

*Middlerigg* (Locality : Dunsandel).—Area, 523 acres. Acquired, 2nd August, 1946. Subdivision, four dairy-farms. Contracts have been let and the builder is working on the three new houses and other farm buildings required on this block. During the year four bores have been driven, 32 chains of new fencing erected, and 50 acres of new pasture sown. Settlement depends on erection of buildings.

*Montalto* (Locality : Mayfield).—Area, 2,631 acres. Acquired, 20th March, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep-farms. One section was allotted in August, 1947, and it is hoped to settle the other three sections in September next. Development work during the year included re-erection of 40 chains of boundary fence. Two new dwellings and other farm buildings are required, but as yet it has not been possible to obtain a contractor for this work.

*Motunau* (Locality : Motunau).—Area, 3,094 acres. Acquired, 20th January, 1941. Subdivision, six sheep-farms. Development work was completed during the year and six settlers took over their sections on 13th May, 1947.

*Mount Paul, previously named Lyndon* (Locality : Waiau).—Area, 19,401 acres. Acquired, March–May, 1947. Subdivision, four sheep, five sheep and cropping. An area of 8,403 acres was added to this block during the year. Development work will include the erection of five new houses, six new utility sheds, access tracks, water-supply, and 20 miles to 25 miles of fencing. Building-work at present being undertaken is mainly renovations to existing dwellings and men's quarters to provide temporary accommodation. Four ex-servicemen are employed with rights to permanent tenure.

*Newlands* (Locality : Ashburton).—Area, 369 acres. Acquired, 1st July, 1946. Subdivision, one irrigated fat-lamb unit. Previously part of Winchmore Irrigation Development Block and now used as a separate unit for costing and management information. An additional area of 70 acres was added to the block during the year. The block is fully developed, except for approximately 60 chains of fencing. With a much drier summer, lambs fattened readily on irrigated pasture. It is proposed to carry 750 ewes and replacements and to grow a small area of wheat for the 1948–49 season.

*Pineview* (Locality : Mayfield).—Area, 4,438 acres. Acquired, March–April, 1945. Subdivision, six sheep-farms. The remaining section on this block was allotted on 26th May, 1947.

*Riverview* (Locality : Ealing).—Area, 540 acres. Acquired, 1st August, 1946. It was intended to hold this block with the object of acquiring other land for ultimate subdivision into irrigated units. As irrigation water is not likely to be available for a considerable time, consideration is now being given to settling the block on fixed charges as one "dry" farm.

*Rocklea* (Locality : Lyndhurst).—Area, 525 acres. Acquired, 19th March, 1948. Subdivision, two irrigation farms on acquisition of a further 175 acres to 200 acres. Sixty-four acres have been levelled and bordered and sown down with permanent pasture in addition to 50 acres already bordered by the previous owner. Approximately 300 chains of fencing is required and settlement will depend on acquisition of additional land and supply of fencing-materials. An ex-serviceman manager is employed with right to permanent tenure.

*Scotsburn* (Locality : Geraldine).—Area, 2,632 acres. Acquired, 21st March, 1946. Subdivision, three sheep-farms. The three settlers on wages were allotted their sections on 30th July, 1947.

*Sefton* (Locality : Sefton).—Area, 508 acres. Acquired, 2nd May, 1947. Subdivision, four town-supply dairy-farms. The building programme, which includes the erection of three new dwellings and four new cow-sheds, is progressing satisfactorily, and it is hoped to settle the block in September–October, 1948. Considerable work has been done in cleaning and widening drains, cutting and repairing fences.