

Ngati-Tuwharetoa Area.—The total area available for development is 98,440 acres, of which 6,598 acres is occupied by twenty-two established farmers, fifteen of whom are engaged in dairying and the remainder grazing sheep and cattle.

Manunui.—The Manunui scheme is situated on both sides of the Taumarunui-Tokaanu Highway, and settlers and workers have now the advantage of daily passenger and goods services past their gates. The general area consists of 18,539 acres, of which 4,386 acres are in pasture.

Whangaipeke.—A commencement was made with the development of the Whangaipeke blocks, which comprise an area of 1,070 acres. This land adjoins the southern portion of the Manunui scheme, and will ultimately be provided with access from the Taumarunui-Tokaanu Highway and also by a proposed road from Kakahi through the Taurewa blocks, on the opposite bank of the Wanganui River.

Waituhi-Kuratau.—The Waituhi-Kuratau scheme, of 7,238 acres, lies on the western shores of Lake Taupo north of the road from Taumarunui at the point where the road turns south through the Waihi-Pukawa scheme to Tokaanu Township. A small workers' camp has been established.

Waihi-Pukawa.—South of the Kuratau Stream, the Waihi-Pukawa scheme, of over 12,000 acres, extends to the outskirts of Tokaanu Township. An area of 540 acres has been sown in grass and ring fenced, and a dwelling belonging to one owner is being shifted to his section.

Korohe.—Two further areas of 420 acres and 72 acres respectively were added to the Korohe scheme during the year, and progress was made towards the inclusion of several other small areas surrounded by scheme lands. A further 7,000 trees were planted.

IKAROA NATIVE LAND COURT DISTRICT

This district is situated in the southern portion of the North Island with the northern boundary north of Napier. The Heretaunga scheme comprises unit properties only and is mainly in the Hastings district and southern Hawke's Bay. A number of these farmers are town-milk suppliers who are giving a satisfactory revenue from their holdings. The Hastings units have land suitable for fat-lamb raising and grass-seed growing, and this year both these aspects of farming were attended with successful results.

The Porangahau Scheme comprises 1,036 acres and is suitable for fattening stock. The Romney flock on this property is improving under careful management and flock replacement is provided from the natural increase. The Polled Angus breeding-cows have increased and the hill country shows a decided improvement.

Inland from Norsewood and close to the Ruahine Range is Rakautatahi scheme, of 1,500 acres, and, in addition, three Maoris are carrying on mixed farming on the scheme lands. A policy of bringing in approximately 80 acres of new ground each year has been followed during the last few years with excellent results.

Near Newman, in the Wairarapa, one Maori ex-serviceman is mixed farming on 146 acres. His holding is a good one, but ragwort is prevalent and will require careful handling.

Manawatu Scheme (Matakarapa) is solely dairying, two share-milkers occupying 200 acres of flat land across the Manawatu River from Foxton Railway-station. This area is part of an island formed by a cut put through to straighten the course of the Manawatu River. This cut has eliminated the bad flooding which used to occur on this property. It is hoped to increase the dairy herds this coming season. A nursery is being established here and it is intended to plant at least 5,000 trees as shelter for the property against the severe westerly gales experienced. The units of the Manawatu scheme are spread from Foxton to Waikanae and are all dairying. In this case, also,