

*Kopuriki* (Locality : Part Galatea).—Area, 2,800 acres. Possession date, 30th April, 1945. Subdivision, twenty dairy-farms. This area is being farmed in conjunction with the Galatea Estate.

*Kumi* (Locality : Awanui).—Area, 258 acres. Possession date, 30th September, 1946. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. Renovations have been carried out to fences and drains, but further work of this nature is still necessary and the water-supply requires to be improved. Arrangements are under way for the construction of the buildings. When these are finished the sections will be allocated, but it is doubtful if they will be ready for the 1947-48 season.

*Kuranui* (Locality : Morrinsville).—Area, 860 acres. Possession date, 31st January, 1947. Subdivision, two dairy and two sheep farms. A considerable amount of deferred maintenance work is necessary and settlement will probably not be possible until 1949. Meanwhile a scheme of subdivision has been prepared and development work is proceeding.

*Lake View* (Locality : Ahipara).—Area, 796 acres, 1 rood 37 perches. Possession date, 1st June, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms—tentative. An area of 255 acres has been subdivided into two dairy-farms. Of the balance, 266 acres to the south of the block is not suitable for ex-servicemen settlement, while 275 acres to the north of the Pukepoto Drain is not being developed in the meantime owing to difficulties of road access and inadequate supply of fertilizer and materials. The two dairy-farms were balloted at the beginning of the 1946-47 season and the successful applicants have dairied, one on a wages basis and one under a share-milking agreement. All buildings, water-supply, and other necessary improvements have been completed on the two dairy-farms, and charges will be fixed as from the commencement of the 1947-48 season.

*Mahuta* (Locality : Dargaville).—Area, 423 acres. Possession date, 24th October, 1946. Subdivision not yet finalized. Attention has been given to the maintenance of fences, top-dressing, and general renovation of pastures. The land is on the west coast, and of the total area some 200 acres is sandy country which will be excluded from the subdivision and eventually planted in trees. This block will provide two dairy-farms, but it is hoped that additional land can be purchased, as provision of an adequate water-supply will be difficult and costly.

*Mamaranui* (Locality : Dargaville).—Area, 959 acres. Possession date, 1st May, 1945. Subdivision, four farms. The access road has now been formed and is being fenced, while the fencing of the watershed reserve (120 acres of bush) has been finished. Contracts have been let for new buildings, and the settlement of three sections can proceed as soon as these have been completed and the water-supply is ready.

*Mangawai* (Locality : Mangawai).—Area, 1,862 acres. Possession date, 7th July, 1935. Subdivision, eight dairy-farms. Contracts for all the necessary buildings have been let and fair progress made. As electric power will not be available until the end of this year, these sections cannot be settled before the 1947-48 season. Development consisted of levelling and regrassing of approximately 100 acres of permanent pasture which was burnt out during summer fires and the re-erection of boundary and subdivisional fences burnt by the fires.

*Maraetai* (Locality : Maraetai).—Area, 5,000 acres. Possession date, 1st August, 1946. Subdivision not yet planned. Development of this block, which is situated across the Waikato River twenty-eight miles south of Tokoroa Township, is being carried out with the primary object of supplying farm produce to the township to be established in connection with the hydro-electric works at Mangakino. The whole of the area is within the pumice belt and is unimproved land covered with manuka scrub, light bush, and tussock. In September, 1946, contracts were let for the clearing of scrub and ploughing and cultivating of about 1,200 acres south of the river. The scrub was crushed by means of heavy rollers especially designed for the work. All the cultivation work on this 1,200 acres was completed by the beginning of March, 1947, and the whole area was then sown with grass seed and fertilizer before the end of that month. In addition to the above work, a further 1,500 acres of medium to heavy scrub and light bush has been crushed ready for burning off and cultivation operations next season. Owing to