

Table C.—Expenditure.

Ahuriri Lagoon Block—						
Area .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	7,753 acres.
* Cost of acquisition—						
Land .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	£1,531 9s. 3d.
Improvements .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	£186
Cash expended, excluding subsidies and expenditure on stock and chattels—						
To 31st March, 1940 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	£37,940 6s. 1d.
For financial year 1940–41 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	£5,897 18s. 5d.
Total to 31st March, 1941 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	£43,838 4s. 6d.
Total expenditure to 31st March, 1941, excluding subsidies and stock and chattels, but including cost of acquisition .. .. .						
						£45,555 13s. 9d.

PARTICULARS IN RESPECT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, NAPIER.

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

Block.	Area.			Number of Hold-ings.	Annual Rentals.			Amount of Instalment Mortgage.			Amount of Current Account.			Stock carried.	Estimated Total Annual Revenue.
	A.	R.	P.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£
Karamu.. ..	103	1	2	19	276	16	6	9,274	11	7	3,982	11	7	45 cattle, 76 pigs, 153 poultry	920
Richmond ..	196	3	31·8	38	116	17	6	20,096	10	7	303	7	10	110 cattle, 2 horses, 15 sheep, 20 pigs, 762 poultry	735
Individual holdings	680	3	17·6	12	324	7	6	1,270	0	0	449	13	1	176 cattle, 13 horses, 212 sheep, 29 pigs, 232 poultry	1,976

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

Individual block—						
Area .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	15 acres.
Number of holdings .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stock carried: Cows .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3
Estimated total annual revenue .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	£20

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

PAKIHI LAND-DEVELOPMENT, WESTPORT (1,538 ACRES).

Of the total area of 1,538 acres, approximately 1,200 acres have been developed, the balance being useless land comprising terrace and peaty pakihi. Three hundred and thirty head of yearling to three-year-old dry cattle are at present being carried, and this represents about the maximum capacity in view of the fact that the wetter areas poach badly and can be used for summer grazing only. Although the best English grasses have been sown, they cannot be maintained, and *Lotus major* soon takes charge. Even this cannot be heavily grazed, as its life depends upon its self-seeding.

The herd on the experimental farm unit of approximately 100 acres was this year reduced from thirty-four to twenty-nine cows, but production showed an increase of 582 lb. of butterfat for the six months ended 31st March, 1941. The complete season's production should reach about 6,000 lb., which is still not satisfactory, having regard to the treatment this area has received. It is very problematical whether dairying can be carried on economically on Pakihi lands.

ORGAN'S BLOCK (586 ACRES).

In an endeavour to provide productive work for scheme 13 workers in Westport, the Board agreed recently to commence the development of this block of 586 acres situated on the Buller River about five miles from Westport. All wages are being found by the National Service Department (Employment Division), the Small Farms Board financing the materials expenditure.

The land is of good quality and offers prospects of successful development for dairying. When taken over, 80 acres were cleared, the balance being in bush. The whole area has been ring-fenced, and the cleared area sown down. Ten acres were put in swedes. Considerable drainage will be necessary, and good progress has already been made with the main drains. A cottage has been erected for the foreman.

\* Bulk of area held under lease from Napier Harbour Board.