

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT of EXPENDITURE, &c., for the YEAR ended 31st March, 1888.

District or Port.	Number of Tenders accepted for destroying Rabbits on Crown Lands.	Amount- ing to	Quantity of Phosphorus used for Crown Lands.	Quantity sold.	Quantity on Hand on 31st March last.	Total Number of Skins exported from the Colony during Year ended 31st March, 1888.	Value.	Estimated Area of Crown Lands to be dealt with this Year.
		£ s. d.	lb.	lb.	lb.		£	Acres.
Auckland ...	1	11 18 0	...	...	34	1,468	12	10,000
Wellington ...	...	...	...	...	...	337,988	3,428	...
Wairarapa ...	21	311 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	20,000
Nelson ...	...	...	10	29	16	...	...	3,000
Blenheim ...	...	...	55	...	80	87,716	972	10,000
Kaikoura ...	...	...	55	60	15	...	...	4,000
Lyttelton ...	...	...	...	...	...	762,556	6,147	...
Lake Ohau ...	...	...	21	...	19	...	...	66,000
Oamaru ...	...	...	...	...	...	52,700	440	...
Dunedin (Otago)	59	2,150 9 8	889	280	474	9,986,752	85,842	1,187,560
Invercargill ...	...	...	...	...	...	896,691	11,388	...
Totals ...	81	2,473 10 8	1,030	369	638	12,125,871	108,229	2,300,560

GENERAL REMARKS.—Payments to agents, labour, material purchased, and other contingencies not included in this expenditure. It is impossible to give the number of skins from each district; but the total export for the whole colony from the 1st April, 1887, to the 31st March, 1888, is shown herein, as exported from the different ports. The number of rabbit-skins exported during the year ended 31st March, 1887, was 8,900,692, of the value of £66,246. The number of ferrets released on Crown lands by Government during last financial year was 3,600, and over 4,000 ferrets are known to have been released by private owners.

APPENDIX B.

SIR,— The Minister's Office (Live Stock Branch), Wellington, 9th March, 1888.

I have to request that you will be good enough to furnish replies to the following questions with as little delay as possible. The period to which these questions refer is between the 1st April, 1887, and the 31st March, 1888.

I have, &c.,

B. P. BAYLY,

Superintending Inspector.

Rabbit Inspector

- (1.) What means have been adopted for destroying rabbits?
- (2.) Have you any recommendations to make?
- (3.) What progress has there been made?
- (4.) How many tenders have been accepted?
- (5.) What did the whole of them amount to?
- (6.) Number and description of reserves you will require to deal with, and the approximate area of such available for grazing purposes?
- (7.) What quantity of phosphorus was used for Government purposes?
- (8.) What quantity was sold to private individuals?
- (9.) What was the quantity on hand on the 31st March, 1888?
- (10.) Number of prosecutions?
- (11.) Number of convictions?
- (12.) Number of dismissals?
- (13.) Names of owners of properties dealt with under section 11?
- (14.) Number of ferret-breeders?
- (15.) Have any ferrets been turned out by Government; if so, how many, and with what results?
- (16.) Have any ferrets been turned out by private owners; if so, about how many, and with what results?

General Remarks:

From Rabbit Inspector DRUMMOND, Auckland.

- (1.) Shooting, hunting with dogs, digging out burrows, clearing bush, scrub, and rough lands, burning, &c. (2.) The turning out the natural enemies in as large numbers as possible on Crown and Native lands. (3.) I believe on the whole there has been fair results made. (4.), (5.) Nil. (6.) None, as far as I am aware. (7.), (8.) None. (9.) 9lb. (10.), (11.), (12.), (13.) None. (14.) Not aware of any. (15.) None. (16.) Not aware of any.