

Animal Pests destroyed.—Owing to the large extent of country now covered by departmental operations, it is not practicable to adhere to the previous practice of indicating the particular area in which operations were conducted during the year. A new table has, however, been drawn up which gives the districts covered by these operations and the results secured. For comparative purposes, a similar table covering the year ended 31st March, 1947, is also included. The table, as set out hereunder, also contains information as to the boundaries of each district :—

Operational District.	Deer.	Goats.	Chamois.	Tahr.	Wild Pigs.	Wild Sheep.
<i>(a) For year ended 31st March, 1948—</i>						
Central North Island District ..	3,071	10,821	..	..	934	707
Tararua Range area ..	946	228	..	..	5	..
Nelson-Marlborough District ..	1,375	4,000	3	..	682	2,622
Canterbury District ..	6,769	..	1,092	1,467	549	..
Southern Lakes District ..	13,830	17,804	169	565	33	..
Stewart Island ..	340	..	..	..	..	..
Special campaigns—						
Poverty Bay (opossums) ..	..	73	..	..	..	..
Waimate (wallabies) ..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Totals	26,331	32,926	1,264	2,032	2,205	3,329
<i>(b) For year ended 31st March, 1947—</i>						
Central North Island District ..	4,920	5,885	..	..	429	86
Tararua Range area ..	924	161	..	..	1	..
Nelson-Marlborough District ..	1,441	50,460	14	..	4,604	3,570
Southern Lakes District ..	6,083	16,111	..	..	40	..
Canterbury District (Mount Cook region only) ..	..	..	642	801	..	..
Stewart Island ..	151	..	..	..	..	..
Three Kings Islands ..	..	393	..	..	..	..
Totals	13,519	73,010	656	801	5,074	3,656

Operational District	Wapiti Cross.*	Wild Cattle.	Wild Cats.	Opossums.	Wallabies.	Totals.
<i>(a) For year ended 31st March, 1948—</i>						
Central North Island District ..	..	5	..	..	..	15,538
Tararua Range area ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,179
Nelson-Marlborough District ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,682
Canterbury District ..	..	..	..	..	..	9,877
Southern Lakes District ..	55	..	..	..	..	32,456
Stewart Island ..	..	..	56	16	..	412
Special campaigns—						
Poverty Bay (opossums) ..	..	..	8	5,061	..	5,142
Waimate (wallabies) ..	..	..	..	..	4,521	4,523
Totals	55	5	64	5,077	4,521	77,809
<i>(b) For year ended 31st March, 1947—</i>						
Central North Island District ..	..	..	..	..	..	11,320
Tararua Range area ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,086
Nelson-Marlborough District ..	..	..	..	..	..	60,089
Southern Lakes District ..	..	..	..	..	..	22,234
Canterbury District (Mount Cook region only) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,443
Stewart Island ..	..	..	..	..	..	151
Three Kings Islands ..	..	..	..	..	..	393
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	96,716

* Wapiti × Red Deer.