

*Farm-homestead Associations.*

Following is a summary of the position of these associations—the number of selectors required to reside there, actually residing, and the area :—

there, actually residing, and the area.				Number required to reside.	Number actually residing.	Area.		
						A.	R.	P.
McKenzie	...	...	...	12	12	1,252	0	0
Waiwera	...	..	...	10	6	1,200	0	0
Kakariki	...	...	...	17	17	3,400	0	0
Coonoor	...	...	...	2	2	350	0	0
Pioneer	...	...	...	12	7	1,517	0	0
Masterton Reform	...	...	...	13	12	2,150	0	0
Stirling	...	...	...	17	17	3,381	0	0
Pahiatua No. 1	...	...	...	28	23	4,343	0	0
" No. 2	...	...	...	14	13	2,116	0	0
" No. 3	...	...	...	11	9	1,880	0	0
" No. 4	...	...	...	5	3	399	2	20
Christchurch	...	...	...	7	7	1,400	0	0
Hall	...	...	...	15	11	2,116	0	0
Woodville No. 2	...	...	...	7	7	1,330	0	0
Dannevirke	...	...	...	1	1	196	0	0
Mecalickstone	...	...	...	9	9	1,899	3	21
Kaikoura	...	...	...	2	2	400	0	0
Rising Sun	...	...	...	9	9	1,800	0	0
				191	167	31,130	2	1

*McKenzie*.—Area, 1,252 acres, divided into twelve sections, ranging from 70 to 125 acres, averaging about 104 acres. All have complied with improvement and residential requirements. With the exception of a few acres reserved for shelter, the land is grassed, fenced, and well stocked with dairy cows, other cattle, horses, and a few sheep. The selectors are steady, industrious, and prosperous, and are mostly engaged in dairying pursuits. The settlement is well placed in proximity to Mangamaire and Konini Railway-stations, surrounded with close settlement, metalled roads, and within easy distance of Konini Butter-factory; consequently the land is valuable, and the settlement is, without doubt, the most successful in this portion of the land district.

*Waiwera*.—Area, 2,000 acres, divided into ten holdings of 200 acres each. Out of ten selectors required to reside, six are residing. Four single and two married men are residing, also two women and eight children. Of four non-residents, two are defaulters as to improvements; the latter reside in locality, and with the former are expected to comply shortly. Improvements required, £2,366 17s. 6d.; effected, £3,384; surplus, £1,017 2s. 6d. There is 933 acres grassed, partly fenced, and stocked with 12 horses, 61 cows, 77 other cattle, 450 sheep, and 12 pigs. The settlers are mostly struggling working-men employed on their holdings, on Government roads, sawmills, and about the district. Progress of settlement is rather slow, owing to selectors not fulfilling residential requirements. Access is somewhat difficult, owing to the Mangahao River intervening; with this exception metalled roads are within one mile; Hukanui and Mangamaire Railway-stations are distant about four miles.

*Kakariki*.—Area, 3,400 acres, divided into seventeen holdings of 200 acres each. All are complying with residential requirements; eleven women and fifty-two children are also residing. There are two defaulters as to improvements aggregating £182; the deficiency is being made up, and full compliance is expected shortly. Improvements required, £4,356; effected, £6,975; surplus, £2,619. There is 1,335 acres grassed, mostly fenced, and stocked with 28 horses, 208 cows, 235 other cattle, 470 sheep, and 73 pigs. The selectors are hard-working struggling men working on their holdings, Government roads, some few at sawmill or their callings in locality, and others supply local creamery. The settlement is situated about three miles from Hukanui Railway-station. There is a creamery established within easy distance, also school and post-office in a central position. Access, metalled roads.

*Pioneer*.—Area, 2,322 acres, divided into twelve sections, ranging from 100 to 238 acres, averaging about 194 acres each. Of twelve required to reside, seven are residing. The Land Board has recently called upon the remainder to comply with residential requirements. Improvements required, £2,732 10s. 9d.; effected, £7,449; surplus, £4,716 9s. 3d. There is 2,176 acres grassed, fenced, and well stocked with sheep and cattle. Selectors are industrious struggling settlers working on their holdings, roads, and about district; some few supply local creamery. Settlement is well situated, and the improvements effected are largely in excess of requirements, but the continued absence of some few selectors is unsatisfactory. Stock: 11 horses, 58 cows, 90 other cattle, and 3,000 sheep. Access, dray-roads metalled in places.

*Masterton Reform*.—Area, 2,350 acres, held by thirteen selectors, averaging 180 acres each. Of thirteen selectors required to reside, twelve are residing, and all have complied with improvement conditions. The grassed portion of the land is fenced, and well stocked with cattle, sheep, and horses. Selectors are steady industrious men; they work on their holdings, Government roads, and about the district; some few work exclusively on their sections. The settlement is in a fairly good position, and is making steady and satisfactory progress. Access is from Makuri or Pongaroa by dray-road partly metalled. The remainder, to Section 25, Block V., is summer dray-road, two temporary bridges intervening. Post-office established in settlement.

*Stirling*.—Area, 3,381 acres, divided into seventeen holdings, averaging about 199 acres each. In addition to three single and fourteen married men, fourteen women and forty-three children are