

Seven soldiers have been advanced money on mortgage to enable them to acquire seven areas, comprising 297 acres, on which they work at trades in town centres and erect homes on their own land. One is a suburban area of 25 acres, on which the holder has 8 dairy cows, horses, and necessary farming implements. He combines a fruit-farm with milk-supply for New Plymouth. One holding is rural, 176 acres of first-class land, with equipment for dairying, with 25 dairy cows and appurtenances.

In addition, a section of 84 acres is being acquired under section 3, Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1917, and the applicant has already taken possession with the vendor's consent, &c. It contains a house (insured for £200), and has 20 dairy cows, also horse and farm implements secured from the War Relief Association of Taranaki.

WELLINGTON.

Parts of *Tablelands*, *Longbush*, and *Mahupuku Settlements*, near Martinborough, comprise 3,548 acres, divided into seven farms varying from 316 to 707 acres. Undulating to hilly land, in grass. All selected between February and June, 1916. The settlers, who are making good progress, have all their homesteads and fencing erected, and are now carrying 637 head of cattle (30 of which are dairy cows), 21 horses, and 8,580 sheep. Including families of the lessees the number of people on the settlement is fourteen.

Powhakarua Settlement, at Mangaweka, comprises 770 acres, subdivided into six sections ranging from 61½ to 229 acres. Flat, undulating to hilly grass country, suitable for grazing and dairying. All selected in May, 1916. Four out of the six settlers have erected homesteads, all fencing has been completed, and the block is carrying 343 head of cattle (including 179 dairy cows), 9 horses, 342 sheep, and 27 pigs. 22 acres have been placed under crop. Number of inhabitants of settlement, eight.

Otamakapua Settlement, in Apiti district, ten miles from Mangaweka, comprises 2,934 acres, subdivided into ten sections varying from 150 to 378 acres. Flat, undulating to hilly, open and bush land suitable for dairying and grazing. All selected during June, 1916. Six of the eight settlers have erected homesteads. An area of 929 acres of bush has been felled, 1,700 acres have been sown in grass and 42 acres placed under crop, and all fencing completed. The settlement is carrying 341 head of cattle (including 96 dairy cows), 28 horses, 980 sheep, and 7 pigs. Total population, thirteen.

Tiraumea Settlement, situated in Puketoi district, about twenty-eight miles from Eketahuna, and offered in March, 1917, comprises an area of 10,236 acres, subdivided into twenty-one farms ranging in area from 322 to 894 acres, all of which have been selected. The country is well grassed, and comprises undulating to easy hills with numerous flats. Suitable for agricultural and pastoral purposes; parts suitable for dairying. Twelve of the settlers have erected homesteads, all ring-fencing has been completed, and most of the subdivisional fences. The settlement is carrying 400 head of cattle (including 19 dairy cows), 30 horses, and 11,184 sheep. Total number of souls on settlement, thirty. The above figures do not include the stock on 2,475 acres, the grazing of which is let by the settlers until they can buy their own stock.

Greystoke Settlement, situated about four miles from Marton, contains 1,047 acres in fourteen sections, varying from 54 to 103 acres, which were all allotted in October, 1916. All open grass land suitable for dairying. Eleven of the settlers have erected their homesteads. 27 acres have been resown with grass, and 155 acres placed under crop. The stock carried on the settlement comprises 553 head of cattle (including 296 dairy cows), 31 horses, 435 sheep, and 31 pigs. Total population, thirty-eight.

Fairfield Settlement, situated about seven miles from Feilding: 1,020 acres in seven lots (all selected) varying from 103 acres to 206 acres. Nearly all grass land suitable for dairying and cropping. Four of the settlers have erected their homesteads; most of the fencing is completed; and the stock carried on settlement comprises 192 head of cattle (including 93 dairy cows) and 17 horses. An area of 162 acres has been placed under crop. Population, seven.

Makowai Settlement, situated about fifteen miles from Feilding: 1,734 acres in twenty-eight areas (all allotted) varying from 44 to 114 acres. All grass land suitable for dairying. Most of the sections have been occupied since November, 1916; three sections, comprising an extension of 284 acres, recently purchased, were allotted on the 1st September, 1918. Twenty-three of the tenants have erected their homesteads, and most of the fencing has been completed. The stock carried comprises 888 head of cattle (including 648 dairy cows), also 45 horses, 381 sheep, and 87 pigs. 98 acres have been resown in grass, and 70 acres placed under crop. Inclusive of settlers' families the number on settlement is seventy-nine.

Putorino Settlement, situated about four miles from Rata Railway-station and about seven North: all flat, rich alluvial silt in splendid grass—ideal grazing-country. Comprises 472 acres, to 83 acres, all of which have been occupied since July, 1917. Rich alluvial flats in terraces formerly under heavy bush; in splendid grass, and eminently fit for dairying. Ten of the settlers have erected their homesteads; all fencing has been completed; and the settlement is carrying 434 head of cattle (including 305 dairy cows), also 12 horses, 85 sheep, and 46 pigs. 3 acres under crop. Total population, twenty-one. Two sections, comprising 139 acres, are not yet stocked.

Kopane Settlement, situated about seven miles from Feilding and about nine from Palmerston North: all flat, rich alluvial silt in splendid grass—ideal grazing-country. Comprises 472 acres, in fourteen sections ranging from 30 to 49½ acres, all of which have been occupied since the 1st April, 1918. Ten of the settlers have erected their homesteads; all fencing has been completed. All of the settlers have not yet stocked up, as many of them have been taking in outside stock for grazing. At present the stock owned by them comprise 224 cattle (221 of which are dairy cows) and 5 horses. Population on settlement, twelve.