corresponding figures for the previous year.

APPEALS

During the year 259 appeals were lodged, as against 342 in the preceding year, Appeals which had not been disposed of at the end of the current year numbered 32, which is 2 less than the number brought forward from the previous year.

As will be seen from the table set out in this report, 63 appeals were withdrawn during the year. The reason why so many appeals are withdrawn is explained by the fact that for various reasons the parties concerned do not always reach a final decision by the date fixed for filing appeals. Consequently, an appeal is lodged to safeguard the position and is subsequently withdrawn after mature consideration.

Of the appeals lodged during the year, only 196 were proceeded with, which represent less than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the applications dealt with by Land Sales Committees.

The Land Sales Court has given a number of important decisions during the year on appeals relative to the interpretation of various portions of the Act and on other major issues which have been the subject of some doubt in the minds of solicitors and valuers. These decisions of the Court have no doubt had a considerable bearing on the decline in the number of appeals now being lodged.

OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT

During the year there have been a considerable number of successful prosecutions for offences under the Act and substantial penalties have been inflicted in some instances.

THE EXERCISE OF CROWN RIGHTS UNDER PART II AND PART III (SECTION 51) OF THE ACT

Details of land acquired under Parts II and III (section 51) of the Act are given in a later section of this report under the heading of "Land Development and Settlement of Ex-servicemen."

RETURN OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948

Registry.	Prought forward from Previous Year.	Received.	Granted without Hearing.	Granted after Hearing.	Granted subject to Conditions	Refused or With-drawn.	Total finalized.	Action incomplete.
Farm lands—								
Auckland	152	1,129	496	67	457	94	1,114	167
Hamilton	159	839	604	16	105	130	855	143
Gisborne	9	165	92	7	40	11	150	24
Napier	39	317	209	10	75	25	319	37
New Plymouth ..	56	400	258	1	102	37	398	58
Wellington	56	511	275	4	182	44	505	62
Blenheim	14	62	28	3	28	8	67	9
Nelson	28	275	162	..	86	27	275	28
Hokitika	1	67	40	3	14	6	63	5
Christchurch ..	71	798	515	20	208	51	794	75
Dunedin	96	460	239	7	174	52	472	84
Invercargill ..	99	443	274	7	124	65	470	72
Totals	780	5,466	3,192	145	1,595	550	5,482	764
Other lands—								
Auckland	869	9,424	5,341	576	3,205	257	9,379	914
Hamilton	374	3,837	2,815	88	544	252	3,699	512
Gisborne	23	689	470	12	164	22	668	44
Napier	188	1,692	1,071	11	496	75	1,653	227
New Plymouth ..	140	1,441	827	8	532	98	1,465	116
Wellington	901	7,255	3,793	57	3,086	402	7,338	818
Blenheim	34	476	229	14	222	23	488	22
Nelson	120	1,129	751	1	336	66	1,154	95
Hokitika	34	418	249	4	146	19	418	34
Christchurch ..	836	5,155	2,659	77	2,582	210	5,528	463
Dunedin	381	2,950	1,391	9	1,270	289	2,959	372
Invercargill ..	162	1,420	833	14	480	94	1,421	161
Totals	4,062	35,886	20,429	871	13,063	1,807	36,170	3,778
Grand totals ..	4,842	41,352	23,621	1,016	14,658	2,357	41,652	4,542

REDUCTIONS IN CONSIDERATION DIRECTED BY LAND SALES COMMITTEES FOR YEAR
ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948

Registry.	Farm Lands.		Other Lands.		Totals.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£		£
Auckland	428	170,182	3,327	465,683	3,755	635,865
Hamilton	238	130,854	1,263	173,721	1,501	304,575
Gisborne	40	14,450	165	14,258	205	28,708
Napier	72	27,771	496	69,753	568	97,524
New Plymouth ..	102	53,764	532	76,239	634	130,003
Wellington	156	82,114	3,009	530,212	3,165	612,326
Blenheim	28	15,475	222	30,448	250	45,923
Nelson	68	18,974	304	37,885	372	56,859
Hokitika	13	6,664	147	23,767	160	30,431
Christchurch ..	207	107,221	2,582	328,955	2,789	436,176
Dunedin	169	58,737	1,270	176,344	1,439	235,081
Invercargill ..	124	53,346	471	66,188	595	119,534
Totals	1,645	739,552	13,788	1,993,453	15,433	2,733,005

RETURN OF APPEALS FILED DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948

Registry.	Number brought forward from Previous Year.	Number lodged.	Dismissed.	Allowed in Part.	Allowed in Full.	Withdrawn.	Referred back to Committee or adjourned.	Total Number Disposed of.	Number remaining to be dealt with.
Auckland	9	106	14	58	3	22	11	108	7
Hamilton	5	34	8	19	2	7	1	37	2
Gisborne .. ..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
Napier	3	19	6	4	..	9	1	20	2
New Plymouth ..	..	6	2	..	..	2	1	5	1
Wellington	2	39	12	11	6	8	3	40	7
Blenheim	2	10	2	7	2	1	..	12	..
Nelson	1	6	..	4	1	1	..	6	1
Hokitika	3	11	1	2	..	8	2	13	1
Christchurch ..	1	17	4	4	1	2	1	12	6
Dunedin	2	5	3	2	..	2	..	7	..
Invercargill ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Totals	34	259	52	111	15	63	20	261	32

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN

During the year ended 31st March, 1948, the following areas were purchased or acquired for development and for the settlement of ex-servicemen :—

	Acres.	Estimated Number of Units.
Purchased by voluntary negotiation	137,758	202
Acquired compulsorily under Part II, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943	38,465	106
Acquired compulsorily under section 51, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, and capable of subdivision	25,429	26
Acquired compulsorily under section 51, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943 : Single units	3,597	27
Totals	205,249	361

The total area purchased or acquired for development and for the settlement of ex-servicemen up to 31st March, 1948, is—

	Acres.	Estimated Number of Units.
Purchased by voluntary negotiation	451,391	922
Acquired compulsorily under Part II, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943	75,231	213
Acquired compulsorily under Section 51, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, and capable of subdivision	84,474	195
Acquired compulsorily under section 51, Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943 : Single units	29,692	175
Totals	640,788	1,505

The number of ex-servicemen who have been established on permanent tenure or on wages or other similar basis with the promise of permanent tenure upon completion of the development programme and the area involved at 31st March, 1948, is—

Land District.	Area.	Number.	Land District.	Area.	Number.
	Acres.			Acres.	
North Auckland	9,664	59	Nelson	1,169	12
Auckland	49,295	305	Westland .. .. .	.. .. .	..
Hawke's Bay	26,893	35	Canterbury	73,965	119
Gisborne	24,381	77	Otago	37,810	54
Taranaki	9,237	63	Southland	18,202	50
Wellington	37,409	134			
Marlborough	16,453	31	Total	304,478	939

These figures do not include ex-servicemen who have been assisted by way of rehabilitation loans to purchase established farms on their own account.

During the year, development operations have been hampered by the limited supply of essential materials, particularly fencing-wire, and by the difficulty in getting buildings, especially houses, erected. As sections are made available for settlement by ex-servicemen as soon as the development has been completed, it will be realized that the output of developed farms, and consequently the progress made with the settlement of ex-servicemen, is restricted by the supply difficulties.

The following comments are made on development and settlement by the officers in charge of these operations in each district:—

SUPERINTENDENT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT, AUCKLAND

A more liberal supply of fertilizer has resulted in an improvement to the pastures on blocks, but until adequate fencing, building, and water-supply materials become available, settlement cannot be expedited to the extent desired. The weather in the early part of the season was ideal for dairying, but a dry spell following Christmas had an adverse effect on the farm returns. However, production generally was maintained and the stock carried on the various blocks is in good condition.

Arapareira (Locality: Kaukapakapa).—Area, 389 acres. Possession date, 20th November, 1944. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. One ex-serviceman was allotted an area of 180 acres on fixed charges from 1st July, 1947. The balance of 209 acres is totally undeveloped and a full-scale programme of development will be essential before this area is capable of settlement.

Awaroa (Locality: Ruawai).—Area, 287 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1945. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. A further area of 175 acres is being acquired, and as all development work on the original area has been practically completed the three ex-servicemen who have been working on wages will probably have their charges fixed at the commencement of next dairy season.

Bradley's (Locality: Te Kopuru).—Area, 1,249 acres. Possession date, 15th January, 1941. The grassing of the area has been practically completed and an extensive water-supply has been schemed. Provided fencing-materials and water-pipes can be obtained it is hoped that the area will be available for disposal in 1949 as dairy units.

Brooklands (Locality: Papakura).—Area, 378 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms and one mixed farm. One dairy-farm was allotted on fixed charges in September, 1945, and the other in July, 1947. Further development work in an endeavour to improve the pastures on the mixed farm is necessary.

Crosland (Locality: Helensville).—Area, 3,170 acres. Possession date, 1st April, 1947. Subdivision, five dairy and two sheep farms. Work has been confined to renovation of pastures and fencing. New buildings required on six subdivisions, and settlement is subject to the completion of these buildings and the installation of electric power. The block is being grazed with sufficient sheep to stock the proposed sheep-farms, and cattle with the object of improving the pastures on the dairy units.

Edgecumbe (Locality: Edgecumbe).—Area, 7,308 acres. Possession date, 8th August, 1936. Subdivision not yet finalized. Work was practically confined to maintenance of existing improvements. Paspalum sown last year on a trial area has become established, but it is still too soon to determine its ash-holding qualities. The lucerne area of 25 acres is well established. All live-stock have done well.

Orini (Part Edgecumbe Block).—This area was used in conjunction with Edgecumbe for fattening bullocks and cull female stock.

Fairview (Locality: Waimana).—Area, 1,978 acres. Possession date, 15th June, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy and three sheep farms. A long-range development project and crushing by live-stock has continued to bring good results. A new access track was completed, and this enabled a good supply of fertilizer to be spread on the back portion of the block.

Galatea (Locality: Murupara).—Area, 24,993 acres. Possession date, 1931. Complete subdivision not finally planned. Seven sections were balloted during the year and charges were fixed on two of these sections, the balance being worked on a wages basis. Forty-one ex-servicemen have now been established during the past three years, and it is expected that a further twelve will be settled in 1949. Owing to material shortages,

building progress was again slow. Development work was confined to the fencing of new subdivisions, installation of water-supplies, and the sowing of lucerne, crops, and new grass. The area of 200 acres on Kopuriki Block which was in swedes the previous year was sown in permanent pasture and a further 450 acres was cultivated and resown. A good season was experienced in the early stages, but a dry summer had an adverse effect on production.

Hamurana (Locality : Rotorua).—Area, 252 acres. Possession dates, September, and October, 1947. Subdivision not finalized. An additional area of 22 acres is being acquired and two dairy units will then be possible. Top pastures on this block had been starved and will require heavy fertilizer applications and good grazing management for restoration. New buildings and the installation of a water-supply necessary before allotment.

Hillcrest (Locality : Waikiekie).—Area, 661 acres. Possession date, 1st June, 1944. Subdivision not yet finalized. A further 120 acres was prepared for grass during the year. A dairy herd was milked on shares and the production from a reduced number of cows was very satisfactory.

Kaitia (Locality : Kaitia).—Area, 2,305 acres. Possession date, 10th April, 1934. Subdivision not finally planned. The results obtained during the year were very satisfactory, despite the fact that a fire which encroached on to the area caused considerable damage to pastures and shelter-belts. A mild winter followed by an early spring ensured an ample supply of feed, and good stocks of hay were procured. Pasture control is becoming difficult, as the peat in this area is still sinking and a large amount of timber is showing through.

Kapiro (Locality : Kerikeri).—Area, 60 acres. Possession date, 1938. Proposals are being considered to increase the area of this ironstone belt to approximately 150 acres with a view to establishing an economic dairy unit. In addition to the ordinary top-dressing, extra lime was applied during the year, and the area was again grazed with dairy stock.

Katikati (Locality : Tauranga).—Area, 473 acres. Possession date, 25th October, 1946. Subdivision not finalized. Approximately 300 acres have been brought in from the rough and sown in grass. Maintenance work, including internal and boundary fences, has been carried out.

Kerepehi (Part Pouarua Block).—A start is being made with settlement and two sections of approximately 100 acres each are being prepared. Contracts have been let for the erection of farm buildings. Most of the balance of this block is now in fairly good condition, and with the establishment of better pastures on some areas a further four or five sections will be prepared for settlement. The stocking of this area is done in conjunction with the main block and the stock in general has come through the year well. Losses from all causes have not been high, but a mild outbreak of facial eczema late in the year is causing some concern.

Komiri (Locality : Pukekohe).—Area, 167 acres. Possession date, 22nd May, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. An ex-serviceman manager is employed on this block, with the promise of an undefined section. A complete new set of buildings for one section is required, but difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a contractor. Draining and fencing work and the installation of a water-supply are under way, and it is expected that one herd will be milked on the block during the coming dairy season.

Kumi (Locality : Awanui).—Area, 258 acres. Possession date, 30th September, 1946. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. One herd has been milked on this area by an ex-serviceman, and it is expected that his charges will be fixed in July, 1948. Settlement of the other section is dependent on the erection of buildings. This area experienced a good spring and summer growth and a good stock of hay was harvested. The stock is in fine condition and the production returns were satisfactory.

Lake View (Locality : Ahipara).—Area 796 acres. Possession date, 1st June, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. All the proposed development work was completed by 30th June, 1947, and the two ex-servicemen were allotted their sections with charges fixed on 1st July, 1947. The balance of the area, approximately 540 acres, is not suitable for settlement of ex-servicemen.

Mahuta (locality : Dargaville).—Area, 423 acres. Possession date, 24th October, 1946. Subdivision not yet planned, as negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a further 1,155 acres. With the acquisition of this area it will be possible to provide eight dairy units, and it is hoped that four of these will be ready for settlement in 1949. The work of renovating fences and pastures on approximately 223 acres was continued, and a water-supply scheme has been investigated for the whole area.

Mamaramui (Locality : Dargaville).—Area, 959 acres. Possession date, 1st May, 1945. Subdivision, four farms. Three farms will be balloted shortly, and it is expected that charges will be fixed as at 1st July, 1948. Work carried out during the year included the provision of a water-supply and the erection of buildings.

Mangawai (Locality : Mangawai).—Area, 1,862 acres. Possession date, 7th July, 1935. Subdivision, eight dairy-farms. Development work consisted of regrassing 60 acres of pasture which was damaged by fires and the erection of subdivisional and boundary fences. Six new dwellings were completed and two others commenced, while all cow-sheds and implement-sheds were finished. The eight sections will be balloted in the near future.

Maraetai (Locality : Maraetai).—Area, 3,300 acres. Possession date, 1st August, 1946. Subdivision, not yet finalized. It was hoped that nine sections totalling 1,300 acres would be ready for settlement by July, 1948, but it may not be possible to have the necessary buildings erected, although contracts have been let. During the year a further 1,300 acres were cultivated and sown in permanent pasture, the total area now grassed being approximately 2,300 acres. Approximately 500 acres has been cleared of scrub in preparation for sowing in the autumn of 1949. Boundary and subdivisional fences erected to date total 820 chains, and preliminary work on 360 chains of road has been completed. An area of 30 acres has been set aside as a mill-site. A temporary water-supply has been installed and an electrical reticulation survey of the block made.

Matakohe (Locality : Ruawai).—Area, 1,045 acres. Possession date, 30th September, 1947. Subdivision, four dairy-farms and run-offs for these and an adjoining block (tentative). Work carried out since possession date has been confined to the renewing of boundary fences, reconditioning drains, and the control of tall fescue by mowing and heavy stocking.

Matanuku (Locality : Tokoroa).—Area, 2,945 acres. Possession date, 3rd May, 1940. Subdivision, twenty farms. Two ex-servicemen, who were working on wages during the preceding twelve months, were granted leases from 1st July, 1947. Eight sections were balloted in June, 1947, on fixed charges. Eighteen sections have now been settled. Development work, including erection of buildings, is being carried out on the two remaining sections, one dairy and one sheep, and these should be ready for allotment in 1949.

Mataraua (Locality : Tokoroa).—Area, 334 acres. Possession date, 1st March, 1945. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. Development work having been completed, these sections were allotted on fixed charges in September, 1947.

Mataraua (Homestead).—Area, 160 acres. Possession date, 29th July, 1946. Subdivision not yet been finalized. An ex-serviceman has been milking a herd on wages since November, 1947, and he will be allotted a section when a scheme of subdivision is determined.

Matariki (Locality : Whangarei).—Area, 334 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1945. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. It is expected that the three ex-servicemen who have been working on wages will be allotted their sections from July, 1948.

Approximately 40 chains of new fences were erected and the main pipe-line for the water-supply was renewed. Twenty-five acres were cleared of stone, of which 20 acres was grassed and 5 acres cropped.

Mihi (Locality: Reporoa).—Area, 26,992 acres. Possession date, 1st August, 1938. Subdivision, not finalized. Additional areas were acquired during the year and these will be developed in conjunction with this block. There was excellent growth on all pastures and very heavy yields of hay were obtained. The trial dairy herd milked on shares again maintained a high production level and on one occasion topped the list in the Reporoa group of the Auckland Herd Improvement Association. An investigation into an apparent deficiency trouble on this block was carried out by the Agriculture Department and it was established that there is a deficiency of copper in certain parts of the area. Steps have been taken to remedy this. Shortage of water is a retarding factor in the closer settlement of this area, but the possibility of linking up these blocks eventually in the Reporoa Valley reticulation scheme is under consideration.

Motutapu (Locality: Hauraki Gulf).—Area, 3,606 acres. Subdivision not intended. The areas in crop the previous year were sown down in permanent pasture and a further 90 acres cultivated for crops. Fencing-work consisted of dismantling and re-erecting about 50 chains. Stocking was still arranged with a view to controlling the heavily infested rat-tail pastures, and this has produced good results. An excellent wool crop was obtained and stock generally wintered well.

Ngutuvera (Locality: Tokoroa).—Area, 1,301 acres. Possession date, 3rd March, 1941. Subdivision, not yet finalized. This block has been grazed in conjunction with Matanuku Block.

Okahukura (Locality: Wellsford).—Area, 9,041 acres. Possession date, 5th March, 1945. Subdivision (tentative), twenty-three dairy and five sheep farms. Shortages of materials and labour are the contributing factors influencing development operations. To date 625 acres of established pasture has been renovated and 360 acres of gorse and scrub land has been cleared and cultivated and of this area 200 acres sown in crops. The homestead has been completely renovated and all other farm buildings repaired and painted. An engineering survey has been carried out for the main drainage system and a drag-line excavator engaged to open up approximately 6 miles of drains.

Opou (Locality: Ngatea).—Area, 573 acres. Possession date, 30th June, 1947. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. The formation of the access road was completed by the Public Works Department and is ready for metalling. Since taking possession, 1,020 chains of old fencing has been dismantled, 100 chains repaired and reconditioned, and 698 chains of new fences erected. Five hundred and ten chains of drain bank has been graded and 110 acres of pasture harrowed. On the run-off area of 239 acres, all existing fencing has been renovated, the old cottage dismantled and removed, and the area top-dressed. Both properties have been stocked with cattle from Pouarua, and it is expected that one herd will be milked during the coming season.

Patuamahoe (Locality: Patuamahoe).—Area, 140 acres. Possession date, 31st March, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. This area was grazed during the year and contracts have been let for the erection of buildings. A water-supply is being installed and both sections will be balloted before the commencement of the 1948-49 dairy season.

Pouarua (Locality: Hauraki Plains).—Area, 12,147 acres. Possession date, 10th October, 1937. Subdivision not yet planned. This block includes the Pouarua Block proper, 10,483 acres, a deep-peat area being worked on a long-term development plan; the Kerepehi Block, of 1,605 acres, which is a shallow-peat area now nearly ready for settlement; and an area of 58 acres which is a dairy-farm being used for experiments in mineral deficiency. On the main block most of the work during the year was confined to maintenance of drains, fences, and care of live-stock. About 70 acres of tea-tree swamp was harrowed and burnt and will be sown. The experiments in mineral

deficiency of peat lands is still being carried on by the Animal Research Division of the Department of Agriculture on an area of about 400 acres on this block. These experiments are yielding valuable results. Further experiments are being carried out by the Soil Fertility Branch on small areas of peat land. On the small dairy unit a herd of 42 cows and replacements produced over 10,000 lb. of butterfat. On account of the experiments, no stock is allowed off this section.

Puketurua (Locality: Putaruru).—Area, 540 acres. Possession date, 14th April, 1946. Subdivision, three mixed farms. Three ex-servicemen have been working on wages this season, and it is expected that the sections will be allotted on fixed charges as at 1st July, 1948. The extremely dry conditions which prevailed in February were responsible for a substantial drop in milk-production.

Puriri (Locality: Kaitaia).—Area, 1,403 acres. Possession date, 6th November, 1933. Subdivision not yet finalized. The dry summer of 1947 and a late cold autumn had an adverse effect on the pastures, but the good spring and summer which followed enabled the pastures to make a wonderful recovery. There is now more feed available than has been the case for many years, and the better sward of grass appears to have checked the spread and growth of rushes. In an endeavour to further improve the pastures it is proposed to reduce the number of sheep grazed and replace them with more cattle. The production obtained for the year was satisfactory.

Putiki (Locality: Edgecumbe).—Area, 1,326 acres. Possession date, 28th June, 1946. Subdivision, fourteen dairy-farms. Seven share-milkers have been operating over the whole area and butterfat-production was maintained. The new buildings are practically completed and a ballot for the remaining seven sections will be held shortly. Further internal fencing has to be erected, but it is expected that the charges on all sections will be fixed as at 1st July, 1948.

Riponui (Locality: Whangarei).—Area, 912 acres. Possession dates, 301 acres on 13th December, 1945, and 611 acres on 1st September, 1947. Subdivision, five dairy-farms. The main work carried out during the year was the erection of one house and one set of farm buildings, drain-construction, and erecting new and repairing old fences. One ex-serviceman employed on wages.

Rerehakaiteu (Locality: Rotorua).—Area, 12,067 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1945. Subdivision not yet planned. Maintenance work was carried out on this area and a good swede crop was obtained from 100 acres. A further 100 acres was brought in from the rough and 50 acres was sown in new grass. A heavy yield of hay was harvested from 250 acres and the surplus transferred to other blocks to assist in wintering dairy heifers.

Riverside (Locality: Tangowahine).—Area, 3,967 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1946. Subdivision not yet finalized. A certain amount of progress has been made in overtaking deferred maintenance work on fences and pastures. Approximately 50 acres of the easy scrub country has been sown in permanent pasture and a further 200 acres is being prepared for grassing.

Te Teko (Locality: Edgecumbe).—Area, 399 acres. Possession date, 31st May, 1946. Subdivision, four dairy-farms. All work was completed on this block and the remaining three sections were allotted on fixed charges in July, 1947.

Thompson's (Locality: Kaihere).—Area, 102 acres. Possession date, 24th November, 1944. Single-unit dairy-farm. Has been milked on wages during the past two seasons by an ex-serviceman, and it is expected that his charges will be fixed in July, 1948. Work carried out included the construction of $17\frac{1}{2}$ chains of drains, the erection of 7 chains of new fencing, and widening and deepening $58\frac{1}{2}$ chains of drains.

Tikokopu (Locality: Helensville).—Area, 4,600 acres. Possession date, 9th February, 1945. Subdivision (provisional), seven dairy and six sheep farms. About 300 acres of new grass has been sown this year and a further 250 acres is being prepared for sowing in 1949.

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.

Two excavators have been operating in the district, one on improving the channel of the lower Pongakawa River and the other on the Wharere Canal and Kaikokopu Stream. Over 2 miles of drains were widened and deepened during the year, 18 miles of drains cleaned, and 3 miles 15 chains of fencing repaired. Other work included crushing blackberry and scrub and heavy harrowing of 438 acres, the formation of 21 miles of cattle and access tracks, renewing and erecting bridges, and the control of ragwort and blackberry. The season, on the whole, was a good one and stock came through the winter in good condition. The dry spell after Christmas had little effect in this area and grass was plentiful at the end of the year.

Whenuanui (Locality : Ruawai).—Area, 176 acres. Possession dates, 30th August, 1946, and 9th September, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. All development work has been practically completed, with exception of the buildings, which should be ready in the near future. These sections will be balloted shortly, and it is expected that charges will be fixed as at 1st July 1948.

Whiteside's (Locality : Otakiri).—Area, 97 acres. Possession date, 1st June, 1945. Single-unit dairy-farm. The development work, which included the erection of buildings, fencing, and pasture renovation, was completed. The section was allotted on fixed charges on 1st July, 1947, to the ex-serviceman who had been milking on wages during the previous season.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT, TE KUITI

The current development programme is well in hand, although the shortage of fencing and building materials causes some delay. A further nineteen sections will be balloted shortly.

Arohena Block (Locality : Te Awamutu).—Area, 4,130 acres. One sheep section of 364 acres is being settled by a small-farm settler on 1st July, 1948. Concerning balance of block, 225 acres are to be cultivated, 145 acres to be sown in crops, 80 acres in grass, and 100 acres surface sown during the year. Water-supply is to be extended, and settlement is anticipated of three sections in 1949. Balance indefinite.

Atua Block (Locality : Arapuni).—Balance area, 207 acres comprising two dairy-farms. Development operations were completed, and two ex-servicemen who were milking on a wages basis were established on their holdings as at 1st July, 1947.

Ellicott's Block (Locality : Te Awamutu).—Balance area, 1,029 acres. One sheep section of 415 acres will be settled this year. Settlement of the remainder is being deferred pending the acquisition of additional land which is at present under investigation.

Foss' Block (Locality : Pukeatua).—Area, 438 acres. Subdivision, one dairy and one sheep farm. Approximately 50 acres is to be cultivated and 100 acres surface sown. Water-supply is being improved and extended. It is anticipated that settlement will be effected in 1950.

