

*Motunau* (Locality : Motunau).—Area, 3,094 acres. Acquired, 20th January, 1941. Subdivisions, six sheep-farms. During the year three new houses have been completed, 400 chains of new subdivisional and boundary fencing erected, and the farm water-supply has been extended. The six subdivisions will be permanently settled very shortly. A contract has been let for the remainder of the building programme, and it is hoped to have this completed at an early date.

*Mount Harris* (Locality : Waihao Forks).—Area, 1,238 acres. Purchased 28th March, 1945. Subdivided, three sheep and cropping farms. Development having been completed, the three ex-servicemen who had been on wages since June, 1945, were allotted permanent leases in October, 1946.

*Pineview* (Locality : Mayfield).—Area, 4,438 acres. Acquired, March–April, 1945. Subdivisions, six sheep-farms. Three units were allotted on permanent tenure soon after purchase and another two sections were allotted to ex-servicemen during the year. The remaining section has also been selected and possession is to be taken shortly, thus completing the settlement of the block. The homestead dwelling and wool-shed have been renovated.

*Port Levy* (Locality : Port Levy).—Area, 2,650 acres. Acquired, 29th March, 1946. Subdivisions, four sheep and cattle units. Allotted on permanent tenure to four ex-servicemen in February, 1947. A contract has been let for the building of one new house, shed, and alterations and renovations to existing buildings.

*Riverview* (Locality : Ealing).—Area, 540 acres. Purchased, 1st August, 1946. Subdivision not decided pending irrigation. A considerable area has been limed and 63 acres of new pasture sown. A discharged-serviceman manager is employed, but allotment will not be made until irrigation water from the Mayfield-Hinds irrigation scheme is available.

*Scotsburn* (Locality : Geraldine).—Area, 2,632 acres. Acquired, 21st March, 1946. Subdivisions, three sheep-farms. A considerable area has been limed and new fences subdividing larger paddocks have been erected. The three settlers on wages on this holding should soon be allotted their sections. A sawmill has been operating on the property and most of the *Pinus* blown down in 1945 has been milled. The building programme is proceeding slowly.

*Spring Creek* (Locality : Methven).—Area, 337 acres. Acquired, 2nd December, 1946. Subdivision indefinite. Seasonal farming only has been carried out so far, and an endeavour is being made to acquire a small area of adjoining land to make two units. One unit on wages will be offered shortly.

*Stormlea* (Locality : Methven).—Area, 1,017½ acres. Acquired, 30th October, 1946. Subdivisions, three sheep and cropping farms. Seasonal farming only has so far been carried out. Three ex-servicemen settlers are at present employed on wages with the promise of sections, and it is hoped to arrange permanent allotment next year.

*Templetons* (Locality : Geraldine).—Area, 184 acres. Acquired, 14th June, 1943. Subdivision, one dairy-farm. A decided improvement is evident in the appearance of this property. Fences are mostly all rebuilt, trees have been planted, a fair area limed, and 56 acres of new grass sown. Tenders have been called for a cow-shed and piggyery. When these are built, the block will be ready for offering.

*Tripp* (Locality : Geraldine).—Area, 665 acres. Acquired, 20th May, 1940. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. An area of 110 acres has been mole-drained, pipes being laid in low places. The carrying-capacity is steadily increasing and the block may ultimately provide two units. Early settlement is not contemplated.

*Valetta* (Locality : Ashburton).—Area, 8,617 acres. Acquired, 1940–41. Subdivisions, ultimately twenty-five irrigated fat-lamb units. This block lies within the proposed Valetta-Tinwald irrigation scheme, but as this scheme is not a high-priority work some years are likely to elapse before irrigation water will be available and the block must in the meantime be carried on on a dry-farming basis. A telephone-line