

1895.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE COLONY ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1895.

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, 1895.

Department of Agriculture (Live-stock Branch),
Wellington, 15th August, 1895.
I have, &c.,
JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER of SHEEP in the Colony on the 30th April, 1895.

	Number of Sheep.		Decrease.	Increase.
	1894.	1895.		
Auckland District	858,295	842,847	15,448	...
Napier District	4,286,986	4,209,943	77,043	...
Wellington-West Coast District ...	4,024,071	3,945,222	78,849	...
Marlborough-Nelson District ...	887,582	896,609	...	9,027
Canterbury-Kaikoura District ...	5,744,668	5,559,035	185,633	...
Otago District	4,429,227	4,313,652	115,575	...
	20,230,829	19,767,308	472,548	9,027
	Less increase		9,027	
	Total decrease, 1895		463,521	
	Decrease, North Island		171,340	
	Decrease, South Island		292,181	
			463,521	

Estimated number boiled down and preserved during the year, 433,000.

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