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SIR,—
Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st July, 1936.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report on the settlement of Crown lands for the year ended 31st March, 1936, together with particulars of the special settlement of inferior lands, of the development work that is being carried out on unoccupied Crown and settlement lands, and of the operations under the Small Farm Scheme.

I have, &c.,
W. ROBERTSON,
Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

REPORT.

REVIEW OF PAST YEAR.

A PERUSAL of the reports submitted by the various Commissioners of Crown Lands indicates that, taken on the whole, the past year has been the most satisfactory one for Crown tenants generally since the beginning of the slump period. Climatically the most notable feature was the unusually wet summer. The rainfall was particularly heavy in parts of the North Island, where continuous and heavy flooding was experienced in some districts. In the far South pastoralists had a good winter free from any serious snow losses.

Although in certain localities the unseasonable summer had a detrimental effect on production, the dairy-farmers, generally speaking, experienced a fair year. The average price received for butterfat, however, was still below the level required to enable numbers of those engaged in this branch of farming to meet their obligations in full.

The improvement in the price of wool, as compared with the previous year, together with the continued remunerative returns from fat lambs, resulted in those tenants engaged in sheep-farming having a good year.

Early in the season grain crops promised to be exceptionally heavy, but as a result of broken weather during harvesting the yield was adversely affected.

The Department has been somewhat concerned by the losses suffered by settlers by flooding in certain districts. These floods have emphasized the danger arising from the felling of bush in certain situations, and the Department is fully alive to the necessity of preserving the forest on steep country at high altitudes. This factor is being borne in mind when the question of dealing with lands in this category is under review.

Following on the reinstatement of the revaluation provisions of the Land Act, a considerable number of applications for revaluations have been received, and a careful review is being made of the position of those Crown settlers who have applied for relief.

Those settlers who are unable to meet their obligations through no fault of their own are receiving sympathetic consideration, and substantial concessions have been granted in all cases where relief is justifiable and warranted. The aim of the Department is to keep all deserving settlers on their holdings, and it is pleasing to be able to state that the majority of the tenants are doing their part and are making every effort to meet their obligations.

During the year there has been an indication of a renewal of confidence in the future of farming and there has been a fair demand for properties suitable for either dairying or sheep-farming. Selections of Crown and settlement lands on all tenures during the year totalled 210,026 acres. This subject is dealt with more fully at a later stage of this report. At the 31st March the tenants on the books of the Department, excluding those established under the small-farms scheme, numbered 37,328, occupying a total area of approximately 18,850,000 acres. Pastoral runs account for 8,809,270 acres, while 1,854,500 acres of purchased estates are held under lease under the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act.

LEGISLATION.

The most important section in the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1935, is that which repeals the statutory provisions, originally enacted in March, 1933, temporarily suspending the revaluation provisions of the Land Act and its amendments, and revives the operation of the revaluation laws.

A further section deals with Deferred Payment licenses held on the thirty-four-and-a-half-year table, whereby it is now possible to grant new licenses for a similar term, treating the unpaid balance of the principal moneys as the purchase-price under the new licenses. The object of this legislation is to provide authority to enable periodical instalments to be reduced in cases where licensees are finding it difficult in times of stress to keep up their payments. Provision is also made for the authorizing of postponement of principal repayments under licenses held on the thirty-four-and-a-half-year term for any period not exceeding seven years. During the period of postponement interest only is payable on the due dates, and the licenses are extended for a corresponding term.

The time during which holders of leases in perpetuity of settlement land and Cheviot Estate land might exercise the right to acquire the freehold of their holdings expired on 31st December last, and provision is made in the Act for the extension of this period to 31st December, 1940.

Provision is also made for the granting of extensions, not exceeding seven years, of occupation-with-right-of-purchase licenses due to expire at any time not later than 1st January, 1941.

The remaining sections of the Act are more or less of a machinery nature.

The Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1935, contains twenty-three clauses dealing with Crown lands, reserves, &c., while the Small Farms (Relief of Unemployment) Amendment Act, 1935, contains nine clauses, principally of a machinery nature.

LAND-DEVELOPMENT.

The operations of the Lands Development Board so far as unoccupied Crown land is concerned have been confined mainly to a continuation of work on the Galatea Estate in the Auckland District and on the Kakariki Estate in Hawke's Bay, the net expenditure on developmental work having been £8,524 on the former and £3,718 on the latter.

The Board has not given consideration to the undertaking of any work on new blocks of unoccupied Crown land, but extensive rehabilitation operations are controlled by the Small Farms Board and are reported upon under the heading of "Small Farms Scheme."

The number of Crown tenants who have been assisted by way of loans to develop their own properties now totals 491, the amount advanced during the year being £17,324.

Pursuant to section 10 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929, the following summary of operations up to 31st March, 1936, is recorded:—

(a) *The Several Areas of Unoccupied Crown Lands in respect of which Development Works have been undertaken during the Year.*

Auckland Land District:—

Ngakuru Block, of 14,755 acres of light pumice land, fifteen miles from Rotorua: This block, of which 4,325 acres are being developed, will provide about fifty dairy-farms. Thirteen sections have now been selected and thirteen farms are occupied by share-milkers. The remainder of the block has been run as a grazing-farm for cattle and sheep, but the land is to be offered for selection for dairying, it being eminently suitable for this purpose.

Galatea Estate, of 22,326 acres near Murupara: Pending the completion of developmental work and the offering of this land for selection, the major portion is being successfully farmed as a sheep and cattle station. As at 31st March, 1936, the station stock consisted of 19,564 sheep and 4,521 cattle. The remainder of block comprises ten share-milking farms and a demonstration farm. The stock carried by these eleven farms consists of 605 dairy cows, 15 heifers, 148 calves, 22 bulls, 19 horses, 305 pigs.

Particulars of the developmental work being undertaken are given in Appendix III in the report of the Land Drainage Branch of the Department.

Hawke's Bay Land District:—

Kakariki Estate, a purchased estate of 17,688 acres at Kotemaori: This block is intended to provide about ten holdings for sheep-farming. An area of 8,900 acres of new grass has been established and live-stock carried is as follows: 12,555 sheep, 1,461 cattle, 25 horses. A successful farming year has been experienced, a net profit resulting after charging interest on all capital expenditure.

Taranaki Land District:—

Tapuwae Estate, of 3,350 acres, a purchased estate in the King-country: This Block is estimated to provide approximately eleven mixed farms. Two thousand two hundred and sixty acres have been developed, and bush sickness has been successfully dealt with. The season has ended with a net farming profit after meeting interest on all capital expenditure. Live-stock consists of 5,128 sheep, 794 cattle, 4 horses.

(b) *Total Cost of Development Works carried out to 31st March, 1936.*

Block.	Expenditure on Development to 31st March, 1935.	Expenditure on Development during Year ended 31st March, 1936.	Total Expenditure on Development to 31st March, 1936.	Net Expenditure on Live-stock as at 31st March, 1936.
NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.				
Wharekohe Block	£ 9,794	£ 1,741	£ 11,535	£ ..
AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.				
Ngakuru Block	83,751	947	84,698	3,747
Te Kauwhata Block	32,176	..	32,176	..
Onepu Block *	20,081	39	20,120	..
Koromatua Block	4,120	43	4,163	..
Galatea Estate	74,310	8,524	82,834	6,759
Whangamarino Block *	8,445	..	8,445	..
Mangatutu Block	3,715	..	3,715	..
Pongakawa Block *	3,764	..	3,764	943
HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.				
Kakariki Estate	26,680	3,718	30,398	..
TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.				
Tapuwae Estate	13,434	439	13,873	6,543
	280,270	15,451	295,721	17,992

* Whangamarino, Pongakawa, and part of Onepu Blocks taken over by Small Farms Board.

In addition to the expenditure on blocks set out above, expenditure has been incurred on the roading, survey, &c., of various areas which are being developed by the settlers themselves. The total expenditure £351,257 for development, stock, roading, and surveys (apart from roading-costs payable out of Public Works Fund) up to the 31st March, 1936, provides for 616 farms.

(c) and (d) Developed Allotments disposed of.

Block.				Number of Allotments disposed of.	Area.	Tenure.	Rental Capital Value.	Annual Rent or Interest receivable.
					Acres.		£	£ s. d.
Wharekohe	..	..	..	17	996	R.L.	9,595	479 15 0
Te Kauwhata	..	..	..	12	1,735	{ R.L. D.P.	8,325	416 5 0
Onepu*	..	..	..	13	1,356		6,165	369 1 6
Koromatua	..	..	..	4	538	R.L.	12,285	614 5 0
Mangatutu	..	..	..	5	771	R.L.	2,900	145 0 0
Ngakuru	..	..	..	13	2,343	R.L.	4,680	234 0 0
							18,051	902 11 0
Total	..	..	..	64	7,739	..	62,001	3,160 17 6

* In addition, eleven sections selected under small-farms scheme.

(e) The Total Amount advanced to Crown Tenants for the Development of their Holdings, the Number of Advances, and the Purpose for which such Advances have been made.

Number of settlers assisted	..	..	..	..	..	..	491
Loans approved—							£
Improvements	..	..	..	..	..	..	209,162
Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,034
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	£216,196
Amounts actually advanced—							£
Improvements	..	..	..	..	..	..	167,213
Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,610
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	£170,823

SMALL-FARMS SCHEME.

Viewed in the light of the number of additional settlers established, and additional development works commenced, during the past year the small-farms scheme has not maintained the progress of the previous period.

The factors contributing to the slowing-up of the rate of new works were—

- (1) Increasing difficulty in obtaining lands suitable for the scheme from private sources :
- (2) Increasing cost of many commodities, particularly building-materials, which rendered it more difficult to establish and equip new holdings at a cost within the limit of £1,200 per man settled.
- (3) Inability, towards the end of the year, to obtain sufficient men to carry out the development-work. Camps were established on certain blocks in the King-country, and, owing to shortage of men, had to be dismantled. Some of the development workers also left their work to obtain other positions carrying higher rates of pay.

The National Works Committee set up by the late Government reviewed the work of the Board in reconditioning abandoned and deteriorated Crown leaseholds and mortgage securities in the King-country, and was of opinion that this work offered great scope for expansion ; and steps were taken to commence work on a large number of new areas. Unfortunately, however, the difficulties described under heading (3) above delayed the actual commencement of development.

As regards works already in hand, the progress made has been most gratifying in all districts. While development is proceeding, the various blocks are farmed on a large scale, and it is pleasing to record that in a good number of cases the farming returns have shown a good profit, after allowing for interest on purchase-price of land and stock, and on capital expenditure on buildings and development-work. Another good feature of the farming policy is the training which the men receive in all branches of the work and in the handling of stock, which should prove of great value to them when they take over the management of individual sections.

The lands being developed are in many cases " marginal lands "—i.e., they cannot be developed economically by ordinary modes of settlement—and I wish to stress again that in the deteriorated areas it is not possible to load on to the land any portion of the labour-costs incurred in their restoration to a productive state, particularly in the case of the utilizing of the manual labour of large gangs of unemployed. There are instances of camps accommodating upwards of one hundred men engaged on a large block in roading, clearing, fencing, draining, &c., perhaps on a two- or three-year programme. The wages bill in such a case would be over £100 per week, and it is doubtful if any land in New Zealand could stand up to the loading of even a small part of the wage-cost.

A new departure in land-development schemes has been undertaken in the Westport District in an attempt to bring in Pakihi lands. The Cawthron Institute has been experimenting for many years in this work, and has evolved a treatment which promises well. A block of 200 acres at Sergeants

Hill has been taken in hand, and further land adjoining has been acquired, so that a compact block of 800 acres is being developed under the Institute's direction, with a view to subdivision under the small-farms scheme when the work has been completed. The progress of this scheme will be of great importance to the district, as there is a huge area of idle land of this nature.

The results of the scheme to the 31st March, 1936, are tabulated as under :—

Operations under Original Scheme (mostly 5-acre to 10-acre Sections.)

Holdings established	488
Number of such holdings since closed	109
Share milkers' building loans approved	265
Loans repaid	13

Operations since Inception of Small Farms Board.

	Number.	Area (Acres).
Individual full-time holdings established	364	24,974
Sections included in blocks under development	583	48,688
Share milkers' building loans approved	63	
		£ s. d.
Total expenditure from inception to 31st March, 1935	516,364	17 3
Total expenditure from 1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1936	146,480	1 9
Grand total	£662,844	19 0

Number of men employed on development-work at 31st March, 1936 .. 1,246

Of the men established under the original five- or ten-acre scheme, a fairly large percentage has found that there is little hope of permanency, and the men have left, fortunately in some cases, to take up employment in their former trades. Of the balance left, the majority should be successful, and this view is supported by the numbers who no longer require to draw the sustenance allowance. The larger holdings settled by the Small Farms Board should prove satisfactory, except in a few isolated cases; in fact, there are numbers of settlers who will require no further assistance from the State and whose future is assured as far as can be foreseen, particularly with guaranteed prices for their produce.

Since the inception of the scheme 722 men have been in receipt of sustenance allowance, but as at 31st March, 1936, only 144 men were drawing sustenance.

Further details in regard to operations under the small-farms scheme are given in Appendices III and IV in the reports of the Chief Drainage Engineer and the Superintendent of Land Development, Te Kuiti, respectively.

SPECIAL SETTLEMENT OF INFERIOR LANDS.

The following summary of the lands dealt with during the year is furnished in accordance with the provisions of section 223 (14) of the Land Act, 1924 :—

(a) Aggregate area of land set apart: 205 acres.

(b) Number of allotments and aggregate area disposed of: One allotment, 205 acres.

The total number of allotments taken up and the area held as at 31st March, 1936, was thirty allotments, 6,274 acres.

LANDS FOR SELECTION.

During the year 210,026 acres were taken up on various tenures, the number of selections being 1,037 under all headings. These figures include some 557 sections, comprising altogether an area of 74,185 acres, taken up under miscellaneous leases and licenses, so that the selections on permanent tenures numbered 480 sections, covering a total area of 135,841 acres. The following table gives the selections of Crown lands for the last five years :—

Selections under all Tenures.

Year ending	Number.	Area (Acres).
31st March, 1932	1,448	406,408
31st March, 1933	1,354	280,518
31st March, 1934	1,118	285,166
31st March, 1935	1,036	302,915
31st March, 1936	1,037	210,026

The total of 210,026 acres selected during the year includes lands taken up under both permanent and temporary tenures, and also town and suburban lands. The permanent selections of rural lands only were as follows :—

Class of Land.	Number of Rural Sections selected.	Total Area selected.
Crown and national-endowment land	157	Acres. 83,754
Settlement land	38	15,087
Education reserves, &c.	9	1,365
Grand totals	204	100,206

The lands dealt with above comprise both areas offered for the first time and areas which became available for reoffering through various reasons. The figures for entirely new rural areas selected during the year are as follows :—

Class of Land.					Number of New Rural Sections selected.	Total Area selected for the First Time.
						Acres.
Crown and national-endowment land	..	..	..	..	51	7,222
Settlement land	..	..	..	..	Nil	Nil
Education reserves, &c.	..	..	..	..	Nil	Nil
Grand totals	..	..	..	..	51	7,222

RECEIPTS.

