

(No. 3.)

Name.	Bales of Wool.	Bales of Sheepskins.	Casks of Tallow.	Casks of Pelts.	Bales of Rabbitskins.	Hides.	Bushels Oats.	Bushels Barley.	Bushels Wheat.	Bushels Peas.	Bales Flax.	Sacks Potatoes.	Sacks Bran.	Bushels Malt.	Bushels Grass Seed.	Bales Fungus.	Lb. Hops.	Tons Bacon.	Tons Carrots.	Bales Tow.
Loan and Mercantile	...	...	16	86	56	74	48	13,116	16,764	24,256	2,164	1,591	3,452	490	...	120	5	...	...	243
Fell Brothers and Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,532	39,108	23,952	2,064	3,700	1,440	3,861	4,072	2,432	...	...	...	...
Sharp and Pickering	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,292	7,516	12,616	5,464	1,045	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
H. Ball	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. Dodson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	...	...	5,000	...	...	...
— Lorie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
E. Paul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
— Stenhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
— Evans	...	...	186	...	...	...	1,000	1,000	60	...	50	960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
George Dodson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parker Brothers	...	...	...	...	...	50	1,000	...	...	500	...	360	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
	186	16	86	56	74	98	42,940	67,388	61,384	10,192	6,386	6,212	4,351	12,472	2,552	5	5,000	6½	35	511

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Schedule 1	4,622	141	81	...	185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	9,392	173	167	56	264	98	42,940	67,388	61,384	10,192	6,386	643	6,212	4,351	12,472	2,552	5	5,000	6½	35

NELSON, TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1882.

The Commission met at 3 o'clock, in the City Council Chambers.

Mr. C. Y. Fell, solicitor, addressing the Commissioners, said: I have been desired by the Committee to examine the witnesses we propose to bring before you. I purpose making a statement of the position the Nelson people take in regard to the railway question, and I should prefer doing so after you have heard the evidence of facts, if such a course would be convenient to you.

The Chairman: The course you propose to adopt will be quite convenient to the Commissioners.

Mr. ROBERT DISHER, Waimea West, examined.

- 469. Mr. Fell.] Do you know the Tarndale country?—Yes, well.
- 470. When did you first visit Tarndale?—About 1866.
- 471. What did you go there for?—I went there to work as a labouring man for Messrs. Saxton.
- 472. Who were they?—They were runholders.
- 473. At that time I believe they were the holders of Tarndale Station?—Yes.
- 474. You were employed by them in the year 1866?—Yes.
- 475. How long did you stay in their service?—I remained with them for about two years. Mr. Pike had the station after them. I still stayed there.
- 476. For how long continuously?—A year.
- 477. Messrs. Edwards and Kerr afterwards took the station?—Yes. I stayed with them for eight or ten years. I was there thirteen years altogether continuously. I was their manager during the last six years.
- 478. Were you there winter and summer?—Yes.
- 479. Of those winters which was the worst?—The first winter I was there was the worst.
- 480. Do you remember the winter of 1867?—Yes.
- 481. Is that what has been commonly called the "bad winter"?—Yes.
- 482. Why has it been called the "bad winter"?—Because there was more snow all over the country that winter. All the country both north and south of the Amuri suffered more or less that winter. They lost a lot of sheep in the Amuri.
- 483. Was there a fall of snow at Tarndale?—Yes.
- 484. Since the year 1867 do you recollect what you would call a serious fall of snow?—No.
- 485. Has there ever been since then such a fall of snow as would in any way obstruct traffic?—Not to my knowledge.
- 486. You must have known it, as you were there?—Yes, I would have known it.
- 487. During those years were you able to go about your work in the winter season?—Yes.
- 488. In the general management of the sheep station?—Yes, I used to muster the sheep every month.
- 489. Do you remember the winter of 1870?—Yes.