



General view of the 18 chains of outlet drain from over the site of the old floodgate.

1940	2,941
1941	3,522

The average annual cost of the pump amounting to £17/4/10 is but small when compared with the increases in butterfat production. During the period the herd has not been in-

creased in numbers, but it has been possible to provide them with more and better feed during the spring months. Thus instead of calving taking place from mid-August to the end of September, the herd now calves between mid-July and end of August. The increases in butterfat are not only evident in the months shown above, but also for the remainder of the season.

—E. H. ARNOLD, *Instructor in Agriculture, Dargaville.*

Vegetables Valued at £20,000,000 a Year.

BRITAIN'S amateur gardeners are responding to the "Dig for Victory" drive by growing on their 1,600,000 garden allotments vegetables to the value of £20,000,000 a year. In addition, hundreds of tons of vegetables are being grown on railway embankments throughout the country. The Southern Railway alone have 13,000 allotments covering an area of 600 acres.

Even densely-populated London has found room for over 38,000 allotments, while in the famous parks of the Metropolis an addition 350 acres are

being farmed for food crops and 600 acres set aside for sheep grazing.

London's railwaymen are cultivating 2,700 of these allotments, covering 100 acres, while other workers of the London Passenger Transport Board have dug up 36 acres from which they hope to get 400 tons of potatoes. They are also working 120 acres of market garden land at London's chief bus depot.

Altogether, apart from this, the London County Council is now farming 4,000 acres in the City's Green Belt, and today the citizens of London own 15,000 head of pedigree cattle, 3,000 pigs, 7,000 head of poultry, and 550 sheep.

Last year the City's farms had a record production of 360,000 eggs, 550,000 gallons of milk, 351 tons of meal, 1,668 tons of vegetables, and 81 tons of fruit.

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