

HEMP AND TOW GRADING RETURNS.

JANUARY, 1913.

Hemp.—The total number of bales graded was 12,716, as compared with 7,643 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 5,073 bales. For the twelve months ending 31st January, 1913, the number of bales graded was 105,541, as compared with 85,217 for the previous twelve months, the increase being 20,324 bales.

Tow.—During the month 4,844 bales were dealt with, as compared with 2,355 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 2,509 bales. For the twelve months ending 31st January, 1913, the number of bales graded was 34,199, as compared with 23,974 for the previous twelve months, the increase being 10,225 bales.

HEMP AND TOW GRADED THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION DURING THE
MONTH OF JANUARY, 1913.

Hemp.

Port.	Superior.	Fine.	Good-fair.	Fair.	Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.	Total.
	Bales.							
Auckland	488	1,578	625	8	86	2,785
Napier
Foxton	1,021	2,579	200	15	2	3,817
Wellington	11	2,165	1,643	36	2	..	3,857
Blenheim	41	105	..	..	..	..	146
Picton	146	28	150	..	..	..	324
Lyttelton
Dunedin	56	114	284	..	..	1	455
Bluff	117	1,215	..	..	..	1,332
Totals	254	4,038	7,449	861	25	89	12,716
Percentages of totals	..	2.0	31.78	58.63	6.78	0.11	0.7	100

Tow.

Port.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Condemned.	Total
	Bales.	Bales.			
Auckland ..	..	391	764	142	1,297
Napier ..	..	..	..	..	..
Foxton ..	85	544	326	..	955
Wellington ..	215	1,161	287	23	1,686
Blenheim ..	29	10	..	..	39
Picton ..	23	45	109	..	177
Lyttelton ..	35	..	..	..	35
Dunedin ..	..	51	69	..	120
Bluff ..	..	205	313	17	535
Totals ..	387	2,407	1,868	182	4,844

Stripper-slips.—Passed for shipment: Auckland, 29; Foxton, 371; Wellington, 496; Picton, 14; Dunedin, 9; Bluff, 98: total, 1,017. Condemned: Auckland, 48; Foxton, 6; Wellington, 21; Dunedin, 1; Bluff, 3: total, 79.