

SESSION II.
1906.
NEW ZEALAND.

THE ANNUAL SHEEP RETURNS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1906.

INTERIM RETURN.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

A.—TABLE showing Increase or Decrease in the Number of Sheep in each County throughout the Colony.

B.—RETURN showing (in Totals under Districts)—

1. The Districts into which the Colony is divided.
2. The Number of Sheepowners in each District.
3. The Number of Sheep upon which the Sheep-rate is collected.
4. The Amount of the Sheep-rate in each District.

C.—STATEMENT showing Classification of Sheep.

D.—RETURN showing—

1. The Subdivisions of the Districts into which the Colony is divided.
2. The Number of Sheepowners owning 1 to 200, 201 to 500, 501 to 1,000, 1,001 to 2,500, 2,501 to 5,000, 5,001 to 7,500, 7,501 to 10,000, 10,001 to 20,000, 20,001 and over; also, Total Number of Owners of Sheep, and Total Number of Sheep, for the Year ended 30th April, 1906.
3. The Names and Residences of Officers holding Appointments under the Stock Act.

A.—TABLE showing the Number of SHEEP in each County throughout the Colony on 30th April, 1905 and 1906.

County.	Number of Sheep on		Increase.	Decrease.
	30th April, 1905.	30th April, 1906.		
NORTH ISLAND.				
Mongonui	17,769	17,244	..	525
Whangaroa	7,726	8,280	554	..
Bay of Islands	25,010	25,607	597	..
Hokianga	7,012	6,671	..	341
Rodney	55,179	52,164	..	3,015
Whangarei	21,591	21,646	55	..
Otamatea	36,363	38,223	1,860	..
Hobson	16,730	18,404	1,674	..
Waitemata	29,263	33,263	4,000	..
Eden	8,520	6,936	..	1,584
Manukau	73,707	75,413	1,706	..
Coromandel	15,334	14,954	..	380
Thames	4,850	5,201	351	..
Ohinemuri	2,422	3,131	709	..
Waikato	28,113	28,191	78	..
Raglan	74,352	75,030	678	..
Waipa	19,543	22,386	2,843	..
Piako	93,222	86,076	..	7,146
West Taupo, Kawhia, Awakino, and Waitomo	29,683	40,428	10,745	..
East Taupo and Rotorua	36,204	30,246	..	5,958
Tauranga	3,476	5,616	2,140	..
Whakatane	19,768	20,433	665	..
Opotiki	17,008	19,222	2,214	..
Waipapu	423,157	456,012	32,855	..
Cook	1,012,311	1,123,085	110,774	..
Wairoa	509,915	536,454	26,539	..
Hawke's Bay*	1,036,135	1,045,659	9,524	..
Waipawa and Woodville	678,599	716,286	37,687	..
Patangata and Weber	713,238	739,385	26,147	..
Giffon	19,269	26,312	7,043	..
Taranaki	17,986	28,977	10,991	..
Egmont	4,207	4,673	466	..
Stratford	81,861	90,371	8,510	..
Hawera	96,725	111,509	14,784	..
Patea	203,774	231,413	27,639	..
Waitotara	124,377	146,446	22,069	..
Waimarino	51,558	58,972	7,414	..
Wanganui	326,907	360,948	34,041	..
Rangitikei* { Hunterville subdivision	661,656	541,530	..	..
{ Feilding .. .. .	..	175,576	55,450	..
Oroua and Kairanga	226,223	259,289	33,066	..
Kiwitea	258,557	282,825	24,268	..
Pohangina	116,675	121,941	5,266	..
Manawatu	126,952	147,054	20,102	..
Horowhenua	125,015	130,858	5,843	..
Hutt	193,648	203,902	10,254	..
Featherston	432,511	427,091	..	5,420
South Wairarapa	168,685	158,170	..	10,515
Masterton	524,924	550,488	25,564	..
Castlepoint	151,996	162,279	10,283	..
Akitio	152,937	167,038	14,101	..
Pahiatua	187,302	218,011	30,709	..
Eketahuna	56,636	64,508	7,872	..
Mauriceville	62,024	67,904	5,880	..
Totals—North Island	9,388,605	10,009,731	656,010	34,884
Net increase, North Island	621,126	621,126		

* The boundaries of Hawke's Bay County and Rangitikei County have been altered.

