

Stripper-slips (Bales).

Grading-ports.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Condemned.	Total.
Wellington	197	1,731	..	1,928
Foxton .. .. .	..	91	..	91
Bluff .. .. .	..	9	4	13
Totals, 1920-21	197	1,831	4	2,032
Totals, 1919-20 .. ..	..	132	..	132

Increase in 1920-21, 1,900 bales.

Percentages of the various Grades of Hemp at each Grading-port.

Grading-ports.	Superior.	Fine.	Good-fair.	High-fair.	Low-fair.	Common.	Rejected.	Condemned.
Auckland	0-07	17-30	43-50	35-70	3-00	0-22	..
Foxton	11-26	65-28	21-43	1-21	0-80	..
Wellington	14-90	57-30	23-80	3-10	0-90	..
Dunedin and Bluff	36-38	49-73	13-60	0-33	..	..
Wairoa (Hawke's Bay)	98-92	1-08	..	..	..	..
Blenheim	2-54	67-90	25-60	3-50	..	..	..
Picton	10-52	58-80	30-70	..	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton	4-50	50-00	45-50	..	..	..	..

Percentages of the various Grades of Tow at each Grading-port.

Grading-ports.	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Condemned.
Auckland	8-50	67-10	23-40	0-80
Foxton	23-70	70-34	5-90	0-02
Wellington	45-30	50-00	4-97	0-60
Wairoa (Hawke's Bay) ..	100-00	..	..	..
Lyttelton .. .. .	..	100-00	..	..
Picton	97-00	3-00	..	..
Blenheim	56-70	42-70	0-60	..
Bluff and Dunedin .. ..	..	95-50	3-70	0-70

GRAIN-GRADING SERVICE.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF GRAIN-GRADER.

The Director-General.

Christchurch, 18th May, 1921.

HEREWITH please find my annual report for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

A. W. SMITH, Chief Grain-grader.

During the year I have continued to carry out the duties of Assistant Wheat Controller, but nevertheless have given attention to general grading matters whenever I could spare time from the Wheat Office. I have not, however, given as much time to the grading of oats, chaff, and potatoes as I have to that arising from the sampling of wheat. Those grain-graders holding licenses to issue Government certificates have been made Graders under the Wheat Trade Regulations, and in connection therewith have been carrying out their duties more under my direct supervision than they do when sampling as graders under the terms of the Grain-merchants' Federation.

Coastal and Export Grading.—I would again bring under your notice the suggestion for the withdrawal of Government certificates for coastal shipments, and confining these to export trade only. I doubt, however, in view of the circumstances arising in connection with the purchase by the Government of surplus milling-wheat not taken over by millers, and the necessity for myself as Chief Grain-grader keeping in touch with the Graders in order to see that inferior wheat is not