

1886.
NEW ZEALAND.

THE ANNUAL SHEEP RETURNS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1885 (SUPPLEMENTARY RETURNS).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Mr. B. P. BAYLY to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office (Stock Branch), Wellington, 21st June, 1886.

I have the honour to lay before you the statistical information referred to in my annual report dated 14th May, 1886 (H.—8).

The classification of sheep can be approximately estimated as follows: Merino—males, 3,165,711; females, 4,067,754. Long-wool—males, 457,061; females, 869,644. Cross-bred—males, 2,178,833; females, 3,807,798. Total—males, 5,802,380; females, 8,744,421. Grand total, 14,546,801.

On reference to the returns of the past few years it will be observed that a steady decrease in merino sheep is taking place, and that at the same time this deficiency, together with the whole annual increase, is made up in the long-wool and cross-bred classes, the latter being in excess of former returns by over 700,000 sheep for the year. As more land comes under cultivation so does the demand for this class of sheep increase, they being specially adapted for both butchers' use and freezing purposes.

It is satisfactory to again be able to report an increase in the frozen-meat trade, 574,192 carcasses having been exported this year, an increase of 83,126 over the previous season. 97,579 sheep have been used at preserving works, or a decrease of 2,911; 69,214 were boiled down, or an increase of 17,000; 3,004 were exported alive (these, with the exception of 20, were all shipped to the South Sea islands); and 496 were imported from Australia and Tasmania.

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BENJAMIN P. BAYLY,

Superintending Inspector.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

A.

RETURN showing (in Totals under Counties)—

1. The Sheep Districts into which the Colony is divided for the Purposes of
“The Sheep Act, 1878.”
2. The Area of such Districts.
3. The Number of “Infected” Sheep in each District.
4. The Number of Sheepowners in each District.
5. The Number of Sheep upon which the Sheep-rate is collected.
6. The Amount of the Sheep-rate in each District.
7. The Number of Inspectors of Sheep, Cattle, and Rabbits, and Registrars
of Brands, residing in each District.
8. The Amount payable for Salaries and Allowances in each District.

1 Names of Sheep Districts under Counties.	2 Area.	3 Number of Infected Sheep on		4 Number of Owners on 31st May,		5 Number of Sheep on 31st May,	
		31st March, 1885.	31st March, 1886.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Auckland Counties ...	...	None	None	1,154	1,217	235,398	265,863
Napier Counties ...	...	None	None	567	576	2,740,637	2,805,133
New Plymouth County	...	None	None	118	105	16,410	12,698
Wanganui Counties ...	...	195	None	387	396	315,207	326,177
Rangitikei Counties ...	...	None	None	622	643	460,349	467,975
Wellington Counties ...	...	6,750	None	577	633	1,003,570	1,047,407
Nelson Counties ...	...	None	9,803	564	568	127,957	127,982
{ Marlborough Counties, and	...	102,050	129,450	346	357	780,683	766,468
{ Amuri County (part of)	...	None	None	16	16	312,498	312,961
{ Canterbury Counties, and	...	None	None	2,075	2,202	4,079,923	4,410,238
{ Amuri County (part of)	...	None	None	13	15	200,583	200,156
{ Westland County ...	...	None	None	12	17	1,880	2,778
Otago Counties ...	...	None	None	1,765	1,886	3,703,425	3,800,965
		108,995	139,253	8,216	8,631	13,978,520	14,546,801
Names of Sheep Districts under Counties.		6 Sheep Rate for		7 Number of Inspectors, on 31st March.		8 Salaries, &c.	
		1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Auckland Counties ...	...	235	266	8	8	1,400	1,500
Napier Counties ...	...	2,741	2,805	4	4	1,040	1,040
New Plymouth County	...	17	13	1	1	250	250
Wanganui Counties	...	315	326	7	7	1,875	1,975
Rangitikei Counties	...	461	468	3	3	675	1,150
Wellington Counties	...	1,003	1,047	6	6	1,950	1,775
Nelson Counties ...	...	128	128	4	5	1,600	1,875
{ Marlborough Counties, and	...	780	766	1	1	300	300
{ Amuri County (part of)	...	313	313	11	13	3,250	3,700
{ Canterbury Counties, and	...	4,080	4,410	45	50	12,340	13,565
{ Amuri County (part of)	...	200	200				
{ Westland County ...	...	2	3				
Otago Counties ...	...	3,704	3,801				
		13,979	14,546				

B.

RETURN showing—

1. The Districts into which the Colony is divided for the Purposes of—
“The Sheep Act, 1878;”
“The Diseased Cattle Act, 1881;” also the Cattle Boards appointed under the Act.
2. The Number of Sheepowners owning under 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 Sheep, also owning 20,000 Sheep and upwards; also Total Number of Owners of Sheep, and Total Number of Sheep, for the Year ended 31st May, 1885.
3. The Number of Owners of Infected Sheep, and the Number of Infected Sheep, on 31st March, 1886.
4. The Names and Residences of Officers holding Appointments under the Sheep, Diseased Cattle, and Branding Acts.

