

REPORTS ON ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED FOR SHEARERS.

District.	Number of Stations.	Remarks.
Ashburton ..	4	Stations in this district, with one exception, have fairly good accommodation. The one mentioned will be fixed up in time for next season.
Ashurst ..	4	All have good accommodation.
Blenheim ..	33	Thirty stations have very good accommodation. Three have been ordered to make improvements.
Cambridge ..	8	All have good accommodation.
Clinton ..	5	All have good accommodation.
Clive ..	10	All have good accommodation.
Danevirke ..	10	Out of ten stations in this district the shearing is done in four of them by Maoris who live at their pas. Three other stations shear in one shed. This shed at time of inspection was in good repair, but dirty; and instructions were given to get it cleaned. One other is in good order, but overcrowded; and instructions were given to reduce number of men sleeping in building. In the case of the tenth station, the Inspector ordered it to be rebuilt.
Eketahuna ..	14	At five stations the men all return to their homes at night. The other nine have good accommodation.
Eltham ..	2	Both have good accommodation.
Fairlie	The accommodation at all stations is enough for the number of men employed this last season, owing to the very small number of sheep shorn, but in some cases will have to be increased. Orders have been given for this to be done.
Featherston ..	2	Accommodation on both stations good.
Geraldine ..	7	Five of these are in first-rate condition. One station, accommodation good, but shearers all return to their homes at night. The seventh, instructions given to provide more accommodation.
Hamilton ..	3	All have good accommodation.
Hawkesbury (Waikouaiti) ..	2	One is done by Maoris who live at their pas. Accommodation good at the other.
Herbertville ..	6	Four have good accommodation. At one station no accommodation provided on the plea that Maoris do the shearing and they live in tents. Orders were given to provide adequate accommodation. Sleeping-quarters of one bad; instructions given to alter, which has been done.
Hokianga ..	2	Both have good accommodation.
Hokitika ..	1	Has good accommodation.
Hunterville ..	89	Forty-nine have good accommodation. Thirty-seven have had notice to provide better accommodation before next season. In three the shearers all return to their homes at night. (This district includes the whole of inland Patea, Moawhango, &c.)
Kanieri ..	3	Have good accommodation.
Little River ..	9	Four in first-rate order. Four bad, but improvements have been made. One is in very bad state; notice sent to provide better accommodation.
Mangouui ..	3	Shearing done by Maoris who live at their own pas. Some bring tents.
Martinborough ..	20	Notices sent to five to increase accommodation. The other fifteen have good accommodation provided.
Methven ..	27	Sixteen passed as being suitable. Ten, accommodation bad; orders given to improve. One, shearers go home at night.
Nelson ..	2	One has very good accommodation. The other also, except that the building is too small; notice sent to enlarge.
Ngauawahia ..	1	Very good accommodation.
Opotiki	No large stations. Maoris employed for any shearing, who live at their pas.
Ormond ..	11	Seven have good accommodation. Four were not in good order; notices sent to improve, which has already been done.
Ormondville ..	3	No accommodation provided. The three places are owned by one man who employs Maoris. They sleep in tents. There are only 4,000 sheep altogether, and consequently the men are only two or three days at each place.
Pahiatua	No large stations. Settlers help each other.
Palmerston North ..	2	Have good accommodation. A few other small settlers employ men who go home at night.
Palmerston South	Small farmers who employ shearers, live at their own homes, having their meals at homestead. All large stations in district, accommodation ample.
Pleasant Point ..	7	All very good.
Queenstown ..	20	All have good accommodation.
Riverton ..	1	Shed in bad condition. Orders given to have sleeping-quarters lined and more bunks erected, and to be better ventilated.
Stratford ..	7	Five have good accommodation; the other two notified to build.
Tapanui ..	4	All have good accommodation.
Taradale ..	13	Seven have very good accommodation. Three, shearing done by Maoris who go home at night. One, shearing done by Europeans who live in town. Two, bad. Orders have been given for alterations to be made, which has been done.
Tenui ..	20	Four have too little sleeping room. Four, bad accommodation. Notices sent to improve. All the rest in good condition.
Timaru ..	6	All have good accommodation.
Tologa Bay ..	16	Seven have good sheds; shearing done by Maoris who live in their pas. Eight have good accommodation. One, orders given to have repairs effected, which are being carried out.
Waimate ..	10	Nine have good accommodation. One, notice sent to provide separate building for shearers to sleep in.
Waipukurau ..	15	Five have received instructions to make improvements. The other ten have good accommodation.
Wellington ..	15	Ten have good accommodation. Three, shearing done by Maoris who live at their pas. One, shearing done by surrounding settlers. One, men live in town; no accommodation.
Woodville ..	1	Has good accommodation.