

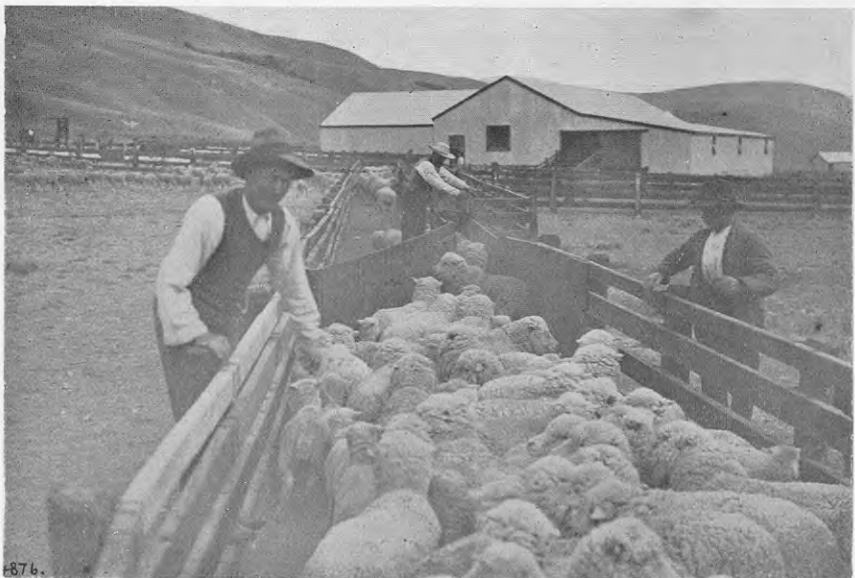
been unsettled and broken. On the 17th there was a good rain. A short dry spell occurred between the 15th and the 24th, and detracted from the beneficial effect of the previous rains. Many of the crops, however, have recovered wonderfully, and prospects are fair for harvest in the localities where the crops had withstood the worst effects after drought. The country generally, however, is still very dry.—(*W. M. Hamilton.*)

*Totara Estate (Oamaru).*—The rainfall for the year was 16.41 in., but during the farmer's cropping season, from April to December, it was only 10.95 in., and to make matters worse the evaporation must have been very great. Immediately after any rain-showers fell during the year a strong drying wind always sprang up and quickly evaporated the moisture.—(*J. Macpherson.*)

*Leith Valley (Dunedin).*—Rather rainy month.—(*H. Skey.*)

*Bushey Park (Palmerston South).*—The frequent showers which fell during the month did an immense amount of good to the crops, but this was to some extent discounted, especially as regards the pasture, by the very drying winds that so often followed them. On Christmas Eve there was a gale that wilted the very weeds. Rape and turnip crops promise very well indeed, and grain crops, though below the average, are expected to yield much better than seemed likely a month ago.—(*Mrs. J. J. McKenzie.*)

*Roslin Estate (Woodlands).*—Splendid growing weather.—(*J. D. Trotter.*)



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