

1898.
NEW ZEALAND.

MOMOHAKE EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 23rd September, 1898.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return as to the Momohaki Experimental Station, in continuation of Return C.-16, 1897."—(Mr. G. HUTCHISON.)

EXPERIMENTAL STATION, MOMOHAKE.

RETURN for the Year ending the 31st March, 1898.

1. Area:—								A.	B.	P.
Freehold ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	254	2	13
Leasehold ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	0	6
Crown lands (grazing rights) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	2	0
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	380	0	19

2. Value of the land with improvements at the time of the experimental station being started:—
Value not stated.

3. The amount expended in—				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(a.) Buildings (station) ...	...	...	...	168	3	9			
" (poultry) ...	...	...	...	96	8	5			
							264	12	2
(b.) Fencing ...	...	...	...				80	1	11
(c.) Cultivation: This includes the cost of seeds and plants, horse-feed, blacksmithing, manures, labour in connection with orchard work, cleaning ground for turnips and other crops, draining, planting, grassing, &c. ...	...	...	...				933	6	5
(d.) Stock ...	...	...	...				287	16	10
(e.) Other purposes ...	...	...	...				296	16	8

4. The uses to which the land has been applied:—

For investigating diseases in stock, the testing of seeds and plants, and the raising of economic plants for distribution to settlers, testing the feeding-value of grasses, turnips, and mangolds, and the planting of resistant vines for distribution.

5. Number of persons employed throughout:—

(a.) Maximum, 16; (b.) minimum, 6.

Rates of salary or wages paid to each class:—

					£	s.	d.	
Curator ...	...	...	...	...	140	0	0	per annum.
Overseer ...	...	...	...	...	130	0	0	
Carpenter ...	...	...	...	...	0	8	0	per diem.
Assistant nurseryman ...	...	...	...	...	0	7	0	
Labourers ...	...	...	...	...	0	6	6	"
" ...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0	"
Horseman ...	...	...	...	...	0	5	10	"
Boy ...	...	...	...	...	0	4	2	"

6. The number of stock now on the station:—

9 horses for farm-work.

61 cattle.

758 sheep for experimental and other purposes.

7. Returns:—

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