

rails, but farmers would be well advised to have a rehearsal or two with an empty frame.

The advantages of this system are obvious. The stacking is done in little more than half the time, and with half the labour. A whole stack can

be finished and tied down in a couple of hours, and if rain or heavy wind intervenes, nearly twice as much hay is saved than by the ordinary methods. It is especially good with lucerne, as it eliminates that heavy

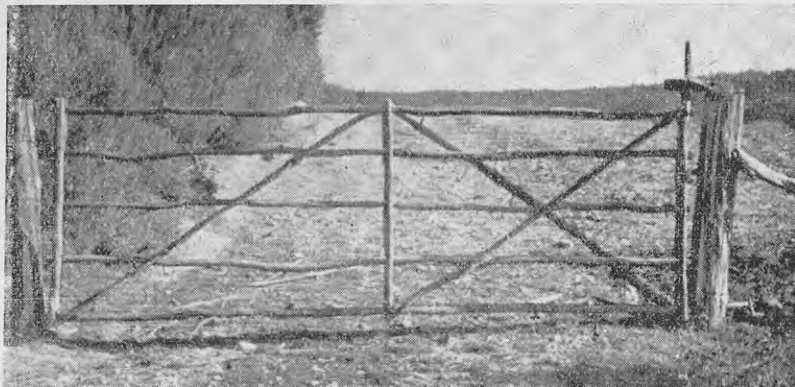
handling from dray to stack which knocks off so much leaf. And then how easy it is to make excellent pig shelters out of these stacks on stilts!

—G. K. McPHERSON, *Instructor in Agriculture, Ashburton.*

Cheap Farm Gate from Tea-tree

THE accompanying illustration shows a manuka or tea-tree gate constructed by a farmer who finds the type serviceable yet superior in ease of operation to the more common "Taranaki" gate. Several of these tea-tree gates have been in use on this property for 10 years or longer.

The rails have been nailed together and clinched, although to prevent splitting it was necessary to bore the nail holes first with a brace and bit. Wire netting was then fastened over the rails, and the gate was swung on the end stake, the bottom portion of which was sharpened to turn in an oiled hardwood block at ground level. The top hinge was made by passing



the stake through a hole in a piece of hardwood nailed to the post top.

Although cheap and light, these gates have proved their worth on this

property, and have saved the expense and maintenance of heavier structures.

—D. M. E. MERRY, *Instructor in Agriculture, Nelson.*

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