

## TOBACCO - GROWING.

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SEVERAL attempts have been made in New Zealand to establish the tobacco-growing industry, but without any marked success. Consequently the area now planted in tobacco is much less than that of some former seasons. The general opinion of old settlers visiting Ruakura



TOBACCO-PLANT AT RUAKURA FARM OF INSTRUCTION.

supports this statement, for when passing the tobacco-plots they invariably refer to having grown crops over twenty years ago, and having seen large tobacco-plantations cultivated by Maoris. On the other hand, younger farmers frequently state that it is the first time they have seen the plant growing.