

The stock figures for the Mohaka Scheme as at 31st March, 1933, supplied by the Gisborne office are as follows: Sheep—Breeding-ewes, 1,356; wethers, 670; lambs, 1,739; rams, 11: total, 3,776. Beef cattle—Bullocks, 40; steers, 150: total, 190. Dairy stock—Not given. In October, 1932, the Registrar reported there were 789 cows in milk and 232 yearling heifers. A further 173 weaner heifers were purchased before the end of the financial year at an average price of £1 8s. 4d. each.

A change of management in regard to this and other schemes in this group has during the current year been rendered necessary by the appointment of Mr. Harvey, Registrar of the Native Land Court at Gisborne, as a Judge of the Native Land Court. Mr. A. G. Nolan, of Wairoa, has been appointed Supervisor and has set about a complete stocktaking of the work and the position of each section and settler on these schemes, including the stock.

Summary of Sheep and Station Cattle supplied by Gisborne Office on Tairāwhiti District Schemes at 31st March, 1933.

[NOTE.—Values stated to be current values at 31st March, 1933, on a conservative basis. Tallies for Southern Group include 1,000 ewes for Mohaka not paid for, but not 1,696 wethers purchased for Waihua (Ngamahanga) not paid for.]

Group.	Sheep.	No.	Value.			Station Cattle.	No.	Value.		
			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1. Northern ..	Breeding ewes	12,033	5,980	9	0	Breeding cows ..	143	357	10	0
	Dry ewes ..	992	250	8	0	Old cows ..	49	96	0	0
	Wethers ..	339	118	16	0	3½-year bullocks..	213	777	0	0
	Lambs ..	4,688	1,172	0	0	2½-year steers ..	100	250	0	0
	Rams ..	325	682	10	0	1½-year steers ..	433	757	0	0
						2½-year heifers ..	112	274	0	0
					1½-year heifers ..	122	183	0	0	
					Steer calves ..	59	71	10	0	
					Heifer calves ..	43	47	7	6	
					Bulls	3	31	10	0	
			18,377	8,204	3 0		1,286	2,845	12 6	
2. Southern ..	Breeding ewes	1,356	578	0	0	3½-year steers ..	40	170	0	0
	Wethers ..	670	270	14	0	2½-year steers ..	150	375	0	0
	Lambs ..	1,739	478	4	6					
	Rams ..	11	23	2	0					
			3,776	1,350	0 6		190	545	0 0	
Totals ..	Sheep ..	22,153	9,554	3 6	Cattle	1,476	3,390	12 6		

“E.”—AOTEA MAORI LAND DISTRICT.

There was only one scheme undertaken in this district, the Ranana Scheme, which is dealt with in detail in a separate paper, G.—10E of this session. The development work and costs are there set out and summarized. The area in pasture, which involved clearing 230 acres of bush, fern, scrub, and blackberry, and grubbing 187½ acres, was 1,724 acres. The fencing comprised 1,337 chains of new fences and repairing 567½ chains of old fences, there being 106 paddocks. Buildings consisted of thirteen cottages, fourteen shacks and ponga whares, and a combined store, implement-shed, and office. The number of cow-sheds is not stated. There were twenty-seven settlers in occupation.

The stock consisted of 610 dairy cows, 116 heifers, 177 weaners, 35 steers, and 25 bulls; a total of 963. The policy of culling herds and replacing with stock of better quality, undertaken since the inception of the scheme, was reflected in increased production. The grading of the cream also showed a marked improvement, due to better sheds and equipment, more abundant supply of good water, better methods, and more regular delivery. The following table is interesting:—

Grade.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	lb.	lb.	lb.
Second	24,799	14,143	9,579
First	15,822	32,468	49,267
Finest	432	395	6,940
	41,053	47,006	65,786