

SESS. II.—1891.  
NEW ZEALAND.

# THE ANNUAL SHEEP RETURNS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1890.

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

A.—TABLE showing Increase or Decrease in the Number of Sheep in each County throughout the Colony.

B.—RETURN showing (in Totals under Districts)—

1. The Districts into which the Colony is divided for the Purposes of "The Sheep Act, 1878 ;"
2. The Number of " Infected " Sheep in each District.
3. The Number of Sheepowners in each District.
4. The Number of Sheep upon which the Sheep-rate is collected.
5. The Amount of the Sheep-rate in each District.
6. The Number of Inspectors of Stock and Registrars of Brands residing in each District.
7. The Amount payable for Salaries and Allowances in each District.

C.—RETURN showing—

1. The subdivisions of the Districts into which the Colony is divided for the Purposes of "The Sheep Act, 1878 ;" and the Districts for which the Colony is divided for the Purposes of "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1881 ;" also the Cattle Boards appointed under the Act.
2. The Number of Sheepowners owning under 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 Sheep, also owning 20,000 Sheep and upwards; also Total Number of Owners of Sheep, and Total Number of Sheep, for the Year ended 31st May, 1890.
3. The Names and Residences of Officers holding Appointments under the Sheep, Diseased Cattle, and Branding Acts.

D.—RETURN of all Sheepowners, and Number of Sheep and Lambs, on 31st May, 1889 and 1890; showing the County in which owners reside and their Sheep are depastured, so far as the information is supplied in the Schedule "A" furnished by Sheepowners under section 21 of "The Sheep Act, 1878." (See Supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette*, dated the 11th November, 1890.)

## A.

TABLE showing the INCREASE or DECREASE in the Number of SHEEP in each County throughout the Colony.

County.	Number of Sheep on 31st May.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1889.	1890.		
Mongonui .. .. .	14,797	18,348	3,551	..
Bay of Islands .. .. .	15,992	22,576	6,584	..
Hokianga .. .. .	2,036	2,438	402	..
Rodney .. .. .	30,886	38,238	7,352	..
Whangarei .. .. .	27,676	36,107	8,431	..
Hobson .. .. .	4,609	6,685	2,076	..
Otamatea .. .. .	14,940	18,191	3,251	..
Manukau .. .. .	52,339	61,763	9,424	..
Waitemata .. .. .	18,770	22,226	3,456	..
Eden .. .. .	5,561	6,083	522	..
Thames .. .. .	7,372	9,082	1,710	..
Coromandel .. .. .	2,948	3,887	939	..
Ohinemuri .. .. .	2,070	2,336	266	..
Waikato .. .. .	39,174	49,423	10,249	..
Raglan .. .. .	7,586	10,725	3,139	..
Waipa .. .. .	28,081	33,845	5,764	..
Piako .. .. .	85,585	109,764	24,179	..
West Taupo and Kawhia .. .. .	8,182	12,771	4,589	..
Tauranga .. .. .	14,007	19,535	5,528	..
Whakatane .. .. .	42,454	52,761	10,307	..
East Taupo .. .. .	..	1,298	1,298	..
Cook .. .. .	519,489	606,640	88,151	..
Wairoa .. .. .	293,717	391,614	97,897	..
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	1,189,740	1,270,920	81,180	..
Waipawa .. .. .	447,570	499,280	51,710	..
Patangata .. .. .	658,567	674,038	15,471	..
Taranaki .. .. .	20,316	28,083	7,767	..
Hawera .. .. .	99,254	97,014	..	2,240
Patea .. .. .	108,153	135,154	27,001	..
Waitotara .. .. .	80,073	81,031	958	..
Wanganui .. .. .	195,308	224,008	28,700	..
Rangitikei .. .. .	356,120	354,739	..	1,381
Oroua .. .. .	247,880	298,531	50,651	..
Manawatu .. .. .	157,382	154,334	..	3,048
Horowhenua .. .. .	61,852	63,451	1,599	..
Hutt .. .. .	116,748	131,030	14,282	..
South Wairarapa .. .. .	464,571	478,692	14,121	..
North Wairarapa .. .. .	532,274	533,520	1,246	..
Pahiatua .. .. .	17,165	28,185	11,020	..
Waimea .. .. .	134,215	142,591	8,376	..
Collingwood .. .. .	24,242	26,927	2,685	..
Buller .. .. .	1,093	1,193	100	..
Grey .. .. .	7,484	9,421	1,937	..
Inangahua .. .. .	8,309	10,047	1,738	..
Westland .. .. .	7,241	7,524	283	..
Sounds .. .. .	58,981	61,359	2,378	..
Marlborough .. .. .	556,530	549,932	..	6,597
Kaikoura .. .. .	190,397	185,495	..	4,902
Amuri .. .. .	466,421	464,932	..	1,489
Cheviot .. .. .	145,595	151,169	5,574	..
Ashley .. .. .	708,140	707,037	..	1,103
Selwyn .. .. .	662,970	637,202	..	25,768
Akaroa .. .. .	236,329	239,075	2,746	..
Ashburton .. .. .	702,507	701,845	..	662
Geraldine .. .. .	643,539	657,356	13,817	..
Mackenzie .. .. .	399,851	422,899	23,048	..
Waimate .. .. .	644,302	639,353	..	4,949
Waitaki .. .. .	558,403	541,209	..	17,194
Maniototo .. .. .	368,979	368,274	..	705
Vincent .. .. .	428,554	414,150	..	14,404
Lake .. .. .	149,744	142,823	..	6,921
Waihemo .. .. .	122,374	120,658	..	1,716
Waikouaiti .. .. .	95,016	92,497	..	2,519
Peninsula .. .. .	4,271	4,679	408	..
Taieri .. .. .	253,545	251,703	..	1,842
Bruce .. .. .	119,369	126,020	6,651	..
Clutha .. .. .	276,108	286,513	10,405	..
Tuapeka .. .. .	359,332	362,982	3,650	..
Southland .. .. .	705,581	776,364	70,783	..
Wallace .. .. .	393,662	424,537	30,875	..
	15,423,328	16,116,113	790,225	97,440
		Less decrease ..	97,440	
		Total increase ..	692,785	

