

DECLARATION OF MILK DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL MILK AUTHORITIES

The following boroughs were declared milk districts and approved as Local Milk Authorities during the year ending 31st March, 1950 :—

District.	Authority.	Date District and Milk Authority Gazetted.
Greymouth ..	Greymouth Borough Council ..	28/8/49
Gore	Gore Borough Council	25/8/49
Masterton	Masterton Borough Council	13/4/49
Mosgiel	Mosgiel Borough Council	7/4/49

PURCHASE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED MILK TREATMENT PLANT

Upon it being offered to the Crown by the proprietor, and in accordance with the policy of the Council for the public treatment of milk, the treatment house owned and operated by the Rotorua Pasteurized Milk Co. was purchased by the Marketing Department. The purchase was completed on the 1st October, 1949, and the Rotorua Borough Council undertook the management of the station for the Crown. The operations of the station are supervised by the Milk Committee of the Council, which has co-opted two representatives of the Rotorua Co-op. Milk Supply Co., Ltd.

GOODWILL PRICES FOR MILK ROUNDS

In keeping with section 105 of the Milk Act, 1944, the Council gave consideration to and approved the fixation of goodwill price per gallon for milk rounds at Picton and Mataura :—

Picton : £10 for retail and £4 for wholesale class of sale.

Mataura : £5 for both retail and wholesale class of sales.

LOCAL MILK AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION

The Council recommended to the Minister of Health that full consideration be given to the setting up of the Local Milk Authorities Association as provided for by section 15, Finance Act, 1949.

MILK TESTING

The Council gave considerable attention during the year to the amount of milk testing being carried out on producers' milk consigned to registered milk treatment houses throughout the Dominion. The Council was pleased with the progress being made in this direction. As indicative of the amount of testing being done, the following figures for the month of September, 1949, are quoted :—

Number of treatment houses	34
Number of producers supplying in September, 1949	1,299
Number of treatment houses who did no testing in September, 1949	4
Number of suppliers represented by this figure	21
(As expressed as a percentage)	1.6 per cent.
Number of suppliers enjoying regular testing	1,278
(As expressed as a percentage)	98.4 per cent.
Number of tests performed on <i>incoming</i> milk supplies from individual producers—	
Methylene blue	22,265
Butterfat content	3,354
Solids-not-fat content	3,181
Sediment test	1,596
Tests other than above four	1,496
Total of above tests for September, 1949	33,892