

DISTRICT NEWS

DEER PARK.

(From Our Correspondent.)

A good, heavy fall of rain is badly needed throughout this locality. Many farmers in the adjoining districts are getting short of water, which is unusual at this time of the year. There is still a fair amount of grass for stock, this having been one of the best grass seasons experienced for years, but the ground is very hard and dry, and a couple of inches of soaking rain is urgently required on the cultivation paddocks.

The number of hands employed on the new artificial leather factory that is being erected in Station Road is increasing daily, and at present four large motor vehicles are necessary to convey the workmen to Albion railway station each evening. A fair number of locals also have found employment at these works.

It is probable that a district cricket club will be formed this season. The matter has been formally discussed by a number of residents interested in the sport and they are confident that there would be no difficulty in getting a first-class team together. Some years back the Deer Park Cricket Club played a prominent part in industrial and country district competitions.

While engaged at his work as an electrician, Mr. Wm. Forrest accidentally received a fall from an electric light post that resulted in his death last week. The deceased, who was a son-in-law of Mr. J. Foley, senior, leaves a wife and five children. Much sympathy was expressed locally with the members of the family in their great bereavement.

Mr. A. Dickson, the contractor, is

making good progress with the work of erecting the new buildings at the local artificial fertiliser factory. The output at these works is to be greatly increased during the coming season.

The final match in the Werribee District Football Association is to be played at Werribee ground to-day. The contesting teams are Bacchus Marsh and Werribee, and as the supporters of each club are confident of victory a keen and exciting game will probably be witnessed. T. Allen has been appointed to umpire the match.