B.

1 Names of Districts.	2 Number of Infected Sheep on			3 Number of Owners on 31st May,		4 Number of Sheep on 31st May,
	31st March, 1890.	30th June, 1890.	30th June, 1891.	1889.	1890.	
	Auckland ... ..	901	None	None	1,353	
Napier ... ..	None	None	None	835	960	3,201,673
Wellington-West Coast ... ..	None	None	None	2,196	2,335	2,405,960
Marlborough-Nelson ... ..	2,387	None	None	1,098	1,149	736,645
Canterbury-Kaikoura ... ..	None	None	None	2,605	2,782	4,861,501
Otago ... ..	None	None	None	2,450	2,536	3,834,938
	3,288	...	...	10,537	11,309	15,423,328

Names of Districts.	5 Sheep Rate for		6 Number of Inspectors, on 31st March,	7 Salaries and Travelling allowance.
	1889.	1890.		
	Auckland ... ..	£383		
Napier ... ..	3,202	3,559	4	1,165
Wellington-West Coast ... ..	2,406	2,545	5	1,500
Marlborough-Nelson ... ..	737	748	4	1,225
Canterbury-Kaikoura ... ..	4,861	4,868	8	2,275
Otago ... ..	3,835	3,912	14	3,862
	£15,424	£16,116	39	£11,252

