

dairying. Nineteen cattle and 4 horses on property. The land is situated alongside a railway-station and close to the Borough of Timaru, with every facility for the quick and easy handling of stock and produce.

*Jungle Settlement Nos. 1 and 2*, Winchester District.—Total area, 122 acres, in two sections, both of which are occupied. Two excellent farms, with homesteads and sheds complete; a house built on each. Both the tenants are dairying, with pig-raising as a side line, and own 43 cattle and 4 horses. The cream is railed from Winchester to the big central factory in Christchurch. These settlers should succeed, as the land is excellent, and the rents paid quite reasonable.

*Keith Settlement*, Hororata District.—Area, 134 acres, in one subdivision. A small farm of good average quality. The lessee was in occupation before enlisting for the front, and on return desired to take advantage of the purchasing clause in his lease and become a Crown tenant with a safer tenure and easier terms. Every indication of making a success of his farm and eventually freeholding it. There are 430 sheep and 11 cattle on the land.

*Aylesbury Settlement*, Aylesbury District.—Area, 252 acres, in one subdivision. Light land in dry belt. There are 300 sheep and 2 horses on the property.

*Tripp Settlement*, Geraldine District.—Area, 127 acres, in one section, on which a house has been built. There are 72 sheep and cattle and 5 horses. The land is of medium quality.

*Drayton Settlement*, near Christchurch.—Area, 10 acres, in one subdivision. Medium quality soil. Used as a poultry-farm.

*Kowhatu Settlement*, Inland Waimate District.—Area, 632 acres, in one subdivision, on which a house has been built. Occupied for grazing purposes, there being 300 sheep. Lessee's prospects are quite satisfactory from latest reports. 66 chains of fencing erected.

Apart from the eighteen settlements referred to, Crown sections have been transferred to discharged soldiers. The areas of the lots taken over in this manner vary from 44 to 994 acres, and the whole make up a total of 1,649 acres. One of the lots is an education reserve. These sections are scattered over the whole district, from Culverden in the north to Waimate in the south.

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Name of Settlement.	Class—viz., Agricultural, Dairying, or purely Pastoral.	Number of Holdings.				Prospect of Success.	Use to which Unoccupied Sections are put.
		Selected.	Area.	Un-selected.	Area.		
Clifton ..	Agricultural, dairying, and pastoral	6	Acres. 1,551	17	Acres. 3,941	Fair ..	Grazing.
Galloway ..	Dairying ..	3	161	..	..	Good ..	..
Lakeview ..	Agricultural and dairying	1	53	..	..	„ ..	..
Westcott ..	Fruit and dairying ..	4	953	16	882	Fair ..	Grazing.
Gladbrook ..	Dairying ..	7	650	27	4,545	Good ..	„

#### SOUTHLAND.

*Lamont Settlement*, comprising 745 acres, was opened in December, 1916, and the four selectors made rapid progress during the first twelve months, each having built a house. They have had a decided set-back on account of the extremely bad winter just experienced. The stock, comprising 150 cattle, 257 sheep, and 18 horses, are in poor condition, and as the grass has not yet come away those dairying are finding a difficulty in keeping their herds going. The necessary boundary-fences are erected, but little subdivisional fencing has been done owing to ruling high prices. If these settlers can pay their way this season success should result.

*Stalker Settlement*, of 429 acres, was opened in April, 1918. Six sections were taken up, and all the selectors have built houses and are residing, and, with the exception of one, are dairying with good results. The farmers of the district ploughed the areas required for oats and turnips, and have collected enough cash to pay for the seed-oats. Considering the short time that the settlement has been occupied the prospects seem excellent. All boundary-fences have been erected, and the necessary subdivision fences were already on the ground. The stock, comprising 81 cattle (mostly dairy cows) and 11 horses, are in fair condition. The 71 acres unselected consists of small sections, the idea being to settle partially disabled men on them when opportunity offers.

*Lambert Settlement*, of 102 acres, was acquired for one selector in February, 1918, under section 3 of the 1917 Amendment Act. A house and all the necessary buildings and fences are on the ground. The byre has been thoroughly renovated and milking plant installed. There are 20 dairy cows and 50 sheep. Notwithstanding late spring, grass is coming away well and stock is in good condition. The allotment adjoins his father's property, and the selector is assisted in horse-work, &c. There seems no doubt about his ultimate success.

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