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# DEPARTMENT OF IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS COVERING THE PERIOD FROM THE 1st APRIL, 1920, TO THE  
31st MARCH, 1921, INCLUDING AN APPENDIX SHOWING RESULTS TO 31st AUGUST, 1921.

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SIR,—

Wellington, 31st August, 1921.

I have the honour to submit a review of the operations of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies from the 1st April, 1920, to the 31st March, 1921.

The Department commenced its operations on the 3rd March, 1915, its duties covering the control of the various contracts for purchase of produce by the Imperial Government, including frozen meat, wool, sheep-skins, hides, butter, cheese, frozen and canned rabbits, scheelite, and such other individual contracts as were from time to time made by the Imperial authorities with New Zealand producers.

In addition to the work undertaken on behalf of the Imperial Government, the Department has carried out work on behalf of the New Zealand Government, including the purchase of butter and cheese for use in camps and on transports, the internal arrangements in connection with the sale and shipment of kauri-gum, the accounts in connection with the original purchase of wheat from the Australian Government, and the administration of the Butter Equalization Funds.

During the year the remaining contracts for purchase of produce on behalf of the Imperial Government terminated at the following dates:—

Frozen meat	..	..	..	30th June, 1920.
Cheese	..	..	..	1st July, 1920.
Wool and sheep-skins	..	..	..	30th September, 1920.
Butter	..	..	..	31st March, 1921.

## FROZEN MEAT.

The revised schedule of prices agreed to in October, 1916, by the Imperial Board of Trade and the freezing companies concerned remained operative until the termination of the contract at 30th June, 1920.

A great effort was made by the Imperial authorities during the year to relieve the congestion existing in New Zealand freezing-stores so as to allow free operations to be carried on by freezing companies under normal conditions.

The sales to American purchasers mentioned in my last report were continued, and from the 1st April, 1920, 2,103,259 carcasses lamb and 464,463 carcasses light-weight wether mutton were shipped to the United States of America in fourteen steamers.

On the 8th October, 1920, the Imperial Government also announced the sale of all beef in quarters, in store and afloat, to Messrs. Vestey Bros. Special arrangements were made for the carriage of this beef, and 388,862 quarters were shipped in six steamers of the Blue Star Line and two chartered steamers.

The total quantities of meat shipped from the 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921, were—

Beef (quarters)	..	..	..	..	571,484
Mutton (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	5,043,097
Lamb (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	4,042,293
Other meat (in 60 lb. carcasses)	..	..	..	..	81,611

The total quantities of meat purchased from the inception of the Imperial Government purchase (3rd March, 1915) to the 30th June, 1920 (the date of the termination of the final contract), were as follows:—

Beef (quarters)	..	..	..	..	3,671,885
Mutton (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	17,447,046
Lamb (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	17,681,218
Other meat (in 60 lb. carcasses)	..	..	..	..	370,469

The total quantities shipped during the period 3rd March, 1915, to 31st March, 1921, were as follows:—

Beef (quarters)	..	..	..	..	3,456,527
Mutton (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	17,342,177
Lamb (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	17,667,803
Other meat (in 60 lb. carcasses)	..	..	..	..	368,082

including 2,382,347 carcasses lamb and 464,463 carcasses mutton consigned to New York and Boston.

The respective quantities shipped from each port are set out in an appendix hereto.

The losses of Imperial Government meat in New Zealand during the same period were as follows:—

Lost by wreck during loading operations—					
Mutton (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	1,710
Destroyed by fire—					
Mutton (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	4,987
Deteriorated in works and subsequently canned or boiled down—					
Beef (quarters)	..	..	..	..	477
Mutton (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	25,139
Lamb (carcasses)	..	..	..	..	9,007

equal to 0·107 per cent. of the total purchases.

The balance of meat in store and on loading-berth at the 31st March, 1921, was as follows:—

Beef (quarters) .. .. .	214,881
Mutton (carcases) .. .. .	73,033
Lamb (carcases)† .. .. .	4,408
Other meat (in 60 lb. carcasses) .. .. .	2,387

The system of payment of advances representing 75 per cent. of the value of killings which have remained in freezing-chambers for a period of six weeks was continued, the payment of the balance of 25 per cent. being effected at time of shipment upon presentation of the usual documents, these payments being made free of exchange either to the freezing companies direct or by direction of freezing companies to the companies' clients.

The following statement furnishes particulars of frozen meat in store and of shipments made in the equivalent of 60 lb. carcasses from the 3rd March, 1915, to the 31st March, 1921:—

In store on—	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
April 30 ..	1,792,362	2,304,258	2,946,781	4,082,323	7,265,253	7,075,306
May 31 ..	2,048,454	2,642,362	3,290,072	4,794,787	7,931,103	7,420,307
June 30 ..	2,165,342	2,480,846	3,483,324	5,230,000	7,934,921	7,150,820
July 31 ..	1,865,283	1,892,504	3,383,235	5,314,602	7,780,394	6,238,953
Aug. 31 ..	1,410,167	1,396,540	2,949,545	5,233,308	6,960,556	5,342,946
Sept. 30 ..	665,992	816,933	2,873,277	4,970,053	5,923,654	4,488,679
Oct. 31 ..	199,936	367,975	2,557,881	4,576,942	4,953,429	3,494,387
Nov. 30 ..	140,836	161,311	1,890,489	4,446,726	4,321,729	2,668,521
Dec. 31 ..	597,817	451,361	1,915,451	4,293,315	4,466,364	1,386,477
Jan. 31 ..	1,093,300	1,137,438	1,954,490	4,992,719	5,131,901	983,207
Feb. 28 ..	1,575,336	1,901,085	2,609,618	5,766,815	5,912,670	794,127
Mar. 31 ..	2,152,250	2,409,541	3,398,364	6,567,871	6,628,789	600,956
Shipments during—						
April ..	498,971	540,204	340,374	490,339	423,003	530,955
May ..	389,223	500,097	338,507	365,688	572,871	318,142
June ..	302,293	605,890	239,793	94,855	745,147	489,293
July ..	761,641	740,845	229,402	75,290	308,049	911,867
Aug. ..	602,647	555,630	453,178	98,327	823,780	896,007
Sept. ..	795,766	609,362	96,059	264,780	1,037,465	854,267
Oct. ..	474,055	465,983	321,127	394,722	971,223	994,292
Nov. ..	282,450	321,497	743,065	133,486	663,906	825,866
Dec. ..	241,734	235,316	394,941	369,577	405,525	1,282,044
Jan. ..	514,036	440,168	904,810	217,749	419,553	403,270
Feb. ..	498,964	272,910	369,043	317,679	369,143	189,080
Mar. ..	542,586	800,539	335,303	549,936	638,129	193,171
	5,904,366	6,088,441	4,765,602	3,372,428	7,377,794	7,888,254

The total payments for meat to the 31st March, 1921, including storage and advances, amounted to £53,039,535, which was distributed as follows:—

	£	£
Auckland .. .. .	4,575,345	
Poverty Bay .. .. .	5,578,413	
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	5,331,147	
Taranaki .. .. .	2,107,096	
Wellington .. .. .	15,610,007	
North Island .. .. .		33,202,008
Marlborough .. .. .	354,109	
Nelson .. .. .	226,373	
Canterbury .. .. .	12,247,677	
Otago .. .. .	3,806,469	
Southland .. .. .	3,202,899	
South Island .. .. .		19,837,527
Grand total .. .. .		<u>£53,039,535</u>

Payments for storage included in above amounted to £5,388,903 6s. 5d., = 0.59d. per pound of the meat purchased.

The total cost of administration chargeable to this section of the Department's activities has amounted to 0.019 per cent. or  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per £100.

The work of inspection of meat and grading, together with the certification of statements regularly furnished by the freezing companies relating to quantities of meat on hand, killings, &c., has been carried out by the Live-stock Division of the Department of Agriculture without cost to the Imperial Government.

The schedules of prices paid for meat during the term of the Imperial Government purchase are shown in the appendix for reference purposes.

### CHEESE.

The purchase of the 1919–20 season's output continued until the termination of the contract at the 1st July, 1920.

The following table shows the number of crates and value of all cheese purchased and shipped from the inception of the Imperial Government purchase up to the 31st March, 1921, and the prices paid during each season:—

Season.	Cheese.	Price per pound f.o.b.	Number of Crates.	Total Value.
1915–16*	First-grade factory .. .. .	d. $7\frac{1}{4}$	189,502	£ 918,104
1916–17	First-grade factory .. .. .	$9\frac{1}{2}$	518,323	3,271,982
	Second-grade factory .. .. .	$9\frac{1}{4}$		
1917–18	First-grade factory .. .. .	10	756,142	5,024,020
	Second-grade factory .. .. .	$9\frac{3}{4}$		
	Third-grade factory .. .. .	$9\frac{1}{2}$		
	First-grade dairy .. .. .	$8\frac{1}{2}$		
	Second-grade dairy .. .. .	8		
1918–19	First-grade factory .. .. .	$10\frac{3}{4}$	789,550	5,667,522
	Second-grade factory .. .. .	$10\frac{1}{2}$		
	Third-grade factory .. .. .	10		
	First-grade dairy .. .. .	$9\frac{1}{4}$		
	Second-grade dairy .. .. .	$8\frac{3}{4}$		
1919–20	First-grade factory .. .. .	$10\frac{3}{4}$	884,248	6,308,040
	Second-grade factory .. .. .	$10\frac{1}{2}$		
	Third-grade factory .. .. .	10		
	First-grade dairy .. .. .	$9\frac{1}{4}$		
	Second-grade dairy .. .. .	$8\frac{3}{4}$		
	Totals .. .. .	..	3,137,765	21,189,668

\* One-third of output.

The total cost of administration chargeable to the cheese section of the Department has amounted to 0.036 per cent., or  $8\frac{2}{3}$ d. per £100.

### BUTTER.

The purchase of the 1919–20 season's exportable surplus of butter was continued at the prices mentioned in my last report until the termination of the contract at the 31st July, 1920.

A new contract was entered into with butter-factories on behalf of the Imperial Government for the exportable surplus of 1920–21 season's butter delivered into New Zealand grading-stores on or before the 31st March, 1921, at prices f.o.b. ocean steamer shown in the table below.

As under previous contracts, arrangements were made for the payment of advances representing 90 per cent. of the purchase price free of interest.

The Imperial Government also accepted liability for storage thereon for an average period in excess of six weeks, based over all consignments throughout the season.

The following table shows the number of boxes, purchase prices, and value of all butter purchased from the inception of the purchase contracts up to the 31st March, 1921 :—

Season.	Butter.	Number of Boxes.	Value, including Storage and Charges.
			£
1917-18	Creamery butter, first grade, 157s. per cwt. ; 1s. per cwt. less for each grade-point below first grade Whey and dairy butter, first grade, 133s. 8d. per cwt. ; ½d. per lb. less for second grade Milled butter, first grade, 124s. 4d. per cwt. ; ½d. per lb. less for second grade Plus half profits realized on sale by Imperial Government, which ultimately amounted to 17s. per cwt.	724,695	3,137,965
1918-19	Creamery butter, first grade, 181s. per cwt. ; 1s. per cwt. less for each grade-point below first grade Whey and dairy butter, first grade, 162s. 4d. per cwt. ; ½d. per lb. less for second grade Milled butter, first grade, 148s. 4d. per cwt. ; ½d. per lb. less for second grade		
1919-20	Same as 1918-19	553,871	2,461,735
1920-21	Creamery butter, first grade, 280s. per cwt. ; 1s. 6d. per cwt. less for each grade-point below 88 points Whey and dairy butter, first grade, 261s. 4d. per cwt. ; ½d. per lb. less for second grade Milled butter, first grade, 247s. 4d. per cwt. ; ½d. per lb. less for second grade	1,202,717	8,381,408
	Totals		

The butter held in store awaiting shipment on account of the Imperial Government at the 31st March, 1921, was 251,029 boxes.

The total cost of administration chargeable to this section of the Department's activities has amounted to 0·050 per cent., or 12d. per £100.

Great assistance has been rendered to the Department throughout the whole term of the purchase of dairy-produce by the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, particularly in regard to certification of stocks for advances, issue of store warrants, collection of insurance policies, &c.

#### EQUALIZATION FUNDS.

Various funds have been administered by the Department to equalize the returns of factories selling butter for household consumption within New Zealand with the returns of factories exporting butter. The funds under administration at the 31st March, 1921, were as follows :—

1918-19 and 1919-20: The New Zealand Government, under the authority of clause 16 of the Appropriation Act, 1919, assumed the liability of equalizing the profits on local butter-sales, a payment being made to manufacturers of 1·955d. per pound, plus a winter-storage allowance, on all such butter sold at not more than 1s. 5d. per pound bulk in boxes at factory-door, a deduction being made to the extent of any excess price charged.

The payments to the 31st March, 1921, made in respect of the 1918-19 season amounted to £208,717 and in respect of the 1919-20 season to £277,364.

1920-21: Authority was given under section 12 of the Appropriation Act, 1920, for the payment of sums to equalize the returns of factories selling butter for household consumption with the returns of exporting-factories, payments being made at the rate of 6d. per pound on all such butter sold after the 18th October, 1920, and prior to the 31st March, 1921, at not more than 1s. 11½d. per pound bulk in boxes at factory-door, a deduction being made to the extent of any excess price charged, the total payments made to the 31st March, 1921, being £95,855.

Interim payments have been made during the 1919-20 and 1920-21 seasons on monthly returns forwarded by the factories, the final payments being made after the returns of factories have been duly audited by the Department's Travelling Auditors.

## SCHEELITE.

Final accounts in respect of the last shipment to leave New Zealand have been received and the balances due paid to shippers.

The total quantity of scheelite shipped under the terms of the contract amounted to 774 tons, and the payments to £178,481, distributed to the various districts as under:—

						£
Glenorchy	..	..	..	..	..	89,723
Macrae's Flat	..	..	..	..	..	38,513
Otago Central	..	..	..	..	..	7,464
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	34,077
Charges	..	..	..	..	..	8,704
Total..	..	..	..	..		<u>£178,481</u>

## WOOL.

## GREASY CLIP.

Under agreement with the Imperial Government, an extension of the time allowed for delivery of wool was made to the 30th September, 1920, and all wool of the 1919-20 clip delivered into registered woolbrokers' stores up to midnight of that date was appraised and paid for on behalf of the Imperial Government.

