

WOOL CLIP.

1897.			1898.		
Sheep shorn.	Lambs shorn.	Average per Fleece.	Sheep shorn.	Lambs shorn.	Average per Fleece.
300,282 ...	... 17,084	Lb. oz. 7 4 2 10	298,263 ...	... 20,727	Lb. oz. 7 14 2 4

NET RETURN FOR THE TWO YEARS.

1897.				1898.		
—	Net Weight.	Net Return at Port of Shipment (excluding Insurance).	Equal per Pound.	Net Weight.	Net Return at Port of Shipment (excluding Insurance).	Equal per Pound.
	Lb.	£	d.	Lb.	£	d.
Greasy ...	1,866,251	53,762	6·91	1,979,878	57,214	6·93
Scoured ...	180,569	6,980	9·27	227,462	8,399	8·86
Totals ...	2,046,820	60,742	7·12	2,207,340	65,613	7·13

NOTE.—Stations disposed of are excluded.

LAMBING.

1897.			1898.		
Ewes to Ram.	Lambs cut and tailed.	Percentage.	Ewes to Ram.	Lambs cut and tailed.	Percentage.
111,441	86,496	79	113,712	94,239	83

MORTALITY.

Sheep.				Cattle.			
1897.		1898.		1897.		1898.	
Dead and missing.	Per. Cent.	Dead and missing.	Per Cent.	Dead and missing.	Per Cent.	Dead and missing.	Per Cent.
22,£01	6·45	19,810	5·62	773	3·62	699	3·27

COMPARISON OF OPERATIONS FOR YEAR.

Year.	Rape.	Turnips.		Grassing.		Oats.		Oaten Hay.		Draining.	Bushfelling.	Clearing.	Fencing.
		Without Grass.	With Grass.	With Plough.	Surface-sown.	Acres.	Bush. per Acre.	Acres.	Tons per Acre.				
1897 ...	Acres. 1,901	Acres. 10,467	Acres. 3,283	Acres. 13,465	Acres. 2,023	1,425	20	1,312	11 1/4	Chains 262	Acres. 557	Acres. 1,347	Chains 664
1898 ...	2,979	10,487	4,140	11,178	4,299	950	26	2,001	11 3/4	814	1,151	3,876	1,589
Increase ...	1,078	20	857	...	2,276	...	6	689	...	552	594	2,529	925
Decrease...	...	...	...	2,287	...	475	...	...	1 1/2	...	...	...	...