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THE DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF MAORI LANDS AND THE PROVISION OF HOUSES FOR MAORIS

(STATEMENT UPON THE PROGRESS OF, BY THE RIGHT HON. P. FRASER, MINISTER OF MAORI AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MAORI AFFAIRS)

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GENERAL REPORT

It gives me much pleasure to present the report of the Board of Maori Affairs for the year ended 31st March, 1948.

This year has been marked by steady progress of the Maori people in the development and settlement of their own lands under the guidance and supervision of the State. The policy of encouraging the Maori people to take their rightful place in the ranks of the Dominion's husbandry is one branch of Government's general policy of ensuring that the Maori people occupy and maintain a position in the social and industrial life of the Dominion in all respects equal to that of the rest of the community.