

Wairepu, at Taihape, 1,621 acres. Acquired: February, 1948. Objective: Two sheep-farms for allotment June, 1949. Development Programme: 400 acres scrub cut, 560 chains fencing, two houses, one implement-shed, renovate wool-shed and add lean-to, one sheep-dip, two sets sheep-yards, 35 chains road. Progress: 300 acres scrub, 456 chains fencing, wool-shed renovated, two sets sheep-yards. Two ex-servicemen on fixed charges from June, 1949.

Whitauuni, at Shannon, 965 acres. Acquired: July, 1948. Objective: Fourteen dairy-farms for allotment 1952-53. Development Programme: 300 chains drains, 450 acres stumping, log and sow in grass, 1,350 chains, fencing including repairs, thirteen houses, fourteen cow-sheds, thirteen implement-sheds, fourteen piggeries, thirteen artesian bores, 10,000 ft. water reticulation, 130 chains roading, 100 chains tracking, fifty water-troughs. Progress: 55 chains drains, 438 acres stumped, 167 acres cropped and ready for grass, 137 acres in crop, 60 chains fence, 230 chains fence repaired.

Whareroa, at Paekakariki, 2,262 acres. Acquired: Various dates since 1945. This block is being farmed only and is not for soldier settlement.

Willowmere, at Feilding, 425 acres. Acquired: August, 1948. Objective: Two sheep (fat-lamb) farms for allotment June, 1949. Development Programme: 25 acres grass, 50 chains fencing, one house, one implement-shed, one pump-house, 7 chains tracks, power reticulation, water-supply. Progress: Completed. Two ex-servicemen on fixed charges from June, 1949.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT

Avondale, at Avon Valley, 21,939 acres. Acquired: March, 1948. Objective: Four sheep units (area, 9,097 acres) for allotment August, 1949. Balance unsuitable for settlement. Development Programme: 90 chains new drains, 23 acres grassing, 33 acres temporary grassing, 412 chains new fencing, 471 chains repairs to existing fencing, three new dwellings, two combined wool-sheds and implement-sheds, one implement-shed, three sheep-yards, one set cattle-yards, four new dams, repairs to three dams, three water-supplies, one cattle-stop, 200 chains farm tracks. Progress: Completed with exception 50 chains new fencing and one cattle-stop, contracts for which have been let. Allotted on fixed charges 1st August, 1949.

Blairich, at Awatere Valley, 18,982 acres. Acquired: April, 1948. Objective: Three sheep units for allotment after about three years' development. Development Programme: 300 chains new drains, 100 acres scrub-cutting, 250 acres regrassing, 300 chains new fencing, renew 300 chains fencing, three new dwellings, two combined implement-sheds and granaries, renovate wool-shed and shearers' quarters, two sets new sheep-yards, renovate one set sheep-yards, 50 chains water reticulation, farm tracks. Progress: 233 chains new drains, 50 acres scrub cut, 20 acres new grassing, 15 chains new fencing, 277 chains fencing renewed, one dwelling completed, renovation to one dip-yard completed, farm tracks completed, and start made on renovation wool-shed and shearers' quarters. Drought conditions have restricted cultivation and regrassing.

Corleggy, at Awatere Valley, 5,272 acres. Acquired: September, 1949. Objective: To be farmed until major scheme of development of other properties in Awatere Valley determined, but is anticipated to provide one sheep unit. Development Programme: Renovation dwelling, build hut for shearers' quarters, repair 80 chains fencing, and provide water-supply. Progress: 80 chains fencing repaired, dwelling renovated, and water-supply completed.

Craiglochart, at Avon Valley, 7,915 acres. Acquired: March, 1947. Objective: Three sheep units for allotment March, 1950. Development Programme: 50 chains new drains, regrass 168 acres, 487 chains new fencing, repair 540 chains fencing, one new dwelling, one new implement-shed and store-room, remove and re-erect stable and implement-shed, two new sheep-yards, one new cattle-yard, water-supply. Progress: Completed with exception 290 chains new fencing and new implement-shed and store-room, contracts for which have been let. Allotted on fixed charges March, 1950.

Dashwood, at Awatere Valley, 6,579 acres. Acquired: March, 1948. Objective: Three sheep units for allotment May, 1950. Development Programme: 129 acres new grassing, 10 chains new drains, 130 acres clearing, 500 chains new fencing, repair 500 chains fencing, three new dwellings, two new wool-implement sheds, one implement-shed, two shearers' quarters, three sheep-yards, three dams, three water-supplies, two dips, three cattle-yards. Progress: Completed draining, new grassing, three dams, 50 chains new fencing, 170 chains fencing repaired, two dwellings, one wool-implement shed, one implement-shed, one shearers' quarters, two sheep-yards, one dip and one cattle-yard, two water-supplies. Three ex-servicemen on wages with promise of sections.

Davidsons, at Kaikoura, 54 acres. Acquired: October, 1946. Objective: One dairy unit. Development Programme: 75 chains new drains, 135 chains new fencing, one new dwelling, one cow-shed, one implement-shed, one piggery, five bridges, farm tracks, water-supply. Progress: Development completed and section allotted on fixed charges to ex-serviceman September, 1949.

Elms, at Kaikoura, 2,034 acres. Acquired: August, 1945. Objective: Two dairy units and one sheep unit totalling 1,790 acres; 32 acres sold to civilian, balance (212 acres) unsuitable for development. Development Programme: 80 chains new drains, 90 acres clearing, 213 acres grassing, 372 chains new fencing, one implement-shed, two new cowsheds, three dwellings to be renovated, convert implement-shed to wool-shed; one new set sheep yards and dip, three water-supplies, 20 chains tracks. Progress: Development completed and two dairy units allotted July, 1947, one sheep unit allotted June, 1949.