

In addition, regulations have been gazetted providing for the establishment of the Hawke's Bay Milk Treatment Corporation, the directors of which have not yet been appointed. Negotiations are also proceeding for the setting-up of a Hutt Valley Milk Treatment Corporation on the basis of equal partnership between producers and consumer representatives appointed by the Government.

Arrangements have also been finalized making provision for the Whangarei Borough Council to purchase from the Crown the treatment plant of Sothern and Co., Ltd., together with milk distributive rights, as it is the intention of the Whangarei Borough Council to engage in milk treatment and distribution as a municipal undertaking.

THE FIXATION OF GOODWILL FOR MILK ROUNDS

At the present time the Council is engaged in securing sufficient data to determine maximum goodwill payments for milk rounds in the main milk districts.

After consultation with the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Board, the maximum goodwill payment of £12 per gallon for retail deliveries and £4 per gallon for wholesale deliveries has been fixed to operate throughout the Auckland Metropolitan Milk District.

FARM COOLING OF MILK BY REFRIGERATION

In August, 1946, the Central Milk Council recommended to the Government that some economic encouragement should be given to town milk producers who were prepared to install adequate refrigeration on their farms for the cooling of milk.

This recommendation was accepted, and the 1946-47 National Milk Scheme incorporated a special allowance of 0.33d. per gallon payable to all producers chilling their milk on the farm by mechanical refrigeration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other matters to which the Central Milk Council has already given consideration to or made decisions upon are:—

- (1) In consultation with the Director of the Dairy Research Institute, have discussed plans with a view to ensuring the maintenance and extension of training schemes to provide properly qualified key personnel to be associated with the quality testing of milk in treatment plants.
- (2) With the Standards Institute, discussing the definition of adequate standards for milk-bottles and milk-caps.
- (3) Have sought the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture to provide publicity per medium of the *Journal of Agriculture* to assist the producer in the problems of town milk production.
- (4) Have approved of appointment of Inspectors under section 72 of the Milk Act.
- (5) Approved the setting-up of a Committee to ensure the utilization to the best advantage of plant being purchased under the Milk Treatment Corporation Plan and also plant to be imported.
- (6) Have had the co-operation of the Director of Animal Husbandry, Canterbury College, Lincoln, in that he provided a very full report dealing with the problem of low solids-not-fat content of Christchurch milk. This report was made available to Canterbury producers.

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