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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.

Head Office, Live Stock Department,

Wellington, 2nd September, 1891.

I have the honour to furnish a statement of the approximate number of sheep in the colony on the 30th April, 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.		_	
-		1890.	1891.	Increase.	Decrease.
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, 18			increase, 1891	633,579	
		Increase, North Island		567,174	
		Increase, Sout	th Island	66,405	
]	633,579	
				333,310	

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