

Actually the number of dairy cattle bought for units in the two seasons was 3,412 head, making the total with stock they brought into the schemes and which became security with the rest for development loans, 5,823 head, without counting yearlings and calves.

The area of land in pasture of sorts brought under the various schemes by the owners or occupiers thereof was 16,995 acres. Much of this has been improved and reconditioned with fertilizers and the plough, and properly fenced and subdivided. The area of new land broken into pasture by the 31st of March, 1932, is estimated at 7,882 acres, which necessitated the purchase and distribution of 237,437 lb. of seed, costing £8,827.

Estimates, 1931-32.

As already stated, the estimates submitted by the field officers of expenditure proposed for the year ending the 31st March, 1932, involved the sum of £33,300. But, in common with those of other schemes in various parts of the Dominion, these were reduced to accord with the reduced allocation of Treasury funds for Native-land development. The appropriation for the North Auckland District was reduced to £28,000. Over the two financial years the Cabinet authorizations were £46,290.

Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1932.

At the 31st March, 1932, the position reached was as follows:—

Development contracts—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bushfelling, scrub-cutting, clearing gorse, stumping, &c., draining, cultivation, and fencing	3,808	10	0			
Less unemployment subsidies collected	1,161	5	2			
				2,647	4	10

Supply of fencing material (including posts, 3,619½ cwt. wire, staples, &c.)	3,974	16	6			
Less unemployment subsidy towards splitting	73	17	5			
				3,900	19	1

Purchase of grass-seed, 238,834 lb.	8,873	7	6			
Less sales 1,397 lb.	46	3	9			
				8,827	3	9

237,437 lb.

Other seed				70	17	6
Purchase of fertilizers, 713¾ tons				3,732	15	8
Building material				428	15	6

Purchase of stock—

3,412 cows and heifers }	25,607	10	10			
192 bulls }	120	7	3			
200 sheep	30	0	0			
2 horses				25,757	18	1

Dairy utensils—

201 separators }				3,151	15	3
414 cans }				528	8	8
Farm implements				3,262	5	7

Discharge of liabilities (fifty-seven accounts)

Miscellaneous (including fees for registration of bills of sale, unapportioned freights, foreman's wages, leasehold land, potato-cultivation, loose tools) ..	895	18	1			
Less sundry credits	250	8	9			
				645	9	4

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Add balance interest				1,900	9	2
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Less repayment of advances by settlers ..	6,370	3	2			
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Less outstanding at 31st March, 1932 ..	2,361	5	7			
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In development work over such an extensive territory as North Auckland there is unavoidable delay between the field data on which payments are made and the passing of vouchers through the appropriate Departments. The cost of much work which is known to have been completed before the 31st of March last (the results of which have been incorporated in the figures registered as a set-off against expenditure), and the cost of much material purchased and supplied before that date have not been taken into account in the above total. There is more movement incidental to development operations in the month of March than in any other month of the year, and by closing accounts at the end of that month a complete picture showing the expenditure and the assets created thereby cannot be given. It is hoped, however, that with development conditions more stabilized the field officers will make a complete survey of the position to the end of the present financial year.