

Name and Address of Owner.	Freehold.	Run.	Total.	Name and Address of Owner.	Freehold.	Run.	Total.
McIntosh, John, Timaru ...	3,430	...	3,430	Rogers, J. D., Timaru ...	250	...	250
McShane, P. H., Winchester ...	100	...	100	Raine, Crosier, Orari ...	150	...	150
Macdonald, W. K., Orari ...	8,500	8,000	16,500	Skinner, J. and R., Geraldine ...	1,600	...	1,600
Macdonald, Angus, Orari ...	6,500	4,535	11,035	Stewart, W., Orari ...	323	...	323
Meyer, C., Bluecliff ...	6,400	12,000	18,400	Slack, W. U., Pleasant Valley ...	2,200	...	2,200
McLean, John, Waitangi ...	47,400	...	47,400	Sullivan, James, Timaru ...	1,050	...	1,050
McLean, John, Merino Downs ...	8,600	1,500	10,100	South, James, Timaru ...	221	...	221
Matheson Brothers, Simon's Pass ...	...	9,027	9,027	Shaw, David, Winchester ...	700	...	700
McPhail and Jameson, Omarama ...	...	7,000	7,000	Sharp, R., Kakahu ...	68	...	68
McGregor, John, Glenmore, Tekapo ...	...	13,000	13,000	Scanlan, E. M., Timaru ...	90	...	90
Medlicott, S., Waimate ...	190	...	190	Saunders, Mark, Pleasant Point ...	105	...	105
Metcalfe and Palmer, Geraldine ...	400	...	400	Stewart, W., jun., Orari ...	232	...	232
McGoverin and Hardy, Waimate ...	540	...	540	Sutherland, Alexander, Pleasant Point ...	350	...	350
McDonald, D., Waihi Bush ...	230	...	230	Sealey, H. J. and E. P., Timaru ...	2,500	...	2,500
Moody and Bent, Washdyke ...	2,500	...	2,500	Shaw, C. R., Timaru ...	720	...	720
Maslin, W. T., Geraldine ...	230	...	230	Smith, Albert, Albury ...	203	...	203
McKay, J. G., Pleasant Point ...	1,009	...	1,009	Selbie, George, Albury ...	170	...	170
Mee, Alexander, Pleasant Point ...	470	...	470	Smith, A. B., Burke's Pass ...	5,000	8,000	13,000
Marshall, George, Echovale ...	161	...	161	Sutherland, D., McKenzie Country ...	...	10,000	10,000
New Zealand Meat Co., Timaru ...	180	...	180	Studholme, M., Waimate ...	30,000	14,000	44,000
Norton, S., Temuka ...	280	...	280	Saunders, W., McKenzie Country ...	...	22,000	22,000
Nicholson, H., Washdyke ...	50	...	50	Sutton Brothers, Omarama ...	...	20,400	20,400
Newton, W. J., Pleasant Point ...	470	...	470	Sibbald, William, McKenzie Country ...	...	8,000	8,000
Nichols, Robert, Winchester ...	160	...	160	Studholme, Banks, and Wigley, Timaru ...	8,000	14,800	22,800
New Zealand and Australian Land Company, Pareora ...	21,000	...	21,000	Stewart, W. G., Albert Town ...	...	1,750	1,750
New Zealand and Australian Land Company, The Levels ...	76,000	10,000	86,000	Smith, J. B., Timaru ...	230	...	230
Ostler, W. H., McKenzie Country ...	...	21,000	21,000	Senley and McLaren, Otaio ...	700	...	700
Oldfield, William, Temuka ...	320	...	320	Stengar, John, Rangitata ...	28	...	28
Oliver, James, Pleasant Point ...	214	...	214	Stonyer, William, Pleasant Point ...	460	...	460
O'Brien Brothers, Waimate ...	130	...	130	Scott, D., Washdyke ...	16	...	16
Parkerson, R. K., Arowhenua ...	3,060	...	3,060	Smith, James, Temuka ...	200	...	200
Parke, Thomas, Temuka ...	470	...	470	Slee, Frank, Waimate ...	162	...	162
Pigeon, Alfred, Otaio ...	926	...	926	Saxon, Charles, Pareora ...	305	...	305
Pilbrow, James, The Point ...	930	...	930	Tarendler, F., Temuka ...	410	...	410
Palmer, Thomas, Temuka ...	345	...	345	Teschmaker and Le Cren, Timaru ...	13,845	12,000	25,845
Price, Leonard, Waimate ...	800	...	800	Tripp, C. G., Orari ...	26,841	11,519	38,360
