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THE district of Southland and the adjoining districts of south Otago have been the pioneers in the use of lime in connection with the agriculture of New Zealand. The first to use lime on an extensive scale in this country was the New Zealand and Australian Land Company, on its Edendale Estate in Southland. The company made a beginning in 1890, during which year it limed about 200 acres. It continued the work until it disposed of the property in 1904, partly by sale and subdivision to settlers, and partly by sale to the Government for closer settlement. During these fourteen years the company limed about 6,000 or 7,000 acres with an average of about 2 tons of burnt lime per acre. The use of lime on an extensive scale has been continued since 1904 by the settlers, and the Edendale and surrounding districts are