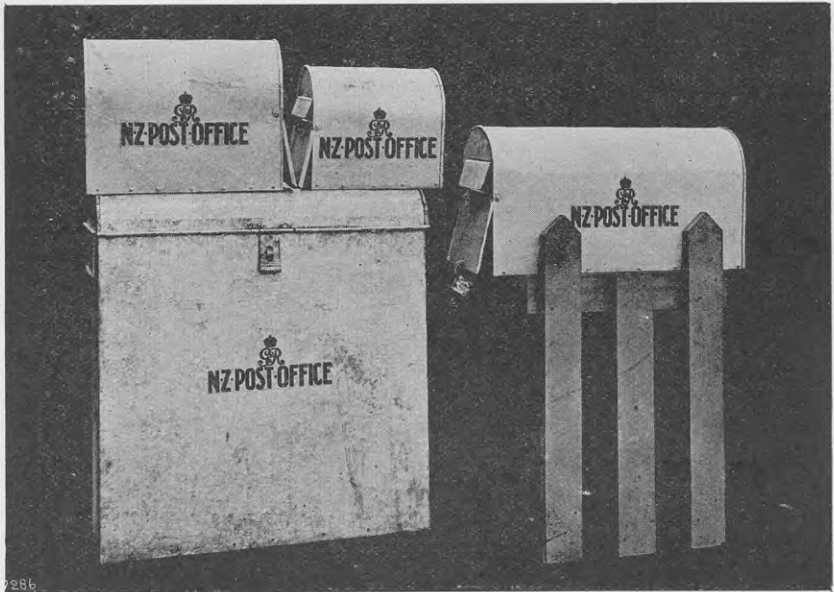


RURAL DAILY MAIL DELIVERY.

THE forward movement by the Post and Telegraph Department to provide the New Zealand farmer with a daily mail delivery is being fully appreciated. The first supply of 500 of the special Canadian boxes, secured for the purpose at a cost of 15s. each, was rapidly exhausted, and another 500 boxes, to arrive at the end of this month, are practically all disposed of. Cheaper locally made boxes are being furnished, and the demand for these is greater than the contractor can keep pace with. These simple galvanized-iron boxes are provided with no means, as are the Canadian boxes, to indicate whether there is mail-matter to



PRIVATE POSTAL BOXES FOR RURAL MAIL ROUTES.

collect or whether anything has been left by the mailman. A substitute has been devised by some farmers in the shape of a small flag, hoisted when the box has to be cleared.

The cheaper boxes are here illustrated. While the cost of the Canadian box is 15s., the three smaller ones shown, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, are sold at 5s., 7s., and 9s. respectively. The large one, sold at £1 1s., is a community box, for erection at the junction of the mail route and a side road on which several farmers live, or it is useful in the case of a large holding where the mail-matter is of a bulky nature. Padlocks, with three keys, are provided for 3s. 9d. for all classes of boxes.