

1908.  
NEW ZEALAND.

# INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1908.

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

SIR,— Department of Agriculture,  
Wellington, 15th July, 1908.  
I have the honour to furnish a statement of the approximate number of sheep in the Dominion on the 30th April, 1908. I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture. JOHN D. RITCHIE,  
Secretary for Agriculture.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER of SHEEP in the Dominion on the 30th April, 1908.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1907.*	1908.		
Auckland ... ..	785,710	837,765	52,055	...
Napier-Gisborne ... ..	5,119,901	5,351,393	231,492	...
Wellington-West Coast ... ..	4,948,407	5,148,308	199,901	...
Marlborough-Nelson ... ..	1,122,440	1,185,810	63,370	...
Canterbury-Kaikoura ... ..	5,147,340	5,301,595	154,255	...
Otago ... ..	3,859,974	4,299,331	439,357	...
Total ... ..	20,983,772	22,124,202	1,140,430	...
		Increase, North Island	...	483,448
		Increase, South Island	...	656,982
		Total increase	...	1,140,430

\* Complete returns.

The following table shows the number of sheep in the Dominion, and the export of mutton and lamb, for the past seven years, at 30th April:—

Year.	Number of Sheep in Dominion.	Mutton Carcasses exported.	Legs and Pieces exported.	Lamb Carcasses exported.
1902	20,342,727	1,712,670	Cwt. 61,949	1,736,780
1903	18,954,553	2,497,546	87,250	2,006,462
1904	18,280,806	2,388,959	40,472	2,104,881
1905	19,130,875	1,888,065	24,088	1,937,026
1906	20,108,471	1,500,773	13,471	2,134,563
1907	20,983,772	1,921,465	37,456	2,519,417
1908	22,124,202*	1,821,426	35,663	2,826,437

\* Approximate.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,  
Secretary for Agriculture.

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