A.—TABLE showing the Number of SHEEP in each County throughout the Colony on 30th April, 1905 and 1906—*continued.*

County.	Number of Sheep on		Increase.	Decrease.
	30th April, 1905.	30th April, 1906.		
SOUTH ISLAND.				
Waimea	208,374	219,769	11,395	..
Takaka	33,459	34,158	699	..
Collingwood	9,679	10,420	741	..
Buller	2,626	2,484	..	142
Inangahua	23,251	25,645	2,394	..
Grey	13,849	16,011	2,162	..
Westland	16,177	17,481	1,304	..
Sounds	174,326	183,782	9,456	..
Marlborough	472,508	533,817	66,309	..
Kaikoura	168,206	182,319	14,113	..
Amuri	409,557	420,411	10,854	..
Cheviot	176,215	173,213	..	3,002
Ashley	820,553	823,709	3,156	..
Akaroa and Mount Herbert	234,207	244,309	10,102	..
Selwyn	758,685	735,702	..	22,983
Ashburton	1,006,590	994,532	..	12,058
Geraldine	621,894	644,956	23,062	..
Mackenzie	429,178	445,372	16,194	..
Waimate	615,168	597,370	..	17,798
Waitaki	524,682	519,485	..	5,197
Maniototo	280,682	308,540	27,858	..
Vincent	262,267	270,444	8,177	..
Lake	150,209	174,005	23,796	..
Waihemo	111,187	134,711	23,524	..
Waikouaiti	75,663	73,436	..	2,227
Peninsula	1,642	1,959	317	..
Taieri	199,053	206,986	7,933	..
Bruce	164,930	193,986	29,056	..
Clutha	289,389	305,660	16,271	..
Tuapeka	313,257	347,798	34,541	..
Southland	809,337	858,692	49,355	..
Wallace	363,995	391,086	27,091	..
Stewart Island	1,475	1,492	17	..
Totals for South Island	9,742,270	10,098,740	419,877	63,407
Totals for North Island	9,388,605	10,009,731	656,010	34,884
Totals for the Colony	19,130,875	20,108,471	1,075,887	98,291
Net increase: North Island .. .. .	..	..	621,126	..
South Island .. .. .	..	..	356,470	..
Total net increase for Colony .. .. .	..	..	<u>977,596</u>	..

B.

1. Names of Districts.	2. Number of Owners on		3. Number of Sheep on		4. Sheep-rate for*	
	30th April, 1905.	30th April, 1906.	30th April, 1905.	30th April, 1906.	1905.	1906.
					£	£
Auckland ...	1,969	1,925	619,337	632,017	619	632
Napier ...	2,043	2,123	4,584,165	4,857,640	4,584	4,858
Wellington-West Coast ...	3,922	4,057	4,185,103	4,520,074	4,185	4,520
Marlborough-Nelson ...	1,829	1,964	954,249	1,048,567	954	1,048
Canterbury-Kaikoura ...	4,435	4,655	5,240,253	5,261,893	5,240	5,262
Otago ...	4,225	4,541	3,547,768	3,788,280	3,548	3,788
Totals for Colony ...	18,423	19,265	19,130,875	20,108,471	19,130	20,108
Increase ...	...	842	977,596	...	...	£978.

* Approximate.

STATEMENT compiled from the Returns furnished by Owners of Sheep, in pursuance of Section 47 of "The Stock Act, 1893," showing the Total Number of Sheep and Lambs within each County on the 30th April, 1906.

STUD AND FLOCK RAMS, STUD FWEES, AND STUD LAMBS.

FLOCK SHEEP.

Table with columns for County, Stud Rams, Flock Rams, Breeding Ewes, Dry Ewes, Lambs, and other categories. Rows include districts like Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Marlborough, Canterbury, and Otago, with a final 'Total' row for each district and the colony.

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SUMMARIES.

NUMBER OF SHEEP in each District at 30th April, 1906.

North Island.

