

some substantial capital expenditure will have to be made by some one, the Committee is of the opinion that an exhaustive examination be made by the Marketing Department as to whether it would not be advisable, and in the long-run more economical, to shape policy towards a removal from the present site by establishing a new unit, and in the meantime to carry on with a minimum of additional expenditure pending the easing of building restrictions. Your Committee is of the opinion that the existing Supreme building would be readily saleable.

The recommendations of the Committee were unanimously adopted by the Central Milk Council on the 16th September, 1947.

PURCHASE OF PRIVATELY OWNED MILK-TREATMENT PLANTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC TREATMENT OF MILK

During the twelve months period, 1st April, 1947, to 31st March, 1948, the following additional privately owned milk-treatment plants have been purchased by the Crown :—

Plant.	Date of Acquisition.	Total Value.		
		£	s.	d.
Auckland Milk Co., Ltd.	1/4/47	83,000	0	0
C. L. Baikie, Timaru	23/5/47	1,396	0	0
Taieri and Peninsula Milk Supply Co., Ltd.	1/6/47	54,369	0	8
Otago Co-operative Milk Supply Co., Ltd.	1/6/47	10,386	9	1
Dunedin Wholesale Milk Supply Co., Ltd.	1/6/47	19,531	2	10
Milk Hygiene (Balclutha), Ltd.	15/3/48	4,993	11	0

SUPPLY ASSOCIATIONS APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL MILK COUNCIL

During the year the Council approved of the following supply associations in terms of section 92 of the Milk Act, 1944 :—

Name of Producer Association.	Milk District.
Maharashtra Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd.	Dannevirke.
South Canterbury Co-operative Milk Supply Co., Ltd.	Timaru.
Christchurch Committee of Supply . .	Christchurch Metropolitan.
Blenheim Co-operative Milk Supply Co., Ltd.	Blenheim.
Whangarei Co-operative Milk Marketing Co., Ltd.	Whangarei.

NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING THE EXTENSION OF MILK-TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN MILK DISTRICT

A considerable amount of the Council's time was taken in the various negotiations which were conducted throughout the year. Following upon a conference in Wellington between representatives of the Government, the Central Milk Council, the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Board, the Auckland Milk Treatment Corporation, and the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., the following resolution was passed :—

“ That the Prime Minister be informed that this Council agrees that a special committee of eight persons equally representative of the Central Milk Council, the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Board, the Auckland Milk Treatment Corporation and the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co. should be set up as soon as possible to examine and make recommendations for the carrying-on of the treatment houses operating in the Auckland Metropolitan Milk District and the necessary alterations and improvements thereto; regard to be had to the equitable conduct of the businesses of the two organizations now involved in the provision of milk-treatment facilities in this area.”