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The development and settlement of Native lands, the construction and repair of houses for Maoris, and the promotion of employment amongst the people are measures which are directed by the Board of Native Affairs and controlled by the Native Department. A full report dealing with the operations of the Board, and the policy adopted to encourage and assist the Maori people in their establishment as self-supporting members of the community, is contained in parliamentary report G.-10.

Further detailed particulars of public works carried out during the past year are included in the attached reports by the Engineer-in-Chief, the Government Architect, and the Chief Electrical Engineer.

In accordance with section 24 of the Main Highways Act, 1922, the annual report of the Main Highways Board for the year ended 31st March, 1941, together with a statement of accounts duly audited by the Audit Office, is also attached, *vide* Appendix E.