

Blight has not made much headway among the potatoes, and indications point to a satisfactory return. Turnips are looking healthy, and grass is abundant everywhere.—*R. McGillivray.*

TAPANUI.—The weather has broken and much rain has fallen, which, although interrupting the harvest, which is now in full swing, will do an immense amount of good in freshening pastures and helping along turnips, rape, and young grass. Cereals are much below the average of former years, and the oat crop is not so well filled. Barley is below the average, both in quantity and quality. Turnips have been damaged both by fly and grub, but are recovering since recent rains, and, given fair growing-weather, may yet be a fair crop.—*W. J. McCulloch.*

GORE.—The weather during the past month was most unfavourable for harvesting, being more like winter than the early autumn. Harvesting is now general, and some very good crops are to be seen in stook. The second week of the month was exceptionally rough, the gales we experienced causing considerable damage to the green crops. In some cases farmers estimate their loss from this cause at about 10 bushels per acre. Pastures are holding out well, and both the turnip and potato crops are looking well.—*B. Grant.*

LUMSDEN.—The weather for the month of February was anything but seasonable. During the first week of the month we had some nice warm sunny days, followed by a regular winter snap—very stormy, with high wind and rain, with snow on the high country—greatly interfering with the grass-cutting and doing a lot of damage to the grass in stook. During the last week of the month we have been favoured with nice warm days, allowing the farmers to make headway in cutting the wheat and oat crops. All white crops this season will be light. Turnips appear to be doing very well, and should be plentiful. Potatoes, although not dug, look well. Pastures still continue to have plenty of feed.—*W. S. S. Cantrell.*

INVERCARGILL.—The weather during February was very changeable, with a fair amount of rain. About the middle of the month we experienced high winds and heavy hail-showers, which did a considerable amount of damage to crops. Grass is getting scarce, and turnips and rape are now being fed off in some instances. Oats are now being cut, and grass is still to be seen in stook.—*J. R. Whyborn.*

OTAUTAU.—The weather for the month was wretched, and harvest has been at a standstill in consequence. Many farmers have grain in stook, but have not been able to lead it in owing to the continuous rain. The 13th of the month was one of the worst experienced for a long time, hail and rain falling all day, doing a good deal of damage to standing crops. The grass-seed harvest is proving very light. Turnips and potatoes are looking remarkably well throughout the district, and food is plentiful.—*H. F. Dencker.*

QUEENSTOWN.—The weather for the month was very changeable up till within the last week or ten days, during which we experienced fine weather. Cold winds were very prevalent, which have had the effect of retarding the fall growth somewhat, but the whole district has improved wonderfully in the matter of pastures, crops, &c., since the rains of a month ago. Harvesting is well on now, but spring-sown crops are yet to cut, and in most cases are poor.—*A. Clarke.*

PEMBROKE.—The weather during last month was very unseasonable, and harvesting operations could only be carried out with great difficulty. A considerable amount of lost time was occasioned through the almost incessant strong gales, which at times were followed by cold rain and snow on the higher country. About the middle of the month an extra strong gale was experienced throughout the district, which damaged trees and crops.—*J. A. Griffith.*

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