

RAINFALL, FOR APRIL, 1925—continued.

Station.	Total Fall.	Number of Wet Days.	Maximum Fall.	Average April Rainfall.
<i>South Island—continued.</i>				
	Inches.		Inches.	Inches.
Benmore Station, Omarama ..	0·89	8	0·62	2·52
Oamaru	1·66	6	0·54	1·76
Queenstown	2·23	9	0·85	2·92
Clyde	1·18	8	0·18	1·34
Dunedin	2·44	16	0·66	2·72
Gore	3·35	14	0·67	3·26
Invercargill	4·72	20	0·90	4·43

PLANTS, BULBS, ETC., FOR CANADA.

THE following memorandum was issued by the Destructive Insect and Pest Act Advisory Board of Canada, dated Ottawa, 21st February, 1925:—

"It has been brought to our attention by both the Customs and Post Office Departments that shippers of nursery stock from countries other than the United States are not complying with the regulations dealing with the forwarding of parcel-post shipments. Section X of Regulation 1 (Foreign) distinctly states that all such shipments must have an official label, furnished by this Board, attached to the package. No other label should appear thereon, but the shipper is advised to place a label *inside* the package giving the name and address of the ultimate consignee. Packages with two labels are frequently forwarded direct to destination, and then have to be returned to either Montreal or Vancouver for inspection, in which case the importer is required to pay the cost of postage both ways."

It will be seen that it is necessary for senders of such material by parcel-post to communicate with and obtain the necessary label or labels from the above-mentioned Board before making the despatch.

IMPORTATION OF FERTILIZERS: MARCH QUARTER.

FOLLOWING are the importations of fertilizers into New Zealand for the quarter ended 31st March, 1925: *Sulphate of Ammonia*: United Kingdom, 50 tons; Australia, 60 tons. *Gypsum*: Australia, 45 tons. *Nitrate of Soda*: Chile, 40 tons. *Basic Slag*: United Kingdom, 5,245 tons; Belgium, 9,194 tons; Germany, 250 tons. *Bonedust*: Australia, 230 tons; India, 630 tons. *Chardust*: Australia, 45 tons. *Guano and Rock Phosphate*: Nauru Island, 27,851 tons; Ocean Island, 5,629 tons. *Phosphates, other*: Egypt, 2,468 tons. *Kainit*: United Kingdom, 356 tons; France, 128 tons; Germany, 1,160 tons; Belgium, 45 tons. *Sulphate of Potash*: United Kingdom, 136 tons; France, 30 tons; Germany, 327 tons. *Muriate of Potash*: Belgium, 1 ton. *Potash, other*: United Kingdom, 230 tons; France, 70 tons; Germany, 370 tons. *Sulphate of Iron*: Australia, 28 tons. *Other Manures*: United Kingdom, 1 ton; Australia, 1 ton; Canada, 1 ton.

TOP-DRESSING OF PASTURE FOR IRON-HUNGER.

IN connection with the suggestions for curative top-dressing made in the *Journal* for March, p. 186, it is advisable to emphasize that if basic slag and sulphate of iron are mixed, the mixture should be made up in small quantities as required for immediate application; or if left standing for any time it should be spread in a thin layer on the mixing-floor. This mixture if left in bulk or in bags is liable to develop considerable heat, with the formation of a hard mass that can be broken up again only with great difficulty.—*Chemistry Section.*