

**HAMILTON.**—Beneficial rains on the 11th, 12th, and 28th of the past month had the effect of freshening up the pastures and promoting a good growth in the root crops, the turnip crops looking particularly well. This district has a remarkably good appearance for this time of year, and there is every prospect of a good supply of feed for the winter months. Dairy herds are in good order, and the milk-supply is greater than usual at this season. All classes of stock are in good condition, and prices are ruling high. In the back districts, with few exceptions, settlers have had excellent burns, and are busy sowing grass-seed and clovers.—*J. Kerr.*

**TE AWAMUTU.**—March was characterized by exceptional weather from a farmer's point of view. Twice during the month this district was blessed with splendid warm rains, ensuring abundance of grass for the autumn and a splendid root-crop for the winter. Crops have been harvested in good order, and stock are in splendid condition, with good markets.—*C. E. McPhee.*

**KING-COUNTRY.**—The weather was most seasonable. Pastures, winter crops, and newly sown bush burns are in splendid order.—*B. Bayly.*

**OHAKUNE.**—From the 1st to the 16th exceptionally dry weather prevailed throughout the district. Rain fell on the 17th and 18th, and a cold snap was experienced until the 28th. Then warm winds sprang up, which were followed in due course by a heavy downpour on the 29th, since which date the condition has been variable, light showers alternating with periods of sunshine and frost at night. The spell of comparatively dry weather experienced up to the middle of last month did not appreciably affect pastures, and at present all classes of stock are amply provided for. Turnips, mangels, and carrots are looking remarkably well, and promise to prove a valuable asset to farmers during the winter months. Oats matured earlier this season than is usual for the district, and on the majority of farms where grown have been stacked in good condition. The amount of bushfelling on the different blocks and the successful burns thereon have materially enlarged the area of cleared ground within the district.—*P. Barry.*

**GISBORNE.**—There was a nice fall of rain about the 11th of the month, which gave the pastures a start. Further rain fell toward the end of the month, but not sufficient to do much good. The pastures throughout the district are parched in appearance and very scanty. Unless we have more rain soon, feed will be very short during the coming winter, more especially cattle-feed.—*W. Ross.*

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**—There were frequent light showers during the early part of the month, no heavy rain falling until the 28th. This lasted two days and caused the rivers to rise slightly. Although the nights have been cold the days have been very muggy and oppressive. The wet weather during the early part of the month caused considerable delay and damage to the late crops, and it is feared that there will be a considerable quantity of damaged grain and chaff. Threshing has begun. The yields so far are below the average. The root crops have made good growth, and maize has also done well this year. The pastures are exceptionally good, and there is abundance of feed in all parts of the district. The milk-yield is decreasing, as is to be expected at this season of the year; nevertheless cows are milking remarkably well. Within the last two months several of the factories have commenced to manufacture casein. All farmers are now very busy ploughing and getting in their winter crops, and burning and clearing weeds, the growth of which has been phenomenal. The increasing shortage of casual labour is keenly felt.—*R. E. Fairfax-Cholmeley.*

**MANGAWEKA.**—Fairly dry weather was experienced during March. Good heavy rain-showers fell on the 13th and 29th, which will do a lot of good to the country. The newly sown burns will benefit by this downfall. On the papa country old pastures still retain a greenness. There is still plenty of feed about, and some good crops of turnips are to be seen. Potato-digging is now general. The tubers vary a good deal as to size, but the table ones are better than they have been for some years. The weather for dipping favoured those who had plenty of water, but others again have not fared so well owing to creeks having dried up. Stock of all descriptions are doing well, and if the weather will only continue warm after this rain feed should be plentiful for starting the winter.—*J. A. Melrose.*

**FEILDING.**—The weather was dry during the past month. The pastures were not of a milk-producing nature, therefore the milk-yield was disappointing through feed not being succulent. Ensilage would have assisted in keeping up the milk-supply, and no doubt suppliers to factories will take notice when they read of distant friends reaping the benefit of feeding ensilage to stock during dry and off seasons of the year. We are getting warm rains now, which should send a plentiful supply of feed for the