

# INTRODUCTION OF SHEEP INTO NEW ZEALAND.

## RECORD OF FIRST ENTRY OF EACH BREED.

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It is generally admitted that insufficient attention has been given in the past to the compiling of records of different matters connected with the earlier history of British settlement in New Zealand. Among such matters may be included that of the introduction of live-stock.

The information tabulated below represents an endeavour to supply the deficiency as regards the first introduction of various sheep-breeds into this country. Although the compilation is the result of considerable research it is not as complete in detail as could be wished, and the writer will welcome any information enabling missing particulars to be filled in. Needless to say, it is highly desirable that complete and authentic records, covering this and related matters in the agricultural history of the Dominion, should be held by the Department of Agriculture.

It may be mentioned that several of the breeds represented in the list have not been maintained in New Zealand since their introduction. So far as can be ascertained the following breeds have been dropped: Dartmoor, Roscommon, Scotch Blackface, Norfolk Down, Cotswold, Tunis, and Bharal. Several other breeds—namely, Dorset Horn, Hampshire Down, Oxford Down, South Devon, and Wensleydale—are present in very small numbers only.

### FIRST INTRODUCTIONS OF SHEEP-BREEDS INTO NEW ZEALAND.

Breed.	Date of Arrival.	Animals.	Introduced by	Province.	Breeder.	Introduced from
Merino ..	18th-22nd May, 1773 (ship "Resolution")	1 ram, 1 ewe	Capt. James Cook	Marlborough	..	Cape Colony.
" ..	23rd Dec., 1814 (ship "Active")	..	Rev. S. Marsden	Auckland ..	Rev. S. Marsden	New South Wales.
" ..	4th May, 1842 (ship "Jupiter")	..	Capt. W. King	Taranaki ..	..	New South Wales.
Southdown ..	23rd Feb., 1842 (ship "Timandra")	2 rams, 10 ewes	Mr. Devenish	Taranaki ..	Mr. Briscoe..	Dorset.
English Leicester	28th Sept., 1843 (ship "Tyne")	1 ram ..	A. Saunders	Nelson ..	J. Arnold ..	Somerset.
Cheviot ..	26th Jan., 1845 (ship "Slains Castle")	1 ram, 1 ewe	Mr. Mackay	Nelson ..	..	..
Romney Marsh	2nd Sept., 1853 (ship "Cornwall")	4 rams, 16 ewes	L. Young ..	Wellington	Jeremiah Solomon	Northfleet, Kent.