

ASHBURTON DOMAIN.

Area, 90 acres, situated in the Town of Ashburton.

Work done during year: Pines cut down and sold for firewood, silt removed from lake and carted to form tennis-courts, swimming-baths improved, lodge buildings and gates painted, and general maintenance. A new ground for football and cricket is in course of preparation. Improvements now on domain: Four and a half miles fences, curator's lodge, propagating-house, pavilion and stand in sports-ground, shade-house, toolhouse, bathing and other sheds, three asphalt and eight grass tennis-courts, meteorological station, tennis and bowls pavilions; water-supply, with tanks, wheel, stand, and pipes; asphalt cycling-track, cricket-ground, croquet and bowling greens, lakes, plantations, rosery, flower-gardens, and wood, stone, and iron gates. In addition to its gardens and walks, the domain is used for sports, picnics, and general recreation. Proposed operations for ensuing year: General maintenance, and the completion of the new sports-ground.

ASHLEY GORGE DOMAIN.

Reserves Nos. 3094, Block IV, Oxford Survey District, and 3231, Blocks XVI, Upper Ashley Survey District, XII, Mount Thomas Survey District, IV, Oxford Survey District, and I, Mairaki Survey District. Area, 74 acres.

Improvements now on domain: Fencing, road, retiring-room for ladies, concrete fireplaces, and plantation. Used for picnics. It is proposed to lease portion of the domain.

ATAAHUA DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 3705, Block III, Ellesmere Survey District. Area, 5 acres 3 roods 39 perches.

Work done during year: Trees attended and failures replaced, and fences kept in repair. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Further planting.

BURKE'S PASS DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 1595, Block VIII, Burke Survey District. Area, 45 acres and 3 perches.

Work done during year: An area fenced and planted with trees, grass sown, and fences repaired. Improvements now on domain: Fences, trees, and grassing. Used for picnics and general recreation; portion used for grazing. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Grubbing scrub and clearing noxious weeds.

CARLETON DOMAIN.

Reserves Nos. 2808 and 2858, Block V, Mairaki Survey District. Area, 13 acres 3 roods.

Work done during year: Convenience erected. Improvements now on domain: Fences, hedges, trees, building, and concrete cricket-pitch. Used for sports, cricket, picnics, and general recreation.

CASHMERE HILLS DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 161, Halswell Survey District. Area, 188 acres 3 roods 11 perches.

Work done during year: Wash-house, stable, and trap-shed built, and trees planted to replace those burnt. Improvements now on domain: Cottage, stable and trap-shed, cowshed, Victoria Memorial Pavilion, Rolleston Memorial, fences, nursery, and plantations. Used for picnics and general recreation. Proposed operations for ensuing year: General supervision and maintenance.

CAVE DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 3683 (Rosewill Settlement), Block IX, Pareora Survey District. Area, 10 acres 1 rood 35 perches.

The domain has been ploughed twice, cultivated, and stones removed. It is proposed to sow oats with grass during the ensuing year.

CHERTSEY DOMAIN.

Reserves Nos. 2376, Ashburton Survey District, and 3057, Town of Chertsey. Area, 32 acres 2 roods 27 perches.

Work done during year: Two tennis-courts formed, and general maintenance. Improvements now on domain: Fences, plantation, water-race, dressing-room, trotting and cycling tracks, two tennis-courts, and avenue. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Removing gorse hedge and substituting a wire fence.

CHRISTCHURCH DOMAIN.

Parts of Reserves Nos. 24 and 25, Block XI, Christchurch Survey District. Area, 495 acres.

During the year six large tanks have been erected and the water-supply extended, new glass-house erected, new lake formed with the assistance of unemployed-relief labour, gardens extended, new paths made, others altered and extended, and conveniences erected. The Board is arranging to hold a fête for the purpose of raising funds to improve the gardens. Improvements now on domain: Fencing, gardens, gates, avenues of trees for walks and carriage-drives, magnetic observatory, museum, head gardener's house, cottage for ranger and garden caretaker, football-shed, three hothouses, spade-house, three large and several small bridges, lawns, walks, artesian wells, three lakes, nursery, and plantations. Used for acclimatisation purposes, and for polo, golf, cricket, bowls, tennis, croquet, football, hockey, model yachting, military encampments and reviews, picnics, and general recreation.