Henderson's Block (Locality : Otorohanga).—Balance area, 575 acres. The balance of this block has been subdivided into three mixed farms. Drought conditions were experienced, but stock came through in good condition. Development at present being undertaken includes farm buildings, water-supply, fencing, and farm tracks. It is proposed to settle the three subdivisions in 1949.

Kaeaea Block (Locality : Aria).—Area, 1,639 acres. Work during year comprised erection of house, maintenance of fencing, and cultivation. Dry conditions were encountered, but stock emerged in fair condition. A long-term development programme is required for this block and settlement will not be possible for some years.

Kairangi Block (Locality : Cambridge).—Balance area, 320 acres, comprising one sheep-farm. Improvements, including fencing, drainage, and water-supply, were completed, and the ex-serviceman who had been working on the property on a wages basis was established on 1st July, 1947.

Karakariki Block (Locality: Whatawhata).—Balance area, 1,435 acres. This block is one of three originally acquired from the Waikato Land Settlement Society, and to date fourteen settlers have been established thereon. A considerable amount of development work is necessary on the remainder of the block and settlement will not be practicable until 1952.

Kiri Block (Locality: Te Miro).—Area, 699 acres. Acquired, 3rd March, 1948. Proposed subdivision scheme, two dairy and three mixed farms. Development work will include erection of farm buildings, fencing, cultivation, and water-supply. Settlement proposals are two dairy-farms in 1949, two mixed farms in 1950, and one mixed farm in 1952. The property is being managed by an ex-serviceman with a promise of an undefined section.

Kohua Block (Locality: Ngatamahine).—Balance area, 672 acres. Maintenance of fences, sowing down an area of grass, construction of new drains, and widening and deepening existing drains undertaken during the year. Settlement indefinite.

Komakorau Block (Locality: Gordonton).—Balance area, 118 acres. The development operations on the remaining section (dairy) on this block have been completed. The ex-serviceman who has been milking on wages during the year will be allotted the area on fixed charges on 1st July, 1948.

Kuranui Block (Locality: Morrinsville).—Area, 861 acres. Acquired, 31st January, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy and two sheep farms. Farm buildings are being erected and fencing, cultivation, and water-supply installations are being carried out. Settlement of all holdings will be effected in 1949, but if cow-sheds are completed shortly the dairy sections will be balloted and occupied on a wages basis for the 1948-49 season.

Langdon's Block (Locality: Pukeatua).—Balance area, 202 acres. Subdivision, two mixed farms. A wages milker was established on one section last year and development work on the other holding will soon be completed. The wages milker on this holding will be finally settled as at 1st July, 1948.

Maihihi Block (Locality: Maihihi).—Balance area, 335 acres. The balance of this block has been subdivided and regrouped into one dairy and one mixed farm. The small-farm settler who has been milking on the dairy unit will be established on 1st July, 1948. On the mixed farm, development work comprising erection of farm buildings, installation of water-supply, fencing, drainage, and cultivation is being undertaken.

Mangamahoe Block (Locality: Otorohanga).—Balance area, 457 acres. Subdivision, one mixed and one sheep farm. Before settlement can be effected, development comprising farm buildings, fencing, and water-supply will be undertaken. In addition, an area of 27 acres of undeveloped land is to be brought in. It is anticipated that an ex-serviceman will be established on the mixed farm in 1950 and on the sheep unit by 1952.

Mangaorino Block (Locality: Te Kuiti).—Area, 832 acres. Early settlement of this block is not contemplated. Work at present being undertaken includes erection of shearers' accommodation, store-sheds, sheep-dip, and cattle-yards. An area is being cultivated for crops and 66 acres is to be surface sown.

Mangatea Block (Locality: Te Hoe).—Area, 298 acres. Acquired, 4th June, 1947. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. Improvements completed and being completed comprise farm buildings, water-supply, fencing, cultivation, and tracks. Production on this area was maintained and two herds on share-milking basis were milked by two returned servicemen with a promise of an undefined area. It is proposed to establish these two men and another balloted ex-serviceman on these holdings on 1st July, 1948.

Mangati Block (Locality: Pirongia).—Balance area, 542 acres. Consists of two sub-blocks. Puketotara: Balance of this sub-block is one dairy section of 102 acres on which all improvements have been completed. It will be settled by ballot on 1st July, 1948. Te Tahi: Contains 440 acres of partly developed land. Access to centre and southern portion of property has yet to be carried out. Settlement is indefinite.

Mapara Block (Locality, Te Kuiti).—Balance area, 5,355 acres. A big development programme is necessary before settlement of block can be effected. This includes fencing, water-supply, drainage, roading, and the erection of farm buildings. Early settlement is not envisaged, but it may be possible to establish four ex-servicemen on sections within the next three years.

Maungakawa Block (Locality: Cambridge).—Area, 958 acres. Acquired, 1st October, 1946. To be subdivided into two sheep-farms. It is anticipated that development operations will be completed in time to enable the two sections to be settled in 1949. The property is being managed by an ex-serviceman with the promise of an undefined section.

Ngatamahine Block (Locality: Wairere).—Balance area, 3,353 acres. The subdivisional scheme for the balance of this block has not yet been finalized. A considerable amount of development work is still to be undertaken and early settlement is not envisaged. Despite drought conditions, stock came through the season very satisfactorily and production was equal to that obtained the previous year.

Nilson's Block (Locality: Waimiha).—Area, 604 acres. This property, which is uneconomic and in an isolated position, has been carrying dry stock only. In view of these factors, the property was sold to an adjoining settler in April of 1947.

Ohakune Block (Locality: Ohakune).—Area, 1,087 acres. Subdivision, five mixed farms. All improvements on the block, which included farm buildings, fencing, water-supply, and cultivation, were completed early in 1947, and four ex-servicemen and one civilian small-farm settler were established in July of that year.

Oniao Block (Locality: Aria).—Area, 777 acres. Acquired, 30th April, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. It is anticipated that settlement will be effected in 1950. During the year fencing was erected and a farm track formed. Work to be completed includes four buildings, 600 chains fencing, 150 acres to be reconditioned, and drains to be widened and deepened.

Oparure Block (Locality: Te Kuiti).—Area, 1,939 acres. Acquired, 19th March, 1947. The property will be subdivided into sheep-farms. Development work during the last twelve months included the erection of farm buildings, renovation of 140 chains of fencing and the cultivation of 90 acres. An adequate water-supply for this block is a problem and settlement is not anticipated for some years.

Owaikura Block (Locality: Otorohanga).—Area, 446 acres. Acquired, 1st August, 1947. Subdivision, three dairy and one mixed farm. A considerable amount of development work is to be undertaken on the block, including farm buildings, water-supply, fencing, cultivation, drainage, and formation of farm tracks. Two dairy sections will be ready for settlement by ex-servicemen on 1st July, 1948.

Pamotu Block (Locality: Wharepuhunga).—Area, 1,869 acres. Acquired, 1st March, 1948. It is planned to subdivide area into five mixed and three sheep farms. Development, including farm buildings and fencing, will be undertaken. Anticipate settling five mixed and one sheep unit in 1949 or 1950.

Paratu Block (Locality: Walton).—Balance area, 1,891 acres. Acquired, 1st October, 1943. Subdivision, thirteen mixed and one sheep section. On 1st July, 1947, one settler was established and seven were allotted sections on a wages basis. As all improvements, comprising buildings, fencing, water-supply and regrassing, have been completed on the seven holdings, these settlers will have their charges fixed as from 1st July, 1948. It is proposed to ballot two more mixed farms on wages during the 1948-49 season. Further development is required on the remaining sections (three mixed and one sheep), but it is anticipated these will be ready for settlement in 1949-50.

Parau Block (Locality, Oparau).—Area, 692 acres. Acquired, April, 1947. Subdivision, one dairy, two mixed, and one sheep farm. Before settlement can be effected a considerable amount of development work has to be undertaken. This comprises erection of farm buildings, fencing, installation of water-supply, formation of farm tracks,

and the reconditioning of 50 acres of pasture. It is estimated that ex-servicemen will be established on the four sections in 1951. The property is being managed by an ex-serviceman with a promise of an undefined section.

Piha Block (Locality : Te Kuiti).—Area, 26 acres. Used mainly as a holding paddock and has been stocked for control purposes. The property was recently disposed of to an ex-serviceman for the purpose of a home and farmlet.

Piko Block (Locality : Cambridge).—Area, 104 acres. Acquired, 14th February, 1947. Ex-serviceman was established on 1st July, 1947.

Piu Block (Locality : Mapiu).—Balance area, 5,981 acres. A considerable amount of boundary fencing has been rebuilt during the last twelve months, 500 acres has been surface sown, and farm tracks formed. Drought conditions affected stock (with a resultant low percentage of fat beasts). Settlement is not contemplated until pastures as a whole are more permanently established.

Punga Punga Block (Locality : Taumarunui).—Area, 617 acres. Acquired, 1st August, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Improvements effected and being effected include erection of farm buildings, fencing, and reconditioning of pastures. Sections will be settled on fixed charges during 1948-49 season. The property is at present being managed by an ex-serviceman with the promise of an undefined section.

Pururu Block (Locality : Rangitoto).—Balance area, 1,731 acres. The balance of the block, of which a portion will be bush reserve, will be subdivided into three sheep-farms, subject to additional land being acquired, but the actual date of settlement is uncertain.

Raetihi Block (Locality : Raetihi).—Balance area, 1,767 acres. The balance of this block has been subdivided into seven sheep-farms and development of these areas is well in hand. It is anticipated that the holdings will be settled by ex-servicemen in 1949.

Rangarangai Block (Locality : Taumarunui).—Balance, 774 acres. Four sheep and four dairy sections have been settled to date. Additional land required to make two sheep units from balance.

Rumbles' Block (Locality : Pukeatua).—Area, 379 acres. Good progress was made with development work this year and the operations included the erection of cow-shed, internal fencing, installation of water-supply, and sowing down 28 acres in permanent pasture. This is a mixed farm and will be settled by ballot in July, 1948.

Tahaia Block (Locality : Otorohanga).—Area, 770 acres. In three sub-blocks. Work undertaken during the year on the 105-acre area (known as Cooper's Sub-block) includes clearing, cultivation, sowing 14 acres in grass, constructing drains, and erecting implement-shed. Additional land is required to make this sub-block economic. The second sub-block contains 556 acres of unimproved land and settlement is indefinite. The remaining property of 109 acres, which has been recently acquired, is also undeveloped, but will eventually make one dairy unit. It is anticipated that this farm will be ready for settlement in 1951.

Tapuwae Block (Locality : Poro-o-torao).—Area, 3,328 acres. Development during the past year included maintenance of fences, stumping and levelling 400 acres, and sowing 40 acres in new grass. The stock are in good condition. Owing to a mineral deficiency in the soil, the use of cobalt in manures and stock-licks is essential to maintain the stock in good health. Settlement not possible at present owing to special management problems and isolated nature of locality.

Tauhei Block (Locality : Tauhei).—Area, 200 acres. Acquired, June, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. One section was balloted on a wages basis last year, and as all improvements thereon have been completed will be allotted on fixed charges on 1st July, 1948. Pastures require renewing on the remaining section, the swamp portion of which was badly burnt, and it will be balloted on a wages basis for 1948-49 season.

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 Puninga 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.

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.

COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, AUCKLAND

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.

COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, GISBORNE

Hihiroroa Farm Settlement (Locality: Rere).—Area, 4,476 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1947. Will settle five ex-servicemen on sheep and cattle units. Manager is ex-serviceman with promise of section, and two ex-servicemen have been allotted undefined sections on wages.

Hiwiniui Farm Settlement (Locality: Rere).—Area, 7,358 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1947. To be subdivided into six sheep holdings. Manager is ex-serviceman with promise of section, and four undefined sections have been allotted to ex-servicemen on wages.

Karewa Farm Settlement (Locality: Ruatoria).—Area, 1,780 acres. Acquired, 1st May, 1946. To be subdivided into two sheep and two dairy holdings. Manager ex-serviceman with promise of section. One other ex-serviceman on wages with promise of allotment. Two sheep subdivisions will be available in July, 1948.

Kohanga Farm Settlement (Locality: Manutuke, near Gisborne).—Area, 30 acres. Acquired, 30th March, 1946. This area was acquired for the training and settlement of four ex-servicemen for growing sub-tropical fruits. The training has been completed, and charges are being fixed for 1948-49 season.

Mangapeka Farm Settlement (Locality: Tolaga Bay).—Area, 596 acres. Acquired, 15th September, 1946. This block is to be subdivided into six dairy-farms, but still requires considerable development before settlement can be effected.

Paingā Farm Settlement (Locality: Wairoa).—Area, 2,950 acres. Acquired, 2nd July, 1945. Five hundred and seventy acres of standing bush has been reserved. The balance area will make two sheep units. Two ex-servicemen are on wages with promises of allotments and charges will be fixed for 1948-49 season.

St. Leger Farm Settlement (Locality: Hangarua).—Area, 5,681 acres. Acquired, 4th June, 1946. To be subdivided into four sheep-farms, but requires extensive development before units can be settled.

Te Wera Farm Settlement (Locality: Matawai).—Area, 9,922 acres. Acquired, 1927. Has been developed and run as sheep and cattle station. It is expected to subdivide into five sheep units. Three ex-servicemen are on wages with promises of allotments.

Waikoko Farm Settlement (Locality: Waerenga-o-kuri).—Area, 6,386 acres. Acquired, 14th February, 1947. To be subdivided into seven sheep and cattle units. Ex-serviceman manager is in charge with promise of section, and three undefined sections have been balloted by ex-servicemen on wages.

Whakamaru Farm Settlement (Locality: Opotiki).—Area, 400 acres. Acquired, 20th June, 1945. Subdivided into four mixed dairy and sheep farms, and all sections have been allotted to ex-servicemen on wages. It is expected to have the settlement of this property completed by July, 1948.

Huinga Farm Settlement (Locality: Wairoa).—Area, 1,852 acres. Acquired, February, 1948. Will be subdivided into two sheep and one dairy farm. At present managed by ex-serviceman with promise of section.

Manararoa Farm Settlement (Locality: Ruakituri).—Area, 8,169 acres. Acquired, May, 1947. Four sheep sections have been allotted to four ex-servicemen.

Mangawehi Farm Settlement (Locality: Hangarua).—Area, 1,348 acres. Acquired, 25th February, 1948. A single-unit sheep-farm.

Rakaukaka Farm Settlement (Locality: Manutuke).—Area, 1,625 acres. Acquired, 27th February, 1948.

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Ahuriri Lagoon (Locality : Napier).—Area, 7,755 acres. Development of this area was commenced in 1934. As in the past, all sheep came off the shears in excellent order and some very good sales of fat wethers were made in the early part of the season. The number of lambs fattened was a record in the history of the block. The supplementary crops of cattle, pumpkins, and mangels were again satisfactory, and these were fed out with the lucerne baled from the 60 acres on the property. A three-year development period has been formulated which aims to lay down in permanent pasture 500 acres each year and provides for at least three dairy units on the heavier country at the end of that period. A settlement comprising ten market-garden units ranging from 8 acres to 11 acres has been established on the northern end. These ex-servicemen settlers, who are at present on temporary tenancies, are making good progress considering their short period of occupancy.

Bushy Range (Locality : Waipukurau).—Area, 2,511 acres. Acquired, 25th March, 1948. This property will provide three sheep-farms.

Glenalvon (Locality : Tikokino).—Area, 1,242 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1948. Will give four sheep sections.

Gawrie (Locality : Waipukurau).—Area, 1,859 acres. Three hundred and eighty-one acres have been acquired and added to the original 1,479 acres. Development has been delayed by shortage of materials, particularly fencing-wire, and difficulty in letting building contracts.

Grasmere (Locality : Havelock North).—Area, 81 acres. Acquired, June, 1947. Subdivided into six economic orchards. The sections were balloted and allotted immediately the Crown took possession and the development programme is now practically complete, four houses and implement-sheds being under construction and an artesian water-supply for each section being provided. The settlers grade and pack in a community packing-shed, and the cultivation and spraying is run on the same basis.

Hampden (Locality : Tikokino).—Area, 929 acres. Acquired, 4th February, 1947. The development programme, except for housing, is nearing completion. Fencing programme is completed and the water scheme is well under way. Will make two sheep units.

Hakowhai (Locality : Puketapu).—Area, 1,637 acres. Acquired, 28th March, 1945. Subdivided into two sheep units. Development on this block is now completed and the sections will be balloted at an early date.

Hendley (Locality : Patoka).—Area, 4,398 acres. This farm settlement was allotted to the five settlers on fixed charges during the year.

Kaheka (Locality : Tutira).—Area, 10,505 acres. Development is steadily going ahead. A new wool-shed was completed and a new swim dip. Some 208 chains of new fencing were erected. Due to a heavy coverage of scrub over a large portion of the run, rabbit infestation remains serious, but this is gradually being brought under control. Future developmental work provides for a considerable distance of bulldozed tracks intended to open up the back country and so facilitate the distribution of supplies to scrub-cutting operations on the block.

Kakariki (Locality : Kotemaori).—Area, 19,213 acres. Development comprises giant disking of second-growth country, using this and adjacent cleared country as a base for future development operations. The rabbit menace remains serious, but strenuous efforts are being made to control the pest.

Kokomoko (Locality : Wallingford).—Area, 951 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1947. Subdivided into two sheep units. Little development work remains to be done except for the erection of one dwelling, renovations to existing homestead, approximately 120 chains of fencing, and the installation of a small water-supply.

Makarini (Locality : Hastings).—Area, 1,673 acres (approximately). Acquired, 3rd March, 1947. Subdivided into five sheep-farms. The development work on this block is well under way, all the fencing except one section subdivision being completed and the water-supply is nearing completion. A contract has been let for demolition and removal of surplus buildings, and the salvaged materials will be used in the erection of implement-sheds on other parts of the block. Three dwellings have yet to be built and two existing cottages renovated. This block was affected by the drought during the summer and early autumn, but has made a good recovery. One hundred and ten acres have been laid down in new grass.

Miller (Locality : Hastings).—Area, 11 acres. Balloted on fixed charges during the year for orchard settlement. Development work included the building of a dwelling and implement-shed, and the construction of a water-supply pumped from an artesian bore has been completed.

Mokara (Locality : Tutira).—Area, 1,723 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1948. With development, this property is anticipated to provide two dairy-farms. Some very rough country at the back will be utilized with an adjacent abandoned Crown leasehold property for soil conservation and afforestation purposes.

Mount Cameron (Locality : Puketapu).—Area, 2,009 acres. Subdivided into three sheep units. Housing contracts have been let and the water-supply is completed. Three hundred acres of scrub have been cut, and when manure becomes available this area will be top-dressed and subterranean clover sown. Approximately 30 chains of new fencing has been erected and a considerable distance renovated.

Omarunui (Locality : Fernhill).—Area, 1,510 acres (approximately). This property was acquired during February, 1948, and is expected to subdivide into nine dairy units and one sheep unit. There are no buildings on the block, but little development beyond buildings, water-supply, and fencing is anticipated.

Oringi (Locality : Oringi).—Area, 344 acres. The development of this area into three dairy units is practically complete and it is anticipated that they will be disposed of on fixed charges by 30th June, 1948.

Pukeatua (Locality : Dannevirke).—Area, 4,151 acres. Subdivided into five sheep units. Development practically completed and charges will be fixed for 1948–49 season.

Raupare (Locality : Hastings).—Area, 47 acres. Possession will be taken in June, 1948. It is anticipated that the block will provide three orchard units, and approximately 10 acres will be added to Twyford Farm Settlement to help that subdivision. Two houses and two artesian water-supplies will be required.

Rakaiaia (Locality : Makotuku).—Area, 1,629 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1948. It is anticipated the block will provide five sheep units. A full range of buildings as well as water-supplies and a considerable distance of new fencing will be required.

Rawhiti (Locality : Napier).—Area, 2,144 acres. Acquired, 22nd February, 1946. Settlement of this area has been retarded by the inability to get contractors to erect buildings; however, the contracts are now well under way. Rabbit infestation is very serious in this area, but now gradually coming under control. Over a mile of internal roading has been reformed and reconstructed and a comprehensive water scheme has been completed on the southern area. Approximately 35 acres originally in heavy scrub have been giant disked to be sown in grass mixture this autumn. It is anticipated the block will be balloted as soon as buildings are completed.

Salisbury (Locality : Maraekakaho).—Area, 1,500 acres. Acquired, 19th August, 1946. Subdivided into three sheep-farms. Settlement of this area has been held up pending the erection of buildings. Seventy acres of pastures laid down this year. The subdivisional fencing is practically completed.

Te Awa (Locality: Waipukurau).—Area, 3,869 acres. Acquired, 5th February, 1948. This will be a fairly-long-term development programme to provide five sheep units. One hundred and twenty acres have been sown down in new grass, and it is proposed to sow 300 acres in crop this spring. Power is being connected to the block and a power water-supply is being investigated. A very extensive fencing and scrub-cutting programme is envisaged.

Te Roto (Locality: Takapau).—Area, 1,404 acres. Four sheep units. Two sections have been allotted on permanent tenure. The development on the remaining two has been completed and the sections will be balloted on fixed charges immediately.

Twyford (Locality: Hastings).—Area, 103 acres. Acquired, March, 1947. Subdivided into two dairy units. To give a better subdivision, approximately 10 acres is being added from an adjoining property. A contract has been let for the installation of water-supplies, and repair work on fencing has been completed.

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Ball Road Farm Settlement, near Patea.—Area, 436 acres. Acquired, June, 1947. Five dairying units. Five ex-servicemen in possession on share-milking basis with promises of allotment. Development completed and charges should be fixed for 1948-49 season.

Fraser Road Farm Settlement, near Eltham.—Area, 96½ acres. One unit for dairying. Possession, 1st May, 1947. One ex-serviceman settled as share-milker with promise of section. Development completed and charges should be completed for 1948-49 season.

Normanby Farm Settlement, near Normanby.—Area, 174½ acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1947. Two dairy units. One ex-serviceman as share-milker with promise of a section. Development completed and remaining section will be allotted in July, 1948.

Okato Farm Settlement, Okato.—Area, 211 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1947. Two dairying-units. Ex-serviceman share-milker with promise of a section. Development should be completed in time for allotment in July, 1948.

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The preparation of blocks for settlement has not progressed as well as was hoped, as development has been held up by shortages of labour and materials. The most serious shortage is in supplies of fencing-wire, while the delay in erection of buildings, especially on isolated blocks, is a contributing factor.

All blocks came through the winter well and stock were forward. The exceptionally dry summer has had an adverse effect on both stock and crops. Wintering of stock will be affected, while winter crops have in some cases already been used and hay is in keen demand.

Wheat grown in the Turakina district suffered badly from rust, resulting in very poor yields; ravaging by the white butterfly and the aphid on swede and chou moellier crops has been severe.

In spite of drought conditions it has not been found necessary to sacrifice any great numbers of stock in store condition—the acquisition of new blocks has in this respect helped considerably.

Awawaro (Locality: Kimbolton).—Area, 5,117 acres. Purchased, 30th April, 1947. Subdivision, seven sheep-farms. Development comprises cutting tea-tree scrub, fencing, stumping, and erection of buildings. About 250 acres of scrub has been cut. The country is fairly hard and about four to five years' work will be necessary before settlement can safely be assured.

Awatea (Locality : Tinui).—Area, 5,931 acres. Three thousand one hundred and ninety-six acres were purchased on 28th February, 1945, and 2,735 acres were added on 11th March, 1948. Subdivision is now five sheep units. Development consists mainly of fencing, scrub-cutting, and new buildings. It is hoped that two units will be allotted on fixed charges this season, the balance to be settled in 1949.

Cherrybank (Locality : Wanganui).—Area, 384 acres. Purchased, 29th March, 1946. Subdivision, three dairy units (town supply), with some sheep. This was almost a derelict property when purchased, having reverted to scrub, gorse, and other noxious weeds, with a tremendous crop of variegated thistle menacing the district. An energetic development programme has been carried out, consisting of draining, cultivation, fencing, water-supplies, and erection of buildings. Three town-supply herds are being milked by the three ballotees who are installed on defined sections. Charges are to be fixed at commencement of next dairy season.

Fairmont (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 538 acres. Purchased, 28th February, 1948. One fat-lamb unit. Requires only the building of house, implement-shed, and some fencing. Section has been balloted and will be finally settled in 1949.

Hurepo (Locality : Linton).—Area, 1,361 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep units. The development programme consisted of new fencing, renovation to existing buildings, grubbing of scattered gorse, erection of one new house, new implement-shed, sheep-yards, and renovation to wool-shed. Two ex-servicemen on wages, and charges will be fixed shortly.

Ihakara (Locality : Levin).—Area, 561 acres. Purchased, 31st May, 1946. Subdivisions, one dairy unit and one mixed dairy with sheep. The development programme has been completed and charges will be fixed in time for the 1947-48 season. The development programme consisted of one new dwelling, one new cow-shed and implement-shed, cutting 224 acres scattered scrub and tawhini, roading, water-supply, and sheep-yards.

Kahu (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 380 acres. Purchased, June, 1945. Single sheep unit. Development comprised new dwelling, stables, fencing, sheep-yards, water-supply, and a small wool-shed. Final settlement will be effected for next season.

Kaimatarau (Locality : Rongotea).—Area, 319 acres. Purchased, 31st October, 1946. Subdivision, five dairy-farms. Development comprised new buildings, draining, regrassing, fencing, reticulating water-supply, and roading. Three heifer herds were milked this season. Charges will be fixed in readiness for the coming season.

Karere (Locality : Longburn).—Area, 203 acres. Purchased, 1st July, 1946. Subdivisions, three dairy units. The development programme consisted of renovating homestead, two new cow-sheds, and implement-sheds, fencing, tile draining of some 60 acres, internal roading, and reticulating water. The three settlers are already on the property on defined sections, and charges are now being fixed for the coming season.

