



NESTS OF PIED SHAG.
Bay of Plenty.

[Photo by B. Sladden.]

NEW ZEALAND might well be likened to a business or even a warehouse in that it has so much goods to sell in the shape of wool, meat, butter, cheese. It follows axiomatically that if the main concern is doing well all subsidiary concerns have the opportunity of doing likewise. Therefore, because the welfare of the Dominion is inextricably allied with the welfare of the forests, it is every citizen's business to see that the native forests are preserved lest, owing to the depredations of animals, fire, etc., erosion assumes the mastery and our lower lying productive lands become more or less masses of stony debris. Periodic depressions come and go, but the depression following forest depletion stays for all time.