

described as a "Census" was taken in the early part of this year, which shows for those Provinces a Total of 1,433, of whom 535 were Males and 427 Females, above 14; and 263 Males and 203 Females under 14 (with five children "sex not known"). For the North Island, with the Province of Nelson, and the Prisoners at the Chatham Islands, the numbers stated are 14,897 Men, 12,353 Women, and 9,857 Children, making a Total of 37,107. These numbers, however, are only given as approximate, and in one or two instances are represented as probably under estimated. Taking the figures as they appear, however, they show an (estimated) Native Population of 38,540 in the Colony. This number added to the Population shown by the Census, and the Military and their Families, would make the Aggregate Number of the Inhabitants of New Zealand 258,632.

Land and Crops.

Returning to the Census of the Colony taken in December last, it will be seen that the Total Quantity of Land Fenced,—which in 1858 was 235,561 Acres; in 1861, 409,763 Acres; and in 1864, 1,072,383 Acres, had increased in 1867 to 3,455,535 Acres;—and that the Total Quantity under Crop—which, in 1858, was 141,007 Acres; in 1861, 226,219 Acres; and in 1864, 382,655 Acres, had increased in 1867 to 676,867 Acres. Also, that the Aggregate Numbers of Live Stock of all kinds, (excepting Poultry), which in 1858 were 1,728,093; in 1861, 3,038,557; and in 1864, 5,310,062, had increased in 1867 to 8,924,489. Taking *Sheep* separately, the Total Number in the Colony,—which in 1858 was 1,523,324; in 1861, 2,761,383; and in 1864, 4,937,273, had increased in 1867 to 8,418,579. The proportions in which these figures apply to the several Provinces and Electoral Districts will be found in the following Tables.

Live Stock.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN B. BENNETT,

Registrar-General.

The Hon. E. W. Stafford,
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.