

Aponga Settlement.—All work on this block, consisting of roading, metalling, and fencing, was completed during the year.

Wharekohe Block.—Details were finalized for the installation of a complete farm water-supply for this block, and the work is now in hand. It is proposed to install a ram in an adjoining stream, the water being raised to a reservoir on an adjacent hill, from where it would gravitate over the area.

Summary of Work done.

		Miles ch.			Number.
Drains cleaned	..	321 60	Milking-sheds erected	..	31
Drains widened and deepened ..	..	15 47	Huts, sheds, and pig-shelters erected ..	..	29
					Cubic Yards.
Drains constructed (new)	..	15 54	Spoil excavated by machines ..	..	186,729
					Acres.
River channels and canals maintained ..	..	38 71	Area cleared	..	3,541
Roads formed	..	5 39	Area stumped	..	427
Roads metalled	..	6 30	Area ploughed	..	3,700
Fences erected	..	79 61	Area grassed	..	2,559
Stop-banks repaired	..	1 43	Area top-dressed and limed ..	..	6,353
		Number.			
Floodgates and road culverts constructed	..	21	Area disked and harrowed ..	..	608
Bridges erected	..	25	Area cultivated	..	2,407
Cottages erected	..	26	Area cropped	..	1,173

Office.—The expenditure recorded totalled £166,256 10s. 10d., and of this amount £63,747 2s. 1d. was paid through the Thames and Whakatane Imprest Accounts. Vouchers numbering 5,430 were prepared and passed for payment. The revenue collected, excluding drainage rates, amounted to £13,520 12s. 3d.

Drainage Rates.—Drainage rates levied on the various areas totalled £16,835 8s. 2d., entailing 2,008 rate notices. Rates collected amounted to £7,086 2s. 3d.