

ASHBURTON DOMAIN.

Area, 90 acres, situated in the Town of Ashburton.

Work done during year: New carriage-drive formed through the domain, and planted; new footpath formed; paddocks fenced off and gates erected; new sports-ground fenced off and levelled; latrines and wash-house erected; superfluous trees in plantations removed; swimming-baths and filter cleaned out; and general maintenance. Improvements now on domain: About four miles fencing, curator's lodge, propagating-house, pavilion, grandstand, shade-house, tool-house, bathing and other sheds, three asphalt and eight grass tennis-courts, meteorological station, tennis and bowling pavilions, water-supply (with tanks, wheel, and pipes), asphalt cycling-track, cricket-ground, croquet and bowling greens, lakes, plantations, rosary, flower-gardens, and wood, stone, and iron gates. In addition to its gardens and walks the domain is used for picnics, sports, and general recreation. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Completing the formation of new sports-ground, and general maintenance.

ASHLEY GORGE DOMAIN.

Reserves Nos. 3094, Block IV, Oxford Survey District, and 3231, Block XVI, Upper Ashley Survey District, XII, Mount Thomas Survey District, IV, Oxford Survey District, and I, Mairaki Survey District. Area, 74 acres.

Work done during year: Sweetbriar and gorse cleared and wire fence strained. Improvements now on domain: Fencing, road, retiring-room for ladies, concrete fireplaces, and plantation. Used for picnics.

ATAAHUA DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 3705, Block III, Ellesmere Survey District. Area, 5 acres 3 roods 39 perches.

Work done during year: Trees planted and maintained, and fences repaired. Improvements now on domain: Fences, plantation, gates, football-ground and goal-posts. Used for sports; also as a grazing-ground for schoolchildren's horses. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Laying down water-pipes, which the Board has already procured.

BURKE'S PASS DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 1595, Block VIII, Burke Survey District. Area, 45 acres and 3 perches.

Work done during year: Grass sown, noxious weeds eradicated, and fences repaired. Improvements now on domain: Ring fence, 2 acres fenced and planted with trees of various kinds, and grassing. Used for picnics and general recreation; a portion is also used for grazing. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Planting, eradicating noxious weeds, and repairing fences.

CARLETON DOMAIN.

Reserves Nos. 2808 and 2858, Block V, Mairaki Survey District. Area, 13 acres 3 roods.

Improvements now on domain: Fences, hedges, plantation, building, and concrete cricket-pitch. Used for sports and general recreation.

CASHMERE HILLS DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 161, Halswell Survey District. Area, 188 acres 3 roods 11 perches.

Work done during year: Wash-house and a trap-shed with stable and hay-loft erected, new iron tank procured, and the interior of cottage painted and papered. Improvements now on domain: House, cowshed, stable, trap-shed, Victoria Memorial, pavilion (brick), Rolleston Memorial gate, fences, plantations, nursery, and conveniences. Used for picnics and general recreation. One hundred and seventy acres leased. The lessee is required to keep the ground and buildings in good order, and supply refreshments at reasonable rates. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Planting.

CAVE DOMAIN.

Reserve No. 3683 (Rosewill Settlement), Block IX, Pareora Survey District. Area, 10 acres 1 rood 35 perches.

Work done during year: Ploughing. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Removing stones, and ploughing, cultivating, and laying down the domain in grass.

CHERTSEY DOMAIN.

Reserves Nos. 2376, Ashburton Survey District, and 3057, Town of Chertsey. Area, 32 acres 2 roods 27 perches.

Work done during year: Dressing-room improved and repaired, 15 chains standard-and-wire fencing erected, and general maintenance. Improvements now on domain: Fences, plantation, water-race, dressing-room, trotting and cycling tracks, and avenue. Used for sports and general recreation.

CHRISTCHURCH DOMAIN.

Parts of Reserves Nos. 24 and 25, Block XI, Christchurch Survey District. Area, 495 acres.

During the year the principal work has been in restoring to order the portion of the domain used for the New Zealand International Exhibition. The ground occupied by the buildings has been ploughed, cleared of *débris*, and sown in grass. A small lake has been excavated, and the soil therefrom used for filling in drains, &c. Some fifty thousand plants were bedded during the spring. Improvements now on domain: Fencing, gardens, gates, avenues of trees, walks, carriage-drives, Magnetic