The receipts for the year from all sources (excluding, of course, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account receipts) totalled £1,276,510, an increase of £16,720 on last year's figures.

The receipts for the last five years have been as follows: Year ending 31st March, 1932, £776,489; 1933, £742,820; 1934, £1,020,198; 1935, £1,259,790; and 1936, £1,276,510.

POSTPONEMENTS, REMISSIONS, AND ARREARS OF RENT.

Rents the payment of which remained postponed at the 31st March amounted to £157,101. Arrears of rent at the 31st March (including arrears in respect of the current half-yearly charge) totalled £1,013,369, while remissions for the year totalled £151,836.

REBATES.

For prompt payment of rent 15,861 Crown tenants were granted the usual rebates in terms of section 123 of the Land Act, 1924, and section 59 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925. These rebates amounted to a total of £37,949.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

Of the area in the national endowment, 6,451,906 acres were held under lease or license at the 31st March by 4,398 tenants, paying an annual rental of £141,071, while a very large area (partly, however, covered by existing leases) had been set aside as provisional State forests. For further particulars *re* the national endowment, see parliamentary paper C.-14.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

An area of approximately 817,341 acres of education endowments under the administration of the various Land Boards is leased to some 4,134 tenants, who pay a total annual rental of £129,087.

LAND RESERVED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Under the provisions of section 360 of the Land Act, 1924, and section 71 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, various areas of Crown and settlement land were permanently reserved during the year. The reservations made totalled forty-seven, covering an area of approximately 805 acres. A summary of work carried out under the heading is given below :—

Purpose of Reserve.					Number of Reservations.	Area.		
						A.	R.	P.
Aerodrome	..	..	..	..	1	64	3	6
Camping	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	24
County buildings, site for	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	25·6
Defence	..	..	..	..	2	118	1	20
Gravel	..	..	..	..	3	86	2	12·5
Hospital	..	..	..	..	1	19	0	30
Lighthouse	..	..	..	..	2	68	3	10
Municipal	..	..	..	..	2	2	0	0
Native-school site	..	..	..	..	1	5	1	21
Plantation	..	..	..	..	1	141	1	7
Police	..	..	..	..	2	0	2	28
Public buildings of General Government, site for	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	31·98
Public-hall site	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	28
Public-school site	..	..	..	..	2	7	0	0
Public-school site, addition to	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	38
Pumping-station site	..	..	..	..	1	0	0	0·83
Quarry	..	..	..	..	2	42	0	11
Recreation	..	..	..	..	11	195	2	31·2
Resting-place for travelling stock	..	..	..	..	1	4	0	14
River-protection	..	..	..	..	1	0	3	21
Roadman's cottage site	..	..	..	..	1	5	0	0
Sanitary	..	..	..	..	1	35	0	7
War memorial, site for	..	..	..	..	1	0	1	15
					47	805	1	22·11

The above does not include areas that have been vested in the Crown as public reserves in town subdivisions pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of the Land Act, 1924.

EXPENDITURE.

Summary of Expenditure approved during the Year ended 31st March, 1936.

Name of Vote or Account.	Net Amount voted.	Gross Expenditure.	Recoveries.	Net Expenditure.
Vote, Lands and Survey—	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subdivision I	..	247,287 18 8	94,748 13 10	152,539 4 10
Subdivision II	..	32,862 19 10	135 11 10	32,727 8 0
Subdivision III	..	4,449 2 8	64 3 0	4,384 19 8
Total, Vote, Lands and Survey	183,098	284,600 1 2	94,948 8 8	189,651 12 6
Vote, Land for Settlements Expenses	11,289	9,043 5 5	180 12 0	8,862 13 5
Vote, Discharged Soldiers Settlement: Expenses of Management	70,640	78,141 19 9	..	78,141 19 9
Vote, Native Land Settlement	1,500	646 17 4	..	646 17 4
Vote, Swamp Land Drainage—				
Hauraki Plains District	17,250	23,268 1 3	10,887 19 1	12,380 2 2
Swamp Land Drainage Districts	1,750	1,891 15 11	1,349 16 8	541 19 3
Vote, Settlement of Unemployed Workers	350,000	215,702 2 4	69,222 0 7	146,480 1 9
Vote, Dairy Industry Loans	100,000	10,750 0 7	..	10,750 0 7
Totals	735,527	624,044 3 9	176,588 17 0	447,455 6 9
<i>Other Accounts.</i>				
Expenditure under special Acts of Legislature—Section 295 (2), Land Act, 1924		6,741 13 6	..	6,741 13 6
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Account		529,496 7 3	..	529,496 7 3
Land for Settlements Account—				
Acquirement of estates		3 3 0	345 0 0	Cr. 341 17 0
Expenses incidental to estates		3,459 17 4	946 15 5	2,513 1 11
Administration expenses of estates		10,183 0 11	..	10,183 0 11
Expenditure from capital proceeds of the sale of Crown lands credited in terms of section 20, Land Act, 1924		5,250 16 5	..	5,250 16 5
Expenditure from capital proceeds of the sale of National Endowment Lands credited in terms of the Land Act, 1924, section 302 (10)		19 4 0	..	19 4 0
Farm Accounts		8,036 2 3	..	8,036 2 3
Expenditure under—				
Section 6, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Development of unoccupied Crown lands		18,648 9 8	2,565 5 10	16,083 3 10
Section 7, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Advances to settlers on Crown lands		22,414 11 10	22 0 3	22,392 11 7
Section 13, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Development of unoccupied settlement lands		57,800 4 0	6,548 10 1	51,251 13 11
Section 14, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Advances to settlers on settlement lands		2,598 14 5	..	2,598 14 5
Section 9, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Administration expenses ..		878 10 0	..	878 10 0
Section 15, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Administration expenses ..		145 4 8	..	145 4 8
Section 21 (2), Land Act, 1924: Administration expenses of Cheviot Estate		770 19 8	..	770 19 8
Section 208 (8), Land Act, 1924: Interest on portions of capital values of leases paid by lessees		278 2 11	..	278 2 11
Section 105, Land for Settlements Act, 1925: Crown lands proclaimed land-for-settlement lands		6,509 7 6	..	6,509 7 6
Section 13, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1926: Interest on capital proceeds of sales of Crown lands		36,454 4 5	..	36,454 4 5
Section 20 (4), Land Laws Amendment Act, 1927: Value of discharged soldiers settlement lands added to land-for-settlement lands		2,020 7 1	..	2,020 7 1
Section 47, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1929: Interest on Crown lands subject to Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and former Land for Settlements Acts		8,477 12 0	..	8,477 12 0
Section 13, Land Laws Amendment Act, 1930: Interest on national endowment trust-moneys		2,243 5 1	..	2,243 5 1
Section 19 (4), Finance Act, 1930 (2): Interest on Cheviot Estate accumulated funds		18,508 0 10	..	18,508 0 10
Section 11 (1), Finance Act, 1932: Administration expenses Hutt Valley settlement lands		497 14 1	..	497 14 1
Section 11 (2), Finance Act, 1932: Hutt Valley settlement lands proceeds applied towards purchase-money, &c.		25,648 15 3	..	25,648 15 3
Section 10 (1), Native Land Amendment Act, 1932: Acquisition of land for settlement		3,870 3 0	..	3,870 3 0
Expenditure approved by the Hon. the Minister of Finance from Unauthorized Expenditure Account		1,149 14 11	164 18 6	984 16 5
General Purposes Account: Ellesmere Land Drainage Act, 1905, section 6 ..		529 14 9	..	529 14 9
Expenditure approved by the Hon. the Minister of Finance from Unauthorized Expenditure Account		474 3 0	100 0 0	374 3 0
Refunds of revenue, Deposit Account expenditure, expenditure under special Acts of the Legislature		60,102 14 1	..	60,102 14 1
Totals		833,210 17 10	10,692 10 1	822,518 7 9
Grand totals		1,457,255 1 7	187,281 7 1	1,269,973 14 6

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.—SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

NORTH AUCKLAND.

(W. D. ARMIT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Substantial increases in revenue are recorded for the past season in spite of severe drawbacks due to heavy and continuous flooding in North Auckland and a somewhat inclement season generally over the district. The revenue improvement is approximately 20 per cent. on the previous year's returns, due to the improved wool prices, and the increase in mutton and lamb prices. Beef has also maintained a payable price, and store cattle values have been fairly satisfactory.

The improvement would have been considerably greater if normal conditions had prevailed. Stock experienced a severe winter, and this was followed by excessive rainfall for several months, accompanied by severe summer flooding of low-lying areas. A plague of caterpillars followed and destroyed the grass over large areas which had suffered from flood.

Attention this year has been focused on the denudation of large areas of hill country of forest cover, and there is no doubt that this policy of past years has aggravated flooding in North Auckland. The abnormal rainfall during the past twelve months may not recur, but a number of Crown tenants have been given assistance on account of flooding and consequent damage during the past twelve months.

Stock-prices have increased all round due to various causes, such as heavy lamb export, the tendency of numbers of dairy-farmers to increase their sheep holdings, and the improved market for meat.

A large increase in pig revenue is a noticeable feature on most dairy-farms, and this avenue could be still further exploited if more attention were paid to proper housing and better feeding of pigs.

Orchardists suffered a disaster from gales in January and February, and extremely heavy losses have resulted. Not only was the fruit lost, but trees were blown down or wrenched to such a degree that some replanting is essential.

Potato-growers have experienced a good average year; a few have done very well indeed. Onion-growers have not had the same success financially.

Applications for revaluations under section 216 of the Land Act are now being received to an increasing degree, and it is anticipated that a fairly large number of tenants will avail themselves of this provision.

Operations under land-development have continued satisfactorily, and the advances made by the Board are generally in a sound position as to security value. Additional advances under this heading total £9,490 for the year.

Crown tenants are now looking forward with more confidence to the future in consequence of improved price-levels. Although there is need for a still higher level, the worst of the slump period is past.

AUCKLAND.

(K. M. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

In contrast to the drought conditions which were experienced in the middle of last dairying season, copious rains have fallen throughout the whole of the present season. In actual fact the rainfall was greater than necessary and to a certain extent detrimentally affected the production of butterfat in certain localities. This was, however, offset by the improved prices ruling for butter and cheese, and dairy-farmers throughout the district have, on the whole, experienced a particularly good season.

Increasing numbers of our settlers are going in for pig-raising on sound lines and are obtaining more substantial returns from this sideline than hitherto.

Sheep-farmers also have benefited substantially by the very satisfactory prices realized for wool and fat lambs, while other classes of stock have also given a better return.

As a result of the better prices, a substantial increase in revenue is shown under practically all headings, and it is gratifying to find that most settlers are now making an honest endeavour to meet their current financial obligations to the Department.

The Land Board has still had to deal with many applications for relief, and substantial concessions by way of remissions of payments have been granted where the circumstances warranted such a course, while advances have also been made to a number of settlers for top-dressing and essential improvements with a view to maintaining pastures and increasing production. With the reinstatement of the revaluation provisions of the Land Act, a considerable number of applications for revaluations have already come to hand, and these are now being dealt with by the various Committees.

During the year a fair demand has arisen for desirable farms, both sheep and dairying, by purchasers with substantial cash resources, indicating a returning confidence in the future of farming. Any improved or partly improved properties of the Crown which have been made available for selection have been eagerly sought after, many of the applicants being of a particularly good type.

GISBORNE.

(H. L. PRIMROSE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The past year seems to have been conspicuous principally for the general spirit of optimism pervading the whole district. Such a spirit may be rightly interpreted as the end of another slump period and the dawn of better things, and was in marked contrast to the general tone of the few preceding years.

Wool has now reached a good figure again, and the average price will be much better than last year.

In the past twelve months the Gisborne District has experienced an unusually wet period, the rainfall on some places having reached record proportions. There has also been a marked absence of sun during the summer. We can usually look forward to fairly lengthy periods of hot summer weather, but last year was a decided exception. The fattening season was thus delayed, and lambs were very backward. There has been plenty of feed all the year, and stock came through the winter fairly well.

The dairying industry has had a very successful season and conditions were suitable throughout the year for a fairly lengthy season with higher averages during the summer and autumn; but prices for surplus dairy stock are still very low.

The ragwort menace, referred to in my last year's report, is a very real one, and the spread is alarming.

Maize-growers are not too pleased at their prospects, and the backward state of the crops seems to indicate that the frosty weather will be here before the crops mature. Of course, sowing was late this year because of the poor spring, but, then again, the excessive rain, lack of sunshine, and a cyclonic storm tended to make one of the worst years for a long time.

For similar reasons there has been little bush burnt this year, and not much hill country will be sown. This again affects local grass-seed growers, especially rye-grass growers.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(F. R. BURNLEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The past season has been very wet, and serious floods were experienced on several occasions. The storm at the beginning of February did considerable damage, and a large number of stock was lost as a result thereof.

There has been an abundance of feed during the summer and production on dairy-farms has been high, while there has been a heavy demand for sheep, and the price for breeding-ewes has reached, in some cases, £1 19s. 6d. per head.

Wool-prices have shown considerable improvement, and good prices were obtained for fat lambs.

Butterfat-prices have shown an improvement, and with increased production, owing to favourable conditions, the dairy-farmers should have a good season.

With the assistance of subsidies from the Unemployment Board, considerable areas of scrub have been cleared, many miles of new fencing erected, and several miles of drains dug.

Sheep-farmers in the northern portion of the district have experienced considerable losses through liver fluke. Steps are now being taken to combat the menace, and with the construction of many drains in swampy areas and the aid of bluestone it is considered that the work will be successful.

Orchardists have not had a very good season. Prolonged wet weather in the early season was not to their advantage, and the February storm blew a lot of the fruit off the trees, destroyed shelter-belts, and uprooted trees. These settlers will again have difficulty in meeting their obligations.

The arrears of rents, &c., were reviewed during the year, and concessions befitting the circumstances of the cases were made. It is expected that, now the settlers concerned have been relieved of the load of arrears accumulated during the past adverse seasons, their future prospects will be brighter and they should be able to meet accruing charges.

The revenue for the year shows an increase of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. over the previous year.

TARANAKI.

(F. H. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The year started well climatically, but the early promise was not maintained. The winter was long and hard, and cold winds and squally conditions delayed the growth of grass. Spring was poor and late, and it was not until early summer that the pastures began to pick up. The rainfall was over 20 per cent. above the average, and the snowfall on Mount Egmont was abnormally high, a feature of this being a very heavy fall in November, a most unusual occurrence so late in the season. A heavy gale in February caused widespread damage to roads and bridges, also many houses were damaged and sheds and fences destroyed. There was practically no loss of stock, but the damage done to plantations and shelter-belts was very great, in some cases whole plantations being flattened out. Feed was scarce in winter and spring, and many a farmer had to use up his reserve stacks of hay or ensilage, while others had to purchase fodder to keep the stock alive. Consequently the stock generally came through the winter in poor condition, and production of butter-fat was below normal at the commencement of the new dairy season. However, later bountiful rains so restored the pastures that production showed a marked improvement, and at the end of the season the result was a surplus over the previous year.

