

decrease is caused entirely by deaths, attributable in a great measure to the introduction of European complaints and the evils of a transition state.

The fact cannot be disguised that the Natives are gradually passing away; and, even if no cause should arise to accelerate their decease, the rate at which they are now disappearing points to their extinction in an exceedingly brief period.

I have, &c.,

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Commissioner.

The Under Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

A.—CENSUS of the NATIVE POPULATION in the SOUTH and STEWART'S ISLAND, inclusive of RUAPUKE, JUNE 1874.

DISTRICTS.	MALES.		TOTAL MALES.	FEMALES.		TOTAL FEMALES.	TOTALS.
	Under 15.	Over 15.		Under 15.	Over 15.		
Marlborough ... ..	56	147	203	60	100	160	363
Nelson ... ..	63	156	219	63	130	193	412
Westland ... ..	13	39	52	14	26	40	92
Canterbury ... ..	83	154	237	92	105	197	434
Otago ... ..	67	184	251	47	138	185	436
Ruapuke ... ..	10	14	24	14	17	31	55
Stewart's Island ... ..	5	4	9	1	9	10	19
Totals ... ..	297	698	995	291	525	816	1,811

B.—CENSUS of NATIVE POPULATION in the SOUTH ISLAND, including HALF-CASTES, JUNE 1874.

DISTRICTS.	TOTAL POPULATION, INCLUDING HALF-CASTES.			HALF-CASTES.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Marlborough ... ..	252	200	452	49	40	89
Nelson ... ..	243	197	440	24	4	28
Westland ... ..	55	41	96	3	1	4
Canterbury ... ..	300	258	558	63	61	124
Otago, including Ruapuke and Stewart's Island ... ..	567	495	1,062	283	269	552
Totals ... ..	1,417	1,191	2,608	422	375	797

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