

RAINFALL FOR JULY, 1923—*continued.*

Station.	Total Fall.	Number of Wet Days.	Maximum Fall.	Average July Rainfall.
<i>South Island.</i>				
	Inches.		Inches.	Inches.
Westport	2·83	14	0·90	6·99
Greymouth	3·15	8	1·22	8·43
Hokitika	2·50	8	1·06	9·20
Arthur's Pass	4·25	1	4·25	12·53
Okuru, Westland	2·54	7	1·54	12·03
Collingwood	8·35	10	2·21	9·65
Nelson	2·56	9	1·20	3·53
Spring Creek, Blenheim	1·52	10	0·80	3·93
Tophouse	3·56	9	1·50	5·65
Hanmer Springs	2·74	11	0·64	5·15
Highfield, Waiau	2·50	15	0·52	2·42
Gore Bay	2·53	19	0·70	3·31
Christchurch	3·90	22	0·85	2·77
Timaru	1·82	11	0·52	1·95
Lambrook Station, Fairlie	0·82	6	0·40	2·72
Benmore Station, Omarama	0·50	6	0·16	1·74
Oamaru	0·96	13	0·25	1·78
Queenstown	1·38	3	1·05	2·01
Clyde	0·28	4	0·08	0·94
Dunedin	2·14	13	0·62	3·02
Gore	1·08	10	0·25	2·05
Invercargill	1·62	12	0·42	3·45

IMPORTATION OF GRASS-SEED FROM AUSTRALIA.

THE regulations issued in September, 1921, relating to the importation of grass-seed from Queensland and New South Wales with a view to the prevention of the introduction into New Zealand of ticks of the Ixodidae family have been revoked, and other regulations gazetted on 2nd August. Under the latter provisions the importation of grass-seed grown in Queensland, or in the tick-infestation-quarantine area of New South Wales, is prohibited. Grass-seed grown in New South Wales other than in the tick-infestation-quarantine area, or in any other State of the Commonwealth, may be imported subject to the condition that prior to shipment to the Dominion it has been subjected to cyanide fumigation for a period of not less than six hours, or to other fumigation, in a manner approved of by the Minister, and, further, in the case of paspalum-seed, prairie-grass seed, and millet-seed, that it is again similarly treated upon arrival in the Dominion. No grass-seed is to be imported from the Commonwealth unless it is accompanied by a certificate signed by the consignor, in the form prescribed by schedule, and also by a certificate signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State in which it was grown, in the form prescribed.

IMPORTATION OF PLANTS INTO AUSTRALIA.

THE Commonwealth regulations designed to prevent the entry of fireblight-infected material into Australia have been modified, and the prohibition now applies to the following: "(a) All deciduous fruit-trees or parts thereof (including the fruit and seeds), and (b) all plants or parts of plants of the family *Rosaceae* (including the fruit and seeds), which were grown in any country in which pear-blight or fireblight (*Bacillus amylovorus*) exists: Provided that the Minister may permit the importation of new or special varieties of deciduous trees or their fruit or seeds, subject to any conditions which he may think fit to impose."