The wool-clip was an average one, but prices have been much higher than last year, the average for fleece wool being about 8½d. The lambing percentage was low, due to the late spring and unseasonable weather. The export prices for fat lamb and mutton have been above last year's good prices, and this has been reflected in the prices for store sheep, particularly breeding-ewes; four-tooth ewes have sold as high as £1 8s. and two-tooth ewes as much as £2. Beef-prices have improved considerably, store bullocks this season selling up to £8 10s.

The wet season has suited the growing of root crops, although in some localities the white butterfly did a lot of damage. On the other hand, the weather seriously affected the harvesting of hay. Some districts report a marked reduction in the ragwort pest, while in other localities it is as bad as ever, owing to the neglect of settlers. More attention is being given to the top-dressing of pastures, and more basic slag has been used than for some years. Stock-losses were fairly high, owing to the long and severe winter, but there has not been much serious disease among the flocks, apart from a little temporary blindness among sheep and a few cases of facial eczema. At the close of the year prospects for stock are good as there is an abundance of feed, and stock should start the winter in good condition.

In the northern part of the district adjacent to Te Kuiti a start has been made with the reconditioning of abandoned farms to render them suitable for successful settlement, and up to date fourteen sections, aggregating 4,100 acres, have been handed over to the Land Development Branch.

Twenty-three abandoned sections, totalling 10,627 acres, were reselected during the year.

The revenue for the year showed a small increase on last year's good figures, which is very satisfactory, as it indicates that the position has been well maintained.

WELLINGTON.

(H. W. C. MACKINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

At the beginning of the year under review the majority of Crown tenants were experiencing the effects of the long, dry summer upon their pastures. Many who had saved what in normal years would have been an ample supply of hay for winter feed were compelled to feed out the bulk of it in the autumn to keep their stock going. It is fortunate that in most districts the winter was not a severe one, and in spite of shortage of feed stock came through to the spring in fair condition. In most localities the spring and summer have been wet above the average, and while this has been conducive to a great growth of grass it was also the cause of delay in the early marketing of fat lambs. The wet season was responsible for a considerable amount of foot-rot and sheep-fly in parts of the district. In the Wanganui District the most severe floods for the past twenty years were experienced, while in the Wairarapa no less than eight floods occurred during the year, causing considerable loss to some of the settlers. River-erosion has been very noticeable, and as the result of this a considerable amount of money will require to be spent to protect property.

There has been increased use made of fertilizers for top-dressing of pastures, and renewal of grasslands generally is on the increase. More could be done in this direction, but farmers seem to be doing their best as far as their funds will permit. As more money becomes available it is felt that the "patching-up" of pastures will give place to more comprehensive schemes with regard to top-dressing.

It is pleasing to note that quite a number of tenants are giving attention to their buildings, and many homesteads are looking much brighter for having been painted. Ragwort, too, is receiving attention, and in some parts of the district a determined effort is being made to get rid of this pest. Those settlers who are dairying will come out about the same as last year, but the wool-growers have had a more encouraging year as regards prices obtained for their products.

The provisions of the Land Act relating to revaluation of Crown leases, which have been inoperative for some time, have been revived, and power has also been taken for the voluntary adjustment of mortgage liabilities. At the time of writing a considerable number of applications have been received from tenants and mortgagors for revaluations or adjustments, and these will be dealt with as speedily as possible.

There has been a good inquiry for farm properties during the year, and anything offered that showed a fair return was readily selected.

NELSON.

(A. F. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The season 1935-36 has been remarkable for the amount of summer rain, there being an absence of the usual hot, dry spell. Settlers engaged in dairying and sheep-farming have had abundance of feed through the summer, and adequate provision has been made for winter feed.

Wool-prices have shown a marked increase on the preceding season. Lambs have sold exceptionally well, and store sheep offered at the autumn sales in many cases met with a very keen demand, this being due, perhaps, to the flush of autumn feed.

A heavy hailstorm in the early summer caused damage to tobacco fields, but, generally, the growers had sufficient margin to fulfil their contracts.

The wet summer was not particularly suited to hop-growing, the crop in many cases being lighter than previous years. With an overseas market for surplus hops, it has been possible to clear each season's produce fairly promptly and maintain sales at a profitable level.

The apple export shows an increase over the previous off-season, but will probably not exceed 800,000 cases. It was hoped to reach the million mark again as in 1934, but the wet summer has caused a fair amount of oversized and faulty fruit.

MARLBOROUGH.

(P. R. WILKINSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The higher prices recorded for wool and lamb this season, coupled with a generous rainfall, has brought forward a demand for store sheep with a consequent hardening in prices. Generally speaking, the sheep men have had a good year, but in most of the danthonia country the much welcomed rains have produced a rank growth, and a lack of bloom is evident in the flocks.

Those engaged in agricultural farming, despite a most promising season, have by no means reaped the reward they expected. Harvesting of peas and clover was made very difficult with continual showers, and heavy reductions in the original estimates of yields, from these two crops in particular, have had to take place.

Many cases of hardship have been reported owing to the intermittent cold snaps that came at most unexpected periods of the summer months; the foregoing, combined with a wet shearing season and high westerly winds during harvesting, has harassed the farming community quite a lot.

The fruit season opened well, but gales have taken their toll on some orchards and will, no doubt, have its effect on the crops.

WESTLAND.

(G. I. MARTIN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

The past season has been a very favourable one for the farming community.

Climatic conditions were excellent throughout the whole year. There was an absence of any extremes, and a well-distributed rainfall and ample sunshine were reflected by an ample growth of pasture. The same conditions have continued right up to the end of the year, and indications are that there should be ample reserves of feed to carry the stock through the winter.

Although it is too early to quote exact figures, it is apparent that there will be a substantial increase in butterfat-production throughout the district, and the price received by the suppliers has been more satisfactory.

Surplus cattle were in good condition and most grades were sold at prices ranging up to £1 per head in advance of the previous season. Good dairy cows were in keen demand, but very few were offering.

Lambing percentages were excellent, and prices received for fat lambs were very satisfactory. In the sheep section there was an outstanding increase in prices for two-toothed Romney ewes. One line of 120 two-toothed ewes sold for £2 1s. 9d. each. There was a correspondingly satisfactory increase in prices received for all other classes of ewes and wethers.

CANTERBURY.

(J. F. QUINN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

During last year, generally speaking, the climatic conditions have been more favourable than the previous year, though the heavy rains in February and March were most disheartening for those engaged in cropping.

A decided improvement has been shown in the position of the pastoralists in the higher country. Wool-prices have shown a decided appreciation, and sheep and lambs have realized much better prices.

Lambing percentages have been well up to the average, though difficulty has been experienced in many cases in fattening owing to the extraordinary growth of feed in the early part of the season. Fortunately no heavy losses were experienced by snowfalls during the winter. With present ruling prices there are many inquiries for the higher pastoral areas.

Cereal crops gave promise of exceptionally good yields, but the heavy downfalls of rain during the harvest seriously damaged a large proportion of crops, though, fortunately, the loss did not turn out as heavy as at first anticipated.

As the provisions for revaluation of holdings have been revived, a large percentage of the lessees are taking advantage thereof, and applications are being dealt with at present.

OTAGO.

(N. C. KENSINGTON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

For the year ending 31st March, 1936, the Crown tenants in the Otago Land District may be regarded as having experienced a satisfactory year. This comparison must be assessed in relation to the very difficult years following the 1930 season.

On the whole, climatic conditions were good, except that anxiety was caused through dry conditions in the spring in the North Otago District and a dry spell in South Otago till the middle of February. In North Otago welcome rain fell in the middle of October, and although the crops had received a severe check a quick recovery was made and a great growth resulted. The check received was reflected in the grain crops, and the returns per acre from wheat were only fair. As a result of broken weather during harvesting, a good area of wheat suffered in the field; but later reports showed that, following good winds, the grain had not suffered to a great extent. The pea crop has not been so fortunate, and suffered considerably.

In South Otago and Middledmarch districts the rape and turnip crops suffered severely till the middle of February, when following good rain a remarkable recovery took place, and the general result in all parts of the districts is that ample turnip and other winter crops are now available; also a great growth of pasture.

In the high country pastoralists suffered no severe losses during the year, and the satisfactory price received for wool and surplus stock has been most encouraging.

Crown tenants on mixed-farming properties on the lower country have had the advantage of good average prices for fat and store lambs, and the fluctuation of market prices has not been so marked as in former years.

The dairy-farmer on the small holding and dependent on butterfat-prices has again had a difficult year. The price for butterfat certainly showed an advance on the previous season, but was not sufficient to meet the average overhead charges.

Reports from Central Otago show that the orchardists have had a fair year.

The rabbit pest has been a matter for grave concern in Central Otago and other parts of the district. The large increase can probably be explained by the limited amount of money available for rabbiting during the depression years, together with the low price offering for skins, also to the natural enemies, the stoat and the weasel, not being so plentiful as in former years. The price for skins has shown a rapid increase, and this factor should help to stay any further increase in the pest.

SOUTHLAND.

(T. CAGNEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Notwithstanding an unusually dry autumn and a resultant shortage of winter feed, the district generally enjoyed favourable weather conditions, and this feature, combined with the better prices ruling for sheep and wool, ensured, for sheep-farmers at least, a successful season.

High-country pastoralists experienced a good winter free of any serious snow losses of stock.

Owing to the dry weather experienced in the fall and the shortage of winter feed, dairy herds did not winter well and were generally late in coming into full profit. This setback was, however, to some extent offset by better dairy-farming conditions prevailing towards the end of the period, when timely rains brought on a good flush of feed, which should ensure an extension of the usual milking-season.

Sterility and abortion in herds still present a serious feature in dairy-farming, and, if anything, the spread of these contagious complaints appears to be increasing.

All classes of crops throughout the district have yielded well. Club root and parasitical diseases have not been so much in evidence as during last season, which is probably due to the drier weather conditions prevailing.

Rabbits are still very much in evidence, and, in a number of cases, the presence of this pest represents the difference between success and failure for farmers.

Conditions prevailing at the close of the period may be regarded as favourable, beneficial mild rains having brought on an excellent growth of grass with ample supplies of supplementary winter feed in sight.

APPENDIX II.—LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.

SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED UPON ESTATES ACQUIRED AND DEALT WITH UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT UP TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Name of Estate.	Lease-holds.	Free-holds.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Remarks as to Present Position.
<i>North Auckland.</i>				
Aponga	9	..	Dairying and grazing	Very fair.
Awanui	7	..	Dairying	"
Bickerstaffe	40	9	Grazing	Good.
Bayliss	1	..	Dairying	"
Cadman	1	..	Grazing	"
Carroll	17	9	Homes	Good.
Craddock	..	14	Homes and orchards	"
Dreadon	4	..	Run-off	Fair.
Eccleston	12	16	Homes	Good.
Finlayson	1	..	Grazing	Poor.
Hetana	2	87	Homes and orchards	Good.
Kitchener	1	12	"	"
Koremoa	13	..	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Lawry	1	..	Grazing	"
Methven	1	29	Homes and orchards	Good.
Motutara	12	..	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Otarao	3	..	Dairying	Good.
Pacrata	2	..	"	"
Pakaraka	15	1	"	"
Parahi	9	..	Dairying and grazing	"
Prescott	3	17	Homes	"
Plumer	4	17	"	"
Puketi	..	..	Grazing	Fair.
Puni	10	..	Dairying	Good.
Remuera	32	..	"	"
Streamlands	12	1	"	"
Tangowahine	19	1	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Tauraroa	2	..	Dairying	Very fair.
Te Pua	5	1	"	Good.
Tokiri	4	..	"	Very fair.
Upokonui	5	..	"	"
Waari	24	40	Homes and orchards	Good.
Waimata	16	..	Dairying	"
Waiteitei	10	1	"	"
Whakata	6	..	"	"
Totals	303	255		
<i>Auckland.</i>				
Apata	7	1	Dairying	Good.
Balachraggan	20	6	"	Very good.
Bushmere	2	..	"	Satisfactory.
Clifford	8	1	"	Good.
Delaney	1	..	Home	"
Fencourt	10	37	Dairying and mixed farming	Very good.
Gorton	10	..	"	"
Hannon	2	..	"	Good.
Hereford Park	2	..	Dairying	Unsatisfactory.
Hikuai	21	1	Dairying and mixed farming	Good.
Horahia	6	..	"	"
Horahora	8	2	"	"
Kaipaki	4	..	"	"
Karapiro	8	11	"	Very good.
Kopuku	3	1	"	Fair.
Kopuku No. 2	4	1	"	"
Mangaotama	3	1	"	Very good.
Mangakura	6	..	"	"
Mangapouri	4	11	"	"
Mangateparu	55	1	"	"
Mangawhero	9	19	"	"
Matamata	64	269	"	"
Matuku	11	..	"	"
Morgan	4	..	Dairying	Satisfactory.
Nelson	3	..	"	"
Ngahinepouri	3	1	"	Very good.
Norwegians	3	..	"	Satisfactory.
Nolan	5	..	"	"
Ohautiti	10	2	"	Unsatisfactory.
Okauia	6	11	"	Fair.
Omeheu	10	..	"	Good.
Opouriao	29	71	"	Very good.
Orini	2	..	"	Fair.
Orongo	33	2	"	"
Otamarakau	7	..	"	Fair; improving.
Otway	9	9	"	Very good.
Pakarau	19	5	"	"

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Name of Estate.	Leaseholds.	Freeholds.	Principal Purpose for which Holdings are utilized.	Remarks as to Present Position.
<i>Auckland—continued.</i>				
Pukemapou	11	..	Dairying	Very good.
Puketarata	5	..	"	Good.
Puahue	20	1	Dairying and mixed farming	"
Rangiatea	9	18	Dairying	Very good.
Rangitaiki	8	..	Dairying, small farming	"
Reporoa	100	13	Dairying and grazing	Good.
Rewi	7	5	Dairying	Very good.
Reynolds	23	2	"	Good to doubtful.
Rockburn	1	..	"	Fair.
Rotomanuka	1	..	"	Good.
Selwyn	66	187	Dairying and mixed farming	Very good.
Tahaia	11	..	Dairying	"
Tainui	2	1	Grazing	Fair.
Tairua	19	7	Residential and farmlets	Good.
Taniwha	11	1	Dairying	"
Tangao	1	..	"	Fair.
Tapapa	10	..	"	Very good.
Tautari	35	11	Business and residence	Fair to doubtful.
Teasdale	11	89	Residential and farmlets	Very good.
Te Miro	32	2	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Te Ngaroa	2	..	Dairying	"
Te Poi	2	..	"	Good.
Waiare	4	..	"	"
Waimana	20	23	Dairying and mixed farming	Very good.
Wairakau	14	..	"	"
Walters	3	..	"	"
Waitakaruru	15	3	Dairying and grazing	"
Whatawhata	3	..	Dairying	Good.
Whitehall	4	15	Dairying and grazing	Very good.
Totals	861	841		
<i>Gisborne.</i>				
Apanui	8	..	Dairying	Good.
Ardkeen	15	..	Pastoral	"
Clydebank	3	4	"	"
Glencoe	6	..	Dairying	"
Homebush	13	..	"	"
Kanakanaia	7	1	Pastoral	"
Hukutaia	18	3	Dairying	"
Ngatapa	25	3	Pastoral	"
Ohuka	12	..	"	Fair.
Paremata	7	..	Dairying and pastoral	"
Pouparae	3	6	Agricultural	Good.
Repongaere	11	1	Dairying and pastoral	"
Rere	2	..	"	"
Ruangarehu	2	..	"	"
Te Arai	48	14	"	"
Waimarie	12	5	Dairying and pastoral	"
Wharekaka	13	..	"	"
Wigan	12	7	"	"
Willows	12	9	"	"
Totals	229	53		
<i>Hawke's Bay.</i>				
Argyll	49	15	Agricultural and pastoral	Fair.
Awamate	6	..	Dairying	"
Beattie	5	..	Pastoral	Good.
Clydebank	13	3	"	"
Corby	4	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Coyne	1	..	"	"
Crownthorpe	18	..	Pastoral	Good.
Elsthorpe	35	16	"	Very good.
Forest Gate	16	13	Agricultural and pastoral	Good.
Glengarry	28	..	Dairying	Fair.
Gwavas	11	1	Agricultural and pastoral	Good.
Hatuma	57	24	"	Very good.
Kumeroa	13	3	Agricultural, pastoral, and dairying	"
Lindsay	58	15	Mixed farming	"
Mahora	21	14	"	"
Manga-a-toro	21	7	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Mangatahi	20	4	"	"
Marakeke	17	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Omana	9	1	Dairying	"
Otamauri	15	2	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Parinui	4	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Pourere	6	1	Agricultural and pastoral	"
Pukahu	2	..	Fruit	Fair.
Raumati	28	5	Pastoral and dairying	Very fair.