	Auckland Sheep District.	Napier Sheep District.	Wellington—West Coast Sheep District.	Total North Island.
Stud Sheep and Flock Rams—				
Merinos	917	5,091	5,368	11,376
Lincoln	4,508	42,551	39,217	86,276
Romney	5,206	48,598	61,410	115,214
Border Leicester	479	7,518	4,028	12,025
English Leicester	4,967	8,868	9,651	23,486
Shropshire	7,150	2,372	4,814	14,336
Southdown	1,365	1,595	8,670	11,630
Other breeds	466	7,486	3,360	11,312
Totals	25,058	124,079	136,518	285,655
Flock Sheep—				
Crossbred and other long-wools	604,040	4,693,902	4,342,246	9,640,188
Merinos	2,919	39,659	41,310	83,888
Grand totals	632,017	4,857,640	4,520,074	10,009,731

South Island.

	Marlborough— Nelson Sheep District.	Canterbury Sheep District.	Otago Sheep District.	Total South Island.
Stud Sheep and Flock Rams—				
Merinos	10,355	24,860	21,340	56,555
Lincoln	1,792	4,086	5,692	11,570
Romney	5,890	3,290	30,427	39,607
Border Leicester	528	24,995	40,869	66,392
English Leicester	4,742	62,550	5,937	73,229
Shropshire	1,349	22,809	5,958	30,116
Southdown	167	6,899	87	7,153
Other breeds	1,890	17,320	11,476	30,686
Totals	26,713	166,809	121,786	315,308
Flock Sheep—				
Crossbred and other long-wools	769,460	3,885,261	2,993,556	7,648,277
Merinos	252,394	1,209,823	672,938	2,135,155
Grand totals	1,048,567	5,261,893	3,788,280	10,098,740

Totals.

	North Island.	South Island.	Total in Colony.
Stud Sheep and Flock Rams—			
Merinos	11,376	56,555	67,931
Lincoln	86,276	11,570	97,846
Romney	115,214	39,607	154,821
Border Leicester	12,025	66,392	78,417
English Leicester	23,486	73,229	96,715
Shropshire	14,336	30,116	44,452
Southdown	11,630	7,153	18,783
Other breeds	11,312	30,686	41,998
Totals	285,655	315,308	600,963
Flock Sheep—			
Crossbred and other long-wools	9,640,188	7,648,277	17,288,465
Merinos	83,888	2,135,155	2,219,043
Grand totals	10,009,731	10,098,740	20,108,471

	Auckland District.	Napier District.	Wellington— West Coast District.	Marlborough— Nelson District.	Canterbury District.	Otago District.	Total in Colony.
Stud rams	590	2,201	2,237	491	1,921	1,825	9,265
Flock rams	7,141	58,674	51,787	12,572	61,826	40,662	232,662
Wethers	83,114	617,036	552,822	152,870	743,453	639,605	2,788,900
Breeding-ewes	343,977	2,460,911	2,308,910	555,116	2,933,273	1,877,000	10,479,187
Dry ewes	28,204	235,707	217,614	40,442	212,133	193,634	932,734
Lambs	168,991	1,488,111	1,386,704	287,076	1,309,287	1,030,554	5,665,723
Totals	632,017	4,857,640	4,520,074	1,048,567	5,261,893	3,788,280	20,108,471

C—continued.

SUMMARIES—continued.

MERINOS and LONG-WOOLS shown separately.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Merinos	993,841	1,293,133	2,286,974
Crossbreds and other long-wools	4,869,898	12,951,599	17,821,497
Totals, 1906	5,863,739	14,244,732	20,108,471
" 1905	5,671,644	13,459,231	19,130,875
Increase	192,095	785,501	977,596

NUMBER of EWES in the Colony (Stud and Flock).

Year.	North Island.		South Island.		Colony.	
	Breeding-ewes.	Dry Ewes.	Breeding-ewes.	Dry Ewes.	Breeding-ewes.	Dry Ewes.
30th April—						
1897	4,041,431	838,425	4,645,762	694,647	8,687,193	1,533,072
1898	4,053,998	819,168	4,886,014	778,973	8,445,012	1,598,141
1899	4,242,764	920,628	4,418,982	696,283	8,661,746	1,616,911
1900	4,540,357	648,816	4,716,697	445,755	9,257,054	1,094,571
1901	4,838,419	616,148	5,068,197	481,413	9,906,616	1,097,561
1902	4,660,130	795,996	4,950,019	628,766	9,610,149	1,424,762
1903	4,319,918	811,061	4,751,833	619,502	9,071,751	1,430,563
1904	4,465,292	629,184	4,757,156	413,663	9,222,448	1,042,847
1905	4,859,547	349,191	5,219,637	360,187	10,079,184	709,378
1906	5,113,798	481,525	5,365,389	451,209	10,479,187	932,734

NUMBER of RAMS, WETHERS, EWES, and LAMBS in the Colony since 1900.

