

NOTES ON THE WEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER 1961

General: September's weather was rather similar to that of August. Once again there was an unusually high frequency of southerly to easterly winds, with cloudy, wet conditions in Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, and Manawatu.

In the Auckland Province and Taranaki conditions were favourable for farming, apart from bloat in cows in some areas. Elsewhere it was considered rather too cold, and in most areas also too wet. Further losses of lambs were reported due to cold, wet weather, especially in Wairarapa and Canterbury.

Rainfall: Rainfall was mainly three times the average value in Wairarapa and southern Hawke's Bay and double in the remainder of Hawke's Bay and parts of Manawatu. It was somewhat above average over the remainder of the Wellington Province, in Nelson and Marlborough, and in most east coast and inland districts. Elsewhere it was mainly a little drier than usual.

Following heavy rain at the end of August and the beginning of September, flooding was reported on the 4th in Wairarapa and Manawatu. After another spell of heavy rain on the 17th and 18th parts of Manawatu were flooded once again—for the third time in six weeks.

Temperatures: Temperatures were 1–3 degrees below average in eastern and inland districts of the South Island. Elsewhere they were mainly close to average, but it was a degree warmer than usual in Bay of Plenty and Buller.

Snow fell on the ranges in three main periods—the 9th and 10th, the 17th and 18th, and the 22nd to 24th.

Sunshine: Sunshine was below the normal value, except in Westland. Highest deficiencies of 30–50 hours were recorded in eastern districts, especially Canterbury, Wairarapa, and Hawke's Bay. Elsewhere the deficiency was mainly 15–20 hours, but less in north Taranaki and western districts of the Auckland Province.

The only area favoured with appreciably more sunshine than usual was south Westland.

Weather Sequence: A complex depression which had become active at the end of August continued its slow movement across the North Island, with further rain during the first three days of September, mainly in southern and eastern districts of this island. Serious flooding was reported in Wairarapa and Manawatu; and snow fell on the North Island mountains.

From the 4th to the 6th an anticyclone was centred to the east but pressure was low over the Tasman Sea. Northerly winds prevailed, with rain at times on the West Coast and in parts of the Auckland Province. During the next two days a trough of low

pressure crossed the South Island with light rain, while unsettled conditions persisted in the Auckland Province. A depression developed on the trough as it crossed the North Island during the 9th and 10th and rain became general, except in the west and south of the South Island, where the weather cleared. Some flooding was reported in Coromandel, snow fell on the high country, and gales lashed Cook Strait. Conditions improved in most areas during the next two days as the depression moved away to the east. However, rain persisted at first in southern and eastern districts of the North Island.

Conditions continued to be mainly settled during the 13th and 14th, with a ridge of high pressure extending over the country from the Tasman Sea. However, in Northland the weather was showery, owing to the passage of a small depression to the north. For the next two days settled weather persisted in many districts, as a small anticyclone crossed Northland. However, a depression was passing far to the south, and rain was reported on the West Coast and in Southland.

There was a rapid deterioration over the North Island on the 17th with the approach of a depression from the Tasman Sea, and northern districts of the South Island also received rain. There was little change in conditions on the following day as the depression crossed from Taranaki to Hawke's Bay; and soon considerable areas in Manawatu were once more under water—for the third time in six weeks. Conditions improved as the depression moved away, but on the 19th and 20th some showers were still being reported in the south-westerlies.

A very deep depression soon passed far to the south, and the associated trough of low pressure brought rain to all parts of the country except Gisborne and Hawke's Bay on the 21st and 22nd. Snow was reported in the Canterbury high country and gales in Southland. A small secondary centre formed off the Canterbury coast, and weather conditions remained somewhat similar for another two days. Heavy snow fell on the North Island mountains, and thunderstorms affected several areas. A brief improvement occurred on the 25th, under the influence of a ridge of high pressure.

Another trough of low pressure which crossed the country during the next two days was accompanied by a period of rain, except in Otago and most of Canterbury. The weather cleared from the south, but on the 28th rain persisted over most of the Auckland Province owing to the development of a small depression near Gisborne. On the following day a weak trough affected mainly the southern half of the South Island, but on the 30th the weather was mainly fair, under the influence of a ridge of high pressure.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

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Ministry of Works—Schedule of Civil Engineering Contracts of £10,000 or More in Value

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted		
		£	s.	d.
<i>Civil Engineering:</i> Gisborne-Frasertown via Tiniroto S.H. 36: Construction of Mangaehe (Fantail) Bridge at R.M. 39·66	Mayhead Bros. Ltd.	12,926	16	1

F. M. HANSON, Commissioner of Works.

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In Bankruptcy—Supreme Court

BARRY ARNOLD BENNETT, of 33 Watts Road, Manurewa, was adjudged bankrupt on 11 October 1961. Creditors' meeting will be held at my office on Wednesday, 25 October 1961, at 10.30 a.m.

E. C. CARPENTER, Official Assignee.

Fourth Floor, Dilworth Building, Customs Street East, Auckland.

In Bankruptcy—Supreme Court

CLAUDE STACEY, of 4 Perry Place, Hamilton, plumber, was adjudged bankrupt on 12 October 1961. Creditors' meeting will be held at the Courthouse, Hamilton, on Thursday, 26 October 1961, at 11 a.m.

A. E. HYNES, Official Assignee.

Courthouse, Hamilton.

In Bankruptcy—Supreme Court

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E. C. CARPENTER, Official Assignee.

Fourth Floor, Dilworth Building, Customs Street East, Auckland.

In Bankruptcy

NOTICE is hereby given that dividends are now payable on all proved claims in the under-mentioned estate:

Andrew Fergusson, of 24 Northcote Road, Gisborne, radiator repairer. Second and final dividend of 4d. in the pound, making in all 5s. 4d. in the pound.

G. E. MORTIMER, Official Assignee.

Courthouse, Gisborne, 16 October 1961.