

Lice I have found very prevalent all over my district, and have impressed upon the settlers that they will have to be more careful in keeping their sheep healthy and dipping them; and I trust that next season I shall not have so much cause of complaint.

Foot-rot and Lungworm have not been very bad, except in a few places. Flock-masters are realising more and more the importance of clean pastures and a general liberal treatment of young stock.

The increase in sheep altogether in my district has been very great the last year, on account of the carrying capacity of the land improving, more people going in for sheep, and more land being taken up. The average increase in merino sheep was about 50 to 60 per cent., and cross-breds about 90 per cent.

Cattle.—With the exception of three cases of cancer which came under my notice, and which in each instance the beast was destroyed, the general health has been good.

Invercargill, May, 1892. H. T. TURNER, Inspector.

APPENDIX A.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Number of Carcases of Frozen Mutton exported from the Colony during the Years ended 31st March, 1884 to 1892.

	Estimate for		1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	Over Previous Year.	
	1882.	1883.										Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland	..	..	7,968	..	18,561	19,913	..	9,697	7,104	11,236	18,553	7,322	..
Napier	..	..	9,003	89,089	132,700	157,800	155,057	208,335	279,081	471,068	282,181	..	188,887
Wellington	..	..	46,803	130,439	137,964	140,302	209,785	229,466	238,583	407,318	320,615	..	86,703
Poverty Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50,061	50,061	..
New Plymouth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,195	8,195	..
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40,842	40,842	..
Pictou	..	..	..	15,950	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,507	13,507	..
Lyttelton and Ch'ch	..	..	80,920	121,627	161,462	235,631	316,455	327,652	401,788	691,206	531,873	..	159,333
Timaru	..	..	..	..	32,250	..	..	63,103	94,415	88,599	118,701	30,102	..
Oamaru	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134,091	146,837	126,849	109,963	..	16,886
Dunedin	..	..	86,781	133,964	91,255	153,321	250,229	40,688	37,255	49,957	119,825	69,868	..
Bluff and In'cargill	..	..	16,297	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	30,488	173,988	247,772	491,069	574,192	706,967	931,526	1,013,032	1,205,063	1,846,233	1,768,055	373,631	451,809

APPENDIX B.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Number of Sheep in the Colony, returned annually, 1880 to 1891.

1880	11,530,623	1886	15,174,263
1881	12,190,215	1887	15,155,626
1882	12,408,106	1888	15,042,198
1883	13,306,329	1889	15,423,328
1884	13,978,520	1890	16,116,113
1885	14,546,801	1891	16,753,752

NOTE.—The return of all sheepowners, and the number of sheep and lambs on 30th April, 1892, showing the county in which owners reside and their sheep are depastured, so far as the information is supplied in the Schedule "C" furnished by sheepowners under section 21 of "The Sheep Act, 1890," will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* as soon as the returns are complete.

APPENDIX C.

NUMBER of OWNERS, Year 1882 to 1891.

Owning—	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Under 500 sheep ...	4,685	5,039	5,422	5,622	6,024	6,247	6,579	7,054	7,662	8,272
500 and under 1,000	844	970	1,033	1,146	1,189	1,139	1,182	1,381	1,528	1,691
1,000 " 2,000	552	609	672	718	747	723	794	826	854	969
2,000 " 5,000	416	467	473	505	532	531	524	597	586	666
5,000 " 10,000	225	244	256	270	263	289	287	277	233	287
10,000 " 20,000	209	200	211	213	228	221	213	239	236	239
20,000 and upwards ...	133	149	154	157	166	166	166	151	160	169
Totals ...	7,064	7,678	8,221	8,631	9,149	9,316	9,745	10,525	11,309	12,293

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