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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The weather during the past few days has been anything but pleasant, being showery and windy, but affords a change from the hot, dry weather recently experienced. The rainfall for the past month was very low, only 1.86 inches being registered, and the grass has not come away as was expected earlier, although in many places there is evidence of very fine root crops for the coming winter.

The Alton Memorial Committee have to report that the memorial stone in honour of the fallen soldiers of the district has been completed and the work finally passed. The stone is of Aberdeen granite, beautifully polished, and the whole work reflects great credit on the contractor, Mr. Jones, of Hawera. It is the intention of the committee, when the rest of the money is handed in, to write to the Education Board for permission to erect a concrete fence along the school ground in front of the stone. This should greatly add to the environment and be a vast improvement on the present fence. The unveiling ceremony is fixed for Anzac Day, when a Minister of the Crown will in all probability officiate.

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