

The regulations provided for compulsory auction sales in order to ensure the fulfilment of the above matters and for the appointment of a Pelt Controller to carry out the regulations. Mr. J. J. Evans, the General Manager of the New Zealand Meat-producers' Board, was appointed Pelt Controller, and he reports the results of the sales of pickled pelts for the 1946-47 season as under:—

SALES OF PICKLED PELTS, 1946-47 SEASON

Method of Disposal.	Sheep.			Lambs.			Total Value.	Destination.
	Number of Dozen.	Value.	Average per Dozen.	Number of Dozen.	Value.	Average per Dozen.		
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	
Auction ..	65,305	319,276	97 9	460,417	1,947,908	84 7	2,267,184	U.S.A.
Auction ..	84,236	482,675	114 7	136,093	566,977	83 4	1,049,652	U.K.
Auction ..	3,120	17,669	113 3	2,337	8,810	75 5	26,479	Holland.
Auction ..	17,886	100,145	112 0	2,007	6,623	66 0	106,768	Belgium.
Auction ..	475	1,703	71 8	10,923	35,139	64 4	36,842	Australia.
Auction ..	..	..	..	10,996	41,228	75 0	41,228	Canada.
Auction ..	..	..	..	8,050	34,262	85 1	34,262	Sweden.
Auction ..	10,848	57,241	105 6	4,770	13,811	57 11	71,052	France.
Total Auction	181,870	978,709	107 8	635,593	2,654,758	83 6	3,633,467	..
Allocated to U.K. ..	85,170	415,531	97 7	299,985	952,753	63 6	1,368,284	U.K.
Allocated to local tanners	33,941	75,361	44 5	40,160	65,554	32 8	140,915	Local tanners.
	300,981	1,469,601	97 7	975,738	3,673,065	75 3	5,142,666	

Of the total realizations of £5,142,666, £2,297,139 was paid to Vendors or Producers and £2,845,527 credited to Meat Industry Stabilization Account.

LINEN FLAX

The annual report for 1941 sets out the terms of sale to the United Kingdom Ministry of Supply of New Zealand's export production of linen flax fibre for the period of hostilities and one year after. This contract was extended to cover production up to the end of the 1946 season. A further contract for the supply of 100 tons from the 1947 season's production has been arranged with the Board of Trade.

Shipments from 1st August, 1946, to 31st July, 1947, were as under:—

					Tons. Cwt.
Linen-flax fibre and reiss	..	..	..	..	457 10
Tow and pluckings	..	..	..	..	271 8
					728 18

The total value f.o.b. (New Zealand currency) of these exports was £133,625.

UNRRA AND CORSO

It has been agreed to accept responsibility for shipment of goods on behalf of these organizations, and the Department's shipping officer has been making the necessary applications for space and arranging for shipment of a great variety of products.

SUNDRY SUPPLIES FOR WAR OFFICE

During the year, supplies of food products have been shipped under contract to the War Office.

The value of the products shipped during the twelve months ended 31st July, 1947, is £323,953 (New Zealand currency).

The accounts covering the purchase and sale transactions of the Department in connection with these United Kingdom War Office supplies are shown in the accounts section at the end of this report, page 55. The surplus for the year ended 31st July, 1947, is £150.