

SESS. II.—1891.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE COLONY, ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1891.

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

SIR,—
I have the honour to furnish a statement of the approximate number of sheep in the colony on the 30th April, 1891.

Head Office, Live Stock Department,
Wellington, 2nd September, 1891.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER of SHEEP in the Colony on the 30th April, 1891.

	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1890.	1891.		
Auckland District	484,023	602,600	118,577	...
Napier District	3,559,119	3,635,240	76,121	...
Wellington—West Coast District ...	2,545,204	2,917,680	372,476	...
Marlborough—Nelson District ...	727,095	770,803	43,708	...
Canterbury—Kaikoura District ...	4,888,263	4,853,528	...	34,735
Otago District	3,912,409	3,969,841	57,432	...
	16,116,113	16,749,692	668,314	34,735
	Less decrease	34,735	
	Approximate increase, 1891		633,579	
	Increase, North Island ...		567,174	
	Increase, South Island ...		66,405	
			633,579	

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