

SESS. II.—1897.  
NEW ZEALAND.

MOMOHAKI EXPERIMENTAL STATE FARM:

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME UP TO THE 31st MARCH, 1897.

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 10th December, 1897.*

*Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return, in continuation of C.-18, 1895, and C.-13, 1896, showing the particulars of expenditure and income up to the 31st March, 1897, in connection with the experimental station at Momohaki, near Waverley."—(Mr. G. HUTCHISON.)*

EXPERIMENTAL STATION, MOMOHAKI.—RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1897.

1. AREA: 254 acres 2 roods 13 perches freehold; 39 acres and 6 perches leasehold: total, 293 acres 2 roods 19 perches.

2. Value of the land, with improvements, at the time of the experimental station being started: Value not stated.

3. The amount expended in—

	£	s.	d.
(a.) Buildings ... ..	89	13	4
(b.) Fencing ... ..	90	15	0
(c.) Cultivation (this includes cost of seeds and plants, blacksmithing, manures, labour in connection with orchard work, cleaning ground for turnips and other crops, draining, planting, grassing, &c.) ... ..	974	14	8
(d.) Stock ... ..	310	16	11
(e.) Other purposes ... ..	495	3	7
Cost of lease ... ..	17	10	1

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, testing the feeding-values of grasses, and establishing a grass-garden or collection of grasses, so that visitors may see each grass or fodder-plant growing. 2,845 rooted vines and about 3,095 shelter-trees have been distributed, besides a large number planted for shelter on the station.

5. Number of persons employed throughout: (a) maximum, 16; (b) minimum, 6. Rates of salary or wages paid to each class: Curator, £140 per annum; overseer, £120 per annum; carpenter, 8s. per diem; assistant nurseryman, 7s. 6d. per diem; labourers, 7s., 6s. 6d., 5s., and 4s. 6d. per diem; horseman, 5s. 10d. per diem; boy, 3s. 4d. per diem.

6. The number of stock now on the station: 8 horses, for farm-work; 55 cattle, to eat down rough feed; 492 sheep, for experimental purposes.

7. Returns, £292 17s. 7d. Account-sales for wool not to hand at 31st March,

Department of Agriculture, Wellington, 17th December, 1897.

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