

The Milk Act, 1944, also made provision for the establishment of a Milk Marketing Division of the Marketing Department. This Division became the administrative Department for the Central Milk Council, and Mr. W. A. Cowell, Secretary to the Division, was also appointed Secretary to the Council.

Since the Council commenced to function in February, 1945, nineteen meetings have been held to the 31st March, 1947, and the personnel of the Council has remained unchanged.

DECLARATION OF MILK DISTRICTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL MILK AUTHORITIES

One of the first tasks confronting the Central Milk Council was to secure the definition of appropriate milk districts covering the major areas of consumption throughout the Dominion and to secure as far as possible the effective establishment of a local Milk Authority for each milk district.

Section 8 of the Milk Act, 1944, provides that for every milk district there shall be a Milk Authority, which may be a Borough Council or a Metropolitan Milk Board, as may be prescribed by the Governor-General by Order in Council.

As at the 31st March, 1947, the following is a schedule of the declared milk districts and established local authorities:—

District.	Authority.	Date constituted or Date of First Election.
Auckland Metropolitan	Auckland Metropolitan Milk Board	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Christchurch Metropolitan ..	Christchurch Metropolitan Milk Board ..	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Dunedin Metropolitan	Dunedin Metropolitan Milk Board	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Hutt Valley and Bays Metropolitan	Hutt Valley and Bays Metropolitan Milk Board..	{ 20/12/45 23/1/46
Palmerston North Metropolitan ..	Palmerston North Metropolitan Milk Board ..	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Ashburton	Ashburton Borough Council	24/8/45
Balclutha	Balclutha Borough Council	14/9/45
Blenheim	Blenheim Borough Council	17/8/45
Dannevirke	Dannevirke Borough Council	15/7/45
Feilding	Feilding Borough Council	15/7/45
Hamilton	Hamilton City Council	24/8/45
Hastings	Hastings Borough Council	15/7/45
Invercargill	Invercargill City Council	7/9/45
Lyttelton	Lyttelton Borough Council	1/3/46
Mataura	Mataura Borough Council	14/9/45
Mount Maunganui	Mount Maunganui Borough Council	15/2/46
Napier	Napier Borough Council	24/8/45
Nelson	Nelson City Council	14/6/46
Oamaru	Oamaru Borough Council	24/8/45
Stratford	Stratford Borough Council	24/8/45
Tauranga	Tauranga Borough Council	22/3/46
Timaru	Timaru Borough Council	17/8/45
Wanganui	Wanganui City Council	15/7/45
Whangarei	Whangarei Borough Council	15/7/45

POWERS AND DUTIES OF LOCAL MILK AUTHORITIES

The principal function of each Milk Authority is to ensure for the inhabitants of the milk district an adequate supply of milk of a standard of quality not less than the standard for the time being prescribed under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908.