

A list of such schemes is set out hereunder :—

A. ELLESMERE LAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A petition was received from the North Canterbury Catchment Board praying that the Ellesmere Land Drainage Board be dissolved and its functions assumed by the Catchment Board. The Drainage Board agreed with the proposal, and a provisional scheme was issued on 2nd August, 1947. There being no objections, a final scheme was issued on 2nd September, 1947.

B. PYRAMID BLOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND BENMORE-LIMEHILLS, UPPER WINTON, AND WINTON RIVER DISTRICTS

Applications were made under the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act, 1941, by the Southland Catchment Board for the abolition of the above four internal drainage or river districts. No objections were lodged to the provisional schemes, which were issued on—

Benmore-Limehills, Upper Winton, and Winton River Districts : 22nd December, 1947 :

Pyramid Block Drainage District : 27th November, 1947 :

and the final schemes were issued on the following dates :—

Benmore-Limehills, Upper Winton, and Winton River Districts : 2nd February, 1948 :

Pyramid Block Drainage District : 20th January, 1948.

C. ROTORUA BOROUGH : BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

A proposal was made by the Rotorua Borough that a small boundary adjustment should be made as between the Rotorua Borough and the Rotorua County, and the county being in agreement, a provisional scheme was issued on 7th January, 1948. No objections being received to the provisional scheme, the final scheme was issued on 11th February, 1948.

D. BALCLUTHA BOROUGH : BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

A petition was lodged with His Excellency the Governor-General praying that a small area in the Bruce County adjacent to the Balclutha Borough and being used for housing purposes should be included in the borough. The petition having been referred to the Local Government Commission, and the local authorities being in agreement, a provisional scheme was issued on the 16th February, 1948. No objections being received to the provisional scheme, the final scheme was issued on 19th March, 1948.

E. RABBIT DISTRICTS

Following the passing of the Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1947, some progress has been made in the reorganization of existing rabbit districts and the formation of new rabbit districts. Approval has been given to the extension of the Pongakawa and Orepuke and Waimatua Rabbit Districts and also to the formation of the Kawhia and Glencoe Rabbit Districts.

An agreement has now been entered into with the Rabbit Destruction Council whereby the proposals will be submitted by the Council to the Commission, and if no difficulties are apparent the Commission will agree, under section 24 of the Local Government Commission Act, to action being taken under the Rabbit Nuisance Act.

In a recent proposal for the adjustment of boundaries between the Kiwitahi and Maungakawa Rabbit Districts there was some objection by one of the landholders concerned. In this particular case negotiations are still proceeding, but as there were objections the Commission is dealing with the matter under the Local Government Commission Act.