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Machine Dressed.

No. 8. Mr. Stonyer, Kaiapoi		•••		12.49
No. 9. Captain F. W. Hutton, Waikato				11.31
No. 10. T. S. Macffarlane, Auckland		•••	•••	11.81
No. 11. G. Booth, Waikoura Mills				11.81
No. 12. Riky's process				11.91
No. 13. M'Farlane & Wilson, Whakatane	• • •			11.6I
No. 14. John Journeaux, Wellington				10.77

SERIES II.—Determinations of water or Hygroscopic moisture in other vegetable fibres for comparison.

Per centage of water.		

§ 3. Series III.—Determinations of Ash or Mineral Matter in certain samples of prepared Fibre. (Same specimens as in series I, pages 5 and 6).

						Per centage of ash.	
No. 1					•••	•••	·50
No. 2						•••	$\cdot 93$
No. 3		•••			•••		1.50
No. 5		•••	•••	• • • •			1.61
No. 6	•••		•••	•••	•••	•••	1.23
No. 7	•••			•••	•••	• • • •	· 7 3
No. 8	•••	•••	•••				·44
No. 9		•••	•••				.59
No. 10	•••	•••	•••			•••	·53
No. 11		•••			•••		1 09
No. 12	•••			•••	•••		·71
No. 13	•••	•••			•••	•••	.63
No. 14	•••	•••	•••	•••		•••	1.08

Series IV.—Determination of Ash or Mineral Matters in other Vegetable Fibres for comparison.

					Per c	entage of ash.
Manilla Hemp		•••	•••			2.02
Russian Hemp		•••	•••	•••	•••	1.44
Irish Flax	• • •	•••	•••	•••	•••	1.23
Carded Cotton		•••	•••	•••	•••	·11
Swedish Filtering Paper			•••	•••	•••	· 4 6

Summary of the Four preceding Series of Experiments.

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Phormium tend	ıx.				Per ce		rious fibres of
						Water.	Ash.
No. 1		***			•••	12.76	•50
No. 2					•••	11.87	.93
No. 3						11.15	1.50
No. 5		•••	• • •	•••		10.77	1.61
No. 6		•••	• • •			11.05	1.23
No. 7		•••			• • •	11.52	•73
No. 8	•••	•••				12.49	·44
No. 9					• • •	11.31	.59
No. 10	•••	•••		•••	•••	11.81	.23
No. 11		•••	•••	•••	•••	11.81	1.09
No. 12	•••		•••	•••	•••	11.91	.71
No. 13	•••	•••		•••	•••	11.61	.63
No. 14		•••	• • •	•••	•••	10.77	1.08
Manilla I		•••		•••	•••	13.22	2.02
Russian I		•••	•••	•••	•••	10.47	1.44
Irish Flax		•••	•••	•••	•••	10.76	1.23
Carded C			•••	•••	•••	7.23	·11
Swedish I	Filtering	Paper	• • •	•••	• • • •	8.85	· 46