

*Sefton*, at Sefton, 508 acres. Acquired, May, 1947. Objective: Four dairy units. All development work, including the erection of buildings, is completed. Three ex-servicemen employed on wages, with promises of units. All sections should be allotted on fixed charges in July, 1949.

*Spring Creek*, at Methven, 337 acres. Acquired, December, 1946. Objective: One sheep and cropping unit. Settlement on permanent tenure was made, July, 1948.

*Stamford*, at Makikihi, 1,049 acres. Acquired, April, 1948. Objective: Two sheep and cropping units, plus an area for amalgamation with uneconomic unit held by an ex-serviceman. All development work nearing completion. This includes renovations to existing house and buildings, erection of new house and combined shed, erection of boundary fencing. Two units were settled on permanent tenure, September, 1948, with provision for temporary accommodation.

*Stonehaven*, at Ruapuna, 1,285 acres. Acquired, May, 1947. Objective: Two sheep and cropping units. Two units settled on permanent tenure, July, 1948. Temporary accommodation provided for one settler. Erection of new house and shed and renovations to existing house are under way.

*Stormlea*, at Methven, 1,017 acres. Acquired, October, 1946. Objective: Three sheep and cropping units. The building programme has been completed and settlement of three units on fixed charges was made July, 1948.

*Stowells*, at Esk Valley, 570 acres. Acquired, July, 1947. Objective: One sheep and cropping unit. Four hundred and ninety acres settled as one unit on permanent tenure in August, 1948, with a temporary lease of 80 acres. Efforts being made to acquire further land to add to balance area to provide a further sheep and cropping unit.

*Strathallan*, at Fairlie, 2,469 acres. Acquired: 1,841 acres, March, 1948, and 628 acres, March, 1949. Objective: Three sheep and cropping units. The building programme provides for one new house, one new wool-shed, one new combined shed, and renovations to two houses and one wool-shed. The erection of internal fencing has yet to be carried out. Access road over the swamp on Section 3 is to be formed to give access to the arable portion of farm. One ex-serviceman manager and one ex-serviceman are employed, with promises of sections. Settlement of two units on fixed charges is anticipated, August, 1949, and the remaining unit, autumn, 1950.

*Strathconan*, at Fairlie, 497 acres. Acquired, March, 1948. Objective: One sheep and cropping unit. Renovations to house and shed to be carried out and erection of new barn. One ex-serviceman is employed, with promise of a section. Settlement on permanent tenure is anticipated in 1949.

*Templetons*, at Geraldine, 184 acres. Acquired, June, 1943. Objective: One dairy unit. Settlement on permanent tenure completed, December, 1948.

*Trent*, at Templeton, 20 acres. Acquired, May, 1948. Objective: Three raspberry-growing units. Settlement on permanent tenure completed, September and December, 1948.

*Tripp*, at Geraldine, 665 acres. Acquired, May, 1940. Objective: One sheep and cropping unit. This block has been developed by tile and mole draining, and further development by way of fencing and liming will be completed in 1949.

*Valetta*, at Ashburton, 8,815 acres. Acquired, 1940-1947. Objective: Indefinite. This block lies within the proposed Valetta-Tinwald Irrigation Scheme. No water will be available for some years, and the block is being farmed on a maintenance basis meantime.

*Viewbrae*, at Methven, 485 acres. Acquired, October, 1946. Objective: Two irrigated units. The erection of a new dwelling and wool-shed has been completed, and a further 90 acres has been bordered and sown down. Two ex-servicemen are employed, with promises of sections. Allotment on fixed charges is anticipated, August, 1949.