

Following is a record of rainfall and temperature for the year :—

Month.	Rainfall.	Number of Days Rain fell.	Highest Reading of Thermometer.	Date.	Lowest Reading of Thermometer.	Date.
1907.	Inches.		Degrees.		Degrees.	
April ...	8.06	12	80	10th	30	27th
May ...	5.84	10	71	2nd	19	30th
June ...	2.35	6	68	11th	17	7th and 16th
July ...	3.27	9	64	5th	15	24th
August ...	5.49	13	60	9th and 28th	14	3rd
September ...	4.75	18	66	20th	20	17th
October ...	6.97	12	76	27th and 29th	24	5th and 29th
November ...	2.38	9	81	27th	32	29th
December ...	7.78	8	92	16th	32	26th
1908.						
January ...	0.04	1	92	11th	28	6th
February ...	0.79	3	88	18th	30	29th
March ...	5.30	16	82	3rd	26	15th
Totals ...	53.02	117	...	...	...	...

Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
Amount at 31st March, 1907	...	...	...	3,661	19	7
Formation	...	...	...	17	17	8
Clearing (discharged prisoners)	...	...	...	16	0	0
Cartage of trees	...	...	...	73	12	0
General repairs, chiefly material for	...	...	...	52	12	3
Horse-feed purchased and grown	...	...	...	81	13	9
Fencing-material	...	...	...	402	14	7
Buildings, shifting camp, expenditure to date	...	...	...	322	15	4
Tools, implements, &c.	...	...	...	221	9	1
Salaries—						
Foresters—1 at £150, 1 at £120 7s.	...	...	...	270	7	0
Nurseryman's proportion of, and travelling-expenses	...	...	...	30	0	0
Clerical assistance	...	...	...	23	12	0
Supervision	...	...	...	35	4	0
				£5,209	17	3

R. MACRAE, Assistant Forester.

H. A. GOUDIE, Nurseryman in Charge.

#### KAINGAROA PLAINS PLANTATIONS (FOUR) NEAR WAIOTAPU.

(Total area, 25 acres; approximate altitude, 2,000 ft.).

These four experimental areas have been worked in conjunction with Waiotapu Plantation by free labour.

Pruning was attended to where necessary, and the fences and fire-breaks kept in order.

The expenditure for the year amounted to £11 2s. 8d., and the expenditure to date is £368 18s. 2d.

Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
Amount at 31st March, 1907	...	...	...	357	15	6
General upkeep of plantation	...	...	...	1	2	8
Nurseryman's proportion of salary, and travelling-expenses	...	...	...	10	0	0
				£368	18	2

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#### PUHUPUHI PLANTATION.

(Area, 10,000 acres; altitude, 1,000 ft.).

Rain fell on 170 days during the year, with a total fall of 110.12 in., the heaviest fall being recorded in March, when 20.06 in. fell on eighteen days.

Maximum temperature, 88°; minimum temperature, 28°.

Trees to the number of 490,790 were planted, occupying an area of 425 acres. Of this total 33,000 were utilised for blanks. Total planted to date, 918,795 trees; acreage planted to date, 1,125 acres. 5,382 *Juglans nigra* seeds were also planted *in situ*.

The average cost of planting was 11s. 8d. per thousand, as against 17s. 10d. last year. The difference in cost is accounted for by the larger number of eucalypti planted.