

## MAUNGARANGI

A portion of the homestead block has been set aside as a nursery for fruit and citrus trees. Some excellent pip- and stone-fruit trees have been sent throughout the district, while there are at present a large number of citrus trees which will be available next season.

## MAUNGAROA

This scheme, which lies on the banks of the Kereu River, was taken under development following the surrender of the lease in 1937. Access is by an eight-mile track up the river-bed. The country is mainly steep hill faces, there being only 400 acres of flat. Maintenance work and control of rushes have been carried out, while 160 chains of new fencing have been erected. Six hundred posts and 5,000 battens were split. Renovations to the manager's house and additions to wool-shed yards have generally improved the conditions of this scheme. A four-stand shearing plant was installed and sheep now do not have to be driven down the river to a neighbouring station to be shorn. The drought did quite a lot of good on this station, as water is plentiful and the shortage of grass caused the stock to clean up quite a lot of rough pasture. As this is a back-country run difficult of access, it cannot be considered as a unit subdivision proposition.

## OKAREKA

This scheme covers 2,122 acres and lies about seven miles from Rotorua adjoining the Puketawhero and Wharenui Blocks (Tihiotonga Station). It is mainly rough and broken hill country, but is responding to development and carries wethers and run cattle very well. During the year an adjoining block of 800 acres was purchased and development will start on this area as soon as conditions permit. During the year internal roading was carried out; this will enable better use to be made of manure and give more effective control of the stock.

## OKERE

This scheme lies between Lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti and is for the most part easy hill country. There are still some 2,000 acres in standing bush. The area developed carries a very good sole of grass and fat stock turned off have been of excellent quality.

The debt to the Waiariki Maori Land Board incurred prior to development has been partly liquidated, and it is anticipated that the balance of this debt will be paid off by June, 1946.

## ORETE

This property is about sixty miles east of Opotiki and is run as a sheep and cattle station. An additional area of 360 acres has recently been taken over and a share-milker installed.

## PEKA

This scheme is situated on the Atiamuri Road about three miles from Rotorua. Maintenance work only has been carried out during the year, but a new manager's house, wool-shed, and dip are under construction. The wool-shed and dip will obviate the present necessity of driving sheep to Brent's Farm for shearing, dipping, and crutching. Sheep from other schemes will also be handled on the place.