

Moyola (Locality : Heriot).—Area, 973 acres. Acquired, 1st May, 1946. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Pasture renewal is completed, but fencing is held up owing to lack of materials. A start has been made with the building programme. It is hoped to allot the sections on fixed charges during 1948. Two ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Rippleburn (Locality : Balclutha).—Area, 733 acres. Acquired, 31st July, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Good progress has been made with pasture renewal, but fencing is held up because of shortage of materials. It is anticipated that this block will be ready for settlement in 1949.

Taipo Hill (Locality : Kakauni).—Area, 468 acres. Acquired, 1st March, 1944. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. All development has been completed except buildings, which are in the final stages. The units will be allotted on fixed charges on 1st July, 1948, to the two ex-servicemen who at present have promises of undefined sections.

Te Houka (Locality : Clinton).—Area, 1,462 acres. This area reverted to the Crown in 1941. Subdivision, two sheep-farms. Considerable development work has been completed, and it is anticipated that the two sections will be allotted on fixed charges this year to the two ex-servicemen who are at present employed with promises of undefined sections.

Thorndale (Locality : Edievale).—Area, 1,766 acres. Acquired, 4th April, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep and cropping farms. The bulk of the development work has been completed, and if the building-work can be completed it will be possible to allot the three sections on fixed charges this year. Two ex-servicemen are employed with promises of undefined sections.

Viewmont (Locality : Waikaka).—Area, 1,175 acres. Acquired, 12th April, 1945. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping farms. Development was completed in September and two ex-servicemen were settled on fixed charges.

Waiwera (Locality : Waiwera).—Area, 869 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. One sheep-farm. Development consists mainly of a building programme and a considerable amount of pasture renewal.

Wakatipu (Locality : Queenstown).—Area, 1,005 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, two sheep and cropping units. Very little development is required and it is considered that the units can be disposed of on fixed charges this year. An ex-serviceman manager has been appointed with the promise of an undefined section.

Wharctoa (Locality : Clydevale).—Area, 872 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Subdivision, one sheep and cropping farm. Development consists mainly of pasture renewal. An ex-serviceman is employed with promise of allotment.

Willouburn (Locality : Clinton).—Area, 4,658 acres. Acquired, 12th April, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep farms. Most of the pasture renewal has been completed, but settlement is still held up pending erection of buildings and fences.

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Satisfactory progress was made with all development operations except fencing. Although the building situation is a little uncertain, lack of fencing-wire is now regarded in Southland as the chief impediment to land-settlement.

Weather conditions throughout the year were exceptionally good, ample supplies of feed being available at all times. Stock came through the winter in excellent condition. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining supplies of manure for the spring sowing of crops, and lateness of delivery prevented sowing at the most suitable times. This was particularly the case with turnips for winter feed.