

The Department's swamp lands under development in this district, 2,500 acres in extent, have with a favourable season shown marked improvement. The net maintenance expenditure for the year was £1,020.

1941-42 rates struck were: Special, £767; general, £823.

The amount paid during the year on account of current rates and arrears was: Special, £736; general, £1,177.

POUKAWA DRAINAGE AREA (15,567 ACRES). HAWKE'S BAY.

Maintenance of completed works was again carried out during the year, and I am indebted to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier, for the preparation and inspection of drain-cleaning contracts and payments for the work executed.

The net maintenance expenditure during the year was £284.

1941-42 rates struck were: Special, £1,172; general, £326.

The amount paid during the year on account of current rates and arrears was: Special, £692; general, £187.

I have, &c.,

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The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

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