

MESSAGE, No. 13.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government transmits to the House of Representatives the Returns called for by a Resolution of the 21st June, No. 14, requesting that "a comparative Return, showing the European population; also a comparative Return, showing the number of Stock, and a comparative Return, showing the quantity of Land (in acres) fenced and cultivated in the Provinces of Auckland, New Plymouth, Nelson, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago, up to corresponding dates, for the years from 1851 to 1853 inclusive, be laid on the table."

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Government House,
Auckland, 5th July, 1854.

RETURN, SHOWING THE QUANTITY OF LAND (IN ACRES) FENCED AND CULTIVATED IN NEW ZEALAND IN THE YEARS 1851, 2, AND 3.

	Number of Acres Fenced.			Number of Acres in Crop.		
	1851	1852	1853	1851	1852	1853
	Auckland	*	*	*	13,125	19,070
Wellington	4,917	6,002	*	4,868	5,545	*
Nelson	9,365	11,015	13,250	5,521	7,228	7,231
New Plymouth	*	*	*	3,759	5,130	6,101
Canterbury	2,661	*	*	866	*	*
Otago	1,149	*	*	1,107	*	*

Compiled from Records of Colonial Secretary's Office.

* No Returns furnished.

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Colonial Secretary.

RETURN OF THE EUROPEAN POPULATION OF NEW ZEALAND FOR THE YEARS 1851, 2 AND 3.

	1851.			1852.			1853.		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Auckland	5,282	4,142	9,430	5,494	4,280	9,774	6,139	4,714	10,853
New Plymouth	845	687	1,532	949	798	1,737	1,031	954	1,284
Wellington	3,593	2,801	6,394	3,549	2,987	6,446	*	*	*
Nelson	2,317	1,970	4,287	2,454	2,133	4,587	2,744	2,404	5,148
Canterbury	1,965	1,308	3,273	2,650	1,694	4,343	*	*	*
Otago	994	746	1,740	*	*	*	*	*	*

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RETURN, SHEWING THE NUMBER OF STOCK IN NEW ZEALAND IN THE YEARS 1851, 2, AND 3.

	Horses.			Horned Cattle.			Sheep.		
	1851	1852	1853	1851	1852	1853	1851	1852	1853
Auckland	1,035	1,212	2,840	10,943	12,787	17,528	11,075	13,590	22,442
New Plymouth	68	120	169	395	1,594	1,810	2,700	5,393	11,674
Wellington	764	971	*	11,340	12,625	*	58,750	71,097	*
Nelson	532	612	1,611	5,838	7,591	8,683	92,014	114,773	134,130
Canterbury	298	311	*	2,082	2,270	*	33,984	54,411	*
Otago	241	*	*	2,954	*	*	33,930	*	*

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