

**OHAKUNE.**—The month opened with heavy rain on the night of the 1st, and from then on—the 28th and 31st excepted—exceptionally dry and warm weather was experienced. Pastures throughout the district are amply providing for all classes of stock. Owing to the lengthy spell of dry weather, late-sown turnips have not made the same headway as those sown earlier, but on the whole root crops throughout the district present a satisfactory appearance. Cocksfoot is well filled and headed, and should the present favourable conditions for seed-saving continue the produce of a large area should be on the market before the end of February. Exceptionally good bush-burns have been obtained throughout the district, and farmers are at present busy sowing the different seeds thereon. Oat crops are looking remarkably well and are gradually reaching their final stages of maturity.—*P. Barry.*

**BAY OF PLENTY.**—Some heavy rain fell early in the month, which was badly needed. Pastures and maize crops have since come along wonderfully, but still maize is much later than usual. Potato crops throughout the district are affected with blight, very few escaping. Harvesting is just completed, and about the average crops of oats have been obtained.—*John Case.*

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**—The New Year brought a welcome rain, which continued during the first week, followed by a fortnight's fine weather, and then a very changeable week. Most of the hay and ensilage has been made, and the yield is well up to the average. Pastures are looking particularly well. There is an abundance of feed. The root crops as a whole are below the average: many are very patchy. The late-sown turnips promise to be far better than the early. Maize is looking well.—*R. E. Fairfax-Cholmeley.*

**STRATFORD.**—The fine dry weather of last month was very favourable for hay-making, burning, &c., but it began to affect the pastures, and the milk-supply was on the decrease and turnips at a standstill. During the early part of the month very heavy rain fell, which freshened up all vegetation and saved the late-sown turnips, mangels, &c. During the rest of the month we had fine weather with intervals of good rain. The farmers' winter feed is now well assured.—*Austin F. Wilson.*

**MANGAWEKA.**—The past month was an exceptionally good one for farmers in this district. Opportunities were given to those who had bush to burn, and good use was made of them. Nice rains fell throughout, dispelling all fears of a drought. Old pastures have browned up considerably, but are still supplying a great quantity of fattening-feed. Potatoes so far are free from blight, and good crops are expected. Cocksfoot looks very prolific this summer, cutting being now in full swing. All stock are in good condition.—*J. A. Melrose.*

**POVERTY BAY.**—The weather was very hot and dry during January. There is fair feed on the inland hill country, but near the coast pastures are rather short and dried up. Water for stock is short in some localities. There will be good crops of maize, as they got a fair start before the very dry weather set in. Settlers are taking advantage of the dry weather to get fires through the logs and standing dry trees, and a considerable area of bush country has thereby received a good clearing of useless timber that has hampered mustering and other work.—*William Ross.*

**Wairoa.**—Exceptionally hot weather prevailed throughout the district during the past month, to a great extent parching up the face of the country and thereby withering the pastures, but there still remains an ample sufficiency for all needs. The season's oat crops for this county ought to prove record ones, whilst all root crops grown have thrived well. A few days' good rain at the present time would be greatly appreciated by the majority of farmers in the district. Stock of all classes are doing well.—*T. F. Mullaly.*

**WAIPIKURAU.**—The weather this month was very dry over the whole of the district, and feed is getting very dry and parched. Rain fell on two days only, and, drying winds following, all the moisture that had fallen has been evaporated, leaving the ground as dry as before.—*H. O. M. Christie.*

**PAHIATUA.**—Total rainfall for the month, 5.51 in. Rain fell on seventeen days, the heaviest fall being 1.56 in., on the 1st. Corresponding month of last year 1.52 in., rain falling on fifteen days, the heaviest fall being 0.42 in., on the 12th. The rain during the month retarded the harvesting a little; but, on the other hand, the district has derived great benefit from the moisture, as it has given the pastures and root crops a good start. The north-west winds, however, retarded growth on the wind-swept hills.—*T. Bacon.*

**NORTH WAIRARAPA.**—The past month was very sultry and dry, pastures and all green crops suffering accordingly. In the Eketahuna district there were occasional