1892. NEW ZEALAND.

RESOLUTIONS OF DELEGATES OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 13th July, 1892.

Ordered, "That the resolutions agreed to at a Conference held in Christchurch of delegates of Agricultural Societies throughout New Zealand be laid before this House, and referred to the Live-stock and Rabbits Committee."—(Hon. Sir J. Hall.)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolveb— 'That the Government be asked to grant free passes on the railway to judges travelling to all agricultural shows.'

2. Resolved—"That, in the opinion of this Conference, the establishment of a properly equipped

expert Agricultural Department is urgently required in New Zealand."

3. Resolved—"That with a view to carrying the above resolution into practical effect, a petition to Parliament be prepared, to be signed by the Presidents of the Agricultural and Pastoral Associations, the Horticultural Societies, and the Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce, and that the petition be presented at the next session of Parliament.'

3A. Resolved—"That this Conference is in favour of the appointment of an Entomologist, with a view to a thorough investigation of insect and parasitic life, and especially with reference to the

life-history and the means of dealing with the bot-fly.'

3B. Resolved—"That in the opinion of this Conference the appointment of a Government Veterinary Surgeon is necessary at the earliest date." It was urged that with a properly equipped Agricultural Department it was absolutely necessary for such an officer to be appointed.

4. Resolved —"That with a view to the further development of the dairy industry in New Zealand, this Conference is of opinion that the Government should consider the propriety of at once

- establishing two or more peripatetic dairies of instruction."

 5. Resolved—"That Government be asked to have the agricultural statistics published at an earlier date; and that all threshing-machines should be licensed by County Councils, and required to furnish a record on the 31st May and 31st December of all grain threshed by them, in order that a more accurate record of the grain in the colony might be obtained."
- 6. Resolved—"That steps be taken to introduce elementary agricultural education and farm book-keeping in State Schools, such education to be substituted for some part of the present syllabus of less general importance, and not to be made an additional subject."

7. Resolved—"That scholarships gained in primary schools be available, if desired by pupils,

for Lincoln College."

8. Resolved—"That this Conference is of opinion that adulterated manures are sold in New

Zealand, and that legislation is necessary to protect agriculturists from fraud."

9. Resolved—"That the Government should, during next session, introduce a measure to enable local bodies and private individuals to retard the spread of noxious weeds. That before any legislative action be taken in regard to the spread of noxious weeds, and their control, the proposals be submitted to the various Agricultural and Pastoral Associations for their approval.

10. Resolved—"That the Government be asked to furnish to the Agricultural and Pastoral

Associations returns of the amount collected under the sheep-tax, and how expended."

11. Resolved—"That in the opinion of this Conference the sheep-tax should be abolished, and that the cost of maintaining the department in an efficient state be in future charged against the consolidated revenue." Carried.

12. Resolved-"That it be a recommendation to the Government to employ the police for the

collection of the dog-tax."

13. Resolved—"That the present arrangements at Quail Island are so defective that the objects of the quarantine are rendered nugatory; and that the Agricultural and Pastoral Association of Canterbury inquire into the present quarantine regulations and ground with the view of recommending any necessary alterations, and also fixing a fair scale of charges.'

14. Resolved—"That a better system of registration, ear-marking, and brands be adopted."

15. Resolved—"That the attention of the Government be called to the large amount of sheepstealing rampant throughout New Zealand, and asking that remedial measures may be at once

taken, such as offering rewards, &c."

16. Resolved-"That a tax of £10 be imposed on all stallions, and £5 on pony stallions under fourteen hands, used throughout the colony for stud purposes, either publicly or privately; that all such stallions be registered annually with the Stock Department; any owner of a stallion not being registered, and such stallion being found serving mares, the owner to be liable to a penalty of not less than £ and not more than £ for each offence. Any tax collected to be distributed amongst the several Agricultural and Pastoral Associations in the provincial district in which the tax is collected, and to be expended by them in special prizes in horse classes only."

