

land. Live-stock, 108 cattle and 11 horses. Improvements at selectors' own cost, £504. This settlement is situated in the lower valley of the Tongaporutu, the Main North Road passing through it. Unfortunately a good deal of the land is of poor quality and useless for improved-farm holdings, which has necessitated an amalgamation of holdings, and it is suggested to relieve some of the settlers of the broken land and include it in a forest reserve. The settlers remaining on the land are all doing fairly well, their principal means of livelihood being dairying, the raising of stock, employment on the roads, and working for the larger holders in bushfelling, &c. There is a school, post-office, and store in the settlement.

*Derwent*.—1,369 acres in thirteen sections, seven of them being held by five persons, the remaining sections except one having been taken up under the ordinary conditions. The original selectors have felled and grassed 459 acres. There are twenty-five persons on the land, and live-stock consists of 200 cattle, 150 sheep, and 15 horses. Improvements at selectors' own cost are valued at £885. Like the Tongaporutu Settlement, which it adjoins on the north, some of this land is of an indifferent quality and has necessitated an amalgamation of holdings. Those remaining on the land are making headway and making a living chiefly by dairying, cattle-raising, and road-works. They are within reach of a school and post-office. The access to the bulk of the settlement is a bridle road only for about three miles to the Main North Road.

*Okau*.—1,889 acres 2 roods in nineteen sections, situate about nine miles from the mouth of the Tongaporutu River. Four settlers hold a section each, the others having been merged into larger holdings and taken up under ordinary conditions. The original settlers have felled and grassed about 240 acres. Value of improvements at their own cost, £230. Twenty persons on the land. Live-stock, 75 cattle, 2 sheep, and 7 horses. A good deal of this settlement is of a very broken nature, which has necessitated forfeitures. The settlers remaining on the land, however, are doing fairly well; they are engaged in stock-raising, dairying, and employment on the roads, as well as occasional bushfelling and fencing contracts for the larger holders.

*Greenlands*.—603 acres in six sections, situate about seventeen miles from the mouth of the Tongaporutu River and at the end of a horse-track. When, however, the Moki Road is formed, the settlement will be within four miles of it. Two sections are held by original settlers, the others having been taken up under the ordinary conditions. There are six persons on the land, and the live-stock comprises 60 cattle and 5 horses. Improvements at selectors' own cost, £77 5s. The area felled and grassed is 236 acres. Notwithstanding the isolation of this settlement the people there are in good heart, with comfortable homes, packing out their butter over a very broken road. The soil is of good quality. A livelihood is made out of dairying, stock-raising, supplemented by road and bushfelling contracts.

*Uruti*.—Situated on the Main North Road, about thirty-three miles from New Plymouth; 697 acres in seven sections, five being held by three families who have taken up the remainder under the ordinary conditions. The area felled and grassed by the selectors is 494 acres, and there are twenty-eight persons on the land. Live-stock, 255 cattle, 24 horses, and 100 pigs. Improvements at selectors' own cost, £740. The settlers on the land are all doing well, with comfortable homes and outbuildings. There is a school, public hall, creamery, two stores, post and telegraph office in the settlement, and religious services are held regularly. This settlement has got over its early struggles; and the people, who, of course, live by dairying and stock-raising, are apparently independent of outside help except occasionally taking road-works if they are slack.

*Mangapoua*.—Situated on the Kaipikari Road, about four miles from Urenui; 702 acres in seven sections, of which two are held by two persons; one family of seven persons resident. The other selector has been granted leave of absence for a short period. Area felled and grassed is 108 acres. Improvements at selectors' own cost, £170. Live-stock, 80 cattle and 3 horses. The settlers left on the land are well-established and doing well, and earn a livelihood by dairying, cattle-raising, &c.

*Huiroa*.—Situated on the Douglas and Makuri Roads, about eighteen miles from Stratford; 668 acres 1 rood 21 perches in nine sections; there being thirty persons on the land. Seven sections are held by seven persons. The area felled and grassed is 522 acres. Improvements at selectors' own cost, £1,074. This settlement is in a good district, accessible by dray-roads, and the people have comfortable homesteads and surroundings, and a dairy factory is within easy distance, their main source of income being dairying and stock-raising, which is perhaps supplemented at times by employment from the larger landholders; and taken altogether the difficulties of early settlement have been overcome.

*Mangaere*.—Situated about twenty-one miles from Stratford, on the Ohura Road; 482 acres 2 roods 13 perches in thirteen sections, of which eleven are held by ten persons, eight being original settlers. There are forty-four persons on the land, and they have felled and grassed 460 acres. Improvements at selectors' own cost, £1,225. Live-stock, 210 cattle and 25 horses. This settlement is tapped by good roads, and there is a dairy factory, school, post-office, stores, &c., in the settlement. The settlers have good houses and are apparently doing well, and are contented, their means of livelihood being dairying and stock-raising, supplemented, when they have time for it, by road and other contracts. There is no fear for the settlers here, who seem thrifty and industrious, and have got a good start.

*Whangamomona*.—10,543 acres in 111 sections, eighty-one of them being held by fifty-six persons, there being 190 persons on the land. The area felled and grassed is 5,205 acres. The improvements at selectors' own cost being valued at £8,579 5s. The live-stock consists of 1,489 cattle, 1,160 sheep, and 113 horses. One settler was assisted during the year towards the erection of his house to the extent of £30; and there are only two persons who have not as yet received their leases, but these will be issued during the coming year. The settlement extends along the Ohura Road, at forty miles from Stratford, for a distance of about eleven miles, and is very prosperous, most of the settlers having turned their attention to the dairying industry. There