

HEMP AND TOW GRADING RETURNS.

FEBRUARY, 1913.

Hemp.—The total number of bales graded was 16,082, as compared with 9,291 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 6,791 bales. For the twelve months ending 28th February, 1913, the number of bales graded was 112,332, as compared with 85,611 for the previous twelve months, the increase being 26,721 bales.

Tow.—During the month 5,710 bales were dealt with, as compared with 2,737 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 2,973 bales. For the twelve months ending 28th February, 1913, the number of bales graded was 36,172, as compared with 23,235 for the previous twelve months, the increase being 12,937 bales.

HEMP, TOW, AND STRIPPER-SLIPS GRADED THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1913.

Hemp.

Port.	Superior.	Fine.	Good-fair.	Fair.	Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.	Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Auckland ..	..	..	544	2,739	280	22	27	3,612
Napier ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foxton ..	..	..	1,129	3,232	211	7	..	4,579
Wellington ..	..	161	2,694	2,111	122	7	..	5,095
Blenheim ..	34	90	76	..	..	..	..	200
Picton ..	..	140	40	188	..	..	..	368
Lyttelton ..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	14
Dunedin ..	..	40	276	229	67	..	..	612
Bluff ..	..	..	295	1,279	28	..	..	1,602
Totals ..	34	431	5,068	9,778	708	36	27	16,082
Percentages of totals	0.21	2.68	31.52	60.80	4.40	0.22	0.17	100

Tow.

Port.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Auckland ..	43	637	975	128	1,783
Napier ..	..	..	..	..	..
Foxton ..	83	539	375	14	1,011
Wellington ..	317	978	285	28	1,608
Blenheim ..	34	54	..	..	88
Picton ..	23	66	41	..	130
Lyttelton ..	..	118	..	..	118
Dunedin ..	..	122	120	..	242
Bluff ..	..	262	433	35	730
Totals ..	500	2,776	2,229	205	5,710

Stripper-slips.—Passed for shipment: Auckland, 76; Foxton, 509; Wellington, 707; Picton, 26; Lyttelton, 16; Bluff, 127—total, 1,461. Condemned: Auckland, 14; Foxton, 76; Wellington, 36; Bluff, 11—total, 137.