

to fulfil their purpose. The sandhills above high-water mark are covered with marram-grass and lupins. Owing to the covering of fences by sand, it has been necessary to erect new ones for a distance of 60 chains. Thirteen chains of fencing has also been erected opposite Tahuna Park to protect the grass planted there and to strengthen a weak spot in the sandhills. About 60 chains of scrub fence was erected, and is now mostly covered with sand. This divides the old lagoon-site into two parts as far as the St. Kilda entrance to the beach, and is safe from any wave that may break over the outer bank. The band-stand site has been extended by taking 15 ft. from the road at the entrance, and a jarrah picket fence erected on the boundary. The enclosure has been sloped off and greatly improved, and further improvements are contemplated in the way of making up the ground and planting trees and shrubs. The disposal of sewage has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The marram-grass continues to bind the sand together, and lupins are spreading over the whole of the sandhills. During the coming year it is proposed to trench that part of the hills immediately above Chisholm Park. This is the only portion of the domain remaining in its original condition. It is also proposed to extend the road seaward at St. Kilda, to improve the approach to the beach at Beach Street, to construct a septic tank, erect conveniences, and continue scrub fencing and planting of marram-grass.

[NOTE.—This report is for the year ending 31st March, 1909.]

OTOKIA DOMAIN.

Section No. 47, Block I, Otokia Survey District. Area, 12 acres 2 roods.

Work done during year: Forty chains post-and-wire fence erected. Improvements now on domain: Forty-nine chains post-and-wire fences, and post-and-chain horse-stand. Used for picnics and sports.

OUTRAM DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 31 and 32, Block VII, Maungatua Survey District, and 14 to 20 and 22, Block I, and 7, Block XV, Town of Outram. Area, 402 acres 1 rood 5 perches.

Work done during year: Conveniences, seats, and pump erected; fences and buildings repaired; and trees and hedges trimmed. Improvements now on domain: Buildings, plantations, hedges, fences, cycle-track, swings, seats, water-supply, and bowling-green. Used for bowls, cricket, tennis, picnics, sports, races, and football. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Maintaining fences and buildings, and trimming trees and hedges.

OWAKA TOWNSHIP DOMAIN.

Section No. 111 (formerly part of Section No. 3), Block VIII, Glenomaru Survey District. Area, 3 acres 3 roods 0·8 perches.

Work done during year: Tennis-court formed. Improvements now on domain: Tennis-court, swings, and fences. Used for football, sports, shows, cricket, and Volunteer parades. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Ploughing, sowing down in grass, and generally improving the domain.

PALMERSTON DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 5 to 18, Block XVI, Town of Palmerston. Area, 3 acres 2 roods.

Work done during year: Fences repaired. Improvements now on domain: Boundary-fences. Used for cricket and football.

POUNAWEA DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 31, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, and 61, and a closed road, Block VI, Glenomaru Survey District. Area, 13 acres 1 rood 16 perches.

Owing to the very dry season the grass sown was a failure, and the area will require to be resown. Improvements now on domain: Thirteen chains fences, and gate. Used for picnics and sports, also for a Christian Convention. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Erecting 5 chains rabbit-proof fence, and stumping, burning-off, and sowing down about 2 acres.

QUEENSTOWN DOMAIN.

Blocks LIV, LV, and LVI, Town of Queenstown. Area, 7 acres and 19 perches.

Domain Board appointed 15th September, 1908. No works yet undertaken. The Board contemplates the using of the area for forestry purposes.

RANFURLY DOMAIN.

Sections Nos. 1 to 15, Block XIII, Town of Ranfurly. Area, 10 acres 2 roods 36 perches.

Work done during year: Domain fenced. A contract has been let for ploughing, levelling, and generally improving the area.

RANFURLY PARK DOMAIN.

Suburban Sections Nos. 7 and 8, Block I, Town of Ranfurly. Area, 52 acres and 31 perches.

Improvements now on domain: Racecourse. Used chiefly for races. Proposed operations for ensuing year: Fencing domain.

RECORD REIGN DOMAIN.

Section No. 1, Block LXXXIX, Town of Cromwell. Area, 4 acres.

Work done during year: General improvements. Improvements now on domain: About 25 chains fences, hedges, and pavilion. Used for sports, rifle-club encampments, picnics, and general recreation.