

P. A. McHardy, Esq.—One 3 h.p. electric motor, saw-bench, and ladder.

A. Hopwood Hardware Co., Ltd.—One Pony Marvel concrete-mixer.

National Dairy Association of New Zealand, Ltd.—Two silver medals and one gold medal (annually).

New Zealand Dairy Factory Managers' Association—A silver medal (annually).

Farmers' Trading Co., Ltd.—One silver and one gold medal (annually).

S. Austin Carr, Esq.—One purebred Tamworth weaner sow.

T. H. Colpman, Esq.—One purebred Ayrshire heifer calf.

F. H. Wood, Esq.—Silver medal awarded to the Greytown Butter and Cheese Factory at the Melbourne Exhibition, 1888.

Alfa Laval Separator Co., Ltd.—One old-model Alfa Laval separator.

B. Keiller, Esq.—Site for reservoir for water scheme.

Warren Farmer Milking Machine Co., Ltd.—One class-room milking-machine unit.

In addition several rams have been presented by donors who wish to remain anonymous, and also one Tamworth boar.

Bequest.—By the will of the late Walter H. Bailey, of Feilding, the College will in due course receive several thousand pounds. It is most gratifying to receive support of this nature, which will considerably strengthen the endowment funds.

VISITORS.

Large numbers of the public have visited the College during the year in the form of both individuals and farmers' organizations—in fact, the escorting of visitors has at times proved a distinct embarrassment to the work of the staff. While the interest of the public is more than welcome, it would seem that ere long it will be necessary in the interests of smooth running to appoint definite visitors' days.

SUMMARY.

To summarize, the position nineteen months after the date of beginning of operations is as follows: Sufficient temporary accommodation has been arranged to meet the needs of administration, teaching, and research for the past and the present academic years. There is a well-balanced staff fully capable of giving first-class instruction in the important sciences and all the applied subjects appertaining to the raising of crops and stock. An exceptionally large number of students have been enrolled. Research has been organized on the important subjects of dairying, dairy manufactures, wool, flax, pastures, and crops. The plans of the permanent buildings and of the layout of the McHardy site have been completed, and a substantial beginning with the work involved has been made. A considerable portion of the laying out and development of the farm has been carried out. The dairy factory has been completed.

In conclusion, I should like to stress once more the urgent need of adequate permanent accommodation, without which the various branches of work cannot expand. While I have no doubt that the position is appreciated by the members of the Council, I should like to remark in fairness to the staff that to make a success of a new institution even under normal conditions is no light task, but that situated as we are, in improvised temporary accommodation divided between the Batchelar homestead and the McHardy site, the undertaking becomes extremely difficult.

Under these conditions there is an easily felt and damaging blank in the life of the College. While this state of affairs may be unavoidable up to a point, it is hoped that it will not continue too long—these early years are of vital importance from the point of view of reputation, and the prospect of not getting the accommodation in question in time for March, 1931, as has recently been suggested, is very worrying.

Finally, I should like to pay a tribute to the way in which the staff have contributed to the work of the past year. The demands made on them have been far heavier than in the case of corresponding positions in an established institution. It is invidious to mention individuals, but I must refer to three old members of the staff—Mr. McCulloch, whose efforts have been untiring and whose management of the farm has been admirable; Mr. Yates, who has dealt with a mountain of work, as may be gauged from a perusal of the financial statements; and Mr. Valentine, whose heart and soul have been in the dairying courses and the dairy factory. A very heavy strain has been imposed on the office staff, who have responded without complaint.

Professor Riddet and I are most fortunate in having the backing of a hard-working and enthusiastic staff, and I am confident that between us all we shall be able to carry out a considerable amount of development in the coming year.

G. S. PEREN, Principal.