From the commencement of the first contract, in November, 1916, to the 31st March, 1921, wool has been purchased and disposed of us under:—

Total number of bales purchased (as per valuation certificates received)	..	2,086,951
Number of bales lost in transit	.. .. .	9,668
Number of bales arrived at destination in 276 steamers	.. .. .	1,334,009
Number of bales shipped to America for sale	.. .. .	10,321
Number of bales shipped on account of other Governments	.. .. .	119,282
Number of bales delivered to scourers for treatment	.. .. .	417,770
Number of bales sold to local mills	.. .. .	638
Number of bales destroyed by fire	.. .. .	593
Number of bales available for shipment..	.. .. .	194,670
Total number of bales purchased from brokers	.. .. .	2,086,951
Number of bales scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool shipped	.. .. .	364,431
Number of bales scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool destroyed by fire	.. .. .	1,394
Number of bales repacked, scoured, and fellmongers' slipe wool available for shipment	.. .. .	71,031

The sum of £50,211,352 was disbursed in payment of the 2,086,951 bales referred to above, made up as follows:—

	Amount.	Percentage to Total.
	£	
Appraised value .. .. .	47,334,007	94.28
Brokers', valuation, and shipping charges .. .. .	2,179,455	4.34
Storage .. .. .	645,211	1.28
Administration expenses .. .. .	52,679	0.10
	<u>£50,211,352</u>	100.00

## WOOL-SCOURING.

Scouring of locks, pieces, second lambs, and heavy-conditioned fleece wool was completed during the year, and the following table shows the quantities distributed to wool-scourers and the results up to the 31st March, 1921:—

Delivered to wool-scourers for treatment: Bales, 417,770; net weight, 157,119,413 lb.; average weight per bale, 376.09 lb.

Scoured result: Bales, 346,030; net weight, 101,623,042 lb.; average weight per bale, 293.68 lb.

Yield: 64.68 per cent.

Saving in shipping-space: Bales, 71,732; net weight, 55,493,338 lb.

Paid to wool-scourers for treatment of wool, £747,400.

Contract prices paid for wool-scouring have been as follows :—

Seasons 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19 :—		Per Pound on Scoured Weights.
Fleece—		
Merino .. .. .	.. .. .	1½d.
Other qualities .. .. .	.. .. .	1½d.
Pieces, bellies, and locks—		
Merino .. .. .	.. .. .	2d.
Other qualities .. .. .	.. .. .	1½d.
Season 1919-20 :—		
Fleece—		
Merino .. .. .	.. .. .	2d.
48/50's to 58's quality .. .. .	.. .. .	1¾d.
Other qualities .. .. .	.. .. .	1½d.
Pieces, bellies, and locks—		
Merino .. .. .	.. .. .	2½d.
48/50's to 58's quality .. .. .	.. .. .	2d.
Other qualities .. .. .	.. .. .	1¾d.

#### FREEZING COMPANIES' SLIPE WOOL.

The purchase of freezing companies' slipe wool ceased with wool pulled on or before the 30th June, 1920.

The following table indicates the extent of the Department's operations in this section from the commencement of the first contract of purchase :—

		Payments to Date. £
<i>Purchased for Valuation in the United Kingdom :—</i>		
Number of bales advanced against .. .. .	.. .. .	68,869
Shipped to Great Britain .. .. .	.. .. . 67,074	
Shipped on account of other Governments .. .. .	.. .. . 1,795	
	68,869	
<i>Purchased under New Zealand Valuations :—</i>		
Number of bales purchased .. .. .	.. .. .	192,323
Shipped to Great Britain .. .. .	.. .. . 135,517	
Shipped on account of other Governments .. .. .	.. .. . 7,604	
Awaiting shipment .. .. .	.. .. . 49,202	
	192,323	
Totals .. .. .	.. .. .	261,192
		£7,525,305

The total of £7,525,305 is made up as follows :—

	Amount. £	Percentage to Total.
Appraised value .. .. .	.. .. . 7,345,431	97·60
Valuation and shipping charges .. .. .	.. .. . 67,589	0·90
Storage .. .. .	.. .. . 105,700	1·41
Administration expenses .. .. .	.. .. . 6,585	0·09
	£7,525,305	100·00

#### SHEEP-SKINS.

The purchase of sheep-skins was extended, as in the case of wool, to cover all sheep-skins delivered into brokers' stores up to the 30th September, 1920, and all such skins were appraised and paid for on behalf of the Imperial Government.

The total number of skins purchased and distributed to fellmongers was 7,666,864, for which £3,279,499 was paid, including cost of fellmongering, transit charges, &c.

Fellmongering was completed during the year, and the following are the results up to the 31st March, 1921 :—

Delivered to fellmongers for treatment: Sheep-skins, 7,666,864; appraised value, £2,683,669; average cost per skin, 84·01d.

Result: Slipe wool, 31,097,267 lb.; average pull of wool per skin, 4·06 lb. Pelts—Marketable, 6,980,461; valueless, 686,403; percentage valueless pelts to skins purchased, 8·95.

Paid to fellmongers for slipping wool and curing pelts, £409,201.

The contract prices paid for fellmongering have been as follows :—

1st January, 1917, to 31st December, 1919 :—			
Fellmongering	.. .. .	..	2½d. per pound on weight of wool.
Curing pelts	.. .. .	..	3s. 9d. per dozen (casks extra).
1st January, 1920, to 31st January, 1921 :—			
Fellmongering wool—			
48/50's quality and upwards	.. .. .	..	2½d. per pound on weight of wool.
Other qualities	.. .. .	..	2¾d. per pound on weight of wool.
Curing pelts	.. .. .	..	4s. 6d. per dozen (casks extra).

#### STOCKS OF WOOL.

The following table shows the stocks of wool held in New Zealand on behalf of the Imperial Government at the 31st March, 1921 :—

	Greasy.	Station-scoured.	Station Slupe.	Government-scoured.	Government Slupe.	Freezer Slupe.	Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Merino ..	2,161	823	57	1,806	287	..	5,134
Halfbred 50/56's to 58's ..	19,538	919	47	3,648	560	8,231	32,943
Fine crossbred 46/48's to 50's ..	58,259	705	100	15,050	7,777	25,903	107,794
Medium crossbred 40/44's to 46's	107,238	213	109	28,681	10,231	14,025	160,497
Coarse crossbred 36's to 40's ..	4,921	4	4	566	1,997	1,043	8,535
Grand totals ..	192,117	2,664	317	49,751	20,852	49,202	314,903

#### SURPLUS WOOL PROFITS.

The first and second contracts for the purchase of wool by the Imperial Government—namely, for the 1916-17 and 1917-18 greasy clips, provided for the return to New Zealand wool-growers of one-half of the profits made on wool sold for other than military purposes.

The third contract, which covered the purchase of the 1918-19 and 1919-20 greasy clips, contained the same provision, with the addition that the same amount per pound of wool would be returned to New Zealand wool-growers as was returned to Australian wool-growers, the sum paid, however, not to exceed the profit actually realized on these New Zealand clips.

The accounts to the 31st March, 1919, prepared by the Imperial Government, showed an amount due to New Zealand wool-growers of £1,619,069, and this sum was transferred to New Zealand and was distributed, less cost of distribution and a flat rate of income-tax of 3s. 4d. in the pound, to wool-growers *pro rata* to the appraised value of the wool of the 1916-17, 1917-18, and 1918-19 clips purchased from each.

Of the amount received, £19,644 was set aside to make a similar *pro rata* payment on wool of the 1916-17 clip forwarded to London for sale prior to the commencement of appraisement in New Zealand of wool of that clip, and purchased in London by the Imperial Government on the same basis as the purchases were made in New Zealand.

Later communications from the Imperial authorities show that the proceeds of these consignments were not included in the accounts rendered, and the Imperial Government has agreed to make a further payment on these wools from its own share of profits.

The balance of £19,644 has therefore been invested pending any further payment of surplus profits which may accrue for distribution after the liquidation of the unsold stocks of wool.

#### SHIPPING.

Very great efforts were made during the year to effect a clearance of the freezing-works before the new season under free trading-conditions commenced.

The delay owing to labour troubles in opening the freezing season extended the opportunities for lifting Imperial Government meat, and when the season commenced on the 2nd January, 1921, stocks of Imperial meat in freezing-stores for which shipping-space had not been allocated amounted to only 977,202 freight carcasses (60 lb.).



During the months January to March, 1921, it was necessary to devote only 33½ per cent. of the insulated shipping-space available to Imperial refrigerated cargo, the balance being filled with free meat and cheese.

The following table shows the number of insulated steamers which have sailed from the Dominion during the years 1914 to 1920, inclusive, together with their total insulated carrying-capacity:—

Year.	Number of Steamers.	Total Insulated Capacity (60 lb. Freight Carcases).
1914	99	8,800,700
1915	84	7,682,000
1916	78	7,322,500
1917	62	5,626,350
1918	52	4,926,300
1919	79	7,694,000
1920	94	8,875,500

The New Zealand Overseas Shipowners' Committee, which was established in March, 1915, to regulate the distribution and allocation of space in overseas steamers loading in the Dominion, continued to meet daily, and carried out its duties with impartiality according to the requirements of the different districts.

The Committee's work will be completed when the final shipment of Imperial Government produce is made.

Mr. James Findlay, O.B.E., New Zealand representative of the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company (Limited), has been chairman of the Committee from its inception, and a great deal of the success of the Committee has been due to his guidance.

The New Zealand Government has been represented on the Committee since March, 1915, by the Controller of this Department, or by his Deputy, the Assistant Controller, and the Department has furnished the information regarding the quantities of meat held in store at the various freezing-works, and the quantities of butter, cheese, and wool available for shipment on the basis of which allocations were undertaken.

#### PRODUCE IN STORE AWAITING SHIPMENT.

The following table shows the quantities of meat, cheese, and butter in store and awaiting shipment on the 31st March for the last six years:—

Date.	—	Frozen Meat.	Cheese.	Butter.
		60 lb. Carcases.	Crates.	Boxes.
31st March, 1916	On account Imperial Government	2,152,250	73,927	(Free) 87,678
31st March, 1917	"	2,409,541	185,417	(Free) 224,506
31st March, 1918	"	3,398,364	363,790	350,315
31st March, 1919	"	6,482,529	474,754	93,729
31st March, 1920	"	6,628,789	274,411	77,482
31st March, 1921	"	600,956	..	251,029
..	Free	3,098,216	307,222	..

#### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements by the Department from the 3rd March, 1915, to the 31st March, 1921, were as follows:—

Frozen meat	..	..	..	..	£ 53,039,535
Cheese	..	..	..	..	21,160,884
Butter	..	..	..	..	16,571,130
Scheelite	..	..	..	..	178,481
Wool	..	..	..	..	52,882,583
Freezing companies' slipe wool	..	..	..	..	7,525,305
Sheep-skins	..	..	..	..	3,279,499
Hides	..	..	..	..	741,208
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	3,198,019

£158,576,644

The total disbursements to 31st March, 1920, were £133,091,240.

## ADMINISTRATION COSTS.

The salaries, postages, cables, telegrams, office expenses, rent, stationery, and all other incidental charges connected with the internal administration of the Department since its inception to the 31st March, 1921, have amounted to £85,044 18s. 7d., representing 0·0536 per cent. on total disbursements of £158,576,644, or 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for each £100 of business done.

The percentages on the main sections are as follows: Wool, 0·10, or 24d. per £100; frozen meat, 0·019, or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per £100; butter, 0·050, or 12d. per £100; Cheese, 0·036, or 8 $\frac{2}{3}$ d. per £100.

## STAFF AND ORGANIZATION.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death, on the 12th November, 1920, after a short illness, of Mr. Robert Triggs, who had been Controller from the inauguration of the Department in March, 1915, and who gave of the best of his powers of organization to ensure the success of the work entrusted to the Department.

Mr. T. R. Lees, Assistant Controller, was appointed Controller as from the 23rd December, 1920.

The termination during the year of the contracts for the purchase of wool, frozen meat, and cheese enabled a 63-per-cent. reduction in staff to be made, the amount paid in salaries being reduced by 81 per cent.

The year has been a strenuous one for the staff, and I desire to express my appreciation of the very efficient and loyal way in which all members, both those who have necessarily retired and those that remain, have carried out their duties.

It is satisfactory to record that a large proportion of the retiring members of the staff have received appointments in shipping, freezing, or mercantile houses, where the experience gained in the Department will doubtless prove of great value.

The wholehearted assistance and co-operation of Mr. G. C. Smith A.R.A. (N.Z.), Chief Accountant, has contributed largely to the efficiency of the Department.

The Department is indebted to the Director-General of Agriculture, and to the Directors and officers of the Live-stock and Dairy Divisions of the Department of Agriculture, for the invaluable assistance which has been freely given during the six-years purchase of the primary products of the Dominion.

I am also glad to acknowledge the thoroughness of the continuous audit conducted by the Controller and Auditor-General through a special staff attached to the Department for the purpose.

I have pleasure in placing on record the assistance which the Department has received from the cordial co-operation of woolbrokers, freezing and shipping companies and dairy factories, and particularly from Mr. W. S. Bennett, President of the New Zealand Woolbrokers' Association, whose tact and business acumen during negotiations removed many difficulties.

I have, &c.,  
T. R. LEES,  
Controller.

The Hon. the Minister in Charge,  
Department of Imperial Government Supplies.

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FROZEN MEAT, SCHEELITE, BUTTER, CHEESE, WOOL, SHEEP-SKINS, HIDES, ETC.

## MEAT.

(Operations commenced 3rd March, 1915.)

	Particulars.		
	Beef (Quarters).	Mutton (Carcases).	Lamb (Carcases).
1. Shipped per steamers lost in transit .. ..	18,829	106,260	91,080
2. Arrived at destination in 449 steamers .. ..	3,584,034	17,142,028	17,419,710
3. <i>En route</i> to destination in 8 steamers .. ..	57,245	166,922	161,421
4. Meat aboard steamers now on loading-berth .. ..	..	..	..
5. Total shipments .. .. ..	3,660,108	17,415,210	17,672,211
6. Meat condemned in works .. .. ..	477	25,139	9,007
7. Meat lost by scow during loading .. .. ..	..	1,710	..
8. Meat destroyed by fire .. .. ..	..	4,987	..
9. Meat in store on 31st August, 1921 .. .. ..	11,300	..	..
10. Total purchases .. .. ..	3,671,885	17,447,046	17,681,218
11. Total payments made to date, £53,160,051.			
12. Total shipments to date—			
During 1914–15 season .. .. ..	337,735	1,986,961	2,889,508
During 1915–16 season .. .. ..	769,880	2,421,690	3,148,714
During 1916–17 season .. .. ..	517,708	1,575,600	1,315,506
During 1917–18 season .. .. ..	612,947	1,871,197	1,871,444
During 1918–19 season .. .. ..	533,473	3,182,886	3,273,200
During 1919–20 season .. .. ..	498,075	4,236,965	4,433,814
During 1920–21 season .. .. ..	390,290	2,139,911	740,025
Totals .. .. ..	3,660,108	17,415,210	17,672,211

## CHEESE.

(Operations commenced 4th November, 1915.)

