

1901.
NEW ZEALAND.

INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE COLONY ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1901.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SIR,—
I have the honour to furnish a statement of the approximate number of sheep in the colony on the 30th April, 1901.
The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture.

Department of Agriculture (Live-stock Branch),
Wellington, 11th July, 1901.
I have, &c.,
JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER of SHEEP in the Colony on the 30th April, 1901.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1900.	1901.		
Auckland	880,189	887,938	7,749	...
Napier	4,620,745	4,533,218	...	87,527*
Wellington—West Coast	4,497,239	4,790,368	293,129	...
Marlborough—Nelson	894,010	925,381	31,371	...
Canterbury—Kaikoura	4,716,262	5,107,073	390,811	...
Otago	3,746,750	3,942,806	196,056	...
Total	19,355,195	20,186,784	919,116	87,527
Increase, North Island			213,351	...
Increase, South Island			618,238	...
Total increase			831,589	...

* The boundaries of Napier and Wellington Districts have been altered since last year, hence the decrease in Napier.

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