Karhatau (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 1,554 acres. Purchased, 6th March, 1947. Subdivisions, two sheep units. This property was settled during the season.

Konewa (Locality : Pohangina Valley).—Area, 1,836 acres. Purchased, 27th February, 1948. Will subdivide into two sheep units. Development comprises some fencing, reticulation of water-supply, a new dwelling, implement-shed, and renovations to shearers' quarters. Charges should be fixed in time for the 1949-50 season.

Kotuku (Locality : Marton).—Area, 480 acres. Purchased, 30th November, 1945. The development plan has been completed apart from the mole draining, which was delayed owing to the dry spring. The area is divided into three dairy units and one sheep unit. Housing, cow-sheds, earth dams, fencing, and draining have been carried out, and the pastures have been well limed and top-dressed. All settlers are on the property, and charges should be fixed in readiness for the coming season.

Makirikiri (Locality : Turakina).—Area, 1,453 acres. Purchased in several pieces; initial purchase was made 28th November, 1946. Subdivisions, six fat-lamb units; and two areas of 74 acres and 50 acres approximately were allotted to adjoining ex-servicemen farmers with uneconomic areas. Two dwellings and implement-sheds have been erected, whilst the homestead is to be renovated and two more dwellings erected. It is aimed to fix charges in time for the 1949–50 season. Sections will be balloted as new houses become available.

Manchester (Locality : Feilding).—Area, 152 acres. Purchased, 29th February, 1947. Subdivisions, two dairy units. Some difficulty experienced in letting the building contracts has caused delay in settlement. Settlement to be effected as soon as buildings are ready.

Mount Stewart (Locality : Rongotea).—Area, 767 acres. Purchased, 28th May, 1947. Will be divided into three fat-lamb units and two dairy-farms. One cottage has been moved and is almost re-erected, two cow-sheds and two implement-sheds are under way, and the contract for the new dwellings has been let. Access tracks have been formed, fencing is being erected, and everything is in train for settlement for the 1949–50 season.

Milson (Locality : Palmerston North).—Area, 347 acres. Purchased, 1st October, 1945. Subdivisions, five dairy-farms, and 58 acres to the Disabled Servicemen's Re-establishment League for farm-training purposes. Charges have been fixed and the five ballotees took over their sections during the season.

Newton Lee (Locality : Wanganui).—Area, 3,143 acres. Acquired, 4th June, 1947. Some 1,200 acres of sand-drifts interspersed with lupins and marram grass with rough feed in between. Scheme of subdivision has been deferred in order that the various problems arising from consolidated sand country can be thoroughly investigated. The tentative scheme allows for the establishment of two fat-lamb units, two dairy units, one sheep unit, and a longer-range policy for the development of the sand country towards the coast. Some 3,000 ewes are carried. Fencing-wire is one of the needs to enable development work to proceed.

Ngai (Locality : Makeraua).—Area, 231 acres. Purchased, 1st July, 1947. Subdivision, three dairy units. The area was originally all swamp in flax, and when acquired was badly infested with tall fescue, and covered with cabbage-trees, stumps, and some blackberry. Some 85 acres has been stumped, ploughed, and cultivated, and is now ready for sowing in grass. A series of drains were put in with a Bay City scoop. Buildings will not be erected until more consolidation is effected. A further two years will elapse before this good land is ready for settlement.

Nireaha (Locality : Eketahuna).—Area, 197 acres. Purchased, 29th October, 1946. Subdivision, two dairy units. Development, which consisted of building one house and one cow-shed and some fencing, draining, and water reticulation, is complete. Both ballotees are on the property and charges will be fixed for 1948–49 season.

Okapea (Locality : Hihitahi).—Area, 3,198 acres. Purchased, 28th February, 1947. The scheme allows for six sheep units with a small additional area to be purchased. An ex-serviceman is manager with a right to an undefined section, and three ex-servicemen ballotees are also on the block. Considerable difficulty is being encountered in letting the building contracts owing to access. Some 60 chains of new roading is in process of formation. Fencing-timber has been split in readiness for fencing-wire when it becomes available. Seven earth dams were constructed and some 27 acres stumping was carried out by bulldozer contract, and one bridge was built. Should be settled 1949–50.

Opiki (Location : Opiki).—Area, 81 acres. Purchased, 15th May, 1946. Single-unit dairy-farm. The development programme was completed last June, and the area was handed over to the ex-serviceman ballotee on the 1st July, 1947.

Pukihikura (Locality : Rewa).—Area, 2,024 acres. Purchased, 7th August, 1946. Subdivisions, three sheep-farms. The development programme comprising new dwelling, renovations to existing buildings, extensive fencing, internal roading, and some metalling is almost completed, and charges are now being fixed in readiness for handing over.

Paruruai (Locality : Martinborough).—Area, 7,724 acres. Purchased, 25th February, 1946. Subdivision, six sheep units. Normal farming operations have been carried on in conjunction with limited development work. Roading difficulties have now been overcome and the new access road and ford across the river to the eastern portion is completed. One new house and implement-shed have been erected, but further progress towards settlement depends on the availability of wire. Final disposal will probably not be before 1950.

Pokaka (Locality : Moawhango).—Area, 2,319 acres. Purchased, 20th February, 1947. Subdivisions, three sheep units. The development programme consisted mainly of fencing, tracking, and erecting of sheep-yards, and is practically finished. Charges will be fixed and the areas handed over before the end of June, 1948.

Pongarua (Locality : Pongarua).—Area, 12,519 acres. Purchased, 3rd March, 1948. Subdivision scheme has not yet been finalized, but will probably cut into twelve sheep units and one mixed unit. Four undefined sections are being balloted forthwith to provide labour. Final settlement will take at least three years.

Pukehou (Locality : Bulls).—Area, 1,220 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy units and one fat-lamb unit. It is hoped to fix charges in time for the coming season.

Pukemii (Locality : Ohakea).—Area, 212 acres. This area was handed over by the aerodrome authorities, being surplus to their requirements. The area will subdivide into two dairy units. The programme should be completed on 1st July, 1949.

Rangitane (Locality : Opiki, Palmerston North).—Area, 259 acres. Purchased in two parts, 31st March, 1947, and 1st June, 1947. Subdivisions, four dairy units. Three new houses with cow-sheds and implement-sheds have been erected, two new bores sunk, fencing erected, draining completed, one dairy herd of 60 heifers was milked, and balance of property was cleaned up with sheep and bullocks. Three units are now being balloted, in order to hand over each section on fixed charges at the 1st July, 1948.

Rata (Locality : Rata).—Area, 1,050 acres. Purchased, 6th March, 1946, and 22nd March, 1948. Subdivisions, seven dairy-farms and one sheep unit. A considerable area has been cleared of stumps and approximately 160 acres has been regrassed. About 100 acres was sown in wheat this year, the yield being 33 bushels per acre. Endeavours are being made to fix charges on four dairy sections on 1st July, 1948. Two houses and implement-sheds have been erected. A large earth dam of 3,200,000 gallons capacity has been completed, and arrangements are in hand to reticulate as soon as piping comes to hand.

Raukawa (Location : Palmerston North).—Area, 190 acres. Purchased, 18th March, 1947. One fat-lamb unit. Development has been completed and charges are to be fixed for next season.

Riverdale (Location : Linton).—Area, 398 acres. Purchased, 25th March, 1948. Subdivision, five dairy units. Development comprises five new houses, five cow-sheds, five implement-sheds, new fencing, and reticulation of water. A little roading will be required and an extension of power lines for the new buildings. Settlement is aimed for 1949.

Ruamahanga (Location : Carterton).—Area, 4,358 acres. Two thousand three hundred and eleven acres purchased 29th March, 1946; 2,047 acres added on 28th February, 1948. Subdivision, six fat-lamb units, two dairy, and one mixed. One dairy unit was allotted on fixed charges in October, 1947, while the second will be settled for the 1948-49 season. Development has consisted of repairing fences, drainage, and erection of buildings. Final settlement should be completed by 1950.

Tablelands (Location : Martinborough).—Area, 4,191 acres. Purchased, 31st March, 1948. Subdivision, six sheep units. This is a hilly block requiring considerable access roading. A full range of buildings is required for the six units. Final settlement will take three years.

Tangimoana (Locality : Tangimoana, 22 miles from Palmerston North).—Area, 5,664 acres. This is a portion of a larger area which abounds the west coast, and comprises sand-dunes with marram and lupins and a pine plantation of some 900 acres. Some 117 acres is in grass, and a further area of approximately 65 acres has been brought in out of the rough swamp, ploughed, cultivated, and sown in grass, and about 115 chains of new draining and widening of existing drains has been completed. A large area of this land is suitable for development, but adequate supplies of fencing-material will have to be on hand first in order to keep stock from loose sand and planted areas.

Taueru (Location : Taueru, Masterton).—Area, 2,026 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1948. Subdivision, two fat-lamb and one store-sheep unit. Needs only a set of buildings for each section and some fencing. Access road is expected to be completed before the winter, enabling the building programme to proceed. Final settlement should be completed during 1949.

Taurua (Location : Pahiataua).—Area, 1,623 acres. Purchased, 28th February, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep units. Development has comprised renovation of both dwellings and both wool-sheds and rebuilding of boundary fences and some new subdivisional fencing. Property is in good condition in spite of drought conditions over the summer, and charges will be fixed this year.

Tawau (Locality : Kiwitea, Kimbolton).—Area, 441 acres. Purchased, 29th March, 1946. Subdivisions, three dairy units. The development programme was completed in time for the 1947-48 season, and charges were fixed and the properties, with stock, were handed to the three settlers.

Te Horo (Locality : Te Horo).—Area, 668 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1948. One mixed dairy and fat-lamb unit and four dairy-farms are proposed. Roading, housing, draining, fencing, and reticulation of water necessary to be effected prior to settlement.

Te Maiipi (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 2,724 acres. Purchased, 28th February, 1945. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. Development of the block was completed and final settlement effected during the year.

Tikitapu (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 4,774 acres. Purchased, 27th June, 1946. Subdivision, four sheep units. Development has consisted mainly of a comprehensive building programme which has been carried out by this Department on wages and using rehabilitation trainees—result has been one new house and two new wool-sheds, all built out of salvage. Charges will be fixed on all four sections this year.

Turakina (Locality : Turakina).—Area, 251 acres. Purchased, 18th April, 1946. Subdivision, two dairy units. Development programme consisting of one new house, repairs to homestead, two new cow-sheds, new fencing, gorse-grubbing, water-supply almost completed. Both settlers to take over on fixed charges on 1st July, 1948.

Upoko (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 3,515 acres. Purchased, 31st March, 1947. It is proposed, with the addition of adjoining land, to settle three ex-servicemen on sheep units, with one small portion to go to an adjoining owner. Block comprises easy hill country—considerable rabbit infestation. Block should be finally disposed of this year.

Wainuioru (Location : Gladstone).—Area, 5,493 acres. Purchased, 1st March, 1946. Subdivision, seven sheep units. Developments consisted of a full range of buildings for six units and considerable fencing. A road has been commenced through the southern portion of the block. Progress is sufficiently advanced for two units to be settled this year, and the balance during 1949 and 1950.

Waiohine (Locality : Greytown).—Area, 268 acres. Subdivision, one dairy unit, and four small-fruit units. Charges have been fixed on the dairy-unit, four fruit units, and two workers' home units. Three fruit units have been allotted

Waipara (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 1,176 acres. Purchased, 9th February, 1948. One sheep unit. Development consists of one new house and implement-shed, fencing, and water reticulation. Final settlement will be effected next year. Ex-serviceman is in occupation on wages basis.

Wairepu (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 1,621 acres. Purchased, 23rd February, 1948. Subdivision, two sheep units. The fencing generally is in a very bad state and an extensive programme will be necessary. Two new houses, implement-sheds, and renovated wool-shed are necessary. The country is mostly of a papa formation, with sandstone in parts. About 100 acres has reverted to tea-tree. Settlement probably by 1950.

Whareroa (Location : Paekakariki).—Area, approximately 2,413 acres. Various areas have been added to the block from time to time, being mostly areas occupied under the Defence Emergency Regulations. The block comprises mostly flat and sandhill country with about 500 acres of steep hill country. This block is not at present available for settlement of ex-servicemen, but is farmed as a dairy unit on portion of the flats and sheep on the balance. No development work is being undertaken meantime, but renovation of fences and drains, reticulation of water for the dairying, and grubbing of lupins. An ex-serviceman milks on a share basis. The total area includes areas which are available for grazing only.

COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, BLENHEIM

Development is proceeding on all areas as rapidly as possible, consistent with the difficulties experienced in obtaining fencing-materials and having buildings erected.

Acondale Farm Settlement (Locality : Waihopai - Avon Valley).—Area, 21,939 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, four sheep units. Ex-serviceman manager has been appointed with right to an undefined section.

Claverley Farm Settlement (Locality : Claverley).—Area, 3,710 acres. Acquired, March, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep units. Two sections were allotted on fixed charges in September, 1947, and remaining sections will be allotted on fixed charges in April, 1948. Only development completed was construction of three farm tracks and fencing of new boundary.

Craiglockhart Farm Settlement (Locality : Waihopai Valley).—Area, 7,915 acres. Acquired, March, 1947. Subdivision, three sheep units. The main development on this block comprises regrassing, a considerable amount of new fencing, new cattle-yards, and new buildings. Progress on regrassing has been satisfactory, but final settlement will depend on fencing-material being available. It is anticipated that settlement will be effected in March, 1950.

Dashwood Farm Settlement (Locality : Seddon).—Area, 6,410 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, one sheep unit and two mixed sheep and cropping units. The main development will comprise the erection of three houses, three implement-sheds, two wool-sheds, regrassing, fencing, and water-supplies. A manager has been appointed with right to undefined section. Sections will be offered for ballot on completion of buildings.

Davidson's Block (Locality : Kaikoura).—Area, 54 acres. Acquired, October, 1946. Single-unit dairy-farm. Development work comprising drainage, fencing, water-supply, and farm tracks was carried out. During the season a herd of 23 cows is being milked. Contract for milking-shed and an implement-shed have been let, and contract for house is being negotiated. For allotment on fixed charges in August, 1948, provided buildings completed.

Elms Farm Settlement (Locality : Kaikoura).—Area 2,020 acres. Acquired, August, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy units and one sheep unit. Development work has been completed with the exception of minor work to water-supplies, fencing, and the conversion of an existing building to a wool-shed. Renovations to two houses were carried out and also the erection of a third house. All three sections for allotment on fixed charges for 1948–49 season to ex-servicemen working on wages with promise of allotments. Old homestead area to be disposed of separately.

Estate G. M. Harris' Block (Locality : Kenepuru Sound).—Area, 1,384 acres. Acquired and disposed of, December, 1947. Single sheep unit. No development.

Greenhills Farm Settlement (Locality : Kaikoura).—Area, 4,909 acres. Acquired, March, 1944. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Substantial progress has been made on regrassing, renewal of fencing, erection of new buildings, and stock-yards. For allotment on fixed charges in March, 1949. One ex-serviceman on wages with promise of allotment.

Molesworth.—Area, 239,600 acres. Mild weather conditions were experienced during the winter months, but heavy snow in late September followed by considerable rain and flooding continued until the end of November. Since then drought conditions have been experienced.

No major development works have been undertaken during the year, the employees being engaged chiefly in the care of stock and in rabbiting. Good results have been obtained, although the rabbit pest continues to persist in some localities. The position, on the whole, is good.

Pastures continued to show improvement on the hill country, more especially on those areas where considerable reduction has been made in the rabbit population during the last few years.

Stock came through the winter well and the only set-back has been a considerable loss of young calves which occurred during the September snow. The yearlings weaned and branded in September have come ahead through the summer months and go into another winter in good condition. There are some aged cows which are low in condition, but the balance of the cows and heifers are in good condition to face the coming winter.

During the year visits were paid to the station and inspection made by the Awatere County Council in connection with access, by the Marlborough County Council, and the Sheep-farming Industry Commission. Visits were also paid by Dr. Allen and his assistants of the Scientific and Industrial Research Department, who carried out further sowings on the experimental area and saved seeds from established grasses for the sowing next spring of a further experimental plot.

At the end of the year the cattle on the station consisted of 67 bulls, 1,771 breeding-cows and heifers, 785 bullocks, and 624 calves, a total of 3,247 head.

A. McDonald's Block (Locality : Kaikoura).—Area, 126 acres. Acquired, 29th October, 1947. To be eventually amalgamated with other adjacent areas being acquired for development.

Specks Farm Settlement (Locality : Koromiko).—Area, 797 acres. Acquired, March, 1945. Subdivision, one mixed and two dairy units. Development comprising stumping, draining, fencing, water-supplies, and new pastures is now nearing completion, but buildings are required on mixed unit before allotment. Two ex-servicemen on wages with promises of allotments.

Upton Farm Settlement (Locality : Seddon).—Area, 1,628 acres. Acquired, November, 1947. Subdivision one sheep unit and two mixed sheep and cropping units. Development involves erection of farm buildings, renewal of practically all fences, and pasture. An ex-serviceman manager has been appointed with right to an undefined section.

Valleyfield Farm Settlement (Locality: Waihopai Valley).—Area, 2,505 acres. Acquired, February, 1946. Subdivision, three mixed sheep and cropping. Development programme completed with the erection of two new cottages, implement-sheds, and renewing and erecting new fences. Charges fixed and sections allotted as from July, 1947.

Wairau Farm Settlement (Locality: Wairau Valley).—Area, 15,872 acres. Acquired, September, 1947. Subdivision, five sheep units. The merino stud flock and the stud farm portion of 4,694 acres will be allotted to an ex-serviceman on 1st April, 1948. Development work of fencing, buildings, and water-supplies is proceeding.

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Four Rivers Farm Settlement (Locality: Murchison).—Area, 228 acres. Acquired, August, 1946. Allotted on fixed charges in August, 1947.

Orinoco Farm Settlement (Locality: Appleby).—Area, 828 acres. Expected to provide three units each of 30 acres of tobacco land and some sheep for each unit on hills. Eight acres tobacco were harvested, the estimated amount of leaf being 2,500 lb. The return for next season should be very much better following the continued working-up of the ground. Since acquisition a full range of buildings requisite for a tobacco-farm have been completed on one unit. The block is stocked with approximately 300 ewes, 22 dairy cows, and young stock. Tobacco area is mainly Grade IV land and experiments being undertaken to ascertain whether ex-servicemen can be established as tobacco-growers on this land.

Saxton Farm Settlement (Locality: Stoke).—Area, 76 acres. Acquired, June, 1946. This has been grazed by two ex-servicemen pending decision on final utilization.

Te Namu Farm Settlement (Locality: Karamea).—Area, 430 acres. Acquired, July, 1947. Of this, 124 acres is in bush and will be withheld. Subdivision, two dairying units. Two discharged servicemen are working on wages. A new dwelling and extension of the existing cow-shed on one unit is required. It is hoped to fix charges and settle the units at 1st July, 1948.

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Whitcombe Block (Location: Koiterangi, 20 miles east of Hokitika).—Area, 443 acres. Reconditioning pastures has proceeded. The erection of boundary fences is held up owing to lack of wire. A contract for the erection of buildings has been arranged and it is hoped to offer three units by June, 1949.

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Progress with erection of dwellings and farm buildings has improved during the year and contractors now appear more willing to accept country work than they have in the past. However, the lack of buildings is still a big factor in delaying settlement in this district. Fencing-wire is still in very short supply and it is impossible to carry out the subdivision necessary for successful settlement of smaller holdings. Fertilizer-supplies were again erratic, but little difficulty was experienced with lime-distribution.

Ashlyn (Locality: Lyndhurst).—Area, 582 acres. Acquired, 28th July, 1947. Subdivision, two irrigation farms. This property was in a very-run-down condition when acquired and will need cleaning and building up before any new pasture is sown. An area of 261 acres has been fallowed and sown with fodder crops this season. Building contracts have been let for renovations and erection of a new house and combined store and wool-shed. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with promise of permanent tenure.

Barkerfield (Locality: Hinds).—Area, 1,922 acres. Acquired, 21st March, 1947. This block comprises light plains land and is in the Mayfield-Hinds Irrigation Scheme. Under irrigation four or five units should be possible or, alternatively, the block could be subdivided into three sheep and cropping units. It is hoped that irrigation water will be available next summer.

Beckleigh (Locality: Winchester).—Area, 376 acres. Acquired, 15th September, 1947. Subdivision, one dairy, one sheep, and cropping. Renovations to buildings are required, also the erection of new milking-shed, combined shed, and piggery. This block will be settled in the coming spring if the building programme is completed. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure.

Blytheburn (Locality: Stonyhurst).—Area, 5,084 acres. Acquired, 17th March, 1948. Subdivision, five sheep and cropping farms. Development work required on this block includes four new dwellings, two implement-sheds, two wool-sheds, 463 chains of fencing, and 400 acres regrassing. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure. Settlement will depend mainly on completion of buildings.

Broadfields (Locality: Prebbleton).—Area, 624 acres. Acquired, 8th October, 1940. Subdivision, two mixed farms. The remaining section of 360 acres was allotted in May, 1947.

Charteris (Locality: Diamond Harbour).—Area, 1,763 acres. Acquired, 30th March, 1948. Subdivision, two sheep and cattle farms. The development programme includes two new dwellings, one utility shed, one wool-shed, and access tracks. Immediate settlement of both sections is proposed.

Cheviot Hills (Locality: Cheviot).—Area, 5,001 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1946. Subdivision, four sheep, one dairy. Development work was completed in September, 1947, and four ex-servicemen who had been employed on wages were allocated their sections in August. The remaining section is to be offered in April, 1948.

Clarkville (Locality: Kaiapoi).—Area, 217 acres. Acquired, 5th June, 1947. Subdivision, three town-supply dairy-farms. The buildings required are under construction, and if sufficient progress is made it is proposed to allot the sections next December. During the year work has consisted of sowing pastures and lucerne stands for the three units. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure.

Cone's (Locality: Rakaia).—Area, 134 acres. Acquired, 7th October, 1947. Subdivisions, one sheep and cropping farm after acquisition of additional area. Minor repairs to buildings are required, also 80 chains of new fencing. It is proposed to allot the section in late autumn, 1948.

Craiglea (Locality: Methven).—Area, 237 acres. Acquired, 23rd March, 1948. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms on acquisition of further areas totalling 733 acres in April, 1948. Two new dwellings and two combined sheds are required and settlement will depend on completion of these buildings. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure.

Dromore (Locality: Ashburton).—Area, 665 acres. Acquired, 2nd December, 1941. Subdivision, one sheep-farm. Charges have been fixed, and a ballot was held on 19th March.

Fighting Hill (Locality: Rakaia Gorge).—Area: 3,319 acres. Acquired, July-August, 1946. Subdivision, four sheep-farms. A builder has commenced work and good progress is being made. Final settlement depends on completion of building programme, but it is hoped to allot sections in late spring, 1948, or autumn, 1949. Two ex-servicemen are employed with a right to permanent tenure.

Findlay's (Locality: Eifelton).—Area, 264 acres. Acquired, 28th March, 1947. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. Development has been difficult on this isolated single unit without buildings. A bridge has been constructed over the

Catchment Board drain on the road frontage, a bore has been sunk for water-supply at the house-site, and 4 chains of metalled track have been laid down. Early offering is intended, with temporary accommodation in a cottage nearby pending erection of a dwelling.

Henley's (Locality: Lincoln).—Area, 97 acres. Acquired, 15th May, 1946. Subdivision, one dairy-farm. There are no buildings on this block, and it is proposed to acquire an additional area of land with buildings to add to the block. Seventy-five acres are now in permanent pasture.

Hilton (Locality: Hilton).—Area, 874 acres. Acquired, 21st August, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. No development work was necessary on this property and the two sections were allotted to ex-servicemen after acquisition.

Holme (Locality: Timaru).—Area, 2,605 acres. Acquired, 14th June, 1946. Subdivision, six sheep and cropping farms. A big building programme, including shifting and renovating of four houses, three new combined sheds, and renovation to two houses, is nearing completion. It is proposed to settle all sections at an early date. Two hundred tons of lime were sown during the year. Three ex-servicemen are employed with right to permanent tenure.

Kelmont (Locality: Waikari).—Area, 1,766 acres. Acquired, 1947-48. Subdivision, four sheep and cropping units. The development programme includes three new dwellings, two new sheds, one wool-shed, 423 chains fencing, water-supply for three sections, and repairs to existing buildings. Settlement will depend on completion of buildings and availability of fencing-material.

Kenwyn (Locality: Waimate).—Area, 670 acres. Acquired, 28th March, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms. The three ex-servicemen employed on wages were allotted their sections on 1st July, 1947.

King's (Locality: Timaru).—Area, 251 acres. Acquired, 18th September, 1946. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. Thirty-four chains of new internal fencing have been erected and 94 tons of lime applied. Settlement will depend on the erection of buildings.

Lauriston (Locality: Lauriston).—Area, 329 acres. Acquired, 2nd September, 1940. Subdivision, ultimately one irrigated farm. Irrigation water will not be available on this block for a number of years and temporary tenancies have been granted to adjoining Crown lessees.

Leslie Hills (Locality: Hamner).—Area, 8,312 acres. Acquired, 30th March, 1948. Subdivision, two store-sheep units. Development work required on this block will include two new dwellings, approximately 10 miles of fencing, and 1½ miles of access. Settlement will depend on erection of buildings and supply of fencing-materials.

Levels Valley (Locality: Timaru).—Area, 639 acres. Acquired, 27th March, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. Buildings required include a new house, two combined sheds, and renovations to existing house. A contract has been let for buildings, and it is hoped to allot both sections next spring. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with right to permanent tenure.

Lowland Lees (Locality: Rangiora).—Area, 670 acres. Acquired, 12th March, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. The building programme is nearing completion and the block will be settled at an early date. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with right to permanent tenure, and a ballot is being held to decide the other settler in April.