	1915–16.	1916–17.	1917–18.	1918–19.	1919–20.	Totals.
	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.
1. Shipped and lost in transit .. ..	..	16,440	46,406	..	..	62,846
2. Shipped and arrived at destination .. ..	189,502	501,883	709,736	789,550	884,248	3,074,919
3. <i>En route</i> to destination .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. On board steamers now loading .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Totals .. .. ..	189,502	518,323	756,142	789,550	884,248	3,137,765
						£
6. Payments, 1915–16 season .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	918,104
7. Payments, 1916–17 season .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,271,982
8. Payments, 1917–18 season .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5,024,020
9. Payments, 1918–19 season .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5,667,522
10. Payments, 1919–20 season .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,308,040
11. Total payments made to date .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	£21,189,668

## BUTTER.

(Operations commenced 20th November, 1917.)

	1917–18.	1918–19.	1919–20.	1920–21.	Totals.
	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.
1. Shipped and lost in transit .. ..	49,847	..	..	..	49,847
2. Shipped and arrived at destination .. ..	674,848	667,227	553,871	1,094,288	2,990,234
3. <i>En route</i> to destination .. ..	..	..	..	108,429	108,429
4. Totals .. .. ..	724,695	667,227	553,871	1,202,717	3,148,510

	£
5. Payments, 1917-18 season .. .. .	3,137,965
6. Payments, 1918-19 season .. .. .	2,998,640
7. Payments, 1919-20 season .. .. .	2,461,735
8. Payments, 1920-21 season .. .. .	8,381,408
9. Total payments to date .. .. .	<u>£16,979,748</u>

#### SCHEELITE.

(Operations commenced 20th September, 1915.)

	Tons.
1. Shipped and lost in transit .. .. .	18
2. Arrived at destination .. .. .	756
3. Total .. .. .	<u>774</u>
4. Total payments made to date, £178,481.	

#### WOOL.

(Operations commenced 1st December, 1916.)

1. Total number of bales purchased (as per valuation certificates received) .. .. .	2,086,951
2. Number of bales lost in transit .. .. .	9,668
3. Number of bales arrived at destination in 276 steamers .. .. .	1,334,009
4. Number of bales shipped to America for sale .. .. .	10,321
5. Number of bales shipped on account of other Governments .. .. .	119,282
6. Number of bales delivered to scourers for treatment .. .. .	417,770
7. Number of bales sold to local mills .. .. .	638
8. Number of bales destroyed by fire .. .. .	593
9. Number of bales available for shipment .. .. .	194,670
10. Total number of bales purchased from brokers .. .. .	2,086,951
11. Number of bales scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool shipped .. .. .	364,431
12. Number of bales scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool destroyed by fire .. .. .	1,394
13. Number of bales repacked, scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool available for shipment .. .. .	71,031
14. Total payments, £51,296,644.	

#### SLIPE WOOL (Freezing Companies').

(Operations commenced 31st March, 1917.)

##### PURCHASED FOR VALUATION IN UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Total number of bales advanced against .. .. .	68,869
2. Number of bales shipped .. .. .	67,074
3. Number of bales shipped on account of other Governments .. .. .	1,795
4. Total payments to date, £2,029,064.	

##### PURCHASED UNDER NEW ZEALAND VALUATIONS.

5. Total number of bales .. .. .	192,323
6. Total number of bales shipped .. .. .	135,517
7. Number of bales shipped on account of other Governments .. .. .	7,604
8. Number of bales available for shipment .. .. .	49,202
9. Total payments to date, £5,506,970.	

#### SHEEP-SKINS.

(Operations commenced 5th February, 1917.)

1. Number of skins purchased and distributed to fellmongers .. .. .	7,666,864
2. Total payments to date, £3,280,663.	

#### HIDES.

(Operations commenced 19th March, 1917.)

1. Number of hides purchased .. .. .	370,507
2. Number of hides shipped .. .. .	157,858
3. Number of hides sold .. .. .	212,649
4. Total payments to date, £741,208.	

TOTAL PAYMENTS.

	£
Frozen meat .. .. .	53,160,051
Cheese, 1915-16 season .. .. .	918,104
Cheese, 1916-17 season .. .. .	3,271,982
Cheese, 1917-18 season .. .. .	5,024,020
Cheese, 1918-19 season .. .. .	5,667,522
Cheese, 1919-20 season .. .. .	6,308,040
Butter, 1917-18 season .. .. .	3,137,965
Butter, 1918-19 season .. .. .	2,998,640
Butter, 1919-20 season .. .. .	2,461,735
Butter, 1920-21 season .. .. .	8,381,408
Scheelite .. .. .	178,481
Wool (including profits distribution) .. .. .	52,915,713
Freezing companies' slipe wool .. .. .	7,536,034
Sheep-skins .. .. .	3,280,663
Hides .. .. .	741,208
Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,324,840
Grand total .. .. .	£159,306,406

FROZEN MEAT SHIPPED.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITIES OF FROZEN MEAT SHIPPED ON ACCOUNT OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AT EACH PORT FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE PURCHASE—i.e., 3RD MARCH, 1915—TO 31ST AUGUST, 1921.

Port of Shipment.	1914-15 Season.			1915-16 Season.			1916-17 Season.			1917-18 Season.		
	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.
Whangarei ..	Quarters. 23,694	Carcases. . . . .	Carcases. . . . .	Quarters. 41,457	Carcases. 11,323	Carcases. 3,222	Quarters. 25,067	Carcases. 4,271	Carcases. 3,155	Quarters. 34,595	Carcases. 9,991	Carcases. 1,079
Auckland ..	52,533	41,264	74,983	186,587	42,975	108,104	76,063	22,942	9,464	146,239	30,534	40,040
Whakatane ..										6,721		
Tokomaru Bay ..	6,463	58,460	41,897	8,950	107,846	67,526	7,742	33,186		4,071	50,905	
Gisborne ..	25,024	220,038	101,073	62,261	325,172	165,752	33,933	143,881	13,562	35,811	190,555	100,023
Napier ..	34,802	208,775	151,982	64,802	377,599	301,282	33,092	248,209	88,516	30,702	263,763	211,958
Waitara ..	46,612	49,485	28,250	77,680	54,929	44,126	34,608	13,918	13,389	61,543	33,832	26,198
New Plymouth ..									8,531	12,761	2,567	12,952
Wanganui ..	17,812	95,713	38,012	26,783	88,569	67,766	56,011	65,784	24,004	57,900	176,227	121,674
Wellington ..	58,979	610,073	411,351	166,931	734,540	782,383	88,287	395,542	402,350	134,810	420,894	257,605
Total North Island ports	265,919	1,283,808	847,548	635,451	1,742,953	1,540,161	363,334	940,494	557,007	525,344	1,185,744	767,922
Nelson ..	521	10,312	20,549	4,763	16,623	21,563	4,256	1,671	1,684	2,646	8,526	10,324
Pictou ..		22,410	31,035		27,650	42,392		17,592	23,217	1,099	25,419	23,690
Lyttelton ..	11,128	244,750	772,152	38,162	274,884	770,312	52,205	237,954	352,344	37,049	312,976	588,620
Timaru ..	2,618	153,374	623,925	7,624	102,373	334,357	15,507	158,713	248,520	7,038	88,455	283,701
Oamaru ..		29,871	97,868		10,095	32,402		9,541	2,527		61,636	28,670
Dunedin ..	11,876	85,884	214,387	22,246	102,716	189,680	30,388	107,912	54,700	8,316	82,697	112,692
Bluff ..	45,673	156,552	282,044	61,634	144,396	217,847	52,018	101,723	75,507	31,455	105,744	55,825
Total South Island ports	71,816	703,153	2041960	134,429	678,737	1,608,553	154,374	635,106	758,499	87,603	685,453	1,103,522
Grand totals	337,735	1,986,961	2889508	769,880	2,421,690	3,148,714	517,708	1575600	1315506	612,947	1,871,197	1,871,444

Port of Shipment.	1918-19 Season.			1919-20 Season.			1920-21 Season.			Total.		
	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Mutton.	Lamb.
Whangarei ..	Quarters. 24,767	Carcases. . . . .	Carcases. . . . .	Quarters. 18,425	Carcases. 53,907	Carcases. 2,362	Quarters. 9,143	Carcases. . . . .	Carcases. . . . .	Quarters. 177,148	Carcases. 79,492	Carcases. 9,818
Auckland ..	83,115	188,406	105,879	129,408	171,400	20,023	85,772	40,720		759,717	538,241	358,493
Whakatane ..	23,550	29,626	1,067	26,398	44,356	8,678	27,474	12,840	1,107	84,143	86,822	10,852
Tokomaru Bay ..	14,209	67,050	49,581	5,206	128,639	20,066		49,400		46,641	495,486	179,070
Gisborne ..	83,815	278,026	75,681	40,593	559,443	254,327	16,461	375,498	2,180	297,898	2,092,613	712,498
Napier ..	46,709	590,811	238,409	22,308	548,305	245,638	14,139	237,522	2,688	246,554	2,474,984	1,240,473
Waitara ..	20,425	97,825	35,968	44,271	34,568	4,968	10,874	9,943		12,279	296,013	294,500
New Plymouth ..	24,440	43,660	14,406	35,364	165,755	14,945	21,955	3,000		16,605	103,242	234,219
Wanganui ..	43,595	173,034	163,484	23,897	298,688	157,634	28,391	143,800	27,198	254,389	1,041,815	599,772
Wellington ..	97,341	1,013,251	633,110	99,340	1,258,157	752,888	97,900	398,891	21,443	743,588	4,831,348	3,261,130
Total North Island ports	461,966	2,481,689	1317585	445,210	3,263,218	1,481,429	312,109	1271614	83,500	3009333	12,169,520	6,595,152
Nelson ..	5,014	15,762	9,133	5,725	3,969			15,031	7,228	22,925	71,894	70,481
Pictou ..	948	38,815	70,410		16,628	13,655		9,237	14,564	2,047	167,751	218,963
Lyttelton ..	20,833	284,920	992,907	7,943	417,279	1,379,572	48,547	331,311	224,763	215,867	2,104,074	5,080,670
Timaru ..	4,370	175,727	609,155	9,367	211,988	855,740		234,545	292,863	46,524	1,125,175	3,248,261
Oamaru ..						47,368					111,143	208,835
Dunedin ..	14,772	73,970	107,011	14,207	132,993	299,100	11,976	131,678	88,481	113,781	717,850	1,066,051
Bluff ..	25,570	112,003	166,999	15,623	190,890	356,950	17,658	146,495	28,626	249,631	957,803	1,183,798
Total South Island ports	71,507	701,197	1955615	52,865	973,747	2,952,385	78,181	868,297	656,525	650,775	5,245,690	11,077,059
Grand totals	533,473	3,182,886	3273200	498,075	4,236,965	4,433,814	390,290	2139911	1,491,531	3,660,108	17,415,210	17,672,211

II. WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19 AND 1919-20 CLIPS.

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF TOTAL WOOL PURCHASED (EITHER BY THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL WOOLLEN-MILLS) DURING THE ABOVE YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, AND AVERAGE VALUES IN EACH VALUING CENTRE.

	Auckland.	Tokomaru Bay.	Totoga Bay.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Waikato.	Wanganui.	Wellington.
Number of bales valued—	1916-17 .. 35,929	4,584	3,969	36,349	89,267	6,586	24,945	115,390
	1917-18 .. 43,046	7,799	6,934	40,816	85,169	8,221	34,389	115,119
	1918-19 .. 40,518	7,779	6,350	42,133	86,096	8,330	40,418	110,718
	1919-20 .. 37,352	5,515	5,646	37,103	71,622	8,937	41,724	98,932
Weight in pounds—	1916-17 .. 12,601,067	1,792,508	1,433,856	13,685,819	33,982,491	2,370,527	9,641,697	44,659,733
	1917-18 .. 15,397,618	3,235,486	2,575,937	15,499,303	32,433,780	3,101,635	13,369,531	44,706,351
	1918-19 .. 14,664,336	3,215,217	2,351,052	15,644,606	33,023,811	3,243,214	15,900,283	43,264,398
	1919-20 .. 13,279,467	2,211,993	2,033,714	13,707,039	25,678,257	3,463,744	16,337,571	37,695,457
Value—	1916-17 .. £764,018	£110,412	£88,966	£809,667	£2,037,143	£132,063	£560,018	£2,746,053
	1917-18 .. £913,961	£191,531	£155,477	£913,089	£1,952,775	£791,592	£791,328	£2,763,361
	1918-19 .. £883,788	£189,812	£142,812	£945,599	£2,018,402	£194,965	£972,240	£2,701,185
	1919-20 .. £802,505	£134,814	£123,964	£829,297	£1,584,587	£210,942	£1,009,498	£2,372,179
Average value per pound—	1916-17 .. 14.55d.	14.78d.	14.39d.	14.20d.	14.39d.	13.37d.	13.94d.	14.75d.
	1917-18 .. 14.24d.	14.21d.	14.48d.	14.14d.	14.45d.	13.90d.	14.20d.	14.83d.
	1918-19 .. 14.46d.	14.16d.	14.58d.	14.67d.	14.67d.	14.43d.	14.67d.	14.98d.
	1919-20 .. 14.50d.	14.63d.	14.63d.	14.52d.	14.81d.	14.61d.	14.83d.	15.10d.
Average value per bale—	1916-17 .. £21 5 3	£24 1 9	£22 8 4	£22 5 6	£22 16 5	£20 1 0	£22 9 0	£23 15 11
	1917-18 .. £21 4 8	£24 11 2	£22 8 5	£22 7 5	£22 18 7	£23 16 11	£23 0 3	£24 0 1
	1918-19 .. £21 16 3	£24 8 0	£22 9 9	£23 8 10	£23 8 10	£23 8 1	£24 1 1	£24 7 11
	1919-20 .. £21 9 8	£24 8 11	£21 19 2	£22 7 0	£22 2 7	£23 12 1	£24 3 11	£23 19 7
Average weight per bale, in pounds—	1916-17 .. 351	391	374	377	380	360	386	387
	1917-18 .. 358	415	371	380	381	377	389	388
	1918-19 .. 362	413	370	371	384	389	393	391
	1919-20 .. 356	401	360	369	358	388	391	381
	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.	Total (Dominion).
Number of bales valued—	1916-17 .. 8,136	6,130	65,303	26,096	10,119	49,674	30,565	513,042
	1917-18 .. 15,083	7,644	72,316	29,726	12,619	54,047	33,554	566,482
	1918-19 .. 16,600	7,818	71,863	33,290	12,469	51,437	31,560	567,379
	1919-20 .. 14,351	7,214	70,644	33,226	12,165	50,674	26,644	521,749
Weight in pounds—	1916-17 .. 2,710,586	2,064,103	22,412,468	8,982,870	3,546,554	16,244,522	9,485,008	185,663,809
	1917-18 .. 4,937,041	2,539,155	24,197,602	10,192,050	4,270,560	18,254,534	10,817,838	205,578,421
	1918-19 .. 5,472,730	2,619,688	23,995,426	11,487,781	4,171,331	16,940,372	9,378,141	205,371,286
	1919-20 .. 4,718,151	2,333,832	23,612,910	11,645,754	4,042,284	17,110,602	8,405,327	186,276,102
Value—	1916-17 .. £176,823	£124,247	£1,462,069	£578,799	£211,343	£1,020,377	£582,912	£11,404,910
	1917-18 .. £341,452	£154,427	£1,652,354	£691,412	£271,232	£1,153,073	£681,522	£12,806,586
	1918-19 .. £376,537	£164,164	£1,670,674	£790,123	£289,080	£1,100,486	£624,893	£13,044,760
	1919-20 .. £324,528	£147,566	£1,675,898	£825,150	£270,315	£1,122,487	£536,656	£11,970,384
Average value per pound—	1916-17 .. 15.65d.	14.44d.	15.65d.	15.46d.	14.30d.	15.08d.	14.75d.	14.74d.
	1917-18 .. 16.43d.	14.59d.	16.38d.	16.28d.	15.24d.	15.16d.	15.12d.	14.95d.
	1918-19 .. 16.51d.	15.04d.	16.71d.	16.51d.	15.48d.	15.59d.	15.99d.	15.25d.
	1919-20 .. 16.51d.	15.18d.	17.03d.	17.00d.	16.05d.	15.74d.	15.32d.	15.42d.
Average value per bale—	1916-17 .. £21 14 8	£20 5 5	£22 3 7	£22 3 7	£20 17 9	£20 10 10	£19 1 5	£22 4 7
	1917-18 .. £22 12 9	£20 4 0	£22 17 0	£23 5 2	£21 9 10	£21 6 9	£20 6 3	£22 12 2
	1918-19 .. £22 13 8	£20 19 11	£23 4 11	£23 14 8	£21 11 7	£21 7 11	£19 16 0	£22 19 10
	1919-20 .. £22 12 3	£20 9 1	£23 14 5	£24 16 9	£22 4 5	£22 3 0	£20 2 10	£22 18 10
Average weight per bale, in pounds—	1916-17 .. 333	337	343	344	350	327	310	362
	1917-18 .. 330	332	335	343	338	338	322	363
	1918-19 .. 329	335	334	345	335	330	322	362
	1919-20 .. 329	323	334	350	332	338	315	357

