

REPORTS ON ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED FOR SHEARERS—*continued.*

District.	Number of Stations.	Remarks.
Lumsden ..	18	Accommodation very fair.
Little River ..	..	Very fair accommodation. The Inspector reports that the only sleeping-accommodation provided at one station was a "black hole," without any windows or ventilation, and bunks like pigeon-holes. The use of this has been discontinued, and a new building erected.
Mongonui ..	..	Accommodation good; but as the shearing is all done by Maoris they prefer sleeping in tents.
Malvern ..	5	Three stations have insufficient accommodation, but the owners have promised that the alterations required by the Inspector will be carried out in time for next shearing.
Mataura ..	7	Accommodation good on five stations. The Inspector condemned the sleeping-accommodation on two stations, the owners of which are providing proper buildings, in compliance with the Inspector's request.
Martinborough ..	25	Accommodation good at all but two stations. Notices were served by the Inspector that proper accommodation be provided.
Marton ..	..	Good accommodation is provided.
Masterton ..	15	Accommodation very good.
Mercer ..	4	Accommodation good.
Methven ..	23	Accommodation fair.
Middlemarch ..	5	Accommodation good at all stations.
Milton ..	3	Accommodation very good.
Mosgiel ..	4	Accommodation fair. In all cases where Inspector suggested improvements the owners have carried them out.
Hawke's Bay ..	38	The accommodation of many of the stations visited by the Inspector was found to be of a most primitive description. The Inspector has served notices on the owners of these places to have suitable accommodation provided by next shearing. On the other hand, many of the places have splendid quarters for the men, their comfort seemingly being the owners' first object.
Nelson ..	2	Very good accommodation.
New Plymouth ..	..	Necessary accommodation is provided.
Naseby ..	4	Three have good accommodation. On one station the accommodation is not so good; but, owing to the circumstances of the case, the matter was held over till next season.
Ngaruawahia ..	4	Accommodation good.
Ngapara ..	4	Accommodation very good.
Oamaru ..	3	Accommodation satisfactory.
Ophir ..	3	The accommodation at two stations is good. The buildings at the other station were condemned by the Inspector, and the owners have made arrangements for them to be renewed.
Ormond ..	24	All but six have good accommodation. Notices have been given by the Inspector to provide such accommodation before next shearing.
Ormondville ..	..	Only small holdings in this district. The farmers usually help one another.
Otautau ..	20	Accommodation satisfactory.
Otaki ..	..	Most of the holdings in this district are small, and what accommodation there is is adequate.
Outram ..	7	Accommodation good.
Oxford (West) ..	7	The Inspector served notices on five station-holders to have their huts properly cleaned and put in repair for next shearing.
Ohingaiti ..	1	Very good accommodation.
Palmerston North ..	10	Good accommodation. Some alterations suggested by the Inspector have been carried out.
Palmerston South ..	12	Most have very fair accommodation. In one case the provision was inadequate, and a notice to provide proper accommodation was served on the owner.
Pahiatua ..	..	The holdings in this district are small, and the settlers shear for one another.
Pembroke ..	6	All have good accommodation.
Pleasant Point ..	4	All have good accommodation.
Pahi ..	..	The shearing here is done by the settlers, who go to their homes to sleep.
Queenstown ..	22	The accommodation in most cases is very good. In some instances tents are provided for the shearers, who informed the Inspector that they preferred to sleep in them, as the weather was warm and dry at shearing time.
Raglan ..	..	Very good accommodation.
Rakaia (South) ..	9	Good accommodation at all stations.
Rangiora ..	6	All have good accommodation.
Riverton ..	..	Accommodation is provided where required, but the shearing is mostly done by settlers, who return to their own homes at night.
Roxburgh ..	4	Good accommodation.
Russell ..	4	Accommodation satisfactory.
Stratford ..	9	Accommodation fair.
St. Bathans ..	3	Accommodation good.
Shortland ..	..	The accommodation is ample for the requirements of the district.
Tapanui ..	4	Very good accommodation.
Te Aroha ..	9	Good accommodation.
Te Awamutu ..	..	The flocks are small, and the owner and some of his neighbours shear them. The accommodation where required is good.
Temuka ..	5	Good accommodation.
Timaru ..	4	Good accommodation.
Tolaga Bay ..	17	The shearing on all these stations is let by contract to Maoris, who find everything. The accommodation for station-hands is good.
Tenui ..	21	On fourteen stations the accommodation was satisfactory. On the remaining seven the provision for shearers was more or less bad—in three cases very bad indeed. Notices from the Inspector were sufficient in most cases to secure improvement. In one instance the owner appealed against the instructions of the Inspector, but the appeal was dismissed.
Upper Hutt ..	..	Accommodation satisfactory.
Waverley ..	6	The stations in this district are small; the owners and neighbours do the shearing. What accommodation there is is good.