

### Kawhia.

There are three hapus interested in this scheme—Ngati-te-Wehi (on Moerangi blocks), Ngati-Hikairo (on Kawhia blocks), and Ngati-Apakura (on Mangaroa blocks)—all of whom are strong supporters of the “Maori King.” The area extends over some 4,241 acres, of which 1,647 acres are under development, 1,300 acres being in grass.

As a result of difficulty engendered in the initial stages of this enterprise through the feeling against the previous field supervision, and also on account of the irresolution of the owners of the blocks, progress was considerably retarded, and interest on the part of the occupants has in some cases being spasmodic. Notwithstanding the lack of supervision, cream returns show an improvement of 5,055 lb. of butterfat on last year's figure, and produced a net receipt of £1,464, which altogether, with the proceeds of the sale of sheep amounting to £982 and the wool cheque of £135, brought the year's receipts to the 31st March, 1936, to £2,581. As at that date there were 1,177 sheep and 471 dairy cattle on the scheme. Thus it is apparent that, with such a tactful and judicious control as is being displayed by the present supervisor, the majority of the 12 units with their 64 dependants should achieve satisfactory results, and ensure that their holdings do not deteriorate.

During the course of the year 23 men with 104 dependants were assisted from unemployment funds to the extent of £507; the main farming operations carried out were 124 chains of new fencing with 40 chains of repairs to old fences, 29 chains of draining, 47 acres of scrubcutting, 63 acres of ploughing, 34 acres of bushfelling, and 99 acres of clearing and burning preparatory to sowing. This work has contributed considerably to the advancement of the farming activities, and with the increased interest being displayed by the units it is considered by the field supervisor that a further area should be brought into cultivation with a view to establishing the scheme as a good base area for the Kawhia district.

### Mahoenui.

Situated about thirty-eight miles south of Te Kuiti on the main New Plymouth highway, and extending over a compact area of 6,026 acres, this scheme embraces the hapu of Ngati-Rungaterangi, and is one of the principal development schemes in the King Country.

In view of the adverse reports in 1934 on the question of the possible deterioration of this land, it is gratifying to record that there is a general improvement as a result of heavier stocking, top-dressing, and subdivisional fencing, while the ragwort has been effectively controlled. In consequence of this scheme being overstocked last year, 80 cattle had to be sent to Te Kuiti Base Farm to be wintered, but this coming year it is proposed to obviate this state of affairs by sowing 200 acres in swedes, from which sufficient feed should be obtained to winter the cattle on the farm prior to being forwarded to Waimiha scheme in the spring for fattening. Of the total area, 2,400 acres are under development, with 1,550 acres in fair grass and 455 in temporary grass.

Besides general farm work carried out by the permanent hands, the following progress was made: 497 chains of new sheep-proof fences were erected, while 110 chains were repaired; 52 chains of new drains were excavated; 56 acres of scrub were cut, while 80 acres of bush were felled; 319 acres of stumping and 87 acres of clearing and burning were effected. These activities were accomplished under unemployment contracts, and provided work for seventeen men with forty dependants, the expenditure amounting to £825.

The live-stock is in good condition, and at the 31st March, 1936, the tally was: 60 dairy cattle, 722 run cattle, and 3,305 sheep. The receipts consisted of £500, being the proceeds of 46 bales of wool, and £1,845 from sales of live-stock.

This scheme is not yet suitable for subdivision, and at present there are only two units established with twenty-four dependants. The intention, however, based upon the estimate of the field officers, is, after providing a certain amount of internal roading, to eventually subdivide the block into twenty dairy farms, with two or three small sheep farms, and a run off for the dairy stock.

SUMMARY OF WAIKATO-MANAPOTO SCHEMES.

Scheme.	Total Area.	Area under Development.	Number of Units.	Number of Persons dependent on Scheme.		Live-stock.			Average Butterfat Production for Year.	Sale of Live-stock, Dairying and other Produce.
				Adults.	Minors.	Dairying Cattle.	Run Cattle.	Sheep.		
	Acres.	Acres.							lb.	£
Kaihau ..	286	376	..	15	6	154	..	..	245	1,559
Waipipi ..	282	280	..	18	11	118	..	..	233	1,132
Onewhero ..	4,642	2,820	29	68	105	694	..	..	190	3,991
Waihi ..	618	574	4	8	12	155	..	..	140	715
Waikato ..	769	324	7	15	22	102	..	..	210	652
Te Kuiti Farm	617	617	..	4	4	2	125	1,089	..	1,357
Oparure ..	602	410	5	5	19	36	..	220	194	457
Waimiha ..	7,829	2,303	2	25	50	306	64	1,326	178	3,889
Kawhia ..	4,241	1,647	12	21	43	471	34	1,177	150	2,582
Mahoenui ..	6,026	2,400	2	10	14	60	722	3,305	*	2,345
	26,012	11,751	61	189	286	2,098	945	7,117	187	18,679

\* Cream return from unit not to hand.