

16. WOOL STORAGE

In my last report I mentioned that substantial floor space in the Board's buildings was occupied by wool held on behalf of the Marketing Department. This position has now eased in some areas and consequently some premises are being vacated of accumulated stocks as shipping becomes available.

17. ACCOMMODATION FOR DUTCH EVACUEES

Accommodation for Dutch evacuees from the Netherlands East Indies for recuperative treatment has been made available by the provision of No. 4 Hospital at Auckland and the W.A.A.C. camp at Miramar. It is anticipated that such camps will be vacated by the end of the year and made available for transit housing, &c.

18. MISCELLANEOUS FITTINGS

The materials salvaged from Service buildings still meet a ready sale, and a steady demand exists from Departments such as Public Works, Native, Forestry, Lands and Survey, and Housing. The value of material handled has justified the care exercised in recording and classifying in bulk stores, and, apart from sales to Government Departments, ready sales at valuation and by auction exist for these miscellaneous items.

19. METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF BUILDINGS

A further year's operations have convinced me that my comments and recommendations in last year's report were substantially correct, and I have nothing further to add in this connection.

20. DISPOSAL OF BUILDINGS: GENERAL

The schedule as set out below shows the position as at 31st March, 1946, in respect to (a) buildings declared surplus; (b) buildings sold; (c) buildings still to be disposed of:—

	Huts.	Other Buildings.	Total.
Total declared surplus to 31st March, 1946 ..	22,351	9,491	31,842
Sold—			
To 31st March, 1945.	7,001	3,256	10,257
Year ended 31st March, 1946	12,126	3,848	15,974
Total sales	19,127	7,104	26,231
On hand, 31st March, 1946	3,224	2,387	5,611

The proceeds from sales as set out above are as follows:—

	To Government Departments.	Other Sales.	Total.
Sales—	£	£	£
To 31st March, 1945.	236,119	189,259	425,378
Year ended 31st March, 1946	334,108	1,173,815	1,507,923
Total sales	570,227	1,363,074	1,933,301*

* Buildings, £1,732,292; materials, £201,009.