

"Who is Filmer?"

"I think he is the director of the animal research work at Wallaceville."*

"Another of the bluestone brigade, I suppose. They've been talking bluestone for 50 years. There's enough of it used today in New Zealand to burn the feet of all the sheep in Canterbury. And look at the result. Footrot on every second farm."

"There's certainly a lot of it. Far too much everywhere. But Dr. Filmer says we could clean it right out if we used either bluestone or formalin intelligently. Most of us re-infect our sheep as fast as we disinfect them."

"The whole country's infected, and getting worse. Turn clean sheep out today anywhere and they'll have footrot next week."

"Filmer says No. He says that all ground is clean if it has been without sheep for a fortnight. The germ dies very quickly."

"He doesn't know what he's talking about. I have put sheep into a paddock that has been spelled all winter and footrot has appeared in a few weeks."

"Filmer would say that the sheep took it in."

"There was not a lame sheep among them when they went in."

"Will you read his paper if I post it to you?"

"Not if he talks rot like that. Do you think I don't know when a sheep has footrot?"

"I think there are times when nobody knows."

That was as far as we got, and as far I suppose, as we ever shall get. I don't see him very often, and since he is several years older than I am I will be careful, when we do meet again, not to argue with him. But I was tempted to follow him when he walked off to see if he slipped furtively into the Government Printing Office or the office of the Department of Agriculture to get a copy of Filmer. (To be continued)

*Dr. J. F. Filmer is the Director of the Animal Research Division, Department of Agriculture, Wellington.—Ed.

Pipe Band Programmes

WHEN the Dominion Pipe Band Championships were held in Napier earlier this year the NZBS made a number of recordings from which two 20-minute programmes are now to be presented from all National stations. In the first of these the A grade test selection will be heard played by the City of Wellington Band, which won this section, and by the Dunedin Highland Pipe Band, which was second, and was also A grade champion band. This programme will be heard from 1XN at 9.35 p.m. and 2XN at 10.0 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, and from 1XH at 10.30 a.m. and 3XC at 7.38 p.m. on Sunday, June 7. The second programme, in which the two top bands in the B grade selection (Dannevirke and District, first and B grade champions, and Hastings Scots, second) will be heard, will be broadcast from these stations the following week. The programmes will start from other stations in the weeks beginning: June 15, YA stations; June 29, YZ stations; July 13, 2XG, 2XP and 2XA.

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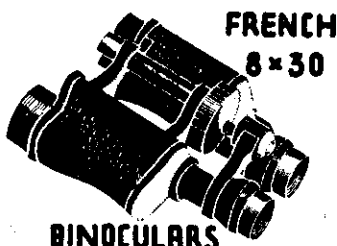
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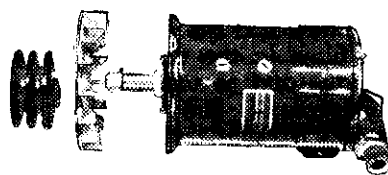
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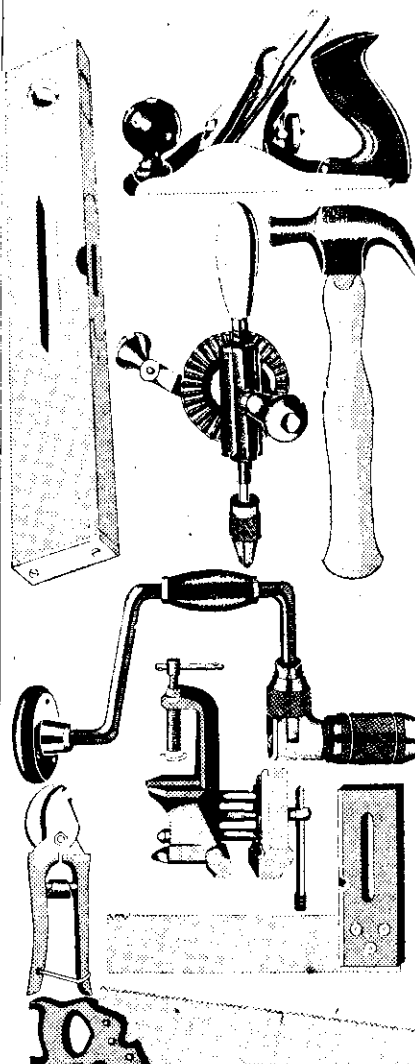
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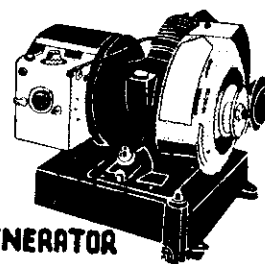
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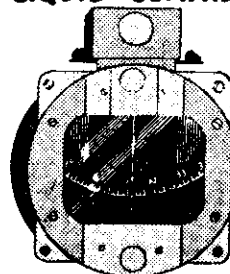
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