Meadowvale (Locality: Pleasant Point).—Area, 274 acres. Acquired, 28th April, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. Contracts have been let for the erection of buildings, but it is doubtful if the block will be ready for settlement before the spring of 1949. Some necessary creek-protection work has been done by the Catchment Board, and 200 tons of lime have been applied to pastures.

Middlerigg (Locality: Dunsandel).—Area, 523 acres. Acquired, 2nd August, 1946. Subdivision, four dairy-farms. Contracts have been let and the builder is working on the three new houses and other farm buildings required on this block. During the year four bores have been driven, 32 chains of new fencing erected, and 50 acres of new pasture sown. Settlement depends on erection of buildings.

Montalto (Locality: Mayfield).—Area, 2,631 acres. Acquired, 20th March, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep-farms. One section was allotted in August, 1947, and it is hoped to settle the other three sections in September next. Development work during the year included re-erection of 40 chains of boundary fence. Two new dwellings and other farm buildings are required, but as yet it has not been possible to obtain a contractor for this work.

Motunau (Locality: Motunau).—Area, 3,094 acres. Acquired, 20th January, 1941. Subdivision, six sheep-farms. Development work was completed during the year and six settlers took over their sections on 13th May, 1947.

Mount Paul, previously named Lyndon (Locality: Waiau).—Area, 19,401 acres. Acquired, March–May, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep, five sheep and cropping. An area of 8,403 acres was added to this block during the year. Development work will include the erection of five new houses, six new utility sheds, access tracks, water-supply, and 20 miles to 25 miles of fencing. Building-work at present being undertaken is mainly renovations to existing dwellings and men's quarters to provide temporary accommodation. Four ex-servicemen are employed with rights to permanent tenure.

Newlands (Locality: Ashburton).—Area, 369 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1946. Subdivision, one irrigated fat-lamb unit. Previously part of Winchmore Irrigation Development Block and now used as a separate unit for costing and management information. An additional area of 70 acres was added to the block during the year. The block is fully developed, except for approximately 60 chains of fencing. With a much drier summer, lambs fattened readily on irrigated pasture. It is proposed to carry 750 ewes and replacements and to grow a small area of wheat for the 1948–49 season.

Pineview (Locality: Mayfield).—Area, 4,438 acres. Acquired, March–April, 1945. Subdivision, six sheep-farms. The remaining section on this block was allotted on 26th May, 1947.

Riverview (Locality: Ealing).—Area, 540 acres. Acquired, 1st August, 1946. It was intended to hold this block with the object of acquiring other land for ultimate subdivision into irrigated units. As irrigation water is not likely to be available for a considerable time, consideration is now being given to settling the block on fixed charges as one "dry" farm.

Rocklea (Locality: Lyndhurst).—Area, 525 acres. Acquired, 19th March, 1948. Subdivision, two irrigation farms on acquisition of a further 175 acres to 200 acres. Sixty-four acres have been levelled and bordered and sown down with permanent pasture in addition to 50 acres already bordered by the previous owner. Approximately 300 chains of fencing is required and settlement will depend on acquisition of additional land and supply of fencing-materials. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with right to permanent tenure.

Scotsburn (Locality: Geraldine).—Area, 2,632 acres. Acquired, 21st March, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. The three settlers on wages were allotted their sections on 30th July, 1947.

Sefton (Locality: Sefton).—Area, 508 acres. Acquired, 2nd May, 1947. Subdivision, four town-supply dairy-farms. The building programme, which includes the erection of three new dwellings and four new cow-sheds, is progressing satisfactorily, and it is hoped to settle the block in September–October, 1948. Considerable work has been done in cleaning and widening drains, cutting and repairing fences.

Spring Creek (Locality : Methven).—Area, 337 acres. Acquired, 2nd December, 1946. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping unit. It was proposed to acquire sufficient adjoining land to make two irrigation farms, but this was not possible, and it is now proposed to allocate the block as one unit. Eighty-six acres of new pasture have been sown and 215 tons of lime applied. Forty-seven chains of new fencing have been erected.

Stonehaven (Locality : Ruapuna).—Area, 1,285 acres. Acquired, 23rd May, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping units. No contract has yet been let for the erection of a new dwelling and combined shed and renovations to the existing dwelling, but early offering is intended with temporary accommodation for one of the settlers.

Stormlea (Locality : Methven).—Area, 1,017 acres. Acquired, 30th October, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms. A contract has been let for the erection of a dwelling and store-shed and renovations to existing dwellings and buildings. Two hundred and seventy acres of new pasture were sown and 400 tons of lime applied. Eighty chains of new fencing were erected during the year. Three ex-servicemen are employed with right to permanent tenure and it is proposed to allot them their sections within the next few months.

Stowell's (Locality : Esk Valley).—Area, 570 acres. Acquired, 21st July, 1947. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. No progress has been made with the securing of additional land and it may be necessary to settle this block as a single unit. An ex-serviceman manager is employed.

Strathallan (Locality : Fairlie).—Area, 2,341 acres. Acquired, 23rd March, 1948. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms. The only development required is extensive alterations to three dwellings, farm buildings, and sheep-yards, and erection of one new implement-shed and 75 chains of new fencing. It will probably be necessary to settle on wages in the first instance.

Templeton (Locality : Geraldine).—Area, 184 acres. Acquired, 14th June, 1943. Subdivision, one dairy-farm. During the year a new milking-shed and yard and a new concrete piggery have been built. The block is now fully developed and ready for settlement. It will be offered next spring.

Tripp (Locality : Geraldine).—Area, 665 acres. Acquired, 20th May, 1940. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. This block is now almost fully developed. Mole draining over a large area has shown good results. Consideration is being given to the question of suitability of the block for settlement of an ex-serviceman.

Valetta (Locality : Ashburton).—Area, 8,815 acres. Acquired, 1940-47. Subdivision, ultimately twenty-five irrigated fat-lamb units. This block lies within the proposed Valetta-Tinwald Irrigation Scheme. No irrigation water will be available for some years and the block is being farmed on a maintenance basis.

Vierbrae, previously named Chambers (Locality : Methven).—Area, 485 acres. Acquired, 1st October, 1946. Subdivision, two irrigation farms. An area of 70 acres to 80 acres is to be added to this block to strengthen the units, and the block will be settled as soon as this is done. Builders are working on the new dwelling and wool-shed. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with right to permanent tenure.

Waikakahi (Locality : Waimate).—Area, 766 acres. Acquired, 22nd August, 1940. Subdivision, five dairy-farms. Four sections, totalling 611 acres, were allotted to settlers in August, 1947. The remaining section is to be settled next spring. A builder is at present working on the block and should soon complete the building programme.

Waratah (Locality : Fairlie).—Area, 4,743 acres. Acquired, 15th May, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep-grazing farms. The two ex-servicemen employed on wages were allotted their sections on 28th July, 1947.

Winchmore (Locality: Ashburton).—Area, 4,067 acres. Acquired, November, 1944, to May, 1947. Subdivisions, not yet finalized. This block, within the Ashburton-Lyndhurst Irrigation Scheme, extends from Lauriston to Dromore. One property was added to the block during the year. This season an area of 245 acres has been border-dyked and sown with permanent pasture and lucerne, bringing the total area to 817 acres. During the summer approximately 500 acres was regularly watered and received up to 2 ft. of water. The dry season resulted in all irrigated pastures being heavily stocked, and they stood the test well. Stock have done well and lambs have fattened and killed at good weights. A builder has started on the erection of three new houses, and a contract has been let for repairs to two houses. Five ex-servicemen are employed on wages with promise of a section, and other offerings on wages are pending. Lack of fencing-wire is seriously impeding development in irrigation areas, as small enclosures are essential to control the irrigated pastures by rotational grazing.

Wingfield (Locality: Rakaia).—Area, 1,500 acres. Acquired, 20th March, 1945. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping units. Four hundred acres of new pasture were sown this season with a ton of lime to the acre and 138 chains of new fencing erected. It is proposed to settle the block in autumn, 1949. Two ex-servicemen are employed on wages with a right to permanent tenure.

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The Department has made excellent progress with pasture renewal, but the continued shortage of fencing-materials and the difficulty still being experienced in having buildings erected is delaying settlement. Where possible, however, ex-servicemen are being employed on a wages basis with the promise of ultimately being allotted an undefined section.

It is anticipated that five blocks, comprising nine farms, will be settled on fixed charges early in the forthcoming season. The remainder are mainly dependent on buildings being erected.

Arclif (Locality: Clinton).—Area, 2,893 acres. This area reverted to the Crown in 1940. Development was completed in September and the two sections were allotted to two ex-servicemen on fixed charges.

Awamangu (Locality: Balclutha).—Area, 2,945 acres. Acquired, 18th August, 1944, and 10th April, 1945. Subdivision, five sheep-farms. This block comprises undulating to hilly country suitable for fat-lamb production and agriculture. Extensive pasture renewal is almost complete and the only buildings now required are three implement-sheds. Some fencing still requires to be erected, but it is anticipated that the sections will be balloted on 1st April next. Three ex-servicemen are at present employed with promises of undefined sections.

Berwick (Locality: Berwick).—Area, 393 acres. Acquired, 2nd December, 1946. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. This block comprises rich flat on the Taieri Plain near Berwick. Pasture renewal has been completed and provision of buildings and extension of water reticulation is in hand. Two ex-servicemen are at present employed with promises of undefined sections.

Brock Hill (Locality: Oamaru).—Area, 672 acres. Acquired, 17th December, 1945. Subdivision, two mixed farms. This block comprises good sheep and agricultural country in the Oamaru district. Development was completed in August and the two sections were allotted to ex-servicemen on fixed charges.

Clinton (Locality: Clinton).—Area, 625 acres. Acquired, 3rd April, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Development was completed in September and the two sections were allotted to ex-servicemen on fixed charges.

Clydevale (Locality : Clydevale).—Area, 1,156 acres. Acquired in three portions in September, November, and December, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. The development in this case consists mainly of pasture renewal, and a considerable portion of this has already been done. An ex-serviceman is employed as manager with the promise of an undefined section.

Cranleigh (Locality : Tuapeka Mouth).—Area, 1,903 acres. Acquired, 28th March, 1947. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. Development consists of pasture renewal and erection of fencing, dwellings, and farm buildings. The bulk of the pasture renewal has been completed, and if buildings can be erected in time this property can be settled on fixed charges this year. Three ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Goodwood (Locality : Palmerston).—Area, 1,720 acres. Acquired, 18th July, 1946. Subdivision, four sheep-farms. Practically all the pastures required renewal, fences were in very bad condition, as were also all the buildings. Renewal of pasture and fencing has progressed fairly well, two cottages have been repaired, the wool-shed has been moved, re-erected, and extended, the stable repaired, two implements-sheds erected, dip and six dams constructed, and a commencement made with the sheep-yards. Two ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections, and a further appointment on this basis will shortly be made.

Invermay (Locality : Mosgiel).—Area, 1,262 acres. Acquired, 11th February, 1946. Subdivision, three dairy-farms and one sheep and agriculture unit. The regrassing of the dairy-farms is completed.

Island Cliff (Locality : Ngapara).—Area, 2,504 acres. Acquired, 24th March, 1944. Subdivision, five sheep and agriculture farms. A scheme of water reticulation is in hand, the renewal of pastures has been substantially completed, also the fencing. The development of one unit was completed in September and the section was allotted to an ex-serviceman on fixed charges. Two ex-servicemen have been appointed to commence duties shortly with promises of undefined sections.

Kurivao (Locality : Waipahi).—Area, 453 acres. This area reverted to the Crown in 1941. One sheep unit. Development is substantially complete and it is anticipated that the unit will be allotted on fixed charges this year.

Maryhill (Locality : Berwick).—Area, 1,178 acres. Acquired, 15th August, 1946. Single-unit sheep-farm. Development almost completed and the unit will be offered to the ex-serviceman manager who has a promise of the section at fixed charges on 1st July, 1948.

Matau (Locality : Inchlutha).—Area, 201 acres. Acquired, 23rd June, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy units. Development consisted of pasture renewal, erection of buildings, and fencing. Pasture renewal has been completed and, provided buildings are erected, settlement on fixed charges can be effected this year. Two ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Moa Flat (Locality : Heriot).—Area, 15,036 acres. Acquired, 17th March, 1947. Subdivision, three sheep-farms, and one farm suitable for fat-lamb production and cropping. Extensive development programme, including pasture renewal, fencing, buildings, repairs to existing buildings, and provision of pumps for water-supply. Fair progress has been made with pasture renewal, fencing, and repairs. Three ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Moeraki (Locality : Hampden).—Area, 3,451 acres. Acquired, 28th March, 1947. Subdivision, ten to thirteen sheep-farms (tentative). Extensive development required. Good progress has been made with pasture renewal, but fencing is held up owing to lack of materials. One ex-serviceman is employed with the promise of an undefined section and a further appointment on this basis will be made shortly.

Moyola (Locality : Heriot).—Area, 973 acres. Acquired, 1st May, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Pasture renewal is completed, but fencing is held up owing to lack of materials. A start has been made with the building programme. It is hoped to allot the sections on fixed charges during 1948. Two ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Rippleburn (Locality : Balclutha).—Area, 733 acres. Acquired, 31st July, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Good progress has been made with pasture renewal, but fencing is held up because of shortage of materials. It is anticipated that this block will be ready for settlement in 1949.

Taiipo Hill (Locality : Kakauni).—Area, 468 acres. Acquired, 1st March, 1944. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. All development has been completed except buildings, which are in the final stages. The units will be allotted on fixed charges on 1st July, 1948, to the two ex-servicemen who at present have promises of undefined sections.

Te Houka (Locality : Clinton).—Area, 1,462 acres. This area reverted to the Crown in 1941. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Considerable development work has been completed, and it is anticipated that the two sections will be allotted on fixed charges this year to the two ex-servicemen who are at present employed with promises of undefined sections.

Thorndale (Locality : Edievale).—Area, 1,766 acres. Acquired, 4th April, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms. The bulk of the development work has been completed, and if the building-work can be completed it will be possible to allot the three sections on fixed charges this year. Two ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Viewmont (Locality : Waikaka).—Area, 1,175 acres. Acquired, 12th April, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. Development was completed in September and two ex-servicemen were settled on fixed charges.

Waiwera (Locality : Waiwera).—Area, 869 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. One sheep-farm. Development consists mainly of a building programme and a considerable amount of pasture renewal.

Wakatipu (Locality : Queenstown).—Area, 1,005 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping units. Very little development is required and it is considered that the units can be disposed of on fixed charges this year. An ex-serviceman manager has been appointed with the promise of an undefined section.

Wharctoa (Locality : Clydevale).—Area, 872 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. Development consists mainly of pasture renewal. An ex-serviceman is employed with promise of allotment.

Willouburn (Locality : Clinton).—Area, 4,658 acres. Acquired, 12th April, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep farms. Most of the pasture renewal has been completed, but settlement is still held up pending erection of buildings and fences.

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Satisfactory progress was made with all development operations except fencing. Although the building situation is a little uncertain, lack of fencing-wire is now regarded in Southland as the chief impediment to land-settlement.

Weather conditions throughout the year were exceptionally good, ample supplies of feed being available at all times. Stock came through the winter in excellent condition. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining supplies of manure for the spring sowing of crops, and lateness of delivery prevented sowing at the most suitable times. This was particularly the case with turnips for winter feed.

Lambing percentages were good, but weights of drafts off the mother were slightly lower than in previous seasons. On the other hand, with plentiful supplies of lamb-feed available, subsequent drafts of lambs were heavier. Hay and oat crops were harvested in splendid condition and much earlier than usual.

Balfour (Locality : Balfour).—Area, 1,363 acres. Acquired, 21st January, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. Regrassing and drainage operations have been completed and the building programme is well advanced. Although some 90 chains of fencing have yet to be completed, it is anticipated that the sections will be ready for permanent allotment in July, 1948 to the three ex-servicemen who have been working on the property since acquisition.

Dacre (Locality : Dacre).—Area, 634 acres. Acquired, 10th June, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Development programme, including extensive drainage improvements and the clearing of 62 acres of bush and scrub, has been practically completed, except for fencing and buildings. Of the two new houses to be provided, one is in course of erection and tenders have been called for erection of the second. Two ex-servicemen have been employed on wages since acquisition, and it is planned to allot to them at an early date.

Drumfern (Locality : Dipton).—Area, 7,319 acres. Acquired, 1st October, 1947. Subdivision, three or four sheep-farms. This property consists of approximately 1,500 acres of poor to medium pastures, the balance tussock hills. The preparations of this property for settlement will involve an extensive development programme, including regrassing, fencing, drainage, and buildings, and it is not expected that it can be completed before 1952.

Eastern Bush (Locality : Orawia).—Area, 938 acres. Acquired, 14th December, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Building and drainage programmes have been completed, but a fair amount of fencing has yet to be done. Two ex-servicemen with promises of sections are working on the property. It is planned to allot a section to one of these two men at an early date. The other section is more backward and cannot be allotted until July, 1949.

Granvue (Locality : Otautau).—Area, 578 acres. Acquired, 24th April, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. The principal development consists of the erection of one house, one implement-shed, and 130 chains of fencing. Sixty-seven acres have been regrassed, but no progress has been made with fencing. The settlement of two ex-servicemen who have been working on the property since acquisition is planned for July, 1949.

Karara (Locality : Tuatapere).—Area, 709 acres. Acquired, 1st September, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Development programme consists of 300 acres of regrassing, 240 chains of fencing, and the erection of two houses, one wool-shed, two implement-sheds, and a dip. Forty-five acres have been regrassed to date and a further 51 acres are at present under cultivation. Sixty chains of fences have been repaired. Property will be ready for allotment on fixed charges to two ex-servicemen in July, 1950. These two men have been working on the property since acquisition.

Kenilworth (Locality : Pine Bush).—Area, 3,055 acres. Acquired, 20th September, 1945, 1,736 acres, but an adjoining area of 1,319 acres acquired in March, 1947, was added. Subdivision, seven sheep-farms. In an extensive development programme, 660 acres have been regrassed, 190 chains of main channels have been excavated, and the formation of 128 chains of new road is practically completed. Five ex-servicemen with promises of sections are working on the property. Allotment of five sections in 1949 and two in 1950 will be made, provided fencing-materials become available.

Kinacraig (Locality : Balfour).—Area, 1,186 acres. Acquired, 31st August, 1947. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. Development programme comprises 600 acres of regrassing, 400 chains of draining, and the erection of 215 chains of new fences, two houses, one wool-shed, and three implement-sheds. One hundred and twenty-four acres have been regrassed to date and a further 92 acres are under crop. Apart from repairs, no progress has been made with fencing. Three hundred and eleven chains of channels have been excavated. Three ex-servicemen have been working on the property since acquisition and allotments to them on fixed charges is planned for July, 1950.

Mararua (Locality : Edendale).—Area, 359 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1947. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. The development programme consists of the erection of three houses, three cow-sheds, three implement-sheds, and 420 chains of fencing, besides the provision of an adequate water-supply. Two ex-servicemen with promises of sections have been working on the property since acquisition. Allotment of the three sections is planned for July, 1949, assuming that fencing-materials become available.

* *Robinhood* (Locality : Matura Island).—Area, 1,742 acres. Acquired, 10th April, 1945. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. One section comprising 533 acres was allotted in September, 1945, and it is planned to allot a second section in July, 1948. It is anticipated that the remaining section will be ready for settlement in 1950. Of the area under control during the year (1,208 acres), 349 acres have been regrassed and 296 chains of fencing have received attention, chiefly in the nature of major repairs. One implement-shed and one dip have been constructed, and a contract has been let for the erection of a second implement-shed, and the extension of a small cottage into a normal five-roomed dwelling.

Rothie (Locality : Thornbury).—Area, 828 acres. Acquired, 10th July, 1947. An area of 50 acres is being transferred to an ex-serviceman who holds an uneconomic area adjoining. It is planned to subdivide the remaining 778 acres into three sheep-farms. The development programme consists of 170 acres of regrassing, 170 chains of fencing, 230 chains of drains per excavator, and the erection of two dwellings, two implement-sheds, and two sheep-yards. Of this programme, 65 acres have been regrassed, a further area of 91 acres cultivated, and 146 chains of drains were excavated during the year. Allotment on fixed charges will be made in 1949 to three ex-servicemen who have been working on the property since acquisition.

Ruahine (Locality : Pahia).—Area, 1,195 acres. Acquired, 1st March, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep and one dairy farm. The extensive development programme planned for this property includes the clearing of 236 acres of bush, the excavation of 250 chains of main channels, 500 chains of tile drains, and the erection of two dwellings, one wool-shed, one cow-byre, and three implement-sheds. Progress to date includes the clearing of 65 acres stumps, bush, and gorse, the erection of 200 chains of new fences (chiefly old wire), and repairs to 338 chains of fences, main house, and cottage. Settlement cannot take place before July, 1950.

Southdown (Locality : Matura).—Area, 5,645 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1947. Subdivision, eleven sheep-farms. Complete development programme includes 17 miles of fencing, the formation of 2 miles of roads, the erection of four houses, and the enlarging of three other houses. It is proposed to concentrate upon six sections which are more advanced as regards fencing. It is hoped to have these six sections ready for allotment in July, 1949. Settlement of the other five sections will depend upon the availability of fencing-wire.

Spur Head (Locality : Edendale).—Area, 2,223 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1941. Subdivision, six sheep-farms. Considerable development progress has been made to date. The outstanding items include the erection of four dwellings, one wool-shed,

and three implement-sheds, and the erection of 16 miles of fencing. A contract has been let for erection of the four houses, and erection of the other buildings is in hand. Settlement in July, 1949, will depend solely upon the availability of fencing-wire.

Strathlane (Locality: Drummond).—Area, 440 acres. Acquired, 30th April, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. This property was allotted on fixed charges as from 1st August, 1947, to two ex-servicemen who had been working on the property since acquisition.

Tysoe (Locality: Morton Mains).—Area, 669 acres. Acquired, 1st April, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Allotted on fixed charges to two ex-servicemen in August, 1947.

STATISTICAL SCHEDULES AND TABLES

Table A.—Contains particulars of the properties purchased by negotiation for the settlement of ex-servicemen and of which possession was taken during the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948.

Table B.—Contains particulars of the properties capable of subdivision into two or more units which were acquired under section 51 of the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, during the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948.

Table C.—Contains particulars of the properties acquired under Part II of the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, during the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948.

Table D.—Shows the total number of units and cost of acquisition of single-unit properties acquired under section 51 of the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, during the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948, and the properties acquired under this legislation from 1st April, 1944, to 31st March, 1948.

Table E.—Contains details of the actual expenditure during the year under annual appropriations on the purchase of land and improvements and on development and farming operations. Corresponding figures for the previous year are included.

Table F.—Shows the amount of profits and losses ascertained during the period 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948, on the disposal of blocks.

Statistical Schedules.—These schedules contain more particular detail and information in respect of the blocks under development at 31st March, 1948.

The schedules cover only areas which have been farmed and have been under development by the Department for a complete year as at 31st March, 1948.

All the blocks, except the Molesworth Run (Marlborough), which is still subject to the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, are now subject to the Small Farms Act, 1932-33.

Such blocks as have been specially purchased or acquired for the settlement of ex-servicemen have their names printed in bold type.

Receipts for the year (item 11, Statistical Schedules), cover actual cash received during the financial year 1947-48, and include moneys received during that year for 1946-47 produce. Produce unsold or unpaid for as at 31st March, 1948, has been excluded from revenue figures.

TABLE A.—RETURN OF PROPERTIES PURCHASED BY NEGOTIATION AND POSSESSION TAKEN DURING PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948

Name of Owner.	Locality.	New Name of Block.	Area.	Purchase-price.	Type of Farming.	Estimated Number of Subdivisions.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.		
E. Anderson	Helensville ..	Crosland ..	3,170 1 06.4	34,000 0 0	{ Sheep .. Dairy ..	2 ..
Estate of E. M. McIntyre ..	Kaikohē ..	..	1,531 1 30	12,000 0 0	Purchased for Maori ex- servicemen	5 ..
Estate of E. K., J. G., and T. R. Coates ..	Matakohe ..	Matakohe ..	1,044 3 37.2	16,500 0 0	Dairy ..	4 ..
P. E. and E. V. Le Feuvre ..	Ruawai ..	Part Whenuapai ..	40 3 13.3	1,624 0 0	Addition to Whenuapai Settlement	..
R. T. Davies ..	Oparau ..	Parau ..	487 1 08	9,128 0 0	{ Sheep .. Dairy ..	1 ..
E. E. Vaile ..	Broadlands ..	Part Mhi ..	1,545 1 30	3,090 17 6	Sheep ..	1 ..
C. Fieldhouse ..	Te Aroha ..	Waitoki ..	206 0 11	9,050 0 0	Dairy ..	2 ..
Estate of J. J. Patterson ..	Morrinsville ..	Te Puninga ..	783 2 35	32,916 3 9	Dairy ..	8 ..
Estate of W. S. and A. I. Carter ..	Te Hōc ..	Mangatea ..	298 2 25	10,751 12 6	Dairy ..	3 ..
W. A. Jeffers ..	Te Kauwhata ..	Part Waikare ..	46 2 05	1,744 18 5	Addition to Waikare Settle- ment	..
Estate of A. O. Wheeler ..	Ngatea ..	Opou ..	573 2 22.2	10,761 14 1	Dairy ..	3 ..
Maori Trustee ..	Otorohanga ..	Part Mangaha- mahoe	28 3 10	94 0 0	Addition to Mangamahoe Settlement	..
Meads and Mills ..	Taumarunui ..	Punga Punga ..	617 0 20	11,130 0 0	Sheep ..	2 ..
W. J. Alexander ..	Otorohanga ..	Owaikura ..	446 2 00	12,650 0 0	Dairy ..	4 ..
A. J. Bradey ..	Oparau ..	Part Parau ..	205 1 30	2,311 3 6	Dairy ..	2 ..
Estate of H. H. Peake ..	Te Puke ..	Ngaupari ..	160 0 00	4,925 0 0	Citrus fruit ..	8 ..
O. McCutchan ..	Rangiriri ..	..	4,990 1 32.8	28,000 0 0	Sheep ..	4 ..
Maori Affairs Department ..	Tahaia ..	Part Tahaia ..	109 2 00	492 15 0	Dairy. Transferred from Maori Affairs Department	1 ..
Estate of W. Muir ..	Rotorua ..	Part Hamurana ..	29 0 00	515 0 0	Addition to Hamurana Settlement	..
S. G. Davies ..	Coromandel ..	Part Whangaha- poua ..	217 2 16	3,700 0 0	Addition to Whangapoua Settlement	..
Lichtenstein and Arnoldson ..	Rotorua ..	..	3,445 1 28	22,823 0 0	Purchased for Maori ex- servicemen.	..
Mrs. E. Carter ..	Wharepūhanga ..	Pamotu ..	1,869 3 33	34,594 0 0	{ Sheep .. Dairy ..	5 ..
Estate of Spence ..	Raukītike ..	Mangarua ..	8,169 1 04.4	45,000 0 0	Sheep ..	1 ..
H. M. B. de Latour ..	Wairoa ..	Huinga ..	1,925 0 00	15,000 0 0	{ Sheep .. Dairy ..	4 ..
						2 ..
						1 ..