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<i>Hawke's Bay—continued.</i>				
Raureka	10	9	Dairying and fruit culture	Very good.
Rissington	5	..	Pastoral	Good.
Rylands	5	..	"	"
Sherenden	20	1	Mostly pastoral	Very good.
Springhill	17	1	"	"
Te Kaihi	3	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Te Kura	11	..	Dairying	Fair.
Te Mata	12	1	Fruit farming	Good.
Tongoio	12	..	Mostly pastoral	Fair.
Tomoana	5	9	Fruit and dairying	Very good.
Waihau	20	2	Mostly pastoral	Fair.
Waipuka	1	..	Pastoral	"
Watea	10	..	Mixed farming	"
Wilder	4	..	"	Good.
Woodlands	8	..	Dairying and agriculture	"
Miscellaneous	3	..	Dwellings	"
Totals	603	147		
<i>Taranaki.</i>				
Araheke	3	..	Dairying	Fair.
Clandon	7	..	"	Very good.
Croydon	7	1	"	Good.
Hawke	1	..	"	"
Huatoki	28	5	Residential and small farming	Unsatisfactory.
Huia	4	..	Mixed farming	"
Huinga	8	2	Dairying and mixed farming	Fair.
Karu	5	..	Mixed farming	Indifferent.
Katikara	3	..	Dairying	Good.
Kohura	11	..	Mixed farming	"
Kota	6	..	"	Fair.
Mana	1	..	Grazing	"
Mangamaire	1	..	"	Indifferent.
Marco	2	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Matane	..	1	Dairying	Freehold.
Ngutu	1	..	Mixed farming	Unsatisfactory.
Okahu	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Parkes	7	..	"	Good.
Piu	2	..	Mixed farming	Poor.
Rahu	1	..	"	"
Ratapiko	4	1	Dairying and mixed farming	Fair.
Spotswood	8	38	Homestead and small farming	Very good.
Taitama	6	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Tariki	7	1	Dairying	Good.
Tawhiwhi	7	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Tokaora	2	14	Dairying	Very good.
Tututawa	3	..	Dairying and grazing	Fair.
Totals	136	63		
<i>Wellington.</i>				
Ahiaruhe	10	..	Dairying	Fair.
Akitio	6	..	Grazing sheep and cattle	Good.
Almadale	8	..	Dairying	Lower, good; upper, fair.
Aorangi	20	22	"	Good.
Arawhata	2	..	Dairying, also a few sheep.. ..	Very fair to fair.
Armstrong	1	..	Dairying	Good.
Bailey	1	..	"	"
Bartholomew	6	..	"	Improving.
Benge	1	..	"	Fair to poor.
Braemore	4	..	Pastoral	Good.
Brown	1	..	Dairying	"
Bruce	1	..	"	Fair to poor.
Bryce	3	..	"	Good.
Callender	1	..	Dairying, also a few sheep.. ..	Fair.
Carrington	34	2	Mixed	Improving
Cherry Grove	3	..	Dairying, one section mixed	Very satisfactory, except one section that can be classed medium.
Cloverlea	17	..	Dairying and residential	Good.
Corliss	1	..	Dairying	"
Coyle	1	..	"	Poor.
Currie	2	..	"	One good, one fair.
Dawbin	1	..	"	Good.
Devonshire	1	..	"	"
Dixon	1	..	"	"
Dyer	37	10	Mixed	Fair.
Eaglesham	5	..	Dairy and grazing	Very good.
Epuni Hamlet	17	28	Mixed and garden	Good.
Evans	1	..	Dairying, also a few sheep.. ..	Fair.
Fairfield	7	..	Dairying	"

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<i>Wellington—contd.</i>				
Falloon	6	1	Mixed dairying, also a few sheep	Good.
Gee	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Glasspole	1	..	"	Poor.
Gower	2	..	"	Fair.
Graham	1	..	"	Medium.
Greystoke	12	..	"	Good.
Greves	1	..	Dairying, also a few sheep	Fair.
Hall Jones	12	28	Gardening	Good.
Hammond	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Hawtrey	42	54	Residential	Doubtful, little demand.
Hardie	1	..	Dairying (reselected, May, 1932)	Good progress being made.
Haunui No. 1	8	..	Dairying, one section grazing	Very good; grazing-section improving.
Haunui No. 2	7	..	Dairying	Very good.
Harper	1	..	"	Good.
Heatherlea	17	10	"	"
Heretaunga	12	114	Residential	Showing up very good.
Heights	2	..	Sheep and dry cattle	Fair to poor.
Hill	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Horrobin	1	..	Mixed	Fair to poor.
Johnson	1	..	Grazing	Improved.
Kairanga	11	..	Dairying	Good.
Kiwhitea	1	..	"	"
Kopane	14	..	"	"
Kuku	4	..	Mixed	"
Langdale	11	14	Grazing	"
Langley-Purdom	1	..	Dairying	"
Lean	1	..	Residential	"
Lewis	1	..	Dairying	Fair to poor.
Linton	5	..	"	Good.
Little	1	..	Sheep and dry cattle	Good to poor.
Littler	1	..	Dairying	Very good.
Loughnan	25	1	Residential	Very little demand at present.
Longbush and Mahupuku	15	7	Mixed	Good.
Makowai and Extension	26	..	Dairying	Fair; improving through drainage.
Makopua	2	..	Pastoral	Improvement this year.
Marama-a-mau	6	..	Dairying	Fair.
Mangawhata	..	7	"	Good.
Marshall	1	..	"	Fair.
Maungaraki	17	3	Residential	Poor.
Mataikona	5	..	Grazing	Fair and improving.
Matamua	2	1	Dairying	Slightly improved.
Melling	2	..	Residential	Good.
Moroa	19	..	Dairying	Improving.
Motukai	3	..	Grazing	Fair and improving.
Muhunoa	2	..	Dairying	Fair to poor.
McDonnell	1	..	"	Fair.
McKenzie	1	..	"	Good.
McLean	1	..	"	"
Neligan	1	..	"	Fair to good.
Nesdale No. 1	1	..	Dairying and pastoral	Fair.
Nesdale No. 2	1	..	Dairying	Fair.
Ngahape	6	..	Grazing	Good.
Ngakaroro	2	..	Dairying	Fair.
Ngarara	5	..	"	Good.
Normandale	25	23	Mixed	Poor.
Ohakea	2	14	Dairying	Fair.
Olliver	2	..	Grazing	"
Olver	1	..	Dairying	Improving.
Omapu	4	..	"	Good.
Oroua	2	..	"	Fair.
Osborne	5	..	"	Good.
Otahome	2	..	Grazing	"
Oturoa	7	..	Dairying	Failing.
Owenga	18	3	Residential	Fair.
Paa Creek	1	..	Dairying, also a few sheep	Good.
Paparangi	20	16	Residential	Fair to poor.
Paramu	1	..	Grazing	Poor.
Perham	1	..	Mixed	Fair.
Phillips	4	..	Dairying	Good.
Pihautea	26	2	"	"
Pitt	..	5	Gardening	Fair.
Pohehe	1	..	Dairying, sheep, and cattle	Good.
Poroporo	16	2	Mixed	Fair.
Pukekoa	9	..	Dairying	"
Pukenamu and extension	8	..	"	Fair to poor.
Puketoi	8	2	Grazing sheep and cattle	Very good.
Putorino	14	..	Dairying	Fair.

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<i>Wellington—continued.</i>							
Quillinan	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Good.
Raumaewa	3	..	"	..	..	..	Fair.
Ruatangata	3	..	"	..	..	..	Good.
Sandilands	1	..	"	..	..	..	Fair.
Saxon	1	..	"	..	..	..	Fair to good.
Soland	1	..	"	..	..	..	Good improvement.
Stanley	1	..	"	..	..	..	Fair, improving.
Stokes	1	..	"	..	..	..	Fair.
Tablelands and Hikiwera	12	5	Grazing	..	..	..	Good.
Taikorea	5	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Tauherenikau	1	..	Mixed ..	..	..	..	Improving.
Taumaihi	2	1	Residential	..	..	..	Poor.
Tapuae	2	..	Grazing	..	..	..	Good.
Tawaha	24	1	Mixed ..	..	..	..	"
Te Matua	7	8	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Te Ore Ore	8	..	Dairying and mixed farming	..	..	..	Good to fair.
Te Whiti	6	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Tikotu	3	..	"	..	..	..	"
Tiraumea	16	..	Grazing	..	..	..	Good to fair.
Tupurupuru	3	..	"	..	..	..	Good.
Tuturumuri	12	..	"	..	..	..	"
Waddington	13	3	Gardening	..	..	..	Poor.
Wahren	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Waihora	3	..	Mixed ..	..	..	..	Good.
Waitawa	3	..	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Waterson	2	..	"	..	..	..	Fair.
Westella	12	..	"	..	..	..	"
Westmere	9	..	Mixed ..	..	..	..	Good.
White	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Wilford	68	131	Residential	..	..	..	"
Woulfe	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Very good.
Wright	1	..	"	..	..	..	"
Youle	1	..	"	..	..	..	Good."
Totals	923	518					
<i>Nelson.</i>							
Blue Glen	1	..	Grazing	..	..	..	Poor.
Braeburn	21	2	Mixed farming	..	..	..	Good.
Glenrae	1	..	"	..	..	..	"
Golden Downs	1	..	"	..	..	..	"
Homestead	1	..	Grazing	..	..	..	"
Lake	5	1	"	..	..	..	Fair.
Maruia	10	..	Grazing and dairying	..	..	..	"
Matakitaki	1	..	Grazing	..	..	..	"
Palmer	1	..	Mixed ..	..	..	..	"
Spittall	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Tutaki	4	1	Grazing	..	..	..	Poor.
Waimunga	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Walker	1	..	"	..	..	..	Good.
Wangapeka	16	3	Mixed farming	..	..	..	"
Miscellaneous	4	..					..
Totals	69	7					
<i>Marlborough.</i>							
Alberton	4	..	Agricultural and dairying	..	..	..	Poor.
Blind River	18	..	Agricultural and sheep	..	..	..	Very good.
Bomford	1	..	Agricultural	..	..	..	Poor.
Erina	10	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	Fair.
Fernleigh	6	2	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Flaxbourne	126	15	Agricultural and pastoral	..	..	..	Very good.
Goat Hills	3	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	Fair.
Hillersden	52	8	" ..	..	..	..	Good.
Hillersden Bush	1	..					..
Linkwaterdale	5	..	Agricultural and dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Lynton Downs	11	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	"
Moorlands	6	..	Agricultural	..	..	..	"
Neville	1	1	"	..	..	..	"
Northbank	9	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	Good.
Omaka	14	..	Agricultural, sheep, and dairying	..	..	..	"
Puhi Puhi	2	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	"
Rainford	11	..	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Richmond Brook	12	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	Very good.
Starborough	163	28	Agricultural and pastoral	..	..	..	"
Waipapa	4	..	Sheep ..	..	..	..	Good.
Warnock	2	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Poor.
Wither	17	5	Sheep and poultry	..	..	..	Fair.
Totals	478	59					

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<i>Westland.</i>				
Kokatahi	8	..	Dairying and grazing	Satisfactory.
Poerua	23	4	"	"
Raupo	4	..	"	"
Runanga	1	..	Residential	..
Totals ..	36	4		
<i>Canterbury.</i>				
Acton	3	..	Mixed farming	Fair; holdings too small; land dirty, too much cropping.
Albury	78	3	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Very good.
Allanholme	8	..	"	Fair.
Annan	43	5	Mixed farming and grazing	Well established.
Ashley Gorge	7	3	Dairy farming and grazing	"
Ashton	6	..	Mixed farming	Fair; holdings too small; land dirty.
Ashwick	8	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Avenel	17	..	Mixed farming	Satisfactory.
Avenel Extension	12	..	"	Generally satisfactory.
Avonhead	16	1	Small farming	Still uncertain.
Avonhead No. 2	17	..	"	"
Aylesbury	6	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Bankfield	9	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Beach	10	..	Mixed farming	Fair; holdings too small.
Bourndale	10	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Braco	2	12	Market-gardening	Well established.
Brinklands	..	2	Dairying and mixed farming	Under manager.
Broadfields	4	..	Mixed grain-growing	Still uncertain.
Brooksdale	14	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain; holdings too small.
Bruce	4	..	"	Fair.
Buckley	3	..	"	"
Buddo	10	5	Workers' dwellings	"
Burke's Homestead	1	..	Homestead site	..
Chamberlain	19	2	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Clandeboyne	11	..	Dairy-farming and grain-growing	Very fair.
Clandeboyne No. 2	6	..	"	Fair.
Claremont	11	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Poor to fair.
Clayton	6	..	"	Good.
Clunes	8	..	Mixed farming	Fair; cropping instead of dairying.
Coldstream	10	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair; holdings too small.
Cooper's Creek	1	..	Sheep-farming	Fair.
Copland	2	..	Sheep, dairying, and grain-growing	"
Craigmore	8	..	Mixed farming	Poor to fair.
Cricklewood	10	..	"	"
Culverden	56	15	Mixed farming and grazing	Good.
Douglas	36	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Doyleston	5	..	Mixed farming	Uncertain yet.
Drayton	14	6	Agricultural	Improving.
Dromore	4	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Uncertain; holdings too small.
Eccleston	4	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Epworth	..	2	Now freehold	..
Finlay Downs	4	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Poor to fair.
Four Peaks	8	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Fyvie	4	1	Mixed farming	Not satisfactory.
Glenmark	27	3	Mixed farming and grazing	Good.
Glentanner	..	..	Homestead-site	Fair.
Gorge Road	4	17	Worker's home	..
Grange	2	1	Dairying and grain-growing	Fair; holdings too small.
Hadlow	1	..	Mixed farming	Fair.
Hawthorne	9	..	"	Satisfactory; holdings too small.
Hei Hei	13	2	Poultry-farming, &c.	Uncertain yet.
Hekeao	10	7	Mixed farming	Satisfactory.
Hewitt	1	..	Homestead-site	..
Highbank	69	13	Mixed farming	Good.
Hillboro	3	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Poor to fair.
Homebrook	15	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Homestead sites	9	..	"	..
Hornby	17	6	Agricultural and gardening	Fair.
Hornsley Downs	7	23	Mixed farming	Well established.
Isleworth	18	..	Mixed grain-growing	Uncertain.
Jungle	2	..	Dairy-farming	Fair.
Kaimahi	4	9	"	Satisfactory.
Kakahu	5	..	Workers' homes and gardening	Poor to fair.