CATTLE BOARD:— <i>E. Maclean</i> , Chairman, <i>A. A. Fankham</i> , <i>W. L. Martin</i> , <i>C. J. Storey</i> , and <i>R. H. Duncan</i> . <i>Bay of Plenty Subdivision</i> (area 3,109,000a.)— Whakatane	31	10	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	45	24,184	...	...	Robson, E., <i>Tauranga</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.
Tauranga TAURANGA CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Whakatane, Tauranga, and East Taupo. CATTLE BOARD:— <i>G. B. Morris</i> , Chairman, <i>J.</i> <i>Brown</i> , <i>S. L. Clarke</i> , <i>R. C. Jordan</i> , and <i>J. Snod-</i> <i>grass</i> . NAPIER SHEEP DISTRICT— <i>Poverty Bay Subdivision</i> (area 1,775,000 acres)— Cook	20	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	23	8,465	...	...	...
COUNTY COOK CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the County of Cook. CATTLE BOARD:— <i>J. W. Johnson</i> , Chairman, <i>J. Clark</i> , <i>A. McKenzie</i> , <i>W. Smith</i> , and <i>G. L.</i> <i>Sunderland</i> . NAPIER SUBDIVISION (area 3,913,000 acres)— Wairoa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pasley, R. C., <i>Napier</i> , Chief Sheep Inspector, Cattle Inspector, Chief Registrar of Brands.
Hawke's Bay	38	22	14	23	14	8	...	...	...	119	324,399	...	...	Thomson, C., <i>Gisborne</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.
Waipawa	27	13	8	16	13	4	1	...	...	82	247,161	...	...	Fitzroy, C. A., <i>Napier</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector.
HAWKE'S BAY CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, and Wairoa. CATTLE BOARD:— <i>J. D. Ormond</i> , Chairman, <i>J. Heslop</i> , <i>W. Orr</i> , <i>Sir G. S. Whitmore</i> , and <i>J.</i> <i>H. Coleman</i> . NEW PLYMOUTH SHEEP DISTRICT (area 1,631,000 acres)— Taranaki	37	21	18	29	25	17	21	...	...	168	1,221,406	...	...	Munro, Donald, <i>Wainata</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector.
TARANAKI CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the County of Taranaki. CATTLE BOARD:— <i>Robert Trimble</i> , Chairman, <i>T. Bagly</i> , <i>W. Bagly</i> , <i>H. D. Vavasour</i> , and <i>J.</i> <i>Elliott</i> . WANGANUI SHEEP DISTRICT— <i>Wanganui Subdivision</i> (area 2,434,000 acres)— Wanganui	79	31	34	16	13	15	19	...	...	207	1,012,167	...	...	...
Hawera	103	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105	12,698	...	...	Hately, W., <i>Waitara</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.
Patea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
WANGANUI CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Patea, Wanganui, Rangitikei, and Manawatu.	40	21	7	4	1	...	...	...	...	73	50,686	...	...	Monro, A., <i>Wanganui</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands, in charge.
	36	29	29	10	1	...	...	...	...	105	107,809	...	...	Price, E. G., <i>Hawera</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector.

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	ON THE 31ST MAY, 1885.								
	Number of Owners owning under								Total Number of
	500.	1,000.	2,000.	5,000.	10,000.	20,000 and upwards.			
SHEEP AND CATTLE DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.							Owners	Infected Sheep	On March 31, 1886.
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MARLBOROUGH SHEEP DISTRICT—													
<i>Pictou, Blenheim, Awatere, Kaikoura, and Amuri</i>													
<i>Subdivisions (area 3,705,300 acres)—</i>													
Sounds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	80	14	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marlborough	...	104	19	10	7	19	15	5	179	573,130	2	7,000	...
Kaikoura	...	48	4	3	6	3	1	2	67	144,380	4	122,450	...
MARLBOROUGH CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the													
COUNTIES OF SOUNDS, MARLBOROUGH, AND KAIKOURA.													
CATTLE BOARD:—													
Amuri (Part of)...	...	...	2	...	2	4	1	7	16	312,961	...	...	...
CANTERBURY SHEEP DISTRICT—													
<i>Waiau Subdivision (area 635,700 acres)—</i>													
Amuri (Part of)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1	...	2	3	...	...	4	5	15	200,156	...	...	...
Northern Subdivision (area 1,571,000 acres)—													
Cheviot	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashley	...	380	69	38	...	...	13	4	540	736,369	...	...	...
Christchurch Subdivision (area 3,449,000 acres)—													
Selwyn	...	467	102	44	31	20	12	4	680	712,641	...	...	...
Akaroa	...	51	15	19	20	11	4	...	120	248,467	...	...	...
Ashburton	...	145	64	48	37	22	13	9	338	846,931	...	...	...
Southern Subdivision (area 3,281,000 acres)—													
Geraldine	...	170	72	48	29	3	8	7	337	659,479	...	...	...
Mackenzie	...	6	6	4	4	7	14	6	47	411,821	...	...	...
Waimate	...	61	28	14	15	5	4	12	139	699,530	...	...	...
CANTERBURY CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the													
COUNTIES OF AMURI, CHEVIOT, ASHLEY, SELWYN,													
AKAROA, ASHBURTON, GERALDINE, AND WAIMATE.													
CATTLE BOARD:—J. T. Peacock, Chairman, F. J. Kimbell, C. Newton, J. Studholme, and H. McIlraith.													
Westland Subdivision (area 2,702,000 acres)—													
Westland	...	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	17	2,778	...	...	...
WESTLAND CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the													
COUNTIES OF WESTLAND AND GREY.													
CATTLE BOARD:—H. L. Robinson, Chairman, J. A. Bonar, J. Giles, D. P. James, and H. H. Lahmann.													
Passau, A. H., Blenheim, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands, in charge.													
Hull, R., Pictou, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector.													
Quartley, S. R., Blenheim, Sheep Inspector.													
Clifton, E., Kaikoura, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.													
Cooke, G. S., Waiau, Amuri, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.													
Boulton, P. B., Christchurch, Chief Sheep Inspector, Cattle Inspector, Chief Registrar of Brands.													
Foster, R., Amberley, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.													
Holderness, R. F., Christchurch, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector.													
Sutton, W. A. P., Ashburton, Sheep Inspector.													
Rees, W. G., Timaru, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.													
Knyvett, W. H., Greymouth, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.													

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