

Waitanguru Block (6,633 Acres).

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

This block is comprised of eleven sections, and others will be included in the near future. This was one of the original schemes. The country was badly deteriorated and ragwort infested, and in addition was subject to malnutrition in sheep. This latter has been overcome with suitable lime and super top-dressing used in conjunction with stock-licks, and the ragwort is now completely controlled. Work has been in operation for five years, and the following is a summary of the improvements effected : Four dwellings erected and four renovated, 1,249 acres cleared, 456 acres cultivated, 1,753 acres sown in new grass, and 129 acres of old grass reconditioned ; 2,521 chains of new fences have been erected, and 118 chains repaired, 280 chains of drains have been cut, one water-supply installed, four cow sheds and yards have been constructed, and one wool-shed and yards renovated. Four sets of sheep-yards have been constructed, also two cattle-yards and two dips.

As this area is being continually added to, there still remains a considerable amount of work to do.

Stock carried : Sheep, 6,192 ; run cattle, 542 ; dairy cattle, 25 ; horses, 17.
Sixty-eight men are employed.

Watson's Block (1,048 Acres).

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This was an abandoned section totally deteriorated and ragwort infested. It is intended to concentrate on approximately 400 acres and reserve the balance, which is mainly in bush.

Work has been progressing for about four years, and the following improvements have been completed : One house has been renovated, one set of cattle-yards erected, and a dip constructed ; 155 acres has been cleared, burnt, and patch sown ; 57 acres cultivated, and of this 50 acres has been sown in grass ; 535 chains of new fencing have been erected and 69 chains of fences repaired.

The work on the front portion is practically completed, and the remainder will be handled as a seasonal operation.

Stock carried : Sheep, 869 ; run cattle, 95 ; dairy cattle, 2 ; horses, 3.

Wharepapa (3,676 Acres).

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This is also one of the blocks taken over from the Waikato Land Settlement Society, which had completed a very large amount of work.

A summary of the improvements is as follows : Clearing, 1,791 acres ; cultivated, 936 acres ; new grass sown, 1,090 acres ; old grass reconditioned, 314 acres ; 1,203 chains of new fences have been erected and 580 chains repaired ; while 530 chains drains have been cut. One water-supply has been installed, seven houses built and 2 repaired, and one dip constructed. The work on this block is more than half completed.

Stock carried : Sheep, 4,173 ; run cattle, 527 ; dairy cattle, 15 ; horses, 24.

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Allotted Holdings : (a) Where Settlers' Charges have been fixed.

Block.	Area.	Number of Holdings.	Rental Value.	Amount of Instalment Mortgage.	Amount of Current Account.	Stock carried (Cows).	Estimated Total Annual Revenue.
	Acres.		£	£	£		£
Murupara	1,364	14	1,060	13,905	6,369	503	4,100
Tarawera	932	9	1,378	11,190	4,176	340	4,486
Broadlands	865	8	775	10,140	3,622	338	3,361
Whangamarino	1,093	9	979	11,690	623	370	5,877
Parks	289	6	3,110	4,330	151	197	2,880
Wainui South	782	7	1,610	8,745	5,157	291	3,457
Onepu	690	10	520	8,190	2,178	365	3,300
Blackshaws (part)	87	2	1,390	490	84	60	991
Individual holdings (not in blocks)	2,814	43	9,734	17,922	14,014	971	13,644
Totals	8,916	108	20,556	86,602	36,374	3,435	42,096

Allotted Holdings : (b) Where settlers' Charges have not been fixed.

Block.	Area.	Number of Holdings.	Stock carried (Cows).	Estimated Total Annual Revenue.
	Acres.			£
Part Blackshaws	152	3	53	1,204
Wharere	233	5	149	1,284
Individual holding (not in a block)	13	1	..	..
Totals	398	9	202	2,488