

THE VARIOUS TYPES OF GRASS-LAND.

Excluding rotation grass, the principal grass-lands of New Zealand may be roughly classified under the following headings according to what type of vegetation they have replaced:—

Coastal-forest Grass-land.—The area devoted to this class of pasture is comparatively small. Typical examples may be seen over a large portion of the Wanganui coastal places and elsewhere along the coasts of both Islands. The majority of the grass-land of the Moumahaki Experimental Farm was of this type, but is



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mainly now of a rotation character. Frequently coastal-forest grass-land a few years after the original sowing turns gradually into *Danthonia* pasture, as can be well seen on the coastal hills around Wellington.

Rain-forest Grass-land.—This class of grass-land comprises many millions of acres, mainly in the North Island, although there are very large tracts in the South Island. A feature of these grass-lands is the general predominance of cocksfoot, although, of course, many other grasses occupy an important position. The majority