

I am enclosing a letter from him, and you will see from this that the mortality was immediately stopped, and, with the exception of one, all the ewes which were visibly affected recovered. [This letter reads as follows: "In answer to your letter as regards sheep, I may say that I only lost one after you were here, and that was the one to which we gave the oil. I carried out your recommendation, shifting them about, and I am quite sure if I had not done so I would have lost more. They are lambing away yet and doing well."]

On another farm in the district an owner of a flock of five hundred ewes lost fifteen ewes in three days. I visited this farm, and recommended shifting the ewes to fresh paddocks and giving them as much exercise as possible. The owner now informs me that the ewes have all lambed, and that on carrying out my recommendations he had no further mortality.

In the same district another owner was losing three or four ewes daily out of a flock of seven hundred sheep. On exercising the sheep twice daily the mortality immediately ceased.

Numerous other cases can be quoted, but I think the foregoing will be sufficient to show that by shifting the sheep about and giving them sufficient mild exercise (not chasing with dogs) the mortality can be almost immediately stopped.

MILKING-TUBES: ANOTHER EXPERIENCE.

THE following communication, received from a Westland correspondent, speaks for itself:—

I note in your September issue a letter from a Taranaki farmer regarding a certain rubber tube and silver siphon milking-machine which is now being introduced into New Zealand from Australia. It may interest the Taranaki farmer and others to know that I was asked to give this milker a trial last season. Considering its small cost when compared with other milking-machines, I realized that if it was a success there was a great future before it, and so I took up the trial with great enthusiasm. I paid very careful attention to the lengthy precautions advised by the agent for the milker, and followed all the printed advice and details most particularly—in short, I gave the milker the very best possible show on two cows which were good and regular and uniform in their milk. The result was a disaster for both cows, and after a trial of some months off and on (I had to discontinue the milker several times in order to let the cows get right again) I hung the milker up in the dairy, and every time I see it now I think how very nearly it ruined two good cows. After I gave up using this milker I became curious to know what experience others who had used it had had, and I wrote to five addresses of men who are supposed to be using this machine in various parts of Australia. I got these addresses from a booklet of testimonials sent with the milker. Though I enclosed stamped and addressed envelopes for a reply, it is a curious fact that not in one single instance did I get any reply. Again, I wrote to the agent explaining the various adverse results I had experienced from the trial, and he never troubled to reply at all.