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NEW ZEALAND.

PORT ROBINSON LANDING-SERVICE.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITY OF GOODS RECEIVED AND SHIPPED FROM PORT ROBINSON DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900, AND OF THE REVENUE DERIVED THEREFROM.

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives in pursuance of Section 6 of "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act Amendment Act, 1897."

PORT ROBINSON LANDING-SERVICE.

Mr. J. Sinclair, the Harbourmaster, reports as follows:—

Enclosed is statement of revenue and expenditure at Port Robinson landing-service during the year from the 31st March, 1899, to the 31st March, 1900.

The revenue is less than last year. This is partly owing to the County Council having reduced the shipping charges on wheat from 6s. to 5s. per ton, and also to a falling-off in some lines of import. I enclose a comparative statement showing the difference in the two periods.

The s.s. "Wakatu" made during the year forty-one trips from the north and forty-three from the south, and on seven occasions she had to pass on owing to stormy weather; the s.s. "Himitangi" made three trips from the north and two from the south. The schooner "Maud Graham" arrived from Lyttelton for a cargo of wheat; owing to her cable breaking she drifted ashore and became a total wreck. The sea at the time was moderately calm.

During the months of July and October the landing-service was closed for repairs to slip and cargo-boat.

Everything has worked satisfactorily during the year. The groyne erected for the protection of the foreshore is now finished, and the shingle is accumulating in front as intended.

STATEMENT of TRADE and REVENUE for Period 31st March, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.

Class of Goods.	Inwards.				Outwards.			Totals.			
	No.	Weight.	Superficial Feet.	Revenue.	No.	Sacks of Grain, &c.	Revenue.	No.	Weight.	Superficial Feet.	Revenue.
		T. C.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		T. C.		£ s. d.
General merchandise	838 15	..	189 8 4	..	..	..	..	838 15	..	189 8 4
Flour, standards, &c.*	..	297 16	..	67 10 10	..	..	..	..	297 16	..	67 10 10
Coals	569 11	..	99 14 6	..	..	..	..	569 11	..	99 14 6
Timber	258,262	159 10 2	..	..	..	..	..	258,262	159 10 2
Posts ..	1,909	..	..	7 19 1	..	..	..	1,909	..	..	7 19 1
Parcels and sundries ..	498	..	..	21 4 0	..	..	..	498	..	..	21 4 0
Store dues	122 11 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	122 11 9
Passenger	0 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 1 0
Wool, in bales	2,903	..	145 13 0	2,903	..	..	145 13 0
Wool, sacks	32	..	1 1 9	32	..	..	1 1 9
Skins, bales	95	..	4 15 0	95	..	..	4 15 0
Wheat, sacks	10,428	260 14 0	..	10,428	..	..	260 14 0
Peas	62	1 11 0	..	62	..	..	1 11 0
Barley	361	8 10 9	..	361	..	..	8 10 9
Oats	1,009	19 3 4	..	1,009	..	..	19 3 4
Potatoes	28	0 13 6	..	28	..	..	0 13 6
Chaff	74	0 18 6	..	74	..	..	0 18 6
Onions	25	0 12 6	..	25	..	..	0 12 6
Grass-seed	37	0 14 9	..	37	..	..	0 14 9
Sundries	431	13 3 6	..	431	..	..	13 3 6
Store dues	34 11 5	..	..	..	..	34 11 5
..	..	1,706	258,262	667 19 8	..	12,024	492 3 0	..	..	..	1,160 2 8

* Imports included in 297 tons 16 cwt.: 1,062 flour-sacks, 458 flour-bags, 87 oatmeal-sacks, 79 sharps-sacks, 116 bran-sacks, 25,944 standards, 1,214 cwt. black and galvanised wire, 268 cwt. barb-wire.