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<i>Canterbury—contd.</i>				
Kapua	12	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Good.
Kapuatohe	5	9	Market-gardening and dairying	"
Keith	..	1	Workers' homes and gardening	Satisfactory.
Kereta	4	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Kinloch	30	2	Dairying and sheep-grazing	Well established.
Kohika	16	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Good.
Kohika No. 2	3	..	Mixed farming	Poor to fair.
Kowhatu	5	..	"	Fair.
Ladbrooks	14	..	"	"
Lambrook	5	..	"	"
Lansdown	10	1	Mixed farming and grain-growing	"
Lauriston	4	1	Mixed grain-growing	Fair; too much cropping.
Leeston	5	1	Agricultural	Well established.
Lees Valley	8	..	Sheep-farming	Position difficult; improving.
Lyndhurst	18	..	Mixed farming	Satisfactory.
Lyndon	7	1	"	Well established.
Lyndon No. 2	9	..	Mixed farming and grazing	"
Macgregor	..	..	"	Very poor.
Marawiti	12	1	"	Good.
Maytown	8	3	Mixed farming and dairying	"
Mead	21	1	Mixed farming and grazing	Well established.
Meadows	14	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Milford	4	..	Mixed farming	"
Mills	21	..	Mixed farming and dairying	Fair to good.
Moanaroa	3	..	Mixed farming	Fair; improving.
Morice	28	3	Dairying and grass-seed growing	Satisfactory.
Morten	16	1	Poultry, &c.	Uncertain yet.
Montford	7	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Improving.
Mount Nessing	11	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair.
New Park	7	..	Mixed farming	Fair; holdings too small.
Oakwood	5	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Ohapi	6	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Omihi	..	..	Homestead-site	"
Orakipaoa	26	1	Market-gardening	Good.
Otaio	9	..	Mixed farming	"
Otarakaro	..	7	Small farming and dairying	Well established.
Papaka	9	..	Market-gardening	Good.
Pareora	26	2	Mixed farming	"
Pareora No. 2	26	7	"	"
Patoa	1	3	Grazing and small farming	Satisfactory.
Pawaho	7	18	Market-gardening	"
Peaks	9	3	Mixed farming	"
Puhuka	9	1	Workers' homes	"
Punaroa	15	2	Dairying, sheep-farming, and grain-growing	Good.
Raincliff	1	..	Sheep-farming	Fair.
Rakitairi	20	2	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair to good.
Rapuwai	5	..	"	Fair.
Rautawiri	6	..	Mixed farming, grain-growing, and small farming	Good.
Riverina	3	..	Mixed farming	Fair; holdings too small.
Roimata	7	22	Workers' homes	"
Rosebrook	11	3	Small farming and dairying	Fair to good.
Rosewill	151	11	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Ruapuna No. 2	15	..	Mixed farming	Satisfactory.
Scargill	9	..	Mixed farming and grazing	"
Scotston	2	..	Mixed farming	Fair; improving.
Seafield	6	..	"	Fair; holdings too small.
Seaforth	6	..	Small farming and dairying	Fair.
Sherwood Downs	27	1	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Poor to fair.
Springwell	6	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Fair to good.
Stoke	7	..	Mixed farming	Good.
Strathmore	3	..	"	Fair.
Studholme Junction	4	..	Small farming and dairying	Good.
Takitu	5	..	Sheep-farming	"
Tamai	8	32	Workers' homes	Satisfactory.
Tara	9	1	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Tarawahi	3	25	Workers' homes	Satisfactory.
Teschemaker	14	..	Mixed farming and grain-growing	Poor to fair.
Timaunga	16	..	Mixed farming	Fair to good.
Timaunga Extension	7	..	"	Fair.
Tripp	26	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Poor to fair.
Valverde	10	..	Mixed farming	Holdings too small, land dirty.
Waiapi	11	4	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Good.
Waikakahi	183	21	"	"
Waimate	33	..	Sheep-farming and fruit and grain growing	Poor to fair.
Wairere	7	..	Mixed farming	Fair; holdings too small.

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<i>Canterbury</i> —contd.				
Waitohi Peaks	8	..	Sheep-farming	Improving.
Welburn	6	..	Mixed farming and dairying	Uncertain.
Wharenui	13	12	Workers' homes	Well established.
Winchester	10	..	Sheep-farming and grain-growing	Fair.
Woodlau	4	..	Mixed farming and grazing	Uncertain yet.
Totals	1,848	341		
<i>Otago.</i>				
Airedale	12	1	Dairying and general	Good.
Ardgowan	66	6	"	"
Arnmore	5	..	Mixed	Fair.
Arthurton	4	..	Grazing	Good.
Aviemore	1	..	"	"
Awamoa	1	1	Mixed	"
Barnego	20	4	Dairying and general	"
Bellamy	13	..	Grazing	Poor.
Clareview	5	..	Dairying and general	Good.
Clifton	8	..	General	Fair.
Conical Hills	45	2	Grazing and general	Poor.
Crosshill	5	1	Mixed	Fair.
Croucher	1	..	"	Good.
Dalmain	3	..	Grazing	Fair.
Downs	8	..	Mixed	Good.
Duncan	4	5	Dairying	Poor.
Earnsclough	25	1	Fruit	Fair.
Elderslie No. 1	35	2	General	Good.
Elderslie No. 2	16	..	"	Very good.
Galloway	11	1	Fruit and homestead-sites	Very fair.
Gladbrook	46	3	Dairying	Fair.
Glenn	4	..	Mixed	"
Greenfield	36	7	"	Good.
Hilderthorpe	19	..	General and workers' homes	Fair.
Janefield	19	3	Dairying and fruit	Good.
Kauroo Hills	42	3	General	"
Kelso	3	..	Dairying	"
Kurow	11	3	Dairying and general	Only fair.
Lakeview	1	..	General	Good.
Maerewhenua	77	1	"	Very good.
Makarao	32	1	"	Very fair.
Makarao Extension	3	..	"	Poor.
Manuherikia	8	1	General, with irrigation	Very fair.
Maraeweka	8	..	General	"
Matakanui	3	..	General and grazing	Good.
Meadowbank	11	..	General	Very good.
Melville Park	7	..	Dairying and mixed	Poor.
Momona	5	9	Dairying	Very good.
Murrayfield	2	..	Mixed	Good.
Oakleigh	1	..	"	Only fair.
Otanomomo	25	1	Dairying	Good.
Otekaike	64	1	Mixed	Fair.
Plunket	18	2	"	Good.
Pomahaka	24	3	"	Very fair.
Poplar Grove	21	2	Dairying	Fair.
Pukeawa	15	2	Mixed	Good.
Pukenui	6	..	"	"
Puketapu	6	5	Dairying	"
Rockford	4	..	Mixed	"
Rosebery	15	..	Grazing and general	"
Rugged Ridges	1	..	Grazing	Very fair.
Steward	51	4	Mixed	Good.
St. Helens	3	..	General	Very fair.
Tahawai	7	1	Dairying	Good.
Tapanui	7	..	General	"
Taumata	9	..	Mixed	"
Teaneraki	23	..	Dairying	Very fair.
Te Puke	4	..	Mixed	Good.
Teviot	24	1	Grazing	Fair.
Tilverstowe	7	..	Mixed	"
Tokarahi	75	2	"	Good.
Tokoiti	4	..	"	"
Totara	27	..	"	"
Wairuna	11	..	"	Fair.
Waitahuna No. 1	1	1	"	"
Waitahuna No. 2	6	1	"	Poor.
Westcott	7	..	"	"
Wilden	13	..	Mixed agricultural and pastoral	Good.
Windsor Park No. 1	36	2	Mixed	Very good.
Windsor Park No. 2	10	..	"	"
Totals	1,150	83		

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<i>Southland.</i>							
Allenby	5	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Ardlussa	5	..	Pastoral	..	..	..	Very poor.
Beaumont	9	2	Mixed farming	..	..	..	"
Brydone	2	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Campbell	4	..	Mixed farming	..	..	..	Poor.
Crichton Park ..	4	2	Pastoral	..	..	..	Fair.
Edendale	96	58	Dairying	..	..	..	Very good.
Ermedale	11	2	Mixed farming	..	..	..	Fair.
Fern Hill	5	..	"	..	..	..	"
Fortification Hill ..	6	..	Pastoral	..	..	..	"
Glenham	30	14	Mixed farming	..	..	..	Very good.
Knowsley Park ..	9	..	Pastoral	..	..	..	Poor.
Lambert	1	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Lamont	6	..	"	..	..	..	"
McCallum	4	..	"	..	..	..	"
Maori Hill	16	5	Mixed farming	..	..	..	Good.
Merrivale	43	12	"	..	..	..	"
Merrivale No. 1 ..	9	..	"	..	..	..	Fair.
Merrivale No. 2 ..	7	..	"	..	..	..	"
Monte Cristo	4	..	Dairying	..	..	..	"
Otahu	5	3	Mixed farming	..	..	..	"
Ringway	4	3	"	..	..	..	"
Simpson	1	..	"	..	..	..	Poor.
Stalker	8	1	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair; holdings too small.
Strathvale	9	..	"	..	..	..	Very good.
Tamatea	7	..	"	..	..	..	"
Teihoka	2	..	Mixed farming	..	..	..	Good.
Tc Wae Wae	4	..	Dairying	..	..	..	Fair.
Waiarikiki	7	..	Pastoral	..	..	..	Poor.
Waikiwi Town ..	28	31	Suburban building-sites	..	..	..	Fair.
Totals	351	133					

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF CROWN LANDS.

NORTH AUCKLAND.

(W. D. ARMIT, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Settlements situated throughout the district experienced the general climatic conditions described in my report on settlement of Crown lands. The revenue improvement amounts to approximately 40 per cent. over the previous twelve months, due to the improvement in meat and wool prices. A general development improvement is taking place on most of the settlements with some assistance of Unemployment Board subsidies. No new areas have been acquired during the year.

AUCKLAND.

(K. M. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

With the improvement in the prices realized for stock and farm products the settlers in the older settlements experienced a good season, while in the case of the more recent settlements, which are for the most part dairying propositions, the position generally has improved and indications are that most of these settlers will become soundly established on their holdings.

Galatea Station is still being worked successfully by the Department as a sheep and cattle station, and the results from the share-milking farms established on this settlement have been quite satisfactory.

There were no new estates purchased in this district during the year.

GISBORNE.

(H. L. PRIMROSE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

Some of our settlements, more particularly Homebush, near Gisborne, have had more than their usual share of floodings, due to the excessive rains, but the water seemed to get away quickly. Homebush had three floods to contend with, but this is undoubtedly exceptional.

Parts of Apanui Settlement have been eroded by the Waioeka River and many acres of valuable land lost, with consequential losses of capital and income.

Many of our early renewable leases of settlement lands will expire shortly, and renewals will have to be soon dealt with.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(F. R. BURNLEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No purchase of new areas have been made during the year.

Settlers on the older established settlements have had no difficulty in meeting their charges. On some of the newest settlements used for fruit-growing the results have been disappointing owing to inclement weather conditions.

TARANAKI.

(F. H. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No new estates were purchased during the year.

The position of settlers generally shows some improvement, particularly the sheep-farmer, and most of these should be able to meet charges. The dairy-farmer's position has not improved to the same extent, but even here the small increase in the price of butterfat will be of great benefit.

WELLINGTON.

(H. W. C. MACKINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

There is very little to report under this heading. No new estates were acquired during the year. Most of the settlers on land-for-settlements estates follow dairying for a livelihood. Some settlers on estates situated in the Wanganui and Lower Wairarapa districts have had a trying year with floods and have suffered some losses. Those who follow sheep-farming have had a fairly successful year, as prices obtaining for sheep and wool have been distinctly better.

NELSON.

(A. F. WATERS, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

There have been no purchases under the Land for Settlements Act in this district during recent years. Most of the settlers are now fairly well established. It has been necessary to make rental concessions to a few to tide them over the slump period; but, with the prospect of a return to better prices, the majority should be able to pay their way without difficulty.

MARLBOROUGH.

(P. R. WILKINSON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No new estates were purchased in this district during the past year.

My report on Crown lands covers the whole ground as far as land for settlements is concerned. Practically the whole of our land-for-settlements areas are devoted to pastoral or mixed farming.

WESTLAND.

(G. I. MARTIN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No new estates were purchased in this district during the past year.

The report on ordinary Crown lands applies with equal force to lands-for-settlement areas, and if the present prices for produce are maintained settlers should be able to face the future with some degree of confidence.

CANTERBURY.

(J. F. QUINN, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

No new estates were purchased for settlement during the year.

The Brinklands Estate at Fairlie is still being farmed by the Department, and although the farming operations resulted in a profit the returns were not as good as anticipated, as owing to the wet season difficulty was experienced in fattening the lambs and harvesting operations were seriously affected by the heavy rain during that period.

A portion of Ashton Settlement at Seafield is also being worked by the Department as an irrigation farm, but owing to the wet season very little irrigation was required. The condition of the farm has been improved and, although not as good as anticipated, the result of the farming operations can be considered as satisfactory.

OTAGO.

(N. C. KENSINGTON, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

During the past year no new areas were purchased and opened for settlement.

Crown tenants on areas selected under the above Act have generally had a satisfactory year, as in most cases the sections are of sufficient area for mixed farming being carried on. This class of farming has allowed for grain-growing, with a good flock of ewes and the fattening of lambs; and although the grain crops generally suffered through a dry spring, resulting in lighter crops, this was compensated by the satisfactory price obtained for fat lambs.

Those on smaller areas and devoted to dairying have found the price for this product unsatisfactory, and are looking forward to a more equitable adjustment for the coming year.

SOUTHLAND.

(T. CAGNEY, Commissioner of Crown Lands.)

As the majority of settlers under this heading depend mainly on dairy-farming, they are still handicapped by low butterfat-prices.

Settlers depending wholly or mainly on sheep enjoyed a successful season.

APPENDIX III.—LAND-DRAINAGE AND LAND-DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS.

(R. G. MACMORRAN, Chief Drainage Engineer.)

In accordance with statutory requirements, separate reports deal with (1) Hauraki Plains, (2) Rangitaiki, and (3) Swamp Land Drainage Districts—viz., Kaitaia, Hikurangi, Waihi, and Poukawa Drainage Works.