17. Resolved—"That it be a recommendation to the Government that one or more Irrigation Officers be appointed by the Agricultural Department, to go into the matter of irrigation for the pur-

pose of obtaining information thereon, and reporting on the several districts suitable for irrigation."

18. Resolved—"That the attention of the Government be drawn to the insecure packing of arsenic, and that this Conference considers that all arsenic imported should be packed in properly soldered packages.'

19. Resolved—"That the Agent-General be requested to inquire into and report upon the manner in which apples arrive in England."

20. Resolved—"In view of the gradual closing by protective tariffs of the Australian ports to the products of New Zealand, this Conference is of opinion that the New Zealand Government should endeavour to arrange for an Intercolonial Conference for the purpose of considering the important question of exchange of colonial products free from the trammel of protective duties.

For report of Live-stock and Rabbits Committee on this Paper, vide I.-11.

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STATEMENT compiled from the Returns furnished by Owners of Sheep, in pursuance of Section 21 of "The Sheep Act, 1890," showing the Total Number of Sheep and Lambs within the County on the 30th April, 1892. ф

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ζ	v			Ŋ	Number of Sheep.					Breeding Ewes.	
County.		Mer	Merino.	Other Breeds	reeds,	Total.	al.	Total of both Sexes.	Merino.	Other Breeds.	Total.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT	CH.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.				-
Mongonui	;	1,334	3,870	5,061	8,435	6,395	12,305	18,700	:	4,009	4,009
Whangaroa	:	590	748	1,074	1,691	1,664	2,439	4,103	:	1,188	1,188
Bay of Islands	:	665	1,260	7,620	15,407	8,285	16,667	24,952	:	4,716	4,716
Hokianga	:	38	235	1,739	3,242	1,777	3,477	5,254	:	1,087	1,087
Rodney	:	795	1,436	16,324	34,121	17,119	35,557	52,676	:	16,829	16,829
Whangarei	:	318	349	14,226	27,831	14,544	28,180	42,724	:	12,839	12,839
Otamatea	:		:	8,011	16,293	8,015	16,293	24,308	:	8,808	8,808
Hobson	:	129	262	3,722	7,883	3,851	8,175	12,026	:	6,197	6,197
Waitemata	:	:	:	7,942	21,342	7,942	21,342	29,284	:	15,998	15,998
Eden	:	:	:	2,535	3,477	2,535	3,477	6,012	:	2,119	2,119
Manukau	:	:	:	27,166	64,119	27,166	64,119	91,285	:	46,747	46,747
Coromandel	:	:	;	1,860	4,772	1,860	4,772	6,632	:	3,886	3,886
Thames	:	:	;	2,782	8,078	2,782	8,078	10,860	:	6,182	6,182
Ohinemuri	:	:	:	484	2,074	484	2,074	2,558		1,590	1,590
Waikato	:		2,091	22,417	50,127	22,536	52,218	74,754	2,026	35,407	37,433
Raglan	:		1,786	4,071	23,391	4,382	25,177	29,559	1,577	20,866	22,443
Waipa	:	. 224	3,433	17,407	42,773	17,631	46,206	63,837	3,049	30,158	33,207
Piako	:		11,753	61,938	114,803	62,248	126,556	188,804	11,673	82,930	94,603
West Taupo and Kawhia	:		14,624	1,843	10,989	2,390	25,613	28,003	13,768	8,229	21,997
Tauranga	:		1,352	4,991	8,584	5,448	9,936	15,384	1,047	6,691	7,738
Whakatane	:	. 346	1,967	17,028	40,919	17,374	42,886	60,260	1,721	36,250	37,971
Total	:	6,187	45,196	230,241	510,351	236,428	555,547	791,975	34,861	352,726	387,587
NAPIER DISTRICT.	T.						:	4		•	
Cook	:	. 3,996		252,223	446,512	256,219	459,136	715,355	8,409	348,936	357,345
Wairoa	:			134,572	201,086	185,745	276,114		105,473	115,737	
Hawke's Bay	:			402,041	666,341	530,904	839,625	1,370,529	128,014	472,512	
Waipawa	:			182,262	399,781	184,302	404,914	589,216	4,260	278,902	
Patangata	:			267,239	428,915	_	445,197	721,751	11,790	307,086	
Wanganui (part of)	:		36,177	5,439	15,887	28,818	52,064	80,882	24,570	11,175	35,745
Total	:	218,766	318,528	1,243,776	2,158,522	1,462,542	2,477,050	3,939,592	282,516	1,534,348	1,816,864

