

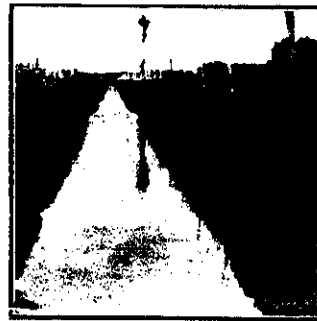
into shape and what a comparatively few years ago was a dreary rush-covered waste is now a charming picture of agricultural prosperity. With the completion of the full drainage scheme there is every probability of the whole of the swamp, with perhaps the exception of one or two lagoons, being thoroughly drained, although some of the areas at the lower end between the Orini and the coast and along the Tarawera will take some time to convert into good grass land.

Among the fortunate ones who have holdings on what in a few years' time will be one of the largest areas of drained swamp land in the North Island, are Messrs Lees, Martin, Luxton, Burtley, Feist, Spurr, Greenup, Smith, Hayward, McCrae, Sutherland, White, Barr, Sumner, Platt, McFarland, Esley, Powell, McCracken, Reid, Wilson, Bradley, Thorne, Black and Thompson, Carr and

Walker, Gow, McCutcheon, Motion, and various members of the Seecombe family.

A Legal Strike.

Strikes are very much in the air at the present time, and even the public lawyers abroad appear to have been infected with the contagion (says the British "Law Journal"). The advocates of Milan have refused to plead until the Government has remedied the gross abuse of the congestion in the Courts by appointing more judges. The judges, it is said, openly sympathise with the advocates, and have not indicated on them any fines. It is difficult to contemplate the profession in England taking so extreme a step to back up the resolution which the Bar Council has sent to the Lord Chancellor to remove a similar grievance. Strikes, indeed, are



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hardly known in England among the professional classes, although the recent action of the doctors in relation to the Insurance Act shows that new times are producing new manners, and that the weapons of the working-men are being adopted by those who exercise more skilled vocations.

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