

(b)

Weatherboard .. .. .	19,911	Single units .. .. .	25,327
Brick .. .. .	9,678	Double units .. .. .	8,120
Concrete .. .. .	1,521	Three units .. .. .	123
Fibrolite, asbestos, sheathing, sidings, and miscellaneous	3,621	Flats and multi units .. .. .	1,161
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>34,731</b>	<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>34,731</b>

#### 4. AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The average length of time under construction of the State rental houses handed over during the twelve months ended 31st March, 1950 was forty-nine weeks. The figures for the various districts are as follows:—

District.	Average Time Under Construction, in Weeks.	
	For Year Ended 31st March, 1950.	For Year Ended 31st March, 1949.
Auckland .. .. .	48	55
Hamilton .. .. .	48	59
Napier .. .. .	51	66
Palmerston North .. .. .	46	50
Wellington .. .. .	50	62
Christchurch .. .. .	46	56
Dunedin .. .. .	56	63
<b>Dominion average .. .. .</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>

The above figures do not show the actual working-time spent on the building of State rental houses, but represent the time between first work on a house and the date of completion. It should be noted that 20 per cent. of the houses were built by Rehabilitation trainees, who do not work as quickly as experienced tradesmen.

#### 5. WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS

(a) *Land-settlement*.—Housing for ex-servicemen under the land-settlement scheme is the largest and most important phase of the Division's work for other Departments. Work has not progressed as expeditiously as is desired, due to the continued reluctance on the part of contractors to undertake rural work, but the past year has been one of considerable progress and many long-outstanding jobs have been put in hand. In addition to the house units for ex-servicemen being settled on the land listed in the table above, the following is a summary of miscellaneous farm buildings constructed during the year, and of renovations or conversion of old buildings into modern residences:—

—	Auckland.	Hamilton.	Napier.	Palmerston North.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Total.
Renovations and conversions	..	1	3	2	13	10	13	42
Milk-sheds ..	75	146	7	104	7	17	15	371
Implement-sheds	57	129	60	101	34	56	34	471
Piggeries ..	84	29	..	..	..	9	..	122
Wool-sheds ..	..	..	2	..	6	3	6	17
Stables and barns	..	..	..	..	1	16	31	48