

*Mauku*, at Patumahoe, 592 acres. Acquired: April, 1948. Objective: Six or seven dairy units—five for allotment July, 1950, balance July, 1951. Development programme: Clearing of gorse, cultivating and grassing 250 acres, pasture renovation 150 acres, new fences 820 chains, fence repairs 220 chains, complete sets new buildings, water-supplies, roading. Progress: Gorse areas cleaned up, giant disked, and prepared for grass and crops, 150 acres pasture renovated, 412 chains new fences erected and 220 chains repaired, four complete sets buildings and an additional implement-shed erected, water-supplies on three sections completed and on two sections partly completed, access road commenced. Three ex-servicemen on wages with promises of sections.

*Motutapu*, in Hauraki Gulf, 3,606 acres. This area is owned by the Army Department and is being farmed by the Lands and Survey Department. During the year, work has been confined to general farm maintenance, cropping, renewal of pastures, and care of live-stock.

*Ngapuke*, at Tuakau, 4,449 acres. Acquired: 2,689 acres April, 1949, and 1,760 acres, May, 1949. Objective: Subdivision not finalized, as possibility of acquiring additional areas in the locality. Development programme: In the meantime the area is being developed by regrassing the run-out areas and renovating by stocking. Repairs to existing fences are being carried out and farm tracks have been formed and renovated.

*O'Donnell's*, at Kerikeri, 1,157 acres. Acquired: September, 1949. Objective: Not finalized. Property will be developed in conjunction with Kapiro Block.

*Okahukura*, at Wellsford, 9,041 acres. Acquired: March, 1945. Objective: Subdivision not finalized. Development programme: Long-term development on a large scale, including a preliminary programme of 840 chains widening and deepening drains by drag-line, 680 chains reconditioning of drains, 1,500 acres clearing, 1,000 acres cultivation and grassing, 250 chains fence renewal. Progress: All above work has been completed.

*Okaihau*, at Okaihau, 1,200 acres. Acquired: May, 1949. Objective: Four dairy units and one sheep unit for allotment in 1951. Development programme: 200 acres clearing and grassing, 300 acres pasture renovation, 164 chains fences, 991 chains fence repairs, erection four houses and cow-sheds, three implement-sheds, renovation to house and wool-shed, water-supplies, access road and bridge, new dip. Progress: Work has been confined to fence repairs and renovation of pastures by stocking and top-dressing.

*Opuu*, at Ngatea, 573 acres. Acquired, June, 1947. Objective: Three dairy units and run-off—one allotted on fixed charges July, 1949, two for allotment July, 1950. Development programme: Construction of 71 chains drains, and reconditioning of 493 chains existing drains, renovation 309 acres pasture, 1,116 chains fences, two houses, two cow-sheds, three implement-sheds, renovations to existing buildings, fencing, water-supplies, access road and tracks. Progress: Completed with exception of small balance of pasture renovation, 52 chains new fences, and erection of three implement sheds. Two ex-servicemen on wages with promises of sections. One ex-serviceman settled July, 1949.

*Opuatia*, at Onewhero, 1,140 acres. Acquired: June, 1949. Objective: Two sheep-farms for allotment 1950. Development programme: 127 chains fences, 167 chains fence repairs, erection two houses and wool-sheds, 55 chains access road and tracks. Progress: 15 chains fences erected, 100 chains fence repaired, one house started, 20 chains access track completed. Ex-serviceman manager on wages with promise of a section.

*Patumahoe*, at Patumahoe, 140 acres. Acquired: March, 1947. Objective: Two dairy-farms, allotted on fixed charges September, 1948.

*Pouarua*, on Hauraki Plains, 12,147 acres. Acquired: October, 1937. This block is made up of the Pouarua Block proper, a deep peat area being worked on a long-term development plan, and the Kerepechi Block, which is being prepared for early settlement. Objective: (for Kerepechi Block) seventeen dairy units—two allotted July, 1949, three for allotment July, 1950, seven in July, 1951, and five in July, 1952. Development Programme (for Kerepechi Block): 630 chains drains, 430 acres stumping, 226 acres cultivation, 416 acres, new grass 2,966 chains new fences, seventeen sets buildings, internal water reticulation, roading. Progress: Completed 495 chains drains, 116 acres cleared and cultivated, 230 acres grass, 230 acres pastures renovated, 2,116 chains fencing, two houses, two cow-sheds, three implement-sheds and three piggeries finished, roading started. Three ex-servicemen on wages with promises of sections. Two ex-servicemen settled July, 1949.

*Pukeoware*, at Waiuku, 242 acres. Acquired: May, 1948. Objective: two dairy units for allotment July, 1949. Development Programme: Completed except for erection of one house. Ex-servicemen settled on fixed charges August, 1949.

*Puriri*, at Kaitaia, 1,403 acres. Acquired: November, 1933. Objective: Not planned. Work has been confined mainly to renovation of pastures, clearing of fallen timber for posts and firewood, and care of stock.

*Riponui*, at Whangarei, 912 acres. Acquired: 301 acres December, 1945, and 611 acres September, 1947. Objective: five dairy units—two allotted July, 1949, three for allotment July, 1950. Development Programme (for remaining units): 50 chains new drains, 60 acres clearing, cultivating, and grassing, 290 chains fences, erection three complete sets new buildings, water-supply culverts. Progress: Development completed. Three ex-servicemen on wages with promises of sections. Two ex-servicemen settled July, 1949.