

1882.
NEW ZEALAND.

FREEHOLD LAND HOLDINGS EXCEEDING ONE ACRE

(RETURN OF THE NUMBER OF), IN THE COLONY, AT DATE OF TAKING LAST CENSUS.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 30th August, 1882.

“That a return be laid before this House of the number of holdings of freehold land, occupied and unoccupied, in the colony, exceeding one acre in extent, at the date of the taking of the last census.”—(*Hon. Sir J. Hall.*)

TABLE showing the Extent of OCCUPIED HOLDINGS of LAND in NEW ZEALAND over ONE ACRE in Extent, classified according to Tenure, as returned by the Census of the 3rd April, 1881.

Provincial Districts.	Extent of Holding—Acres.						
	Freehold.	Rented from Private Individuals.	Rented from Public Bodies.	Rented from Natives (including Reserves Rented).	Held from Crown for other than Pastoral Purposes (including Deferred Payments, &c.).	Rented from Crown for Pastoral Purposes only.	Total Acreage Held.
Auckland	1,564,579	206,024	17,931	785,917	126,919	158,120	2,859,490
Taranaki	134,876	36,940	5,282	30,115	26,956	...	234,169
Wellington	1,302,172	222,203	17,792	691,069	22,250	334	2,255,820
Hawke's Bay	1,107,658	315,752	26,778	601,372	7,267	77,819	2,136,646
Marlborough	744,703	44,893	1,600	20,637	2,267	1,029,338	1,843,438
Nelson	692,330	46,127	6,822	39,542	55,069	700,612	1,540,502
Westland... ..	21,456	3,828	3,133	2,571	3,609	378,339	412,936
Canterbury	2,247,592	325,383	215,996	11,662	7,699	3,203,873	6,012,205
Otago	2,450,209	317,393	267,790	9,829	271,948	6,090,134	9,407,303
Chatham Islands	43,595	25,912	...	73,450	...	...	142,957
Total, Census, April, 1881 ...	10,309,170	1,544,455	563,124	2,266,164	523,984	11,638,569	26,845,466
Total, Census, March, 1878 ...	8,869,547	3,709,525				12,690,074	25,269,146
Numerical increase since 1878	1,439,623	1,187,372				...	1,576,320
Numerical decrease since 1878	...	...				1,051,505	...
Centesimal increase ...	16.23	32.01				...	6.24
Centesimal decrease ...	...	...				8.21	...