STATEMENT compiled from the Returns furnished by Owners of Sheep, in pursuance of Section 21 of "The Sheep Act, 1890," &c.—continued. B—continued.

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County.		Merino.	ino.	Other Breeds	3reeds.	Total.	al.	Total of both Sexes.	Merino.	Other Breeds.	Total.
Wellington-West Coast Taranaki Hawera Patea Waitotara Wanganui (part of) Rangtikei Oroua Manawatu Horowhenua Hutt South Wairarapa North Wairarapa Pahiatua Total	r District.	Male. 191 26 181 135 10 11 176 115 50 14, 263 11, 789 11, 789 50	Female. 1,200 15 975 422 1,896 685 1,547 1,547 25,722 25,722 56,846	Male. 13, 694 85, 350 61, 820 41, 483 59, 127 143, 788 144, 751 84, 100 63, 804 184, 912 191, 265 13, 541 1,062, 368	Female. 42,956 102,840 138,622 90,282 152,889 304,904 347,728 144,999 72,613 110,915 333,080 421,685 62,738	Male. 13,694 85,541 61,846 41,664 59,262 143,798 144,907 34,215 63,854 199,175 203,054 13,591 1,089,365	Female. 44,156 102,855 139,597 90,704 154,785 305,889 349,276 145,704 73,097 116,197 350,493 447,407 63,288	57,850 138,396 201,443 132,368 214,047 494,039 220,611 107,312 180,051 549,668 650,461 76,829	1,200 775 380 1,826 585 1,538 705 244 4,864 12,879 21,833 450	32, 447 78, 016 101, 925 67, 685 119, 053 236, 935 257, 962 107, 709 56, 070 83, 783 241, 083 305, 530 51, 691	33,647 78,016 102,700 68,065 120,879 259,500 108,414 56,314 88,647 253,962 327,363 52,141
MARLBOROUGH-NELSON DISTRICT Waimea	District	6,361 119 49 1,686 9,170 643 3,341 206,504	13, 796 598 12 2, 074 3, 212 3, 212 15, 414 235, 313	44,063 9,688 902 3,505 3,505 3,051 20,793 16,560	105, 926 21, 691 1, 522 4, 677 8, 475 6, 031 46, 410 25, 703	50, 424 9,807 351 5,191 12,498 3,694 24,134 223,064	119,722 22,289 1,534 6,751 11,687 6,525 61,824 261,016	170,146 32,096 1,885 11,942 24,185 10,219 85,958 484,080	12,030 468 12,268 3,012 3,012 14,288 157,621 188,969	83,450 17,138 1,417 3,936 6,872 5,291 33,657 14,942	95,480 17,606 1,429 5,204 9,884 5,561 47,945 172,563
Canterbury-Kaikoura Marlborough (part of) Kaikoura Amuri Cheviot Ashley	DISTRICT	34,002 76,383 204,824 44,711 150,117	24, 228 90, 132 221, 769 88, 913 286, 209	70 10,155 19,761 9,090 120,736	50 15,814 24,615 9,050 204,811	34,072 86,538 224,585 53,801 270,853	24,278 105,946 246,384 97,963 491,020	58,350 192,484 470,969 151,764 761,873	18, 298 63, 088 131, 059 84, 761 206, 846	10,013 8,986 3,559 111,310	18,298 73,101 140,045 88,320 318,156