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## SHEEP - MANAGEMENT.

VIEWED FROM THE HEALTH STANDPOINT.

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HEEP-FARMING is already a great industry in New Zealand, but it has a still greater future before it. Not only is there yet much land waiting settlement capable of carrying considerable flocks, but the land already in occupation could, with improved methods of management, quite well carry more sheep than at present, and this without interfering with other branches of rural industry, as dairy-farming, &c.

One cardinal principle in successful sheep-farming is that the flocks be maintained in as sound health and condition as possible, in order that the yield of marketable products, whether wool, lamb, or mutton, may return their full share of profit to those engaged in the industry, and this can only be brought about by good management, which in turn is dependent upon the possession of good practical knowledge on the part of the farmer. New Zealand is free from any serious disease of a contagious nature affecting sheep, and such mortality as does