

WAIMATE.—The month of March was unusually wet, and threshing operations have been somewhat hindered. Generally speaking, grain has been safely stacked, and fair yields are expected, although it is thought the average yields will be much below those of last year. The weather from a grazing point of view has been suitable. Pastures are good, and there is an abundance of feed, and there are now good prospects of an ample supply of feed to carry stock over the winter months. Turnips, rape, and mangels have done fairly well. Potatoes, although some fair crops can be noticed, are in many cases blighted, but fair returns may be hoped for. Threshing is now in full swing, but finer weather would greatly facilitate the work.—*F. A. Macdonald.*

KUROW.—We had a fair share of showery weather during the past month, which will ensure a good growth of autumn feed, providing we have no hard frosts to retard growth. Stock of all kinds, both on the high country and lowlands, are in splendid condition and in good heart to face the approaching winter. The Waitaki River is in high flood just now, and old residents state that it has not been so high for over twenty years.—*G. Reid.*

OAMARU.—This month was most unsettled throughout. North-east rains and southerly winds and rain were prevalent throughout the month, with short periods of warm fine weather between. The pastures have improved considerably on account of moisture. The harvest is practically over, and yields are averaging about 35 bushels in most cases. The potato crop is not reaching expectations and is digging light. Rain-fall, 2.28 in.—*W. F. Flower.*

PALMERSTON SOUTH.—A good deal of fog and drizzling rain during the first part of the month, and heavier rains during the latter. Rain fell on seventeen days, the total being 1.60 in. Pastures freshened up greatly, and there is now a good supply of rough feed. Root crops made excellent progress during the last six weeks. Threshing is now in full swing.—*C. S. Dalghiesh.*

DUNEDIN.—The weather during March was stormy, cold, and wet—in fact very bad harvest weather, as there was some rain practically every second day. This had a bad effect on turnips, mangels, and potatoes, as there was no genial sunshine to make up for late sowing. Pastures are fairly good, as they usually require a lot of moisture, and most farms not being heavily stocked during summer, there will be a good deal of rough paddock feed for the winter months. This district has escaped the disastrous floods which did so much damage elsewhere.—*J. R. Renton.*

MOSGIEL.—During the month of March the weather was unfavourable for threshing and stacking. Rain fell on the 10th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, the heaviest fall being on the 27th and 28th, but no damage was done to crops or stock. Throughout the district pastures are looking well, as well as early turnips and mangels. Threshing is in full swing. The average yield will not be as good as last season. Half the potato plots growing at Milton District High School were sprayed with Bordeaux mixture on the 11th February by Mr. W. T. Goodwin, Orchard Instructor, and are quite green in the leaf and healthy, while the half left unsprayed are blighted very badly. Any one interested in growing potatoes should inspect the plots and see the result.—*H. McLeod.*

STRATH TAIERI.—The weather during the greater part of the month was rather cold and dry, with several days of high wind. A heavy rainfall took place on the 28th (2.36 in.), which will greatly benefit pastures and green crops. Cereal crops were saved in good condition, and where threshing has been carried out the returns are satisfactory. Turnip crops are lighter than usual, and blight is noticeable among swedes.—*W. Scott.*

MANIOTOTO.—Good growing-weather during whole of month. Turnips came away very well; plenty of grass, and on high country good rough feed. Stock looking well.—*A. T. N. Simpson.*

CLYDE.—The weather for March was very dry right up to the end of the month, when on the 27th and 28th we experienced very heavy rain. The rainfall for the month was 3.10 in. All rivers in the district rose a considerable height above normal. The majority of farmers have their crops threshed and carted away, and are preparing for next season's crops.—*Thomas N. Baxter.*

LAWRENCE.—The weather for the month was variable. A good deal of the crop has been cut and stacked. Towards the end of the month a very heavy rainfall was experienced, with floods upon low-lying country, which had a disastrous effect upon stock and standing crops, &c.—*R. Barron.*