

The principal work of the year in the four general schemes has been the final assembly of the interests of the respective owners preparatory to the issue of title-vesting orders. This work has now been completed in the following series of sub-schemes :—

Scheme.	Area.	Number of Owners.
	Acres.	
Hokianga A Series : Waima	22,069	8,343
Hokianga Aa Series : Taheke	2,773	2,071
Hokianga B Series : Omanaia	4,736	4,351
Hokianga D Series : Otaua	7,990	1,147
Hokianga J Series : Panguru	9,357	2,500
Kaipara D Series : Pakiri	3,084	97
	50,009	18,509

The work of assembling the various interests is now in progress in the following series :—

Scheme.	Area.	Number of Owners.
	Acres.	
Kaipara F Series : Kaihu	4,219	1,054
Kaipara BA Series : Waihaua-Karakanui	1,323	1,583
Bay of Islands A Series : Orauta	8,109	2,784
Bay of Islands A Series : Pokapu	7,885	3,504
Bay of Islands A Series : Matawaia	6,188	703
Bay of Islands A Series : Otiria	1,151	570
Bay of Islands A Series : Marohapa	5,448	560
Bay of Islands A Series : Waiomio	8,105	825
Bay of Islands A Series : Motatau	13,425	1,005
Mangonui E Series : Ahipara	5,332	2,545
Mangonui A Series : Te Hapua - Te Kao	45,139	12,794
Hokianga F Series : Waimamaku	4,702	3,307
	111,026	31,234

In three of the sub-schemes referred to above the final proposals for subdivision of the land and allocation to specified owners were confirmed during the year ended 31st March, 1946. Title-vesting orders were made in respect of 24 holdings in the Pakiri area.

In addition to the four general schemes, a great deal of consolidation work has been effected by the Court by way of exchanges, combined partitions, and arranged successions under section 194 of the Native Land Act, 1931. In one such combined operation, lands previously owned in common by a number of owners have emerged as twelve separate holdings suitable for development and housing purposes. In another case the consolidation of 161 interests was effected by the making of 42 orders of exchange. These examples are typical of many which come before the Court in its ordinary jurisdiction. The simplifications of title achieved in this way are invaluable as a preliminary to housing and development operations.