

crops are now harvested, the late crops having been very much stunted through the early drought. The rape crops have not been too good this season, owing to the dry weather, except in the low-lying lands. Stock in general are looking well.—*S. C. Ivens.*

WELLINGTON.—Generally, mild hazy weather was the rule during February. Steady beneficial rains fell on several days, freshening up hill pastures, which are now good, especially on coastal runs, and winter feed is now fairly assured. Oat crops were good and were stacked in good condition. Maize and rape are looking well, also stock. Advantage was taken of the favourable weather to burn out scrubby and fern patches for regrassing. A favourable month for farmers.—*G. H. Jenkinson.*

BLENHEIM.—February was a very dry month and very windy. Rain fell on two days during the third week; but, owing to the hardness of the ground, there was not enough to penetrate very far, and more rain is very badly needed.—*F. H. Brittain.*

WESTLAND.—The weather continues most unpropitious for this time of the year. February, which as a rule is the hottest and driest month, proved the very reverse. We had several very cold snaps from the south, and snow fell on the high country. The result, as might be expected, was disastrous in regard to haymaking, whereas, on the other hand, the growth of grass is phenomenal. Stock in consequence are looking sleek, and the deliveries to the dairy factories are, as a result, very satisfactory indeed.—*H. J. Walton.*

KAIKOURA.—The harvesting of grain crops was practically completed during the month, and the bulk of the crop was stacked in good condition. The crop as a whole is good and above the average of former years. Wind and rain laid several of the heavy crops of oats about the beginning of the month, but these were pretty well ripened, so did not reduce the yield. Turnips are coming on nicely, and promise well for winter feed. Pastures have made good growth during the month.—*William S. Goodall.*

RANGIORA.—All green crops suffered for the want of rain in the early part of last month. Aphis had attacked the swedes, turnips, and rape, but the heavy showers at the end of the month washed a good many away and revived the crops. Threshing has been going on steadily through the month, mostly from the stook; but rain stopped operations for a short period. The weather has been seasonable. Sunshine, 185 hours 35 minutes. Rainfall for month, 2.15 in.—*A. Hughes.*

LINCOLN.—With the exception of a severe north-west gale on the 11th of the month good harvest weather prevailed until the 20th, when the weather broke. It continued showery for some days, but little harm resulted to the grain then remaining in stook. On the other hand, the rains have greatly benefited green crops and pastures. Turnip crops generally are now in a very healthy condition, and rape has been freshened up. Where already threshed, white clover has yielded fairly well. Red clover promises a fair yield. The cocksfoot crop, both as regards quantity and quality, is a satisfactory one. On the higher country on the Peninsula, however, the threshing has not been completed.—*J. G. Scott.*

ASHBURTON.—Harvesting was greatly delayed through the wet weather, and the sample of grain is very shrivelled, yielding only about half of that of last year. Turnips, rape, and grass have been greatly benefited through the rain, and good autumn and winter feed is now assured. Frost cut back a lot of the late potatoes, and the heavy nor'-westers denuded a lot of the fruit-trees. The total rainfall for the month was 3.44 in., and there were 7 degrees of frost.—*C. Branigan.*

FAIRLIE.—Very dry weather was experienced during the first half of the month, crops ripening quickly and pastures being burnt up. Water was very scarce in some parts of the district. Rain came on the 20th, 3.20 in. being registered. Pastures and root crops freshened up, and there is a good prospect for the winter. A good deal of crop has been harvested and threshed, and yields are very poor. Potatoes will require to be dug at once, as the second growth has appeared.—*W. B. Manning.*

TIMARU.—The weather for the month has been very varied—a heavy north-west gale doing a lot of damage to standing grain and crop in stook, being followed by a heavy fall of rain delaying harvest-work, and a hard frost which cut down a lot of the potato crops. The pastures have a great growth of grass all through the district, and there should be good winter feed if the frosts keep off.—*J. C. Huddleston.*

KUROW.—The past month was very unfavourable for harvesting operations, owing to heavy winds. The crops received a very severe shaking before cutting, which will affect the average yield considerably. Farmers state that their crops will not pan out