

1900.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE COLONY ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1900.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SIR,—
I have the honour to furnish a statement of the approximate number of sheep in the colony on the 30th April, 1900.
I have, &c.,
JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SHEEP in the Colony on the 30th April, 1900.

	Number of Sheep.		Decrease.	Increase.
	1899.	1900.		
Auckland District	923,967	901,445	22,522	...
Napier District	4,542,310	4,612,636	...	70,326
Wellington-West Coast District	4,487,122	4,478,311	8,811	...
Marlborough-Nelson District	872,218	895,217	...	22,999
Canterbury-Kaikoura District	4,807,404	4,739,506	67,898	...
Otago District	3,715,485	3,720,231	...	4,746
	19,348,506	19,347,346	99,231	98,071
	Less increase ...		98,071	...
	Total decrease, 1900		1,160	...
	Increase, North Island ...		38,993	...
	Decrease, South Island ...		40,153	...

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