

NOTES ON THE WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER, 1943

General.—November, which was a dry month with several fairly settled spells, completed a season notable for the absence of any series of well-developed westerly depressions. During the month there was a considerable decrease in the activity of other types of disturbance in the New Zealand region. Favourable farming conditions were experienced in most districts; rapid pasture and garden growth has compensated for the lateness of the spring, and good headway has been made in seasonal activities.

Rainfall.—With a few restricted exceptions rainfall totals were below average. In parts of the centre of the North Island totals were down to about half the normal, while in many places from Marlborough to Mid-Canterbury, and also in Westland, the rainfall failed to reach half the normal. Surplus rain fell near Lake Waikaremoana, and other slight excesses occurred in parts of the Auckland and Coromandel Peninsulas, in the high country of eastern Nelson, and in north-eastern Otago.

Temperatures.—At most places mean temperatures were within 1° F. of normal, generally above. Positive departures were more marked in the Rotorua district and in Westland.

Sunshine.—Auckland and Christchurch had slightly more, and Napier, Hanmer, and Gore appreciable less bright sunshine than usually. Elsewhere variations from normal were not significant.

Weather Sequence.—During the first week an anticyclone was located to the north. One from the south merged with it on the 2nd and the weather was mostly fine. On the 3rd and 4th a trough gave fresh westerlies in the far south and some scattered rain, but it lost significance after passing the Wellington Province. A depression passed over Southland on the 5th and a sharp pressure trough crossed the South Island. Skies were mainly overcast, and scattered rain fell in the west and later in the east as a south-westerly change extended up to the Wairarapa, but there was a general improvement on the 6th.

On the 7th showers developed in the far south-west with the approach of a cold front, which brought a southerly change to the South Island the following day. A depression developed in that region and caused considerable rain, and some snow fell in Southland. Meanwhile, central districts experienced strong north-westerlies with scattered rain in the west. The depression moved east of Canterbury on the 9th, and on the 10th another moved south-eastward over the North Island, giving extensive rain, which was heaviest in Taranaki.

Slight disturbances passing northward between the 10th and 12th gave fresh south-westerlies, at times with scattered showers. On the 13th an anticyclone over Tasmania was extending across the South Island, and under the influence of a depression deepening off East Cape south-easterlies increased in central districts and rain developed between Cook Strait and East Cape and spread at times to west of the ranges on the 14th, but in the south the weather was mainly fine. Winds moderated on the 16th. Eastern districts experienced some drizzle, but an anticyclone from the south, which intensified on the 17th, gave a general improvement, so that fair weather with rising temperatures prevailed from the 18th to 21st. North-westerlies then freshened in the central provinces, and on the 22nd and 23rd cloud increased and scattered rain fell chiefly in the west as a disturbance advanced over New Zealand. Another from the south gave further scattered falls, including some in Canterbury brought by southerly winds. A low-pressure area was located to the north, and after a trough advanced from the south on the 26th and 27th south-easterly winds became strong in the southern parts of the North Island. It became cooler in eastern districts with occasional drizzle there and in the north, but elsewhere the weather was fair.

An anticyclone from the south spread over New Zealand on the 28th and fine warm weather prevailed. As this anticyclone moved away, winds tended north-easterly, and some local heavy rain occurred about the Auckland Peninsula and Bay of Plenty, and on the morning of the 30th Nelson and Westland had a temporary period of rain.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

The Visiting Forces (Customs Duties) Emergency Regulations 1943

Customs Department,
Wellington, 16th December, 1943.

IT is hereby notified for public information that, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by the Visiting Forces (Customs Duties) Emergency Regulations 1943, the Minister of Customs has exempted from Customs duties (including sales tax) all goods that have heretofore been or that may hereafter be imported into New Zealand or entered for home consumption therein for the exclusive use of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and has also exempted from sales tax goods sold in New Zealand for the exclusive use of the said Forces by persons licensed as wholesalers or as manufacturing retailers under the Sales Tax Act, 1932-33.

E. D. GOOD, Comptroller of Customs.

The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.—Notice of Proposed Cancellation of Registration

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 9th December, 1943.

NOTICE is hereby given that in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 23 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, it is my intention to cancel the registration of the New Zealand Federated Fruit Preserving, Condiments, Vegetable Canning, and Related Products Employees' Industrial Association of Workers, registered No. 1848, situated at Auckland, after the expiration of six weeks from the date of this notice, unless in the meantime cause is shown to the contrary.

E. B. TAYLOR, Registrar of Industrial Unions.

Public Service Superannuation Fund.—Election of Members of the Board

NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1944, for the purpose of electing, as members of the Public Service Superannuation Board, two representatives of the contributors who belong to the Post and Telegraph Department, one representative of the contributors who belong to the Police Force, and three representatives of the contributors who belong to other Departments of the Public Service.

The said election will be held at the office of the Public Service Superannuation Board, Departmental Buildings, Stout Street, Wellington C. 1.

A separate ballot will be taken of the contributors who belong to the Post and Telegraph Department, of the contributors who belong to the Police Force, and of the contributors who belong to other Departments of the Public Service.

Nominations will be received by the Returning Officer, in the form prescribed by Regulation 44 under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927, until Monday, the 7th day of February, 1944, at 5 o'clock p.m. The voting-lists will be closed on the same date.

The poll will close at 5 o'clock p.m. on the 6th March, 1944. Ballot-papers, if posted, must be posted to the Returning Officer not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on 6th March, 1944, and must reach him not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth day thereafter. Ballot-papers, if delivered to the Returning Officer, must be so delivered in a sealed envelope not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the 6th March, 1944.

Dated at Wellington, this 15th day of December, 1943

M. P. FINNIGAN, Returning Officer.

CROWN LANDS NOTICE

Land in Westland Land District forfeited

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 15th December, 1943.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the undermentioned land having been declared forfeit by resolution of the Westland Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1924.

SCHEDULE

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT

Tenure.	Lease No.	Section.	Block.	District.	Lessee.	Date of Forfeiture.
Renewable lease	969	30	XXXVIII	Town of Runanga..	W. Henderson ..	3rd November, 1943.

C. F. SKINNER, Minister of Lands.