

The development work during the year has been confined to sowing an area of 100 acres in grass, 320 chains of new fencing, 20 acres of ploughing, and 220 acres of clearing. The wool-clip realized £1,900 from 156 bales, and live-stock sales produced £7,348, thus the total receipts for the past year amounted to £9,248. Generally the block is still being improved, and is worked as a run, the number of permanent employees being three adults and four minors.

Kahungunu.

Previously known as Mohaka Extension, this scheme comprises the balance of the Crown land portion of Mohaka Block handed over by the Lands Department in January, 1933, for developmental purposes. Primarily the land in this scheme was to be developed by and for the benefit of unemployed members of the Kahungunu tribe living in the Wairoa and Mahia districts, but a portion was reserved for units of the Ngati-Pahauwera hapu. Of the total area of 8,230 acres brought under the provisions of the Native Land Act, some 1,350 acres are now sown in permanent pasture while the remaining portion is mostly covered in blackberry, scrub, and light bush, which it is not intended to develop at the present time. The country is light and not easy to develop, but it is hoped that with heavy stocking and judicious manuring it will ultimately make reasonably good dairying land.

The four Pahauwera units established are supporting a large number of dependants, and it is intended to allot four further holdings in the very near future when improvement in the pasture establishment has been effected and a system of water-supply installed. The area is well sheltered with belts of *Pinus radiata*, which are growing well.

The following work was undertaken during the year: 250 acres of clearing, 130 acres of ploughing, 200 chains of new fencing, and 251 acres of sowing. Live-stock tallies at 31st March last were 944 sheep, 26 dairy cows, 32 run cattle, and 8 horses. The receipts were made up as follows: 12 bales of wool realized £143; live-stock sales amounted to £160, and the proportion of the cream cheque was £41.

Tuparoa.

Grouped for the most part between the Tuparoa Village and the northern boundary of the Akuaku Block, and between Whareponga Village on the sea side and the main highway, this scheme covers twenty-eight blocks, of an area of 8,777 acres, and comes under the category of a "blanket" scheme.

The Tuparoa consolidation scheme was applied for in 1922, but as a result of unavoidable delays in determining the interests in the block it was 1929 before the Native Land Court finalized the titles of the land. Within the triangle denoted by Whareponga, Tuparoa, and Ruatoria, a large area went to the Crown and a number of titles went to the Native owners. The whole of the coastal area of this triangle was unfenced and covered with tauhinu and manuka, while various neighbouring stock overran the land. There were some small areas partly farmed, but not to a degree of efficiency. The first step towards the development of these blocks were taken in the winter of 1931.

As part of an old sheep station, all these lands when taken over in 1931 carried fair sheep pasture and being of papa formation were eminently suitable for sheep and cattle. As at the 31st March last stock comprised 8,837 sheep, 1,077 run cattle, 243 dairy cows, and 12 horses.

The main sheep-station is Whareponga, commonly called Repo Station, comprising 5,378 acres, on which are run some 7,500 sheep and 800 head of cattle. As stock losses have been heavy it is intended to erect further fences during the ensuing year. It has also been decided to replace the Polled Angus bulls with Herefords in the hopes of improving the calving percentages.

On the other sheep-station, Akuaku A 12A, covering an area of 563 acres, there are some 500 sheep and 140 cattle.

The progress over the past year has been satisfactory, excepting that two of the smaller units proved unsuitable and are being replaced. The works undertaken include 219 chains of new fencing, 4 acres of ploughing and cultivation, and 27 acres of scrubcutting. The wool clip of 156 bales exceeded last year's figure by 23 bales and realized £1,834. The other receipts were stock sales £2,616, and the Department's share of the cream cheques amounting to £400, the total production of butterfat being 14,949 lb.

SUMMARY OF TAIRAWHITI DISTRICT SCHEMES.

Scheme.	Area under Development.	Units.	Other Dependants.		Live-stock.			
			Adults.	Minors.	Run Cattle.	Dairy.	Sheep.	Other.
	Acres.							
Takatahu	418	1	6	5	..	224	..	46
Waiapu-Matakaoa	8,886	81	181	298	276	1,439	7,924	71
Poroporo	2,604	12	14	49	650	200	4,000	17
Tuparoa	8,504	9	27	30	1,077	243	8,837	12
Mohaka	7,481	49	109	160	..	1,410	3,744	Goats 750 Horses 57
Kahungunu	1,631	4	21	31	32	26	944	
Waihua	4,000	..	3	4	397	..	6,113	
	33,524	156	361	577	2,432	3,542	31,562	969