

TIMARU.—During the month there was a fair fall of rain, with a lot of foggy weather and very little frost. There is a good growth of grass all through the district to start the winter with. A large amount of cow-grass has been cut and stacked, and some which has been threshed has yielded well. Potato-digging is general, but there is only a fair crop.—*J. C. Huddleston.*

WAIMATE.—The weather during April was very changeable, and at times exceptionally cold for this season of the year, rain somewhat hindering threshing operations. Pastures all through the district are looking well. During the month a considerable area was broken up for cropping. Cereal crops are not threshing out up to the average, and potato-yields already dug are not so heavy as usual. Turnips and mangels look well. Lucerne and maize, on the other hand, have suffered considerably from the unseasonably cold weather during growth. Silver-beet and chou moellier sown last month are doing well. All stock look well, and there is for this time of the year an abundance of feed.—*F. A. Macdonald.*

KUROW.—We have had beautiful autumn weather during the past month, and the frosts have not been severe enough to retard growth to any extent, with the result that pastures are looking splendid, and stock of all kinds are in good heart to face the winter months. Potato crops are not so good as last season's, although they are free from disease. Threshing is still going on in the Hakatarama Valley, crops not yielding quite so well as last year.—*G. Reid.*

OAMARU.—The weather has been fine, with cold frosty nights, and in most cases was very suitable for the farmer. The rape crops are not good throughout the district, but green winter feed is doing well. Threshing is mostly over, and ploughing and carting grain is the order of the day.—*W. F. Flower.*

PALMERSTON SOUTH.—The weather was fairly good throughout the month. The rainfall since the 28th March was 141 points. Splendid weather has been the rule since the 18th, there being unusually high barometer on the 20th and 21st, slowly falling ever since, and very cold for the last two days. There were several hard frosts throughout the month. Ploughing and preparing the land for autumn sowing is the chief work being done on the farm. Pastures and green feed are looking well. Root crops have a good show of tops, but with small bulbs.—*C. S. Dalgleish.*

DUNEDIN.—The weather during April was very mild and sunny, quite a contrast to that experienced in March. This has enabled farmers to lift their potatoes, which have turned out a fair crop. With one or two rare exceptions, mangels are a very light crop. Pastures still continue fair, and winter feeding will not be such a big order as it has been in past seasons.—*J. R. Renton.*

MOSGIEL.—During April it rained for eight days, doing good to the hill country. Harvesting is practically over. The yield will be much lighter than last season. Farmers are busy ploughing, and the land is in exceptionally good order for breaking up. Potatoes are not yet lifted, but the yield will be light. Pastures, turnips, and mangels are looking well, and there will be abundance of feed for the winter. Very heavy rain fell on the 30th.—*H. McLeod.*

STRATH TAIERI.—The weather during the month was changeable, with every appearance of an early winter. During April we have had three wintry snaps, which whitened all the surrounding hill country. Pastures are fairly good, and stock are in fair condition to start the winter. Potato-digging is general, and in most cases the crops are light. In some localities late turnips have come on well. The land is in good condition for ploughing, and most farmers have made a start.—*W. Scott.*

MANIOTOTO.—There has been a good deal of frost during the month. Up to the 13th the weather was changeable; since then we have had fine clear days, accompanied by frost at nights. Stock throughout the district are healthy and are in good condition.—*A. T. N. Simpson.*

LAWRENCE.—The first portion of the month was very cold and stormy, with snow on the hills and also lower down; but much more favourable weather was experienced at the latter end of the month. Harvesting is almost completed, with the exception of a few late places. Yields of all grain are light. Turnips will not be a heavy crop. All stock are looking well at present, and, should the winter be not too prolonged, there will be sufficient feed to pull them through successfully.—*R. Barron.*

BALCLUTHA.—The weather for April was very changeable—considerable rain and a few sharp frosts, with latterly ten days of lovely weather. Winter feed for stock will be very limited (chiefly on account of the recent floods), as a considerable area of good turnip crops have been ruined. This applies chiefly to Barnego and Inch-Clutha. The