

100 to stop work, the belt was pulled off  
and the pay stopped. At that particular time  
it was  $\frac{1}{6}$  per hour, but there was no limit  
to the hours, and the more hours they worked  
the more shillings were received. It was very  
common to start at as early as four o'clock  
in the morning and continue as long as there  
was any light. There was generally a rush  
as soon as the whistle blew, as to who could  
get to the engine fire box first to put their  
billies inside to boil the water.

After the coming of the Traction Engines  
there was a different method adopted.

The men were generally paid, by so much  
a thousand bushels. Their pay ranged from  
 $15/-$  for the driver and down to  $11/-$  for the  
other workers. The gang employed a cook  
and paid him so much per head & he supplied  
& cooked all the meals. It was a very much  
better method. Each mill owner during the  
season would thresh from fifty to seventy  
thousand bushels. Those very early mill  
owners were, as before mentioned Cunningham &

101 Boag, Sowdon & Lill, and Portable and  
H. & H. Hall two machines & Mojan Davies.

Traction It was well on in the eighties, that the  
Humble Bee was imported into New Zealand  
& had the effect of bringing in another very  
big source of revenue to the Farmer. Previous  
to this time very heavy crops of Red Clover  
could be grown, but owing to non-fertilization  
no seed could be obtained, but after the intro-  
duction of the Bee, very heavy yields were ob-  
tained as much as two hundred pounds or  
more per acre & at a price obtainable of about  
one shilling a pound it was a very big  
help to the industry. And meant that there  
was no necessity for any further importation.

The first importation of a seed sheller to the  
District was a man called Tyeper or Tyeer.

There was an attempt made in the very early  
times to utilise the flax for fibre purposes.

A mill there was east of the flax & par-  
ticularly, around what we called Washburns  
Creek. A mill was erected at a junction  
between two streams near Washburns home-

Phosphonium  
Tense