

During the course special attention was directed to veterinary science, to orchard work, and to top-dressing. Veterinary work was taken in the form of lectures, as demonstration and practical work in the field, and at night lantern-slides were used with good effect. Orchard work took on so well that more orchards were available than could be attended to. Farmers are keenly supporting the class in top-dressing, giving the use of their paddocks and finding the necessary manures for use during the coming winter.

At Hawera, in early December:—

- (1.) Shearing.
- (2.) Wool-sorting.
- (3.) Pastures and their treatment.
- (4.) Manuring and sowing mangels, carrots, turnips, and lucerne.
- (5.) Dairy-work: Use of Babcock machine, and lactometer; calculation of added water; herd-testing continued.



MR. T. W. LONSDALE, MANAGER OF MOUMAHAKI EXPERIMENTAL FARM, GIVING AN ADDRESS ON THE JUDGING OF A DAIRY COW.

Special features in this course were the classes in shearing and wool-sorting. As soon as the lads had sufficient practice, owners freely offered the use of sheds, and allowed the students to shear their flocks under actual shearing-conditions. The lads thoroughly entered into the spirit of the work, working on some days from 7 a.m. till 6 p.m. At the end of the course farmers provided funds, and competitions were held in shearing, wool-sorting, and in milk-testing.