HEMP AND TOW GRADING RETURNS.

JANUARY, 1911.

Hemp.—The total number of bales of hemp graded by the Department during January was 9,899, as against 12,296 for the corresponding month of the previous year—a decrease of 2,397 bales.

For the twelve months ended 31st January, 1911, the number of bales graded was 124,417, as against 93,035 for the previous twelve months—an increase of 31,382 bales.

Tow.—During the month 3,256 bales were dealt with, as against 4,184 for the previous month—a decrease of 928 bales.

Hemp and Tow graded throughout the Dominion during January, 1911.

Hemp.

Port.		Superior.	Fine.	Good Fair.	Fair.	Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.	Total.
-	1	Bales.	Bales	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Auckland			5	760	848	88			1,701
Napier				238					238
Foxton			85	2,979	218	8	21		3,311
Wellington			97	1,891	1,508	33	9		3,538
Blenheim			114	13					127
Picton			41	134					175
Lyttelton			75						75
Dunedin				209	78				287
Bluff				51	392	4		••	447
Totals			417	6,275	3,044	133	30		9,899
Percentages of total			4.21	62.39	30.75	1.35	0.3		100

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Port.		First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
Auckland		Bales.	Bales. 374	Bales. 195	Bales. 103	Bales. 672
Napier	•••	60				60
Foxton		59	554	136		749
Wellington		362	664	132	21	1,179
Blenheim		86				86
Picton	2.4	83		92		175
Lyttelton		95				95
Dunedin			22			22
Bluff			33	150	35	218
Totals		745	1,647	705	159	3,256