1. SHEEP AND CATTLE DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.	2 ON THE 31ST MAY, 1890.							3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER, AND APPOINTMENTS HELD BY HIM.
	Number of Owners owning under						Total Number of	
	500.	1,000.	2,000.	5,000.	10,000.	20,000.		
						Owning 20,000 and upwards.	Sheep.	
<b>AUCKLAND DISTRICT—</b>								
<i>Bay of Islands Subdivision—</i>								
Mongonui ...	95	5	..	1	..	..	101	18,348
Bay of Islands ...	60	6	..	3	..	..	72	22,576
Hokianga ...	14	1	..	..	..	..	15	2,438
<i>Marsden Subdivision—</i>								
Rodney ...	255	6	..	1	..	..	262	38,238
Whangarei ...	195	5	..	2	..	..	202	36,107
Hobson ...	27	..	..	1	..	..	28	6,685
Otamatea ...	74	2	..	1	..	..	78	18,191
<i>Auckland Subdivision—</i>								
Manukau ...	241	22	7	2	..	..	272	61,763
Waitemata ...	85	4	..	1	1	..	91	22,226
Eden ...	28	3	..	1	..	..	32	6,083
Thames ...	15	1	..	4	..	..	20	9,082
Goromandel ...	21	1	..	..	..	..	22	3,887
Ohinemuri ...	10	1	..	..	..	..	11	2,336
<b>NORTH AUCKLAND CATTLE DISTRICT—</b> Comprising the Counties of Mongonui, Bay of Islands, Hokianga, Rodney, Whangarei, Hobson, Manukau, Waitemata, Eden, Thames, Coromandel, and Ohinemuri.								
<i>CATTLE BOARD:—T. Morris, Chairman, F. Lawry, J. Dilworth, J. Wallace, and J. McLachlin.</i>								
<i>Waikato Subdivision—</i>								
Waikato ...	66	13	4	..	1	1	85	49,423
Raglan ...	41	3	2	..	..	..	46	10,725
Waipa ...	81	8	4	2	1	..	96	33,845
Piako ...	26	5	7	6	2	1	49	109,764
<i>Taupo Subdivision—</i>								
West Taupo and Kawhia ...	30	8	1	..	..	..	39	12,771
<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND CATTLE DISTRICT—</b> Comprising the Counties of Waikato, Raglan, Waipa, Piako, West Taupo, and Kawhia.								
<i>CATTLE BOARD:—E. Maclean, Chairman, A. A. Fantham, W. L. Martin, C. J. Storey, and R. H. Duncan.</i>								

Ritchie, J. D., Wellington, Chief Inspector of Stock for the colony.  
 Clifton, E., Auckland, Inspector of Stock, Chief Registrar of Brands, in charge.  
 Cooke, G. S., Whangarei, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.  
 Schaw, F., Auckland, Inspector of Stock.

Sutton, W. A. P., Hamilton, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—continued.

Tauranga ... Counties of  
TAURANGA CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of  
Whakatane, Tauranga, and East Taupo.  
CHAIRMAN, *J. Brown*,  
*S. L. Clarke, R. C. Jordan, and J. Snodgrass.*

NAPIER DISTRICT—

Bay of Plenty Subdivision—  
Whakatane ...  
East Taupo ...  
Poverty Bay Subdivision—  
Cook ...  
COOK COUNTY CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the County of  
Cook.  
CHAIRMAN, *J. Clark*,  
*A. McKenzie, W. Smith, and G. L. Sunderland.*

NAPIER Subdivision—

Wairoa ...  
Hawke's Bay ...  
Waipawa ...  
Patangata ...  
HAWKE'S BAY CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of  
Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, and Patangata.  
CHAIRMAN, *J. Heslop*,  
*W. Orr, Sir G. S. Whitmore, and J. H. Coleman.*

WELLINGTON—WEST COAST DISTRICT—

Taranaki ...  
TARANAKI CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the County of  
Taranaki.  
CHAIRMAN, *T. Bayly*,  
*W. Bayly, R. Price, and J. Elliott.*

Hawera ...  
Patea ...  
Waitotara ...  
Wanganui ...  
WANGANUI CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of  
Patea, Wanganui, Rangitikei, and Manawatu.  
CHAIRMAN, *F. Arkwright, J. Livingston, J. McLennan, and D. G. Polson.*

Rangitikei ...  
Oroua ...  
Manawatu ...

Pasley, R. C., *Napier*, Inspector of Stock, Chief  
Registrar of Brands, in charge.  
Oldham, H., Inspector of Stock.  
Thomson, C., *Gisborne*, Inspector of Stock, Re-  
gistrar of Brands.

Munro, Donald, *Waimata*, Inspector of Stock.

Drummond, J., *Wellington*, Inspector of Stock,  
Chief Registrar of Brands, in charge.

