

## MILK-PRODUCING FOOD.

PRIMROSE MCCONNELL.

IN connection with the various crops of forage, an abundance of which is now available at the Ruakura Farm of Instruction, no feed seems to dominate another in the matter of milk-production. A balanced food has produced no more milk than a one-sided one. What seems to be required most is an abundant supply of succulent palatable food. Of all plants grown at this station (lucerne excepted) none is so much relished as maize. It has been found that when a full ration of green maize and peas is given, the cows eat the maize and reject the peas; while, on the other hand, horses eat a pea ration greedily. It has also been found that an addition of 2 lb. of bran to the forage ration increases the milk-yield by about a gallon per week. The present lucerne-paddock being a long way from the dairy, the feeding of this plant in the green state to dairy stock was not tested, but its value is too well known to need further proof.

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## IMPORTATION OF DOGS FROM UNITED KINGDOM.

IT has been decided by the Government to reduce the period of quarantine to sixty days of dogs imported into New Zealand from the United Kingdom, dating from the time of removal of the animal to the quarantine-station. This concession, applying only to dogs coming from the United Kingdom, is subject to the furnishing by the shipper of a sworn declaration to the effect that the animal has been domiciled in the United Kingdom for not less than nine months (or, if under nine months of age, from birth), and that it is his belief that it is free from disease, and has not during the preceding nine months been in contact with any dog suffering from disease. The last portion of the declaration must be certified to by a qualified veterinary surgeon practising in the immediate neighbourhood of the dog's domicile.

In addition to the shipper's declaration, the usual certificate issued at the port of shipment by the Veterinarian acting for this Government must also be obtained.

Both declaration and veterinary certificate must accompany the animal to New Zealand.