

Messrs. J. J. Maher, M.P., and C. J. McFadden, representatives respectively of North and South Island Town Milk Producer Associations, and appointed on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. H. E. Combs, M.P., appointed on the recommendation of the Minister of Health.

Mr. L. C. Webb, as Director of Marketing.

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

The following is a schedule of the declared milk districts and established milk authorities approved during the year ending 31st March, 1949:—

District.	Authority.	Date District Constituted.	Date Local Milk Authority Constituted.
Bluff .. ..	Bluff Borough Council .. ..	1/7/48	1/7/48
Te Aroha .. ..	Te Aroha Borough Council .. ..	20/12/48	20/12/48
Dargaville .. ..	Dargaville Borough Council .. ..	7/3/49	7/3/49
New Plymouth .. ..	New Plymouth Milk Board .. ..	14/3/49	30/3/49
South Taranaki .. ..	South Taranaki Milk Board .. ..	8/11/48	24/11/48
Pieton .. ..	Pieton Borough Council .. ..	7/3/49	7/3/49
Rotorua .. ..	Rotorua Borough Council .. ..	20/12/48	20/12/48
Taihape .. ..	Taihape Borough Council .. ..	28/12/48	28/12/48

#### PUBLIC INQUIRIES CONDUCTED BY CENTRAL MILK COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Central Milk Council held on the 21st October, 1948, a formal protest was received from the Hamilton Milk Vendors' Association, Inc., against the decision of the Hamilton City Council as the Local Milk Authority to alter the present method of one vendor one zone to a system of block zoning with two or three vendors operating in each zone.

In keeping with section 103 of the Milk Act, 1944, it was decided to set up a Committee of Inquiry, the Hon. W. J. Rogers, M.L.C., and Mr. C. J. McFadden agreeing to be the Committee.

The Hon. W. J. Rogers, M.L.C., found it impossible to attend the inquiry, Mr. H. E. Combs, M.P., taking his place.

A report on the evidence forthcoming at the public hearing was placed before the Central Milk Council for their consideration and it was resolved that the report of the Committee of Inquiry recommending the basis of one man one zone be endorsed by the Central Milk Council.

#### PURCHASE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED MILK TREATMENT PLANTS

During the twelve months ended 31st March, 1949, the following privately-owned milk treatment plants have been purchased by the Crown:—

Plant.	Date of Purchase.	Cost.
		£ s. d.
New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., Newstead .. ..	31/8/48	12,076 11 6
Midland Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd., Timaru .. ..	31/3/49	15,507 5 11
Invercargill Milk Supply .. ..	31/3/49	23,110 2 6