

TABLE showing the Number of FLAX-MILLS in New Zealand in March, 1890, in respect of which Returns have been furnished to the Registrar-General.

Provincial Districts.	Number of Mills.	Hands employed.			Motive-power employed.			Number of Machines.	Quantity in 1889, of				Quantity Estimate of Green Output of Dressed Fibre for the Year 1890.	Approximate Area of Flax-land, as estimated by the Commissioners of Crown Lands.								
		Men.	Boys.	Steam.	Water.	Steam and Water.	Not stated.		Raw Material used.	Fibre manufactured or dressed.	Tons.	Tons.		Tons.	Tons.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Owned by the Crown.	Owned by Europeans.	Owned by Maoris.	Total.
Auckland	96	1,023	501	57	34	2	3	24,935	2,929	188	6,116	8.5	78,000	62,000	142,000	282,000						
Taranaki	15	224	191*	6	8	1	..	17,754	2,134	64	1,790	8.3	..	3,400	4,400	7,800						
Hawke's Bay	5	82	29	4	1	..	..	2,553	350	30	710	7.3	..	4,655	1,550	6,205†						
Wellington	64	1,310	330	62	2	..	..	63,471	9,133	313	10,107	7.0	..	66,800	..	66,800						
Marlborough	10	164	26	6	3	1	..	10,874	1,556	127	1,084	7.0	2,300	6,100	250	8,650						
Nelson	3	101	49	7	4	2	..	3,733	564	55	180	6.6	2,050	1,850	80	3,980						
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27,027	1,560	282	28,869						
Canterbury	13	251	120	7	2	3	1	14,365	2,194	256	2,371	6.5	5,813	10,790	50	16,653						
Otago	30	205	198	23	5	2	..	5,128	648	79	1,912	8.0	4,500	27,750	200	32,450						
Totals	246†	3,360	1,444*	172	59	11	4	142,813	19,508	1,112	24,270	7.3	119,690	184,905	148,812	453,407						

* And 3 girls.
† The areas of flax-land in Hawke's Bay are estimates supplied by the Collectors of Agricultural Statistics.
‡ Of these, 138 were built during the year 1889; 66 prior to that year; and 42 were built, or were in course of erection, in 1890.
§ For patentee or maker see next table.

COMPARISON WITH 1886.

—		March, 1886.		March, 1890.	
Number of mills	..	..	..	30	246*
Number of hands	..	..	..	249	4,804
Amount of horse-power	..	..	..	273	2,558
Number of machines	..	..	..	48	414
Raw material used	..	..	..	9,173	142,813
Fibre dressed	..	..	..	1,397	19,508

* And 59 mills for which there are no returns.