Estate of E. H. Williams	..	Hastings	..	Grasmere	..	81	2 14	18,500	0 0	Orecharde	..	6
H. Hassell	..	Hastings	..	Grasmere	..	0	0 21-4	20	0 0	Addition to Settlement	Grasmere	..
A. F. and I. McKenzie	..	Waipukurau	..	Te Awa	..	3,869	2 00	30,000	0 0	Sheep ..	..	5
T. C. Lowry	..	Puketapu	..	Omaranui	..	777	0 00	18,000	0 0	{ Sheep .. Dairy ..	..	1
H. Neagle	..	Puketapu	..	Omaranui	..	148	0 18	6,700	0 0	Dairy ..	..	2
J. H. Winter	..	Tutira	..	Mokara	..	1,723	0 00	6,275	0 0	Dairy ..	..	2
Estate of H. H. Pharaayn	..	Waipukurau	..	Bushy Range	..	2,509	2 00	24,250	0 0	Sheep ..	..	3
Estate of E. G. Rathbone	..	Waipawa	..	Glenalvon	..	1,242	3 02	24,000	0 0	Sheep ..	..	4
T. H. Grant	..	Tokirima	..	Tokirima	..	1,604	2 24	19,255	16 0	Sheep ..	..	4
A. F. Simons	..	Okato	..	Okato	..	211	0 26	8,756	19 9	Dairy ..	..	2
J. F. Startup	..	Normanby	..	Normanby	..	170	3 15	9,158	5 11	Dairy ..	..	2
Estate of C. F. Johnston	..	Feilding	..	Awawaro	..	5,117	1 15	48,614	15 4	Sheep ..	..	7
D. F. Gorrige	..	Mangaweka	..	Part Kawhatau	..	55	0 36	552	5 0	Addition to Kawhatau	..	..
C. J. Dalgety	..	Mangaweka	..	Part Kawhatau	..	58	0 39	407	14 0	Addition to Kawhatau	..	..
H. Seifert	..	Palmerston North	..	Rangitane	..	259	1 08-2	15,558	1 6	Dairy ..	..	4
J. B. and A. B. Bradley	..	Palmerston North	..	Mount Stewart	..	767	2 24	38,382	10 0	Sheep ..	..	3
Estate of F. H. and E. S. Schulze	..	Turakina	..	Part Makirikiri	..	251	0 00	8,785	0 0	Dairy. Addition to Makirikiri	..	2
Morgan Trust	..	Wanganui	..	Part Newton Lee	..	794	1 00	Not fixed		Addition to Newton Lee	..	..
Estate of J. Snell	..	Carterton	..	Part Ruamahanga	..	0	2 31	6	18 9	Addition to Ruamahanga	..	..
J. McL. Schulze	..	Turakina	..	Part Makirikiri	..	6	3 07	2,050	0 0	Addition to Makirikiri	..	..
Estate of E. T. Williams	..	Masterton	..	Waipawa	..	1,176	2 00	9,412	0 0	Sheep ..	..	1
Estate of A. Anderson	..	Taihape	..	Waitepu	..	1,621	0 00	18,236	5 0	Sheep ..	..	2
F. B. Gorriran	..	Pohangna	..	Konewa	..	1,836	0 27	21,750	0 0	Sheep ..	..	2
Estate of B. Speedy	..	Carterton	..	Part Ruamahanga	..	1	2 13-5	21	7 9	Addition to Ruamahanga	..	..
Estate of R. R. Burling	..	Pongaroa	..	Pongaroa	..	12,516	3 11-6	84,628	0 0	{ Sheep .. Dairy ..	..	11
J. Vogel, P. Savage, and Z. Riddiford	..	Martinborough	..	Cannock	..	4,191	2 29-9	56,587	15 6	Sheep ..	..	6
Lady Ferguson	..	Masterton	..	Fairmont	..	538	0 00	9,415	0 0	Sheep ..	..	1
C. L. Bull	..	Hunterville	..	Part Rata	..	412	0 00	10,712	0 0	Addition to Rata	..	..
Estate of C. F. Johnstone	..	Kimbolton	..	Part Awawaro	..	10	0 00	80	0 0	Addition to Awawaro	..	..
Estate of A. W. Akers	..	Linton	..	Riverdale	..	398	0 00	24,278	0 0	Dairy ..	..	5
H. E. Eccles	..	Kaikoura	..	Part Claverley	..	46	0 39	416	4 0	Amalgamated with Claverley	..	..
T. G. J. Watts	..	Blenheim	..	Part Valley-field	..	22	2 05	90	2 6	Amalgamated with Valley-field	..	..

TABLE A.—RETURN OF PROPERTIES PURCHASED BY NEGOTIATION AND POSSESSION TAKEN DURING PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948—continued

Name of Owner.	Locality.	New Name of Block.	Area.	Purchase-price.	Type of Farming.	Estimated Number of Subdivisions.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.		
W. A. Smith	Seddon	Upton	1,628 1 00	16,893 1 11	Sheep	3
Estate of G. M. Harris	Kenepuru Head	..	1,383 3 26	10,000 0 0	..	1
Estate of T. Renwick	Blenheim	..	6,410 0 00	19,616 5 10	Sheep	3
C. De V. Teschemaker-Shute	..	..	7,639 0 00	24,500 0 0	..	4
Estate of E. Jackson	Blenheim	..	14,300 0 00	681 13 0	Sheep	..
F. L. X. Wells	Appleby	Orinoco	827 2 35	3,500 0 0	Tobacco and sheep	3
Mrs. A. Hill	Karamea	Te Namu	355 1 23-3	4,550 0 0	..	2
E. James	Karamea	Part Te Namu	75 1 10	1,150 0 0	Dairy	..
O. G. Blackler	Totara Valley	Meadowvale	274 0 01	10,549 4 10	Dairy and crop	2
Estate of J. Findlay	Windsor	..	264 0 33	6,076 14 10	Agriculture and sheep	1
Estate of T. Mitchell	Lauriston	Part Winchmore	761 1 33	6,860 0 0	Sheep	1
Estate of A. G. Wyllie	Sefton	Sefton	508 3 26	17,048 11 6	Dairy	4
Estate of John Moore	Mayfield	Stomehaven	1,285 0 13	14,778 8 7	Sheep	2
E. A. Payne	Amblerley	..	109 1 27	2,500 0 0	Amalgamated with other land.	..
A. Houghton	Ashburton	Part Valletta	199 3 38	1,200 0 0	Irrigation and sheep	..
E. E. Stowell	Esk Valley	..	570 2 03-7	9,466 13 9	Sheep and crop	1
C. Hale	Lynnhurst	Ashlyn	582 1 24-8	5,678 0 0	Sheep and crop	2
F. Charles	Geraldine	Hilton	874 0 36	15,736 1 0	Sheep and crop	2
E. A. Payne	Amblerley	..	1 3 00	40 5 0	Amalgamated with other land.	..
H. H. H. and W. A. Gardiner	Port Levy	Charteris	1,763 2 37-5	18,915 14 8	Sheep and cattle	2
A. W. and G. Taylor	Methven	Rocklea	525 1 00	5,671 19 9	Sheep and crop	1
D. L. Rutherford	Waiau	..	8,312 0 00	19,341 0 0	Sheep	2
Estate of A. McKay	Methven	..	237 1 00	4,033 5 0	Sheep and crop	1
T. H. McCarr	Methven	..	534 3 20	13,906 15 0	Sheep and crop	1
R. H. Marshall	Inchutha	Matau	201 0 00	6,934 10 0	Dairy	2
Estate of C. McGovern	Clydevale	Clydevale (pari)	351 0 20	1,690 0 0	Addition to Clydevale-Farm Settlement	..

TABLE B.—RETURN OF PROPERTIES CAPABLE OF SUBDIVISION ACQUIRED UNDER SECTION 51 OF THE SERVICEMEN'S SETTLEMENT AND LAND SALES ACT, 1943, DURING THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948

Name of Owner.	Locality.	New Name of Block.	Area.		Compensation.		Type of Farming.	Estimated Number of Subdivisions.
			A.	B. P.	£	s. d.		
Estate of W. J. Parsons	Ngakura	..	985	0 00	2,767	0 0	Sheep ..	2
S. A. and A. E. Wells	Katikati	..	873	3 35-3	5,037	0 0	Dairy ..	3
E. B. J. Watson	Hastings	..	47	2 17	6,158	12 0	Orchards	3
E. Gower	Tokomaru	..	231	3 12	5,336	0 0	Dairy ..	2
Estate of J. Short	Feilding	..	152	0 21	7,302	6 0	Dairy ..	3
Estate of G. F. Watts	Wairau Valley	..	15,872	0 08	36,000	0 0	Sheep ..	5
D. C. and W. L. Scott	Winchester	..	376	0 04	13,160	0 0	{ Dairy .. Sheep ..	1
H. J. C. Harper	Waimate	..	2,893	0 28	22,000	0 0	Sheep ..	1
Estate of J. Kirkpatrick	Tuatapere	..	3,996	3 00	5,100	0 0	Sheep ..	4
Acquired, 1947-48	..	..	25,428	2 05-3	102,860	18 0	..	26
Purchased, 1947-48	..	..	137,758	1 24-6	1,160,928	2 7	..	202
F. Bunn	Balclutha	..	872	1 00	7,850	5 0	Sheep ..	1
D. H. Cockburn	Queenstown	..	1,005	2 22	10,000	0 0	Sheep and crop ..	2
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency	Waiwera	..	869	2 13	4,450	0 0	Sheep ..	1
J. T. Brass	Otautau	..	577	3 14-4	11,165	0 0	Sheep ..	2
Hon. A. Hamilton	Fairfax	..	828	1 04	11,749	1 3	Sheep ..	3
A. E. Miln	Tuatapere	..	709	1 04	8,400	0 0	Sheep ..	2
D. R. McTaggart	Balfour	..	1,186	2 26	11,273	5 11	Sheep ..	3
Australian Conference Society	Dipton	..	7,319	3 10	17,000	0 0	Sheep ..	3
Duthie and Rowley	Tuatapere	..	20	0 00	20	0 0	Amalgamated with other land.	..

TABLE C.—RETURN OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED UNDER PART II OF THE SERVICEMEN'S SETTLEMENT AND LAND SALES ACT, 1943, DURING THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948

Name of Owner.	Locality.	New Name of Block.	Area.	Compensation.	Type of Farming.	Estimated Number of Subdivisions.
Estate of J. Henry	Patumahoe	..	A. R. P. 210 0 20·2	Not fixed	Dairy ..	1
P. Hungerford	Waikua	..	127 1 36	Not fixed	Dairy ..	1
F. Wakefin	Otaikarangi	Part Riponui	611 2 00	Not fixed	Dairy. Addition to Riponui Settlement	3
A. M. and S. M. Bradburn	Dargaville	..	236 1 32	Not fixed	Dairy ..	2
H. L. and F. F. Taylor	Patumahoe	..	591 3 20	Not fixed	Dairy ..	5
S. M. Barrhill	Pukeoware	..	242 0 00	Not fixed	Dairy ..	2
H. J. Crowther	Cambridge	..	698 3 07	Not fixed	Dairy ..	4
A. J., S. B., and H. O. Murray	Atiamuri	..	1,098 0 00	Not fixed	Dairy ..	7
A. V. Baybiss	Te Puke	Part Ngaurangi	116 1 14	Not fixed	Fruit. Addition to Ngaurangi Settlement	7
Estate of C. K. Watkins	Ngatea Matatoki	..	214 3 13·3	Not fixed	Dairy ..	2
Kerone Ltd.	Kiwitahi	Wairama	684 3 25	Not fixed	{ Sheep Dairy ..	1 4
Estate of W. McLean	Walton	..	422 1 00	Not fixed	Dairy ..	3
Estate of J. Orr	Awapapa	..	1,348 2 38	Not fixed	Sheep ..	1
Estate of A. F. Hardy	Rakaikaka	..	1,625 1 28	Not fixed	Dairy ..	7
C. E. Harvey	Haycock North	..	24 3 26	Not fixed	Grapes ..	3
T. E. Welch	Waipukurau	Part Govrie	380 2 32	Not fixed	Sheep ..	1
A. Holden	Makotuku	..	1,629 2 00	£25,257 5s.	Sheep ..	5
Estate of G. V. Pearce	Patea	Ball Road	442 0 00	Not fixed	Dairy ..	5
W. E. Morgan Trust	Wanganui	Newton Lee	2,376 0 30·23	Not fixed	Sheep ..	5
Fraser Estate	Bulls	Pukehon	1,219 3 33	Not fixed	{ Dairy Sheep ..	1 1
R. and F. Gray	Martinborough	Part Ruama- hanga	2,047 2 03	Not fixed	Sheep ..	4
Mrs. G. M. Robertson (Gear Estate)	Te Horo	Te Horo	668 1 18	Not fixed	{ Dairy .. Dairy and sheep	4 1

C. T. Keeble .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	374 0 07	Not fixed	Dairy	5
Canterbury College Board	.. .. .	.. .. .	428 3 26	Not fixed	Sheep, Addition to Kcl- mont Settlement	..
A. R. and D. C. Macfarlane	.. .. .	Part Mt. Paul	8,403 2 00	£42,274	Sheep, Addition to Mount Paul Settlement	5
J. B. Douglas-Clifford	.. .. .	Blytheburn ..	5,083 3 00	Not fixed	Sheep	5
A. Grant .. .. .	.. .. .	Strathallan ..	2,966 2 35	Not fixed	Sheep and crop ..	4
I. Jamieson .. .. .	.. .. .	Part Silver Peak	2,685 0 36	Not fixed	Sheep	1
Estate of H. Buckland	.. .. .	Mararua	358 2 10	£11,460	Diary	3
Estate of D. Macdonald	.. .. .	Te Peka	1,144 3 28.2	Not fixed	Sheep	2
G. D. Fox .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	38,465 1 37.93	£78,991 5s.	.. .. .	106
Acquired, 1947-48	.. .. .	.. .. .		

TABLE D.—RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF SINGLE-UNIT PROPERTIES ACQUIRED UNDER SECTION 51 OF THE SERVICEMEN'S SETTLEMENT AND LAND SALES ACT, 1943, DURING THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948

Number of properties acquired during 1947-48	30
Area of properties acquired during 1947-48	3,597 acres.
Compensation paid for properties acquired, 1947-48	£80,376
Total number of properties acquired, 1st April, 1944, to 31st March, 1948	179
Area of properties acquired, 1st April, 1944, to 31st March, 1948	29,692 acres.
Compensation paid on properties acquired, 1st April, 1944, to 31st March, 1948	£654,101

TABLE E.—RETURN OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE UNDER ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS AND ON DEVELOPMENT AND FARMING OPERATIONS

Item.	Year ended 31st March, 1948.			Total for Year ended 31st March, 1947.
	Vote "Small Farms Development."	Vote "Land for Settlements."	Total.	
	£	£	£	£
Acquisition of land and interests therein	1,735,369	11	1,735,380	1,480,895
Development operations—				
Chattels	133,807	937	134,744	116,950
Materials and services	616,509	204	616,713	717,976
Development wages	128,020	260	128,280	126,374
Farming operations—				
Live-stock	677,874	391	678,265	549,576
Seasonal expenditure	384,901	3,515	388,416	251,680
Seasonal wages	280,236	3,693	283,929	217,300
Totals	3,956,716	9,011	3,965,727	3,460,751

TABLE F.—RETURN OF PROFITS AND LOSSES ON DISPOSAL OF BLOCKS ASCERTAINED DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1947, TO 31ST MARCH, 1948

Blocks.				District.	Profit.	Loss.	Subsidies.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Baker's	..	..	..	Auckland	..	1,593 8 0	Nil
Hangawera	..	..	..	"	..	554 0 9	Nil
Seven Oaks	..	..	..	"	..	1,601 19 8	Nil
Taipari's	..	..	..	"	..	3 3 6	Nil
Te Tawa	..	..	..	"	..	1,222 7 10	Nil
Aria	..	..	..	Te Kuiti	..	5,097 0 0	6,371 7 0
Kohua (Part)	..	..	..	"	..	399 9 4	Nil
Mapara (Part)	..	..	..	"	..	530 9 5	Nil
Patoto	..	..	..	"	..	2,221 16 9	5,009 9 8
Kawai	..	..	..	Hawke's Bay	..	3,881 15 7	Nil
Angerstein's	..	..	..	Taranaki	..	1,286 13 1	Nil
Bertie's	..	..	..	"	..	2,368 14 5	Nil
Faull's	..	..	..	"	..	2,229 12 7	Nil
Manutahi	..	..	..	"	..	12,162 12 3	Nil
Petersen's	..	..	..	"	..	2,763 1 8	Nil
Sorenson's	..	..	..	"	..	1,805 2 5	Nil
Waitoetoe	..	..	..	"	..	3,047 18 5	Nil
Broomfield	..	..	..	Canterbury	..	235 4 4	Nil
Field's	..	..	..	"	..	6 13 3	Nil
Pendarves	..	..	..	"	..	29 11 0	Nil
Wakaepa	..	..	..	"	..	199 9 9	Nil
Brookstead	..	..	..	Otago	..	171 5 7	Nil
Menzie's Ferry	..	..	..	Southland	..	3,392 2 9	Nil
Totals	171 5 7	46,632 6 9	11,380 16 8

NOTE.—(i) Profits and losses are ascertained only after a block has been fully disposed of and the accounts audited. Blocks partially settled are therefore excluded from this return, with the exception of Kohua and Mapara, where one section in each block was set aside for ex-servicemen settlement; the losses on these two sections represent the deficit in value of improvements on disposal to the ex-servicemen.

(ii) Subsidies were received from Consolidated Fund and Employment Promotion Fund on labour on marginal lands. The profits and losses as disclosed above have been arrived at after taking credit for the subsidies shown in the final column.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Superintendent of Land				
	ARAPARERA.	AWAROA.	BRADLEYS.	BROOKLANDS.	CROSLAND.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	20/11/44	1/2/45	15/1/41	1/2/45	1/4/47
2. Total area (acres)	209	287	1,249	377	3,170
3. Area not suitable for development (acres) .. .. .	..	..	99	..	1,330
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	219	..
5. Balance under development (acres)	209	287	1,150	158	1,840
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres)	209*	..	100	37	585
Permanent grass (acres) .. .. .	..	287	940	57	1,085
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	64	..
Crops (acres) .. .. .	..	..	50	..	78
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) .. .. .	..	..	55	..	62
Plantations (acres) .. .. .	..	..	5	..	30
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres) .. .. .	..	287	200†	100	200
Fencing (chains) .. .. .	..	500	1,400	390	4,000
Drains (chains) .. .. .	..	200	150	..	150
Dwellings (number) .. .. .	..	3	1	1	3
Wool-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	3	1	..	1
Cow-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..
Other farm buildings (number) .. .. .	..	6	6	1	5
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	..	7	..	1	2
Roads (chains) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farm tracks (chains) .. .. .	..	40	5	39	10
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—					
Unimproved (£)	225	2,900	3,738	318	..
Improvements (£) .. .. .	..	3,307	5,933	6,027	..
Materials and expenses (£)	40	13,665	7,548	7,939	3,053
Labour (gross) (£) .. .. .	..	1,622	1,732	354	572
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	265	21,494	18,951	14,638	3,625
Less subsidies on labour (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Net expenditure (£)	265	21,494	18,951	14,638	3,625
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	6,442	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	..	99	..	158	..
Herds (number) .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..
Cows milked (number) .. .. .	..	44	..	26	..
Dry dairy stock (number) .. .. .	..	9	..	6	..
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	..	7,017	..	5,000	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number) .. .. .	..	9	1,140	203	1,667
Dry sheep (number) .. .. .	..	682	1,012	4	1,727
Breeding-cows and heifers (number) .. .. .	..	..	147	..	186
Dry run cattle (number) .. .. .	..	..	5	..	384
Horses (number) .. .. .	..	4	4	2	12
Wool produced (lb.) .. .. .	..	10,839	23,268	1,357	35,711
Sheep sold (number) .. .. .	..	632	2,737	322	2,425
Cattle sold (number) .. .. .	..	257	363	103	121
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	..	670	..	570	..
Wool (£) .. .. .	..	867	1,755	122	3,142
Sheep—Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	..	491	..	2,981
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	1,774	3,105	482	3,005
Cattle—Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	30	3	18	423
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	1,322	6,065	903	827
Pigs (£) .. .. .	..	71	..	63	..
Crops (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	..	78	59	36	67
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£) .. .. .	..	3	344	80	7,150
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	317	3,142	567	1,488
Cattle—Cash purchases (£) .. .. .	..	4	59	15	3,044
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	1,157	4,481	433	2,410
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£) .. .. .	..	1,210	2,532	712	2,664
Labour (£) .. .. .	..	1,077	1,011	443	1,370
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number) .. .. .	..	3	3	1	5

* Balance area unsuitable for immediate development.

† Temporary supply.

‡ Cow-shed

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Development, Auckland.

Edgecumbe.	FAIRVIEW.	GALATEA.	HILLCREST.	Kaitiaki.	Kapiro.	KATIKATI.	KUMU.	LAKE VIEW.	MAHUTA.	MAMARANUI.	Mangawai.
8/8/36	15/6/45	1931	1/6/44	10/4/34	1938	25/10/46	30/9/46	1/6/45	24/10/46	1/5/45	7/7/35
7,308	1,978	24,993	661	2,305	60	473	262	796	423	959	1,862
50	..	..	11	..	..	..	102	541	..	..	622
164	..	5,937	..	14	..	..	..	255	173	78	..
7,094	1,978	19,056	650	2,291	60	473	160	..	250	881	1,240
1,374	1,628	2,120	100	1,129	13	149	..	..	..	311	70
5,444	224	14,713	446	501	47	324	158	..	200	570	1,148
..	..	863	..	633	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
135	41	1,120	100	4	..	..	2	..	50	..	..
110	85	60	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31	..	180	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1,560	..	13,000	150	300	..	..	50	..	50†	300	450
8,140	301	19,657	680	2,968	140	227	632	..	300	800	3,013
1,779	20	2,827	..	2,299	..	..	251	..	..	160	2,454
3	2	41	2	11	..	1	..	..	1	1	7
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
..	+	38	1	11	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
45	4	56	3	34	1	1	2	..	1	4	8
2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
22	12	50	..	21	..	1	2	..	..	..	12
320	..	1,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	674
89	460	..	20	75	..	50	..	..	..	10	..
4,447	2,415	92,340	1,395	2,771	..	1,715	..	878	..	2,238	466
790	12,106	6,002	4,405	25	..	1,795	..	3,605	..	6,495	..
50,785	3,812	184,854	2,929	20,190	1,191	1,859	1,957	7,889	979	2,400	45,103
30,815	683	69,691	823	30,262	205	268	663	643	203	732	21,825
86,837	19,016	352,887	9,552	53,248	1,396	5,637	2,620	13,015	1,182	11,865	67,394
17,410	..	..	..	23,617	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,056
69,427	19,016	352,887	9,552	29,631	1,396	5,637	2,620	13,015	1,182	11,865	53,338
1,142	..	80,006	..	165	..	..	..	7,959	..	..	..
..	150	..	..	1,162	..	..	160	..	..	..	..
..	18	15	1	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
..	78	750	55	248	..	..	41	..	..	..	..
403	151	811	33	187	..	..	43	..	287	419	216
..	8	70	4	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	16,047	128,299	14,214	60,695	..	..	4,944	2,820	..	..	..
2,406	48	6,347	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	393	290
1,448	4,130	6,506	..	..	..	..	..	568	..	632	24
848	82	1,445	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
1,108	320	1,290	87	..	129	..	..	..	..	11	10
12	6	106	5	14	2	2	2	..	..	4	4
24,099	25,564	103,433	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,841	..
5,886	1,089	2,924	180	..	..	..	..	608	..	913	274
705	345	2,057	160	251	..	..	26	148	622	596	621
..
..	1,823	14,546	1,582	6,725	..	..	492	940	..	..	..
1,347	..	9,078	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	203	..
6,894	1,751	3,728	..	..	..	..	..	..	299	1,011	491
2,120	..	6,914	270	..	..	..	..	..	673	393	..
5,115	1,123	5,817	201	575	..	..	59	22	10	1,352	413
3,963	2,207	17,289	1,072	..	..	..	..	1,501	5,982	3,887	7,293
..	362	1,191	211	756	..	..	..	75	..	..	..
..
87	63	1,161	6	337	..	12	1	9	40	28	33
1,853	2,032	513	28	..	..	..	..	..	17	132	18
2,293	1,620	..	120	..	..	..	..	..	936	2,181	487
270	869	3,099	717	..	..	13	..	4	1,374	85	1,499
4,474	127	2,082	83	16	..	1,005	20	55	3,728	6,513	1,880
6,559	3,645	19,721	854	1,811	25	283	431	959	633	602	719
4,034	1,168	12,419	449	5,324	..	268	516	255	354	489	924
..
13	4	33	2	13	..	1	1	..	1	2	4

destroyed by fire, January, 1948.

