

successful "A" Grade ex-servicemen being employed on a wages basis pending completion of development work. Two new dwellings, cow-sheds, and implement-sheds have been erected, one house renovated, section boundary fences erected, and boundary fences renovated, and scrub-cutting and gorse-grubbing carried out. The Matarawa Stream has been cleared of willows and widened. Each unit is now milking a herd for town supply. Further draining and renovation to existing pastures are essential before charges are fixed next year.

*Hurepo* (Locality : Linton).—Area, 1,361 acres. Acquired, 28th February, 1947. Subdivisions, two sheep and cattle units. An ex-serviceman manager has been appointed with right of a section, and the remaining unit balloted on wages. The development programme will be completed in time for settlers to be established on fixed charges on individual sections for 1948-49 season.

*Ihakara* (Locality : Levin).—Area, 561 acres. Purchased, 31st May, 1946. Subdivisions, one dairy and one dairy with sheep. The sections have been balloted, and during the coming season a herd of seventy-five cows will be milked. Crushing the hill portion of property with heavy stock had good results, while a contract has been let for cutting scrub on 224 acres of hill. Charges will be fixed prior to 1948-49 season.

*Kahu* (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 380 acres. Purchased, 30th June, 1940. Subdivision, single sheep and cattle unit. A new dwelling and stables have been erected and new fencing, sheep-yards, dam, and repairs to existing fencing completed. An "A" Grade ex-serviceman is working on wages. Negotiations are in hand for purchase of additional land for amalgamation with this section, and charges will be fixed as soon as this matter is completed.

*Kaimatarau* (Locality : Rongotea).—Area, 309 acres. Purchased, 31st October, 1946. Subdivisions, five dairy-farms. Development work comprises buildings, fencing, draining, water-supplying, and roading. Manager is an "A" Grade ex-serviceman with promise of a section, and one undefined unit has been balloted on wages. Satisfactory progress is being made with development: contracts for four houses and three cow-sheds have been let and are under construction, fencing on three subdivisions is almost completed, and all main drains have been widened and deepened. Further internal fencing and draining is required, but property should be ready for final settlement prior to 1948 season.

*Karere* (Locality : Longburn).—Area, 203 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1946. Subdivisions, three dairy units. Development work completed comprises 230 chains new fencing, 96 chains fencing renewed, one new bore installed, one old bore recapped, 40 chains piping relaid, four concrete bridges built, 26 chains internal roading formed, and 40 chains drains widened and deepened. Eighteen acres sown in barley, which averaged 49 bushels per acre, has been sown in new grass. Completion of development entails building two new dwellings and farm buildings, internal fencing, and plug and tile draining. During the past season ninety cows were milked on a share-milking basis, and for the coming season it is proposed to establish a heifer herd for allocation between the prospective ex-servicemen. Manager is an "A" Grade ex-serviceman with promise of a section, and the remaining sections are to be balloted on wages prior to 1947-48 dairy season.

*Kawhatau* (Locality : Mangaweka).—Area, 1,554 acres. Purchased, 6th March, 1946. Subdivisions, two sheep units. Owing to the nature of the country subdivisional fencing has been particularly difficult. Development work completed consists of 150 chains new fencing, 32 chains boundary completely reconditioned, general repairs to all fences, one new dwelling, two implement-sheds, and water-supply. Homestead has been renovated. Sections have been balloted, and two "A" Grade ex-servicemen who are now on wages are to be established on fixed charges for the coming season.

*Kereru* (Locality : Levin).—Area, 586 acres. Possession, 7th June, 1945. Subdivisions, six dairy and one mixed. Development programme has been completed, charges fixed, and seven settlers established on their sections at the commencement of 1946-47 dairy season.