N.B.—Freezing companies' slippe wool is not included in above return. In respect of the last season (1919-20 clip) payments made to termination of purchase have been included.

III. WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 CLIPS.

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF PURCHASES ON IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT DURING ABOVE YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, AND AVERAGE VALUES IN EACH VALUING CENTRE.

	Auckland.	Tokomaru Bay.	Tolaga Bay.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Wairara.	Wanganui.	Wellington.
Number of bales valued—	1916-17 .. 34,871	4,584	3,969	36,349	87,947	6,586	24,945	114,261
	1917-18 .. 42,563	7,799	6,934	40,816	84,157	8,221	34,389	114,717
	1918-19 .. 40,043	6,350	6,350	40,133	84,906	8,330	40,418	110,375
	1919-20 .. 36,711	5,515	5,646	37,103	69,732	8,937	41,724	98,315
Weight in pounds—	1916-17 .. 12,238,489	1,792,508	1,483,856	13,685,819	33,467,148	2,370,527	9,641,697	44,235,643
	1917-18 .. 15,210,941	3,235,486	2,575,937	15,499,303	32,034,484	3,101,635	13,369,531	44,548,682
	1918-19 .. 14,495,275	3,215,217	2,851,052	15,644,606	32,569,111	3,243,214	15,900,283	43,135,776
	1919-20 .. 13,070,262	2,211,993	2,033,714	13,707,039	24,980,579	3,463,744	16,337,571	37,468,435
Value—	1916-17 .. £745,221	£110,412	£88,966	£809,667	£2,011,281	£132,063	£560,018	£2,722,347
	1917-18 .. £904,596	£191,531	£155,477	£913,089	£1,932,519	£179,592	£791,328	£2,755,057
	1918-19 .. £875,945	£189,812	£142,812	£945,599	£1,993,749	£194,965	£972,240	£2,693,583
	1919-20 .. £788,556	£134,814	£123,964	£829,297	£1,545,470	£210,942	£1,009,498	£2,357,457
Average value per pound—	1916-17 .. 14.61d.	14.78d.	14.39d.	14.20d.	14.42d.	13.77d.	13.94d.	14.77d.
	1917-18 .. 14.27d.	14.21d.	14.48d.	14.14d.	14.47d.	13.90d.	14.20d.	14.84d.
	1918-19 .. 14.50d.	14.16d.	14.58d.	14.50d.	14.69d.	14.43d.	14.67d.	14.99d.
	1919-20 .. 14.48d.	14.63d.	14.63d.	14.52d.	14.84d.	14.61d.	14.83d.	15.10d.
Average value per bale—	1916-17 .. £21 7 5	£24 1 9	£22 8 4	£22 5 6	£22 17 5	£20 1 0	£22 9 0	£23 16 6
	1917-18 .. £21 5 0	£24 11 2	£22 8 5	£22 7 5	£22 19 3	£21 16 11	£23 0 0	£24 0 4
	1918-19 .. £21 17 6	£24 0 0	£22 9 9	£22 8 1	£23 9 7	£23 8 1	£24 1 1	£24 8 1
	1919-20 .. £21 9 7	£24 8 8	£21 19 1	£22 7 0	£22 3 3	£23 12 1	£24 3 11	£23 19 7
Average weight per bale, in pounds—	1916-17 .. 351	391	374	377	380	360	386	387
	1917-18 .. 357	415	371	380	380	377	389	388
	1918-19 .. 362	413	370	371	383	389	393	390
	1919-20 .. 356	401	360	369	358	388	392	381

	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.	Total (Dominion).
Number of bales valued—	1916-17 .. 7,878	6,130	59,746	24,139	9,820	44,961	30,035	496,221
	1917-18 .. 14,794	7,644	65,366	26,917	11,673	46,755	33,045	545,790
	1918-19 .. 16,038	7,818	65,241	30,707	11,222	46,018	31,180	548,558
	1919-20 .. 13,371	7,214	62,490	27,863	11,330	44,113	26,318	496,382
Weight in pounds—	1916-17 .. 2,619,519	2,064,103	20,465,800	8,285,467	3,438,868	14,554,925	9,292,473	179,636,842
	1917-18 .. 4,892,032	2,539,155	21,839,388	9,223,335	3,951,117	15,666,880	10,626,145	188,314,051
	1918-19 .. 5,281,265	2,619,688	21,796,762	10,611,537	3,725,853	15,117,917	9,242,691	198,950,247
	1919-20 .. 4,394,024	2,333,832	20,938,857	9,777,776	3,728,602	14,787,382	8,291,561	177,525,371
Value—	1916-17 .. £171,022	£124,247	£1,340,929	£587,302	£204,267	£922,807	£575,707	£11,056,256
	1917-18 .. £333,266	£154,427	£1,493,926	£617,608	£248,558	£987,493	£673,808	£12,332,275
	1918-19 .. £360,929	£164,164	£1,510,545	£736,096	£237,779	£979,427	£618,681	£12,606,326
	1919-20 .. £298,067	£147,566	£1,471,510	£678,859	£247,399	£965,635	£530,116	£11,339,150
Average value per pound—	1916-17 .. 15.67d.	14.45d.	15.73d.	15.56d.	14.25d.	15.22d.	14.87d.	14.77d.
	1917-18 .. 16.35d.	14.59d.	16.07d.	15.67d.	15.11d.	15.13d.	15.23d.	14.93d.
	1918-19 .. 16.40d.	15.04d.	16.63d.	16.42d.	15.32d.	15.55d.	16.06d.	15.21d.
	1919-20 .. 16.28d.	15.18d.	16.86d.	16.66d.	15.92d.	15.67d.	16.34d.	15.32d.
Average value per bale—	1916-17 .. £21 14 2	£20 5 4	£22 8 11	£22 5 2	£20 16 0	£20 10 6	£19 3 4	£22 5 7
	1917-18 .. £22 10 6	£20 4 0	£22 17 1	£22 18 11	£21 5 10	£21 2 5	£20 7 9	£22 11 11
	1918-19 .. £22 10 1	£20 19 11	£23 3 1	£23 12 11	£21 3 10	£21 5 8	£19 16 10	£22 19 7
	1919-20 .. £22 5 11	£20 9 1	£23 10 8	£24 7 3	£21 16 9	£21 17 9	£20 2 10	£22 16 10
Average weight per bale, in pounds—	1916-17 .. 333	337	343	343	350	324	309	362
	1917-18 .. 331	332	324	342	338	335	321	363
	1918-19 .. 329	335	334	345	332	328	296	363
	1919-20 .. 329	323	335	351	329	335	315	357

N. B.—Freezing companies' shipe wool is not included in above return. In respect of the last season (1919-20 clip) payments made to the termination of purchase have been included.



IV. WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 CLIPS.

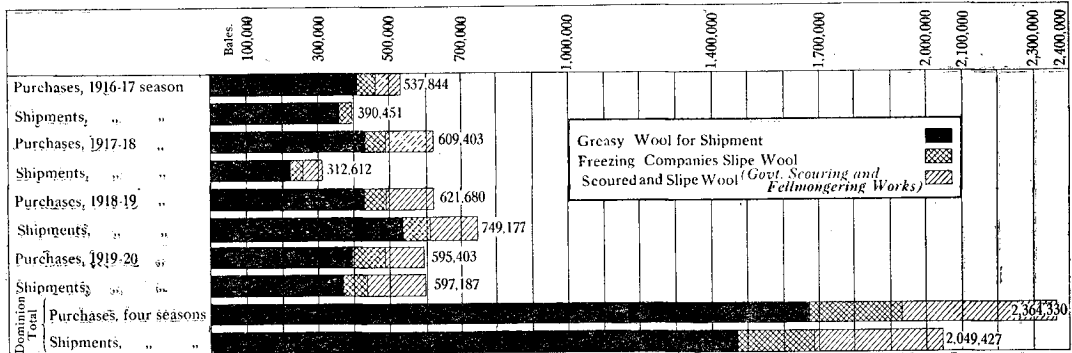
STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF GREASY WOOL SOLD TO LOCAL WOOLLEN-MILLS DURING ABOVE YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, AND AVERAGE VALUES IN EACH VALUING CENTRE.

	Auckland.	Napier.	Wellington.	Mastborough.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.	Total (Dominion)
Number of bales valued—										
1916-17 ..	1,058	1,320	1,129	258	5,557	1,957	299	4,713	530	16,821
1917-18 ..	483	1,012	402	289	6,980	2,809	946	7,292	509	20,692
1918-19 ..	475	1,190	343	562	6,622	2,583	1,247	5,419	380	18,821
1919-20 ..	641	1,890	617	980	8,154	5,363	835	6,561	326	25,307
Weight in pounds—										
1916-17 ..	362,578	515,343	424,090	91,067	1,946,668	697,403	107,686	1,889,597	192,535	6,026,967
1917-18 ..	186,677	399,296	157,669	95,009	2,358,214	968,715	319,443	2,857,654	191,693	7,264,370
1918-19 ..	168,961	453,700	128,622	191,465	2,198,664	876,244	445,478	1,822,455	135,450	6,421,039
1919-20 ..	209,205	697,678	227,022	324,127	2,674,053	1,867,978	313,682	2,323,220	113,766	8,760,731
Value—										
1916-17 ..	£18,796	£25,862	£23,706	£5,802	£121,140	£41,498	£7,076	£97,569	£7,205	£348,654
1917-18 ..	£9,365	£20,255	£8,304	£8,185	£158,428	£73,804	£22,674	£165,581	£7,714	£474,310
1918-19 ..	£7,843	£24,653	£7,602	£15,608	£160,128	£64,027	£31,301	£121,059	£6,212	£438,433
1919-20 ..	£13,949	£39,117	£14,720	£26,461	£204,390	£146,291	£22,916	£156,852	£6,540	£631,236
Average value per pound—										
1916-17 ..	12.44d.	12.04d.	13.41d.	15.29d.	14.93d.	14.28d.	15.77d.	13.86d.	8.98d.	13.88d.
1917-18 ..	12.04d.	12.17d.	12.64d.	20.67d.	16.12d.	18.28d.	17.04d.	15.35d.	9.66d.	15.67d.
1918-19 ..	11.14d.	13.04d.	14.18d.	19.56d.	17.47d.	17.53d.	16.86d.	15.94d.	11.00d.	16.38d.
1919-20 ..	16.00d.	13.46d.	15.56d.	19.59d.	18.34d.	18.79d.	17.53d.	16.20d.	13.79d.	17.31d.
Average value per bale—										
1916-17 ..	£17 15 4	£19 11 10	£20 19 11	£22 9 9	£21 16 0	£21 4 1	£23 13 4	£20 14 0	£13 11 10	£20 14 6
1917-18 ..	£19 7 9	£20 0 4	£20 13 2	£28 6 5	£22 15 11	£26 5 6	£23 19 4	£22 14 2	£15 3 1	£22 18 5
1918-19 ..	£16 10 3	£20 14 4	£22 3 3	£27 15 5	£24 3 8	£24 15 9	£25 2 0	£22 6 10	£16 6 11	£23 5 11
1919-20 ..	£21 15 3	£20 14 0	£23 17 2	£27 0 0	£25 1 4	£27 5 7	£27 8 11	£23 18 2	£20 1 3	£24 17 8
Average weight per bale, in pounds—										
1916-17 ..	343	390	375	353	350	356	360	358	363	358
1917-18 ..	386	394	392	329	339	345	338	365	376	351
1918-19 ..	356	381	375	341	332	339	357	336	356	341
1919-20 ..	326	369	368	331	328	348	376	354	349	345

N.B.—Freezing companies' slippe wool is not included in above return.

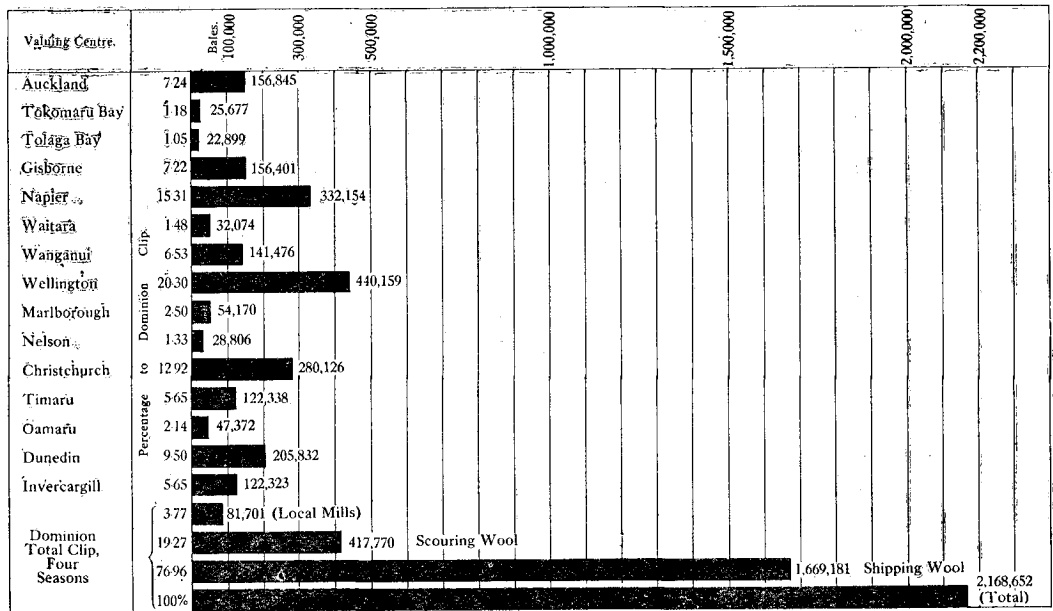
V. WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 SEASONS.

DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING COMPARISON OF PURCHASES AND SHIPMENTS.



VI. WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 CLIPS (EXCLUDING SLIPE).

DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF BALES APPRAISED AT EACH VALUING CENTRE IN RESPECT OF THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION, ALSO SHOWING THE PERCENTAGE WHICH EACH BEARS TO THE AGGREGATE DOMINION CLIPS FOR SUCH FOUR SEASONS.



VII. FREEZING COMPANIES SLIPE WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 SEASONS.

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF TOTAL WOOL PURCHASED (EITHER BY THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL WOOLLEN-MILLS) DURING ABOVE YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, AND AVERAGE VALUES IN EACH VALUING CENTRE.

	Ankland.	Tokomaru Bay.	Gisborne.	Napier.	Waitara.	Wanganui.	Wellington.
Number of bales valued—	1916-17... 1,333	635	1,529	4,476	621	2,987	11,976
	1917-18... 2,851	1,187	4,784	4,411	1,298	4,366	11,749
	1918-19... 3,709	859	5,058	6,976	1,017	4,887	13,702
	1919-20... 5,443	1,652	7,680	8,056	2,279	7,125	16,148
Weight in pounds—	1916-17... 471,247	220,897	540,323	1,638,171	236,616	1,049,728	4,276,512
	1917-18... 1,035,788	420,017	1,626,456	1,644,691	506,121	1,509,841	4,305,602
	1918-19... 1,409,423	308,022	1,708,079	2,569,330	429,206	1,687,715	4,815,521
	1919-20... 2,048,243	626,830	2,539,994	2,970,689	899,530	2,536,049	5,693,584
Value—	1916-17... £79,598	£16,217	£38,451	£122,660	£17,499	£75,115	£331,472
	1917-18... £30,533	£30,533	£116,260	£125,648	£37,043	£107,283	£329,880
	1918-19... £101,749	£21,607	£122,157	£182,536	£31,819	£121,292	£369,532
	1919-20... £44,434	£44,434	£186,215	£216,161	£67,215	£184,299	£434,503
Average value per pound—	1916-17... 19.95d.	17.62d.	17.08d.	17.91d.	17.78d.	17.19d.	18.60d.
	1917-18... 18.45d.	17.44d.	17.15d.	18.34d.	17.56d.	17.05d.	18.38d.
	1918-19... 17.32d.	16.84d.	17.16d.	17.05d.	17.79d.	17.25d.	18.42d.
	1919-20... 17.76d.	17.01d.	17.59d.	17.46d.	17.94d.	17.40d.	18.31d.
Average value per bale—	1916-17... £29 7 11	£25 10 9	£25 3 0	£27 6 3	£28 3 7	£25 3 7	£27 13 6
	1917-18... £27 18 4	£25 14 6	£24 6 0	£28 9 8	£24 10 4	£24 11 5	£28 1 6
	1918-19... £27 8 8	£25 3 1	£24 3 0	£26 3 4	£31 5 9	£24 16 5	£26 19 5
	1919-20... £27 17 0	£26 17 11	£24 4 11	£26 16 8	£29 9 10	£25 17 3	£26 18 2
Average weight per bale, in pounds—	1916-17... 353	348	353	366	381	351	357
	1917-18... 363	354	340	373	390	346	367
	1918-19... 380	359	338	368	422	345	351
	1919-20... 376	383	331	369	394	356	352

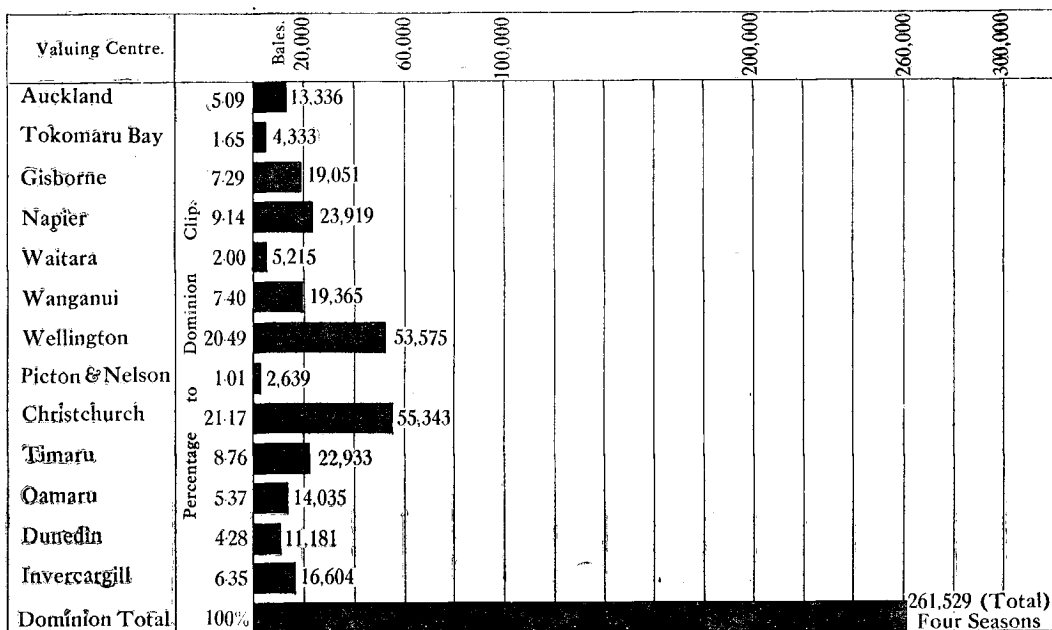
  

	Picton.	Nelson.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.	Total (Dominion).
Number of bales valued—	1916-17... 501	...	10,103	3,638	4,061	926	2,680	45,466
	1917-18... 719	...	9,990	3,472	2,801	2,307	3,257	53,132
	1918-19... 444	30	13,225	7,229	3,692	3,570	4,015	68,413
	1919-20... 914	31	22,085	8,594	3,481	4,378	6,652	94,518
Weight in pounds—	1916-17... 178,421	...	3,720,612	1,409,602	1,342,160	337,239	918,834	16,340,362
	1917-18... 278,048	...	3,587,694	1,325,950	943,526	799,533	1,137,698	19,115,965
	1918-19... 189,736	11,047	4,716,344	2,689,857	1,232,193	1,245,881	1,408,348	24,420,702
	1919-20... 376,831	12,909	7,690,389	3,084,008	1,237,804	1,455,520	2,270,718	33,443,098
Value—	1916-17... £12,986	...	£330,399	£121,059	£110,856	£30,039	£84,503	£1,330,455
	1917-18... £19,333	£566	£400,481	£107,806	£79,373	£62,984	£95,578	£1,496,719
	1918-19... £13,739	£552	£668,038	£218,118	£98,468	£97,404	£109,716	£1,889,184
	1919-20... £27,695	...	£262,026	£262,026	£100,174	£115,276	£180,172	£2,638,352
Average value per pound—	1916-17... 17.48d.	...	21.31d.	20.61d.	19.82d.	21.38d.	22.07d.	19.54d.
	1917-18... 17.00d.	...	20.42d.	19.51d.	20.19d.	18.90d.	20.16d.	18.78d.
	1918-19... 17.37d.	12.30d.	20.38d.	19.46d.	19.18d.	18.76d.	18.56d.	18.56d.
	1919-20... 17.64d.	10.27d.	20.84d.	20.39d.	19.42d.	19.01d.	19.04d.	18.93d.
Average value per bale—	1916-17... £25 18 9	...	£32 14 0	£33 5 6	£27 5 10	£32 8 9	£31 10 7	£29 5 3
	1917-18... £26 17 9	...	£30 15 1	£31 1 0	£28 6 9	£27 6 0	£29 6 11	£28 3 5
	1918-19... £30 18 11	£18 17 7	£30 5 8	£30 13 5	£26 13 5	£27 5 8	£27 6 8	£27 12 3
	1919-20... £30 6 0	£17 16 1	£30 4 11	£30 9 9	£28 15 7	£26 6 7	£27 1 8	£27 18 3
Average weight per bale, in pounds—	1916-17... 356	...	368	387	380	364	343	359
	1917-18... 380	...	361	381	337	349	349	360
	1918-19... 427	368	357	372	333	349	351	357
	1919-20... 413	416	348	359	356	332	341	354

N.B.—The wool purchased by local woollen-mills and included in above return totals 337 bales drawn from Oamaru and Dunedin.

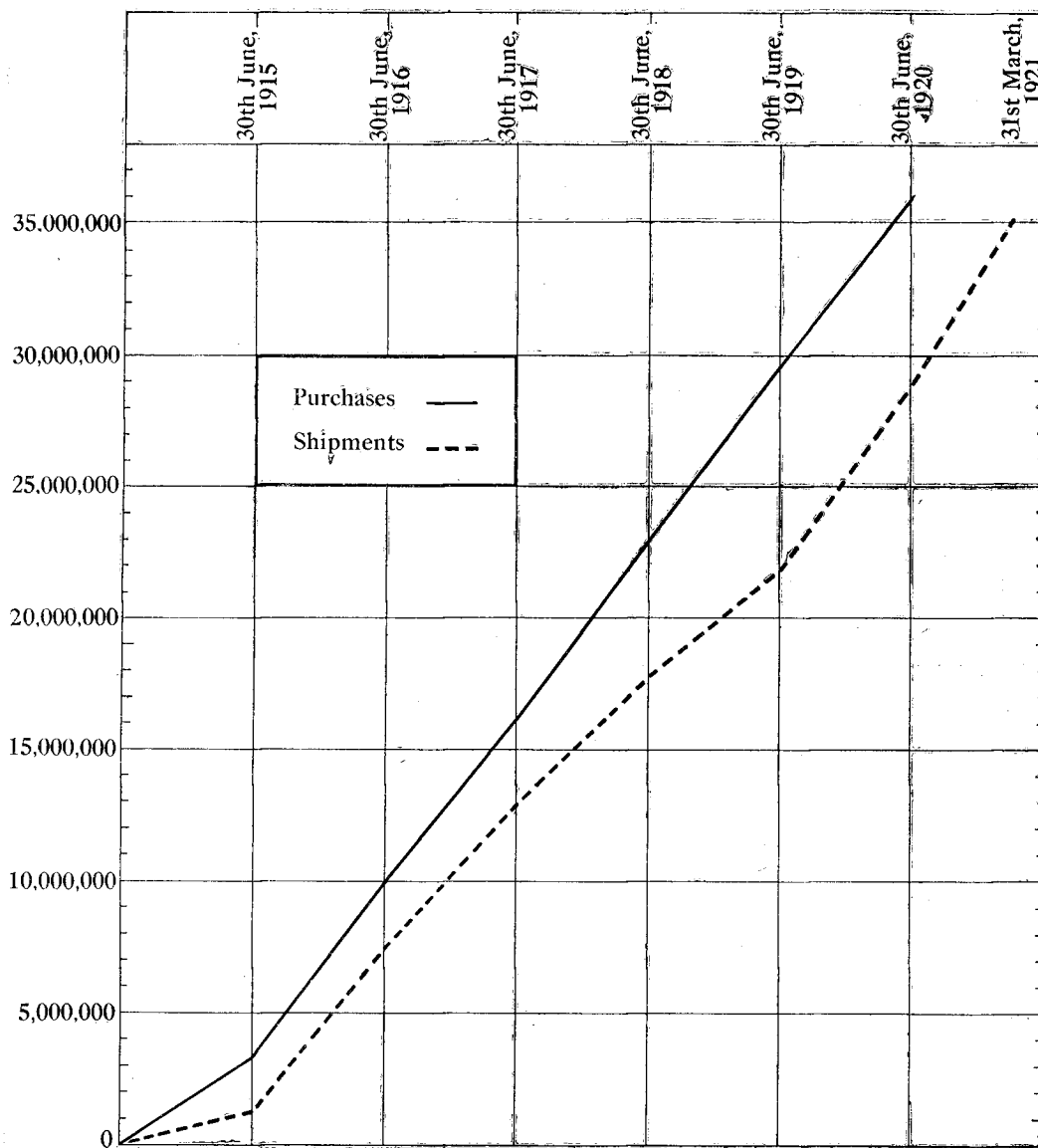
VIII. FREEZING COMPANIES SLIPE WOOL—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 SEASONS.

DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF BALES OF FREEZING COMPANIES SLIPE WOOL PURCHASED THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION, IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE FOUR SEASONS, ALSO SHOWING THE PERCENTAGE WHICH EACH BEARS TO THE AGGREGATE DOMINION TOTAL FOR SUCH FOUR SEASONS.



IX. FROZEN MEAT—1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20, AND 1920-21 SEASONS.

GRAPH ILLUSTRATING COMPARISON OF SHIPMENTS AGAINST PURCHASES IN RESPECT OF TOTAL PERIOD COVERED BY THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASE.



Stock on Hand as above.

June 30, 1915 .. .. .	2,165,342	June 30, 1919 .. .. .	7,934,921
„ 30, 1916 .. .. .	2,480,846	„ 30, 1920 .. .. .	7,150,820
„ 30, 1917 .. .. .	3,483,324	March 31, 1921 .. .. .	600,956
„ 30, 1918 .. .. .	5,230,000		

## X. CREAMERY BUTTER—1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 SEASONS.

STATEMENT SHOWING IN RESPECT OF EACH OF THE ABOVE SEASONS: (a) MANUFACTURE; (b) EXPORTS TO IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT, FREE EXPORT OVERSEAS, AND SHIP'S STORES; (c) DOMINION CONSUMPTION.

