

**PALMERSTON SOUTH.**—The weather during the month has been extremely changeable—samples of midsummer and midwinter in the one day. Slight falls of snow have taken place on high country on more than one occasion. No real beneficial rain fell throughout the month, but there were frequent showers followed by winds. In consequence, except in well-sheltered places, the growth in crops and pastures is slow. Turnip lands require rain.

Though growth is slow, pastures are looking well, but the grass-grub is doing considerable damage. Autumn-sown rape has done well. Mangels are being more extensively sown. Grain crops looking fair.—*C. S. Dalgliesh.*

**LAWRENCE.**—Weather has been very stormy and broken, with rain, wind, hail, and snow, upon high levels especially. A good many lambs perished upon individual places. Rough weather retarded farming operations for a short time. Sufficient moisture has fallen to ensure moisture for crops up to the middle of December, providing we have no high winds.

Pastures are looking well, also winter wheat; there will probably be an excess of straw. Other crops have a promising appearance.—*R. Barron.*

**SUTTON.**—Owing to the want of sufficient rainfall during the past winter and spring, pastures are very backward on the plain, and the outlook for the summer is anything but promising.

Pastures are very bare, and cattle are in low condition. Grain crops have a promising appearance.—*W. Scott.*

**TAPANUI.**—The weather during the past month has been a succession of cold snaps, with a fair amount of moisture. Growth has consequently been slow. Farm-work is well ahead this season, having had practically no delay through wet ground. Prospects look much better in the Roxburgh and Miller's Flat district this season, having had up to the present a fair share of moisture, but throughout all the districts heat is now wanted.

Old pastures are making very slow growth, but young pastures are looking well. In portions of the Crookston district pastures are badly grubbed, but the remainder of the district is fairly free. Roxburgh and Miller's Flat pastures are better than during past six years. What crops there are are looking well.—*J. McCulloch.*

**BALCLUTHA.**—The weather of October was the worst experienced for some years. The month started with frost to 6 degrees, and for the past three weeks we have had bad gales and hail-showers with a fairly good amount of rain, which have weakened the effects of the winds. However, all agricultural pursuits are looking well. Lambing was early this year, and having escaped the rough weather the results are very promising.

Pastures are looking well, and the appearance of the crops is very good.—*H. A. Munro.*

**OWAKA.**—The weather has been very stormy, with a good amount of rain: in fact, it has been showery pretty well every day. The weather has favoured agricultural pursuits, giving all crops that have been sown a real good start.

The grass has come away very well except on hill country. The weather has been suitable for green crops. Little grain is grown here, but the crops are looking well.—*T. D. Urquhart.*

**GORE.**—The month has been very rough and stormy. A good deal of rain has fallen, but has generally been followed by high winds. Farm-work has been somewhat delayed during the unfavourable weather, and the pastures have also received a check. During the earlier part of the month there was every prospect of a rapid growth, but owing to the high, drying winds of the past week there is still need of more rain. During the past month rain fell on eighteen days: total fall for month, 3.01 in.; highest fall, 0.60 in. on the 15th; mean average temperature, 49.5 degrees.—*A. A. Scott.*

On the more sheltered lands feed is plentiful, but in less favoured locations feed is still short. Green feed is looking well, and the small area planted to grain crops promises a satisfactory return.—*B. Grant.*

**INVERCARGILL.**—Rain fell on twenty days, total fall as recorded by Messrs. J. Lennie and Sons, Waikiwi, being 4.70 in.; but as the winter proved exceptionally fine the rainfall was required. Cold wind, hail, and sleet showers, however, retarded the growth of grass, cereals, &c. Only an odd warm day or two experienced throughout the month. Heat is now wanted.

Young grass is looking well, with the exception of portions attacked by the grub. Old pastures are bare on account of the unfavourable weather. Green feed, grown on a small scale, has done fairly well, but grain crops, also limited in area, are not making much headway.—*J. R. Whyborn.*