

Mixture of Grasses, &c.—Plot 1, looking very well, best being sainfoin, chicory, cocksfoot, kidney-vetch, prairie-grass, and sheep's burnet. Plot 2, very good, best being sainfoin, cocksfoot, and sheep's burnet. Plot 3, fescues all coming on well.

The date of inspection of the experiments was rather early in the season to definitely determine the failure or success of some of the crops, but the showing so far made indicates that sainfoin, prairie-grass, lucerne, and tall oat-grass are the best in the autumn sowing, and cocksfoot, prairie-grass, yarrow, chicory, and lucerne the best in the spring sowing.

GRASSING HILLY COUNTRY, WEST COAST, SOUTH ISLAND, EXPERIMENT.

From an inspection made on the 15th September of an experimental area on the Blue Spur Road, Hokitika, where grasses were sown in plots on both sides of a valley, the following notes are made of the growth of individual grasses, &c., which were sown on the 15th March, 1911:—

Cocksfoot, growing well on northern and southern aspects; crested dogstail and meadow foxtail, doing very well on both aspects; meadow fescue, coming away fairly well on northern aspect; New Zealand tall fescue, growing well on southern aspect; timothy, growing well on both aspects; fiorin, one of the best on both aspects; rough-stalked meadow-grass, fair on northern, but better on southern aspect; wood meadow-grass, fairly good, particularly on southern aspect; white clover, growing splendidly on both aspects; alsyke, fairly thick, but backward; lotus major, not showing very well; burnet, growing in patches; yarrow, growing well on both aspects; lucerne, growing fairly well on southern aspect; Rhodes-grass, patchy; but plants vigorous, not touched by frost.

Mixture of Grasses, Plots 1 and 2.—Grasses in both plots doing well; the plants are yet too young to permit of a definite report being made.

An agency of the Tourist Division of the Department has been established at Wanganui, in Taupo Quay.

Domino III, a member of the Weraroa Experimental Farm herd, has just given 113 lb. of milk in the day. Her test ranges from 3.3 to 3.9 per cent. of butter-fat.

The total wheat-yield of the country is estimated at 204,634,000 bushels, or 81,849,000 bushels more than last year at the same date. The average per acre is 19.50 bushels, or 6.30 bushels more than last year.—*Canadian Census and Statistics Monthly.*