

There is a slight increase upon the census of 1886, in the Counties of Buller and Westland, of three and eighteen respectively, and a decrease of three in the County of Grey, making a total increase in the four counties of eighteen. It will be perceived that at the present census there were no Maoris at all residing in the Counties of Grey and Inangahua. The general health of the Natives, who are all apparently in good circumstances, has been good.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN OF MAORI CENSUS, 1891.

	Total Males, 1886.	Total Females, 1886.	Total Males and Females, 1886.	Total Males, 1891.	Total Females, 1891.	Total Males and Females, 1891.	Decrease.
North Island	21,649	17,878	39,527	21,670	17,773	39,443	84
Middle Island (including Stewart Island)	1,088	958	2,046	962	898	1,860	186
Totals	22,737	18,836	41,573	22,632	18,671	41,303	270

NOTE.—This comparison is made with the figures in the Registrar-General's Table, page 359, Census Book, 1886; but does not include 201 "Maori wives living with European husbands," nor the population of the Chathams, which was 195 in 1886, and the returns for which for the present census have not yet been received.

As regards the decrease, it should be borne in mind that 104 Natives are estimated to have lost their lives in the Tarawera eruption, which occurred after the census of 1886 was taken.

The above figures for 1891 are subject to revision. The final return will be prepared and published by the Registrar-General's Department.

RECAPITULATION.

Population, 1891 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41,303
Population, 1886 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41,573
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>270</u>