

tions of poultry-farming, fruitgrowing, and horticulture.

Opportunities of learning the principles of fruit-farming are also available, if required, to the returned soldier at other horticultural farms operated by the Department if the accommodation for living at Ruakura is found to be inadequate.

Fit men can be taken at the Weraroa Farm, where all branches of farm-work proper are carried out.

No definite time is laid down for the duration of the course of instruction at these farms, but it is considered that a fair knowledge may be obtained in six months. This time may be extended in special cases, and it is also competent for the soldier to arrange for a course of less than six months if he so desires.

Tauherenikau Farm.

This farm, operated in connection with the Defence Department, is available for instruction in pastoral work, pig-farming, and also for a limited amount of agricultural work. The operations at this farm are carried out on strictly practical lines. It is proposed to utilize this farm for soldiers whose condition of health renders an open-air life in the specially healthy climate of the Wairarapa desirable.

Penrose Gift Farm.

Further facilities for training returned soldiers in farming on a comprehensive scale will be shortly available at Penrose Gift Farm, near Masterton. This farm, of 730 acres, has been generously given to the Government for soldiers' use by settlers of the Wairarapa, who have also given sufficient stock and contributed a good deal of the capital required for the establishment of the farm.

The Government has made a large grant for the erection of the necessary farm buildings and comfortable quarters to accommodate soldiers desiring to learn farming, and also to assist the financing of the farm for the first year or so, until it becomes, as is anticipated, self-supporting.

A thoroughly practical man will be placed in charge, and soldiers given full opportunities of learning practical farming, including grain-growing, stock breeding and management, and dairy-farming. Instruction will be given by experts in various branches of farming knowledge, and the aim will be to train soldiers to become thoroughly sound practical farmers.

Expert Advice available.

Apart from the system of teaching farming on the various farms, the Agriculture Department has organized a complete system of giving advice to any returned soldier, wherever he may be engaged on the land. He can submit his problem by post, and an expert will advise him promptly. The Department has a large number of printed pamphlets on various phases of production from the land, which are available to the soldier on application to the Head Office, Wellington.

A special section of the Department has been organized for the purpose of assisting farmers with advice, given on their own farms, by experts of the Department.

Training on Private Farms.

Discharged soldiers may also receive training on private farms, and while doing so, in approved cases, will be entitled to a subsidy upon their wages (to be paid by the Repatriation Department) so as to bring the total up to the minimum wage ruling in the district.