

FERTILIZER IMPORTATIONS: SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

FOLLOWING are particulars of importations of fertilizers into New Zealand for the quarter ended 30th September, 1931:—

Sulphate of ammonia: United Kingdom, 2,020 tons. *Basic slag*: United Kingdom, 523 tons; Belgium, 650 tons; Netherlands, 300 tons. *Bonedust*: India, 100 tons. *Guano*: United Kingdom, 15 tons; Seychelles Islands, 3,642 tons; Madagascar, 2,428 tons. *Rock phosphates*: Ocean Island, 5,206 tons; Nauru Island, 27,988 tons. *Phosphates (other)*: United Kingdom, 140 tons; Belgium, 850 tons. *Kainit*: France, 25 tons; Germany, 25 tons; Poland, 45 tons. *Sulphate of potash*: France, 95 tons; Germany, 102 tons. *Other potash manures*: Belgium, 25 tons; France, 693 tons; Germany, 311 tons; Poland, 291 tons. *Sulphate of iron*: Australia, 3 tons. *Other fertilizers*: United Kingdom, 26 cwt.; Germany, 28 cwt.

ESTIMATED AREAS UNDER CEREALS AND POTATOES.

THE following estimates of the areas under wheat, oats, and barley in the Dominion for the current season were issued by the Government Statistician at date 27th October, the figures being based on a card census: Wheat, 276,000 acres; oats, 329,000 acres; barley, 24,000 acres. The corresponding interim figures for the preceding season (1930-31) were 252,558 acres of wheat, 367,042 acres of oats, and 30,716 acres of barley.

Also from a card census and at same date the Statistician estimates this season's area under potatoes as 22,500 acres. The corresponding interim figures for the 1930-31 season were 28,484 acres. Only holdings of 1 acre and over outside borough boundaries are covered by these figures.

Seven-year-old silage fed out to stock on the Van Asch Estate, Craggy Range, Hawke's Bay, last winter was found to be of good quality and in parts still warm.



TRENCH SILO IN PROCESS OF FILLING.