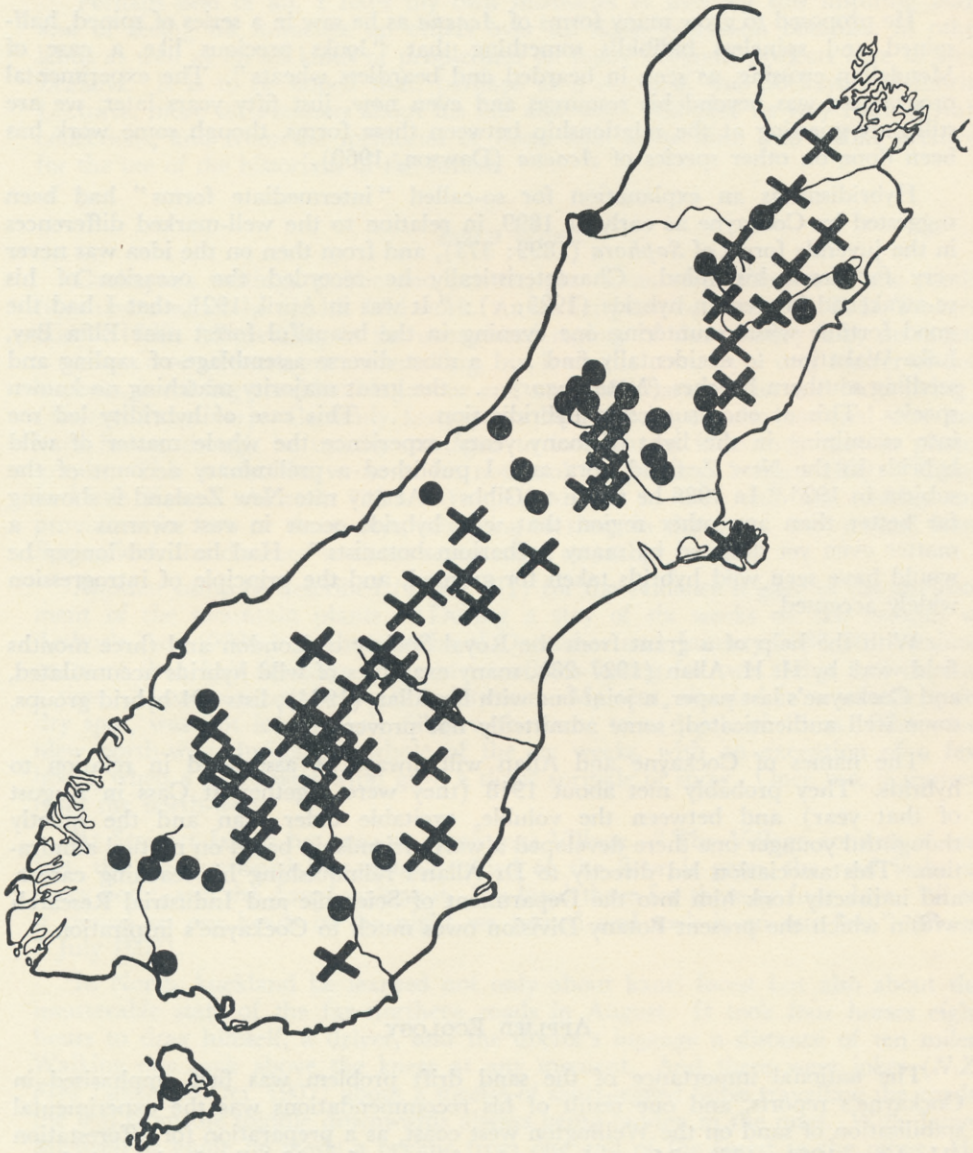


As early as 1908 he was pleading for the establishment of plant breeding stations, instancing their importance for cereals, potatoes and other crops, and many newspapers gave space for his views (e.g., *Dominion*, 10 Jan., 8 May; *Press*, 8, 11 May; *N.Z. Times*, 8 May, 25 June; *Lyttelton Times*, 11 May; *Otago Daily Times*, 9 May). He was given one project along these lines to improve *Phormium*, but even he could do little without more substantial support. Deliberate plant breeding for crop improvement in New Zealand was still at its very early stages twenty years later (Hadfield and Thomson, 1932), though Hilgendorf had begun to cross wheat in 1921.



Map prepared from two lists in one of Cockayne's notebooks. Crosses show "Grassland areas visited by L.C. during his Grassland Investigation and of which notes were taken." Dots show "Localities visited by L.C. previous to his Grassland work but bearing on such work."