



MEASURING HOPS.



AT WORK IN AN ENGLISH HOP GARDEN.



HOP GARDEN AT NEWMARFET, AUCKLAND.



AN ENGLISH HOP PICKER.

Hop Growing in Auckland.

That hops may be successfully grown in Auckland has been clearly demonstrated by an experimental garden on a small scale, carried out under the supervision of Mr. Arthur Myers, managing director of the Campbell and Ehrenfried Co., Limited. The garden, which covers barely half an acre of land, is situated on the property of the company at Newmarket, and contains about 1000 vines grown from cuttings obtained from the gardens of Mr. Trask, the well-known hop-grower of Nelson. The cuttings were planted about the middle of October last, in rows six feet apart, and the vines trained on fences of three wires, about ten feet high, perpendicular wires being laced from top to bottom to allow the vines to train up. There are eight avenues of hops, mostly Californians, which, being now in full bearing, present a very pretty picture. The prolific nature of these hops is shown in the masses of festoons which eternally smother each other and present an object lesson on what might become one of our local industries, requiring as it does only a small initial outlay. When hops can be grown here in Auckland there should be no reason to import any when once the industry is in full swing.



HOP VINES IN FULL BEARING, NEWMARFET, AUCKLAND.

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