

Subsequently, this special committee reported to the Central Milk Council on 10th October, 1947, and this further resolution of the Council is recorded :—

“ That this Council approves of the special committee’s recommendation that the three Auckland milk-treatment plants—viz., the Auckland Milk Treatment Corporation’s plant at Rockfield Road, the extension of the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co.’s Epsom treatment house, and also the North Shore plant — which are all regarded as urgent projects, should be proceeded with, and that an approach be made to the Building Controller immediately for permission to proceed with the plants.”

After consultation with the Building Controller, and at his urgent request, it was further agreed to withhold the application for the erection of a new treatment plant on the North Shore and to proceed with the two new major projects on the south side, in the meantime arrangements to be made for an adequate supply of bottle milk to the North Shore from the new plant at Rockfield Road.

PROVISION OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FOR MILK-TREATMENT PLANTS

During the past year members of the Council have paid particular attention to the need for some scheme which would bring forward a greater number of trained personnel for employment in milk-treatment plants, particularly in regard to the testing of milk quality. After discussions with representatives of the Government, the following scheme was approved by Cabinet :—

1. That approval be given for the provision of bursaries at Massey Agricultural College as under :—

Degree Course—

Four bursaries in 1948.

Three bursaries in 1949.

Two bursaries thereafter.

Diploma Course—

Five bursaries per year.

Milk Technicians’ Course—

Eleven bursaries for 1948.

Five bursaries thereafter.

2. That the terms and conditions for bursaries be as set out on pages 5 and 6 of the report of the Committee of the Central Milk Council attached to memorandum of 7th January, 1948, from the Director, Milk Marketing Division.

3. That an expenditure of £3,127 10s. be approved for the year 1948.

4. That after twelve months the position be reviewed with the idea of the industry bearing future costs in connection with the scheme.

FIXATION OF GOODWILL PRICES FOR MILK-ROUNDS

In keeping with section 105 of the Milk Act, 1944, the Council gave consideration to and approved the fixation of goodwill prices for milk-rounds in Dunedin and Hamilton at the following rates per gallon :—

Dunedin : £7 10s. for retail and £4 for wholesale class of sale.

Hamilton : £12 for retail class of sale.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Council gave consideration to and approved—

(a) A report on “ The Effect of Sunlight on Milk.”

(b) Appointment of Inspectors under section 72 of Milk Act, 1944, at Christchurch, Auckland, Whangarei, and Napier.

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