

C. EXHIBITORS AND OTHER LICENSES.

The following licenses under the Cinematograph Films Act were issued for the year ended 30th September, 1940: Exhibitors, 449; circuit exhibitors, 36; renters, 17; storage, 17; miscellaneous, 39.

X. ANIMALS PROTECTION AND GAME.

A. GENERAL.

(1) *Bird-life.*

War conditions have restricted activities in ranging, &c. Shooting seasons were declared in 1941, but provision has been made for a universal close season in 1942. Under the North Island Vermin Control Scheme, bonuses were paid on 20,935 hawks, 3,897 weasels, stoats, ferrets and polecats, and 13,343 hedgehogs.

(2) *Opossums.*

The number of skins stamped was 257,639.

B. DEER, THAR, GOAT, AND CHAMOIS DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS.

During the financial year a total of 21,602 animals were destroyed, 9,062 deer-skins were saved, and in addition 97 cats and 274 rats were destroyed on Stewart Island. The number of each species and localities in which taken are as follows:—

Locality.	Deer.	Thar.	Chamois.	Goats.	Pigs.	Cattle.	Total.
<i>North Island.</i>							
Urewera and Lake Waikaremoana ..	480	..	..	..	62	1	543
Tararuas	1,040	..	..	480	42	..	1,562
Ruahine Mountains	1,150	..	..	37	..	..	1,187
Kaimanawa and Kaweka Ranges ..	1,422	..	..	363	..	..	1,785
<i>South Island.</i>							
Canterbury (Wairau River to Waimakariri River)	8,172	..	22	454	29	..	8,677
Nelson and North Westland (north of Taremakau River)	1,189	..	..	277	22	..	1,488
Central Westland (Hokitika area) ..	153	..	..	35	..	..	188
Otago and South Westland (Waitaki River to Haast River)	4,707	40	2	..	..	..	4,749
Fiordland National Park, Southland ..	1,007	..	..	..	..	..	1,007
Stewart Island	416	..	..	..	..	..	416
Totals	19,736	40	24	1,646	155	1	21,602

The following is a list of numerical results and geographical analysis for season 1st June, 1940, to 31st May, 1941:—

Locality.	Deer.	Thar.	Chamois.	Goats.	Pigs.	Cattle.	Total.
Urewera and Lake Waikaremoana ..	1,090	..	..	..	332	7	1,429
Ruahines	4,336	..	..	197	..	..	4,533
Tararuas	1,213	..	..	583	48	..	1,844
Marlborough	695	..	..	14,803	763	..	16,261
Otago, South Canterbury, and South Westland	17,733	289	320	5	..	..	18,347
Southland Fiordland, National Park ..	3,759	..	..	..	13	..	3,772
Stewart Island	402	..	..	..	..	..	402
Totals	29,228	289	320	15,588	1,156	7	46,588

(1) *Skins.*

All skins possible are being saved, owing to the high prices ruling. The Department sold 16,562 deer and 128 goat skins during the year. Private hunters sold 3,773 skins to the Department.

(2) *General.*

Approximately 90 per cent. of the men who have been engaged more or less regularly on deer-destruction work, as well as six field officers, have gone into the fighting services. Taking into account the difficulties in securing suitable men, the result of the year's operations are very satisfactory. Bush huts and tracks cut in some localities have proved of great value.

XI. ROTORUA ACCLIMATIZATION DISTRICT.

A. THE FISHING SEASON.

Weights of some of the large fish taken during the season and coming under the notice of departmental officers are:—

Taupo Area.—10½ lb., 10 lb., 13 lb., 12 lb., 10½ lb., 11 lb., 10½ lb., 15¼ lb., 10½ lb., 11 lb., 10 lb., 10½ lb., 10½ lb., 10 lb., 10¼ lb., 11 lb., 10¼ lb., 10½ lb., 11 lb., 12 lb., 12 lb., 10 lb., 10¼ lb.
Rotorua Area.—14 lb., 13½ lb., 10 lb., 16½ lb., 10½ lb., 16 lb., 17 lb., 19 lb., 18¼ lb. (3), 13 lb., 15 lb., 10 lb., 14 lb., 12 lb., 11 lb., 19 lb., 17 lb., 16 lb. (2), 13 lb., 12½ lb.