

intervals the soundness or weakness of every farm. There will have to be closer co-operation and co-ordination between the supervisors, dairy companies, the Maori Land Boards, and the Department to secure the best results. With close but tactful supervision and guidance there is no reason why the Maori settler should not be as successful in farming the land as he has been in breaking it into pasture. He has helped to create a value greater than the cost of development. His work is not finished, for he has yet to make a home and to continue cultivation and improvement in order to establish and maintain a good producing farm. He will have these incentives to buoy him up in the struggle to meet the liabilities that await him—rent, interest, rates, and working expenses—and to withstand the many ills that affect the primary producer.

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In conclusion, I have a two-fold duty to perform. As Native Minister I wish to thank the officers and staffs of the Native Department, of the Native Land Court and Maori Land Boards, and of the Native Trust Office for their loyal support and co-operation. In the field the consolidation officers and farm supervisors have rendered invaluable service, which I am glad to acknowledge. As a Maori, and as one of the Maori representatives in Parliament, I may be permitted to tender to the Pakehas of New Zealand and to Parliament the grateful thanks of the Maori people, which has been given this splendid opportunity of attaining and maintaining a worthy place in the life of the country.
