

INVENTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST.

APPLICATIONS for patents, published with abridged specifications in the *New Zealand Patent Office Journal* from 19th November to 17th December, 1925, include the following of agricultural interest:—

No. 52417: Fencing-wires coupling; H. A. and V. G. Symes, Fairlie. No. 53366: Fruit-case-strengthening means; A. V. Allport, Stoke. No. 54148: Milking-machine teat-cup support; E. Sattler, Hurleyville. No. 54666: Milking-machine; A. Melotte, Remincourt, Belgium. No. 52704: Milking-machine pump, pulsator, and releaser; W. R. Cockburn, Auckland. No. 54851: Hair-removing from skins; S. Wilcox, Morgau, South Australia. No. 54556: Flax-tail cutter; C. J. Petersen, Foxton. No. 54936: Cultivator; A. C. Howard, Moss Vale, N.S.W. No. 55367: Harvesting-machine; W. Mitchell, East St. Kilda, Victoria.

Copy of full specifications and drawings in respect of any of the above may be obtained from the Registrar of Patents, Wellington. Price 1s.

IMPORTATION OF GRASS-SEED FROM AUSTRALIA.

THE regulations under the Stock Act relating to the importation of grass-seed from Australia made on 30th July, 1923, have been revoked, and the following regulations made in lieu thereof:—

1. For the purposes of these regulations the term "grass-seed" includes lucerne, clover, and millet seed.

2. The introduction of grass-seed grown in the State of Queensland or the tick-infestation quarantine area of New South Wales is prohibited.

3. Grass-seed grown in the State of New South Wales other than in the tick-infestation quarantine area may be imported into New Zealand subject to the following conditions: (a) That prior to shipment to the Dominion it has been subjected to fumigation by carbon bisulphide, at a strength of 10 lb. to 1,000 cubic feet of chamber-space, for a period not less than twenty-four hours; and (b) that it is accompanied by a certificate, signed by the consignor, in the form of the First Schedule hereto, and also by a certificate, signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture of that State, in the form of the Second Schedule hereto.

4. Grass-seed grown in the States of Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania may be imported into New Zealand subject to the production of a certificate, signed by the consignor, in the form of the Third Schedule hereto, and also a certificate, signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State in which it was grown, in the form of the Fourth Schedule hereto.

And it is hereby declared that these regulations shall come into force on the date of publication of this Order in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

The regulations were gazetted on 14th January, including the schedules referred to therein; the latter are not reprinted here.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"CATTLE-BREEDING: PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCOTTISH CATTLE-BREEDING CONFERENCE." Edited by G. F. Finlay, Ph.D.; 495 pages; illustrated; price, 12s. 6d. net; Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh and London. Consisting of the papers read at the Cattle-breeding Conference held at Edinburgh in 1924 (including several by British Dominions, United States, and European delegates). A valuable record of recent information and knowledge on many aspects of the subject.

"NEW ZEALAND FLOCK BOOK (SOUTH ISLAND)," vol. 21, 1925. Published by the Council of the New Zealand Sheep-breeders' Association (South Island), 151 Worcester Street, Christchurch. The latest issue of this standard publication.