Year (30th April).	Stud Rams, Two-tooth and Over.	Flock Rams, Two-tooth and Over.	Wethers, Two-tooth and Over.	Breeding-ewes.	Dry Ewes.	Lambs.	Totals.
1900	7,985	189,945	3,523,799	9,257,054	1,094,571	5,276,841	19,355,195
1901	9,650	206,014	3,413,238	9,906,616	1,097,561	5,600,020	20,233,099
1902	10,799	207,168	3,353,066	9,610,149	1,424,762	5,731,733	20,342,727
1903	9,383	205,306	3,232,219	9,071,751	1,430,563	5,005,331	18,954,553
1904	8,220	211,733	2,871,809	9,222,448	1,042,847	4,923,749	18,280,806
1905	8,333	220,773	2,771,872	10,079,184	709,378	5,341,335	19,130,875
1906	9,265	232,662	2,788,900	10,479,187	932,734	5,665,723	20,108,471

NUMBER of SHEEP in the Colony since 1897.

Year (30th April).	Stud and Flock Rams.	Stud Breeding- ewes.	Stud Dry Ewes.	Stud Lambs.	Total Stud Sheep and Flock Rams.	Flock Sheep.				Grand Total Stud and Flock Sheep.
						Wethers.	Breeding- ewes.	Dry Ewes.	Lambs.	
1897	193,196	164,909	13,518	109,478	481,101	4,052,477	8,522,284	1,519,554	5,112,538	19,687,954
1898	187,756	164,947	14,598	113,904	481,205	3,918,236	8,280,065	1,533,543	5,410,676	19,673,725
1899	190,670	181,602	14,940	112,490	499,702	4,092,310	8,480,144	1,601,971	4,674,379	19,348,506
1900	197,930	182,255	15,047	123,145	518,377	3,528,799	9,074,799	1,079,524	5,153,696	19,355,195
1901	215,664	200,159	16,715	135,109	567,647	3,413,238	9,706,457	1,080,846	5,464,911	20,233,099
1902	217,967	201,181	19,484	132,585	571,217	3,358,066	9,408,968	1,405,278	5,599,198	20,342,727
1903	214,689	183,398	15,184	123,878	537,149	3,232,219	8,888,353	1,415,379	4,881,453	18,954,553
1904	219,953	161,205	13,049	104,647	498,854	2,871,809	9,061,243	1,029,798	4,819,102	18,280,806
1905	229,106	192,364	10,866	120,649	552,985	2,771,872	9,886,820	698,512	5,220,636	19,130,875
1906	241,927	206,612	11,105	141,319	600,319	2,788,900	10,272,575	921,629	5,524,404	20,108,471

1. SHEEP DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.	2. ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1906.										3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER, AND APPOINTMENTS HELD BY HIM.		
	Owners of Sheep owning											Total Number of Owners of Sheep.	Total Number of Sheep.
	1 to 200	201 to 500	501 to 1,000	1,001 to 2,500	2,501 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 to 10,000	10,001 to 20,000	20,001 and over	...			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Bay of Islands Subdivision—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui	60	11	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	78	17,244
Whangaroa	16	10	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	8,280
Bay of Islands	66	13	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	88	25,607
Hokianga	20	6	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	6,671
<i>Marsden Subdivision—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rodney	224	60	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	297	52,164
Whangarei	101	29	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	21,646
Otamatea	72	30	12	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	122	38,223
Hobson	24	11	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	44	18,404
<i>Auckland Subdivision—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waitemata	87	16	7	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	115	33,263
Eden	8	6	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	6,936
Manukau	190	73	19	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	75,413
Coromandel	37	12	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	57	14,954
Thames	14	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	5,201
Ohinemuri	2	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3,131
<i>Waikato Subdivision—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waikato	40	23	13	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	28,191
Raglan	46	41	19	18	3	1	...	...	...	...	128	75,030
Waipa	44	14	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	22,386
Piako	30	20	7	10	8	1	1	...	...	...	78	86,076
<i>Taupo Subdivision—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Taupo and Kawhia	44	28	6	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	90	40,428
Waitomo and Awakino	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Bay of Plenty Subdivision—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Taupo (part of) and Rotorua	4	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	7,498
Tauranga	10	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	16	5,616
Whakatane	43	10	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	60	20,433
Optiki	24	11	9	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	47	19,222

