

SESS. II.—1897.
NEW ZEALAND.

SHEEP-RATES COLLECTED, AND COST OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 29th day of October, 1897.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing the annual amount due and collected for sheep-rates throughout the colony, and the annual cost of maintaining the Sheep Department."—(Mr. MILLS.)

RETURN of SHEEP-RATES DUE and COLLECTED, and COST of MAINTAINING SHEEP DEPARTMENT for the Year ended 31st March, 1897.

	£		
Sheep-rates due as per returns made on 30th April, 1896	...	...	19,667
Sheep-rates collected during year ended 31st March, 1897	..	...	19,616

Annual cost of maintaining the Sheep Department :—

Salaries,—	£		£
Inspectors of Stock	...	9,421	
Veterinary Surgeons	...	786	
Quarantine	...	250	
		10,457	
Travelling-expenses,—			
* Inspectors of Stock	...	2,342	
Veterinary Surgeons	...	466	
		2,808	
Estimated expenses in connection with Sheep Returns, &c., eradicating diseases, laboratory work, quarantining, officers and clerical charges, &c.	...	3,402	
		£16,667	

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 17th December, 1897.

* Part of this may be charged to destruction of rabbits, but the exact sum cannot be determined.

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