

Two units have been completed and were settled in July, 1948. Work on the road is progressing slowly, but, apart from buildings, other work is well ahead. Two more units will be settled in April, 1949, and the balance in June, 1949, using temporary accommodation. Three ex-servicemen on wages, with promises of sections.

Waiohine, at Greytown, 266 acres. Acquired, July, 1946. Allotted as one dairy-farm, four small-fruit farms, and one worker's home.

Waipawa, at Masterton, 1,176 acres. Acquired, February, 1948. Development completed and allotted as one sheep unit, August, 1948.

Wairepu, at Taihape, 1,621 acres. Acquired, 23rd February, 1948. Objective: Two store-sheep units. Development programme includes new houses and sheds for both sections, one wool-shed from salvage, sheep-yards, dip, farm tracking, fencing, and cutting of 500 acres of scrub. All work should be completed by 31st May, 1949, with the exception of buildings. Settlement with temporary accommodation on one unit will be effected by 31st May, 1949. Ex-serviceman manager, with promise of a section.

Whareroa, at Paekakariki, 2,262 acres. Purchased at various dates since 1945. No development work is being undertaken. The area is being farmed with a standard flock of sheep and a herd of cows milked for town supply.

Whitaunui, at Shannon, 965 acres. Acquired, July, 1948. Objective: Thirteen dairy units. Development programme includes a full set of buildings on each unit except one house and shed, 1½ miles of new roading, all internal fencing, water-reticulation, and approximately 300 acres to be stumped, logged, and put in grass. Approximately 166 acres have now been stumped and are in crop. A further 109 acres have been stumped only. A fairly lengthy programme is necessary, and immediate settlement is not envisaged.

Willowmere, at Feilding, 425 acres. Acquired, August, 1948. Objective: Two fat-lamb units. Development mainly house, implement-shed for one unit, 80 chains of new fencing, sheep-yards, and water-reticulation. Work is nearing completion, including buildings. Settlement will be effected in June, 1949. Ex-serviceman manager, with promise of a section.

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Moutere, at Upper Moutere, 306 acres. Acquired, August, 1948. Objective: Two tobacco units. Development programme: Planting tobacco and erection of additional buildings. Progress: 9 acres Grade IV tobacco land in tobacco. An area was used for experiments with manures and varieties of leaf in conjunction with Tobacco Research Station. Building programme deferred pending results of tobacco experiments. Ex-serviceman manager, with promise of allotment of a section.

Orinoco, at Orinoco, 827 acres. Acquired, June, 1947. Objective: Three tobacco units, balance area poor grazing country. Development programme: Experimenting with growing of tobacco on Grade IV tobacco land to determine suitability for establishment of ex-servicemen. Progress: One set of buildings erected. Eight acres planted in tobacco, and while season's results satisfactory, suitability for commercial tobacco growing still doubtful.

Pangatotara, at Pangatotara, 164 acres. Acquired, October, 1948. Allotted immediately after acquisition as three tobacco units.

Sarton, at Stoke, 76 acres. Acquired, June, 1946. Approximately 1 acre allotted to disabled ex-serviceman for house-site, and balance leased for five years to three ex-servicemen for grazing.

Te Namu, at Karamea, 431 acres. Acquired, July, 1947. Development completed and allotted as two dairy units, August, 1948.