

cow to be brought in, & no method of cleaning
mid. of the boots. No wonder that dairying was
to a very great extent discarded, by those who
could confine their farming operations to sheep
or grain growing.

The general farm work, was of a mixed
character. After the harvesting was done then
say at the early months of the year or from April
the fences would be turned and the drains
cleaned out, ~~grass paddocks~~ ~~chain harrowed~~
skim ploughing being done on stubble & then
the preparations for the sowing season.

But unlike the North Island, which is not
really a grain growing place. There is plowing
& sowing going on more or less for a con-
siderable portion of the year. Early winter wheat.
Spring wheat, oats, barley, peas, beans, then general
root crops, turnips, mangels, and Potatoes.

Taken altogether however, it was a most in-
teresting life, the best part and one that I
personally liked the best was the harvest. And
really that seems to be the aim of all labour
"What do we get for it all?". There was not much
leisure, with the older ones they had the re-
sponsibility, and we made, or tried to make,
and get pleasure. - There was not that
continuous dread of war calamity, like

what we have been under & now feeling. I
remember of just one scare, and that was
the report that the Russians were likely
to come down on us. There was no wireless
or radio and news were slowly disseminated.
He mostly had a saddle track or
there was the ~~estimated~~ bicycle, or rather
rather velocipede as they were called.
It was really not the first born of ~~bicycles~~
~~cycles~~

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I understand that the first was a ~~cycle~~
two wheels on an axle to which was attached to
each a forked piece of iron ^{joined to top} which a handle was
fastened. Certainly there was a seat but this was
used only when the machine was in motion
To ~~propel~~ propel the machine the person using
it would take hold of the handle, straddle
across the ^{wheel} machine, no pedals were used
but the person would make a swift run
and when a fairly good speed was got up.
he would ^{jump up} sit on the seat & have a ride
until it came (too or nearly so) a handbill
when the operation would be repeated.

The longer the persons legs were, possibly the longer
ride until he had to use them again.
The velocipede I presume would have
been accounted as a great improvement.
With this machine the wheel would be