

were the chief factors. It is anticipated, however, that some 3,000 acres will be available during the forthcoming year. Much important development-work had to be postponed owing to war exigencies.

The policy of grazing areas of partly developed land has been successful, and returns some £732 per annum, not to mention the advantages gained by consolidation of the peat land.

GENERAL.

Field, office, and draughting staff have been very fully engaged during the past year. Mr. R. G. Macmorran, Land Drainage Engineer, is now on active service, and his position is being ably filled by Mr. R. S. Logan. Mr. H. A. Joyce, Chief Clerk, is now in camp, and Mr. G. I. Beeson is very capably filling his place.

The services during the year have been carried on by a much depleted staff, consequent on war exigencies, and I wish to record my appreciation of the manner in which the officers have acquitted themselves.

The attached plan shows the position of works to date.

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The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

J. B. THOMPSON,
Chief Drainage Engineer.

SCHEDULE OF ARTESIAN BORES SUNK DURING THE YEAR 1916-17.

Artesian Bore Number.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Total Depth, in Feet.	Running Flow. Gallons per Day.
124	9	X	Thames	382	17,280
125	9	X	"	409	6,000
126	9A	X	"	401	34,560
127	7	X	"	459	8,640
128	5	X	"	427	8,400
129	8	X	"	236	12,960
130	3	X	"	199	6,000
131	57	XIII	Waihou	400	Nil.
132	32	XIII	"	209	Pumping.
133	56	XIII	"	356	"
134	31	XIII	"	215	Nil.
135	55	XIII	"	412	"
136	31	XIII	"	125	"

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