

also farm buildings are in course of erection, but judging from progress made to date it appears likely that it will be necessary to renew the share-milking agreements for a further season. Other development work carried out includes the installation of water-supplies, fencing, and regrassing.

*Puriri* (Locality : Kaitaia).—Area, 1,403 acres. Possession date, 6th November, 1933. Subdivision not yet finalized. No new development work was carried out during the year, operations being confined to general farming of the block. Erratic weather conditions over the past two years made farming difficult as, following a check to the pastures in the drought of 1945–46 and their recovery in the autumn, the grass received another severe set-back last summer. All the heavy stock was removed, and it is hoped that the pastures will recover with autumn rains.

*Rerewhakaitu* (Locality : Rotorua).—Area, 12,067 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1945. Subdivision not yet planned. Last year's swede areas of approximately 70 acres have been grassed and a further area of 70 acres has been sown in swedes. A large dam has been constructed to enable water to be pumped to a reservoir and gravitated to troughs, while the only other work possible was fencing and building renovations. Owing to dry conditions and insufficient fertilizer, the ewe flock has been reduced.

*Riverside* (Locality : Tangowahine).—Area, 3,967 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1946. Subdivision not yet finalized. The programme of development has been confined to making up large arrears in maintenance, particularly of fences, which are in a bad state. When increased fertilizer is available, action will be taken to check reversion to scrub, and renewal of run-out pastures will receive attention. About 200 acres of easy scrub country is under the first stages of cultivation, but this block is a long-term development proposition.

*Ruawaro* (Locality : Ruawaro).—Area, 562 acres. Possession date, 31st May, 1946. Subdivision, four dairy-farms. Four ex-servicemen were established with charges fixed at the beginning of the current dairy season. All necessary farm buildings, community water-supply, and other necessary improvements have been completed, but work on the access road is still proceeding and the metalling will be completed shortly. A new bridge on the access road is to be erected.

*Tauhei* (Locality : Tauhei).—Area, 200 acres. Possession date, 27th June, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. Pending completion of the improvements, a share-milker has been engaged milking one herd during the present season. The buildings have been finished, but the pastures which were swept by fire last year require to be renewed. It will be necessary for one section to be farmed by the Department for another year, but the other section will be balloted for the 1947–48 season.

*Te Hoe* (Locality : Ohinewai).—Area, 284 acres. Possession date, 1st November, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. The renewing of the pastures and the erection of farm buildings is progressing and it is expected to ballot both sections for the 1947–48 season.

*Te Mimi* (Locality : Morrinsville).—Area, 788 acres. Possession date, 31st May, 1946. Subdivision, six dairy-farms. During the season three ex-servicemen, each with a promise of an undefined section, have been share-milking on this property. Development work necessary includes the erection of new buildings, renovations to existing buildings, fencing, access roading, farm tracks, and the installation of a water-supply. This work is under way, and provided it is sufficiently far advanced within the next two months a ballot for the three remaining sections will be held.

*Te Teko* (Locality : Edgecumbe).—Area, 399 acres. Possession date, 31st May, 1946. Subdivision, four dairy-farms. One section was disposed of last year and one ex-serviceman has been milking on wages during the present season. It is anticipated that the remaining two sections will be balloted for the 1947–48 season.

*Thompson's* (Locality : Kaihere).—Area, 102 acres. Possession date, 24th November, 1944. Subdivision, one dairy-farm. The buildings on this section were completed before the start of the dairy season, and in June last an "A" grade ex-serviceman took possession of the house and commenced milking a herd of forty-eight