NOTES ON THE WEATHER FOR APRIL 1963

General: April was a cool month, mainly on account of the unusually high frequency of southerly to easterly winds. It was also sunny in most districts; and rather dry, except in Canterbury. Dairy production suffered from the dry weather, especially in the Auckland Province. In some areas the prospects for winter feed were poor; and in parts of Wairarapa the lack of fresh water affected the health of young sheep.

Rainfall: Rainfall was mainly about half the average value. In Nelson Province and parts of Marlborough Sounds and Bay of Plenty it was less than a quarter.

All of Canterbury, together with the Kaikoura coast and North Otago, received more rain than average. In South Canterbury and parts of inland Canterbury totals were from two to three and a half times the normal value. Throughout Canterbury about three-quarters of the rain fell in the three days 18–20 April. In South Canterbury, where one station reported 7½ in. on the 19th alone, some flooding was reported.

Temperatures: Temperatures were below average over the whole country, mainly by 1–2 degrees. In Central Otago departures amounted to 3 degrees, largely owing to an unusually high frequency of frosts for April, expecially in the last 10 days.

The warmest period over most of the country was a week of westerly weather, from the 7th to the 13th.

Snow fell in parts of the South Island high country and on the ranges of both Islands on the 18th.

Sunshine: Most of the country was favoured with above-average sunshine. The surplus amounted mainly to 20–30 hours, but was somewhat greater in Waikato and Bay of Plenty.

Central Otago and Gisborne and Hawke's Bay received only about average sunshine.

Weather Sequence: A depression which crossed the North Island at the end of March had moved to the east of Gisborne by the beginning of April, while an anticyclone was centred near South Australia. Cool southerly to south-westerly winds persisted for three days with showers especially in southern and eastern districts of the South Island and in Wellington and Manawatu, but becoming less frequent on the 3rd. On the following day an anticyclone covered the country, and the weather was fine but still cool. During the 5th and 6th a small depression passed to the north-east of Auckland with considerable rain there and some rain also in eastern Northland, Waikato, and western Bay of Plenty. At the same time a trough of low pressure brought some rain to Fiordland, South Westland, and the Southland coast; but elsewhere the weather remained fine, with warmer temperatures on the 6th.

From the 7th to the 9th an anticyclone crossed the North Island, and depressions were passing to the south-west of the South Island, with weak associated troughs. Rain was confined mainly to the West Coast, the Alps, and the Southland coast. During the next two days rain spread to northern districts of the South Island and to western districts of the North Island with the development of a weak disturbance over the North Island. However, conditions during the 12th and 13th were similar to those from the 7th to the 9th, with rain confined to the West Coast and Southland. The whole period of westerly weather from the 7th to the 13th was the warmest week in the month.

A trough of low pressure crossing the country became slow moving from the 14th to the 17th, while a depression of tropical origin moved along the Bay of Plenty and past East Cape. Rain spread to most districts; while temperatures became much cooler, except over the Auckland Province. On the 18th a depression formed off the Otago coast and moved towards the North Island, while pressures rose rapidly to the south. Fairly general rain continued during this and the following day; and the easterlies brought considerable falls to Canterbury, with flooding in South Canterbury. The depression over the North Island moved away to the east during the 20th and 21st, and with rising pressures the weather improved in many places. However, the cool southerlies and the south-westerlies persisted, bringing showers to eastern districts of the South Island and western and northern districts of the North Island.

For the last nine days of the month the country enjoyed fine but rather frosty weather, under the influence of a slow-moving anticyclone. However, some showers were reported on the 22nd in Bay of Plenty; on the 23rd on the Southland coast; from the 24th to the 26th in Gisborne; and on the 28th on the Southland coast and in parts of Marlborough, Wellington, and Wairarapa.

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RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY, 1963

Liabilities

	£	s.	d.
2. General Reserve Fund	1,500,000	0	0
3. Bank notes	82,708,279	10	0
4. Demand liabilities—			
(a) State—			
(i) Government marketing Accounts	1,785,815	13	2
(ii) Other	23,459,948	1	7
(b) Banks	64,352,130	4	0
(c) Other—			
(i) Marketing organisations	448,884	13	1
(ii) Other demand liabilities	2,821,830	6	6
5. Time deposits	.....		
6. Liabilities in currencies other than New Zealand currency	105,071	15	8
7. Other liabilities	9,742,175	7	4
	£186,924,135	11	4

Assets

	£	s.	d.
8. Reserve—			
(a) Gold	243,607	19	4
(b) Sterling exchange	48,402,089	10	10
(c) Gold exchange	.....		
(d) Other exchange	654,812	18	6
9. Subsidiary coin	451,716	9	11
10. Discounts—			
(a) Commercial and agricultural bills	.....		
(b) Treasury and local body bills	.....		
11. Advances—			
(a) To the State or State undertakings—			
(i) Government marketing accounts	.....		
(ii) For other purposes	77,769	1	5
(b) To other public authorities	.....		
(c) Other—			
(i) Marketing organisations	43,751,865	18	2
(ii) Other advances	.....		
12. Investments—			
(a) Sterling	20,786,143	19	10
(b) Other	70,639,822	10	11
13. Bank buildings	.....		
14. Other assets	1,916,307	2	5
	£186,924,135	11	4

R. M. SMITH, Chief Accountant.

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