

A single line of Chatham Island kowhai, cabbage-trees, and flax were planted alternately on a narrow strip of land between the creek and the main road, running from the stable buildings to the entrance-gates. These are all doing well, and have improved the appearance of the place considerably. A few odd corners in the nursery were also planted up with shrubs and flax.

A small sowing of *Asclepias semi-lunata* (Native Baganda name, ka fumba) was made, and so far this has done well, being now in full bloom, and averaging 4 ft. 6 in. in height. The fibre is of fine quality, and appears to be very strong; but nothing can be said as regards growing this for commercial purposes at the present time, as the results of milling, &c., have to be considered. If this can be milled at a reasonable cost, being an annual, it should prove a payable crop to grow.

Oaten sheaves were grown to the value of £150.

The average number of persons employed was—Men, 6; women, 2·18; boys, 1·60: total, 9·78.

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

Month.	Rainfall.	Number of Days with Rain.	Maximum Temperature.	Date.	Minimum Temperature.	Date.
1908.	Inches.		Degrees.		Degrees.	
April ..	5·35	14	72	2nd	40	8th and 25th
May ...	4·91	14	68	17th	30	31st
June ...	6·45	19	63	9th	30	1st and 20th
July ...	6·81	26	59	4th	28	31st
August ...	4·84	13	60	20th	28	8th
September ...	4·36	18	64	7th	34	2nd
October ...	4·63	18	68	10th and 22nd	38	31st
November ...	4·26	11	73	10th and 25th	40	14th and 16th
December ...	6·67	10	76	21st	43	9th and 14th
1909.						
January ...	3·68	13	82	7th	43	16th
February ...	0·89	10	77	16th	46	24th
March ...	6·48	15	75	1st	42	28th
Totals ...	59·33	181	...	...	...	...

#### Statement of Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Amount at 31st March, 1908	6,013	6	7
Tree-growing	762	3	10
General maintenance and repairs	98	9	3
Nursery-formation	128	7	1
Horse-feed purchased and grown	150	15	1
Manures	4	18	9
Tree-seeds	27	11	4
Tools, implements, &c.	24	14	9
Seed-frames	6	13	3
Water-supply	0	8	6
Buildings	29	7	6
Fencing	7	10	0
Miscellaneous works	3	11	4
Proportion of Nurseryman's salary	150	0	0
Supervision	36	10	0
	£7,444	7	3

#### Value of Stock, Improvements, &c.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount at 31st March, 1908	...	...	...	4,949	10	7			
Less value of trees	1,715	4	3						
" horse-feed	72	0	0						
" one colt died	5	0	0						
				1,792	4	3			
							3,157	6	4
Trees, as per Schedule 1	...	...	...				940	0	0
" " " 2	...	...	...				661	7	6
Tools and implements	...	...	...				24	14	9
Water-supply	...	...	...				0	8	6
Seed-frames	...	...	...				6	13	3
Nursery-formation	...	...	...				128	7	1
Fencing	...	...	...				7	10	0
Buildings...	...	...	...				29	7	6
Improved value	...	...	...				186	10	0
Horse-feed in stock	...	...	...				150	0	0
							£5,292	4	11