

Grading Statistics.

The following tables give particulars of the gradings during the year ended 31st March, 1917, the Dominion totals and percentages for the previous year being also included for purposes of comparison :—

Hemp (Bales).

Grading-ports.	Superior.	Fine.	Good-fair.	Fair.		Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.	Total.
				High-fair.	Low-fair.				
Auckland	..	..	1,365	9,233	13,295	4,643	787	33	29,356
Foxton	..	..	10,570	18,623	11,757	1,274	432	16	42,672
Wellington	3	86	7,733	32,663	9,940	1,164	161	11	51,761
Napier	..	..	715	452	8	..	..	..	1,175
Picton	..	232	530	67	11	..	..	..	840
Blenheim	..	154	2,059	674	146	48	6	..	3,087
Lyttelton	..	14	15	53	..	..	..	..	82
Bluff	..	37	1,627	8,856	5,046	356	26	..	15,948
Dunedin	..	..	636	3,136	1,093	112	..	..	4,977
Totals for year ended 31st March, 1917	3	523	25,250	73,757	41,296	7,597	1,412	60	149,898
Percentage	0.02	0.35	16.84	49.2	27.55	5.06	0.94	0.04	..
Year ended 31st March, 1916	..	1,407	35,065	67,295	28,596	4,598	1,077	237	138,275
Percentage	..	1.01	25.36	48.67	20.69	3.33	0.8	0.17	..

Tow (Bales).

Grading-ports.	1st Grade.	2nd Grade.	3rd Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
Auckland	51	2,797	5,690	1,289	9,827
Foxton	2,861	3,942	948	45	7,796
Wellington	2,154	5,423	1,943	147	9,667
Napier	38	86	8	..	132
Blenheim	617	886	12	6	1,521
Picton	154	157	..	1	312
Lyttelton	176	456	..	..	632
Bluff	14	1,587	4,018	423	6,042
Dunedin	31	916	574	79	1,600
Totals for year ended 31st March, 1917	6,096	16,250	13,193	1,990	37,529
Percentage	16.2	43.3	35.2	5.3	..
Year ended 31st March, 1916	7,807	18,476	11,305	1,301	38,889
Percentage	20.06	47.3	29.5	3.3	..

Stripper-ships (Bales).

	1st Grade.	2nd Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
Year ended 31st March, 1917	986	3,724	145	4,855
Percentage	20.2	76.8	3	..
Year ended 31st March, 1916	719	4,910	246	5,875
Percentage	12.2	83.7	4.1	..