Grading Port.	Season 1917-18.			Season 1918-19.			Season 1919-20.		
	Manufacture.	Export.	Dominion Consumption.	Manufacture.	Export.	Dominion Consumption.	Manufacture.	Export.	Dominion Consumption.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Auckland ..	32,230,770	25,678,226	6,552,544	33,183,927	23,315,780	9,868,147	35,634,529	19,858,945	15,775,584
Gisborne ..	1,049,460	427,728	621,732	1,045,402	421,284	624,118	864,288	206,384	657,904
New Plymouth ..	5,740,016	5,474,728	265,288	5,373,493	3,858,624	1,514,869	5,696,572	2,645,372	3,051,200
Patea ..	105,565	56,896	48,669	108,059	41,832	66,227	213,936	70,728	143,208
Wanganui ..	1,187,758	800,296	387,462	1,198,139	715,456	482,683	1,583,467	1,017,408	566,059
Wellington ..	13,183,981	5,935,356	7,248,625	12,560,062	5,948,411	6,611,651	12,612,688	3,682,832	8,929,856
Lyttelton ..	5,153,659	1,891,456	3,262,203	5,446,721	2,264,426	3,182,295	5,810,352	1,605,918	4,204,434
Dunedin ..	3,362,591	851,140	2,511,451	3,491,505	1,012,091	2,479,414	3,304,304	512,567	2,791,737
Bluff ..	525,416	142,912	382,504	440,484	127,008	313,476	334,366	52,312	282,054
Grand totals for Dominion	62,539,216	41,258,738	21,280,478	62,847,792	37,704,912	25,142,880	66,054,502	29,652,466	36,402,036

## XI. BUTTER—1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20, AND 1920-21 SEASONS.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BOXES OF BUTTER PURCHASED AND EXPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE SEASONS.

Grading Port.	Season, 1917-18.			Season, 1918-19.			Season, 1919-20.			Season, 1920-21.			Grand Total.
	Creamery.	Whey and Dairy.	Milled.	Creamery.	Whey and Dairy.	Milled.	Creamery.	Whey and Dairy.	Milled.	Creamery.	Whey and Dairy.	Milled.	
	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Boxes.
Auckland ..	426,319	6,440	1,304	385,382	6,924	427	346,953	8,733	..	612,634	7,141	4,351	1,806,608
Gisborne ..	7,638	..	..	7,502	..	..	3,655	..	..	8,916	..	..	27,711
New Plymouth ..	97,516	5,543	..	68,904	4,881	99	47,229	7,733	..	121,536	6,391	50	359,882
Patea ..	810	7,219	..	747	7,516	..	1,263	11,395	..	54,076	7,414	..	90,440
Wanganui ..	14,291	873	335	12,776	1,043	118	18,158	1,479	..	32,999	1,577	74	83,723
Wellington ..	94,965	7,770	2,013	101,188	8,190	1,793	60,026	8,963	29	198,861	8,293	5,638	497,729
Lyttelton ..	33,776	281	..	40,095	372	..	27,943	366	..	78,879	729	..	182,441
Dunedin ..	13,688	532	..	16,314	495	..	8,577	299	..	34,480	2,484	..	76,869
Bluff ..	2,552	830	..	2,268	193	..	914	156	..	15,268	926	..	23,107
	691,555	29,488	3,652	635,176	29,614	2,437	514,718	39,124	29	1,157,649	34,955	10,113	3,148,510
	Total, 1917-18 season, 724,695			Total, 1918-19 season, 667,227			Total, 1919-20 season, 553,871			Total, 1920-21 season, 1,202,717			

## XII. CHEESE—1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, AND 1919-20 SEASONS.

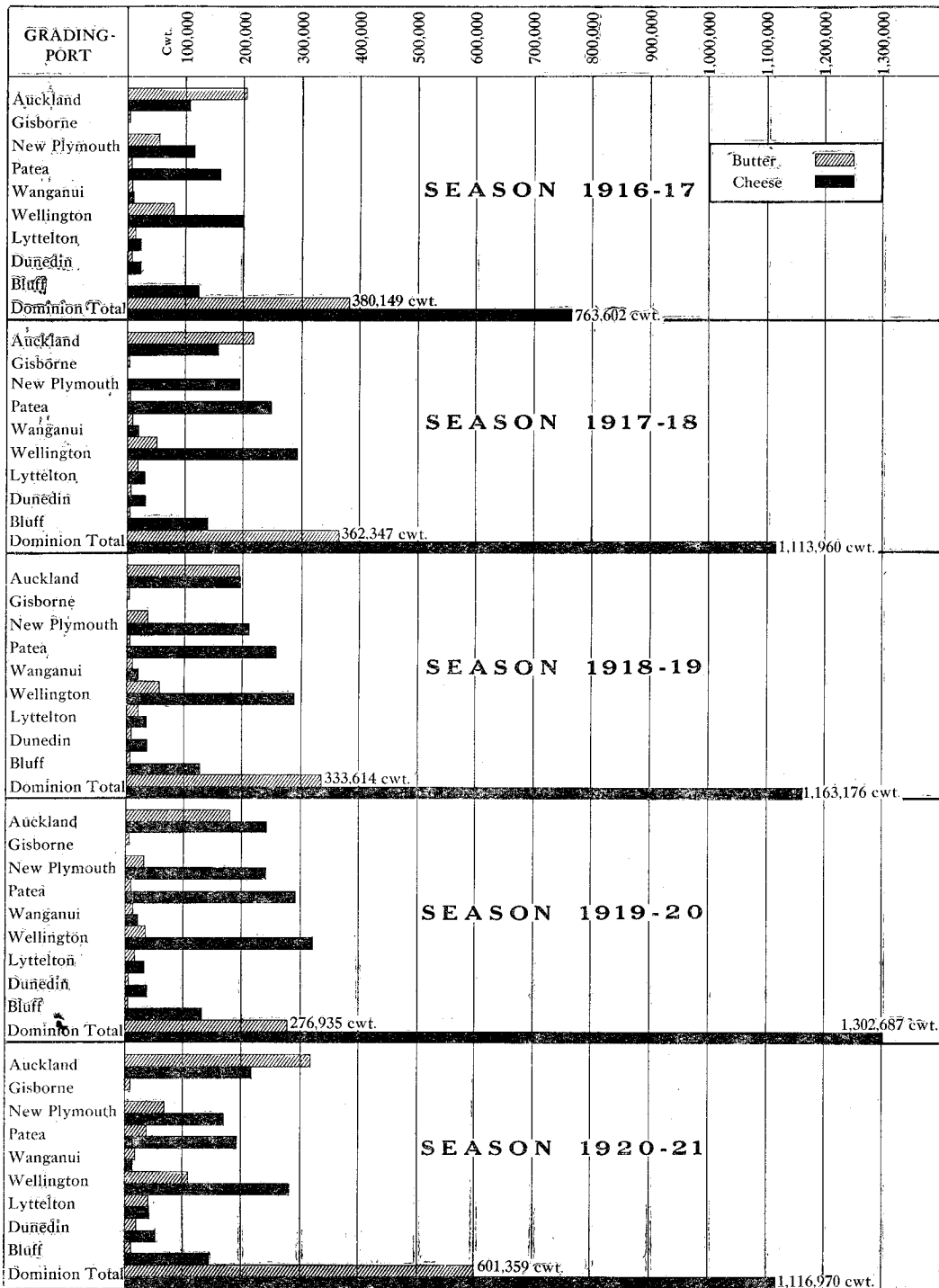
STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CRATES OF CHEESE PURCHASED AND EXPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE SEASONS.

Grading Port.	Season, 1915-16.*	Season, 1916-17.	Season, 1917-18.	Season, 1918-19.	Season, 1919-20.	Total.
	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.	Crates.
Auckland ..	16,766	73,799	109,711	134,590	163,271	498,137
Gisborne ..	75	..	..	..	..	75
New Plymouth ..	23,508	78,450	130,045	142,080	161,324	540,407
Patea ..	45,623	108,763	167,732	175,396	196,720	694,234
Wanganui ..	2,789	7,231	12,745	12,397	13,548	48,710
Wellington ..	58,129	136,084	197,044	196,342	216,070	803,669
Lyttelton ..	3,273	15,396	21,068	20,566	22,155	82,458
Dunedin ..	7,850	15,836	23,460	23,863	23,936	94,945
Bluff ..	26,489	82,764	94,337	84,316	87,224	375,130
	189,502	518,323	756,142	789,550	884,248	3,137,765

\* In respect of 1915-16 season the purchase comprised one-third only of the first-grade factory cheese produced.

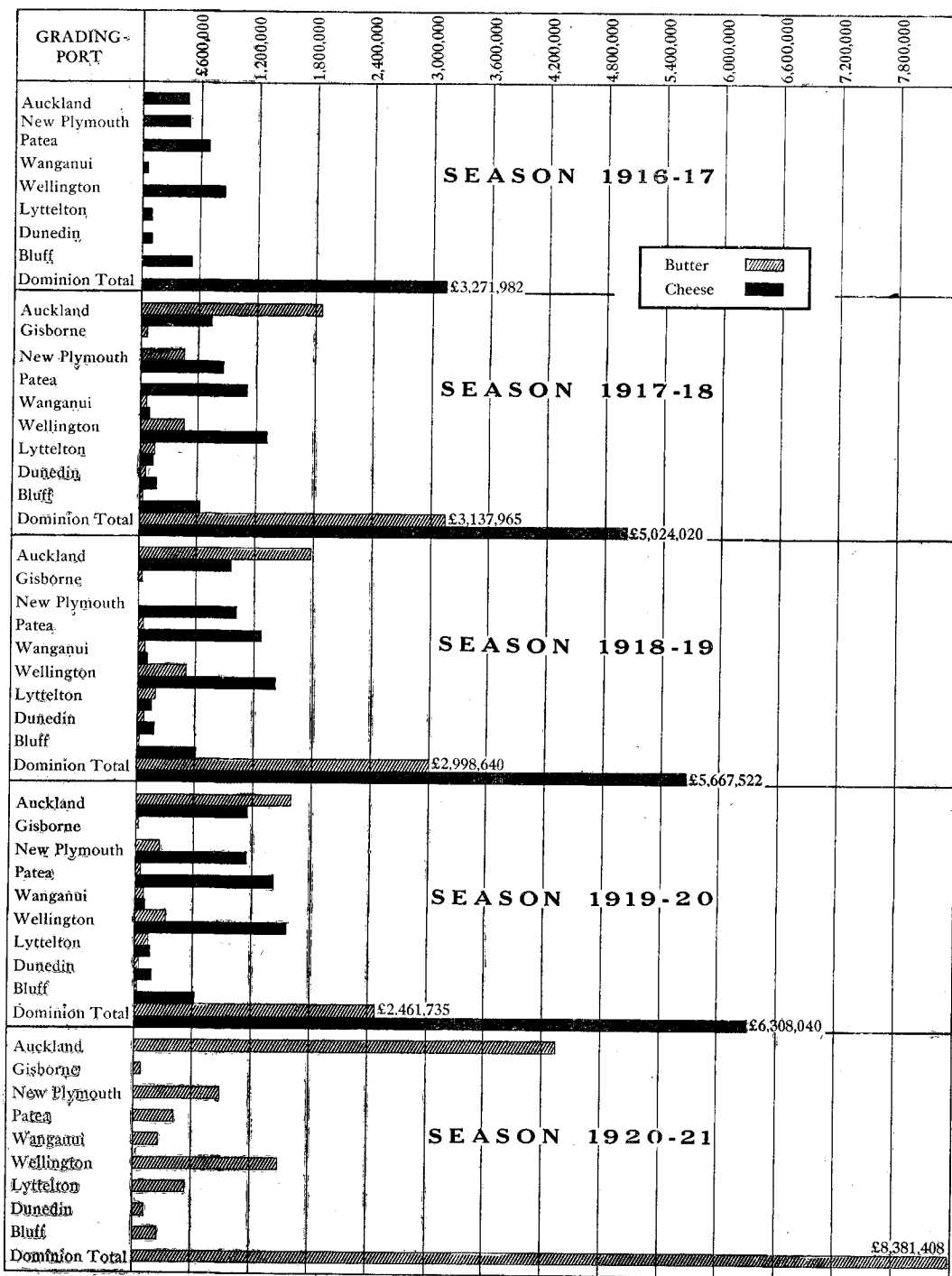
XIII. BUTTER AND CHEESE—1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20, AND 1920-21 SEASONS.

DIAGRAM SHOWING THE WEIGHT (IN HUNDREDWEIGHTS) OF BUTTER AND CHEESE EXPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE SEASONS.



NOTE.—For purposes of completing a comparison the following seasons in which the exportable surplus was not purchased by the Imperial Government have been included in the illustration: Butter, 1916-17 season; cheese, 1920-21 season.

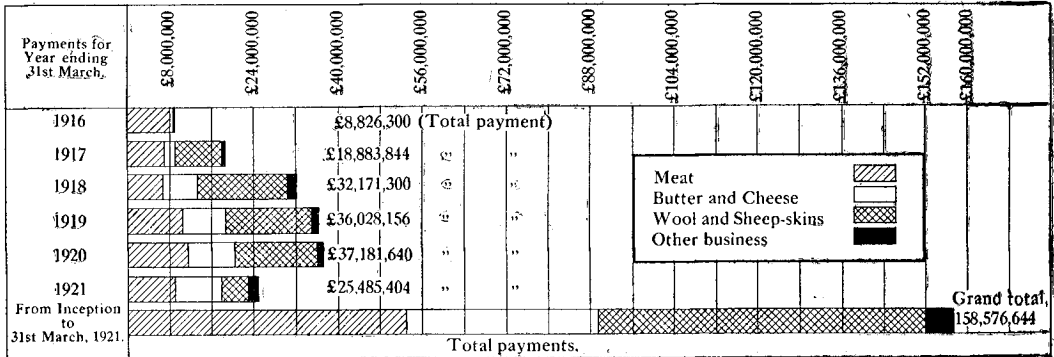
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 DIAGRAM SHOWING VALUE OF BUTTER AND CHEESE EXPORTED IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE SEASONS.



NOTE.—The exportable surplus of butter in 1916-17 season, was not purchased by the Imperial Government, likewise with cheese for 1920-21 season.

XV. TOTAL PAYMENTS BY DEPARTMENT.

DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE BY DEPARTMENT OF IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES YEARLY FROM ITS INCEPTION TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.



XVI. SCHEDULE OF PRICES PAID FOR PRODUCE, ETC., DURING THE TERM OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASE.

MEAT.

