

(b) The following table shows the figures for house construction district by district since the inception of the Division. Land-purchase figures are also shown, which figures include sections on which houses for other Government Departments have been built. It should be noted that the figures for other Government Departments are already included in the total house-construction figures :—

Year Ended 31st March,	Houses Handed Over for Occupation in Housing Construction Districts.								Total Unit Sections Purchased.	
	Auckland.	Hamilton.	Napier.	Palmerston North.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Total.		
								Houses for Other Govt. Depts. Included in Previous Col.		
1938	95	12	..	31	197	29	35	399	..	9,296
1939	990	186	181	234	593	295	186	2,665	..	4,653
1940	1,340	219	200	234	713	459	230	3,395	27	6,472
1941	1,587	215	175	349	799	541	300	3,966	61	3,532
1942	1,291	247	129	302	649	389	201	3,208	20	5,037
1943	362	283	67	103	171	206	67	1,259	165	7,623
1944	263	74	22	86	242	116	77	880	24	3,571
1945	685	107	95	227	604	158	93	1,969	52	1,877
1946	873	189	104	282	1,139	281	117	2,985	129	3,777
1947	677	281	166	207	758	329	177	2,595	253	2,913
1948	938	381	145	273	777	476	220	3,210	335	1,759
1949	1,002	693	285	449	853	652	259	4,193	779	4,566
Total	10,103	2,887	1,569	2,777	7,495	3,931	1,962	30,724	1,845	55,076

(c) *Financial*.—Expenditure for the year totalled £8,886,322, bringing the total expenditure to date to £55,645,692.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the excellent results achieved over the past year reflect great credit on the staff, who have given of their best, and I desire to place on record my appreciation of their loyal and efficient service.

Credit must also be given to the many contractors who have so whole-heartedly co-operated in the carrying-out of the housing programme.

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