

## Daggy Sheep at Freezing Works

FARMERS could do much to expedite the handling of sheep at the freezing works by ensuring that no "daggy" sheep are forwarded. Although a shearing appliance may be installed at many works to deal with an occasional daggy animal, it is too much to expect the works to deal with a line of daggy sheep.

The neglect to send forward clean lines of sheep from the farm may be due to a misunderstanding that this matter can be easily rectified at the works. This is not so, however, as daggy sheep will require to be dagged in the yards, or, if attempted on the chain, a very insanitary slaughtering floor will result. The delay and disorganisation of the continuity of slaughtering is a serious matter in increasing the cost of killing when daggy sheep are sent forward.

Every effort should be made to have a line of affected sheep cleaned up at the farm in order to assist in the hygienic and expeditious handling of

the stock at the killing end. This is particularly important during the busy part of the season. Seasonal and feed conditions play such an important part in the incidence of dagginess that

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every assistance requires to be given in a bad season. No doubt it is not always possible at the present time to clean up every animal on the farm, but the control of dagginess on the farm is an important factor in lessening the incidence of strike. The saving of a few lambs in this direction would help to pay for the cost of

dagging, provided the labour is available to carry out the work.

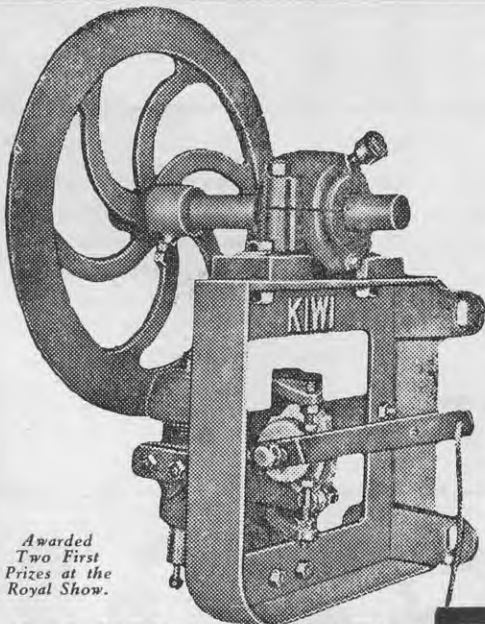
It is hoped that reasonably clean lines of sheep will be sent forward for slaughter this season, so that the stock may be handled at the works with efficiency and to the best advantage.

### Answers to Correspondents

#### Lumps on Cows' Legs

"WORRIED FARMER" (Rangiora) :—

Would you please advise me through your "Journal" what is causing lumps to appear on my cows' legs. I have two grade Jersey cows, both third calvers. One cow has some lumps on her front legs the size of a small egg. She also has some tiny lumps about the size of a pea on the other leg. On opening two of the smaller lumps with a sharp knife, I found they contained a thick yellow substance about the consistency of mustard, which did not smell so, and presume is not the result of injuries or bruises.



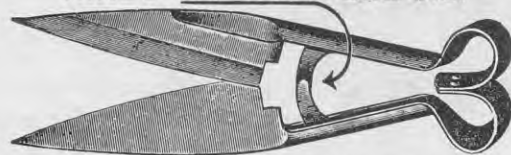
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