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# NATIVE DEPARTMENT

## THE DEVELOPMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF NATIVE LANDS AND THE PROVISION OF HOUSES FOR MAORIS

(STATEMENT UPON THE PROGRESS OF, BY THE RIGHT HON. P. FRASER, MINISTER  
OF NATIVE AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF NATIVE AFFAIRS)

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### GENERAL REPORT

IN presenting its report for the financial year ended 31st March, 1947, the Board of Native Affairs furnishes a *résumé* of the varied activities connected with the development, settlement, and farming of Maori lands; housing construction under the Maori housing scheme; the rehabilitation of Maori ex-servicemen; and other operations financed by State and Trust funds for the advancement of the Maori people.

Matters that continue to receive the earnest consideration of the Board are the settlement of the Maori upon his own lands under such conditions that will ensure for him and his dependants economic self-sufficiency, the amelioration of his living conditions, and his absorption and establishment in the national life of the community.

Previous reports have recorded the attitude of the Administration in regard to the conservation of the ancestral lands now remaining in the possession of the Maori race. The past few years have shown a consolidation and intensification of the Maori land-development policy. There has also been a keener appreciation by the Legislature and