

*Barkerfield* (Locality : Hinds).—Area, 1,922 acres. Acquired, 21st March, 1947. This block comprises light plains land and is in the Mayfield-Hinds Irrigation Scheme. Under irrigation four or five units should be possible or, alternatively, the block could be subdivided into three sheep and cropping units. It is hoped that irrigation water will be available next summer.

*Beckleigh* (Locality : Winchester).—Area, 376 acres. Acquired, 15th September, 1947. Subdivision, one dairy, one sheep, and cropping. Renovations to buildings are required, also the erection of new milking-shed, combined shed, and piggery. This block will be settled in the coming spring if the building programme is completed. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure.

*Blytheburn* (Locality : Stonyhurst).—Area, 5,084 acres. Acquired, 17th March, 1948. Subdivision, five sheep and cropping farms. Development work required on this block includes four new dwellings, two implement-sheds, two wool-sheds, 463 chains of fencing, and 400 acres regrassing. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure. Settlement will depend mainly on completion of buildings.

*Broadfields* (Locality : Prebbleton).—Area, 624 acres. Acquired, 8th October, 1940. Subdivision, two mixed farms. The remaining section of 360 acres was allotted in May, 1947.

*Charteris* (Locality : Diamond Harbour).—Area, 1,763 acres. Acquired, 30th March, 1948. Subdivision, two sheep and cattle farms. The development programme includes two new dwellings, one utility shed, one wool-shed, and access tracks. Immediate settlement of both sections is proposed.

*Cheviot Hills* (Locality : Cheviot).—Area, 5,001 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1946. Subdivision, four sheep, one dairy. Development work was completed in September, 1947, and four ex-servicemen who had been employed on wages were allocated their sections in August. The remaining section is to be offered in April, 1948.

*Clarkville* (Locality : Kaiapoi).—Area, 217 acres. Acquired, 5th June, 1947. Subdivision, three town-supply dairy-farms. The buildings required are under construction, and if sufficient progress is made it is proposed to allot the sections next December. During the year work has consisted of sowing pastures and lucerne stands for the three units. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure.

*Cone's* (Locality : Rakaia).—Area, 134 acres. Acquired, 7th October, 1947. Subdivisions, one sheep and cropping farm after acquisition of additional area. Minor repairs to buildings are required, also 80 chains of new fencing. It is proposed to allot the section in late autumn, 1948.

*Craiglea* (Locality : Methven).—Area, 237 acres. Acquired, 23rd March, 1948. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms on acquisition of further areas totalling 733 acres in April, 1948. Two new dwellings and two combined sheds are required and settlement will depend on completion of these buildings. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with a right to permanent tenure.

*Dromore* (Locality : Ashburton).—Area, 665 acres. Acquired, 2nd December, 1941. Subdivision, one sheep-farm. Charges have been fixed, and a ballot was held on 19th March.

*Fighting Hill* (Locality : Rakaia Gorge).—Area : 3,319 acres. Acquired, July-August, 1946. Subdivision, four sheep-farms. A builder has commenced work and good progress is being made. Final settlement depends on completion of building programme, but it is hoped to allot sections in late spring, 1948, or autumn, 1949. Two ex-servicemen are employed with a right to permanent tenure.

*Findlay's* (Locality : Eifelton).—Area, 264 acres. Acquired, 28th March, 1947. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. Development has been difficult on this isolated single unit without buildings. A bridge has been constructed over the