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INTERIM RETURN OF SHEEP

IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1912.

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

Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists,
Wellington, 24th July, 1912.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1912.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1911.*	1912.		
Auckland	1,246,000	1,259,557	13,557	...
Napier-Gisborne	5,667,472	5,595,616	...	71,856
Wellington - West Coast... ..	5,900,881	5,762,916	...	137,965
Marlborough-Nelson-Westland	1,361,025	1,293,300	...	67,725
Canterbury-Kaikoura	5,213,439	4,925,744	...	287,695
Otago	4,607,309	4,626,999	19,690	...
Total	23,996,126	23,464,132	33,247	565,241
Decrease, North Island			...	196,264
Decrease, South Island			...	335,730
Total decrease			...	531,994

* Complete returns.

The decrease is principally accounted for by the shortage of close upon 200,000 breeding ewes last season as compared with the previous year, with its corresponding decrease in the number of lambs produced, which was further accentuated by a smaller lambing than in the previous season.

NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION, AND EXPORT OF MUTTON AND LAMB, FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, AT 30TH APRIL.

Year.	Number of Sheep in Dominion.	Mutton Carcases exported.	Legs and Pieces exported.	Lamb Carcases exported.
1903	18,954,553	2,497,546	Cwt. 87,250	2,006,462
1904	18,280,806	2,388,959	40,472	2,104,881
1905	19,130,875	1,888,065	24,088	1,937,026
1906	20,108,471	1,500,773	13,471	2,134,563
1907	20,983,772	1,921,465	37,456	2,519,417
1908	22,449,053	1,821,426	35,663	2,826,437
1909	23,480,707	1,899,446	41,681	2,910,358
1910	24,269,620	1,711,839	52,873	3,423,918
1911	23,996,126	1,979,534	42,624	3,708,468
1912	23,464,132*	1,918,119	34,667	3,035,783

* Approximate.

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. From the first settlers to the present day, the nation has evolved through various stages of development. The early years were marked by exploration and settlement, followed by a period of rapid expansion and industrialization. The American Revolution and the Civil War were pivotal moments in the nation's history, shaping its identity and values. The 20th century brought significant social and political changes, including the rise of the American Dream and the challenges of the Cold War. Today, the United States continues to grow and adapt to a rapidly changing world.

The American Revolution was a turning point in the nation's history. It was a struggle for independence from British rule, fought by a group of brave men and women. The revolution led to the creation of a new government, the United States Constitution, which established the principles of democracy and the separation of powers. The Civil War, which followed, was a conflict over the issue of slavery. It resulted in the abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union. These events shaped the nation's identity and values, and they continue to influence American society today.

The 20th century was a period of great change and growth for the United States. The American Dream, the idea that anyone can achieve success through hard work and determination, became a central theme of American culture. The nation's economy grew rapidly, and it became a world superpower. However, the 20th century also brought significant challenges, including the Great Depression, the Cold War, and the civil rights movement. These events shaped the nation's identity and values, and they continue to influence American society today.

The United States is a nation of many cultures and traditions. It is a land of opportunity and freedom, where anyone can achieve their dreams. The history of the United States is a story of growth and change, and it continues to shape the nation's identity and values today.