Pelvin, R., Otipua Creek ...	80	...	80	Thomson, A. C., Otago ...	...	1,200	1,200
Pringle, A. C., Timaru ...	1,450	...	1,450	Tancred, Sir Thomas, Waihi ...	2,000	4,000	6,000
Postlethwaite, William, Geraldine ...	8,000	4,418	12,418	Tagg, T. H. M., Kakahu ...	50	...	50
Packe Brothers, Raincliffe ...	14,000	2,300	16,300	Talbot, John, Temuka ...	146	...	146
Parker Brothers, Elephant Hill ...	11,000	10,000	21,000	Thomson, Boyd, Temuka ...	200	...	200
Paterson, John, Temuka ...	1,300	...	1,300	Toomey, E. H., Kakahu ...	44	...	44
Pratt, George, Waimate ...	100	...	100	Turnbull, A., St. Andrews ...	96	...	96
Poupart and Johnson, Timaru ...	30	...	30	Woolcombe, B., Timaru ...	54	...	54
Park and Watt, Geraldine ...	50	...	50	Woodhead, G., Temuka ...	825	...	825
Quinn, N. and A., Makikihi ...	2,126	...	2,126	Wilson, J. P., Winchester ...	480	...	480
Quinn, M., Temuka ...	970	...	970	Worthington, R., Timaru ...	50	...	50
Reid, J. C., Timaru ...	748	...	748	Woodfinder, E., Temuka ...	380	...	380
Rae, Robert, Geraldine ...	44	...	44	Wright, William, Temuka ...	570	...	570
Richardson, E., Albury ...	12,000	11,000	23,000	Wilson, J. and S., Timaru ...	5,000	...	5,000
Russell, P. H., Otipua ...	1,560	...	1,560	Walker and Clogstoun, Mount Four Peaks ...	700	32,000	32,700
Rador, N., McKenzie Country ...	...	10,000	10,000	Wooding, T. P., Geraldine ...	133	...	133
Rapsey, James, Pareora ...	80	...	80	Walker, William, Waitohi Flat ...	250	...	250
Rooke, L., Kakahu ...	49	...	49	Ward, George, Geraldine ...	60	...	60
Rodgers and Paterson, Pleasant Point ...	40	...	40	Walsh, W. B. G., Geraldine ...	130	...	130
Ritchie, J. M., Timaru ...	4,200	5,500	9,700	Young, Thomas, Pleasant Point ...	80	...	80

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Sheep Inspector's Office, Dunedin.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Government, the annual return of the number of sheep in the Otago District for the year ending the 30th September, 1878.

Owing to the severity of the winter, it was impossible to procure the returns at the usual time, and I was compelled to await the shearing tallies from the Southland Subdivision before compiling the report. Many of these are only now to hand, shearing operations being late in that portion of the district where the casualties are heaviest.

Although the present return may give an approximate of the number of sheep in the district, I fear that a discrepancy will appear when the return under the present Act becomes due, which will give the correct total. Of those owners who furnished approximate returns during September, many have found their losses to be much greater than they anticipated.

The returns show a total of three millions four hundred and eighty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-three (3,482,663) sheep, being a decrease, as compared with the returns for the previous year, of four hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven (445,837).

There are depastured on freeholds, one million three hundred and forty-eight thousand nine hundred and forty-nine (1,348,949); on runs, two millions one hundred and nine thousand two hundred and eighty-nine (2,109,289); on hundreds, twelve thousand seven hundred and three (12,703); and on commonages, eleven thousand seven hundred and twenty-two (11,722).