

autumn months. Peas are threshing out very good, while potatoes are turning out well in the KIWITEA and KIMBOLTON districts, and are very free from blight.—*William Dibble.*

WAIROA.—The weather during the month of March continued very dry, with the exception of a few refreshing showers that occurred at intervals throughout the month. There was no rainfall to promote growth to any extent, the consequent result being a great shortage of pastures throughout the district, thus causing the settlers anxiety with regard to making the necessary provision for the wintering of their stock. Stock are in good condition.—*T. F. Mullaly.*

HASTINGS.—The weather during March was of a pleasant description. Light rain fell on several days, and did much good, especially to turnip and rape crops, while pastures benefited to some extent. Much more rain is wanted. Self-sown grasses germinated freely after the rain, but are now suffering from drought and high winds.—*J. G. Parker.*

WAIPIKURAU.—Last month was a slight improvement on the previous one, there having been a good rain on the 11th, which promoted a fair growth in pastures, and will greatly assist the root crops, which were feeling the effect of the continued dry weather. Stock have got through the dry weather very well, and are in fair condition to face the coming winter.—*H. O. M. Christie.*

PAHIATUA.—Rainfall for the month was 4.91 in., rain falling on fifteen days, and the heaviest fall being 1.34 in., on the 11th instant. (Corresponding month of last year: Total fall 4.56 in. on thirteen days; heaviest fall 1.30 in., on the 15th.) The weather during the month was all that could be desired. We had a fair amount of warmth following the rain, and consequently there has been a fair growth both in roots and pastures. I sowed an experimental plot of lucerne on the 27th January; it made its appearance on the 1st February, and it is now 8 in. high. My plot of oats and vetches for winter use is now looking well. The birds were a great nuisance, causing the oats to come rather thin. Indications at the present time for winter feed are good.—*T. Bacon.*

NORTH WAIRARAPA.—The past month was favourable for farmers. The recent rains have had a tendency to freshen the pastures and bring away a nice growth. If favourable weather continues it should ensure winter feed. Harvesting is practically finished. Late-sown turnips have benefited by the recent rains. Stock also are looking well.—*J. S. Rankin.*

MASTERTON.—The country got very much dried up in the early part of the month, and the outlook was very serious. Warm rain set in on the 18th, continuing for several days, and we have had intermittent showers since, which have saved the situation. In some parts of the district it must have meant hundreds of pounds to the farmers. The ground had become very hard and dry, the grass was withering up fast, and the outlook for winter feed was very gloomy; now, however, a good supply of winter feed is assured. In some parts turnips and rape have done very well, potatoes promise a fair yield, and stock all look in very good condition. I notice pennyroyal is spreading rapidly in parts of the district.—*T. C. Webb.*

SOUTH WAIRARAPA.—The fine weather broke up on the 11th of last month, light showery weather following, which was required by dairy-farmers, as their herds had dropped considerably in their milk. At the present time the land is in exceptionally good order for breaking up for autumn cropping. Stock in general are looking well. Many turnip crops are affected with disease.—*S. C. Leens.*

WELLINGTON.—March weather-conditions were very favourable to farmers and graziers. Grass is abundant—in parts of the district overgrown. Maize, mangels, and rape, together with all descriptions of stock, are looking very well. A notable feature of the month's climatic conditions was the prevalence of dense fogs over all the higher country.—*G. H. Jenkinson.*

BLenheim.—The greater part of the month was hot, dry, and windy. Rain fell after Easter, being followed by two nights' frost. Heavy rain came on again on the 28th, lasting for several hours, and the weather became very cold and wintry, but again changed to bright sunny weather. If there are no more frosts the prospects for winter feed will be assured.—*F. H. Brittain.*

SEDDON.—The weather for the month of March was very variable, consisting of some very warm and extremely cold days. Rain fell at intervals with some exception.