

and was to have retained this position after his retirement. The services of so experienced and valuable an officer, whose knowledge of the Maori people and their language and culture was profound, have been very greatly missed.

UNEMPLOYMENT, EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION, AND DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDIES, PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1933, TO 31ST MARCH, 1949

A. SUBSIDIES GRANTED TO UNIT SETTLERS

In the early days of development, more especially during the depression period, it was the practice to establish settlers on relatively undeveloped areas and to pay them a small wage from Unemployment Funds under the control of the Department of Maori Affairs during the period they were developing their holdings and until such time as the farms were self-supporting. When the depression passed and Unemployment and Employment Promotion Funds were no longer available, the method was continued, but the funds were provided from vote, "Maori Affairs."

More recently it has been the practice for the Department to develop land fully before establishing settlers at valuation.

The expenditure on unit subsidies was never intended to be, nor was it ever, treated as a debt owing by units; only the total amount incurred was recorded in the Department's books. In view of the fact that this type of assistance has been almost entirely discontinued it is proposed to cease from showing in the accounts the total amounts involved to date.

The individual amounts which it is proposed to eliminate are

	£	s.	d.
Tokerau District units	384,901	7	6
Waikato-Maniapoto District units	149,686	6	8
Wairariki District units	235,783	5	4
Tairarawhiti District units	176,597	4	11
Aotea District units	18,405	18	5
Ikaroa and South Island District units	32,863	3	0
Total	£998,237	5	10

B. DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

In cases where the Department itself develops lands, subsidies are granted from year to year to meet, roughly, what will be, at the completion of development, the excess of cost over valuation. This practice is in the process of being discontinued and in future the subsidy will be granted in one lump sum when development is completed and the land is disposed of. Statements showing the losses on development will in future be published in this report.

There are two schemes which were disposed of in past years, and there remain in the accounts only the subsidy items.

The amounts to be eliminated are--

	£	s.	d.
Tairarawhiti District: Whareongaonga scheme ..	2,177	13	6
South Island District: Kaiwhare scheme ..	5,372	18	6
	£7,550	12	0