

HEMP AND TOW GRADING RETURNS.

JUNE.

Hemp.—The total number of bales graded was 14,584, as compared with 6,092 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 8,492 bales. For the twelve months ending 30th June, 1913, the number of bales graded was 145,661, as compared with 91,356 for the previous twelve months, the increase being 54,305.

Tow.—During the month 5,144 bales were dealt with, as compared with 1,594 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 3,550 bales. For the twelve months ending 30th June, 1913, the number of bales graded was 50,553, as compared with 25,080 for the previous twelve months, the increase being 25,473 bales.

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

Hemp.

Port.	Superior.	Fine.	Good-fair.	Fair.	Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.	Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Auckland	665	2,022	466	44	1	3,198
Napier	188	20	272	..	..	..	480
Foxton	721	3,122	240	11	..	4,094
Wellington	1,768	2,002	127	12	..	3,909
Blenheim	34	432	120	..	..	..	586
Picton	37	226	86	..	..	..	349
Lyttelton	70	5	8	..	..	..	83
Timaru	208	48	..	256
Dunedin	63	185	41	..	..	289
Bluff	153	1,035	140	12	..	1,340
Totals	329	4,053	8,852	1,222	127	1	14,584
Percentages of totals	..	2.25	27.79	60.70	8.38	0.88	..	..

Tow.

Port.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Auckland ..	60	391	814	182	1,447
Napier ..	..	39	61	..	100
Foxton ..	103	395	478	..	976
Wellington ..	168	796	515	47	1,526
Blenheim ..	110	99	36	..	245
Picton ..	17	121	61	..	199
Lyttelton ..	..	78	..	..	78
Dunedin ..	..	9	29	15	53
Bluff ..	..	37	323	160	520
Totals ..	458	1,965	2,317	404	5,144

Stripper-slips.—Passed for export: Auckland, 28; Napier, 8; Foxton, 297; Wellington, 127; Blenheim, 11; Bluff, 2—total, 473. Condemned: Auckland, 2; Foxton, 26; Wellington, 69; Bluff, 6—total, 103.