

TABLE C.—OUTPUT OF TREES FROM NURSERIES.

Nursery.	During 1906-7.		Since 1896.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Eweburn	250,000	732 3 0	1,022,562	2,989 12 5
Hanmer Springs	496,000	1,158 1 6	936,026	2,445 0 7
Tapanui	709,733	2,090 17 3	4,832,063	15,734 1 8
Rotorua	3,282,361	7,000 17 9	12,987,932	28,510 9 2
Ruatangata	177,245	389 11 4	461,005	1,267 6 8
Starborough	1,292,175	2,329 8 9	1,923,950	4,113 16 6
Totals	6,207,514	13,700 19 7	22,163,438	55,060 7 0

TABLE D.—MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM READINGS OF THERMOMETER (FAHRENHEIT) AND RAINFALL AT VARIOUS STATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

Station.	Temperature.		Rainfall.	
	Minimum.	Maximum.	Inches.	Number of Days.
	Deg.	Deg.		
Eweburn Nursery	6	89	13.38	94
Tapanui Nursery	21	88	30.37	134
Kurow Nursery	19	97½	13.97	80
Hanmer Springs Nursery	18	82	34.71	117
Starborough Nursery	21	95	21.28	102
Rotorua Nursery	19	84	69.03	174
Ruatangata Nursery	28	88	73.97	194
Waiotapu Plantation	16	85	58.22	137
Puhipuhi Plantation	28	88	92.28	158

TABLE E.—AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKMEN EMPLOYED DAILY AT THE VARIOUS NURSERIES AND PLANTATIONS DURING THE YEAR 1906-7.

	Free Labour.	Prison Labour.		Free Labour.	Prison Labour.
	No.			No.	No.
Eweburn Nursery	5.15	...	Dusky Hill Plantation	6.00	...
Tapanui Nursery	13.00	...	Conical Hills Plantation	17.00	...
Hanmer Springs Nursery	6.00	...	Waitaki Plantation	0.25	...
Kurow Nursery	7.00	...	Hanmer Springs Plantation	2.00	14.50
Starborough Nursery	8.00	...	Dumgree Plantation	21.79	17.28
Rotorua Nursery	29.49	...	Whakarewarewa Plantation	20.52	11.50
Ruatangata Nursery	10.00	...	Waiotapu Plantation	2.00	35.62
Gimmerburn Reserve Plantation Survey	2.05	...	Kaingaroa Plains Plantations	0.25	...
Naseby Paddock Plantation	0.45	...	Puhipuhi Plantation	10.16	...
			Waitahuna Plantation	0.25	...
				161.36	78.90

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The following are the reports of various stations:—

EWEBURN NURSERY, NEAR NASEBY, OTAGO.

(Area, 49 acres; altitude, 1,400 ft.)

The rainfall during the year has been very slight, the total being 13.38 in., which fell on ninety-four days, the maximum fall being 2.27 in. in December. This has been the lowest record for rain since the year 1897-98.

The highest reading of the thermometer was 89 deg., on the 24th of December, and the lowest 6 deg. (26 deg. of frost), on the night of the 26th June. Frost occurred on 166 nights.

Owing to the season being very dry the general growth of nursery stock has not been too good, although the strike of lined-out stuff has been very good.

The crop of seedlings is fair, with the exception of larch, which is very poor.

The number of trees lined out was 400,900, at a cost of 2s. 10½d. per thousand. The number of trees sent to Government plantations was 250,000, their total value being £732 3s.