† Part-season only.

‡ Includes £445 belonging to settlers.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Superintendent of Land				
	Maretai.	MATANUKU.	MATARIKI.	MIHI.	Motutapu.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	1/8/46	3/5/40	1/2/45	1/8/38	30/11/43
2. Total area (acres)	3,300	3,440	334	26,992	3,606
3. Area not suitable for development (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	3,733	300
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	..	2,800	..	..	45
5. Balance under development (acres)	3,300	640	334	23,259	3,261
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres)	809	8	..	16,067	3,007
Permanent grass (acres)	2,311	603	80	6,818	142
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .	..	..	240	..	..
Crops (acres) .. .. .	..	27	..	210	103
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres)	180	..	..	96	..
Plantations (acres) .. .. .	..	2	14	68	4
Water-supplies : Area reticulated (acres)	768*	167	334	519	20
Fencing (chains)	820	1,103	720	10,305	1,876
Drains (chains) .. .. .	..	..	..	1,539	30
Dwellings (number) .. .. .	..	2	3	6	4
Wool-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	1	..	1	1
Cow-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	1	3	7	..
Other farm buildings (number)	2	4	6	28	8
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	5	2
Farm bridges (number)	2	1	..	30	..
Roads (chains)	360	..	..	1,194	400
Farm tracks (chains)	40	30	5	660	200
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including (Crown land set apart)—					
Unimproved (£) .. .. .	..	3,995	3,340	18,010	..
Improvements (£) .. .. .	..	32,874	4,988	27,055	..
Materials and expenses (£)	27,987	67,995	7,534	65,045	5,594
Labour (gross) (£)	2,458	7,949	1,501	37,672	1,350
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	30,445	112,813	17,363	147,782	6,944
Less subsidies on labour (£)	632	..	..	19,585	70
Net expenditure (£)	29,813	112,813	17,363	128,197	6,874
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	..	77,794	..	185	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	..	160	334	112	..
Herds (number) .. .. .	..	1	3	1	..
Cows milked (number) .. .. .	..	101	120	57	..
Dry dairy stock (number) .. .. .	..	7	65	55	..
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	..	4	12	6	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	..	6,580	13,592	15,511	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number) .. .. .	..	1,011	..	5,481	2,327
Dry sheep (number) .. .. .	..	575	..	3,343	2,473
Breeding-cows and heifers (number) .. .. .	..	101	..	957	461
Dry run cattle (number)	500	2	..	1,226	310
Horses (number)	2	6	6	29	21
Wool produced (lb.) .. .. .	..	18,418	..	85,296	45,995
Sheep sold (number) .. .. .	..	1,633	200	3,584	1,591
Cattle sold (number)	303	2,162	64	641	504
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
11. Receipts for year : Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	..	880	1,381	1,667	..
Wool (£) .. .. .	..	1,177	..	7,078	2,560
Sheep—Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	1,983	199	2,787	2,536
Cattle—Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	2,508	..	2,504	355
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	5,319	449	5,466	869
Pigs (£)	12	15,867	455	1,500	3,009
Crops (£) .. .. .	..	676	210	229	..
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	..	126	18	230	86
12. Payments for year : Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£) .. .. .	..	7	..	675	395
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	16	..	3	2,649
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	122	60	109	322	47
Transfers from other blocks (£)	6,199	10,200	1,281	63	126
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	2,433	2,133	1,108	8,171	2,272
Labour (£)	467	3,359	1,001	6,474	1,189
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	3	7	3	14	3

* Temporary supply.

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Development, Auckland—continued

Murupara.	NGUTUWERA.	OKAHUKURA.	PATUMAHOE.	Poharua.	PUKETURUA.	Puhiri.	PUTIKI.	RIPONUI.	REREWAHAKAITU.	RIVERSIDE.	THOMPSONS.
9/7/33	3/3/41	5/3/45	31/3/47	10/10/37	15/4/46	6/11/33	28/6/46	13/12/45	1/2/45	1/2/46	24/11/44
180	1,301	9,041	140	12,147	544	1,403	1,326	912	12,067	3,967	102
..	..	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	300	200	..
..	..	..	..	50	..	13	13	..	..	..	..
180	1,301	7,541	140	12,097	544	1,390	1,313	912	11,767	3,767	102
90	922	6,556	..	5,457	..	177	..	145	10,592	410	4
90	329	625	140	834	464	1,163	1,133	203	835	3,185	52
..	..	..	..	5,830	..	50	..	564	98	..	40
..	25	200	..	..	30	..	70	..	127	102	..
..	25	160	..	..	50	..	..	..	110	65	6
..	..	..	..	26	..	..	110	..	5	5	..
20	..	400	82	4,700	544	..	1,326	301	217	250	70
193	775	2,625	324	10,722	960	1,748	3,981	1,225	2,263	2,852	350
..	..	400	50	17,000	..	..	..	..	..	300	180
..	1	1	1	7	3	1	14	2	2	1	1
..	..	1	..	12	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
..	..	..	..	1	3	..	14	2	..	..	1
..	..	8	1	7	3	4	16	4	9	7	7
..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	3	..	500	3	3	20	..	9	14	10
..	..	..	..	1,770	..	..	..	..	360	..	..
..	..	40	25	145	5	480	..	10	380	186	6
90	3,564	10,963	..	7,603	4,492	3,009	23,495	800+	7,569	4,564	300
1,478	1,720	14,037	..	2,972	7,510	..	45,618	3,600+	11,196	11,679	1,451
896	1,025	7,849	130	40,163	4,129	9,029	15,680	4,892	9,322	5,439	2,289
..	244	2,564	9	75,563	326	15,692	1,785	1,294	2,763	1,911	1,967
2,464	6,553	35,413	139	126,301	16,457	27,730	86,578	10,586	30,850	23,593	6,007
807	..	..	..	41,707	..	10,396	..	..	..	..	..
1,657	6,553	35,413	139	84,594	16,457	17,334	86,578	10,586	30,850	23,593	6,007
..	..	..	..	305	..	39	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	58	544	..	1,326	301	..	..	102
..	..	..	..	1	3	..	7	1	..	..	1
..	..	..	1	38	206	..	1,135	75	..	..	56
..	49	..	1	125	9	96	183	123	..	..	14
..	..	..	..	3	11	..	65	4	..	..	2
..	..	..	..	10,826	1,802	..	210,644	12,517	..	..	11,930
..	..	3,206	102	2,081	554	1,415	..	..	1,322	2,124	..
..	1,166	1,049	182	3,791	21	504	..	145	1,269	2,319	..
..	..	82	..	383	..	227	..	93	97	308	..
..	..	287	..	2,622	..	200	..	13	88	515	..
..	..	12	1	14	6	7	17	6	11	3	2
..	..	15,523	1,876	42,768	621	16,109	..	1,046	34,608	38,915	..
..	264	1,257	899	831	2,258	1,229	..	3	393	1,598	..
..	176	287	859	907	318	224	1,257	118	75	437	49
..
..	..	..	..	1,181	180	..	23,000	1,447	..	..	1,291
..	..	1,216	153	3,643	43	1,305	..	60	2,739	3,179	..
..	1,070	1,505	1,752	1,556	3,068	1,700	..	3	26	155	..
..	..	3,224	..	..	1,954	..	..	..	279	3,494	..
..	..	3,585	2,214	14,354	..	344	1,821	1,113	..	100	61
..	1,568	1,122	8,037	510	3,684	1,391	5,790	573	937	5,921	16
..	..	..	..	128	..	..	2,433	114	..	..	113
..
103	..	77	22	737	12	28	235	148	40	53	27
..	1	295	123	3,635	131	6	..	..	844	604	..
..	996	1,734	2,308	1,099	3,935	..	8	414	..	1,923	..
..	..	10	1,308	2,110	2	..	2,429	1,704	2	1,516	..
..	1,719	1,316	8,687	9,201	2,573	623	6,148	1,085	..	1,976	39
125	83	3,406	194	2,944	2,133	893	15,761	1,657	2,283	3,294	165
..	54	2,383	294	8,967	583	970	1,917	694	1,762	2,164	468
..
..	1	8	1	40	6	3	12	2	3	6	2

† Compensation for 611 acres not yet fixed.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Superintendent of Land Development,					
	TIKOKOPU.	Tokoroa.	WAIKARE.	Waikite.	Waipapakauri.	WAIATAHA.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart ..	9/2/45	4/4/38	31/10/46	10/10/38	..	18/10/46
2. Total area (acres) ..	4,100	5,201	505	9,677	4,567	168†
3. Area not suitable for development (acres) ..	..	..	..	1,440	..	..
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Balance under development (acres) ..	4,600	5,201	505	8,237	450*	168
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—						
Undeveloped (acres) ..	730	2,138	..	5,916	..	20
Permanent grass (acres) ..	3,650	2,790	505	2,275	430	140
Temporary grass (acres) ..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Crops (acres) ..	70	37	..	40	4	..
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) ..	150	220	..	6	16	..
Plantations (acres) ..	..	16	..	..	..	..
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres) ..	200	570	505	626	240	168
Fencing (chains) ..	3,460	3,432	227	3,471	750	286
Drains (chains) ..	80	344	412	832	216	..
Dwellings (number) ..	1	2	1	1	1	2
Wool-sheds (number) ..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Cow-sheds (number) ..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Other farm buildings (number) ..	13	10	3	8	5	6
Road bridges (number) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number) ..	..	10	3	10	5	..
Roads (chains) ..	..	..	..	102	..	..
Farm tracks (chains) ..	140	23	..	40	34	..
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—						
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—						
Unimproved (£) ..	15,430	2,877	8,934	1,792	..	2,651
Improvements (£) ..	12,320	1,917	9,575	..	..	4,861
Materials and expenses (£) ..	15,996	23,511	3,131	29,990	1,718	93
Labour (gross) (£) ..	6,328	18,888	548	18,940	1,609	2
Total expenditure (gross) (£) ..	50,074	47,193	22,188	50,622	3,327	7,607
Less subsidies on labour (£) ..	..	14,127	..	10,406	38	..
Net expenditure (£) ..	50,074	33,066	22,188	40,216	3,289	7,607
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—						
Area occupied (acres) ..	..	..	..	..	160	..
Herds (number) ..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Cows milked (number) ..	..	..	2	..	93	..
Dry dairy stock (number) ..	..	149	315	..	16	..
Breeding-sows (number) ..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) ..	..	..	..	..	13,937	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—						
Breeding-ewes (number) ..	2,879	2,409	..	3,064	..	..
Dry sheep (number) ..	1,606	1,143	17	1,345	..	..
Breeding-cows and heifers (number) ..	354	414	..	503	..	..
Dry run cattle (number) ..	304	390	215	370	..	..
Horses (number) ..	12	8	3	13	2	..
Wool produced (lb.) ..	42,074	29,515	..	28,097	..	..
Sheep sold (number) ..	2,198	1,123	..	1,832	..	..
Cattle sold (number) ..	89	275	482	142	90	..
Cash crops (type and quantity) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—						
Butterfat (£) ..	..	..	..	..	1,574	..
Wool (£) ..	3,639	1,787	..	1,806	..	..
Sheep—Cash sales (£) ..	2,042	1,035	..	3,299	..	..
Transfers to other blocks (£) ..	2,311	1,000	..	1,400	..	..
Cattle—Cash sales (£) ..	319	194	2,767	2,428	192	..
Transfers to other blocks (£) ..	200	3,476	2,239	..	71	..
Pigs (£) ..	..	..	..	..	98	..
Crops (£) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous (£) ..	132	43	112	109	67	289
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—						
Sheep—Cash purchases (£) ..	449	167	3	175	..	..
Transfers from other blocks (£) ..	2,109	1,048	8	1,176	..	..
Cattle—Cash purchases (£) ..	338	138	307	1,063	38	..
Transfers from other blocks (£) ..	29	863	7,981	1,444	54	..
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£) ..	3,133	2,937	1,411	1,999	1,073	24
Labour (£) ..	2,413	2,226	894	1,962	343	..
Miscellaneous (£) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Labour employed (development and farming)						
Average for year (item 5) (number) ..	7	7	2	4	2	..

* Represents area grazed by Department only.

† Total area leased pending decision on subdivision.

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Auckland—continued.

Superintendent of Land Development, Te Kuiti.

WHANGAPOUA.	Whareare.	WHENUANUI.	Arohau.	Elliot's.	Foss.	Henderson's.	Kaiaua.	Karakariki.	Kohua.	KOMAKARAU.	KURANUI.
1/2/46	11/8/33	30/8/46	1933-40	1933	1933	1935	1937-40	1938	1935-38	1945	1947
2,449	4,941	176	4,130	2,871	438	776	1,639	2,150	1,094	734	861
413	527	..	980	90	10	3	320	1,186	224	..	..
2,036	4,414	176	3,150	1,842	428	572	1,319	715	422	616	..
640	1,730	..	994	43	26	46	563	64	57	..	2
655	1,503	170	2,016	812	379	509	706	141	369	118	856
631	1,095	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
110	25	..	140	65	21	15	50	13	22	..	..
..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..
..	6	..	..	19	2	2	..	2	..	..	3
..	2,611	170	500	50	385	100	..	10	..	118	70
1,540	9,432	585	5,613	764	898	1,139	1,406	372	1,029	368	1,057
822	4,220	300	42	40	..	709	1,023	30	457	119	371
4	4	2	9	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
..	2	3	33	10	4	7	7	2	6	1	3
..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
116	54	8	280	78	7	175	616	80	300	9	27
..
2,306	1,064	1,806	3,423	1,345	438	3,928	1,542	2,589	650	7,043	10,745
3,350	1,280	4,061	3,477	1,572	379	1,588	73	11,067	345	10,747	11,698
10,916	56,854	1,019	26,349	39,817	8,031	12,335	12,147	6,805	11,830	24,462	1,824
3,286	34,636	369	61,820	51,655	9,290	22,816	24,420	14,754	20,062	1,521	332
26,452	77,604	7,255	95,269	94,389	18,132	40,667	38,182	35,215	41,887	43,773	24,599
..	52,267	..	42,496	34,001	6,514	15,109	16,029	4,383	19,999	..	..
26,452	55,637	7,255	52,773	60,388	11,618	25,558	22,153	30,832	21,888	43,773	24,599
..	12,478	..	..	31,289	..	7,600	..	16,411	4,891	22,980	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	..	..	12	2	3	6	..	2	..	56	3
..	..	..	2	..	..	349	..	..	..	23	99
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,582	..
2,016	2,206	..	4,035	1,272	909	618	922	1	689	..	1,754
1,304	1,462	706	6,198	772	69	242	831	309	481	..	155
117	24	98	163	108	50	..	93	..	55	..	..
6	1,086	..	373	167	81	1	123	25	50	..	107
4	33	..	18	11	7	3	9	5	7	2	4
19,570	53,773	..	75,186	16,609	10,122	9,074	15,040	3,381	11,290	..	26,884
1,340	1,134	1,190	3,715	1,621	979	585	998	338	712	2	4,739
144	424	330	388	252	93	250	1	70	54	419	1,001
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	769	..
1,966	1,235	..	4,659	544	634	592	1,187	343	468	..	..
1,581	1,858	4	2,741	1,641	1,445	122	232	..	156	..	3,870
..	649	693	1,431	747	366	1,234	1,107	687	913	..	3,223
..	1,877	37	2,010	869	114	343	..	296	..	2,280	3,384
2,156	10	3,198	1,475	1,691	437	1,808	6	239	621	3,068	6,127
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	..
125	258	22	274	146	41	93	13	..	56	38	32
551	237	80	102	152	71	..	..	18	63	..	424
2,030	609	3,528	5,478	1,874	540	180	196	612	350	..	6,176
221	6,122	38	114	2	..	2,470	32	20	32	16	936
1,434	1,573	1,859	2,444	1,134	2	1,013	..	225	224	2,965	8,534
3,043	2,630	48	4,286	1,831	1,231	1,625	1,393	737	517	375	1,849
1,358	4,663	715	4,684	1,153	381	1,606	891	158	351	411	942
..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	31	..	90	83
7	16	1	9	3	1	..	3	1	1	1	3

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Superintendent					
	Latgdon's.	Mahihii.	Manganahoe.	Mangorohu.	Mangati.	Mapara.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	1933	1936-37	1934-47	1939	1933-38	1936-45
2. Total area (acres)	456	443	562	832	641	5,690
3. Area not suitable for development (acres)	29	..	40	47	32	420
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres)	254	108	105	..	99	335
5. Balance under development (acres)	173	335	417	785	510	4,935
6. Conditions of area under development (item 5)—						
Undeveloped (acres)	18	53	64	410	85	2,225
Permanent grass (acres)	135	235	339	354	354	2,447
Temporary grass (acres)	11	24	..	..	40	..
Crops (acres)	9	18	12	21	30	263
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plantations (acres) .. .. .	..	5	2	..	1	..
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres)	150	74	66	..	126	160
Fencing (chains)	519	645	878	794	1,127	3,244
Drains (chains) .. .. .	..	170	92	48	119	1,193
Dwellings (number)	1	2	2	2	1	7
Wool-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	1	1	1	1	1
Cow-sheds (number)	1	1	..	..	1	..
Other farm buildings (number)	1	3	7	4	7	14
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	..	2	1	1	..	4
Farm tracks (chains)	10	4	105	220	52	173
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—						
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—						
Unimproved (£)	680	600	1,143	1,148	728	3,871
Improvements (£)	753	896	2,728	1,185	65	4,507
Materials and expenses (£)	8,844	5,925	7,536	3,431	12,709	30,481
Labour (gross) (£)	10,233	5,834	13,092	3,811	12,834	43,070
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	20,510	13,255	24,499	9,575	26,336	81,929
Less subsidies on labour (£)	6,960	3,814	9,033	2,493	7,963	29,215
Net expenditure (£)	13,550	9,441	15,466	7,082	18,373	52,714
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£)	4,300	2,090	1,985	..	2,960	6,495
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—						
Area occupied (acres)	155	74	..	..	102	..
Herds (number)	1	1	..	..	1	..
Cows milked (number)	36	37	2	2	30	7
Dry dairy stock (number)	13	89	..	1	2	..
Breeding-sows (number)	3	3	..	..	4	..
Butterfat sold (lb.)	8,585	6,533	..	..	7,704	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—						
Breeding-ewes (number)	199	307	803	538	700	2,277
Dry sheep (number)	5	73	322	578	38	3,013
Breeding cows and heifers (number) .. .. .	..	..	47	56	..	189
Dry run cattle (number) .. .. .	..	19	45	122	60	324
Dry dairy stock (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horses (number)	4	8	4	3	9	15
Wool produced (lb.)	118	2,868	11,280	7,570	8,220	39,236
Sheep sold (number)	612	361	1,205	409	1,029	2,925
Cattle sold (number)	104	204	18	12	77	143
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—						
Butterfat (£)	953	703	..	..	908	7
Wool (£)	185	179	770	608	406	3,266
Sheep—Cash sales (£)	405	449	196	63	390	678
Transfers to other blocks (£)	708	..	1,241	571	743	3,178
Cattle—Cash sales (£)	1,082	26	1	..	1,369	1,549
Transfers to other blocks (£)	151	1,697	137	96	60	..
Pigs (£)	181	81	..	..	111	..
Crops (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous (£)	52	57	37	44	48	209
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—						
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	65	34	105	52	66	11
Transfers from other blocks (£)	620	225	747	10	814	232
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	445	500	32	15	304	120
Transfers from other blocks (£)	167	1,512	16	349	507	305
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	701	940	915	401	1,469	3,190
Labour (£)	472	736	532	599	842	3,163
Miscellaneous (£)	29	14	..	..	100	39
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—						
Average for year (item 5) (number)	1	3	2	1	3	6

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MAUNGAKAWA.	Ngatamahine.	ONIAO.	OPARURE.	PARATU.	PARAU.	Piu.	Pururu.	Raetihi.	RANGARANGAI.	Rumble's.	Tahara.
1946	1934-43	1946	1947	1943	1947	1935-41	1936-37	1936-41	1946	1936	1938-47
958	4,661	777	1,939	2,029	692	6,131	3,045	3,133	3,014	379	770
58	1,002	..	58	..	5	1,888	699	99	..	106	56
900	1,308	..	..	138	..	150	1,314	1,366	2,240	..	..
..	2,351	777	1,881	1,891	687	4,093	1,032	1,668	774	273	714
200	808	254	89	61	25	929	368	..	103	14	627
636	1,472	475	1,679	1,810	514	2,905	424	1,511	636	246	87
..	..	..	..	..	120	..	200	..	..	..	..
64	66	48	113	..	28	250	40	137	32	11	..
..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	5	..	..	5	..	9	..	20	3	..	..
..	120	156	..	1,025	..	..	..	..	..	80	20
886	4,521	955	1,817	2,645	1,205	5,701	2,733	2,071	662	501	195
..	..	443	..	327	..	578	..	1,449	..	..	67
1	8	1	3	9	3	9	4	8	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
1	5	..	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	19	2	10	19	1	65	3	17	1	3	3
6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
180	197	11	115	275	..	739	65	176	49	..	..
4,505	5,637	1,530	4,000	18,278	2,220	4,870	3,106	15,810	7,150	305	1,204
8,303	8,702	7,922	13,476	19,400	9,360	6,344	4,844	4,844	21,479	184	132
1,831	44,931	1,585	5,094	48,069	1,022	31,074	36,051	44,821	9,795	3,716	2,502
414	102,632	1,965	2,861	3,816	195	50,408	61,039	103,807	6,555	3,363	4,326
15,053	161,902	13,002	25,431	89,653	12,797	92,696	103,180	169,082	44,979	7,568	8,164
..	70,625	..	..	..	..	34,092	39,814	70,435	..	2,182	2,782
15,053	91,277	13,002	25,431	89,653	12,797	58,604	63,366	98,647	44,979	5,386	5,382
..	19,175	..	..	5,030	..	2,028	34,310	23,770	32,275	..	..
..	..	..	..	816	..	..	..	..	..	259	..
..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
3	14	2	3	381	3	6	5	6	15	36	2
2	12	..	..	544	..	10	10	10	..	30	..
..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	..	..	..	42,794	..	..	..	..	4,127	5,702	..
1,514	2,014	943	2,040	3,850	1,326	2,672	1,124	2,949	..	355	260
1,248	3,366	666	2,506	312	667	6,509	651	2,520	1,304	21	126
90	248	108	185	55	43	95	28	219	13	3	..
143	365	70	336	98	2	344	150	198	82	55	22
..
5	20	8	6	18	3	20	9	8	3	3	3
15,091	48,000	16,970	32,339	47,950	20,522	71,170	13,773	38,743	7,731	2,988	2,337
720	3,231	1,526	1,255	5,922	1,998	2,388	1,839	3,112	4,924	384	409
256	211	231	74	400	70	43	121	547	677	187	19
..
..	..	..	..	4,328	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1,091	3,273	1,098	2,753	3,965	1,437	7,431	1,478	3,379	645	567	174
275	2,211	267	107	8,146	943	538	2,175	1,285	5,701	399	182
879	2,279	1,952	1,093	4,740	1,538	1,854	892	3,130	2,880	325	340
128	253	5	..	2,262	..	283	713	2,331	4,073	110	3
2,113	836	1,597	1,238	4,865	868	30	409	1,749	3,090	1,630	324
..	..	..	..	473	..	..	..	..	110	44	..
..
38	342	33	75	191	53	284	82	304	49	172	26
140	..	94	385	85	3,886	53	176	373	418	34	24
950	1,526	784	6,513	4,429	670	2,017	338	..	1,443	255	315
642	146	89	271	1,822	92	165	85	146	30	476	2
58	376	437	4,151	3,761	1,035	8	665	8	..	1,327	119
859	4,309	1,131	2,407	3,877	494	3,282	1,468	4,007	2,459	388	329
761	2,436	775	972	3,878	689	2,531	1,198	1,783	1,029	427	153
..	..	..	29	412	83	..	..	..	2	50	..
2	7	2	1	11	2	5	3	4	1	1	1

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Superintendent of Land				
	Tapuwae.	TAUHEI.	TE HOE.	TE MIMI.	Vincent's.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	1938	1945	1945	1946	1936
2. Total area (acres)	3,328	200	284	788	196
3. Area not suitable for development (acres)	28	..	..	..	4
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	622	..
5. Balance under development (acres)	3,300	200	284	166	192
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres) .. .. .	..	..	5	..	15
Permanent grass (acres)	3,003	152	278	166	172
Temporary grass (acres)	200	..	..	..	..
Crops (acres)	90	45	..	..	..
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Plantations (acres)	7	3	1	..	5
Water-supplies : Area reticulated (acres) .. .. .	..	120	273	60	164
Fencing (chains)	3,060	527	430	231	573
Drains (chains)	260	240	63	103	171
Dwellings (number)	3	2	2	1	1
Wool-sheds (number)	1	..	..	..	..
Cow-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	2	2	1	..
Other farm buildings (number)	11	4	3	2	5
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..
Roads (chains) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farm tracks (chains)	400	..	..	..	80
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—					
Unimproved (£)	3,114	2,668	2,500	11,764	490
Improvements (£)	16,098	3,977	2,468	21,596	387
Materials and expenses (£)	10,639	4,360	9,853	11,956	3,590
Labour (gross) (£)	20,707	430	590	495	3,732
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	50,558	11,435	15,411	45,811	8,219
Less subsidies on labour (£)	14,860	..	..	..	2,564
Net expenditure (£)	35,698	11,435	15,411	45,811	5,655
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	29,170	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	..	200	279	166	..
Herds (number) .. .. .	..	1	2	1	..
Cows milked (number)	4	61	86	58	7
Dry dairy stock (number)	1	26	172	24	723
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	..	..	10	..	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	..	13,771	14,681	15,484	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number)	3,341	..	..	..	307
Dry sheep (number)	2,025	..	..	..	33
Breeding cows and heifers (number)	325	..	..	..	..
Dry run cattle (number)	398	..	..	..	..
Dry dairy stock (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Horses (number)	14	3	4	2	..
Wool produced (lb.)	44,813	..	..	..	6,335
Sheep sold (number)	4,162	543	..	..	1,177
Cattle sold (number)	224	212	179	860	71
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
11. Receipts for year : Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	..	1,688	1,462	2,763	..
Wool (£)	4,891	..	..	..	312
Sheep—Cash sales (£)	1,541	..	1,177	..	65
Transfers to other blocks (£)	3,525	815	633	..	1,386
Cattle—Cash sales (£)	763	161	209	5,327	243
Transfers to other blocks (£)	924	2,154	1,915	5,865	122
Pigs (£) .. .. .	..	96	213	142	..
Crops (£) .. .. .	..	39	106	118	29
Miscellaneous (£)	26	..	..	..	..
12. Payments for year : Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	7	2	2	..	166
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	756	..	..	963
Pigs—Cash purchases (£)	95	31	868	222	859
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	14	5,026	2,593	8,066	297
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	700	640	1,235	299
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	2,153	700	640	1,235	299
Labour (£)	2,434	401	612	530	359
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	..	28	78	316	..
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	3	2	2	1	1

* Compensation not yet fixed.