Hull, R., *Wanganui*, Inspector of Stock, Regis-  
trar of Brands.

20	3	1	1	1	1	1	...	26	19,535
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57	10	5	...	2	1	...	...	75	52,761
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,298
98	47	34	27	12	14	4	...	236	606,640
45	8	10	13	16	14	1	...	107	391,614
41	30	19	22	25	24	19	...	180	1,270,920
157	31	19	16	5	9	7	...	244	499,280
29	15	17	16	7	4	14	...	102	674,038
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
83	11	5	1	...	...	...	...	100	28,083
59	41	18	10	1	...	...	...	129	97,014
47	35	26	12	4	...	...	...	124	135,154
31	20	10	9	1	1	...	...	72	81,031
58	36	33	22	3	1	...	...	153	224,008
152	57	40	36	11	1	2	...	299	354,739
297	98	46	20	3	1	...	...	465	298,531
86	32	21	8	4	2	...	...	153	154,334

I. SHEEP AND CATTLE DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.	2. ON THE 31ST MAY, 1889.						3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER, AND APPOINTMENTS HELD BY HIM.			
	Number of Owners owning under							Total Number of Owners of Sheep.		
	500	1,000	2,000	5,000	10,000	20,000 and upwards				
<b>WELLINGTON—WEST COAST DISTRICT—continued.</b>										
Horowhenua ... ..	88	12	9	2	2	1	...	114	63,451	McCleary, J. F., M.R.C.V.S., Wellington, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
<i>Wellington Subdivision—</i> Huāi (together with the Islands of Kapiti, Mana, and Some) ... ..	111	46	20	10	3	...	...	190	131,030	
WELLINGTON CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Huāi, and East and West Wairarapa. CATTLE BOARD:— <i>Chairman, G. Beetham, C. Pharazyn, E. J. Ridgford, and J. Taylor.</i>										
<i>Wairarapa Subdivisions—</i>										
South Wairarapa ... ..	113	31	22	32	19	11	2	230	478,692	Harvey, James, jun., Masterton, Inspector of Stock.
North Wairarapa ... ..	127	55	30	27	7	11	4	261	533,520	Smith, J. W., Masterton, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
Pahiatua ... ..	45	7	7	1	...	...	...	60	28,185	
Total in North Island ... ..	3108	719	430	302	131	98	54	4,842	6,588,346	
<b>MARLBOROUGH—NELSON DISTRICT—</b>										
<i>Nelson, Motueka, Golden Bay, Buller, and Grey Subdivisions—</i>										
Waimea ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Richardson, T. G., Blenheim, Inspector of Stock, Chief Registrar of Brands, in charge.
Collingwood ... ..	116	4	3	...	...	...	...	123	26,927	
Buller ... ..	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	1,193	Campbell, H. M., Nelson, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
Grey ... ..	29	5	2	...	...	...	...	36	9,421	
Inangahua ... ..	46	4	2	...	...	...	...	52	10,047	
NELSON CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Waimea, Collingwood, Buller, and Inangahua.										
<i>Westland Subdivision—</i>										
Westland ... ..	27	3	1	...	...	...	...	31	7,524	
WESTLAND CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Westland and Grey. CATTLE BOARD:— <i>H. L. Robinson, Chairman, J. A. Bonar, J. Giles, and D. P. James.</i>										

**MARLBOROUGH-NELSON DISTRICT—continued.**

*Pictou, Blenheim, and Awatere Subdivisions—*  
 Sounds ... .. 120 22 14 3 ... .. 159 61,359  
 Marlborough ... .. 129 15 11 10 12 15 5 197 549,933  
 MARLBOROUGH CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties  
 of Sounds, Marlborough, and Kaikoura.

**CANTERBURY-KAIKOURA DISTRICT—**

Kaikoura ... .. 51 7 5 3 6 ... .. 75 185,495  
 at. ... .. 4 3 1 2 3 7 9 29 464,932  
 Amuri ... ..

