

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.
Whakatane			Council has no sympathy with objectors.
Whangamomona		Objectors' names be furnished to the Council, who will provide roadwork in back-country districts	Council understanding that the Government would carry into effect further legislation to make the enforcement of such a scheme practically workable.
Ashburton		Grubbing of gorse and other noxious weeds on public reserves	Council will be glad to co-operate in any way in its power to further the smooth and satisfactory working of the Defence Act and its amendments. That camps be formed for this work under the control of some Government official. Council is prepared to find work of the kind suggested for any objectors residing in the Ashburton County. That the Council's Inspector of Reserves would assist such officials by pointing out the extent and location of such work, estimating its value, and in any other way in his power. Payment to be made direct to the Government for value of any work done.

Suggestion from Mr. Frank Dexter, "Holmfild," Wanganui East: *Re* proposed equivalent service being rendered by conscientious objectors to military training: As one specially interested from a religious point of view, being a Christadelphian, I have noted several suggestions that have been made by local bodies throughout the Dominion, and as to the nature of the work to be imposed. While some are inclined to suggest that the service to be rendered by conscientious objectors should be of the hardest possible nature, others are satisfied to suggest work on behalf of various beautifying societies. As one that has given some consideration to the problem, and looking at it from a national point of view, I would respectfully suggest that the labour of conscientious objectors should be utilized in afforestation. This would give suitable employment to all classes of conscientious objectors, and would also afford scope for the overseers to divide the work according to the capacity of the persons employed. It would also be furthering a much-needed national work.

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