

## PUKEKO SURVEY.

The following is the result of a stomachic survey of the Pukeko, which was conducted by the Department of Internal Affairs consequent on the earnest solicitations of the Native Bird Protection Society. As will be seen, the result is altogether in favour of the Pukeko:—

District.	Number of Birds taken.	Approximate Date of Capture.	Where taken from.	Stomach contents.
Manawatu	2	6/1/29	Swamp	Macerated green material, mostly grass.
"	2		"	Macerated green vegetation, and seeds of <i>Lolium perenne</i> and buttercup.
Kairanga	4	19/2/29	From swamp with crop of part-ridge peas in near vicinity	Macerated vegetation, and seeds of <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Poa annua</i> , <i>Eleocharis ovata</i> , <i>Carex</i> sp., and <i>Glyceria fluitans</i> .
Karere	2	21/5/29	Taken on crop of rape	Macerated vegetation, fat-hen and sedgeweed.
"	2	29/5/29	From swamp area with crop of rape in near vicinity	Macerated vegetation (grass) and duckweed.
Ranfurly	2	5/11/28	From vicinity of cropping-areas	Small roots and little macerated green material; also remains of insect-larvae and spider.
"	2	11/12/28	"	Macerated green material and seeds of <i>Poa pratensis</i> .
"	2	14/1/29	"	Macerated grass and part of an insect.
Waihola	2	12/12/28	"	Macerated vegetation and clover-leaves; also seeds of <i>Eleocharis ovata</i> .