

heifers in August. Production for the year has been good, 8,564 lb. of butterfat being produced up to 31st March, 1947, as well as thirty-four bobby-calves and thirteen fat pigs. Development work is still required in the swamp portion in the way of stumping, logging up, burning, and heavy harrowing of blackberry.

Tikokopu (Locality: Helensville).—Area, 4,600 acres. Possession date, 9th February, 1945. Subdivision (provisional), seven dairy and six sheep farms. Approximately 140 chains of new fencing has been erected, while the existing fences, which were in a very bad state of disrepair, have been renovated. A total of 150 acres of reverted grass land have been cleared and cultivated and sown in crops and a further 200 acres ploughed and cultivated and sown in permanent grasses. Good results have been obtained from pasture renovation over some 300 acres of inferior grass areas. Existing permanent grass areas will be further improved when heavier annual top-dressing is possible. Eighty chains of new drains were dug and renovations to existing buildings were carried out. Three bores were sunk and good water obtained. One sheep section will be balloted for possession in 1948, but further development work is necessary before the other sections, both dairy and sheep, are ready for settlement.

Tokoroa (Locality: Tokoroa).—Area, 5,201 acres. Possession date, 4th April, 1938. Subdivision not yet finalized. Last year's swede area has been grassed and a new area sown in swedes. There has been a very quick spread of broom at the entrance to this block, and this necessitated cutting, grubbing, and burning. The pastures have been reasonably well maintained with the available fertilizer allocation.

Waikare (Locality: Te Kauwhata).—Area, 460 acres. Possession date, 31st October, 1946. Subdivision, five dairy-farms. An additional area of 45 acres is being purchased to complete the subdivision. The development programme includes 45 chains of new road formation, buildings, and water-supply, and it is hoped that settlement will take place in 1948.

Waikite (Locality: Rotorua).—Area, 7,526 acres. Possession date, 10th October, 1938. Subdivision not yet planned. Little development work has been possible on this block, which includes Whirinaki, but the areas continue to be farmed and will respond well when more manure is available.

Waikuku (Locality: Morrinsville). Area, 1,053 acres. Possession date, 1st April, 1946. Subdivision, ten dairy-farms. New dwellings and farm buildings were erected on three sections in time for ex-servicemen to obtain leases in September, 1946. Good progress has been made with the development of the balance of the area. New buildings are being erected, water-supplies installed, and the necessary roading and fencing is under way. It is anticipated that a further six sections will be ready for the 1947-48 season. The homestead block is being retained as a central depot for the Lower Waikato area in the meantime.

Waipapakauri (Locality: Part Waipapakauri Aerodrome).—Area, 450 acres. Approximately 160 acres is used for dairying, while the balance is being grazed with run stock. The growth of pastures was satisfactory and 150 tons of hay was harvested. Of the 6 acres sown in maize, a good crop is now assured from about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres only, as the balance was attacked by caterpillars.

Waitaha (Locality: Tauranga). Area, 168 acres. Possession date, 18th October, 1946. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. One ex-serviceman has been milking a herd on this block during the season and he will be allotted the homestead section. An extension of the water-supply, erection of buildings, and the formation of approximately 40 chains of road are necessary in preparing the balance of the area for settlement.

Waitoa (Locality: Waitoa). Area, 752 acres. Possession date, April and June, 1945. Subdivision, nine dairy-farms. Four sections were settled on 1st September, 1945, and one on 1st July, 1946. Roading, fencing, draining, and the erection of buildings were effected on the back sections, three of which were balloted in November last. The successful applicants are being employed on wages until 1st July, 1947, when they will receive their leases. It is expected that the remaining section will be balloted shortly.