1880. NEW ZEALAND.

NUMBERS OF SHEEP AND SHEEP ASSESSMENT COLLECTED

(RETURN OF, FOR EACH PROVINCIAL DISTRICT).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 21st July, 1880.

"That there be laid upon the table a return of the number of sheep, the amount of sheep assessment collected, and salaries paid to Sheep Inspectors, within each provincial district, during the last year."—(Mr. H. Hirst.)

Return showing (1) the Districts into which the Colony is divided for the purposes of "The Sheep Act, 1878;" (2) the Area of such Districts; (3) the Number of "Infected" Sheep in each District on 30th June, 1880, the Date of the last Quarterly Return; (4) the Number of Owners of Sheep in each District on 31st May, 1879; (5) the Number of Sheep upon which the Sheep-rate was collected for 1879; (6) the Amount of the Sheep-rate for 1879; (7) the Number of Sheep Inspectors residing in each District; and (8) the Amounts payable for Salaries and Allowances in each District.

I Name of Sheep District.	2 Area.	3 No. of Infected Sheep on 30th June, 1890.	Mo. of Owners on 31st May, 1879.	No. of Sheep on 31st May, 1879.	6 Sheep-rate for 1879.	7 No. of Inspec- tors.	8 Salary, &c.
Auckland Napier New Plymouth Wellington Nelson Marlborough and Waiau Canterbury and Westland Otago and Southland	15,309,000 4,632,000 1,631,009 6,378,000 4,956,000 4,179,000 10,930,000 17,164,090		1,231 239 90 1,166 503 288 1,535 928	453,521 1,691,002 11,264 1,453,533 107,661 1,133,312 3,263,616 3,580,002	£ s. d. 454 0 0 1,691 0 0 11 0 0 1,454 0 0 108 0 0 1,133 0 0 3,264 0 0 3,580 0 0	11 3 1 9 5 7 5 7	£ s. d. 1,965 0 0 690 0 0 250 0 0 2,025 0 0 800 0 0 1,900 0 0 2,025 0 0 2,025 0 0 2,125 0 0

Note.—It is not possible to comply strictly with the terms of the order of the House of Representatives, the boundaries of the districts, as constituted under "The Sheep Act, 1878," not being coterminous with the boundaries of the provincial districts.

All districts contain flocks infected with "lice," more particularly the Napier, Canterbury, and Otago Districts.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 5th August, 1880.

G. S. COOPER, Under-Secretary.