† Compensation not yet fixed; represents progress payment on account.

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Development, Te Kuiti—continued.				Auck- land.				Gisborne.			
Waikato.	WAIKUKU.	Waiparuru.	Wharepapua.	WHATAROHA.	WHATAURI.	LITTLEJOHNS.	HIHIROHA.	HIWINUI.	KAREWA.	KOHANGA.	MANGAPEKA.
1938-41	1946	1933-41	1938	1944	1944	24/10/46	28/2/47	28/2/47	1/5/46	30/3/46	15/9/46
2,539	1,053	10,466	3,676	1,256	566	129	4,480	7,357	1,780	34	596
248	..	2,066	250	32	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	935	82	2,312	767	289	..	..	..	..	..	..
2,291	118	8,318	1,114	457	271	129	4,480	7,357	1,780	34	596
1,727	..	2,339	164	326	36	22	60	300	40	4	44
468	114	4,396	876	130	221	107	4,563	7,007	1,738	..	..
33	..	1,291	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
61	..	280	65	..	14	..	..	..	..	30	150
..	2	..	9	..	..	..	45	50	..	..	..
..	118	12	..	1	..	..	12	..	2	..	..
1,416	293	6,190	1,409	24	160	705	2,180	3,136	1,354	30	400
391	..	782	178	..	..	310	50	100	120	140	100
1	..	14	4	..	2	..	2	1	..	4	..
1	..	4	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
..	9	9	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
129	10	1,111	6	1	3	..	240	30	..	..	..
1,216	20,030	5,133	7,131	5,710	1,300	1,770	220	38,647	12,000	1,735	7,920
730	24,962	8,680	12,381	12,177	4,374	4,577	..	..	14,855	475	..
11,249	32,798	51,999	37,005	22,809	12,455	23	950	5,336	1,635	8,108	1,653
24,730	2,692	88,126	30,007	2,238	4,966	..	13	596	271	647	29
37,916	80,482	153,947	86,724	42,934	23,095	6,370	985	44,549	28,791	8,935	9,602
17,349	..	60,596	16,388	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20,576	80,482	93,351	70,336	12,934	23,095	6,370	985	44,549	28,791	8,935	9,602
..	41,930	63	34,308	29,625	8,055	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	235	..	12	8	1	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	2	19	7	..	66	..	3	2	1	..	..
..	3	..	1	..	17	..	5	2	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	1,614	..	8,839	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
922	..	4,763	1,463	..	335	..	4,135	5,978	1,840	..	..
603	..	10,228	357	496	40	..	2,787	5,820	1,252	..	..
66	..	553	23	..	..	..	638	1,162	296	..	..
75	38	1,294	207	..	..	..	548	818	260	..	..
..
7	..	26	11	..	7	..	15	47	4	..	..
15,061	1,449	107,356	15,417	..	1,786	..	80,070	126,706	30,880	..	..
1,168	2,770	7,234	5,813	10	568	..	3,960	3,909	1,464	..	..
61	1,609	621	1,068	186	99	..	264	440	8	..	..
..
..	10	..	266	..	852	1,151	..	..	..	..	..
2,082	31	10,801	789	..	..	..	172	14	1,294	..	..
359	1,586	7,243	7,345	362	615	..	2,719	4,273	2,620	..	..
1,151	3,173	5,423	3,037	..	150	..	3,337	1,893	..	..	..
76	9,340	3,068	3,907	742	122	60	2,805	4,209	95	..	..
251	9,432	3,214	5,413	1,890	922	..	..	891	..	..	..
..	..	..	96	..	108	..	2,080	..	..	..	..
..
45	87	324	216	..	62	73	119	71	139	188	15
3	80	185	558	14	28	..	429	377	168	..	..
..	2,427	4,468	537	688	461	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	2,682	..	..	..	..	..
10	1,290	339	40	4	43	..	371	52	..	..	..
396	12,826	1,752	3,680	..	323	..	..	94	..	..	..
777	626	7,882	4,827	332	462	259	971	1,322	754	556	500
1,000	648	4,786	1,730	64	484	..	2,339	2,037	789	328	466
3	231	15	2	..	99	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	1	6	3	..	2	..	6	5	2	4	..

‡ Herd belongs to share-milker.

§ Assorted vegetables.

|| 150 acres peas.

* Bobby calves.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Gisborne—continued.				
	PAINGA.	ST. LEGER.	To Wera (Civilian).	WAIKOKO.	WHAKAMARU.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	2 7 45	4 6 46	3 1 27	14 2 47	29/6/45
2. Total area (acres)	2,955	5,681	9,838	6,386	400
3. Area not suitable for development (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,864	.. .. .	.. .. .
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres)	656	15	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
5. Balance under development (acres)	2,299	5,666	7,974	6,386	400
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	1,100	.. .. .	1,000	.. .. .
Permanent grass (acres)	2,294	4,561	7,931	4,880	385
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Crops (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3	250	15
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	250	.. .. .
Plantations (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	40	6	.. .. .
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	400
Fencing (chains)	963	2,600	3,254	3,400	934
Drains (chains)	25	30	.. .. .	35	.. .. .
Dwellings (number)	2	1	2	1	4
Wool-sheds (number)	1	1	1	1	.. .. .
Cow-sheds (number)	1	1	.. .. .	1	4
Other farm buildings (number)	3	3	8	1	4
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	1	2	.. .. .	.. .. .
Roads (chains) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Farm tracks (chains)	50	320	560	170	.. .. .
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—					
Unimproved (£)	4,870	8,900	39,453	14,500	3,850
Improvements (£)	10,701	21,233	27,468	20,609	6,671
Materials and expenses (£)	2,188	1,798	19,007	4,996	13,439
Labour (gross) (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	2,571	.. .. .	2,744	830
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	17,759	34,502	85,928	42,849	24,790
Net subsidies on labour (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	130	.. .. .	.. .. .
Net expenditure (£)	17,759	34,502	85,798	42,849	24,790
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres)	15	25	12	10	400
Herds (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	4
Cows milked (number)	4	8	5	5	150
Dry dairy stock (number)	5	7	1	.. .. .	8
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	19,049
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number)	2,524	4,638	5,127	5,062	441
Dry sheep (number)	1,131	3,091	5,601	3,603	114
Breeding-cows and heifers (number)	308	389	969	574	.. .. .
Dry run cattle (number)	267	344	980	363	.. .. .
Horses (number)	8	12	35	16	6
Wool produced (lb.)	35,714	55,634	85,469	68,147	3,333
Sheep sold (number)	2,395	3,233	1,959	1,574	239
Cattle sold (number)	109	102	406	193	150
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,949
Wool (£)	1,348	4,870	3,055	184	347
Sheep—Cash sales (£)	2,386	2,235	619	204	356
Transfers to other blocks (£)	260	1,848	4,103	2,154	.. .. .
Cattle—Cash sales (£)	800	42	2,869	706	203
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	1,152	.. .. .	1,804	.. .. .
Horses (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Pigs (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	207
Crops (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Miscellaneous (£)	332	407	86	175	114
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	270	389	333	458	.. .. .
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	107	277	366	2,785	575
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,043	.. .. .
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	570	1,593	2,095	2,669	1,878
Labour (£)	1,162	2,703	2,773	3,676	1,132
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	3	5	6	9	4

* Includes 2 under construction.

† Includes 4 under construction.

‡ Includes 2 under construction.

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Hawke's Bay.

Alhuriri Lagoon.	Kakariki.	Kahakea.	GOWRIE.	HAKOWHAL.	HAMPDEN.	KOKOMOKO.	MAKARINI.	MOUNT CAMERON.	ORINGI.	PUKEATUA.	RAWHITI.
2/3/34	25/3/31	1/2/38	11/2/46	28/3/45	4/2/47	28/2/47	3/3/47	19/8/46	28/2/46	1/7/45	22/2/46
7,755	19,213	10,505	1,859	1,637	929	962	1,673	2,001	344	4,136	2,144
2,153	4,402	..	..	..	..	12	..	400	..	..	209
606	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169	..
4,996	14,811	10,505	1,859	1,637	929	950	1,673	1,601	344	3,967	1,944
2,601	6,408	5,635	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	220
1,902	8,209	4,794	1,820	1,636	886	949	1,375	1,563	336	3,689	1,674
340	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
141	150	70	30	..	40	..	98	32	..	107	28
..
12	44	6	1	1	3	1	..	6	8	21	22
4,994	100	40	20	200	50	..	200	250	300	500	100
7,114	5,753	2,227	1,210	1,148	1,140	705	1,920	1,473	647	2,931	1,340
30,000	60	13	50	..	..	20	210	..	116	250	..
2	5	3	1	2	1	1	2	4*	3	58	34
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1
..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	1	1
..	11	3	6	5	4	1	2	3	3	16	9
6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	3	1
2,028	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	155	240	..	8	..	..	..	..	20	80	..
1,531	16,706	34,927	14,050	8,032	8,391	10,173	21,979	8,837	7,366	21,866	5,461
186	7,417	3,083	9,682	6,745	9,358	5,389	20,531	11,147	3,549	19,239	11,902
123,035	35,008	14,776	2,094	3,720	434	242	1,517	687	7,585	4,604	560
163,819	25,572	8,080	202	438	165	47	180	247	165	820	57
288,571	84,703	60,866	26,028	18,935	18,348	15,851	44,207	20,918	18,665	46,529	17,980
143,114	6,293	2,953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
145,426	78,410	57,913	26,028	18,935	18,348	15,851	44,207	20,918	18,665	46,529	17,980
8,135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..
..
..
3	12	7	..	..	4	3	5	4	28	..	4
..
..
..
..
..
4,963	3,763	3,346	3,068	1,960	1,907	1,539	3,859	2,354	..	..	2,066
6,218	3,711	6,732	920	94	83	72	694	1,057	140	..	108
..	429	322	54	137	36	63	165	91	..	..	73
98	357	644	139	201	2	113	154	72	1	..	59
4	26	19	2	3	1	..	15	4	..	..	9
130,254	68,884	162,457	35,774	1,220	6,715	1,768	57,537	11,646	..	47,126	29,136
15,863	2,290	1,537	3,083	1,804	3,517	2,187	4,901	2,302	..	8,745	2,893
10	247	465	363	215	..	305	282	261	518	864	21
..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	10	..
..
..
..
11,031	5,452	11,020	3,289	81	594	134	5,161	1,121	..	3,716	2,595
29,281	3,294	1,049	3,095	3,158	5,287	2,175	4,872	1,754	43	11,338	2,040
..	..	1,100	2,167	789	240	1,063	3,051	1,450	..	3,316	2,002
..	1,919	5,547	1,120	694	..	..	1,097	106	7,411	3,196	..
68	994	899	2,095	1,059	..	2,006	2,458	2,463	1,783	2,130	212
..	..	..	..	5	..	14	..	5	..	..	..
1,267	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	..
376	285	142	68	134	87	77	447	42	68	222	67
14,834	1,473	312	648	1,265	2,784	1,516	1,523	796	4	29	236
147	116	..	2,514	1,580	7	938	1,855	..	458	1,909	94
252	3,765	4,634	1,047	672	407	1,080	..	..	1,178	534	5
909	..	1,226	2,335	1,566	32	2,228	1,255	1,129	4,794	1,054	..
6,553	3,813	4,528	1,509	1,025	1,545	655	2,382	1,018	902	3,452	1,279
6,032	3,248	3,047	842	1,038	757	452	914	1,100	53	2,029	884
..	..	24	..	5	5	..	22	21	..	14	..
12	10	6	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	5	2

§ Includes net expenditure on reclamation, £84,930.

|| 7 acres potatoes.

* 2,851 bushels barley.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Hawke's Bay—continued.				
	SALISBURY.	TE ROTO.	TWYFORD.	AWATEA.	CHERRYBANK.
1. Date of acquisition or (Crown land set apart)	19/8/46	5/6/45	3/3/47	17/5/46	29/3/46
2. Total area (acres)	1,500	1,404	103	3,196	384
3. Area not suitable for development (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	300	25
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	677	.. .. .	.. .. .	1
5. Balance under development (acres)	1,500	727	103	2,896	358
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	5	.. .. .	.. .. .
Permanent grass (acres)	1,445	712	92	2,815	332
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Crops (acres)	55	14	.. .. .	65	14
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Plantations (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	1	.. .. .	16	.. .. .
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres)	100	8	50	.. .. .	244
Fencing (chains)	1,680	750	300	3,583	812
Drains (chains) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	120	.. .. .	191
Dwellings (number)	1	2	.. .. .	3	3
Wool-sheds (number)	1	1	.. .. .	2	.. .. .
Cow-sheds (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1	3
Other farm buildings (number)	4	2	2	12	6
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	1	.. .. .	.. .. .	1
Farm bridges (number)	2	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3
Roads (chains) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2	4
Farm tracks (chains)	5	.. .. .	.. .. .	38	79
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including (Crown land set apart)—					
Unimproved (£)	8,220	15,822	11,171	7,988	7,720
Improvements (£)	11,416	9,921	1,180	13,164	5,782
Materials and expenses (£)	895	9,541	45	1,193	10,468
Labour (gross) (£)	130	165	.. .. .	942	2,658
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	20,661	35,449	12,396	23,287	26,628
Less subsidies on labour (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Net expenditure (£)	20,661	35,449	12,396	23,287	26,628
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	14,198	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	384
Herds (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3
Cows milked (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	134
Dry dairy stock (number)	2	2	.. .. .	.. .. .	39
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	*
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number)	3,132	1,575	593	2,688	157
Dry sheep (number)	824	300	29	1,468	31
Breeding-cows and heifers (number)	77	17	.. .. .	111	.. .. .
Dry run cattle (number)	90	40	35	107	.. .. .
Horses (number)	5	4	2	14	9
Wool produced (lb.)	44,156	16,689	5,077	41,564	1,175
Sheep sold (number)	2,251	5,491	2,757	1,370	496
Cattle sold (number)	139	225	23	4	53
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Horses sold (number)	4	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3,196 [†]
Wool (£)	3,123	1,058	471	3,895	44
Sheep—Cash sales (£)	3,912	7,671	2,085	1,694	728
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	1,016	3,235	1,543	397
Cattle—Cash sales (£)	449	1,830	386	33	318
Transfers to other blocks (£)	1,115	33	.. .. .	949	129
Horses (£)	10	24	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Pigs (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Crops (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Miscellaneous (£)	67	473	35	55	190
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	725	1,619	950	218	520
Transfers from other blocks (£)	976	2,366	2,672	12	100
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	876	30	2	79	222
Transfers from other blocks (£)	367	1,272	564	16	239
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	1,389	1,315	335	2,294	1,611
Labour (£)	1,226	969	267	879	1,013
Horses (£)	13	29	5	.. .. .	.. .. .
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	83
13. Labour employed (developing and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	2	2	1	5	6

* Milk sold, 46,573 gallons.

† Milk sold, 5,873 gallons.

‡ 670 bushels barley, 306 bales hay.

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Wellington.

HUREPO.	IHAKARA.	KAHU.	KAIMATARAU.	KARERE.	KOTUKU.	MAKIRIKIRI.	NIREAHA.	OKAPEA.	PAKIHUKURA.	PARUWAL.	POKAKA.
28/2/47	31/5/46	3/3/46	31/10/46	1/7/46	30/11/45	28/11/46	8/11/46	28/2/47	7/8/46	4/3/46	20/2/47
1,389	561	380	319	203	491	1,453	197	3,198	2,024	7,724	2,326
12	5	3	16	..	5	62	5	25	11	200	7
1,377	556	377	303	203	486	1,391	192	3,166	2,013	7,524	2,319
40	..	..	..	..	7	23	..	..	..	..	..
1,312	540	377	293	199	461	1,315	166	3,165	1,991	7,524	2,317
18	16	..	10	31	18	..	23	..	10	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	12	..	..
213	80	60	298	203	229	3	3	1	..	..	2
1,130	629	385	873	629	854	1,458	442	3,000	1,752	3,063	1,499
2	25	..	120	5	102	350	..	20	..	..	10
1	..	1	5	3	4	4	..	2	3	..	3
1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	1	1	..	1
6	..	3	5	8	10	7	..	8	6	..	8
..	1	2	3	7	..	..	..	10	1	..	..
..	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
45	30	3	60	38	115	165	..	80	176	10	160
8,543	6,188	3,735	9,545	8,526	10,541	27,253	1,970	21,410	17,059	26,000	19,093
10,994	5,877	1,650	4,655	6,387	6,538	13,285	5,177	28,185	14,505	36,334	15,316
2,207	2,784	2,933	8,989	3,399	11,463	5,896	1,788	1,030	3,288	1,956	1,221
876	954	1,013	1,837	908	934	1,532	355	741	1,863	1,413	1,170
22,620	15,803	9,331	25,026	19,220	29,476	47,966	9,290	51,366	36,715	65,703	36,800
22,620	15,803	9,331	25,026	19,220	29,476	47,966	9,290	51,366	36,715	65,703	36,800
..
..	100	..	180	125	248	..	197	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	3	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
3	70	2	95	72	75	..	78	5	4	10	3
2	24	..	23	7	19	..	15	3	5	3	4
..	8	..	20	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	13,640	..	15,033	14,490†	12,576	..	18,523	..	..	..	..
1,681	196	714	..	..	666	1,806	6	4,574	2,631	6,433	3,172
870	327	24	..	254	221	1,155	..	2,295	1,966	4,296	1,396
..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..	183	66	508	95
207	121	..	77	..	..	101	..	680	560	492	776
8	3	1	..	1	2	5	..	10	9	22	5
24,616	4,879	6,732	93	1,851	9,317	11,189	..	75,971	45,205	80,255	51,565
84	272	876	92	560	1,584	1,059	51	1,636	513	2,613	1,366
93	40	1	331	38	..	112	12	283	21	..	1
..
..
..	1,553	..	1,446	2,141**	1,233	..	1,736	..	..	..	..
2,519	426	892	1,446	126	1,428	1,025	..	290	6,629	12,497	3,621
155	357	967	135	827	2,292	1,655	62	2,200	653	3,435	1,536
1,126	779	..	..	118	1,356	3,254	..	4,148	1,571	2,590	2,848
787	211	2	5,667	268	..	650	51	3,905	182	..	14
1,475	1,964	570	1,845	3,806	3,488	7,331	..	4,096	4,016	2,903	1,358
..	127	..	280	..	112	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	258	217	..	..	..	..	..	..
121	87	26	184	101	230	286	49	281	292	121	338
356	941	782	440	..	1,601	4,528	..	667	716	1,150	9,805
112	21	..	6	1,313	1,320	2,465	63	975	..	..	488
507	308	36	601	2,173	1,340	4,717	53	3,381	158	107	5,159
2,541	2,143	247	6,385	3,849	1,096	3,242	..	3,399	3,230	..	2,501
822	1,302	358	1,293	1,423	2,479	1,800	1,071	1,338	1,008	2,021	1,027
667	339	208	641	713	602	655	..	1,386	1,042	2,225	1,374
107	55	24	474	..	197	163	..	57	143	10	233
3	3	2	6	4	4	6	2	6	6	6	4

‡ 1,410 bales hay.

‡ 101 sacks wheat, 954 bales straw.

‡ Milk proceeds.

** Includes milk sold.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Wellington—				
	Pukouiti.	RATA.	RAUKAWA.	RUAMAHUNGA.	Tangimoana.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart		6/3/46	18/3/47	29/3/46	..
2. Total area (acres)	212	1,039	190	2,311	117
3. Area not suitable for development (acres)		10	2	120	..
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres)		14	..	165	..
5. Balance under development (acres)	212	1,015	188	2,026	117
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres)		10	18	..	..
Permanent grass (acres)	212	985	156	1,881	117
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .		..	..	..	..
Crops (acres)		12	6	41	..
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres)		8	2	96	..
Plantations (acres) .. .. .		..	..	8	..
Water supplies: Area reticulated (acres)	47	..	150	..	95
Fencing (chains)	300	1,037	325	3,605	176
Drains (chains)	140	192	25	135*	63
Dwellings (number)	1	2	2	3	..
Wool-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	..	1	2	..
Cow-sheds (number)	1	..	1	1	..
Other farm buildings (number)	3	12	3	6	..
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number)	1	..	..	3	..
Roads (chains) .. .. .	..	80	..	..	..
Farm tracks (chains)	6	75	62	10	..
7. Capital expenditure to date in land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—					
Unimproved (£)		23,099	5,524	10,050	59
Improvements (£)		7,520	5,501	11,878	181
Materials and expenses (£)	1,479	6,858	469	5,668	1,395
Labour (gross) (£)	654	3,185	61	2,023	490
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	2,133	40,662	11,555	38,619	2,125
Less subsidies on labour (£)					79
Net expenditure (£)	2,133	40,662	11,555	38,619	2,046
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£)				5,590	..
9. Dairying on areas under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres)					
Herds (number)					
Cows milked (number)			1		
Dry dairy stock (number)	64	158	55	106	73
Breeding-sows (number)					
Butterfat sold (lb.)					
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5) —					
Breeding-ewes (number)	436	416	591	4,305	..
Dry sheep (number)	72	867	56	221	148
Breeding-cows and heifers (number)				75	..
Dry run cattle (number)		79	..	103	143
Horses (number)	1	2	2	3	3
Wool produced (lb.)	4,873	15,873	6,374	30,386	..
Sheep sold (number)	315	2,752	762	5,367	189
Cattle sold (number)	5	2	30	311	31
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	§			..	..
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£)	299	..	34	2,557	..
Wool (£)	421	3,806	1,052	8,054	291
Sheep—Cash sales (£)	1,219	1,391	248	60	..
Transfers to other blocks (£)	24	10	184	2,782	481
Cattle—Cash sales (£)	4,461	1,537	3,237	926	2,304
Transfers to other blocks (£)					
Pigs (£)	499	1,486	..	420	..
Crops (£)	2	41	33	110	..
Miscellaneous (£)					
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	332	943	569	5,614	..
Transfers from other blocks (£)	1,274	1,853	..	1,710	409
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	1,749	1,862	2,015	643	117
Transfers from other blocks (£)	2,191	2,317	2,023	1,676	3,647
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	25	3,114	347	4,448	54
Labour (£)	229	435	271	872	..
Miscellaneous (£)			65	30	57
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	1	6	1	5	1

* Also 417 acres moled. † 25 acres moled. ‡ 31,691 gallons milk sold. § 1,012 sacks
 229 bushels oats. †† 1,600 bales hay. ‡‡ Milk proceeds.

