

There are runs here on which a good shot could bag 300 to 400 daily six years ago, and now you could not meet six. Ferrets should be introduced: any number could be procured in this district at about 10s. per pair. I would suggest that several of them be turned out wild. I have seen it to answer well here, and no injury to the poultry. Tame or domestic cats are useless for destroying rabbits; so long as they can procure birds they rest satisfied. A man with a gun, two or three ferrets, nets, and a half-dozen terriers and greyhounds, would exterminate a warren in a very short time, particularly in a country like the plains of New Zealand, where there are no logs or old fallen trees to protect them. Knowing New Zealand as well as I do, after so many years' sojourn there, I have no hesitation in saying I would organize such a system as would exterminate the bunny in a very few years. This country is different: the gigantic fallen trees and thick scrub protect them, notwithstanding the number of enemies they have here.

Hamilton, 4th September, 1875.

W. P. LATHAM,
Council Clerk and Secretary Rabbit Trust.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure 3 in No. 1.

THE following Tasmanian Acts,*—

- "The Rabbits Destruction Act, 1871."
- "The Rabbits Destruction Act Amendment Act, 1874."
- "The Rabbits Destruction Act Amendment Act, 1875."
- "The Cross and By-Roads Act, 1870."

Sub-Enclosure 3 to Enclosure 3 in No. 1.

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