

KARITANE DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 2, Block XXIV, Town of Waikouaiti, and 24, Block VI, Hawkesbury Survey District. Area, 35 acres 2 roods.

Work done during year: Marram-grass planted, and protective works extended to prevent inroads by the sea. Improvements now on domain: Five plantations securely fenced with rabbit-proof fences, sand-breaks, protective works, and extensive plantation of marram-grass. Used for picnics and general public recreation. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Erecting fences, sowing English grass, laying out sports-ground, and improving the entrance to the boat-harbour.

KELSO DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 13 to 17, Block III, Town of Kelso. Area, 11 acres 2 roods 15 perches.

Work done during year: Fences erected and trees planted. Improvements now on domain: Fences, plantations, and a shed. Used for sports and picnics.

LAUDER DOMAIN.

Section No. 2, Block III, Lauder Survey District. Area, 200 acres.

Work done during year: Weighing-room and fruit-stand erected, and 20 acres fenced in for Plumpton Coursing Club. Improvements now on domain: Fences, gates, two stands, totalisator-house, judge's box, and enclosure fenced off for Plumpton. Used by Plumpton Coursing Club, and for horse-racing. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Construction of water-race.

MAHENO DOMAIN.

Part of Section No. 2 of 22, Block VII, Oamaru Survey District. Area, 47 acres 3 roods 19 perches.

Work done during year: Planting trees where others had failed. Improvements now on domain: Fences, plantation, tennis-court, creamery, dwellinghouse and stable. Used for sports and picnics.

MANUHERIKIA DOMAIN.

Section No. 1, Block XXXVII, Town of Alexandra. Area, 96 acres 3 roods 5 perches.

Work done during year: Totalisator-house, jockey's room, and picket fence erected. Improvements now on domain: Totalisator-house, jockey's room, picket fence, and water-pipes. Used for recreation purposes. It is proposed to continue the improvements as funds permit.

MAUNGATUA DOMAIN.

Section No. 22, Block XI, Maungatua Survey District. Area, 566 acres.

Leased. Used for picnics.

MOA FLAT AND ETTRICK DOMAIN.

Section No. 44, Block I, Benger Survey District. Area, 420 acres.

This domain is administered by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin, and is held under a pastoral license.

OCEAN BEACH DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 28 and 31, Block VII, Otago Peninsula Survey District, and 4 and 6, Block XII, Dunedin and East Taieri Survey District. Area, 280 acres 2 roods 14 perches.

As a result of the year's operations progress and improvement is noticeable all over the domain. The baths, dressing-boxes, shed, and terraces have been kept scrupulously clean, the caretaker's residence has been painted, and some concrete work has also been executed. Proposals for raising the wall at the northern end of the basin about 6 in. (thereby deepening the baths) for forming a smooth platform to enable ladies and children to enter the baths in comfort, and for extending the iron railing at the north-east corner, are under consideration. The utility of the pile groins at St. Clair has been proved in a marked degree; they have not only stopped erosion of the foreshore, but have built up the beach from 4 ft. to 6 ft. Marram-grass and lupins have been successfully planted on the sandhills facing the sea, the result being that the toe of the hills has been raised considerably. St. Kilda Beach has been made more accessible by the extension of the road for a distance of 3 chains—6 chains in all from the tram-line—and the placing of scrub groins and subsequent planting of marram-grass on the accumulated sand has proved a most effective method of making up the foreshore. The continuation of this work at the proper time and place will do away with a troublesome lagoon. A stagnant pool opposite Onslow House has been filled in, and the sandhills from the Queen's Drive to Tahuna Park have been fenced and planted with marram-grass and lupins. This area includes a site on which a band-rotunda is to be erected. The public road through the domain has received due attention, and the sanitary work has been performed in a satisfactory manner. A prolific crop of marram-grass and lupins was produced during the season, especially on the sewage-treated portions of the sandhills. It is considered that when the last patch of sand is covered with verdure, and the encroachment of the sea no longer possible, trees and shrubs may be planted, and this barren waste converted into a magnificent Marine Park. [NOTE.—This report is for the year ended 31st March, 1906.]