

*Lake View* (Locality : Ahipara).—Area 796 acres. Possession date, 1st June, 1945. Subdivision, two dairy-farms. All the proposed development work was completed by 30th June, 1947, and the two ex-servicemen were allotted their sections with charges fixed on 1st July, 1947. The balance of the area, approximately 540 acres, is not suitable for settlement of ex-servicemen.

*Makuta* (locality : Dargaville).—Area, 423 acres. Possession date, 24th October, 1946. Subdivision not yet planned, as negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a further 1,155 acres. With the acquisition of this area it will be possible to provide eight dairy units, and it is hoped that four of these will be ready for settlement in 1949. The work of renovating fences and pastures on approximately 223 acres was continued, and a water-supply scheme has been investigated for the whole area.

*Mamaramui* (Locality : Dargaville).—Area, 959 acres. Possession date, 1st May, 1945. Subdivision, four farms. Three farms will be balloted shortly, and it is expected that charges will be fixed as at 1st July, 1948. Work carried out during the year included the provision of a water-supply and the erection of buildings.

*Mangawai* (Locality : Mangawai).—Area, 1,862 acres. Possession date, 7th July, 1935. Subdivision, eight dairy-farms. Development work consisted of regrassing 60 acres of pasture which was damaged by fires and the erection of subdivisional and boundary fences. Six new dwellings were completed and two others commenced, while all cow-sheds and implement-sheds were finished. The eight sections will be balloted in the near future.

*Maraetai* (Locality : Maraetai).—Area, 3,300 acres. Possession date, 1st August, 1946. Subdivision, not yet finalized. It was hoped that nine sections totalling 1,300 acres would be ready for settlement by July, 1948, but it may not be possible to have the necessary buildings erected, although contracts have been let. During the year a further 1,300 acres were cultivated and sown in permanent pasture, the total area now grassed being approximately 2,300 acres. Approximately 500 acres has been cleared of scrub in preparation for sowing in the autumn of 1949. Boundary and subdivisional fences erected to date total 820 chains, and preliminary work on 360 chains of road has been completed. An area of 30 acres has been set aside as a mill-site. A temporary water-supply has been installed and an electrical reticulation survey of the block made.

*Matakohe* (Locality : Ruawai).—Area, 1,045 acres. Possession date, 30th September, 1947. Subdivision, four dairy-farms and run-offs for these and an adjoining block (tentative). Work carried out since possession date has been confined to the renewing of boundary fences, reconditioning drains, and the control of tall fescue by mowing and heavy stocking.

*Matanuku* (Locality : Tokoroa).—Area, 2,945 acres. Possession date, 3rd May, 1940. Subdivision, twenty farms. Two ex-servicemen, who were working on wages during the preceding twelve months, were granted leases from 1st July, 1947. Eight sections were balloted in June, 1947, on fixed charges. Eighteen sections have now been settled. Development work, including erection of buildings, is being carried out on the two remaining sections, one dairy and one sheep, and these should be ready for allotment in 1949.

*Mataraua* (Locality : Tokoroa).—Area, 334 acres. Possession date, 1st March, 1945. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. Development work having been completed, these sections were allotted on fixed charges in September, 1947.

*Mataraua* (Homestead).—Area, 160 acres. Possession date, 29th July, 1946. Subdivision not yet been finalized. An ex-serviceman has been milking a herd on wages since November, 1947, and he will be allotted a section when a scheme of subdivision is determined.

*Matariki* (Locality : Whangarei).—Area, 334 acres. Possession date, 1st February, 1945. Subdivision, three dairy-farms. It is expected that the three ex-servicemen who have been working on wages will be allotted their sections from July, 1948.