1876. NEW ZEALAND.

LANDS HELD UNDER DEPASTURING LEASES,

(RETURN OF.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

RETURN of Lands held under Depasturing and other Leases (except for Gold Mining), and of RENTS, &c., paid, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.

| | FOR DEPASTURING PURPOSES. | | | | | FOR MINERAL OR OTHER PURPOSES. | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------|--------|---------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Province. | No. of Number of A | | Acres. | Rents and Assessments. | | Number of Acres | Rents paid. | Royalties. | |
| | | A. | в. Р. | £ s. | d. | A. R. P. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | |
| | 10 | 56,390 | 0 0 | 65 0 | 0 | , | 110 2 0 | ••• | |
| Auckland | | | | *** | | | 217 10 0 | *** | |
| | | | , | | | | ³ 44 15 0 | *** | |
| Taranaki | | 24 | 0 23 | 3 3 | 9 | 0 2 13 | 1 0 0 | ••• | |
| Hawke's (Licenses | 23 | 128,619 | 0 0 | | | | | ••• | |
| Bay ⁴ {Leases | 6 | 40,848 | 0 0 | 249 2 | 8 | | | ••• | |
| Wellington | | 5,800 | 0 0 | 12 1 | 8 | | | ••• | |
| Nelson $\left\{ \right.$ | ⁵ 43 | 268,242 | 0 0 | 1,114 5 | 4 | | | ••• | |
| | £.640 | 328,032 | 0 0 | 2,511 7 | 10 | ••• | | ••• | |
| | | 58,239 | 0 .0 | 1,376 4 | 5 | 3,087 0 0 | 805 11 0 | ¹¹ 23 5 0 | |
| Marlborough { | 793 | 1,034,390 | 0 0 | 4,198 17 | 5 | | | ••• | |
| | 89 | 10,376 | 0 0 | 56 1 | 11 | 1,099 3 32 | 927 10 0 | ••• | |
| Canterbury { | 600 | 4,729,894 | 0 0 | 43,599 15 | 6 | 927 0 0 | 10 0 0 | *** | |
| | 4 | 1,096 | 0 0 | 40 11 | 9 | | | *** | |
| Westland | 40 | 520,550 | 0 0 | ¹⁰ 1,131 16 | 3 | | , | ••• | |
| Otago (exclusive of) Southland District } | 220 | 6,434,518 | 0 0 | 61,744 7 | 0 | 3,882 0 8 | 902 17 0 | ••• | |
| Southland District | 57 | 759,050 | 0 0 | 6,358 12 | 10 | | | | |
| | 1,145 | 14,376,068 | 0 23 | 122,461 8 | 4 | 8,996 2 13 | 1,819 5 0 | 28 5 0 | |

¹ Timber licenses.

C. E. HAUGHTON, Under Secretary for Crown Lands.

<sup>Timber hoeses.
Proceeds of sale of timber cut on Crown lands.
Royalty paid on 895 tons of manganese.
No assessments have as yet been paid for 1875.
Runholders do not usually pay before the end of March.</sup>

⁵ Held under depasturing licenses.
6 Held under Leasing Act.

⁷ Under leases.

⁸ Under licenses.

⁹ £27 10s. for each of the years 1875 and 1876, and £55 a year for each subsequent year of the term (14 years); also the value of one-fiftieth part of the minerals taken from the leased land.

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10 The difference in rate of rent as compared with return of last year is caused by lessees having purchased at upset price. Many runs fetched double the upset price in 1874. "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1874," altered the price from 2d to 4d pay age.

²d. to ½d. per acre.

11 13,730 tons at 6d., less rental £320—£23 5s.