Ritchie, J. D., *Wellington*, Secretary for Agriculture and Chief Inspector of Stock for the colony.
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 Hull, R., *Auckland*, Inspector of Stock.
 Robinson, W. C., *Auckland*, Registrar of Brands.

Ross, David, *Hamilton*, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
 Kerr, J., *Kihikihia*, Inspector of Stock.

Burkill, A. H., *Tauranga*, Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.

D.—continued.

SHEEP DISTRICTS IN COUNTIES.	ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1906.													NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER, AND APPOINTMENTS HELD BY HIM.	
	2.														
	3.														
1.	OWNERS OF SHEEP OWNING												Total Number of		
	1 to 200	201 to 500	501 to 1,000	1,001 to 2,500	2,501 to 5,000	5,001 to 7,500	7,501 to 10,000	10,001 to 20,000	20,001 and over	Owners of Sheep.	Sheep.				
OTAGO DISTRICT—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bruce, J. L., <i>Dunedin</i> , Inspector of Stock, in charge.
<i>Oamaru Subdivision</i>—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Thomson, J. E., <i>Dunedin</i> , Inspector of Stock, Chief Registrar of Brands.
<i>Dunstan Subdivision</i>—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fountain, R., <i>Dunedin</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Waitaki ...	121	128	78	39	16	5	2	7	4	400	519,485	...	...	...	Wills, W., <i>Karoro</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Mamototo ...	55	71	81	32	12	2	...	4	2	259	308,540	...	...	...	Ironsides, A., <i>Oamaru</i> , Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
Vincent ...	60	42	28	14	1	1	...	3	4	154	270,444	...	...	...	Shaw, C., <i>Naseby</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Laake ...	52	25	9	11	10	3	1	6	...	117	174,605	...	...	...	Baxter, T. N., <i>Clyde</i> , Insp'r of Stock, Reg'r Brands.
<i>Dunedin Subdivision</i>—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Munro, W. M., <i>Queenstown</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Waihemo ...	45	29	28	24	5	2	1	1	...	135	134,711	...	...	...	Hill, H., <i>Palmerston</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Waikouaiti ...	24	8	12	6	3	...	1	1	...	56	73,436	...	...	...	Gossage, R. I., <i>Mosgiel</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Taieri ...	70	39	29	32	11	3	...	2	2	188	206,986	...	...	...	Gillespie, T., <i>Tapuai</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Bruce ...	133	120	70	25	6	1	...	2	...	357	193,986	...	...	...
<i>Port Chalmers Subdivision</i>—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1,959	...	...	...
Peninsula ...	6	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Tapuai Subdivision</i>—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clutha ...	147	140	90	34	9	1	3	2	2	428	305,660	...	...	...	Gilmour, T., <i>Balcutha</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Tuapeka ...	122	106	88	43	12	1	4	2	2	380	347,798	...	...	...	McLeod, G., <i>Lawrence</i> , Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
<i>Southland Subdivision</i>—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Wright, R., <i>Invercargill</i> , Inspector of Stock, Registrar of Brands.
Southland ...	665	452	296	112	19	14	2	2	1	1,563	858,692	...	...	...	Taylor, S. M., <i>Gore</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Wallace ...	169	158	90	40	11	7	4	5	...	484	391,086	...	...	...
Stewart Island ...	9	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1,492	...	...	...	Raymond, J. W., <i>Bluff</i> , Inspector of Stock.
Totals in South Island	4186	3074	1975	1250	363	103	59	105	45	11,160	10,098,740	
Totals in Colony	6923	4870	3431	2558	782	260	134	213	94	19,265	20,108,471	

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