Description.	F.o.b. Prices per Pound.	
	From 3rd March, 1915, to 19th October, 1916.	From 20th October, 1916, to 30th June, 1920.
<b>Wethers—</b>	d.	d.
First quality, 72 lb. and under .. .. .	4½	5⅜
First quality, over 72 lb. and up to 85 lb. .. .. .	4¼	5⅝
First quality, over 85 lb. and up to 98 lb. (subject to special approval by Inspector)	4	4⅞
Second quality .. .. .	4¼	5½
<b>Ewes—</b>		
First quality, 72 lb. and under .. .. .	4	4⅞
First quality, over 72 lb. and up to 85 lb. .. .. .	3¾	4⅝
Second quality .. .. .	3¾	4⅝
<b>Lamb—</b>		
Specially prime and Canterbury quality, 42 lb. and under .. .. .	5⅝	6½
First quality, 42 lb. and under .. .. .	5½	6⅜
First quality, over 42 lb. .. .. .	5¼	6⅝
Second quality .. .. .	5¼	6⅝
<b>Beef—</b>		
Prime ox .. .. .	4¾	5
Second and heifer .. .. .	4½	4¾
Boning in quarters .. .. .	4	4¼
Cow, prime .. .. .	4½	4¾
Cow, second .. .. .	4	4¼
Boneless .. .. .	5	5¼
<b>Mutton—</b>		
Legs .. .. .	5½	6⅜
Shoulders .. .. .	4½	5⅜
Loins .. .. .	4½	5⅜
Haunches .. .. .	5	5¼



## CHEESE.

Description.	F.o.b. Prices per Pound.				
	Season 1915-16.	Season 1916-17.	Season 1917-18.	Season 1918-19.	Season 1919-20.
First-grade factory .. .. .	d. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	d. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	d. 10	d. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	d. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Second-grade factory .. .. .	..	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Third-grade factory .. .. .	..	..	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	10
First-grade dairy .. .. .	..	..	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Second-grade dairy .. .. .	..	..	8	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$

## BUTTER.

Description.	F.o.b. Prices per Hundredweight.			
	Season 1917-18.	Season 1918-19.	Season 1919-20.	Season 1920-21.
Creamery—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
First grade .. .. .	174 0	181 0	181 0	280 0
Second grade, for each grade-point below first grade, 1/- per cwt. less (1920-21, 1/6 per cwt.)				
Whey and dairy—				
First grade .. .. .	150 8	162 4	162 4	261 4
Second grade .. .. .	146 0	157 8	157 8	256 8
Milled—				
First grade .. .. .	141 4	148 4	148 4	247 4
Second grade .. .. .	136 8	143 8	143 8	242 8

## SCHEELITE.

## C.I.F. PRICES, PER UNIT OF TUNGSTIC ACID.

	s.	d.
20th September, 1915, to 31st December, 1916 .. .. .	..	55 0
1st January, 1917, to 31st December, 1917 .. .. .	..	57 6
1st January, 1918, to 30th April, 1918.. .. .	..	63 10
1st May, 1918, to 30th April, 1919 .. .. .	..	68 0

## WOOL.

## GREASY CLIPS.

From 8th November, 1916, to 30th September, 1920.

Description.	Range of Values per Pound according to Quality, delivered into Brokers' Stores.
Superior merino combings .. .. .	From d. 12 to d. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Medium to good merino .. .. .	„ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ „ 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Inferior merino .. .. .	„ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Superior half-bred .. .. .	„ 12 „ 14
Medium to good half-bred .. .. .	„ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ „ 12
Inferior half-bred .. .. .	„ 9 „ 10
Superior crossbred .. .. .	„ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ 12
Medium to good crossbred .. .. .	„ 9 „ 11
Inferior crossbred .. .. .	„ 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ „ 9
Lincoln and Leicester .. .. .	„ 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ „ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lambs, good .. .. .	„ 11 „ 13
Lambs, medium .. .. .	„ 9 „ 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

All plus 55 per cent.

All inferior classes of wool, such as inferior lambs' wool, black wool, dead wool, pieces, bellies, locks, crutchings, seedy or other faulty wool, valued at proportionate prices.

In addition, 50 per cent. of profits realized on the sale of wool for other than military purposes to be returned to wool-growers.

## FREEZING COMPANIES' SLIPE.

From 16th November, 1916, to 31st March, 1918.

Valuations made in London on the basis of prices realised in 1913-14, less shipping expenses, freight, and other charges, plus 55 per cent.

From 1st April, 1918, to 30th June, 1920.

Valuations made in New Zealand.

Description.	F.o b. Prices per Pound.		
	Good.	Medium.	Inferior.
Lamb's combing .. .. .	d.	d.	d.
56's	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	22
50/56's	24	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{4}$
48/50's	22	21	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
46/48's	21	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$
44/46's	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
40/44's	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
36/40's	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
Seconds .. .. .	46/50's	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
40/46's	15	14	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
Third limey .. .. .	..	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	12
Lamb's clothing .. .. .	56's	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
50/56's	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
48/50's	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$
46/48's	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
44/46's	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{3}{4}$
40/44's	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
36/40's	17	16 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$
Seconds .. .. .	46/50's	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
40/46's	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Third limey .. .. .	..	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Sheep's combing .. .. .	56's	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
50/56's	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
48/50's	21	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	19
46/48's	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	19	17 $\frac{3}{4}$
44/46's	19	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
40/44's	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
36/40's	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	17	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seconds .. .. .	46/50's	17	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
40/46's	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Third limey .. .. .	..	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	12
Sheep's clothing .. .. .	56's	22	21
50/56's	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
48/50's	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
46/48's	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
44/46's	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
40/44's	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	16	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
36/40's	16 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
Seconds .. .. .	46/50's	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$
40/46's	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	12
Third limey .. .. .	..	12	12
Sheep's pelt .. .. .	56's	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
50/56's	19	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
48/50's	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
46/48's	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
44/46's	15	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
40/44's	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
36/40's	14	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	12
Seconds .. .. .	46/50's	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
40/46's	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Third limey .. .. .	..	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	10
Scoured half-bred pieces .. .. .	..	22	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scoured crossbred pieces .. .. .	..	19	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Slipe half-bred pieces .. .. .	..	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
Slipe crossbred pieces .. .. .	..	16	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
Slipe brands .. .. .	..	15	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Slipe grey .. .. .	..	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
Slipe shanks .. .. .	..	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
Merino—			
Combing .. .. .	..	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$
Clothing .. .. .	..	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	15
Seconds .. .. .	..	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12

Very inferior lots valued at a proportionate reduction.

## SHEEP-SKINS.

From 1st February, 1917, to 30th September, 1920.

Description.	Prices per Pound ex Brokers' Stores.			
	Merino.	Half-bred.	Fine Crossbred.	Coarse Crossbred.
	d.	d.	d.	d.
Three-quarter to full woolled skins—sound pelts..	10½-11½	13-14	12-13	11½-12½
Half-woolled skins—sound pelts .. ..	8¾-9¾	11-12	10½-11½	10-11½
Short to quarter woolled skins—sound pelts ..	7½-8½	9¼-10¾	9¼-10¾	8½-10¾
Shorn skins—sound pelts .. ..	5¾-6¾	8-9	8½-9½	8-10
Lamb-skins—sound pelts .. ..	11-12½	11-12½	11-12½	11-12½

Skins with damaged or faulty pelts valued at proportionate prices.

In valuing green or salted sound skins allowance made for the extra value of the pelts as compared with dried sound skins of similar quality.

Seedy skins valued at lower values according to their condition. Black skins valued according to their proportionate value to ordinary skins of the same class.

## HIDES.

From 1st March, 1917, to 28th March, 1918.

Description.	Prices per Pound f.o.b.
Ox-hides—	d.
First quality, over 45 lb., up to freezing companies' best standard .. ..	13
First quality, over 45 lb., others .. ..	12
Second quality .. ..	11½
Cow-hides—	
First quality, up to freezing companies' best standard .. ..	12
First quality, others .. ..	11
Second quality .. ..	10½
Bull-hides, good quality .. ..	9
Yearling-hides, first quality .. ..	11
Calf-skins—	
First quality, under 8 lb. .. ..	13
First quality, 8 lb. to 11 lb. .. ..	12
First quality, over 11 lb. to 16 lb. .. ..	11

Other grades and qualities, including cut, scored, and slippy hides, valued at proportionate prices.

## XVII. ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL CLIP.

AN AVERAGE NEW ZEALAND CLIP.

Description.	Auckland.	Gisborne, Tokelau and Tokomaru Bays.	Napier.	Wanganui and Waitara.	Wellington, Nelson, and Blenheim.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Dunedin and Oamaru.	Invercargill.	Dominion Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
MERINO.										
Greasy.										
Fleece, 60/64s and up .. ..	25	..	22	6	2,520	3,592	2,325	3,379	124	11,993
„ very seedy .. ..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	7	1	18
	25	..	22	6	2,530	3,592	2,325	3,386	125	12,011
First pieces .. ..	..	..	3	1	370	513	505	606	19	2,017
Second pieces .. ..	..	..	..	..	15	75	166	95	1	352
Stained pieces .. ..	..	..	1	..	171	3	..	33	..	56
Bellies .. ..	..	..	3	..	193	143	206	242	4	767
Locks .. ..	..	..	..	..	20	135	220	196	7	754
	..	..	7	1	769	869	1,097	1,172	31	3,946
Crutchings .. ..	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	57

ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL CLIP—*continued.*  
AN AVERAGE NEW ZEALAND CLIP—*continued.*

Description.	Auckland.	Gisborne, To- laga and To- komaru Bays.	Napier.	Wanganui and Waikato.	Wellington, Nelson, and Blenheim.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Dunedin and Oamaru.	Invercargill.	Dominion Total.
<b>MERINO—<i>continued.</i></b>										
<i>Scoured.</i>										
Fleece, 60/64s and up .. .. .	Bales. 1	Bales. ..	Bales. ..	Bales. ..	Bales. 57	Bales. 655	Bales. 193	Bales. 3	Bales. 231	Bales. 1,140
First pieces .. .. .	..	..	5	4	8	325	43	1	87	473
Second pieces .. .. .	..	..	..	..	19	109	2	4	..	134
Stained pieces .. .. .	..	..	..	..	49	70	9	..	15	143
Bellies .. .. .	..	..	..	..	65	118	16	..	25	224
Locks .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	187	82	6	51	329
.. .. .	..	..	5	4	144	809	152	11	178	1,303
Total merino .. .. .	26	..	34	11	3,557	5,925	3,767	4,572	565	18,457
Percentage to centre .. .. .	0.06	..	0.04	0.03	2.66	8.38	12.94	6.99	1.72	3.32
<b>HALF-BRED.</b>										
<i>Greasy.</i>										
Fleece, 58s .. .. .	18	..	14	28	221	767	519	1,088	59	2,714
„ 56/58s .. .. .	6	4	118	17	376	2,355	941	2,542	49	6,408
„ 56s .. .. .	41	8	324	99	1,270	5,514	1,577	2,990	160	11,983
„ 50/56s .. .. .	44	35	504	91	1,165	7,914	1,181	4,992	283	16,209
„ very seedy .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	36	..	37
.. .. .	109	47	961	235	3,032	16,550	4,218	11,648	551	37,351
Lambs, 50/56s .. .. .	5	1	2	102	101	..	..	..	..	211
First pieces, 56/58s .. .. .	..	..	21	36	98	803	260	390	4	1,612
„ 50/56s .. .. .	7	61	41	25	250	2,312	467	1,447	90	4,700
Second pieces, 56/58s .. .. .	..	..	1	..	3	197	..	65	..	266
„ 50/56s .. .. .	2	2	8	..	34	196	120	228	29	619
Stained pieces, 56/58s .. .. .	1	..	1	..	12	338	..	51	..	403
„ 50/56s .. .. .	46	..	..	4	4	59	22	6	..	141
Bellies, 56/58s .. .. .	125	..	15	..	23	180	22	198	1	564
„ 50/56s .. .. .	36	..	4	17	147	1,437	303	599	34	2,577
Locks, 50/58s .. .. .	2	2	41	10	138	765	231	1,162	107	2,458
.. .. .	219	65	132	92	709	6,287	1,425	4,146	265	13,340
Crutchings, 50/56s .. .. .	..	..	2	..	61	..	..	54	..	117
<i>Scoured.</i>										
Fleece, 50/56s to 56/58s .. .. .	..	..	..	..	14	612	355	1	19	1,001
Lambs, 50/56s .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	..	8	21
First pieces, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	1	..	..	..	4	254	169	..	22	450
Second pieces, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	1	..	..	..	3	74	6	1	3	88
Stained pieces, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8	88	66	8	21	191
Bellies, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	79	52	..	4	136
Locks, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	..	..	..	1	6	121	52	6	24	210
Dead, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
.. .. .	2	..	1	1	21	618	345	15	74	1,077
First crutchings, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	9
Second crutchings, 50/56s-56/58s .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	7
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	16
Total half-bred .. .. .	335	113	1,098	430	3,938	24,085	6,354	15,864	917	53,134
Percentage to centre .. .. .	0.77	0.21	1.27	1.03	2.94	34.04	21.84	24.28	2.79	9.55
<b>FINE CROSSBRED.</b>										
<i>Greasy.</i>										
Fleece, 50s, hog .. .. .	..	1	54	2	223	562	105	385	82	1,414
„ 50s .. .. .	83	26	281	107	1,093	4,717	1,274	2,803	231	10,615
„ 48/50s, hog .. .. .	3	2	259	22	228	1,036	418	655	224	2,847
„ 48/50s .. .. .	287	141	1,066	143	1,618	4,510	1,904	4,385	683	14,737
„ 48s, prep. .. .. .	..	8	129	7	438	285	158	1,186	568	2,779
„ 48s, card .. .. .	115	286	1,000	431	1,846	3,436	1,577	3,057	751	12,499
„ 46/48s, hog .. .. .	68	85	768	4	772	1,286	738	1,557	1,551	6,829
„ 46/48s .. .. .	722	2,745	5,676	940	7,848	4,853	2,723	5,701	2,716	33,924
„ 46/50s, very seedy .. .. .	..	1	10	15	12	8	..	92	113	251
„ mixed .. .. .	6	127	614	5	151	600	78	679	167	2,427
„ cotts. .. .. .	..	7	9	..	2	5	..	43	1	67
„ black .. .. .	2	..	1	..	3	147	33	66	3	255
.. .. .	1,286	3,429	9,867	1,676	14,234	21,445	9,008	20,609	7,090	88,644

ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL CLIP—*continued.*  
AN AVERAGE NEW ZEALAND CLIP—*continued.*

