

The following are the reports from various stations :—

**EWEBURN NURSERY, NEAR NASEBY, OTAGO.**

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

The rainfall during the year has been much heavier than last, the total being 21·78 in., which fell on 111 days, the maximum fall being 3·60 in. in January. This is 8·40 in. in excess of last year.

The highest reading of the thermometer was 84°, on the 8th March, and the lowest 2° (30° of frost), on the night of the 30th July. Frost occurred on 133 nights.

The general growth of nursery stock has been very satisfactory, owing to the heavy rainfall. Seeds were sown as usual in October, also a second sowing in December, and both have germinated very well.

Of the trees lined out, *Pinus ponderosa*, *Pinus Bethamiana*, *Pinus Austriaca*, and *Larix Europæa* have made the most satisfactory growth. *Pinus Laricio*, being somewhat slower, will require to be left for another season before being transferred to the plantation for planting out permanently.

The number of trees lined out was 470,960, at an average cost of 2s. 10d. per thousand; also 90,000 were lined in at an average cost of 1s. 0½d. per thousand.

The number of trees sent to Government plantations was 157,050, their total value being £428 12s. 7d.

The number of trees sent out to date amounts to 2,564,377, their total value being £6,047 18s. 10d.

The number of trees in the nursery at the 31st March, 1909, was 1,584,340, and their value £2,627 4s. 10d. Details will be found on Schedules 1 to 4.

The average number of men employed was five (wages).

Appended are the meteorological records for the year :—

*Meteorological Returns.*

Month.	Rainfall.	Number of Days Rain fell.	Maximum Temperature.	Date.	Minimum Temperature.	Date.	Number of Days on which Frost occurred.
1908.	Inches.		Degrees.		Degrees.		
April ...	1·60	10	71	1st	24	30th	12
May ...	1·18	11	64	3rd	21	27th	21
June ...	1·60	16	58	12th	21	21st	22
July ...	3·50	11	44	20th	2	30th	29
August ...	1·30	4	50	29th	7	12th	30
September ...	0·76	5	65	28th	26	24th	5
October ...	1·21	11	81	8th	29	14th	5
November ...	0·63	6	81	27th	29	10th	4
December ...	2·60	10	75	29th	27	9th	3
1909.							
January ...	3·60	14	81	22nd	33	1st	...
February ...	1·03	3	80	27th	28	21st	1
March ...	2·77	10	84	8th	30	14th	1
Totals ...	21·78	111	...	...	...	...	133

*Statement of Expenditure.*

	£	s.	d.
Amount at 31st March, 1908	9,538	1	7
Tree-growing	325	6	6
General maintenance and repairs	174	7	2
Horse-feed, purchased and grown	40	11	6
Tree-seeds	54	12	0
Tools, implements, &c.	2	12	0
Fuel	9	17	6
Travelling-expenses	9	3	6
Miscellaneous works	6	17	1
Proportion of Nurseryman's salary	126	0	0
Supervision	24	6	8
	£10,311	15	6