1899. NEW ZEALAND.

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUE ACT

(PARTICULARS RELATING TO POLLS UNDER).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 25th July, 1899.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of polls taken under the Rating on Unimproved Value Act, the number of persons on the roll in each case, the number of persons voting and votes recorded, and the result of each poll."—(Mr. O'REGAN.)

RETURN of Polls taken under "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896."

	Number of	Number of Persons voting.	Number of Votes recorded,				
Local District.	Persons on the Roll.		For.	Against.	Informal.	Total.	Result of Poll.
Cheviot County	345	119	165	41		206	Proposal carried.
Greymouth Borough	461	176	214	48	1	263	. "
Hokianga County	356	126	109	25	6	140	,,
Hunua Road District	135	59	60	2	••	62	
Inangahua County	720	250	284	11	2	297	"
Invercargill Borough	908	271	267	199	5	471	Proposal rejected.
Karori Borough	222	86	93	3	1	97	Proposal carried.
Melrose Borough	579	244	236	40	6	282	
	116	52	82	56	3	141	,,
Palmerston North Borough	944	344	402	12	3	417	,,
Pahiatua Borough	301	149	136	38	1	175	,,
Pahiatua County	1,002	225	312	21	1	334	Proposal rejected.
Petone Borough	455	78	72	5	1	78	"
Picton Borough	129	101	27	73	1	101	,,,
Raglan County	678	124	122	20	••	142	,,
Stratford County	1,262	394	449	13		462	,,
Sumner Borough	228	21	27	1	1	29	,,
Tauranga County	657	106	112	2	2	116	,,,
Taratahi-Carterton Road District	464	192	261	53	• • •	314	Proposal carried.
Waipawa County	. 1,155	406	462	28	3	493	_ "
Waimate Borough	301	101	100	16	2	118	Proposal rejected.
Woodville Borough	411	144	175	7	1	183	Proposal carried.
Woolston Borough	457	263	103	191	5	299	Proposal rejected.

^{*}The Mayor, in his gazetted declaration of the poll, states, "The Returning Officer not having affirmed that one-third of the ratepayers on the roll recorded their votes, I hereby declare the proposal to be lost."

Land- and Income-tax Department, Wellington, 25th August, 1899. John McGowan, Commissioner of Taxes.

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