

They wintered excellently, and in the spring the adjoining lucerne-paddock fattened the lambs. Green lucerne is a great milk-producer for the ewes, and it enables the farmer to get the lambs fat off the mothers, and thus avoid to a large extent the need for rape. The ewes in question with their lambs were turned on to the lucerne, and in three months the lambs were sold fat off their mothers in December, 1924, for the high price of 46s. per head.



FIG. 7. LUCERNE STAND ON HILLY LIMESTONE COUNTRY IN NORTH OTAGI AS IT APPEARED IN JULY AFTER VERY SEVERE WINTER CULTIVATION.



FIG. 8. PROLIFIC SPRING GROWTH ON THE SAME AREA AS SHOWN IN FIG. 7. PHOTO TAKEN IN NOVEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR.