1904. NEW ZEALAND.

FLAX-GRADING

(INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 5th October, 1904.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) the total amount of money received by the Government for grading flax, and (2) the total cost to the colony for same; the return to show the total income and expenditure in the above connection for the whole period commencing with the starting of the flax-grading to the 30th September, 1904."—(Mr. VILE.)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—RETURN showing the Total Receipts and the Total Cost of grading Flax to Date (30th September, 1904).

- 1. The total amount of money received by the Government for grading flax since the starting of the grading to the 30th September, 1904 4,466 3 3
- 2. The total cost to the colony for grading flax since the starting of the grading to the 30th September, 1904 ... 3,808 14 10

Several increases to Graders' salaries and expenditure in connection with extra officers to be appointed, together with incidental expenses, will absorb surplus.

JOHN D. RITCHIE, Secretary.

Department of Agriculture, Wellington, 19th October, 1904.

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