which take goods for transhipment to the Continent in London. I presume, if there had been any difference, figures for both would have been given. There are no quotations for frozen meat, butter, or cheese.

The Collector informed me that brokers chartered sailing-ships as opportunity offered, and took cargo at low rates, sufficient to leave a fair profit on the amount of the charter.

12th March, 1897.

W. T. Glasgow, Secretary and Inspector.

FREIGHTS FROM SYDNEY TO LONDON PER SAILING AND STEAM VESSELS, 1889-95.

•		Per Pound.	Per Ton Weight.				Per Ton Measurement (40 cubic feet).		
Year.	Vessel.	Wool (Greasy).	Tallow.	Copra.	Leather.	Hides.	Preserved Meats.	Measurement Goods.	
1889	Sailing Steam	5 d. to 7 d.	25/ to 45/ 25/ to 50/	32/6 to 50/ 50/	27/6 to 45/ 40/ to 60/	15/ to 20/	22/6	20/ to 25/	
1890	Sailing Steam	åd. to åd. åd. to åd.	32/6 to 47/6 35/ to 50/	32/6 to 47/6 45/ to 50/	35/ to 45/ 45/ to 60/	15/ to 25/	25/ to 30/ 30/	25/ to 35/ 60/	
1891	Sailing Steam	$\frac{1}{4}$ d. to $\frac{7}{16}$ d. $\frac{5}{16}$ d. to $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	26/ to 45/ 32/6 to 45/	35/ to 47/6 35/ to 45/	27/6 to 40/ 32/6 to 50/	20/ to 30/ 30/ to 35/	17/6 to 25/	22/6 to 45/ 32/6 to 60/	
1892	Sailing Steam	$\frac{3}{8}$ d. to $\frac{9}{16}$ d.	27/6 to 37/6 45/ to 50/	37/6 to 42/6 40/ to 45/	27/6 to 40/ 40/ to 60/	15/ to 22/6 35/	20/ to 27/6 32/6 to 40/	27/6 to 40/ 40/ to 60/	
1893	Sailing Steam	$\begin{array}{c c} \frac{5}{16}d. \text{ to } \frac{1}{2}d. \\ \frac{3}{8}d. \text{ to } \frac{5}{8}d. \end{array}$	25/ to 40/ 35/ to 50/	27/6 to 30/ 35/ to 40/	25/ to 40/ 35/ to 60/	15/ to 22/6 30/ to 40/	15/ to 17/6 30/	25/ to 40/ 40/ to 60/	
1894	Sailing Steam	\$d. to \frac{7}{16}d. \$d. to \frac{1}{6}d.	32/6 to 37/6 40/ to 50/	36/3 to 37/6	32/6 to 40/ 35/ to 50/	17/6 to 20/	17/6 25/ to 30/	25/ to 30/ 35/ to 50/	
1895	Sailing Steam	5° 1 . 6° 1	17/6 to 35/ 22/6 to 40/	20/ to 40/	30/ to 40/ 35/ to 65/	15/ to 22/6 25/ to 40/	15/ to 17/6 20/ to 30/		
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WOOL (GREASY) FREIGHTS TO EUROPE AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1895.

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\	/essel.		France.	Germany.	Belgium,	Viá London.	Via Vancouver.
Sailing Steam	••	••	Per Pound. $\frac{5}{16}$ d. to $\frac{3}{2}$ d. $\frac{6}{16}$ d. to $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	$\frac{6}{16}$ d. to $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Per Pound. $\frac{5}{16}$ d. to $\frac{3}{2}$ d. $\frac{5}{16}$ d. to $\frac{3}{2}$ d.	3s. per bale in addition to freight to London	\$1 60c. (6s. 7d.) to \$1 80c. (7s. 5d.) per 100 lb.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT PAID by New Zealand Producers on Produce shipped to United Kingdom at Rates current in New Zealand, and Amount which would be paid if the Rates of Freight were the same as those existing in Victoria.

		Article.			Total shipped during 1896.	Freight at New Zealand Rates.	Freight at Victorian Rates.	
Wool— Greasy Scoured Frozen me		 ing washe	d and sli	iped)	100,595,333 lb 28,556,291 "	£ 261,967 89,238	99,548 42,388	
Sheep		•••			810,016 cwt	415,808	236,255	
Lamb Butter		•••	•••		255,276 " $71,353$ "	$\begin{bmatrix} 147,422 \\ 27,471 \\ 220,421 \end{bmatrix}$	74,456 $24,974$	
Cheese	• • •	•••	•••		71,372 "	20,608	24,980	
						£962,514	£502,601	

The above calculation has been made at the rate for steamers. Three-fourths of the wool goes by steamers. The rates for sailing vessels are somewhat less than for steamers. Roughly, I think, it may be assumed that New Zealand producers pay about £400,000 a year more for freight than would be the case if the rates current in Victoria were in existence in this colony.

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