

Waiohine (Locality : Greytown).—Area, 268 acres. Subdivision, one dairy unit, and four small-fruit units. Charges have been fixed on the dairy-unit, four fruit units, and two workers' home units. Three fruit units have been allotted.

Waipawa (Locality : Masterton).—Area, 1,176 acres. Purchased, 9th February, 1948. One sheep unit. Development consists of one new house and implement-shed, fencing, and water reticulation. Final settlement will be effected next year. Ex-serviceman is in occupation on wages basis.

Waipapu (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 1,621 acres. Purchased, 23rd February, 1948. Subdivision, two sheep units. The fencing generally is in a very bad state and an extensive programme will be necessary. Two new houses, implement-sheds, and renovated wool-shed are necessary. The country is mostly of a papa formation, with sandstone in parts. About 100 acres has reverted to tea-tree. Settlement probably by 1950.

Whareroa (Location : Paekakariki).—Area, approximately 2,413 acres. Various areas have been added to the block from time to time, being mostly areas occupied under the Defence Emergency Regulations. The block comprises mostly flat and sandhill country with about 500 acres of steep hill country. This block is not at present available for settlement of ex-servicemen, but is farmed as a dairy unit on portion of the flats and sheep on the balance. No development work is being undertaken meantime, but renovation of fences and drains, reticulation of water for the dairying, and grubbing of lupins. An ex-serviceman milks on a share basis. The total area includes areas which are available for grazing only.

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Development is proceeding on all areas as rapidly as possible, consistent with the difficulties experienced in obtaining fencing-materials and having buildings erected.

Acordale Farm Settlement (Locality : Waihopai - Avon Valley).—Area, 21,939 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, four sheep units. Ex-serviceman manager has been appointed with right to an undefined section.

Claverley Farm Settlement (Locality : Claverley).—Area, 3,710 acres. Acquired, March, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep units. Two sections were allotted on fixed charges in September, 1947, and remaining sections will be allotted on fixed charges in April, 1948. Only development completed was construction of three farm tracks and fencing of new boundary.

Craiglockhart Farm Settlement (Locality : Waihopai Valley).—Area, 7,915 acres. Acquired, March, 1947. Subdivision, three sheep units. The main development on this block comprises regrassing, a considerable amount of new fencing, new cattle-yards, and new buildings. Progress on regrassing has been satisfactory, but final settlement will depend on fencing-material being available. It is anticipated that settlement will be effected in March, 1950.

Dashwood Farm Settlement (Locality : Seddon).—Area, 6,410 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, one sheep unit and two mixed sheep and cropping units. The main development will comprise the erection of three houses, three implement-sheds, two wool-sheds, regrassing, fencing, and water-supplies. A manager has been appointed with right to undefined section. Sections will be offered for ballot on completion of buildings.

Davidson's Block (Locality : Kaikoura).—Area, 54 acres. Acquired, October, 1946. Single-unit dairy-farm. Development work comprising drainage, fencing, water-supply, and farm tracks was carried out. During the season a herd of 23 cows is being milked. Contract for milking-shed and an implement-shed have been let, and contract for house is being negotiated. For allotment on fixed charges in August, 1948, provided buildings completed.