

## DECLARATION OF MILK DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL MILK AUTHORITIES

As at 31st March, 1948, the following is a schedule of the declared milk districts and established Milk Authorities :—

District.	Authority.	Date constituted or Date of First Election.
Auckland Metropolitan .. ..	Auckland Metropolitan Milk Board .. ..	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Christchurch Metropolitan .. ..	Christchurch Metropolitan Milk Board .. ..	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Dunedin Metropolitan .. ..	Dunedin Metropolitan Milk Board .. ..	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Hutt Valley and Bays Metropolitan .. ..	Hutt Valley and Bays Metropolitan Milk Board .. ..	{ 20/12/45 23/1/46
Palmerston North Metropolitan .. ..	Palmerston North Metropolitan Milk Board .. ..	{ 15/7/45 14/8/45
Ashburton .. ..	Ashburton Borough Council .. ..	24/8/45
Balclutha .. ..	Balclutha Borough Council .. ..	14/9/45
Blenheim .. ..	Blenheim Borough Council .. ..	17/8/45
Dannevirke .. ..	Dannevirke Borough Council .. ..	15/7/45
Feilding .. ..	Feilding Borough Council .. ..	15/7/45
Hamilton .. ..	Hamilton City Council .. ..	24/8/45
Hastings .. ..	Hastings Borough Council .. ..	15/7/45
Invercargill .. ..	Invercargill City Council .. ..	7/9/45
Lyttelton .. ..	Lyttelton Borough Council .. ..	1/3/46
Mataura .. ..	Mataura Borough Council .. ..	14/9/45
Mount Maunganui .. ..	Mount Maunganui Borough Council .. ..	15/2/46
Napier .. ..	Napier Borough Council .. ..	24/8/45
Nelson .. ..	Nelson City Council .. ..	14/6/46
Oamaru .. ..	Oamaru Borough Council .. ..	24/8/45
Stratford .. ..	Stratford Borough Council .. ..	24/8/45
Tauranga .. ..	Tauranga Borough Council .. ..	22/3/46
Timaru .. ..	Timaru Borough Council .. ..	17/8/45
Te Puke .. ..	Te Puke Borough Council .. ..	1/7/46
Wanganui .. ..	Wanganui City Council .. ..	15/7/45
Whangarei .. ..	Whangarei Borough Council .. ..	15/7/45
Waimate .. ..	Waimate Borough Council .. ..	23/12/47

## PUBLIC INQUIRIES CONDUCTED BY THE CENTRAL MILK COUNCIL

During this period only one public inquiry was undertaken—that of investigating the most economic means of ensuring the adequate treatment of milk in the Timaru Milk District. Pursuant to the provisions of section 103 of the Milk Act, 1944, the Committee of the Council set up to conduct this inquiry consisted of Mr. M. E. Lyons, Chairman, Mr. L. C. Nisbet, F.P.A.N.Z., and Mr. C. J. McFadden. A public hearing was held in Timaru on Thursday, 11th September, 1947, and subsequently the Committee presented the following recommendations to the Council :—

1. The Committee is of the opinion that the throughput for Timaru is not sufficient to justify two treatment plants operating in the district, and recommends that steps be taken by the Marketing Department, preferably by negotiation, to acquire the treatment side of the Midland Dairy Co.'s business.

2. The Marketing Department, having acquired the business and premises of the Supreme Co. is faced with capital expenditure upon buildings and plant to bring the premises up to the standard desirable and to provide for handling the whole of the milk under one roof. Some capital expenditure on each is inevitable even if the two plants continued to operate, and in the case of the Midland Co. they stated in evidence that the Company proposed to build a new treating house.

3. The Committee is not satisfied that it would be wise to concentrate upon the present Supreme site, feeling from the examination made prior to the Committee sitting that there is not sufficient scope to convert it into a good unit having regard to future growth of the district. The loading in and out facilities will never be completely satisfactory on the present site. Taking into consideration that