

The model village at Mangakino for the construction workers engaged on the Waikato River hydro-electric development scheme is nearly complete. This marks an epoch in the history of New Zealand in that it is the first township complete with all services, including shopping, offices, hospital, Plunket rooms, cinema, hostel, community centre, &c., that has been planned and built in this country as one co-ordinated undertaking. A similar project has been planned for Roxburgh.

Hostels have been designed and construction is well advanced at Kaingaroa in the North Island and Golden Downs in the South Island for the State Forest Service. Plans for a hostel in Lower Hutt for the housing of junior public servants obliged to live away from home are in an advanced stage.

The following is an analysis of house units built for other Departments :—

Department or Service.	Completed, 1948-49.	Completed, 1947-48.	Completed up to 31st March, 1949.	Under Construc- tion at 31st March, 1949.
Agriculture	4	4	47	2
Air	44	..	44	..
Army	29	..	128	22
Education	..	2	4	2
Forestry	37	8	76	62
Health	3	..	5	6
Hydro-electric	187	59	246	19
Land-settlement	107	145	404	128
Marine	1	..	2	..
Marketing	..	..	22	..
Mental Hospitals	..	2	5	3
Mines	..	1	66	..
National Airways	..	..	..	3
National Broadcasting	8	1	18	2
Police	1	1	2	..
Post and Telegraph	23	12	76	15
Ministry of Works	17	16	142	1
Railways	39	14	65	20
Rural	1	8	149	..
Scientific and Industrial Research	1	1	4	..
Timber workers	269	44	321	63
Social Security	8	..	1	..
Dairy factories	..	17	17	..
Rehabilitation	..	..	1	..
Fire Boards	..	..	..	6
Totals	779	335	1,845	354

(b) *Land-settlement.*—Housing to enable ex-servicemen to be settled on the land continues to hold the first priority among the many urgent claims upon the services of the Division.

Although only 107 houses were completed during the year, 128 are under construction and contracts for 72 more have been let. Plans for 118 units have been prepared for tendering.

These figures take no account of miscellaneous farm buildings which were built during the year or of old farmhouses which were renovated or converted into modern farm residences. A summary of this work is as follows :—

—	Auckland.	Hamilton.	Napier.	Palmerston North.	Wellington.	Christ- church.	Dunedin.	Total.
Renovations and conversions	2	..	2	8	..	25	..	37
Implement-sheds	7	32	27	18	1	28	8	121
Milking-sheds	4	19	3	16	1	13	..	56
Piggeries ..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	9
Pump-houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Stables ..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3
Wool-sheds ..	..	1	2	1	1	15	2	22