Land-development operations have been carried out on nine areas under the Small Farms Act, whilst development operations on the Galatea Estate, purchased under the Land for Settlements Act, have been steadily pushed forward.

Details of the above operations, as well as other works, are as follows:—

Mangatete Farm Settlement (1,270 acres).—Development-work was carried out on this block throughout the year with from twenty to thirty relief workers. Of the nine sections comprising this block, five were occupied last year and have since been worked by settlers under the supervision of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Two more sections were occupied during this year and cows milked by workers on wages, whilst on the remaining two sections 150 acres of bush was felled and burnt and sowing of seed commenced at the end of March, so that the whole block will be carrying stock and sufficiently developed to be farmed in the ensuing year.

The seven occupied sections have been provided with cottages, cow-sheds, and pigsties. All boundaries have been fenced, some subdivision fences erected, and clearing and logging-up of the area carried out on part of each section. Timber for the sheds, gates, and fences was obtained on the block, and houses were built by contract.

Other work carried out on this area was bush-felling, post-splitting, hauling-out of milling timber and logs for splitting, and widening of Champion's Road to give access to Sections 3, 4, and 9.

Buildings are required on Sections 3 and 4, on which the felled bush was recently burnt, and it is proposed to erect these during next summer. Further fencing is required, but the heaviest work is logging-up, which could be carried out on all the sections if labour is available. It is proposed to fell about 60 acres of bush on Section 8, where a timber company is now busily engaged removing the millable timber.

When this work is carried out it will be possible for nine settlers to be successfully established.

Kaitaia Small Farm Settlement (1,000 acres).—Development-work was carried on during the year, labour being supplied by the Unemployment Board, an average of forty men being engaged and housed in a camp erected on the block and in houses erected on sections of land sufficiently developed to carry milking cows. The men were employed throughout the year on various works for the development and farming of the area. Two hundred acres of pasture laid down in the two previous years had become well established, but summer floods this year, followed by a species of caterpillar which swarmed over the areas flooded, have destroyed portions of the English grass.

Construction of drains on the area is almost completed and these effectively deal with local drainage, but flood-waters from the main watersheds of the Kaitaia River and tributaries overflowed on to this land during last year.

Further work is required to prevent overflow of flood-waters, and the past year's experience shows that flooding can only be eliminated by a comprehensive scheme embracing the whole district and providing for the run-off from the whole watershed served by the Kaitaia River. Complete development and successful working of this country as small farms cannot be assured unless such work is carried out.

The principal work carried out during the year is as under:—

Buildings: Six cottages, an implement-shed, and seven cow-sheds were erected. Cottages are occupied at a rental of 5s. per week by relief workers who are employed on milking and farm work.

Water-supply: Fifteen artesian bores were sunk and water connected to cow-sheds and concrete troughs. It appears that an ample supply of water suitable for stock can be secured for the whole area by this means.

Drains: A total length of 4 miles 26 chains of new drains were constructed, some old drains deepened and improved, and drains previously constructed cleared of weeds and maintained in good condition.

Roads: To give access by metalled road from all sections to Kaitaia and Awanui, 3 miles of road was formed and 4 miles 8 chains of road metalled.

Fencing: A total length of 5 miles 75 chains of fencing was erected for section boundaries, road, and subdivision fences, the grassland being sufficiently fenced and subdivided to enable the country to be stocked and milking cows handled.

Grassing: Some 60 acres of peat land was cleared of tea-tree, burnt, disked, harrowed, sown with grass-seed, and rolled during March. Tea-tree has been cut on a further area, and it is hoped to burn and surface sow a further 170 acres during April. The areas of old pasture most severely affected by flooding have been harrowed and about 70 acres will be resown as soon as crickets and caterpillars have been eliminated by wet weather.

Farming Operations : One hundred and twenty cows were milked in six sheds by hand milkers on wages. Returns were exceptionally good until February, when feed became scarce due to flooding, and cows have now lost condition, with consequent drop in supply. The returns of butterfat up to the end of March amount to 16,993 lb., which must be considered satisfactory considering that the cows milked were all first-calvers. In the early summer 50 acres of excellent hay was harvested, and pastures maintained by harrowing and topping with mower.

Stock : Two hundred and ten head of cattle are at present on the area, and some additional cattle were carried for the greater part of the year. Three hundred sheep were also grazed for some months, of which ninety lambs were fattened and sold for killing. A surplus of feed existed generally, but the area has been overstocked for the last two months owing to loss of some of the best pasture, and it is doubtful if any further stock can be accommodated for some time.

Proposals for the ensuing year are to erect further houses and cow-sheds ; complete draining, fencing, grassing, and water-supply for further areas ; and continue farming operations with stock on hand.

The principal works carried out during the year, together with the total work completed to date, are as shown on the following schedule :—

				During Year ended 31st March, 1936. Number.	Total to 31st March, 1936. Number.		
Camp erected	..	..	..	..	1		
Concrete troughs erected	..	..	..	7	7		
Battens split	..	..	..	..	5,000		
Culverts installed	..	..	..	8	11		
Bridges erected	..	..	..	12	17		
Trees planted	..	..	..	1,000	4,000		
Cow-sheds erected	..	..	..	7	7		
Houses erected	..	..	..	6	6		
Artesian bores sunk	..	..	..	15	15		
Pig-shelters erected	..	..	..	1	1		
Cattle-crush erected	..	..	..	1	1		
Implement-shed erected	..	..	..	1	1		
Footbridges erected	..	..	..	..	2		
Floodgates installed	..	..	..	..	3		
				Chains.	Chains.		
Fences erected	..	..	..	475	695		
Road formed	..	..	..	242	242		
Road cleared of bush and stumps	..	..	..	..	200		
Road blinded with sand	..	..	..	..	45		
Road fascined	..	..	..	..	8		
Drains cleared	..	..	..	300	300		
				Acres.	Acres.		
Clearing wiwis	..	..	..	..	185		
Stumping and levelling	..	..	..	4	129		
Harrowing and disking	..	..	..	60	260		
Cutting scrub and burning	..	..	..	..	15		
Grass-seed sown	..	..	..	80	260		
Gorse cut	..	..	..	10	23		
Bush felled	..	..	..	1	7		
Area top-dressed with lime	..	..	..	90	90		
Area harrowed	..	..	..	20	20		
Tea-tree cut	..	..	..	95	95		
Hay cut and stacked	..	..	..	50	50		
				Chains	Cubic Yards.		
Clearing and widening drains	..	..	..	6	30	476	12,650
New drains, part	..	..	..	6	200	202	2,540
New drains completed	..	..	..	346	9,179	912	35,469
Old drains deepened	..	..	..	110	3,000	313	9,190
Stop-banks erected	..	..	..	..	..	20	650
Road-bank formed	..	..	..	..	..	61	4,500
				Miles	Chains.	Miles	Chains.
Roads metalled	..	..	..	4	8	4	8

Hoe-o-tainui Small-farm Settlement.—Authority to commence operations on the above block was received in June, 1935, and ten horses were purchased in July for agricultural work. Some delay was experienced in obtaining suitable men, and the camp was not established until September, when seven men commenced work. In October this number was increased to eleven. On 1st February, 1936, five additional horses were transferred from Hauraki Plains works, making the total number of horses on the block fifteen. An area of 23 acres was cleared and ploughed and sown in grass in September for a horse-paddock. A further 264 acres has since been cleared, ploughed, and cultivated, and about

50 acres of this area had been sown in grass and treated with lime and manure at the end of March, 1936, whilst the balance of 214 acres will be sown early in April. Plans have been prepared for a gravitation water-supply for the block from the Mangatea Stream, and the summer stream-flow data has been recorded.

A contract was let for the erection of six cottages, and the contractor is making good progress.

Blackshaw's Small-farm Settlement (250 acres).—The autumn of 1936, like that of the previous year, has been quite unsuitable for burning the surface peat to the depth necessary to destroy the roots and seeds of the gorse and blackberry that originally covered an area of about 100 acres of swamp. Forty-five acres of the swamp margin has been grubbed, stumped, and levelled, and 40 acres of this area has been ploughed and worked intermittently throughout the summer and sown with grass or other crop. Several attempts made to burn the peat and ground timber in an area of about 55 acres in the centre of the swamp have been unsuccessful owing to the saturated condition of the peat, and the second growth of blackberry and gorse on this area must be cut next spring before it seeds. With suitable weather, the whole surface can be burnt to a depth of 2 ft. to 3 ft., which will destroy the gorse seed and roots. The work carried out also includes cleaning 360 chains and widening and deepening 93 chains of drains, erecting 85 chains of fencing, and cutting gorse on roadsides for a distance of 100 chains. The number of men employed on the work has varied between eighteen and four. For some considerable time difficulty has been experienced in obtaining efficient labour for this work.

Henderson's Small-farm Settlement.—A camp to accommodate twenty-four men was erected on the above block near Otorohanga, in January 1936, but only two men were employed attending to stock prior to the middle of March, 1936, when three more men were engaged by the unemployment-relief agencies. The work carried out comprised repairs to fences and buildings and mowing ragwort.

It is anticipated that further men will be made available at an early date, when better progress will be made.

Wharere Small-farm Settlement (930 acres).—Development was proceeded with on this area throughout the year, and despite the heavy amount of work entailed with this class of country good progress was made. The general practice followed has been to fall the heavy scrub, burn, and surface sow. A small area was ploughed and grassed and a further area sown in maize. Generally, excellent results have been obtained. A considerable expenditure is entailed in drain-construction, it being necessary to construct these at intervals of not more than 10 chains and securely fence against stock.

To date an area of 550 acres has been grassed and is being stocked with bullocks and dairy stock. Three farms were equipped, and dairying was commenced at the beginning of last season, the returns to date being 10,568 lb. of butterfat from seventy first-calvers.

A further four farms are being equipped in readiness for next dairying season.

The stock on the area comprises 212 cows and heifers, 16 calves, 216 bullocks, 10 bulls, 7 horses, 197 ewes, 6 rams, and 19 pigs. During the year 20 bullocks, 93 ewes, 78 lambs, and 21 pigs were sold at satisfactory prices.

This heavily scrubbed swamp land required a large number of men for developmental work, but, unfortunately, the camp has not been kept full, and as a result the programme laid down for the year has not been completed. It is hoped, however, that more men will be made available this year so that better progress can be made.

The following is a summary of work carried out during the year, and also the total to date :—

	Year.		Total.	
	Ch.	C. Yd.	Ch.	C. Yd.
New drains	409	10,657	1,076	31,292
	Chains.		Chains.	
Clearing drain-lines		55		287
Cleaning drains	1,010		1,305	
Fences erected	1,695		2,545	
Road-formation				301
	Acres.		Acres.	
Clearing scrub		344		684
Grassing		148		550
Stumping		138		138
Grass harrowing		50		50
Ploughing and cultivation		60		60
Maize		44		44
	Number.		Number.	
Flood-gates				2
Bridges erected		8		21
Cottages		5		5
Cow-sheds		3		3
Farms equipped		3		3

Tarawera Small-farm Settlement (900 acres).—Excellent pasture establishment is being obtained throughout this area, and there is no doubt as to the successful outcome of development operations. This also applies to the areas harrowed and grassed straight from the fern. Six dairy-farms were equipped, and dairying results obtained have been quite satisfactory, despite the newness of the pastures. An additional four sections are being prepared for the coming dairy season.

The butterfat produced up to the end of the year amounted to 30,790 lb., this return being from 127 cows, most of which were first-calvers. The stock on the property now is as follows: 198 cows and heifers, 31 calves, 12 bulls, 1 bullock, 8 horses, and 62 pigs.

A commencement was made with the scheme for water reticulation for the area west of the Tarawera, and this will provide ample good water in each subdivision, a ram being installed to lift the water from a spring on the adjoining property.

The areas sown in lucerne last year continued to make good growth, and several new stands are being established. Plantations of pine-trees were located to give shelter where required, and these are establishing well.

The following summary gives the work carried out during the year and to date :—

	Year.	To Date.
	Acres.	Acres.
Area cleared and stumped	120	670
Area pasture ex Onepu	..	184
Area harrowed and grassed	268	502
Area ploughed and grassed	46	124
Area swamp surface sown	36	36
Area in lucerne	22	28
	Chains.	Chains.
Drains excavated	..	147
Roads formed	11	71
Fencing, permanent	1,016	1,302
Fencing, temporary	55	101
	Number.	Number.
Cottages erected	7	8
Cow-sheds erected	6	6
Huts erected	..	6
Cookhouse and storeshed	..	1
Huts reconditioned	..	1
Farms equipped	6	6

Murupara Small-farm Settlement (1,470 acres).—Good progress was made with the development of this area, and the pastures sown in previous years have made good establishment under favourable weather conditions and stockings.

The stock on the area comprises 411 cows and heifers, 35 calves, 20 bulls, 11 horses, and 65 pigs.

Dairying was carried out on eight sections, and the returns obtained from these indicate that this area is well suited to dairying. The returns of butterfat for the season to date amount to 26,528 lb. from 179 first-calvers. Some of the returns were excellent, but in a few cases the occupiers were not too successful owing to lack of experience.

Only moderate success was obtained from the growing of swedes with the first ploughing from the rough, and experiments indicate that this crop does much better where the land has been in pasture for a period.

Hay and ensilage were saved for the dairy stock for use in the winter and early spring.

All pastures were top-dressed in the spring and autumn ; the gravity water-supply was maintained in good order and gave an ample supply of good water. In addition, some two hundred bullocks were grazed for about four months during the summer months.

On this as well as some other blocks there has been a shortage of labour, and, in addition, it has been found impossible to obtain suitable occupiers for the completed farms.

The following summary gives the main works completed during the year and to date :—

	Year.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.
Clearing	66	1,306
Ploughing and cultivation.. ..	120	1,264
Grassing and crops	120	1,264
	Chains.	Chains.
Fencing	937	2,302
Road-formation	..	80
	Number.	Number.
Cottages	4	12
Stores and sheds	8	10
Huts	..	1
Cow-sheds	6	8
Farms equipped	8	8

Broadlands Small-farm Settlement (1,000 acres).—Development-work and farming were proceeded with on this area during the year. Six fully equipped farms were used for dairying, the returns to date being 19,330 lb. from 124 first-calvers. A comprehensive water-supply scheme was installed, the motive power being two water-wheels, and these supply excellent water to each subdivision. The preparation of additional areas for dairying is in hand, and it is anticipated that dairying will be carried out on nine sections in the coming season. The formation of the access road was completed, and this is in excellent order.

Plantations laid out in the previous year were extended and blanked, but tree-establishment in the area is slow.

Generally, the pastures have established well, and the returns received from the dairy stock to date give every indication that this class of farming will be successful. The health of both grown and young stock on the area is good.

The stock at present on the area comprises 229 cows and heifers, 34 calves, 11 bulls, 6 horses, and 38 pigs.

The following is a summary of the work completed during the year and to date :—

	Year.	Total.
	Aeres.	Aeres.
Clearing and stumping	65	786
Ploughing and cultivation	44	765
Grassing	40	632
Swedes	40	40
Lucerne	4	9
	Chains.	Chains.
Fencing	678	1,323
Plantations	..	312
Road-formation	10	130
	Number.	Number.
Cottages	2	9
Cow-sheds	6	6
Store-sheds	..	2

Galatea Estate.—The following is a summary of operations carried out on this estate :—

Clearing : Areas totalling 2,343 acres of scrub were cleared in preparation for ploughing and cultivation for swedes and grass, and along the Whirinaki Stream to permit of the better control of ragwort.

