1917. NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30_{TH} APRIL, 1917.

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

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce, Wellington, 20th June, 1917.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1917.

District.		Number of Sheep.		-	
		1916.*	1917.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland Napier-Gisborne Wellington - West Coast Marlborough-Nelson-Westland Canterbury-Kaikoura Otago	···· ··· ···	1,841,086 6,007,480 6,032,233 1,363,478 4,769,989 4,773,884	1,959,610 6,167,847 6,015,330 1,333,859 4,649,053 4,627,625	118,524 160,367 	$\begin{array}{c} \\ 16,903 \\ 29,619 \\ 120,936 \\ 146,259 \end{array}$
Totals		24,788,150	24,753,324	278,891	313,717
Increase, North Island Decrease, South Island Net decrease for Dominion				261,988 296,814 34,826	

* Complete returns.

NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION AND EXPORT OF MUTTON AND LAMB FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, AT 30TH APRIL.

Year ending 30th April. Number of Sheep in Dominion.		Mutton Carcases exported.	Legs and Pieces exported.	Lamb Carcases exported.	
			Cwt.		
1908	22,449,053	1,821,426	35,663	2,826,437	
1909	23,480,707	1,899,446	41,681	2,910,358	
1910	24,269,620	1,711,839	52,873	3,423,918	
1911	23,996,126	1,979,534	42,624	3,708,468	
1912	23,750,153	1,918,119	34,667	3,035,783	
1913	24,191,810	2,133,226	20,133	3,181,991	
1914	24,798,763	2,630,962	22,696	3,808,006	
1915	24.901.421	2,392,213	15,274	3,456,597	
1916	24,788,150	2,713,247	33,274	3,488,951	
1917	24.753.324*	2,613,259	7,920	2,883,350	

* Approximate.

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