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						Maximum.	Minimum.	
1917.				In.		Deg. F.	Deg. F.	
April	5·87	18	70	34	..
May	5·08	16	70	27	3
June	6·46	12	59	23	11
July	..	..	..	5·38	21	58	27	5
August	..	..	..	3·52	19	64	25	11
September	..	..	..	4·46	16	76	28	4
October	..	..	..	3·80	23	72	30	3
November	..	..	..	4·07	12	75	31	2
December	..	..	..	2·55	13	80	36	..
1918.								
January	..	..	..	4·14	18	84	42	..
February	..	..	..	4·75	10	84	44	..
March	..	..	..	4·32	13	79	35	..
Totals				54·40	191	..	..	39

Summary showing the Area of Kaingaroa Plains Plantation (4,922·3 Acres in Trees).

	How occupied.	Acres.
Pines	4,556·55
Douglas fir	340·17
Larch and chestnut mixture	25·58
Roads, tracks, and fire-breaks	446·18
Unplanted land	27,986·52
Total	33,355·00

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The rainfall for the year has again been heavy, 91·80 in. falling on 182 days. Good growth has been made by many of the trees, but heavy winds have been prevalent and numbers of the oldest trees have been uprooted.

During the year 66,000 trees were received from Rotorua Nursery and used for replacing deaths in last year's planting. The results have not been altogether good, because, owing to delays on the journey from Rotorua, some of the trees became heated and only the very strong ones survived. Owing to the prevalent heavy winds it is not considered advisable to plant any of the remaining area with *Eucalyptus*, and future plantings will therefore have to be made with *Pinus radiata*. As soon as the exposed ridges are covered with a good growth of pines the growth of the *Eucalyptus* should be greatly improved.

A survey of the compartments and tracks has not yet been made, and will need to be done as soon as an officer can be spared.

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May	8·57	22	66	36	..
June	11·93	18	64	38	..
July	7·49	22	60	36	..
August	10·20	16	62	32	1
September	5·96	16	64	36	..
October	5·17	12	70	38	..
November	2·25	9	74	40	..
December	2·13	8	84	40	..
1918.					
January	8·94	18	80	40	..
February	11·00	19	78	50	..
March	6·22	10	74	40	..
Totals	91·80	182	1