

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.

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| | £ | | |
| 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:—

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| 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 | |

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

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