

KAHUITARA STATION

This property covers the Kahuitara A 2 Block of 792 acres, situated in the Waipapu County about four miles south of Ruatoria. Six hundred acres are in easy to steep hills, the balance being flat land (168 acres alluvial), and the whole is admirably adapted for mixed farming. When taken over the property had not been properly subdivided and slips on the unstable boundaries had left gaps in the fence-lines. Considerable expenditure, which has been centred mainly on the flats, was required to bring the farm into a reasonable state of production.

MARANGAIROA STATION

This station consists of 1,478 acres in the Matakaoa County four and a half miles from Te Araroa Township. It is composed of approximately 90 acres of high country, the remainder being easy sloping hills and good flats. The whole place is well watered by streams and creeks, except the highest point, where a good site for a dam is now available. Four hundred cattle with 2,400 sheep are carried on the property, which is subdivided into seven main paddocks. During the past year 49 bales of wool were shorn.

The net profit from the station during the period under review was £856, and during the previous year £919, so that the mortgage account is being steadily reduced.

MOTUWEKA STATION

Situated near Porangahau, this station comprises five blocks of Native land which are mortgaged to the Native Trustee and farmed by him conjointly, and also two leasehold properties, the total area farmed being 4,789 acres.

During the year one and a half miles of boundary fence has been renewed, and the station is embarking on a long-term agricultural policy whereby it is hoped to increase the carrying-capacity. On the whole, stock are in good condition, but losses due to the unsatisfactory state of fences are above the average.

POHUTU STATION

Pohutu Station covers 3,796 acres in Matakaoa County close to Te Araroa Township. It is a nice property easily accessible from many points by good roads. It is subdivided into twenty-four paddocks and includes 196 acres of standing bush. The area is used for mixed farming and carried at the latest tally 5,423 sheep and 930 cattle. On grass land are 3,293 acres which, when taken over, contained a heavy proportion of ratstail that had been allowed to get into a rank state under previous management. Posts and battens can be supplied from bush standing on the property, and a bullock team is used to transport these as required.

TAKAPAUOPAPA STATION

Takapauopapa Station (Marangairoa 1A 5 and 1A 6 Blocks) includes 1,272 acres with a capital value of approximately £7,000. A total of 232 acres are in bush, 70 acres in steep hill faces, and the balance in easy hills and flat. The property is about three miles from Te Araroa, and when taken over by the Native Trustee in 1941 consisted, owing to the poor state of the fencing, of one paddock, while the pastures were in poor condition and the stock in need of rigid culling. In the past five years internal and boundary fences have been re-erected and the stock culled and replenished.