

MARLBOROUGH.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. H. GODFREY to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

(No. 1160.)

Superintendent's Office,

Blenheim, 16th August, 1866.

SIR,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your circular No. 20, of the 14th of June last, requesting a Return for 1865 of all local taxation in this Province; and have now the honor to transmit herewith the following Returns:—

One, showing the value to sell of property in Blenheim, and amount of rates levied for the year 1865-6. Also, one affording similar information relation to the Township of Picton.

No further taxation existed, or at present exists, excepting a household rate of one pound for education, and five shillings per head per annum for each child attending the public schools, which rates yielded during the year the sum of £241 13s. 8d.

I may further remark that five public schools have been very recently established in this Province.

I have, &c.,

H. GODFREY,

Deputy Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

A RETURN showing the VALUE to SELL of PROPERTY in PICTON; and the amount of Rates levied for the Year 1865-6.

—	Value to Sell.	Rate Levied per £.	Amount of Rate Levied.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Township of Picton, Queen Charlotte Sound	26,313 0 0	0 0 4	438 1 0	The assessment was made at an average of 85 per cent. on the value of the property to sell.

A RETURN showing the VALUE to SELL of PROPERTY in BLENHEIM; and the amount of Rates levied for the year 1865-6.

—	Value to Sell.	Rate Levied per £.	Amount of Rate Levied.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Township of Blenheim, originally comprising Rural Sections Nos. 1, 3, 50, 51, in the "Omaka District;" and Rural Sections Nos. 46, 47, 48, in the "Opawa District"	37,108 3 10	0 0 3	463 17 0	

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Deputy Superintendent.

CANTERBURY.

RETURN of LOCAL TAXATION in the Province of CANTERBURY, for the Year 1865.

—	Amount Collected.	Rate Imposed.	Annual Value.	Marketable Value	Particulars of last Valuation.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.			
Municipalities ...	2418 19 2	1s. in the £1	167,567 0 0		Annual rental at which lands, buildings, and tenements might reasonably be expected to let, if leased from year to year	Levied under "Municipal Council Ordinance, Session XIV. No. 2; "Christchurch City Council Ordinance, 1862;" "Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863."
Road Boards— Lands, buildings, and tenements	5731 9 8	from 4d. to 1s. in the £1	220,179 15 10	No data from which this information can be supplied.	Ditto—if leased for a period not exceeding seven (7) years £70 per 1000 (assumed annual value)	Levied under "The Roads Ordinance, 1864."
Sheep ...	...	...	65,697 15 9			
Provincial Government— Sheep ...	8150 8 10	...	453,444 11 7	£750,000	...	Levied under "The Sheep Ordinance, 1864."
Dogs ...	1498 0 0	£1 for every 1000 or fraction of 1000	...	...	...	Levied under "The Dog Nuisance Ordinance session XVII. No. 3."
	1887 0 0	10s. per head	...	...	...	...
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