

No. 423A, 6,000 acres, Nokomai District: Lessee, D. A. Cameron. Relet to D. A. Cameron, for ten years, at £12 per annum, from 20th May, 1880.

No. 426, 3,000 acres, Manipori Lake: Lessee, A. M. Clarke. Relet to J. Richards and Co., for ten years, at £5 per annum, from 8th July, 1881.

No. 431, 15,000 acres, Greenstone River: Lessee, Hon. R. Campbell, jun. Relet to F. and J. Thomson, for ten years, at £5 per annum, from 25th February, 1881.

No. 436, 34,500 acres, Waikaia District: Lessee, Joseph Clarke. Relet to Ewen Cameron, for ten years, at £39 per annum, from 8th July, 1881.

No. 438, 37,000 acres, Eyre Peak District: Lessee, Joseph Rodgers. Relet to William Crowe, for ten years, at £38 per annum, from 8th July, 1881.

No. 324, 63,350 acres, Wakatipu District: Lessees, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited). Relet to New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited), for ten years, at £250 per annum, from 1st March, 1881.

No. 350, 46,000 acres, Wakatipu District: Lessees, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited). Relet to New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited), for ten years, at £200 per annum, from 1st March, 1881.

Of the above runs abandoned, but since relet, Nos. 416, 426, 431, 436, and 438, have been sold, subject to being stocked within a certain time.—J P MAITLAND, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

No. 12.—STATEMENT of Rent received for the under-mentioned Runs, previous to the date of their being abandoned. (See Parliamentary Paper, C.—11A, 1877):—No. 389, 40,000 acres: Lessees, R. and R. Campbell; £182 5s. 10d. No. 391, 50,000 acres: Lessee, R. Campbell, jun.; £66 4s. 2d. No. 452, 19,400 acres: Lessee, R. Campbell, jun.; £43 15s. No. 415, 58,000 acres: Lessees, R. and R. Campbell; £151 13s. 4d. No. 416, 74,000 acres: Lessees, R. and R. Campbell; £116 13s. 4d. No. 418, 30,000 acres: Lessees, R. and R. Campbell; £58 6s. 8d. No. 423A, 4,000 acres: Lessee, D. A. Cameron; £58 6s. 8d. No. 426, 3,000 acres: Lessee, A. M. Clarke; £29 3s. 4d. No. 431, 14,000 acres: Lessees, R. and R. Campbell; £35. No. 436, 63,000 acres: Lessee, Joseph Clarke; £262 10s. No. 438, 35,000 acres: Lessee, Joseph Rodgers; Rent not stated. No. 324, 66,350 acres: Lessees, McARDell and Hodge; £758 14s. 3d. No. 350, 46,000 acres: Lessees, Mathieson Brothers; £526 4s. 6d. Total, 502,750 acres; £2,288 17s. 1d.

Ten of these Runs have since been relet at a gross rental of £619, showing a serious loss to the Government.

Total number of sheep in the colony, 1878	...	...	...	...	13,069,338
Ditto, ditto, 1879	...	...	...	...	11,405,389
Showing a deficit of	...	...	...	...	1,663,949

The departmental returns for 1880 and 1881 are not yet compiled, but the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse estimates the deficiency now at two millions, and the loss to the exports of the colony at £500,000 per annum. (See *Hansard*, 23rd June, 1881, page 172.)

RETURN showing the Approximate Area of Unoccupied Crown Lands in each Rabbit District in the Colony.

District.	Area.	District.	Area.
Napier	303,485	Lake	703,000
Castlepoint	212,000	Tuturau	1,272
Masterton	96,000	Kaiwera	856
Wainuioru	75,000	Wyndham	6,713
Awhea	30,000	Hokonui	32,200
Carterton	44,500	Aparima	50,520
Palmerston North	42,600	Wallace	75,970
Otaria	27,800	West Oreti	1,000,500
Tapanui	11,899		
Vincent... ..	66,698		
			<u>2,781,013</u>

General Survey Office, Wellington.
5th August, 1881,

A. BARRON.