

with the owners to initiate some development with the Maori Land Board's assistance.

The last day of the tour took the party to the Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers and then on to inspect a recently settled dairy farm at Harihari. The party then moved on to Hokitika to look over some of the Mawhera Incorporations' farmland beside the Arahura River before returning to Christchurch.

The committee's district covers the whole of the South Island, the Chathams and Stewart Island and it has made similar trips from Takaka in the north to Bluff in the south.

It has been called upon to consider a wide range of proposals from conventional sheep, cattle and dairying concerns to pigs, racehorse, market gardening vineyards, cropping, forestry and more recently small businesses.

Besides Mr Jaram, the committee includes two other ex-officio members, the supervising valuer for the South Island from the Valuation Department, Mr Tom Barnett and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the land district in which the committee convenes.



Land immediately adjacent to the Karangarua blocks. This land is very similar to the Maori land under bush in the background. It is flat fertile river silt capable of being broken in to make good cattle country.



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