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 carcases 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,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintending Inspector.

RETURN showing (in Totals under Counties)—

- 1. The Sheep Districts into which the Colony is divided for the Purposes of "The Sheep Act, 1878."
- The Area of such Districts.
 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.

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Names of Sheep Districts under Counties.	Area.	31st March, 1885.	31st March, 1886.	ch,	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
Auckland Counties 12, 2 Napier Counties 5,6	Acres. 5,269,000 5,688,000	None None	None None		1,154	1,217	235,398	265,863
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Otago Counties : : 14,0	14,039,000	None	None		1,765	1,886	3,703,425	3,800,965
•		108,995	139,253	53	8,216	8,631	13,978,520	14,546,801
Names of Sheep Districts under Counties.	Counties.	8 Sheep Rate for	te for	Number o	Number of Inspectors, on 31st March.	Sa	8 Salaries, &c.	
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(Marlborough Counties, and Amuri County (part of)	: :	780	766)	9	9	1,950	1,775	
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Westland County Otago Counties		3,704	3,801	7.7	13	300 3,250	300	
		13,979	14,546	45	50	12,340	13,565	
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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.

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Robson, E., Tauranga, Sheep Inspector, Deputy	Cattle Inspector, Legistrar of Brands.	; ;	Pasley, K. C., Napur, Chief Sheep Inspector, Cattle Inspector, Chief Registrar of Brands.	Thomson, C., Grisborne, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.		J. A., Napier, Sheep Inspector.	<i>N. vennatu</i> , bueep 1spector.		Hately, W., Waitara, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.			Monro, A., Wanganui, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands, in	Price E. G., Hawera, Sheep Inspector, Deputy	
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CATTLE BOARD: — E. Maclean, Chairman, A. A. Fantham, W. L. Martin, C. J. Storey, and R. H. Duncan. Bay of Plenty Subdivision (area 3,109,000a.)— Whakatane	Tauranga TAURANGA CATTLE DISTRICT — Comprising the Counties of Whakatane, Tauranga, and East Tourn	GATTLE BOARD:—G. B. Morris, Chairman, J. Brown, S. L. Clarke, R. C. Jordan, and J. Snod.	Poverty Bay Subdivision (area 1,775,000 acres)—	COUNTY COOK CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the County of Cook. County of Cook. County of McKonsie W. Smith and G. L.	Sunderland. Napier Subdivision (area 3,913,000 acres)—		HAWE'S BAY CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, and Wairea. GATTLE BOARD:—J. D. Ornond, Chairman, J. Heslop, W. Orr, Sir G. S. Whitmore, and J. J. Co.	NEW PLYMOUTH SHEEP DISTRICT (area 1,631,000 acres)—	Taranaki Taranaki Of Taranaki	CATTLE BOARD:—Robert Trimble, Chairman, T. Bayly, W. Bayly, H. D. Vavasour, and J. Elliott.	EEF DISTRICT— ubdivision (area 2,434,000 acres)—	:	÷	WANGANUI CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Patea, Wanganui, Rangitikei, and Manawatu.

4	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER, AND	APPOINTMENTS HELD BY HIM.	Simpson, R. K., Marton, Sheep Inspector, Regis-	trar of Drands, in charge. Simpson, W., Foxton, Sheep Inspector.	Richardson, T. G., Wellington, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Chief Registrar of	Brands. Michie, T., M.R.C.V.S.E., Wellington, Deputy Cattle Inspector (honorary).	Orbell, E., Masterton, Sheep Inspector, Deputy	Cattle Inspector. Drummond, J., Masterton, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector. Registrar of Brands.	Blundell, A. K., Nelson, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Chief Registrar of Brands, in	Campbell, H. McN., Nelson, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector. Registrar of Brands.	Munro, Kobert, Nelson, Sheep Inspector. Moore, J., Motueka, Sheep Inspector, Deputy	Capute Inspector. Knyvett, W. H., Greymouth (see Westland Subdivision, Canterbury). Reynolds, C. Westnort. Sheen Inspector.	
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1.	SHEEP AND CATTLE DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.		RANGITIKEI DISTRICT—	Fangither Subdivision (area 2,009,400 acres)— Rangither Oroua Manawatu	Wellington Sheep District— Wellington Subdivision (area 470,800 acres)—	.t : 9 % %; Y.	Wairarapa Subdivisions (area 2,040,000 acres)— West Wairarapa	East Wairarapa	Nelson Sheep District— Nelson, Motueka, Golden Bay, Buller, and Grey Subdivisions (area 5,020,000 acres)—	Waimea	Collingwood	Grey	NELSON CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Waimea, Collingwood, Buller, and Inangahua. CATTLE BOARD:—

Passau, A. H., Blenheim, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands, in charge.	Hull, R., Picton, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle	0	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 Inspec-	of, Caude Inspector, Onet negligitar of Dianus.	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., <i>Timaru</i> , Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.		Knyvett, W. H., Greymouth, Sheep Inspector, Deputy Cattle Inspector, Registrar of Brands.
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MARLBOROUGH SHEEP DISTRICT— Picton, Blenheim, Awatere, Kaikoura, and Amuri	Sounds Sounds	Marlborough	Kaikoura Mareboroge Cattle District—Comprising the Counties of Sounds, Marlborough, and Kaikoura.	CATTLE BOARD:— Amuri (Part of)	GANTERBURY SHEEP DISTRICT—	Amuri (Part of)	Northern Subdivision (area 1,571,000 acres)— Cheviot Ashley	Christchurch Subdivision (area 3,449,000 acres)— Selwyn Akaroa Ashburton		Canterent Cattle Distract — Comprising the Counties of Amuri, Cheviot, Ashley, Selwyn, Akaroa, Ashburton, Geraldine, and Waimate. Cattle Board:—J. T. Peacock, Chairman, F. J. Kimbell, C. Neuton, J. Studholme, and H. McIlraith.	Westland Subdivision (area 2,702,000 acres)— Westland 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.

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OTAGO SHEEP DISTRICT—	:	:	:	:		: :	:	:	:	:	Johnson, R. H., Dunedin, Chief Sheep Inspector,
Peninsular Succession (area 25,000 acres)— Peninsular Succession (area 25,000 acres)— Peninsular Succession (area 25,000 acres)—	80	5	-	-	:	:	15	7,770	:		Caute Inspector, Cline Ingistral of Liames. Thomson, John, Port Chalmers, Sheep Inspector,
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Orago Carter District—Comprising the Counties of Waitaki, Waikouaiti, Maniototo, Vincent, Peninsula, Taieri, Bruce, Clutha, and Tuapeka.											Deputy Cattle Inspector.
CATTLE BOARD:—Mathew Holmes, Chairman, R. Charteris, J. Roberts, J. Shand, and J. Smith. Southland Subdivision (sres. 4 785 00) served.—									-		
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Wallace Southland Carte District — Comprising the Counties of Southland, Wallace, Lake, Flord,	81	16	<u>-</u>	10	6	6	2 134	320,702			Douglass, A., Invercargill, Sheep Inspector.
and Stewart Island. CATTLE BOARD:—T. Brydon, Chairman, J. S. Shanks, J. B. Sutton, J. Holmes, and J. Shand.											