Fencing : This work included the fencing of section boundaries to permit of the better control of pastures by station stock, and the completion of subdivisional fences on the share farms.

Buildings : In addition to the ordinary repairs and maintenance of plant and buildings, six new huts and one large implement-shed were constructed during the year. One shepherd's hut was moved and reconstructed.

Water-supply : Extensions to the water-supply reticulation were carried out as required to supply the new grass areas. A wooden by-pass to carry shingle over the dam during floods and two 2,000 gallon concrete reservoir tanks were constructed at the headworks. This supply was maintained in good order and gave very satisfactory service during the year.

Ploughing and Cultivation : The ploughing and cultivation carried out during the year was for station oats, station and share farm swedes, and for new grass pastures. A total of 2,133 acres was ploughed, and of this, 980 acres was sown in grass, 943½ acres in swedes, and 60 acres in oats. The sowing of grass was still proceeding and will be completed early in April.

Hay, Oats, &c. : An area of 60 acres of oats was harvested for use of station and development horses, and 4,007 bales of hay were saved for station stock.

Plantations : A new plantation of pines was planted on the south side of the Whirinaki Road, and all plantations were blanked where this was necessary.

Top-dressing and Liming : The programme of top-dressing was proceeded with, a total of 3,976 acres being top-dressed with super and 1,997 acres with lime.

Grass-harrowing : Areas totalling 2,179 acres of station grazed pasture were harrowed and 100 acres of lucerne was harrowed twice.

Smithy and Workshop : A blacksmith and mechanic were employed throughout the period to carry out the necessary repair and overhaul of cultivation and general plant, shoeing of horses, &c.

General : General work carried out during the year included the maintenance of roads, bridges, fences, and drains, &c.

The following is a schedule of work carried out during the year :—

Clearing	2,343 acres.
Ploughing	2,133 acres.
Cultivation	1,919 acres.
Grass harrow	2,179 acres.
Top-dressing	3,976 acres.
Liming	1,997 acres.
Fencing	752 chains standard ; 437 chains 4 wire; 202 chains dis- mantled and re-erected.
Topping lucerne	100 acres.
Harrowing lucerne	200 acres.
Drain-cleaning	1,651 chains.
Grassing	980 acres.
Oats	60 acres.
Swedes and crops	943½ acres.
Buildings	6 huts, 1 implement-shed.
Water-supply additions and extensions—	
Plantations	120 chains.
Harvesting	4,007 bales hay, 60 acres oats.

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.

APPENDIX IV.—EXTRACTS FROM REPORT ON SMALL FARMS SCHEME.

(A. B. JORDAN, Superintendent of Land Development, Te Kuiti.)

The number of blocks under development has increased during the year from four to thirty, the total number under development or under consideration is forty-nine, and the estimated number of subdivisions that will ultimately be obtained from the forty-nine blocks is 236.

The area on which development is being carried out has increased from 7,226 acres to 21,127 acres, while the total area either under development or under consideration has reached a total of 32,688 acres.

The satisfactory position as indicated in the report is in a great measure due to the assistance given by the District Engineer, Public Works Department, Taumarunui, and his staff. The experience gained from working with the Public Works, Taumarunui, is of great value and is now being taken advantage of by the District Engineer, Auckland, and the Resident Engineer, Wanganui, and their staffs.

The first block on which development was undertaken was Pururu, which was commenced in October, 1933. Ngatamahine, Lee's, and Mairoa were commenced shortly afterwards, and as the development has been under the control of this Branch, a comprehensive report is now possible and certain results from the last two years' operations are comparable and are shown in the accompanying schedules. These blocks are referred to as the "four main blocks." Work on three other blocks was commenced by this Branch, and at the 31st March last twenty-three other blocks were taken over from the Commissioners of Crown Lands, amongst these were eighteen blocks which had formerly been developed under the 4c Scheme. These blocks are not sufficiently developed to consider handing them over to the settlers. They all require inspections, reports, and estimates for the cost of completion. A total of twenty-eight blocks is in this position.

Improvements.—The work completed on the four main blocks has shown a satisfactory increase in amount during the year.

The aim has been, as far as possible, to effect permanent improvements of a high standard, and there is ample proof that this standard is improving, especially in regard to pasture-control and feeding of stock. It has been found very difficult to obtain satisfaction in the foregoing owing to the different conditions, varied classes of workers, and the necessity of a fairly large amount of experimental work necessary with the men to educate them along lines that are essential.

This end is being gained with the least possible amount of friction and ill feeling, and every reasonable opportunity is given the men to prove themselves satisfactory.

It is satisfactory to note that practically all classes of development and repair work are undertaken by tradesmen on the schemes. Experience shows that, taken on the whole, the men do a reasonable amount, considering the wages and conditions, but it is also evident that the older men are, on the whole, the better workers and require considerably less supervision.

Schedule 1 sets out the work completed on the four main blocks, and Schedule 2 compares the work completed at 31st March, 1935, with that at 31st March, 1936.

Stock.—The stock carried on the four main blocks is shown as at 31st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936, in Schedule 3. There has been a decrease in the number of ewes of 424, but an increase in the number of dairy stock of 153. The number of run cattle shows a decrease due to sales and transfers. It is intended this year to commence breeding run cattle and about 50 Polled Angus heifers will be bred from; in addition, a number of Romney rams have been put out this season, so that a commencement has been made to breed for future requirements of sheep. It is considered that this is the best policy now that it has been proved that it is possible to breed satisfactorily on the schemes. This change of policy will, of course be reflected in next year's returns, as there will not be so many fat lambs for sale and the wether lambs will be carried over for fattening and sale as two-tooths. However, after the second year, the returns should show a very much improved position and it will be decreasingly necessary to go on the market for the purchase of stock in the future.

The stock carried on ten new blocks is also shown in Schedule 3, and, in addition, the total stock on the fourteen blocks, which is valued at the Department's standard values at £12,749 and also at a reasonable market value of £18,980.

Produce.—Sales of dairy cattle and produce, fat and store sheep, and wool, run cattle and pigs are shown in Schedule 4, and they reach the satisfactory total for the four main blocks of £8,003. This, of course, does not represent the total production, as, in addition, milk is supplied free to about five hundred people.

Schedule 4 sets out the total amounts received for the various kinds of produce and sales for the four main blocks, while Schedule 5 shows the production from these blocks for the various kinds of produce and stock as at 31st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936. The increase from £3,207 in 1935 to £8,003 in 1936, a gain of £4,796, must be considered satisfactory.

Schedule 6 gives a comparison showing the facts regarding the fat lambs bred and sold from the four main blocks as at 31st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936. The number increased by 54 per cent., the total weight by 59 per cent., the cash returns by 64 per cent., the average weight per lamb increased 2.06 lb., and the average price by 2s. 2d. per head.

Schedule 7 compares the wool produced and sold from the four main blocks as at 31st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936. The number of bales increased by seven in spite of a reduction in the numbers of sheep, the weight of the wool increased by 16 per cent., and the return was more than doubled. In the case of Lee's the wool was binned, and the resulting price of over £13 per bale indicates the advisability of binning the small lots.

The improvements in the fat lambs, wool, and butterfat are no doubt in a large measure due to the use of fertilizers, the benefit of which is also evident in the composition and appearance of the pastures.

Schedule 8 shows the amounts of lime and superphosphate used on the four main blocks as at 31st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936—the total being 208 tons of superphosphate and 402 tons of lime. The pulverizer installed at Waitanguru by the Public Works Department is now producing a crushed limestone of higher lime content and satisfactory fineness. In Schedule 8 is also shown the return per acre of grass at Pururu and Lee's. This comparison is only an indication of the production and is confined to the two blocks as being the only ones of which all of the grass has been newly laid down. In the case of Pururu, approximately 100 acres of the 433 were mainly sown this autumn, and at Lee's about 60 acres of new pasture was in the same position. The figures indicate that the management in the two cases was approximately of the same value.

Vital Statistics.—On the four main blocks an average of 331 men were employed. These included 42 prospective settlers who are living on the schemes and their dependants, numbering 254.

Schedule 9 shows that on all of the blocks under this Branch there were 506 men employed and that the total number of them and their dependants is 962 persons.

SCHEDULE 1.—IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED TO 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Improvements.				Ngatamahine.	Pururu.	Lee's.	Mairoa.	Totals.
Fencing, new and repairs	..	..	(chains)	941	1,412	684	1,375½	4,412½
Roads—								
Formed and metalled	..	..	„	194	97	106	} 80*	564†
Formed and unmetalled	..	..	„	31	56	..		
Clearing and stumping	..	..	(acres)	165	617	170	237	1,189
Ploughing and cultivating	..	..	„	155	539	162	143	999
Pastures—								
Permanent	..	..	„	{ 392‡ 1,075§ }	433	180	19	2,099
Temporary	..	..	„		3	11½	..	14½
Swedes	..	..	„	52	79	29	135	295
Green feed	..	..	„	..	..	14	..	14
Hay	..	..	(tons)	75	80	30	..	185
Ensilage	..	..	„	30	..	30	..	60
Water-supply	..	..	(sheds connected)	5	6	1	2	14
Top-dressed	..	..	(acres)	..	433	180	198	811
Drains	..	..	(chains)	208	59	181	92½	540½
Cowshed and yards	..	..	(number)	7	9	4	3	23
Manure-sheds	..	..	„	3	1	1	3	8
Houses	..	..	„	13	14	4	7	40
				(plus 2 cottages)				

* Including 42 chains formed and 38 chains metalled. † Including 435 chains metalled and 129 chains formed.
in new permanent pasture. § 1,075 acres in old grass, unploughed, patches scrub and fern, and requires logging and stumping. ‡ 392 acres

SCHEDULE 2.—IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED ON THE FOUR MAIN BLOCKS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935, AND 31ST MARCH, 1936.

				31st March, 1935.	31st March, 1936.	Increase.
Houses	..	..	(number)	40	40	..
Cow-sheds	..	..	„	18	23	5
Fencing, new and renovated	..	..	(chains)	1,960	4,412	2,452
Draining	..	..	„	160	540	380
Stumping and clearing	..	..	(acres)	620	1,189	569
Ploughing and cultivating	..	..	„	577	999	422
Pastures, permanent	..	..	„	750	1,024	274
Crops, swedes, &c.	..	..	„	152	295	143
Hay harvested	..	..	(tons)	100	185	85
Ensilage	..	..	„	30	60	30
Roads formed and metalled	..	..	(chains)	140	435	} 124
Roads formed	..	..	„	300	129	

SCHEDULE 3.—PURURU, NGATAMAHINE, LEE'S, AND MAIROA BLOCKS.

Stock carried on the above blocks as at 31st March, 1936, together with the value, both standard and market:—

Stock.				1935.	1936.
Sheep	..	..	..	3,224	2,800
Dairy stock	..	..	..	421	574
Run cattle	..	..	..	347	233
Horses	..	..	..	38	48
Pigs	..	..	..	31	148

The value of above at Department's standard value, £6,454.
The value of above at a reasonable market value, £8,918.

Stock on undermentioned blocks as at 31st March, 1936—Hill's, Metcalfe's, Anderson's, Ellicott's, Pratt's, Larsen's, Cruickshank's, Puketotara, O'Keefe's, and Henderson's :—

Sheep	..	..	3,923	Horses	..	..	53
Dairy stock	..	..	361	Pigs	..	..	22
Run cattle	..	..	268				

Total value of above at Department's standard value, £6,295.
Value of above at a reasonable market value, £10,062.

Total stock on the fourteen blocks with values, both standard and market, as above :—

			£				£
Sheep	..	..	6,723	Horses	..	..	101
Dairy stock	..	..	935	Pigs	..	..	170
Run cattle	..	..	501				

The value of above at Department's standard value, £12,749.
The value of above at reasonable market value, £18,980.

SCHEDULE 4.—SALES OF PRODUCE ON THE FOUR MAIN BLOCKS (PURURU, LEE'S, NGATAMAHINE, AND MAIROA AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Block.	Butterfat.	Sheep.				Dairy Cattle.	Run Cattle.	Pigs.	Sundries.	
		Fat Lambs.	Fat Sheep.	Store Sheep.	Wool.					
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Pururu ..	547 6 5	292 17 7	184 16 0	455 11 0	93 8 6	86 0 0	500 14 1	36 1 9	11 0 1	
Lee's ..	267 9 7	129 4 4	5 12 6	2 2 0	27 15 0	..	..	37 12 9	1 4 6	
Ngatamahine	1,097 7 10	1,149 6 9	264 8 10	591 3 0	385 16 4	80 0 0	303 16 10	120 1 10	19 5 6	
Mairoa ..	..	..	766 19 9	..	68 19 11	..	475 18 1	..	1 4 6	
	1,912 3 10	1,571 8 8	1,221 17 1	1,048 16 0	575 19 9	166 0 0	1,280 9 0	193 16 4	32 14 7	

GROSS REVENUE FROM THE ABOVE FOUR SCHEMES.

	£ s. d.
Butterfat	1,912 3 10
Fat lambs	1,571 8 8
Fat sheep	1,221 17 1
Store sheep	1,048 16 0
Wool	575 19 9
Dairy cattle	166 0 0
Run cattle	1,280 9 0
Pigs	193 16 4
Sundries	32 14 7
	£8,003 5 3

SCHEDULE 5.—SHOWS GROSS PRODUCTION ON THE FOUR MAIN BLOCKS (PURURU, LEE'S, NGATAMAHINE AND MAIROA) AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935, AND 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Block.	Butterfat.		Fat Lambs.		Fat Sheep.		Store Sheep.		Wool.		Dairy Cattle.		Run Cattle.		Pigs.		Sundries.	
	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.	31/3/35.	31/3/36.
Pururu ..	£ 201	£ 547	£ 135	£ 293	£ 126	£ 185	£ 188	£ 456	£ 46	£ 93	£ Nil	£ 86	£ 185	£ 501	£ 14	£ 36	£ 4	£ 11
Lee's ..	Nil	268	74	129	Nil	6	32	2	10	28	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	38	Nil	1
Ngatamahine	416	1,097	732	1,149	55	264	330	591	225	386	380	80	Nil	304	48	120	4	19
Mairoa ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	767	Nil	Nil	Nil	69	Nil	Nil	Nil	476	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Totals ..	617	1,912	941	1,571	181	1,222	550	1,049	281	576	382	166	185	1,281	62	194	8	32

FOUR MAIN SCHEMES.

	31st March, 1935.	31st March, 1936.
	£	£
Butterfat	617	1,912
Fat lambs	941	1,571
Fat sheep	181	1,222
Store sheep	550	1,049
Wool	281	576
Dairy cattle	382	166
Run cattle	185	1,281
Pigs	62	194
Sundries	8	32
	£3,207	£8,003

Amount of Manure and Lime used as at 31st March, 1935, and 31st March, 1936.