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continued.		Marlborough.									
TAUROA.	TIKITAPU.	TURAKINA.	UPOKO.	WAINUIORU.	Whareroa.	CLAVERLEY.	CRAIGLOCK-HART.	DAVIDSON'S.	ELMS.	GREENHILLS.	SPEEDS.
31 3/47	28/6/46	16/4/46	28/3/47	6/3/46	27/6/45	17/3/47	24/3/47	4/11/46	15 8/45	29 3/44	30 4/45
1,623	4,773	251	3,906	5,493	1,259	3,710	7,915	54	2,034	4,912	800
50	100	..	200	200	..	100	1,630	..	320	505	100
1,573	4,673	251	3,706	5,293	1,259	1,980	7,915	54	1,714	4,407	640
1,569	4,668	230	3,706	5,289	1,223	1,935	7,729	54	1,698	1,240	562
..	..	10	..	..	23	25	126	..	13	172	43
..	..	3	..	4	13	20	40	..	3	158	25
4	5	74	..	50	296	..	20	..	100	17	10
1,485	3,057	382	1,197	2,968	2,646	1,825	2,400	194	1,778	2,261	1,153
30	30	..	..	†	630	..	..	70	100	..	473
2	5	2	1	1	3	3	3	..	5	2	3
1	3	1	..	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	..
..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	3	..	2
3	7	7	2	5	14	9	15	..	15	9	3
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1
..	20	..	10	10	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
..	30	32	50	100	65	70	30	..	80	30	..
8,680	18,310	4,870	17,575	23,920	12,500	23,200	15,830	2,559	9,992	4,432	4,232
11,981	24,270	5,307	14,111	48,694	29,062	10,465	11,351	320	5,985	4,342	2,875
2,542	2,044	1,063	852	3,260	6,487	741	921	250	6,155	7,740	6,432
139	574	585	32	636	5,153	200	164	164	1,304	2,658	3,985
23,342	40,541	11,825	32,570	76,510	53,202	34,606	28,266	3,293	23,436	19,172	17,524
..	..	..	..	..	1,159	..	..	..	..	..	..
23,342	40,541	11,825	32,570	76,510	52,043	34,606	28,266	3,293	23,436	19,172	17,524
..	..	..	..	..	..	14,950	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	328	..	..	54	393	..	640
..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	1
2	4	4	1	5	80	..	..	16	76	..	70
6	5	81	..	13	55	..	..	7	16	..	65
..	..	933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,125	15,795	..	17,990
1,697	3,610	286	2,916	7,049	1,295	2,394	1,636	..	888	2,222	..
1,181	3,331	107	1,303	2,806	1,681	757	2,618	..	557	1,178	..
197	452	..	261	897	..	80	108	..	93	100	..
138	186	..	231	475	..	72	110	..	24	65	..
..	11	3	5	12	6	3	2	..	2	12	5
6	55,174	5,385	9,002	82,331	16,400	20,510	39,425	..	21,442	24,272	..
616	981	358	1,012	2,457	1,525	5,122	1,320	..	1,241	1,060	..
27	32	..	123	35	228	165	54	1	25	47	68
..	**	..	††
..	..	89	..	..	2,442††	..	..	283	1,577	..	1,935
..	5,765	783	846	8,576	1,329	2,180	3,684	..	1,818	1,680	..
883	1,491	574	1,155	3,337	2,935	2,909	931	..	1,739	941	..
238	1,371	271	138	2,380	..	..	..	..	17	754	..
263	317	..	770	175	3,833	592	836	1	377	101	122
..	945	2,115	1,291	1,282	357	25	..	..	329	442	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	30	..	109
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	176	..	161	..	..
135	175	45	36	79	290	54	77	61	145	115	96
132	5	9	4,670	1,017	4,537	10,234	3,298	..	1	103	..
..	..	448	1,200	2,430	2,171	84	..	..	250	17	..
314	92	1,432	4,483	113	1,264	1,831	1,891	406	147	37	..
..	..	457	1,112	493	810	..	457	..	..	329	..
512	1,247	369	810	1,960	1,632	1,202	2,413	119	1,195	1,628	1,292
602	1,496	814	645	1,609	652	1,352	1,131	264	1,189	1,507	1,353
..	..	..	63	25	14	31	14	7	3	..	18
2	5	3	2	6	6	4	6	2	4	6	5

wheat.

.. 2,180 bushels wheat, 2,097 bushels barley.

* 994 bushels wheat.

** 7 tons chaff.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Marl- borough — <i>ctd.</i>	West- land.			
	MOLESWORTH †††	WHITCOMBE.	BARKERFIELD.	CHEVIOT HILLS.	DROMORE.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	1/1/40	2/12/46	21/3/47	28/2/46	2/12/41
2. Total area (acres)	230,624	443	1,922	5,001	665
3. Area not suitable for development (acres)	90,124	..	20	100	..
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	4,173	..
5. Balance under development (acres)	149,500	443	1,902	728	665
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres)	5,400	443	..	198	..
Permanent grass (acres)	144,088	..	1,451	440	413
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .	..	..	28	..	..
Crops (acres) .. .. .	..	..	370	50	67
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres) .. .. .	..	..	43	..	175
Plantations (acres)	12	..	10	40	10
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Fencing (chains)	10,965	613	2,000	280	944
Drains (chains)	90	9	..	..	..
Dwellings (number)	3	1	1	1	1
Wool-sheds (number)	1	1	1	..	..
Cow-sheds (number)	1	1	1	..	..
Other farm buildings (number)	14	1	8	3	5
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..
Roads (chains)	1,660	6	..	..	..
Farm tracks (chains) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	30
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—					
Unimproved (£)	19,000	2,067	11,856	30,053	2,450
Improvements (£)	4,250	6,021	5,350	10,036	420
Materials and expenses (£)	5,937	485	832	11,017	1,713
Labour (gross) (£)	2,847	200	7	279	289
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	31,134	7,373	18,045	51,385	4,872
Less subsidies on labour (£)	1,589	..	..	..	..
Net expenditure (£)	29,545	7,373	18,045	51,385	4,872
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	31,430	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5) —					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	..	443	..	..	..
Herds (number) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..
Cows milked (number) .. .. .	..	34	..	..	..
Dry dairy stock (number) .. .. .	..	12	..	..	..
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	..	5,589	..	155	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number) .. .. .	..	..	2,068	888	718
Dry sheep (number)	127	56	1,504	319	351
Breeding-cows and heifers (number)	1,771	92	..	..	..
Dry run cattle (number)	1,476	..	1	2	2
Horses (number)	28	2	2	..	1
Wool produced (lb.) .. .. .	..	1,460	25,268	13,271	7,207
Sheep sold (number) .. .. .	..	358	1,893	5,940*	1,508
Cattle sold (number)	395	23	..	140*	2
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	..	..	†	..	‡
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	..	540	..	44	..
Wool (£)	9	86	979	1,866	852
Sheep—Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	601	1,110	46	1,947
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	..	934	2,115	296
Cattle—Cash sales (£)	13	187	..	17	..
Transfers to other blocks (£)	5,380	..	..	..	18
Pigs (£) .. .. .	..	41	..	..	..
Crops (£) .. .. .	..	..	406	..	2,584
Miscellaneous (£)	157	38	170	374	59
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	175	16	338	307	694
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	..	993	39	538
Cattle—Cash purchases (£)	152	519	..	133	..
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	..	20	..	..
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	3,490	347	2,244	1,556	2,127
Labour (£)	1,381	553	850	1,096	859
Miscellaneous (£)	64	73	94	97	27
3. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	13	3	2	2	2

* Includes allocations to settlers, not yet paid for.

† 1,031 bushels oats, 5½ tons chaff, and 720 bushels

‡ 550 bushels grass-seed. § 800 bushels oats, 5,935 bushels wheat, 28 bushels clover, and 8 tons chaff.

¶ 465 bushels rye-grass, 2,036 bushels oats, and 2,357 bushels wheat. §§ 76 bushels oats, 767 bushels barley,

rye-grass. *** 877 bushels oats, 28 tons hay, 24 tons chaff, 400 bales straw, and 500 lb. clover. ††† Land Laws

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Canterbury				
	SPRING CREEK.	STORMLEA.	TEMPLETON.	Tripp.	VALETTA.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	2/12/46	30/10/46	14/6/43	20/5/40	1940/41
2. Total area (acres)	337	1,017	184	665	8,815
3. Area not suitable for development (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	38	..
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
5. Balance under development (acres)	337	1,017	184	627	8,815
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)—					
Undeveloped (acres) .. .. .	..	..	14	..	1,748
Permanent grass (acres)	196	635	126	516	1,150
Temporary grass (acres)	46	60	..	..	5,269
Crops (acres)	58	130	40	80	600
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres)	32	180	..	20	..
Plantations (acres)	5	12	4	11	48
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres) .. .. .	..	..	184	627	..
Fencing (chains)	520	1,270	550	1,135	7,881
Drains (chains) .. .. .	..	..	280	350	..
Dwellings (number)	1	2	1	3	6
Wool-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	1	1	1	1
Cow-sheds (number) .. .. .	..	1	1	1	5
Other farm buildings (number)	5	13	2	4	9
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	3	4	..
Roads (chains) .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..
Farm tracks (chains) .. .. .	..	40	10	..	..
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)—					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart—					
Unimproved (£)	7,132	19,675	928	4,572	24,616
Improvements (£)	2,920	4,440	792	1,037	4,927
Materials and expenses (£)	311	1,838	2,634	2,647	6,546
Labour (gross) (£)	62	243	1,105	3,924	2,250
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	10,425	26,196	5,459	12,180	38,339
Less subsidies on labour (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	1,698	..
Net expenditure (£)	10,425	26,196	5,459	10,482	38,339
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)—					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	..	..	184	..	..
Herds (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Cows milked (number) .. .. .	..	..	13	..	..
Dry dairy stock (number) .. .. .	..	..	24	..	..
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	..	..	1,565	..	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)—					
Breeding-ewes (number)	481	1,277	..	1,057	3,180
Dry sheep (number)	13	1,497	28	775	1,540
Breeding-cows and heifers (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..
Dry run cattle (number) .. .. .	..	..	2	3	..
Horses (number) .. .. .	..	2	4	7	5
Wool produced (lb.)	3,540	14,469	233	10,445	41,849
Sheep sold (number)	1,088	1,585	706	769	3,188
Cattle sold (number) .. .. .	..	4	3	..	11
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	†	‡	§	||	¶
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	..	..	130	..	..
Wool (£)	231	2,038	153	760	4,873
Sheep—Cash sales (£)	1,544	2,465	418	983	1,773
Transfers to other blocks (£)	2	96	614	45	2,398
Cattle—Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	10	..	..	59
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	..	28	..	..
Pigs (£)	2,410	4,592	210	93	877
Crops (£)	49	125	15	14	130
Miscellaneous (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)—					
Sheep—Cash purchases (£)	68	2,031	42	240	614
Transfers from other blocks (£)	182	284	812	465	..
Cattle—Cash purchases (£) .. .. .	..	21	66	..	5
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Farming-expenses—Materials and expenses (£)	1,386	2,105	212	957	2,131
Labour (£)	458	1,182	344	718	1,299
Miscellaneous (£)	49	112	..	..	197
13. Labour employed (development and farming)—					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	1	3	1	2	6

* Kuriwao and Te Houka are subdivisions of Arcliff Block, which was transferred from civilian to discharged peas, 763 bushels barley, 2,796 bushels oats, 796 bushels wheat, and 523 bushels rye-grass. † 527 bushels peas, oats. ‡ 228 bushels wheat. § 263 tons chaff, 2,332 bushels oats, and 30 bushels lupins. ¶ 369 lucerne, and 110 lb. swedes. †† 6,038 bushels wheat, 2,838 bushels oats, 443 bushels barley, 930 bushels §§ 1,769 bushels wheat. ††† 375 bushels wheat. †††† 1,059 bushels wheat. ††††† 950 bushels

(SMALL FARMS ACT, 1932-33)—continued

continued.				Otago.							
VIEWBRAE.	WAIKAKAHI.	WINCHMORE.	WINGFIELD.	AWAMANGU.	BERWICK.	CRANLEIGH.	GOODWOOD.	INVERMAY.	ISLAND CLIFF.	KUFIWAO.	MARYHILL.
1/10/46	22/8/40	27/11/44 24/5/45	20.3/45	18.8/44	2.12/46	28/3/47	18/7.16	11/2/46	24.5/44	1.7/47*	15/8.46
485	766	4,067	1,500	2,945	392	1,904	1,662	1,262	2,504	453	1,178
..	..	23	..	862	23	361	450	575	691	39	736
..	611	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	393	..	..
485	155	4,044	1,500	2,083	364	1,543	1,212	687	1,420	414	442
13	..	1,211	487	836	192	365	791	139	501	240	263
307	130	1,216	525	918	95	1,011	76	394	681	109	82
10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
84	15	985	240	324	75	145	330	124	238	64	95
67	..	582	230	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	..	50	18	5	2	1	15	30	..	..	2
..	155	..	..	266	..	..	300	175	500	24	..
710	303	4,298	1,563	3,479	585	1,570	1,740	920	3,206	543	940
..	74	..	..	295	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
..	1	9	3	4	1	3	4	1	5	1	1
..	1	4	..	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	1
..	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	1
..	9	25	7	11	6	6	6	5	8	1	7
..
..	4	12	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	15	50	..	40	..	..	40	..	220	..	20
8,458	14,440	22,149	14,456	20,879	4,125	7,284	8,795	12,029	24,087	1,450	1,318
3,895	1,299	15,704	1,580	8,959	4,010	8,068	6,600	5,168	2,769	1,617	3,137
1,265	16,126	16,071	9,156	12,985	481	1,129	1,638	1,198	5,756	103	587
144	1,477	2,496	161	653	27	186	387	361	1,421	64	12
13,762	33,342	56,420	25,353	43,476	8,643	16,667	17,420	18,759	34,033	3,264	5,354
13,762	33,342	56,420	25,353	43,476	8,643	16,667	17,420	18,759	34,033	3,264	5,354
..	22,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,900	..	..
..
..	..	..	..	7	7	3	3	3	6	3	3
..	..	..	..	9	75	2	..	2	3	1	..
..
..	1,530	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
750	..	4,616	1,428	4,159	982	2,519	1,594	214	2,016	500	1,248
370	30	3,622	1,133	2,767	1,022	2,510	1,471	507	1,450	396	870
..	1	25	..	9	..	..	..	..	11	..	..
..	69	43	3	91	8	..	26	71	38	30	1
..	5	7	2	1	1	5	2	5	2	2	3
7,680	540	45,141	13,101	44,188	19,841	31,909	21,239	6,743	25,683	3,261	20,329
1,348	1,735	6,111	1,651	2,759	1,557	27	2,271	3,000	1,692	166	455
..	185	52	3	137	27	..	207	582	98	..	..
**	††	‡‡	..	§§	¶¶	..	••	***	†††
..	296	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	799	6,062	2,504	2,013	744	2,657	1,649	372	2,040	5	828
2,206	304	8,925	1,479	3,701	2,328	27	3,014	6,260	2,779	300	344
..	2,407	13	392	467	263	..	1,489	547	311	..	137
..	13	280	31	126	665	..	2,479	8,924	1,508	..	..
..	1,431	348	..	509	..	..	1,715	1,265	..	..	..
1,203	1,381	6,916	1,635	371	85	..	8	406	589	130	..
64	140	478	41	104	36	23	23	36	76	35	36
197	2	2,456	253	817	22	6,154	3,170	4,207	800	408	..
354	224	3,420	..	121	547	47	958	1,141	693	825	77
..	2,982	702	32	..	642	34	2,197	4,405	747	..	18
..	441	30	..	..	33	..	12	2,628	496	270	..
1,165	1,714	6,010	1,341	2,249	900	2,584	1,522	1,581	1,371	746	1,481
469	1,007	3,407	1,248	2,080	540	1,044	1,045	1,098	1,257	320	698
54	106	252	85	..	11	19	14	150	..	33	13
1	1	13	5	4	2	3	4	2	3	1	2

servicemen's account as at 1st July, 1947. The original Arelif Block was acquired in 1941. † 297 bushels 1,347 bushels barley, 2,884 bushels wheat, 8 tons linseed, and 600 lb. clover. ‡ 6 tons chaff and 399 bushels bushels peas, 335 bushels barley, and 1,016 bushels wheat. § 5 tons potatoes, 1,427 lb. clover, 200 lb. rye-grass, 714 bushels lupins, 8,139 lb. rape, 1,175 lb. brown-top, 644 lb. clover, and 10 tons potatoes, wheat. ¶ 3,776 bushels wheat.

BLOCKS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Particulars.	Otago				
	MOA FLAT.	MOERAKI.	MOYOLA.	Papanui.	RIPPLEBURN.
1. Date of acquisition or Crown land set apart	17/3/47	28/3/47	1/5/46	1934	31/7/45
2. Total area (acres)	15,035	4,680	972	1,082	733
3. Area not suitable for development (acres)	11,965	1,028	44	..	176
4. Area alienated for settlement, reserves, &c. (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	883	..
5. Balance under development (acres)	3,070	3,652	928	199	557
6. Condition of area under development (item 5)--					
Undeveloped (acres)	1,396	2,611	177	..	304
Permanent grass (acres)	1,277	511	656	199	160
Temporary grass (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	92
Crops (acres)	207	432	60	..	..
Cultivated, but not in grass or crops (acres)	170	93	..	..	..
Plantations (acres)	20	5	35	..	1
Water-supplies: Area reticulated (acres)	3,572	1,600	..	..	..
Fencing (chains) .. .. .	..	3,588	991	400	840
Drains (chains)	2	6	1	1	1
Wool-sheds (number)	7	1	1	1	1
Cow-sheds (number)	1	3	1	1	1
Other farm buildings (number)	8	23	2	1	4
Road bridges (number) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..
Farm bridges (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Roads (chains) .. .. .	..	220	..	..	10
Farm tracks (chains) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
7. Capital expenditure to date on land (item 2)--					
Land acquired, including Crown land set apart--					
Unimproved (£)	10,950	25,379	5,218	9,709	5,630
Improvements (£)	14,252	17,101	4,585	3,845	3,591
Materials and expenses (£)	1,492	883	1,126	6,948	1,674
Labour (gross) (£)	140	251	53	5,230	93
Total expenditure (gross) (£)	26,834	43,614	10,982	25,732	10,988
Less subsidies on labour (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	4,030	..
Net expenditure (£)	26,834	43,614	10,982	21,702	10,988
8. Capital charges on alienated land (item 4) (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	16,500	..
9. Dairying on area under development (item 5)--					
Area occupied (acres) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Herds (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Cows milked (number)	5	14	3	..	3
Dry dairy stock (number)	7	..	6	..	4
Breeding-sows (number) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Butterfat sold (lb.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
10. Other farming on area under development (item 5)--					
Breeding-ewes (number)	4,368	2,910	1,249	..	1,287
Dry sheep (number)	5,763	3,815	802	..	916
Breeding-cows and heifers (number)	59	120	2	9	..
Dry run cattle (number)	4	27	7	38	3
Horses (number)	11	16	6	..	7
Wool produced (lb.)	53,431	37,602	32,820	..	21,488
Sheep sold (number) .. .. .	..	3,276	1,286	..	661
Cattle sold (number)	96	764	..	43	2
Cash crops (type and quantity) .. .. .	..	***	..	..	||
11. Receipts for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)--					
Butterfat (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Wool (£)	1,115	3,705	1,712	..	818
Sheep--Cash sales (£)	46	6,826	2,141	..	905
Transfers to other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	116
Cattle--Cash sales (£) .. .. .	..	12,664	..	..	..
Transfers to other blocks (£)	523	2,679	..	468	..
Horses (£) .. .. .	..	6	..	..	8
Crops (£) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	293
Miscellaneous (£)	34	142	91	6	80
12. Payments for year: Live-stock and seasonal (item 5)--					
Sheep--Cash purchases (£)	10,051	16,158	98	..	5
Transfers from other blocks (£) .. .. .	..	714	5	..	47
Cattle--Cash purchases (£)	878	9,554	..	..	..
Transfers from other blocks (£)	37	2,959	..	183	..
Farming-expenses--Materials and expenses (£)	3,042	4,195	1,028	..	932
Labour (£)	484	1,820	881	..	383
Miscellaneous (£)	81	210	10	..	..
13. Labour employed (development and farming)					
Average for year (item 5) (number)	5	6	2	..	3

* Kuriwao and Te Houka are subdivisions of Arefifi Block, which was transferred from civilian to discharged lieu of rates. || 777 bushels wheat. * 2,328 bushels wheat. ** 2,261 bushels wheat. sacks oats. || 130 bushels rye-corn, 1½ tons chaff, and 488 bales hay. *** 6,000 bushels wheat.

(SMALL FARMS ACT, 1932-33)—continued

—continued.

Southland.

TAIPO HILL.	TE HOUKA.	THORNDALE.	WILLOWBURN.	BALFOUR.	DACRE.	EASTERN BUSH.	KENILWORTH.	ROBINHOOD.	RUAHINE.	SOUTHDOWN.	SPURHEAD.
1/3/44	1/7/47*	4/4/46	12/4/46	21/1/46	10/6/46	14/12/45	20/9/45† 17/3/47‡	10/4/45	1/3/46	31/3/47	31/3/41
468	1,461	1,766	4,657	1,363	634	938	1,736† 1,319‡	1,742	1,195	5,645	2,223
93	239	533	3,517	..	10	..	..	88	100	55	..
375	1,222	1,233	1,140	1,363	624	938	3,055	1,121	1,095	5,590	2,223
..	221	361	155	260	24	306	698	402	699	423	618
319	857	730	811	962	540	590	1,768	602	296	4,419	1,224
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
49	136	135	154	141	57	42	589	117	100	666	323
7	8	7	20	..	3	..	..	..	..	82	8
270	..	..	..	..	160	..	..	..	..	..	491
490	1,960	2,130	2,140	1,754	550	996	2,572	1,051	873	6,363	2,293
..	..	..	..	297	240	278	149	90	281	1,301	943
2	2	3	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	11	2
1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	2	1
4	5	4	4	7	3	4	5	4	2	24	13
..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	36	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	13
18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	40	..	30	15	29	9	4	25	73	120
7,538	5,155	7,919	8,013	2,919	3,273	3,515	9,647	4,859	3,288	11,071	6,980
920	4,707	6,176	7,243	9,252	4,039	2,834	17,069	6,494	6,299	55,124	6,717
3,802	1,053	1,641	1,096	6,230	5,559	7,440	10,434	5,936	2,271	4,450	23,483
510	91	168	180	511	1,102	1,061	1,867	1,313	1,273	514	3,991
12,770	11,006	15,904	16,532	18,912	13,973	14,859	39,017	18,602	13,131	71,159	41,181
12,770	11,006	15,904	16,532	18,912	13,973	14,859	39,017	18,602	13,131	71,159	41,181
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,445	..	..	..
..
..
3	5	6	6	3	4	2	6	5	2	21	11
3	3	6	10	1	..	2	3	..	1	24	7
..
..
976	2,030	2,474	3,118	2,274	1,390	1,005	3,128	1,550	..	10,221	3,725
36	1,664	1,746	2,258	1,465	1,048	1,169	2,866	1,032	1,125	5,465	1,169
4	..	6	123	..	..	..	43	19	109	245	..
32	4	..	88	..	1	..	32	30	120	248	110
2	5	8	3	6	2	2	6	4	4	23	8
8,324	12,880	57,478	34,538	22,277	14,224	9,441	32,398	15,263	5,739	137,148	43,313
1,515	944	1,707	1,135	1,116	470	286	1,940	820	963	7,645	2,024
57	4	3	30	1	24	..	129	56	74	6	226
..	**	..	††	**	..	§§		¶¶	..
688	435	2,883	3,095	2,267	1,449	343	3,558	1,112	508	12,289	4,277
2,544	2,012	1,472	1,671	1,881	1,000	460	2,525	1,272	2,466	6,065	3,600
399	47	898	170	435	128	..	55	10	160	1,714	19
1,120	52	5	240	..	256	..	493	465	936	..	22
6	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
910	163	39	158	65	..	681	..	3	..	205	339
38	80	74	125	120	23	13	78	40	49	784	419
1,457	990	564	214	200	164	594	2,766	472	2,171	27,044	3,842
..	4,696	..	..	..	30	795	900	424	635	..	55
..	40	14	78	..	53	35	598	..	289	2,549	2,694
373	70	..	..	..	7	..	343	..	451	..	859
1,319	2,046	2,607	1,638	1,844	1,589	1,551	4,968	1,515	822	6,464	3,300
599	1,004	1,370	1,367	1,016	725	445	1,248	605	577	4,961	2,855
21	60	28	..	65§	51§	47§	81§	39§	87§	201§	133§
2	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	16	8

servicemen's account as at 1st July, 1947. The original Arelif Bloek was acquired in 1941.

§ Grants in

†† 88 bushels oats.

‡‡ 416 sacks wheat.

§§ Approximately 10 acres oats not threshed.

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ADVANCES MADE TO CROWN TENANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND STOCKING OF HOLDINGS

Amounts advanced for the year ended 31st March, 1948 :—	£
For improvements	6,056
For stock	306
Readvances from sales of farm produce	4,878
	£11,240
Total	£11,240
Number of Crown tenants to whom new advances made	26

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT ACT, 1915

The following particulars are supplied pursuant to section 14 of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915 :—

TOTAL AREA PROCLAIMED SINCE INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME

Class of Land.	Area (Acres).
Ordinary Crown land	1,053,157
Land-for-settlements land	405,976
Cheviot Estate land	3,356
	1,462,489

Proclamations have been issued revoking the setting-apart of 258,143 acres of Crown land and 108,419 acres of land-for-settlements land.

From the inception of the soldier-settlement scheme in 1915 the total applications received number 15,181 and the allotments made number 4,114 covering a total area of 1,450,887 acres.

The Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account was abolished by section 6 of the Finance Act, 1937.

EXPENDITURE

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948

Name of Vote or Account.	Amount voted.	Gross Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1948.	Gross Expenditure for Year ended 31st March, 1947.
<i>Voted Expenditure</i>			
Vote "Lands and Survey"—	£	£	£
Subdivision I	761,151	729,091	636,471
Subdivision II	361,503	402,041	79,333
Subdivision III	73,010	53,126	10,539
Total, vote "Lands and Survey"	1,195,664	1,184,258	726,343
Vote "Land for Settlements"	76,090	47,128	49,234
Vote "Small Farms Development"	5,678,150	4,039,625	3,516,744
Total voted expenditure	6,949,904	5,271,011	4,292,321
<i>Other Expenditure</i>			
Land for Settlements Account: Expenditure from capital proceeds of sales of Crown lands .. .. .	..	214,045*	184,212
Deposits Account expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure .. .. .	..	32,553	25,635
	..	5,517,609	4,502,168

* Includes value of Crown lands transferred to Small Farms Account, £3,657, and interest on proceeds of sales of Crown lands under section 13 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1926, £83,702.

STAFF

Several officers retired during the year. These included—

Mr. W. D. Armit, Fields Director and Land Purchase Inspector, Head Office (forty-three years' service);

Mr. G. I. Beeson, Chief Accountant, Head Office, (forty years' service); and

Mr. A. W. Craig, Chief Surveyor, Nelson (forty-two years' service).

All of these officers have given excellent service, and I have pleasure in acknowledging same and wishing them well in their retirement.

In conclusion, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the services of the officers of the Department, who have, as a whole, worked with enthusiasm and zeal.

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