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FOREWORD BY MINISTER OF MAORI AFFAIRS

1. It gives me much pleasure to present the report of the Board of Maori Affairs and of the Under-Secretary, Department of Maori Affairs, for the year ended 31st March, 1950.

Land Development

2. It is estimated that there are 750,000 acres of Maori-owned lands not now in use and fully used that could be farmed successfully, and it is the intention to go ahead with the development of these lands as speedily as possible. The title position of the greater part of these lands makes it impossible to attract private finance investment, and without Government assistance, based on long-term plans, these lands would remain in their undeveloped state.