

*Kenilworth* (Locality : Pine Bush).—Area, 3,055 acres. Acquired, 20th September, 1945, and 1st March, 1947. Subdivided, seven sheep-farms. This block originally consisted of 1,736 acres, but an adjoining area of 1,319 acres acquired in March, 1947, was added. Development programme involves the complete renewal of pastures, drainage, fencing, access roading, and the erection of five new dwellings and implement-sheds. Shortage of fencing-wire threatens to hinder permanent allotment, but it is expected that two of the units will be allotted in 1948 and the remaining five in 1949 to the ex-servicemen who are doing the development work on wages.

*Menzies Ferry* (Locality : Edendale).—Area, 250 acres. Acquired, 14th June, 1944. Subdivisions, two dairy-farms. Permanent allotment took place in July, 1946, to the two Grade "A" ex-servicemen who had been on wages during the development period.

*Robinhood* (Locality : Matura Island).—Area, 1,742 acres. Acquired, 10th April, 1945. Subdivisions, three sheep-farms. One section (553 acres) was permanently allotted in September, 1945, leaving 1,209 acres, consisting of two units. Satisfactory progress has been made with the renewal of pastures, and there remains to be done fencing, draining, and the erection of a dwelling and two implement-sheds. Thirty chains of access road is also necessary. It is anticipated that a further section will be permanently allotted next year, shortage of materials having delayed the settlement of this section beyond the period originally planned.

*Ruahine* (Locality : Pahia).—Area, 1,195 acres. Acquired, 1st March, 1946. Subdivisions, two sheep and cattle and one dairy farms. Extensive fencing, clearing, and drainage are necessary and will be commenced as soon as machinery is available. Pending the arrival of the machinery, operations have consisted chiefly of subsidiary drainage, clearing of gorse, splitting of fencing-posts, and the erection of new cattle-yards. This block necessitates a long-term development programme.

*Southdown* (Locality : Matura).—Area, 5,645 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1947. Subdivisions, eleven sheep-farms. This block which has just been acquired, will be partly staffed by Grade "A" ex-servicemen selected by ballot. Development will consist mainly of fencing and housing. Permanent allotment is expected to take place after two years development.

*Spur Head* (Locality : Edendale).—Area, 2,223 acres. Acquired, 31st March, 1941. Subdivisions, six sheep and cropping farms. This block is now in an advanced state of development and during the past year the area in pasture has been increased from 669 acres to 1,054 acres, with a further 296 acres in crops. Fifty chains of tracks were laid, and crossings were built over swampy areas, which will greatly assist control of stock. Some 221 chains of old fences were replaced or repaired. Four new houses have been planned for early erection. It is anticipated that this block will be settled in June, 1949.

*Strathlane* (Locality : Drummond).—Area, 440 acres. Acquired, 30th April, 1945. Subdivided, two sheep-farms. The preparation of this block is well advanced and permanent allotment to the two Grade "A" ex-servicemen employed on wages is expected later this year. The main items of development outstanding are the erection of 40 chains of boundary fencing and the completion of one dwelling and an implement-shed.

*Tysoe* (Locality : Morton Mains).—Area, 669 acres. Acquired, 1st April, 1946. Subdivided, two sheep units. Two Grade "A" ex-servicemen have been developing the block and their charges will be fixed in the autumn of 1948. The main items of development are fencing, swamp drainage, and buildings. One new dwelling and two implement-sheds have been erected and one dwelling extensively repaired.

*Waimumu* (Locality : Waimumu).—Area, 664 acres. Acquired, November, 1944. Subdivisions, two sheep-farms. The development of this block having been completed during the year, it was permanently allotted to the two Grade "A" ex-servicemen who had been working on wages.