

Canterbury Land District :—

Ashton Block, of 703 acres, is situated in Ashburton County : The initial purpose of the block was to test irrigation methods on the light lands of the block, and this work exercised the attention of Lincoln College, which controlled the experiments. The Department assumed full control of the block in 1934, and the development of the property as a whole was commenced. New pastures have been established, gorse grubbed, fences put in order, and generally steady progress has been maintained in the improvement of the area. There are at present 1,700 sheep on the property.

(b) Total Cost of Development-works carried out to 31st March, 1938.

Block.	Expenditure on Development to 31st March, 1937.	Expenditure on Development during Year ended 31st March, 1938.	Total Expenditure on Development to 31st March, 1938.
NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.			
Wharekohe Block	£ 13,151*	£ ..	£ 10,763
AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.			
Arohena Block	207	..	207
Galatea Estate	99,096	21,682	120,778
Koromatua Block	4,466	..	4,466
Mangatutu Block	3,717	..	3,717
Ngakuru Block	84,723	102	84,825
Onepu Block†	20,120	..	20,120
Te Kauwhata Block	32,176	..	32,176
HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.			
Kaheka Estate	..	134	134
Kakariki Estate	42,851	1,101	43,952
Parinui Settlement	..	590	590
TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.			
Tapuwae Estate	13,882	214	14,096
CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.			
Ashton Block	2,046	607	2,653
	316,435	24,430	338,477

* Wharekohe Block expenditure for water-supply as at 31st March, 1937, charged to settlers current accounts. † Part of Onepu Block taken over by Small-farms Board.

In addition to the expenditure on blocks set out above, expenditure has been incurred on roading, survey, &c., of various areas which are being developed by the settlers themselves, bringing the total expenditure for development, stock, roading, and surveys (apart from roading-costs payable out of Public Works Fund) up to the 31st March, 1938, to £364,548, and providing for 580 farms, exclusive of a number of blocks which have not yet been subdivided.

(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.
Galatea (part)	19	2,271	R.L.	17,045	852 5 0
Koromatua	4	538	R.L.	2,900	145 0 0
Mangatutu	5	771	R.L.	4,680	234 0 0
Ngakuru	41	8,037	R.L.	56,289	2,814 9 0
Onepu*	12	1,237	R.L.	11,395	569 15 0
Te Kauwhata	12	1,735	{ R.L. 8,325	416 5 0	
			{ D.P. 6,165	369 1 6	
Wharekohe	15	1,879	R.L.	7,730	231 8 0
	108	16,468	..	114,529	5,632 3 6

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