

*Henderson's (785 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

There was approximately 60 acres of fair grass on this section, the balance being badly infested with ragwort. Approximately a third of the area (260 acres) is swamp land which has been drained.

A considerable amount of work has been completed, including 454 chains drains, 760 chains of fencing (new and repaired), 638 acres cleared, and 265 acres cultivated. New pasture, 135 acres, and old pasture being grazed off, 280 acres.

One new cottage has been erected and the original homestead renovated. Two water-supplies have been installed, and a new set of sheep and cattle yards and a dip constructed. Approximately one mile of road has been formed and metalled.

Development is about 60 per cent. completed, and the remaining work will be draining and clearing swamps, fencing, and regrassing.

Stock carried : Sheep, 1,619 ; run cattle, 199 ; horses, 12.

Twenty-six men are employed.

*Hill's Block (358 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This section was badly reverted and ragwort infested. There are about 60 acres of swamp land, the balance being easy to hilly. A herd of thirty cows is being milked on the swamp land.

The improvements effected comprise clearing, 330 acres ; cultivation, 113 acres ; new pasture, 142 acres ; old pasture renovated, 168 acres ; 730 chains of fencing erected and repaired ; and 30 chains drains dug. One small-farm-type cottage was erected, and this has been added to and the original homestead has been repaired. One water-supply has been installed, and a new set of sheep yards and dip constructed. The work on this section is approximately 75 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 722 ; run cattle, 57 ; dairy cattle, 48 ; horses, 7.

This block is situated near Otorohanga, and was one of the first acquired by the Small Farms Board.

*Piha Block (26 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This was an unimproved Crown section conveniently situated to Te Kuiti, and it was decided that it should be taken over by the Small Farms Board, grassed, and used as a holding-paddock for travelling stock. A set of sheep and cattle yards has been erected, and the section subdivided into five paddocks.

*Cruickshank's (361 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

There is approximately 160 acres of bush on steep faces which is being reserved. The balance of the land has been cleared and grassed after cultivation. The fences have all been renewed, a house built and added to, and a set of sheep yards and a dip erected. Other work consists of 80 chains shelter-belts, two water-supplies, and 400 chains fencing.

Approximately 20 acres of grassland require to be renewed, and this will complete the work on this section.

Stock carried : Sheep, 1,024 ; run cattle, 69 ; dairy cattle, 4 ; horse, 1.

*Ellicott's Block (2,900 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

Efforts by the mortgagee, the State Advances Corporation, to find a purchaser for the above property, which is situated on the Te Awamutu - Arapuni main highway, were unsuccessful, and in 1933 it was acquired by the Board with a view to development prior to settlement.

Except for about 60 acres fronting the Arapuni Road, the whole area was either totally reverted or in its natural state. Altogether, 1,660 acres has been cleared and 1,226 acres cultivated. Of this latter area, 1,000 acres has been sown down in new grass. Thirty miles of fencing has been erected, two sets of sheep-yards and one set of cattle-yards constructed, twelve houses and four cow-sheds built, 168 chains drains dug, and two water-supplies installed.

Work, which is providing employment for thirty-eight men, is about 60 per cent. completed.

The stock carried comprises 3,208 sheep, 606 run cattle, 92 dairy cattle, 20 horses, and 12 pigs.

*Foss's Block (438 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This section was completely reverted and badly ragwort infested, and a considerable portion of the area was covered with short fern and heath. Two hundred and sixty-four acres have now been cultivated and 212 acres of this sown in grass. Five miles of new fencing have been erected, also a new dwelling and a set of sheep yards and dip. It was found necessary to bore 350 ft. to obtain a satisfactory water-supply. The work is approximately 60 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 583 ; run cattle, 78 ; dairy cattle, 1 ; horses, 1.