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STOCK-BREEDING A NATIONAL INDUSTRY.

**T**HE subject of first importance to the farmer of New Zealand, and indirectly to the Dominion, is that of stock-breeding. Primarily a grazing-country, our chief concern should be the maintaining of our flocks and herds at a high standard of excellence. The breeding of sound and profitable animals is a necessary corollary to successful farming in any land, but to New Zealand, situated so far from its main markets, with keen rivals to face, and with the cost of production generally on a high plane, it is imperative that the choicest quality of product must be obtained if success is to attend our operations. In the important work of sheep-breeding we have many difficulties to face. The successful breeding of animals is not a business that can be learnt from the best work ever written, or, indeed, in