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NEW ZEALAND.

MOMOHAKI EXPERIMENTAL STATE FARM:

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 26th August, 1896.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return, in continuation of the return of last session, showing the particulars of expenditure and income up to the 31st March, 1896, in connection with the experimental station near Waverley."—(Mr. G. HUTCHISON.)

EXPERIMENTAL STATION, MOMOHAKI.—RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1896.

1. AREA : 254 acres 2 roods 13 perches freehold, partly bush ; 39 acres and 6 perches leasehold.
2. Value of the land, with improvements, at time of the experimental station being started :
Value not stated.

3. The amount expended in—	£	s.	d.
(a.) Buildings	628	0	9
(b.) Fencing	148	3	7
(c.) Cultivation (this includes cost of seeds and plants, horsefeed, blacksmithing, manures, labour in connection with orchard-work, cleaning ground for turnips and other crops, draining, planting, clearing bush, grassing, &c.)	935	12	10
(d.) Stock	100	17	10
(e.) Other purposes	457	15	2
Purchase of interest in lease of land	250	0	0

4. The uses to which the land has been applied : For investigating diseases in stock, the testing of seeds and plants, and the raising of economic plants for distribution to settlers. Four thousand rooted vines and about a thousand shelter-trees have been distributed, besides a large number planted for shelter on the station.

5. Number of persons employed throughout : (a) maximum, 14 ; (b) minimum, 7. Rates of salary or wages paid to each class : Curator, £125 per annum ; overseer, £120 per annum ; assistant nurseryman, 7s. 6d. per diem ; labourers, 7s., 6s. 6d., and 5s. per diem ; boy, 3s. 4d. per diem.

6. The number of stock now on the station : 6 horses, for farm-work ; 41 cattle, to eat down rough feed ; 405 sheep, for experimental and other purposes.

7. Returns, £297 15s.

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