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NEW ZEALAND.

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## PROSECUTIONS BY STOCK DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTING TO DESTROY RABBITS.

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*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 17th June, 1891.*

*Ordered,* "That a return be laid before this House showing the number of prosecutions which have taken place throughout the colony since the 1st January last in connection with the Stock Department for neglecting to destroy rabbits, giving details as to dates of prosecution, where cases were tried, names of Magistrates, names of Inspectors who laid informations, names of parties prosecuted, residences of same, and the result of the prosecutions; also a statement showing the number of prosecutions instituted by the department during the same period but subsequently withdrawn, stating by whose authority the prosecutions were commenced, who gave instructions for the withdrawal of the same, and the reasons for so doing."—(Mr. VALENTINE.)

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RETURN showing number of Prosecutions throughout the Colony since 1st January, 1891, for neglecting to destroy Rabbits.

| Date of Prosecution. | Where Cases were Tried. | Name of Magistrate. | Name of Inspector. | Name of Person Prosecuted.  | Residence of same. | Result of Case.  |
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| 1891.                |                         |                     |                    |                             |                    |  |
| Jan. 16              | Masterton               | Colonel Roberts     | J. W. Smith        | Manihera Maaka              | To Ore Ore..       | Fined £1 and 7s. costs.  |
| " 30                 | "                       | "                   | "                  | D. Cameron ..               | Masterton ..       | Fined £2 and 7s. costs.  |
| " 30                 | "                       | "                   | "                  | Holmes Brothers             | Matahiwi ..        | Fined £2 and 15s. costs.   |
| " 30                 | "                       | "                   | "                  | Williams and Beetham        | Masterton..        | Fined £1 and 7s. costs.  |
| " 30                 | "                       | "                   | "                  | Charles Holmwood            | " ..               | Fined £1 and 10s. costs.   |
| Feb. 13              | "                       | "                   | "                  | D. J. Cameron ..            | " ..               | Fined £1 and 7s. costs.  |
| " 13                 | "                       | "                   | "                  | W. B. Buick ..              | " ..               | Dismissed: Technical grounds.  |
| Mar. 3               | "                       | "                   | "                  | " ..                        | " ..               | Dismissed: Insufficient proof of service.  |
| " 5                  | "                       | "                   | "                  | " ..                        | " ..               | Fined £1 and 9s. costs.  |
| May 29               | Timaru ..               | Captain Wray..      | H. S. Thomson      | J. R. Scott ..              | Dunedin ..         | Fined £15, including costs.  |
| Jan. 28              | Wyndham                 | C. E. Rawson ..     | H. T. Turner       | John Turnbull ..            | Invercargill       | Fined £2 and costs.  |
| " 28                 | "                       | "                   | "                  | Thomas Ayson ..             | Wyndham ..         | Fined £5 and costs.  |
| Feb. 19              | Gore ..                 | W. H. Revell ..     | "                  | Donald Cameron              | Tuturau ..         | Fined £1 and costs.  |
| Mar. 9               | Winton ..               | C. E. Rawson ..     | "                  | Sophia Kidd ..              | Winton ..          | Fined £2 and costs.  |
| " 19                 | Gore ..                 | W. H. Revell ..     | "                  | Alexander Cameron           | Tuturau ..         | Fined £2 and costs.  |
| " 19                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | Scottish Investment Company | Invercargill       | Dismissed: Wrong person sued.  |
| Jan. 13              | Balclutha               | " ..                | B. Fullarton       | Allan Boyd ..               | North Taieri       | Fined £3 and 13s. costs.   |
| " 13                 | "                       | " ..                | " ..               | James Bryce ..              | Lovell's Flat      | Fined £3 and 7s. costs.  |
| Feb. 11              | Milton ..               | " ..                | " ..               | A. Lee-Smith ..             | Dunedin ..         | Fined £2 and 8s. costs.  |
| " 11                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | Robert Robinson             | Berwick ..         | Fined £1 and 8s. costs.  |
| " 11                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | A. Carrick ..               | Waihola ..         | Fined £2 and 16s. costs.   |
| " 20                 | Clinton ..              | " ..                | " ..               | Robert Chalmers             | Pukerikeri..       | Fined £2 and 14s. 6d. costs.   |
| " 20                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | Alexander Orr ..            | Clinton ..         | Fined £2 and 14s. 6d. costs.   |
| Jan. 20              | Oamaru ..               | H. A. Stratford     | W. Miller ..       | A. A. McMaster ..           | Oamaru ..          | Fined £10 and costs.   |
| " 17                 | Mosgiel ..              | E. H. Carew ..      | W. A. Scaife       | A. Campbell ..              | Mosgiel ..         | Fined £2 and costs.  |
| " 17                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | Neil McLeod ..              | Whare Flat         | "  |
| Feb. 14              | Outram ..               | " ..                | " ..               | Charles Dore ..             | Middlemarch        | "  |
| " 14                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | John Allan ..               | "                  | "  |
| " 14                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | John Beattie ..             | "                  | "  |
| " 14                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | J. A. Allan ..              | "                  | "  |
| " 14                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | John Matheson ..            | "                  | "  |
| " 14                 | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | Thomas Popham               | "                  | "  |
| Mar. 14              | Mosgiel ..              | " ..                | " ..               | A. Campbell ..              | Mosgiel ..         | Fined £5 and costs.  |
| Jan. 17              | " ..                    | " ..                | " ..               | Corporation of Dunedin      | Dunedin ..         | Adjourned to Dunedin.  |
| Feb. 5               | Dunedin                 | " ..                | " ..               | Ditto ..                    | " ..               | Withdrawn: Satisfactory steps taken in meantime to destroy rabbits; also counsel for defendant contended information was wrongly laid as against the Mayor, which contention the Magistrate seemed inclined to uphold. |
| Mar. 19              | Gore ..                 | W. H. Revell ..     | H. T. Turner       | Scottish Investment Company | Invercargill       | Withdrawn by Inspector.  |
| April 14             | Lawrence                | " ..                | T. J. Miles..      | William Smith ..            | Evans' Flat        | Withdrawn on receipt of telegram from the Chief Inspector, Wellington. The poisoning season being so close, it was deemed expedient not to prosecute.  |
| " 14                 | "                       | " ..                | " ..               | Alexander Fraser            | Clarke's Flat      |  |

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