

Heat Wave.

THURSDAY last was a scorcher, by far the hottest day we have had this summer. It was a stifling humid heat with scarcely a breath of air to temper the fierce rays of the sun, to which the fervid clouded atmosphere imparted a stewy heat, far more oppressive than on a bright clear day in which the sun's rays fall without being intercepted. The thermometer in the shade in Braidwood rose heat continued through the night, yesterday morning opening with a considerable fall in the temperature and a slight shower falling about 8 o'clock, the rest of the day a light breeze from the sea giving a refreshing coolness which was very acceptable. The heat in some of the south-western districts, where it appears to have been greatest, rose to 112.