

*Kairangi Block (1,946 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This is one of the blocks taken over from the Waikato Land Settlement Society. There are fourteen houses erected, and two have been renovated; 1,208 acres have been cleared, 622 acres cultivated, 1,231 acres new pasture sown, and 300 acres of old grass reconditioned. Other work completed consists of 120 chains drains and 30½ miles fences erected and 1½ miles repaired. Thirty chains of internal roads have been formed. The work is approximately 75 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 4,607 ; run cattle, 555 ; dairy cattle, 18 ; horses, 14.

Twenty-six men are employed.

*Kaitaringa (1,339 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This was a block of unimproved Crown land to which road access was necessary, and this has been provided by a road running through the centre of the block. About half of the area was manuka covered and the remainder in bush, part on very steep sidings. The Kaitaringa Stream runs through the block and has been cleaned out.

The work carried out includes 391 acres cleared, 92 acres cultivated, 307 acres new grass sown, 335 chains of drains dug, 394 chains of fencing erected, and one set of sheep-yards constructed.

Work was commenced early in the year and it is about 25 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 451 ; run cattle, 44 ; horses, 4.

*Karakariki (2,043 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This block was also taken over from the Waikato Land Settlement Society.

Twelve houses were erected and two repaired. Nine hundred and thirty acres have been cultivated, 873 acres sown in new grass, 60 acres of old pasture have been reconditioned, 419 chains of drains dug, and 1,432 chains new fencing have been erected and 244 chains fences repaired. One set of sheep-yards and fourteen cow sheds and yards have been constructed. The work is approximately 50 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 1,965 ; run cattle, 234 ; dairy cattle, 30 ; horses, 14.

Thirty-six men are employed.

*Langdon's (456 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This was an abandoned section very badly ragwort infested, almost completely reverted, and, in addition, was infested with rabbits. Work has been proceeding for two years, and so far 304 acres has been cleared, 206 acres cultivated, and 178 acres sown in new grass. New fencing erected totals 204 chains, and 55 chains have been repaired. One new house has been constructed, the cow shed and yards renovated, and one set of sheep-yards erected. One water-supply (bore and ram) has been installed. The work is approximately 65 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 546 ; run cattle, 79 ; dairy cattle, 6 ; horses, 5.

*Larsen's Block (279 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This was a badly ragwort- and rabbit-infested abandoned section on which work has been proceeding for three years. Three houses, three cow sheds and yards, and 1 set of sheep-yards have been constructed. Clearing 270 acres, cultivating 166 acres, new grass sown 128 acres, old grass renovated 35 acres, and 670 chains new fences have been erected, while 70 chains of old fences have been repaired. One water-supply has been installed. Some 120 chains of shelter-belts have been planted. The work is about 90 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 1,298 ; run cattle, 45 ; dairy cattle, 7 ; horses, 7.

*Lee's Block (243 Acres).*

(Control : Superintendent of Land-development, Te Kuiti.)

This is portion of a large section, and was purchased from Mr. J. W. Lee, who retained the original homestead area. An access road of 90 chains has been formed and metalled. It is one of the original blocks, and work has been proceeding for the past four years. Approximately one-third of the area was in cut-over kahikatea swamp and the balance practically all in manuka, fern, and gorse.

Four houses, four cow sheds and yards, and one set of sheep-yards have been erected, one electrically driven water-supply has been installed, 229 acres cleared, 78 acres cultivated, 156 acres new grass sown, and 14 acres old grass reconditioned ; 855 chains of new fences have been erected and 22 chains of old fencing renovated ; 339 chains of drains have been dug, and 40 chains of shelter-belts have been planted. The work is 80 per cent. completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 410 ; dairy cattle, 139 ; horses, 3.