

1899.
NEW ZEALAND.

MOMOHAKI EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 27th July, 1899.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return (in continuation of C.-13, 1898) relating to the Momohaki Experimental Farm for the financial year 1898-99; with a separate return of the poultry-farm recently started on the same farm."—(Mr. G. HUTCHISON.)

EXPERIMENTAL STATION, MOMOHAKI.

RETURN for the Year ending 31st March, 1899.

1. Area :—							A.	R.	P.
Freehold ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	254	2	13
Leasehold ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	0	6
Crown lands (grazing-rights)	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	2	0
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	380	0	19

2. Value of the land, with improvements, at the time of the experimental station being started :—

Value not stated.

3. The amount expended in—						£	s.	d.
(a.) Buildings ...	...	...	...	...	...	157	18	9
(b.) Fencing ...	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	10
(c.) Cultivation (this includes the cost of seeds and plants, horse-feed, blacksmithing, manures, labour in connection with orchard-work, cleaning ground for turnips and other crops, draining, planting, grassing, &c.)	...	...	...	...	...	1,103	17	2
(d.) Stock ...	...	...	...	...	...	415	10	5
(e.) Other purposes ...	...	...	...	...	...	151	18	7

4. The uses to which the land has been applied :—

For investigating diseases in stock, the testing of seeds and plants and the raising of economic plants for distribution to settlers, testing the feeding-value of grasses, turnips, and mangolds, and the planting of resistant vines for distribution.

5. Number of persons employed throughout :—

(a) Maximum, 10; (b) minimum, 7.

Rates of salary or wages paid to each class :—					£	s.	d.	
Curator ...	...	...	...	...	140	0	0	per annum.
Overseer ...	...	...	...	...	130	0	0	"
Carpenter ...	...	...	...	...	0	8	0	per diem.
Assistant nurseryman ...	...	...	...	...	0	7	0	"
Labourers ...	...	...	...	...	0	6	6	"
" ...	...	...	...	...	0	6	0	"
Horseman ...	...	...	...	...	0	5	10	"
Boy ...	...	...	...	...	0	4	2	"

6. The number of stock now on the station :—

9 horses for farm-work.

45 cattle.

980 sheep for experimental and other purposes.

7. Returns :—

£771, in addition to a number of vines, potatoes, and seeds distributed gratis.

POULTRY.

EXPENDITURE and RECEIPTS from the Commencement of the Poultry-station at Momohaki, in August, 1897, to the 31st March, 1899.

1. Expenditure :—						£	s.	d.
Buildings (including £96 8s. 5d. shown in C.-13, 1898) ...						...	178	6 0
Stock ...						...	103	14 7
Food ...						...	50	3 7
Labour (including £25 15s. charged to experimental station in C.-13, 1898, and £45 10s. charged to experimental station on page 1) ...						...	107	5 0
Incubators, tools, &c. ...						...	31	16 2
Sundries (egg-boxes, freights, kerosene, &c.) ...						...	25	6 9
Total ...						...	<u>£496</u>	<u>12 1</u>

2. Number of birds on station :—
90 cocks and cockerels; 148 hens and pullets.

3. Receipts ... £108 18 3

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