Block.	Superphosphate.		Lime.	
	1935.	1936.	1935.	1936.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Ngatamahine	68	36	73	79
Pururu	13	41	15	58
Lee's	3	18	6	29
Mairoa	6	23	12	130
	90	118	106	296

Amount of superphosphate used

Amount of lime used

1935.
Tons.

1936.
Tons.

Total.
Tons.

.. 90

.. 118

208

106

296

402

SCHEDULE 9.—VITAL STATISTICS : PEOPLE DEPENDENT ON THE SCHEME FOR A LIVELIHOOD.

Block.	Total Average Number of Men employed.	Single Men.	Married Men.	Prospective Settlers.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Ngatamahine	100	72	9	19	28	83	211
Pururu	97	83	2	12	13	31	141
Lee's	28	..	24	4	28	37	93
Mairoa	106	97	2	7	8	26	140
Metcalf's	7	2	2	3	5	8	20
O'Keefe's	2	..	1	1	2	4	8
Cruickshank's	4	3	..	1	1	3	8
Larsen's	5	2	..	3	3	5	13
Hill's	10	8	..	2	2	6	18
Ower Road	30	21	9	..	9	2	41
Anderson's	1	..	..	1	1	2	4
Prett's	3	..	..	3	3	10	16
Wilcott's	70	41	29	..	29	65	164
Langdon's and Foss's	21	19	..	2	2	4	27
Puketotara	3	2	..	1	1	3	7
Levien's	1	..	..	1	1	10	12
Eight 40 schemes	18	11	..	7	7	14	39
	506	361	78	67	143	313	962

Table 1.—RETURN SHOWING (APPROXIMATELY) POSITION OF LANDS IN THE DOMINION AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

District.	Total area sold or granted and held on Freehold.	Total Area reserved for Public Purposes.	Total Area of Crown Lands leased under all Tenures (exclusive of Reserves leased by Crown).	Total Area of Crown Lands available for Future Disposal.	Total Area of Native Land.	Land unfit for Settlement (including Area occupied by Rivers, Lakes, Roads, &c.).	Total Area in Land District.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Auckland	2,611,692	444,324	556,410	132,155	516,191	217,428	4,478,200
Auckland	2,618,968	1,240,604	988,718	562,109	1,634,675	1,175,499	8,220,573
Gisborne	1,142,017	481,825	517,637	78,107	1,042,076	254,264	3,515,926
Hawke's Bay	1,552,837	202,329	546,361	66,217	371,518	178,624	2,917,886
Taranaki	1,123,280	342,891	616,079	84,052	165,734	72,395	2,404,431
Wellington*	3,527,810	1,069,461	788,488	138,527	787,057	739,726	7,051,069
Nelson	659,680	2,374,780	761,516	100,006	30,051	788,967	4,715,000
Marlborough	789,185	350,376	1,473,054	47,079	..	108,306	2,768,000
Westland	166,993	2,184,158	647,771	395,422	..	469,034	3,863,378
Canterbury	3,560,372	1,458,640	3,942,942	34,980	..	481,496	9,478,430
Otago	1,981,539	954,778	5,449,795	23,087	..	612,078	9,021,277
Southland	1,856,699	4,526,252	1,376,645	67,103	..	129,327	7,956,026
Totals	21,591,072	15,630,418	17,665,416	1,728,844	4,547,302	5,227,144	66,390,196

* Includes Chatham Islands.

Table 2.—LANDS SELECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Land District.	Cash.		Deferred Payments.		Renewable Lease.		Small Grazing-runs.		Pastoral Runs.		Pastoral Licenses in Mining Districts under Special Regulations.		Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.		Miscellaneous Leases, &c.		Education Endowments.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
North Auckland	17	671	19	610	23	5,371	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	2,859	6	461	103	9,972
Auckland	26	1,136	32	988	32	12,302	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	80	52	19,432	1	7	146	33,945
Gisborne	4	22	4	22	3	1,377	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	3,818	1	1	23	5,222
Hawke's Bay	7	336	1	1,724	7	1,061	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1,090	3	77	24	4,288
Taranaki	7	26	6	441	20	9,890	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	7,197	5	338	17	17,392
Wellington	31	158	32	337	11	3,486	..	..	1	1,877	..	..	..	..	67	12,210	5	12	147	18,080
Nelson	3	16	2	419	15	8,901	..	..	..	..	3	217	..	..	106	8,252	1	1	131	17,806
Marlborough	1	1	2	1	2	261	1	3,221	1	5,500	..	..	..	..	13	194	2	1	22	9,189
Westland	5	1	7	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	6	1,642	6	23	110	7,792	2	162	139	9,625
Canterbury	5	12	..	..	22	7,678	1	15,300	1	11,160	..	..	..	..	68	2,077	3	733	100	36,960
Otago	19	33	..	..	16	4,853	..	..	2	15,150	..	..	2	6	27	7,520	7	562	73	28,124
Southland	10	564	3	330	3	383	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	1,744	16	15,902	68	18,923
Totals	135	2,358	109	4,875	157	55,565	2	18,531	5	33,687	9	1,859	11	109	557	74,185	52	18,257	1,037	210,026

Table 3.—LANDS HELD ON LEASE AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Land District.	Deferred Payments.		Lease in Perpetuity.		Renewable Lease.		Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Small Grazing-runs.		Pastoral Runs.		Pastoral Licenses in Mining Districts.		Mining Districts Land Occupation Leases.		Miscellaneous Leases and Licenses.		Education Endowments.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
North Auckland	558	52,855	423	67,726	1,165	237,833	588	97,427	..	..	553	..	..	..	2	71	499	98,189	770	44,691	4,012	599,547
Auckland	1,559	173,370	370	101,920	1,450	308,724	746	197,423	7	30,800	1	8,755	156	39,908	155	3,306	1,192*	119,003*	195	54,356	5,831	1,037,565
Gisborne	71	16,935	80	42,620	312	179,033	100	63,892	75	171,959	..	..	..	..	..	..	133	23,321	71	38,720	842	536,480
Hawke's Bay	149	31,616	406	108,972	579	225,534	147	42,475	20	36,891	9	61,987	..	..	..	..	2	39,063	191	51,794	1,624	598,334
Taranaki	155	19,030	579	141,673	493	171,440	338	134,186	2	3,336	..	..	..	..	..	..	122	51,357	612	46,786	2,472	568,141
Wellington	858	100,437	1,028	142,981	1,172	220,976	389	142,213	15	24,667	6	10,825	..	..	..	..	2	37,834	516	102,788	4,612	783,197
Nelson	71	16,603	243	106,320	640	246,525	44	17,872	6	9,603	4	199,444	133	27,353	17	538	453	113,502	133	7,892	1,845	745,756
Marlborough	42	18,722	549	178,421	295	160,372	72	19,542	108	276,207	41	811,258	..	..	..	..	7	12,412	33	1,408	1,373	1,478,395
Westland	74	8,076	352	40,548	701	80,571	17	3,436	..	..	39	516,266	268	50,349	141	885	50	193,539	133	15,364	2,529	909,084
Canterbury	88	25,827	1,445	251,128	892	361,153	5	705	133	453,040	122	2,800,919	..	..	..	..	55	1,683	235	70,846	3,968	4,162,981
Otago	85	42,947	1,300	277,111	1,106	371,162	126	17,794	383	1,443,487	314	3,279,206	..	..	369	12,285	67	144,293†	442	46,469	5,603	5,638,166
Southland	110	13,305	537	90,595	432	86,743	164	26,892	20	64,989	64	1,120,057	..	..	42	1,308	17	52,196	803	336,227	2,617	1,792,504
Totals	3,820	519,723	7,412	1,550,020	9,237	2,650,066	2,736	763,857	769	2,514,979	601	8,809,270	557	117,610	726	18,393	158	1,082,389	4,134	817,341	37,328	18,850,150

* Includes Thermal Springs District leases. † Includes Hamner Crown Leases. ‡ Includes Agricultural Leases.

NOTE.—This table includes national endowments and education endowments, but excludes other endowments administered by Land Boards.

Table 4.—LANDS DISPOSED OF UNDER THE LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Land District.	Area acquired.	Area occupied by Roads and Reserves unlet.	Area of Land unlet, including Land forfeited, surrendered, or resumed, and not relet, and also Land not yet offered for Selection.	Total Area purchased for Cash and made Freehold to Date.			Total Lands leased to Date.			Rent and other Payments received during the Year.	Total Receipts from inception to 31st March, 1936.
				Number of Purchasers.	Area.	Price realized.	Number of Selectors.	Area.	Annual Rental.		
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	£		Acres.	£	£	£
N. Auckland	53,941	1,132	1,408	255	3,212	40,552	303	48,189	15,781	15,570	247,549
Auckland ..	360,730	77,464	17,965	841	144,310	332,087	861	120,991	36,190	46,706	1,166,723
Gisborne ..	87,808	423	9,939	53	8,412	68,107	229	69,034	25,240	21,291	376,463
Hawke's Bay	228,648	2,428	..	147	27,892	178,181	603	198,328	72,243	66,841	1,132,990
Taranaki ..	28,235	258	3,761	63	2,228	53,326	136	21,988	9,100	8,001	244,420
Wellington ..	161,640	1,048	5,255	518	17,390	202,578	923	137,947	75,369	67,700	1,485,352
Nelson ..	63,878	973	10,328	7	1,636	2,959	69	50,941	2,897	2,602	68,127
Marlborough	235,867	2,641	812	59	10,383	44,713	478	222,031	32,504	25,283	923,327
Westland ..	6,033	80	101	4	398	238	36	5,454	865	787	19,976
Canterbury ..	607,027	4,596	6,394	341	23,456	178,384	1,848	572,581	156,461	157,382	4,153,323
Otago ..	338,979	3,862	959	83	8,028	41,919	1,150	326,130	89,146	64,696	1,901,991
Southland ..	100,973	1,050	667	133	18,370	70,947	351	80,886	20,047	17,855	522,403
Totals ..	2,273,759	95,955	57,589	2,504	265,715	1,213,991	6,987	1,854,500	535,843	494,714	12,242,644

Table 5.—ENDOWMENT LANDS ADMINISTERED BY LAND BOARDS AND LEASED AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

Land District.	National Endowment.			Education Endowments.			Other Endowments.			Totals.		
	Number	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number	Area.	Annual Rental.
		Acres.	£		Acres.	£		Acres.	£		Acres.	£
N. Auckland	467	103,093	7,546	770	44,691	8,985	9	1,554	33	1,246	149,338	16,564
Auckland ..	601	175,522	7,364	195	54,356	3,861	3	542	8	799	230,420	11,233
Gisborne ..	78	141,934	10,225	71	38,720	7,216	15	1,087	315	164	181,741	17,756
Hawke's Bay	53	39,568	4,634	191	51,794	9,935	4	41	31	248	91,403	14,600
Taranaki ..	162	62,687	2,786	612	46,786	10,776	18	9,701	1,177	792	119,174	14,739
Wellington ..	118	58,472	4,016	516	102,788	30,775	25	5,219	2,748	659	166,479	37,539
Nelson ..	637	228,824	3,857	133	7,892	633	638	16,432	1,593	1,408	253,148	6,083
Marlborough	200	506,449	8,583	33	1,408	517	..	..	..	233	507,857	9,100
Westland ..	934	191,941	3,511	133	15,364	853	20	10	109	1,087	207,315	4,473
Canterbury ..	154	1,668,589	40,283	235	70,846	28,844	200	17,093	1,902	589	1,756,528	71,029
Otago ..	765	2,509,157	40,889	442	46,469	6,103	68	177,290	8,097	1,275	2,732,916	55,089
Southland ..	229	765,670	7,377	803	336,227	20,589	13	109,259	2,258	1,045	1,211,156	30,224
Totals ..	4,398	6,451,906	141,071	4,134	817,341	129,087	1,013	338,228	18,271	9,545	7,607,475	288,429

Table 6.—TOTAL RECEIPTS, ARREARS, AND POSTPONEMENTS.

RECEIPTS, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

(Total receipts from debtors and exclusive of credits on account departmental expenditure, &c.)

	Total.	Head Office.	North Auckland.	Auckland.	Gisborne.	Hawke's Bay.	Taranaki.	Wellington.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.
<i>Ordinary Revenue.</i>														
Territorial revenue—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Crown lands ..	263,902	734	16,664	36,195	22,180	42,051	18,740	29,460	8,756	4,437	4,130	28,183	40,213	12,179
Hauraki ..	9,008	..	..	9,008	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Swamp ..	521	..	..	521	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small farms ..	4,908	..	1,885	678	17	1,659	7	81	29	116	5	51	287	93
National Endowment ..	146,125	10,307	5,192	4,010	8,411	5,411	2,162	3,448	6,636	2,985	5,867	38,703	44,787	8,206
Westport Harbour Board Endowment ..	1,740	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,740	..	..	..	..
Interest on public moneys—														
Survey liens ..	775	..	..	269	11	133	53	303	..	..	..	1	5	..
Small farms ..	9,334	..	3,213	3,751	42	158	750	680	87	119	30	68	98	338
Miscellaneous ..	320	..	113	..	..	21	..	7	..	..	..	30	149	..
Registration and other fees ..	25	..	14	6	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other receipts—Miscellaneous—														
Hauraki Plains ..	2,997	..	..	2,997	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kauri-gum ..	20	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rangitaiki ..	6,395	..	..	6,395	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scenery-preservation ..	457	..	153	21	4	38	4	95	1	31	18	3	23	66
Swamp ..	3,167	..	..	2,600	..	567	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Deposits Account.</i>														
Education Reserves, primary—														
Sales ..	4,542	..	832	687	..	..	43	2,287	..	..	..	..	36	657
Rents ..	111,986	1,406	5,735	2,512	5,621	6,478	9,443	25,800	422	615	609	26,254	5,070	22,021
Education Reserves, secondary—														
Sales ..	344	..	115	229	..	..	1,173	3,702	69	91	26	538	822	197
Rents ..	12,583	404	2,778	454	..	1,298	1,192	2,351	..	..	439	..	..	..
Miscellaneous ..	5,280	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Public Works Fund.</i>														
Small farms: Capital receipts ..	31,902	..	11,748	12,125	45	348	1,751	2,478	42	295	50	260	1,212	1,548
Survey liens: Principal ..	6,020	3,000	..	1,362	152	798	181	479	28	..	..	8	12	..
Hauraki Plains: Sales ..	4,371	..	..	4,371	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lake Ellesmere: Rents ..	1,775	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,775	..	..
Miscellaneous ..	118	..	..	74	6	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	27	..
<i>Land for Settlements Account.</i>														
Receipts derived from estates—														
Rents, &c. ..	421,752	105	13,876	33,010	17,989	59,454	7,326	58,923	24,958	2,536	745	127,069	62,395	13,366
Sales ..	73,067	..	1,694	13,696	3,302	7,387	675	8,777	325	66	42	30,313	2,301	4,489
Sales of Crown land ..	71,250	342	12,937	19,324	2,872	10,970	1,851	9,697	197	823	920	2,243	7,861	1,213
Land Act, 1924, section 208 ..	292	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr. 86	..	..	66	..	312	..
Farm receipts ..	9,282	..	..	..	6,908	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,374	..	..

