

SUMMARY OF REPLIES RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO CIRCULAR LETTER—*continued*.

Borough or County Council.	If in favour of Alternative Ser- vice for Religious and Conscientious Objectors.		Suggestion.	Remarks.
Hamilton	..	..	Objects to finding work.. ..	Hopes the Government will maintain the defence system as at present established.
Hawera	..	..	..	Letter received. Little sympathy with objectors.
Hawke's Bay	..	..	Willing to employ objectors on suitable roadwork under the supervision of its overseers.	
Hobson	Yes	..	No exemptions should be allowed to conscientious objectors	Earnestly trusts the Government will enforce the conditions of compulsory training.
Horowhenua	..	..	Work about Defence buildings and camps, improving parks, recreation-grounds, &c.	In country districts to be under supervision of county surfaceman in eradicating noxious weeds and repairing roads.
Hutt	..	..	No suggestions.	
Inangahua	..	..	No recommendations	Cannot undertake any responsibility.
Kaiapoi	..	..	..	No action to be taken.
Kaikoura	..	..	..	Letter received.
Kairanga	Yes	..	..	Should be undertaken by the Defence Department.
Lawrence	..	..	Tree-planting.	
Levels	..	..	..	To again come up for discussion in May, when suggestions will be made.
Levin	Yes	..	..	Will use its best endeavours to find suitable work when occasion arises.
Lower Hutt	..	..	..	Question entirely one for the consideration of the Government.
Lyttelton	Yes	..	Improvement or maintenance of public domains or reserves	Cost should not be borne by local authorities.
Mackenzie	Yes	..	Stone-breaking	Day-work unsatisfactory. Would endeavour to assist.
Makara	..	..	Pick-and-shovel work in improving the main roads, and an area officer be placed in charge with one of the local-body foremen to assist in directing the work.	
Manawatu	..	..	Cooking and fatigue-work at camps.	
Marton	..	..	..	Conscientious clauses should not be included in the defence scheme.
Masterton	..	..	No suggestions.	
Matamata	Yes	..	Would provide work, and suggests road-repairs on main roads	Desires to know how men are to be paid and quartered. An objector should, if possible, be engaged in the district to which he belongs.
Mataura	..	..	..	No recommendation.
Miramar	..	..	Tree-planting or roadmaking ..	Prepared to find work for those exempted in district.
Mount Eden	..	..	Manual labour in connection with camps	Cannot find employment.
Mount Herbert	..	..	No suggestions.. ..	Cannot offer employment. Regrets that the Defence Act has been so amended as to allow men to claim exemption on "conscientious" or religious grounds.
Murchison	..	..	Improving public domains, recreation-grounds, cemeteries, &c.	Will provide such work for local objectors and assist in the administration by supervising and recording the work done.
New Brighton	..	..	No suggestions.	
New Plymouth	..	..	No suggestions.	
Ohinemuri	Yes	..	No suggestions.. ..	Willing to assist the Department in the matter.
Palmerston North	Yes	..	Ambulance-work.	
Pahiatua	..	..	No suggestions.	
Patea	..	..	Work on main county roads under Government supervision.	
Petone	..	..	..	Has no suitable work.
Piako	..	..	..	Considers defence system should be strictly enforced, and that conscientious objectors are of little value.
Pohangina	..	..	..	Letter considered and received.
Rangitikei	..	..	Planting sand-dunes and other waste lands throughout the Dominion under the supervision of the proper Department.	
Roxburgh	..	..	..	Does not know of any immediate work for which objectors could be employed.
Southland	..	..	..	Consideration held over.
Stratford Borough Council	..	..	..	Proposed scheme would not be workable.