

The above-mentioned decrease is to be accounted for by losses mainly attributable to the continuous snow-storms of last winter. In some places the ground was under snow for a period of ten weeks, the result being that in many cases there is a deficiency of 50 per cent. on the previous returns.

The total imports for the year amount to thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and six (38,806); this number includes one hundred and seventy (170) stud sheep from Victoria, and five (5) from Tasmania, the remainder coming from Canterbury.

The exports from Otago number twenty-four thousand four hundred and sixty-seven (24,467), all to places within New Zealand.

In the meat-preserving establishments seventy-four thousand five hundred (74,500) were used during the year.

I am enabled to report all sheep within the Otago District to be generally healthy, and free from scab and all contagious and infectious diseases.

I have, &c.,  
 B. P. BAYLY,  
 Chief Inspector of Stock, Otago District.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN of SHEEP for the PROVINCIAL DISTRICT of OTAGO for the Year ending 30th September, 1878.

Name and Address of Owner.	Freehold.	Run.	Hundreds.	Commonage.	Total.
Adam, James, Tokomairiro	2,540	...	...	...	2,540
Aitcheson, Alexander, Otepopo	15	...	...	...	15
Aitcheson, Archibald, Crookston	100	...	...	...	100
Aitcheson, Peter, Awamoko	500	...	...	...	500
Aitken Brothers, Gore	381	...	...	...	381
Allan, James, Greytown	2,500	...	...	...	2,500
Allan, John, Invercargill	28	...	...	...	28
Allen, William, Mararoa	...	9,300	...	...	9,300
Allison, J. and J., Milton	270	...	...	...	270
Anderson Brothers, Kaihiku	2,300	...	...	...	2,300
Anderson, David, Hokanui	90	...	...	...	90
Anderson, D. and J., Riverton	264	...	...	...	264
Anderson, James A., Wairikiki	3,500	...	...	...	3,500
Anderson, John, Lower Wyndham	309	2,414	...	...	2,723
Anderson, John, Wyndham	...	6,603	...	...	6,603
Anderson and Sutherland, Palmerston	350	...	...	...	350
Andrew, John, Mosgiel	500	...	...	...	500
Andrews, David, Otaraia	600	...	...	...	600
Annett, William, Hyde	110	...	...	...	110
Armstrong, William, Gore	150	...	...	...	150
Armstrong, William, Tokomairiro	400	...	...	...	400
Arthur, James, Kaihiku	2,000	...	...	...	2,000
Atkins, George, Queenstown	...	11,000	...	...	11,000
Atkinson, E. B., Waireka	700	...	...	...	700
Attwood, Edward, Toitoe	550	...	...	...	550
Ayson, Alexander, Gore	137	...	...	...	137
Ayson, James, Warepa	136	...	...	...	136
Ayson, Peter, Tapanui	750	...	...	...	750
Ayson, P. and J., Balclutha	410	...	...	...	410
Basstian, C., Dunrobin	...	16,100	...	...	16,100
Basstian, W. D., Dacre	3,900	...	...	...	3,900
Baillie, James, Sandfly Bay	50	...	...	...	50
Bain, William, Forest Hill	90	...	...	...	90
Ballingall, David, Greenvale	100	...	...	...	100
Bannatyne, Alexander, Waikouaiti	480	...	...	...	480
Barclay, Thomas, Longbush	280	...	...	...	280
Bathgate, Charles, Crookston	140	...	...	...	140
Beattie, John, Outram	500	...	100	...	600
Beaven, Alfred, New River	66	...	...	...	66
Begg, Adam, Hill-end Station	13,000	...	...	...	13,000
Beggs, Hugh, Glenkenich	150	...	...	...	150
Bell and Currie, North Taieri	100	...	...	...	100
Bell, George M., Gore	8,500	...	...	...	8,500
Bell, George M., Waimea Plains	37,000	...	...	...	37,000
Bell, Sir F. D., Ophir	...	30,500	...	...	30,500
Bell, Sir F. D., Shag Valley	15,129	37,067	3,000	...	55,196
Bell, Thomas, Motatapu	...	1,000	...	3,000	4,000
Bennett, James, Crookston	750	...	...	...	750
Bennett, James, Palmerston	200	...	...	...	200
Bishop, James, Hill-end	170	...	...	...	170
Blacklock, Thomas, Waiwera	120	...	...	...	120
Blaikie, Hugh, Waitahuna	200	...	...	...	200
Blaikie, James, Ryal Bush	250	...	...	...	250
Blaikie, Peter, Ryal Bush	260	...	...	...	260
Blaikie, William, Waiwera	150	...	...	...	150
Blues and Duthie, Waiholo	250	...	...	...	250
Booth, David, and Co., Kyeburn	3,635	...	...	...	3,635
Borrie, Donald, Papakaio	1,200	...	...	...	1,200
Borton, John, Maerewhenua	9,000	...	...	...	9,000
Borton, John, Oamaru	20	...	...	...	20
Bower, David, Hill-end	180	...	...	...	180
Bower, Joseph, Balclutha	100	...	...	...	100
Bowie, Charles, Lovell's Flat	80	...	...	...	80
Boyd, A. and J., Hindon	10,000	12,000	...	...	22,000
Boyd, William, and Sons, Flint's Bush	900	...	...	...	900