

SESS. II.—1891.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP
IN THE COLONY, ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1891.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SIR,—

I have the honour to furnish a statement of the approximate number of sheep in the colony on the 30th April, 1891.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

Head Office, Live Stock Department,
Wellington, 2nd September, 1891.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER of SHEEP in the Colony on the 30th April, 1891.					
			Number of Sheep.		
			1890.	1891.	
					Increase.
					Decrease.
Auckland District	...	...	484,023	602,600	118,577
Napier District	...	...	3,559,119	3,635,240	76,121
Wellington—West Coast District	...	...	2,545,204	2,917,680	372,476
Marlborough—Nelson District	...	...	727,095	770,803	43,708
Canterbury—Kaikoura District	...	...	4,888,263	4,853,528	...
Otago District	...	...	3,912,409	3,969,841	57,432
			16,116,113	16,749,692	668,314
			Less decrease	...	34,735
			Approximate increase, 1891		633,579
			Increase, North Island		567,174
			Increase, South Island		66,405
					633,579

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