

WOOL BOUGHT AND SHIPPED.

From the commencement of the requisition up to the 31st March, 1920, wool has been bought and disposed of as under :—

Total number of bales valued (as per valuation certificates received)	2,039,157
Number of bales lost in transit	9,668
Number of bales arrived at destination (in 211 steamers)	1,090,393
Number of bales <i>en route</i> to Great Britain (in six steamers)	30,202
Number of bales shipped to America	10,321
Number of bales shipped on account of other Governments	110,994
Number of bales of greasy wool delivered to scourers for treatment	357,434
Number of bales of greasy wool available for shipment or scouring	430,145
	2,039,157
Number of bales of scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool shipped	282,185
Number of bales of scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool available for shipment	56,142
Total number of bales paid for	2,031,092

The sum of £49,600,913 was disbursed in payment of the 2,031,092 bales referred to above.

WOOL FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

Acting under instructions from the Imperial Government, the undermentioned quantities of wool have been selected for other Governments :—

For the Government of—	Bales.
France	85,422
United States of America	112,401
Canada	32,466
	230,289
Total	230,289

Of the above quantities, shipments to the respective Governments have been effected as follows :—

To the Government of—	Bales.
France	49,207
United States of America	58,658
Canada	32,466
	140,331
Total	140,331

The balance of selections unshipped—namely, 89,958 bales—has been cancelled and the wool held for shipment to the United Kingdom.

The prices charged for the wool shipped were arranged by the Imperial Government.

WOOL FOR LOCAL MILLS.

The arrangement whereby local mills were enabled to select such wool as they required, prior to valuation, at the Imperial Government rates plus the cost of valuation, has been continued, up to the average quantity of wool used by each woollen-mill during the previous two years.

For any wool purchased in excess of the average for the years ending 31st October, 1918, and 31st October, 1919, the local woollen-mills are required to pay an additional price, representing half the net average margin between appraised values in New Zealand, plus charges and London sale values.

WOOL-SCOURING ARRANGEMENTS.

The arrangements made for scouring locks, pieces, lambs' and heavy conditioned fleece wool have been continued as in previous years, and the following shows the quantities distributed to or set aside for wool-scourers up to the 31st March, 1920 :—

Season 1916–17	80,951
Season 1917–18	107,739
Season 1918–19	121,064
Season 1919–20 (to 31st March)	60,354