

As usual, a number of requests were received from millers for instructional visits. These were attended to as promptly as circumstances would permit, and in nearly all cases with good results to the millers, who took a keen interest in the work.

GRADING STATISTICS.

The following tables give particulars of the gradings during the year ended 31st March, 1919, the Dominion totals and percentages for the previous year being also shown for comparison in the three first tables. Owing to congestion in stores no grading was carried out at Blenheim during the year under review, all the Marlborough output being dealt with at Picton and Wellington.

Hemp (Bales).

Grading-port.	Superior.	Fine.	Good-fair.	High-fair.	Fair.	Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.	Total.
Auckland	1	3,085	12,925	10,518	2,704	105	57	29,395
Napier	690	610	195	3	..	..	1,498
Foxton	2,722	21,820	7,404	825	259	15	33,045
Wellington	174	4,245	31,306	14,745	1,242	157	6	51,875
Lyttelton	96	114	15	..	..	..	..	225
Blenheim
Picton	300	345	37	..	..	..	..	682
Dunedin and Bluff	949	6,257	11,243	1,502	75	27	20,053
Totals, 1918-19	571	12,150	72,970	44,105	6,276	596	105	136,773
Percentage	0.41	8.92	53.32	32.23	4.61	0.43	0.08	..
Totals, 1917-18	580	12,485	79,742	56,385	11,520	1,756	350	162,818
Percentage	0.35	7.66	48.92	34.71	7.07	1.07	0.21	..

Total decrease in 1918-19, 26,045 bales.

Tow (Bales).

Grading-port.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
Auckland	99	1,717	1,931	286	4,033
Foxton	1,596	3,247	535	15	5,393
Wellington	3,889	3,805	407	57	8,158
Picton	426	83	10	..	519
Lyttelton	259	305	..	..	564
Dunedin and Bluff .. ..	..	1,712	1,047	127	2,886
Totals, 1918-19	6,669	10,869	3,930	485	21,553
Percentage	30.0	50.0	18.0	2.0	..
Totals, 1917-18	6,445	17,343	11,071	1,641	36,500
Percentage	17.55	47.58	30.33	4.54	..

Total decrease in 1918-19, 14,947 bales.

Stripper-slips (Bales).

Grading-port.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
Wellington (1918-19) .. ..	..	599	..	599
Totals, 1917-18	226	1,855	24	2,105

Decrease in 1918-19, 1,506 bales.