Description.	Auckland.	Gisborne, Tokelaga and Tokomaru Bays.	Napier.	Wanganui and Waitara.	Wellington, Nelson, and Blenheim.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Dunedin and Oamaru.	Invercargill.	Dominion Total.
<b>FINE CROSSBRED—<i>continued.</i></b>										
<i>Greasy—continued.</i>										
First lambs, 46/50s .. ..	36	259	371	347	678	277	31	33	14	2,046
Second lambs, 46/50s .. ..	19	40	64	8	21	13	..	28	4	197
	55	299	435	355	699	290	31	61	18	2,243
First pieces, 46/50s .. ..	6	106	348	74	331	1,761	915	3,294	541	7,376
Second pieces, 46/50s .. ..	4	11	9	1	34	420	197	352	53	1,081
Stained pieces, 46/50s .. ..	..	..	12	..	12	140	101	340	52	657
Bellies, 46/50s .. ..	4	24	111	11	188	1,830	982	1,576	176	4,902
Locks, 46/50s .. ..	3	35	128	2	27	449	162	100	87	993
Dead, 46/50s .. ..	18	43	166	12	108	224	130	28	3	732
	35	219	774	100	700	4,824	2,487	5,690	912	15,741
First crutchings, 46/50s .. ..	2	1	39	2	203	1,896	693	277	2	3,115
Second crutchings, 46/50s .. ..	..	..	4	..	12	73	35	34	..	158
	2	1	43	2	215	1,969	728	311	2	3,273
<i>Scoured.</i>										
Fleece, 46/48s-50s .. ..	1	1	36	..	8	307	202	1	62	618
First lambs, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	4	11
Second lambs, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	11
	..	..	3	1	10	4	..	..	4	22
First pieces, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	6	..	261	164	78	15	2	526
Second pieces, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	3	..	3	109	46	13	..	174
Stained pieces, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	1	7	25	34	36	6	6	115
Bellies, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	3	..	9	36	38	..	1	87
Locks, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	25	16	28	..	69
Dead, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	4
	..	..	13	7	298	369	217	62	9	975
First crutchings, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	20	55	2	..	78
Second crutchings, 46/48s-50s .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	3	..	15
	..	..	..	..	1	27	60	5	..	93
Total fine crossbred .. ..	1,379	3,949	11,171	2,141	16,165	29,235	12,733	26,739	8,097	111,609
Percentage to centre .. ..	3.18	7.44	12.95	5.14	12.07	41.32	43.75	40.93	24.58	20.06
<b>MEDIUM CROSSBRED.</b>										
<i>Greasy.</i>										
Fleece, 46s, hog .. ..	226	131	453	34	1,340	441	90	972	1,927	5,614
„ 46s, prep. .. ..	97	903	1,272	246	4,556	2,461	1,431	276	210	11,452
„ 46s, card .. ..	1,329	1,348	1,644	824	4,528	2,761	1,809	2,826	1,881	18,950
„ 44/46s, hog .. ..	323	434	1,392	34	1,612	89	32	459	1,585	5,960
„ 44/46s, prep. .. ..	144	5,275	6,509	728	14,492	1,743	885	821	1,748	32,345
„ 44/46s, card. .. ..	9,766	4,840	6,492	4,582	8,922	1,409	734	5,237	5,523	47,555
„ 44s, hog .. ..	43	209	368	39	681	3	..	37	198	1,578
„ 44s, prep. .. ..	55	2,690	3,854	2,057	9,836	309	126	355	645	19,927
„ 44s, card. .. ..	222	695	398	6,006	2,877	288	380	283	455	11,604
„ 40/44s, hog .. ..	64	143	527	37	849	1	..	9	82	1,712
„ 40/44s, prep. .. ..	1,649	6,386	9,886	4,357	14,410	138	44	250	674	37,794
„ 40/44s, card. .. ..	10,291	1,053	986	8,254	2,960	75	40	346	667	24,672
„ 44/46s, very seedy .. ..	1	235	215	106	64	6	..	128	155	910
„ 40/44s, „ .. ..	60	465	313	191	133	4	..	11	10	1,187
„ mixed .. ..	7,087	3,626	7,304	404	4,574	282	53	630	843	24,803
„ cotts .. ..	292	2,245	2,846	524	1,710	17	9	948	1,152	9,743
„ black .. ..	69	30	72	41	108	95	35	59	36	545
	31,718	30,708	44,531	28,464	73,652	10,122	5,668	13,697	17,791	256,351
First lambs, 44/46s .. ..	1,648	3,045	2,437	2,143	4,971	5	..	12	2	14,263
„ 40/44s .. ..	414	558	638	959	1,738	84	..	28	..	4,419
Second lambs, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	1,077	566	535	66	206	4	..	31	..	2,485
	3,139	4,169	3,610	3,168	6,915	93	..	71	2	21,167

ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL CLIP—*continued.*  
AN AVERAGE NEW ZEALAND CLIP—*continued.*

Description.	Auckland.	Gisborne, To- laga and To- komaru Bays.	Napier.	Wanganui and Waitara.	Wellington, Nelson, and Blenheim.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Dunedin and Canaru.	Invercargill.	Dominion Total.
<b>MEDIUM CROSSBRED—<i>continued.</i></b>										
<i>Greasy—continued.</i>	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
First pieces, 44/46s .. ..	285	2,443	4,318	366	2,132	271	6	1,608	1,738	13,167
„ 40/44s .. ..	418	1,911	2,309	269	1,314	30	6	27	73	6,357
Second pieces, 44/46s .. ..	19	212	291	11	132	37	13	247	731	1,693
„ 40/44s .. ..	892	400	610	296	809	20	..	3	31	3,061
Stained pieces 44/46s .. ..	1	15	49	1	10	33	28	289	187	613
„ 40/44s .. ..	133	143	120	25	111	4	..	11	23	570
Bellies, 44/46s .. ..	149	1,312	2,124	257	1,952	191	44	796	1,377	8,202
„ 40/44s .. ..	622	959	1,857	453	1,490	46	1	5	90	5,523
Locks, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	1,191	987	1,389	582	1,577	222	114	64	234	6,360
Dead, 40/44-44/46s .. ..	364	326	613	190	513	104	82	18	8	2,218
	4,074	8,708	13,680	2,450	10,040	958	294	3,068	4,492	47,764
First crutchings, 44/46s .. ..	19	137	209	125	461	63	148	1,031	505	2,698
„ 40/44s .. ..	1,211	1,077	2,310	1,369	4,361	10	1	66	118	10,523
Second crutchings, 40/44s-44/46s	136	205	260	149	279	3	7	133	98	1,270
	1,366	1,419	2,779	1,643	5,101	76	156	1,230	721	14,491
<i>Scoured.</i>										
Fleece, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	2	..	105	..	6	65	16	1	103	298
First lambs, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	19	29
Second lambs, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	6
	2	..	10	..	..	3	..	..	20	35
First pieces, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	..	1	22	..	18	19	4	6	49	119
Second pieces, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	1	3	8	..	4	12	3	14	11	56
Stained pieces, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	1	..	12	..	..	19	18	..	7	57
Bellies, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	1	..	5	..	18	15	22	..	16	77
Locks, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	1	1	8	..	7	1	3	..	6	27
Dead, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	..	5	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
	4	10	56	..	47	66	51	20	89	343
First crutchings, 40/44s-44/46s .. ..	2	..	1	..	10	5	1	2	..	21
Second crutchings, 40/44s-44/46s	..	..	3	..	1	6	..	..	..	10
	2	..	4	..	11	11	1	2	..	31
Total medium crossbred.. ..	40,307	45,014	64,775	35,725	95,772	11,394	6,186	18,089	23,218	340,480
Percentage to centre .. ..	93.10	84.82	75.09	85.74	71.54	16.0	21.25	27.69	70.48	61.21
<b>COARSE CROSSBRED.</b>										
<i>Greasy.</i>										
Fleece, 40s, hog. .. ..	2	18	86	8	322	6	..	3	13	458
„ 40s, prep. .. ..	604	1,547	2,677	1,369	7,561	48	1	25	29	13,861
„ 40s, card. .. ..	22	41	45	355	505	7	2	2	3	982
„ 36/40s, prep. .. ..	139	794	2,585	856	3,449	16	1	17	13	7,870
„ 36/40s, card. .. ..	5	21	83	76	85	..	3	1	..	274
„ 36s, prep. .. ..	70	152	309	327	470	15	3	5	..	1,351
„ 36s, card. .. ..	6	2	13	9	39	..	..	..	..	69
„ 36/40s, seedy .. ..	5	73	56	11	5	..	..	..	..	150
„ mixed .. ..	212	358	1,165	40	798	..	..	3	3	2,579
„ cotts. .. ..	8	246	483	56	314	..	..	4	4	1,115
„ black .. ..	1	3	10	4	16	..	..	..	..	34
	1,074	3,255	7,512	3,111	13,564	92	10	60	65	28,743
First lambs, 36/40s .. ..	12	17	26	41	93	1	..	2	..	192
Second lambs, 36/40s .. ..	7	3	6	1	3	..	..	..	..	20
	19	20	32	42	96	1	..	2	..	212
First pieces, 36/40s .. ..	7	211	327	4	90	1	..	1	9	650
Second pieces, 36/40s .. ..	3	35	85	6	20	..	..	..	..	149
Stained pieces, 36-40s .. ..	3	32	23	7	2	..	..	2	..	69
Bellies, 36/40s .. ..	14	50	112	14	45	..	..	2	..	237
Locks, 36/40s .. ..	35	80	156	60	269	..	..	..	..	600
Dead, 36/40s .. ..	11	35	106	21	95	1	..	..	..	269
	73	443	809	112	521	2	..	5	9	1,974

ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL CLIP—*continued.*  
AN AVERAGE NEW ZEALAND CLIP—*continued.*

Description.	Auckland.	Gisborne, To- leaga and To- konaru Bays.	Napier.	Wanganui and Waikato.	Wellington, Nelson, and Blenheim.	Christchurch.	Timaru.	Dunedin and Oamaru.	Invercargill.	Dominion Total.
<b>COARSE CROSSBRED—<i>continued.</i></b>										
<i>Greasy—continued.</i>										
First crutchings, 36/40s ..	59	235	735	61	223	..	..	4	4	1,321
Second crutchings, 36/40s ..	6	40	79	7	13	..	..	..	..	145
	65	275	814	68	236	..	..	4	4	1,466
<i>Scoured.</i>										
Fleece, 36s-36/40s ..	4	..	10	..	2	..	..	1	..	17
First lambs, 36s-36/40s ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	..	..	15
First pieces, 36s-36/40s ..	..	..	2	..	23	3	21	..	..	49
Second pieces, 36s-36/40s ..	..	..	..	..	4	6	3	..	35	48
Stained pieces, 36s-36/40s ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	4	12
Bellies, 36s-36/40s ..	11	1	1	10	6	7	9	..	27	72
Locks, 36s-36/40s ..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	15
	11	1	3	25	33	16	41	..	66	196
First crutchings, 36s-36/40s ..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Total coarse crossbred ..	1,246	3,994	9,183	3,358	14,453	113	64	72	144	32,627
Percentage to centre ..	2.89	7.53	10.65	8.06	10.79	0.16	0.22	0.11	0.43	5.86
Grand totals ..	43,293	53,070	86,261	41,665	133,885	70,752	29,104	65,336	32,941	556,307

## SUMMARY OF PERCENTAGES.

	Fleece.		Lambs.		Pieces.		Crutchings.		Total.	
	Bales.	Percent- age to Quality.	Bales.	Percent- age to Quality.	Bales.	Percent- age to Quality.	Bales.	Percent- age to Quality.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.
Merino, 60/64s and upwards	13,151	71.25	..	..	5,249	28.44	57	0.31	18,457	3.32
Half-bred, 50/56s-58s ..	38,352	72.18	232	0.44	14,417	27.13	133	0.25	53,134	9.55
Fine crossbred, 46/48s-50s	89,262	79.98	2,265	2.03	16,716	14.97	3,366	3.02	111,609	20.06
Medium crossbred, 40/44s-46s	256,649	75.38	21,202	6.23	48,107	14.13	14,522	4.26	340,480	61.21
Coarse crossbred, 36s-40s ..	28,760	88.15	227	0.69	2,170	6.65	1,470	4.51	32,627	5.86
Totals ..	426,174	76.61	23,926	4.30	86,659	15.58	19,548	3.51	556,307	100.00

## WOOL TAKEN BY LOCAL WOOLLEN-MILLS.

	Fleece.		Lambs.		Pieces.		Crutchings.		Total.	
	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.
Merino, 60/64s and upwards ..	4,165	..	3	..	699	..	7	..	4,864	26.35
Half-bred, 50/56s-58s ..	5,979	..	3	..	3,521	..	7	..	9,510	17.89
Fine crossbred, 46/48s-50s ..	1,438	..	37	..	2,020	..	146	..	3,641	3.26
Medium crossbred, 40/44s-46s ..	56	..	106	..	1,608	..	269	..	2,039	0.59
Coarse crossbred, 36s-40s ..	1	..	4	..	27	..	6	..	38	0.01
Totals ..	11,639	..	150	..	7,875	..	428	..	20,092	3.61

## WOOL SCOURED IN DOMINION (SUBSEQUENT TO PURCHASE).

	Fleece.		Lambs.		Pieces.		Crutchings.		Total.	
	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.	Bales.	Percent- age to Clip.
Merino, 60/64s and upwards ..	..	..	4,618	..	3,254	..	57	..	7,929	..
Half-bred, 50/56s-58s ..	..	..	4,367	..	8,453	..	108	..	13,087	..
Fine crossbred, 46/48s-50s ..	..	..	4,313	..	13,499	..	3,203	..	22,141	..
Medium crossbred, 40/44s-46s ..	..	..	1,160	..	36,744	..	12,409	..	61,499	..
Coarse crossbred, 36s-40s ..	..	..	14	..	2,006	..	1,196	..	3,339	..
Totals ..	..	..	14,472	..	63,956	..	16,973	..	107,995	..





XVIII. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL-CLIP.

SHOWING GRADES, RANGE OF ESTIMATED CLEAN-SCOURED YIELDS, AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID.

GRADES—AA: Extra super wool, well grown, of good colour and condition, entirely skirtd. A: Super wool, well grown, in good condition, and skirtd. B: Medium wool, well grown: may be of indifferent colour and condition, and/or unskirtd. C: Inferior wool, indifferent growth and character, dirty, heavy in condition, slightly seedy, and/or unskirtd. D: Very inferior, and/or excessively seedy.

Table with columns for Type Number, Quality and Description, Grade, and regional data for Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, Wanganui, Wellington, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin, and Dominion Totals. Each regional column includes Number of Bales, Range of Estimated Clean-scoured Yields, and Average Price Paid.



DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE 1917-18 WOOL-CLIP.

SHOWING GRADES, RANGE OF ESTIMATED CLEAN-SCOURED YIELDS, AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID—continued.

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Table with columns for Type Number, Quality and Description, Grade, and various regional data points (Auckland, Glaborne, Tolaga and Tokomaru Bays, Napier, Wangauai and Waitara, Wellington, Nelson, and Blenheim, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Oamaru, Invercargill, Donjon Totals) including Number of Bales, Range of Estimated Clean-scoured Yields, and Average Price paid—Pence per Pound.



XIX. FROZEN MEAT—1915, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, and 1919-20 SEASONS.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITIES, DESCRIPTIONS, AND WEIGHTS OF MEAT KILLED AT MEAT-EXPORT SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN EACH DISTRICT DURING THE ABOVE SEASONS ENDED 30TH JUNE EACH YEAR.

Note.—In the case of the 1915 season the particulars represent the killings from 3rd March, 1915, to 30th June, 1915. In the case of each remaining season the particulars represent the killings from 1st July to 30th June in the respective years.

Table with columns for District, Season, and various meat categories (Wether, Ewe, Lamb, Beef, etc.) with sub-columns for Carcasses and lbs. Includes rows for Auckland, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Wanganui, Wellington, North Island, Nelson and Marlborough, Canterbury, Otago, Southland, South Island, and GRAND TOTALS.

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