

*Awatea* (Locality : Tinui).—Area, 5,931 acres. Three thousand one hundred and ninety-six acres were purchased on 28th February, 1945, and 2,735 acres were added on 11th March, 1948. Subdivision is now five sheep units. Development consists mainly of fencing, scrub-cutting, and new buildings. It is hoped that two units will be allotted on fixed charges this season, the balance to be settled in 1949.

*Cherrybank* (Locality : Wanganui).—Area, 384 acres. Purchased, 29th March, 1946. Subdivision, three dairy units (town supply), with some sheep. This was almost a derelict property when purchased, having reverted to scrub, gorse, and other noxious weeds, with a tremendous crop of variegated thistle menacing the district. An energetic development programme has been carried out, consisting of draining, cultivation, fencing, water-supplies, and erection of buildings. Three town-supply herds are being milked by the three ballottees who are installed on defined sections. Charges are to be fixed at commencement of next dairy season.

*Fairmont* (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 538 acres. Purchased, 28th February, 1948. One fat-lamb unit. Requires only the building of house, implement-shed, and some fencing. Section has been balloted and will be finally settled in 1949.

*Hurepo* (Locality : Linton).—Area, 1,361 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1947. Subdivision, two sheep units. The development programme consisted of new fencing, renovation to existing buildings, grubbing of scattered gorse, erection of one new house, new implement-shed, sheep-yards, and renovation to wool-shed. Two ex-servicemen on wages, and charges will be fixed shortly.

*Ihakara* (Locality : Levin).—Area, 561 acres. Purchased, 31st May, 1946. Subdivisions, one dairy unit and one mixed dairy with sheep. The development programme has been completed and charges will be fixed in time for the 1947-48 season. The development programme consisted of one new dwelling, one new cow-shed and implement-shed, cutting 224 acres scattered scrub and tawhini, roading, water-supply, and sheep-yards.

*Kahu* (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 380 acres. Purchased, June, 1945. Single sheep unit. Development comprised new dwelling, stables, fencing, sheep-yards, water-supply, and a small wool-shed. Final settlement will be effected for next season.

*Kaimatarau* (Locality : Rongotea).—Area, 319 acres. Purchased, 31st October, 1946. Subdivision, five dairy-farms. Development comprised new buildings, draining, regassing, fencing, reticulating water-supply, and roading. Three heifer herds were milked this season. Charges will be fixed in readiness for the coming season.

*Karere* (Locality : Longburn).—Area, 203 acres. Purchased, 1st July, 1946. Subdivisions, three dairy units. The development programme consisted of renovating homestead, two new cow-sheds, and implement-sheds, fencing, tile draining of some 60 acres, internal roading, and reticulating water. The three settlers are already on the property on defined sections, and charges are now being fixed for the coming season.

*Karhatau* (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 1,554 acres. Purchased, 6th March, 1947. Subdivisions, two sheep units. This property was settled during the season.

*Konewa* (Locality : Pohangina Valley).—Area, 1,836 acres. Purchased, 27th February, 1948. Will subdivide into two sheep units. Development comprises some fencing, reticulation of water-supply, a new dwelling, implement-shed, and renovations to shearers' quarters. Charges should be fixed in time for the 1949-50 season.

*Kotuku* (Locality : Marton).—Area, 480 acres. Purchased, 30th November, 1945. The development plan has been completed apart from the mole draining, which was delayed owing to the dry spring. The area is divided into three dairy units and one sheep unit. Housing, cow-sheds, earth dams, fencing, and draining have been carried out, and the pastures have been well limed and top-dressed. All settlers are on the property, and charges should be fixed in readiness for the coming season.