

1902.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP
IN THE COLONY ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1902.

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, 1902.

Department of Agriculture (Live-stock Branch),
Wellington, 17th July, 1902.
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, 1902.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1901.*	1902.		
Auckland	880,377	868,929	...	11,448
Napier	4,534,638	4,651,074	116,436	...
Wellington—West Coast	4,803,930	4,758,980	...	44,950
Marlborough—Nelson	933,088	954,509	21,421	...
Canterbury—Kaikoura	5,103,055	5,115,285	12,230	...
Otago	3,978,011	3,953,245	...	24,766
Total	20,233,099	20,302,022	150,087	81,164
Increase, North Island			60,038	...
Increase, South Island			8,885	...
Total increase			68,923	...

* Complete returns.

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