*Northern Subdivision—*

Cheviot ... .. 1 ... 3 1 ... 5 151,169  
 Ashley ... .. 489 60 41 24 9 10 6 639 707,037

*Christchurch Subdivision—*

Selwyn ... .. 572 77 44 31 17 8 4 753 637,202  
 Akaroa ... .. 70 24 15 22 7 4 1 143 239,075

*Ashburton Subdivision—*

Ashburton ... .. 267 63 34 25 21 12 7 429 701,845  
 Timaru Subdivision—

Geraldine ... .. 287 85 47 23 5 6 7 460 651,356

Mackenzie

Waimate ... .. 15 5 4 5 7 14 6 56 422,899  
 Waimate ... .. 120 27 11 9 7 4 12 190 639,353

CANTERBURY CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of  
 Amuri, Cheviot, Ashley, Selwyn, Akaroa, Ashburton, Ger-  
 aldine, and Waimate.  
 CATTLE BOARD:—*J. T. Peacock*, Chairman, *F. J. Kimbell*,  
*J. Studholme*, and *H. McIlraith*.

**OTAGO DISTRICT—**

*Oamaru Subdivision—*

Waitaki ... .. 137 28 14 7 10 8 8 212 541,209

*Dunstan Subdivision—*

Maniototo ... .. 65 18 9 8 2 5 7 114 368,274  
 Vincent ... .. 72 15 6 3 1 2 8 107 414,150  
 Lake ... .. 31 6 7 11 4 2 1 62 142,823

Knyvett, W. H., *Blenheim*, Inspector of Stock.

Foster, R., *Christchurch*, Inspector of Stock,  
 Chief Registrar of Brands, in charge.

Thomson, J. E., *Christchurch*, Deputy Cattle  
 Inspector.

Moore, J., *Kaikoura*, Inspector of Stock, Registrar  
 of Brands.

Holderness, R. F., *Christchurch*, Inspector of  
 Stock, Registrar of Brands.

Rees, W. G., *Ashburton*, Inspector of Stock.

Douglass, A., *Timaru*, Inspector of Stock, Regis-  
 trar of Brands, in charge.

Thomson, H. S., *Lake Pukaki*, Inspector of Stock.

Miller, W., *Oamaru*, Inspector of Stock, Registrar  
 of Brands.

Corbett, R., *Clyde*, Inspector of Stock, Registrar  
 of Brands

1. SHEEP AND CATTLE DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.	2. ON THE 31ST MAY, 1890.						3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER, AND APPOINTMENTS HELD BY HIM.	
	Number of Owners owning under							Total Number of Owners of Sheep.
	500	1,000	2,000	5,000	10,000	20,000 and upwards.		
<b>OTAGO DISTRICT—continued.</b>								
<i>Dunedin Subdivision—</i>								
Waiheimo ...	47	13	11	10	2	1	85	
Waikouaiti ...	28	6	3	4	1	2	45	
Taieri ...	76	23	15	17	5	3	142	
Bruce ...	171	23	11	8	2	...	217	
<i>Port Chalmers Subdivision—</i>								
Peninsula ...	12	1	...	1	...	...	14	
<i>Tepanui Subdivision—</i>								
Clutha... ..	187	50	15	9	6	4	273	
Tuapeka ...	182	36	25	7	3	5	262	
OTAGO CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Waitaki, Waikouaiti, Mamototo, Vincent, Peninsula, Taieri, Bruce, Clutha, and Tuapeka.								
CATTLE BOARD:— <i>Mathew Holmes</i> , Chairman, <i>R. Charters</i> , <i>J. Roberts</i> , <i>J. Smith</i> , and <i>W. Patrick</i> .								
<i>Southland Subdivision—</i>								
Southland ...	522	123	40	29	11	14	743	
Wallace ...	187	28	17	6	8	11	260	
SOUTHLAND CATTLE DISTRICT—Comprising the Counties of Southland, Wallace, Lake, Fiord, and Stewart Island.								
CATTLE BOARD:— <i>T. Brydone</i> , Chairman, <i>J. S. Shanks</i> , <i>J. B. Sutton</i> , <i>T. C. Ellis</i> , and <i>A. R. Wallis</i> .								
Total in South Island ...	4554	809424	284	152	138	106	6,457	
Total in colony ...	7662	1528354	586	283	235	160	11,309	
							9,527,767	
							16,116,113	

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