

NEW ZEALAND, STATISTICAL VIEW OF: 1887 AND 1897.

		1887.	1897.	Increase per Cent.
Population, 31st December (exclusive of Maoris)	Persons	603,361	729,056	20·83
Total imports (excluding specie)	£	6,064,281	7,994,201	31·82
Total exports (excluding specie)	£	6,680,772	9,741,222	45·81
Total exports, the produce of the colony	£	6,551,081	9,596,267	46·48
Total export of wool	lb.	88,824,382	135,835,117	52·92
Value	£	3,321,074	4,443,144	33·79
Total export of frozen meats	cwt.	402,107	1,407,921	250·14
Value	£	455,870	1,566,286	243·58
Total export of tallow	cwt.	154,720	310,200	100·49
Value	£	147,233	259,964	76·57
Total export of butter	cwt.	17,018	99,022	481·75
Value	£	54,921	402,605	633·06
Total export of cheese	cwt.	23,913	77,683	224·86
Value	£	54,562	150,517	175·86
Mining—				
Output of coal	Tons	558,620	840,713	50·50
Value	£	279,310	420,356	50·50
Output of gold	oz.	187,938	251,645	33·90
Value	£	747,878	980,204	31·06
Occupied lands—				
Holdings	No.	36,485	58,904	61·45
Holdings, extent of (including Crown pastoral leases)	Acres	Census 1886. 27,848,690	Year 1896. 33,312,212	19·62
Land in cultivation (including sown grasses)	Acres	Census 1886. 7,309,689	Year 1896. 11,483,127	57·09
Live-stock—				
Sheep	No.	16,564,595	19,687,954	18·86
		Census 1886.	April, 1897.	
Cattle	No.	853,358	1,209,165	41·69
		Census 1886.	November, 1897.	
Horses	No.	187,382	252,834	34·93
		Census 1886.	November, 1897.	
Government Railways—				
Miles open	No.	1,753	2,055	17·23
		March, 1888.	March, 1898.	
Receipts	£	994,843	1,376,008	38·31
		March, 1888.	March, 1898.	
Government Electric Telegraph—				
Miles of line	No.	4,790	6,484	35·37
		December, 1888.	March, 1898.	
Private Wealth (all kinds)—				
Estimated amount	£	181,345,925	183,781,780	39·92
Estimated amount per head of population	£	216	252	..

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The AGENT-GENERAL to the COLONIAL TREASURER.

(No. 329.) Westminister Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,
16th February, 1899.

SIR,— I beg to transmit herewith three copies of deed-poll (dated 2nd January, 1899) creating £500,000 New Zealand Consolidated Stock under the provisions of the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts; also three copies of the declaration (dated 3rd January, 1899) for the Inland Revenue Commissioners. I also attach copy of letter which the Loan and Stock Agents addressed to the Bank of England with respect to the above.

The Right Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. P. REEVES.

Enclosure 1 in No. 9.

GENTLEMEN,— 13, Victoria Street, S.W., 1st February, 1899.

Referring to our letter of the 8th June last, we have the honour to inform you that we have been authorised to create a further amount of £500,000 New Zealand Inscribed Stock for the purpose of providing, either by issue or by conversion of debentures, £500,000 authorised to be raised under an Act passed by the Legislative Assembly of New Zealand, and intituled "The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts Amendment Act, 1898"; and we have now to acquaint you that by a deed-poll dated the 2nd January, 1899, under our hands and seals (a printed copy of which we send herewith), and which has been duly enrolled, we have set forth the terms and conditions upon which the stock has been created and can be issued.

We have made the declaration required by "The Colonial Stock Act, 1877," and have lodged the same with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, so as to bring the stock under the provisions of the Colonial Stock Act, and we send herewith a printed copy of such declaration.

You are therefore duly enabled to carry out any arrangements which may be made with you by us on behalf of the New Zealand Government for the inscription of the stock.

We have accordingly to request you to pay to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue the composition for stamp duty so as to enable the stock, after inscription, to be transferred free of duty, as in the previous issues of New Zealand Consolidated Stock. We also authorise you to issue to the holders of the stock who may desire the same, from time to time, stock-certificates to bearer, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Colonial Stock Act, 1877." We also