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J. D. ORMOND, Superintendent.

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No. 18

Sheep Inspector's Office,
Napier, May 11, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my annual report for the current year, with accompanying statement of Sheep Returns of 1st May, 1873, which show an increase over those of the former year of 145,234, or a little more than double that of the previous year. The enclosed returns comprise 584,371 ewes, 428,568 wethers, and 12,317 rams, or a total of 1,024,256 sheep over 6 months old in the Province in May, 1873, as against 507,472 ewes, 362,082 wethers, and 10,518 rams in May, 1872. It is the more gratifying to record this increase, as it proves the yearly increasing carrying capacity of the sheep stations, no new country having been taken up in the Province during that period. No diminution has taken place in our exports, while our provincial consumption has materially increased. I find by computation that our exports to Auckland Province, coastwise and overland, during the year 1872-73, comprised about 85,000 Sheep, and our provincial consumption about 75,000, or a total of 110,000. After allowing for mortality and the proportion of ewe hoggets returned, the average lambing would be about 65 per cent. on the breeding ewes in the Province, and I expect the Returns of this month to foot up to nearly 1,200,000 Sheep. The increase thus shown may be taken as marking the progressive improvement of our pastoral lands by fencing and sowing of grass seeds; the hills even, in remote parts of the Province, are being rapidly denuded of fern, and prepared by the fertilizing influence of the whilom much abused thistle, for the reception of nutritive grasses. On comparing the Sheep Returns of each succeeding year it is deserving of special remark that the increase on the smaller stations is much more satisfactory than those of the larger ones, and it might readily be assumed that the larger stations consist of inferior or less improvable land. Such, however, with a few rare exceptions, is not the case; the difference lies more in the fact of the smaller holder, either from inclination or sheer necessity, having improved his land, whilst the larger proprietor holds more land than he has means, or, it may be inclination, to improve, and I cannot but consider it as a matter of congratulation to the Province that some of our large proprietors are cutting up and disposing of portions of their properties, the satisfactory prices obtained being an evidence of the estimation they are held in, and the

degree of improvement they are considered capable of. Many of the smaller stations, which were considered fully stocked a few years ago, have now, by the aid of fencing and surface sowing of grass seed, been improved up to double, and in not a few instances to treble their former carrying capacity, and when we consider that at least three-fourths of the pastoral lands of the Province are capable of similar improvement, that every bushel of grass seed judiciously sown will, in the course of two or three years, produce pasturage for a sheep, it is not easy to define a limit to our increase, which will indeed be governed more or less by the price of wool, and the amount of capital available for the improvement of the land; ~~the recent cutting up of large freeholds into smaller properties, which I hope to see still further practised in the future, will tend not a little to the more rapid improvement of our pastoral lands.~~ From what information I can gather, I estimate the quantity of grass seed to be sown this season at not less than 70,000 bushels, and whilst on this subject I cannot but deprecate the almost exclusive use of perennial rye grass seed by our graziers and runholders, which is yearly augmenting the number of staggering stock of all description to be met with in the early autumn wherever this grass preponderates in any very marked degree; this, I am aware, has been more a matter of necessity than choice, no other grasses having been propagated to any extent in the Province, but it is nevertheless a mistake which ought to be carefully guarded against and assiduously corrected in the future. This circumstance presents a good opening to some of our enterprising farmers to cultivate for seed other grasses, such as cocksfoot, timothy, and some of the varieties of fescue, for which, even at the present time, there is a considerable local demand. The continued improvement in the character of our flocks and herds should elicit from me more than passing comment; quality rather than numbers is, as it ever ought to be, now the chief desideratum, and the emulative and spirited enterprise displayed by many of our stockowners in the importation of valuable stud animals to improve their flocks and herds, is producing the most gratifying results, the numbers and excellence of our stock being year by year more nearly contemporaneously progressive, and we are now exporting a better class of wool than that of some years ago; it is to be regretted, however, that owing to the demand for Sheep being in excess of supply this year, many cull ewes which ought to have been boiled down have met with a ready sale for breeding purposes.

From a classification of the flocks in the Province I find that nearly one-half of the Sheep are now either long-woolled or cross-bred, chiefly graded Lincoln and Merino. No Sheep have been introduced overland since the date of my last report. The imports of Sheep at the Port of Napier during the past twelve months number 769, and comprised 298 long-woolled rams, 103 long-woolled ewes, 303 merino rams, and 65 merino ewes. Those Sheep, and occasionally a few imported cattle, which I have had also to inspect, have been arriving in small numbers nearly every week during the last five months, and has been a severe tax on my time, and as the increasing number of importations demands increased vigilance, I consider it necessary that an assistant should be appointed to relieve me of Port duties and those of the Public Slaughter-house. A more commodious sheep yard and convenient dip will be required to be erected at the Port, to expedite the dipping of imported Sheep.

Although foot-root has become more widely disseminated, few flocks indeed being now free from it, yet, during the past year, it has not assumed that virulent form which characterised its earlier attack. I have much pleasure in reporting all the flocks still free from scab. The erection of the double line of fence near the southern boundary, together with the careful shepherding and attention it receives from the boundary shepherd, as also the energetic and systematic manner in which Mr. McLean's flock is being handled, goes far to allay any apprehensions which were entertained of this disease getting across our southern boundary. At latest advices both fences were in an efficient state, and the portions running into the sea had successfully resisted the effects of the heavy surf. The defective provisions of our Sheep Act, which I pointed out in my last report, still exist, rendering Inspectors powerless to compel the immediate eradication of scab if it once appeared within our boundaries, and although I drafted a Sheep Bill last session, designed to remedy those defects, which was disallowed, I still think it my duty to call attention to the fact that our Sheep Act is still defective in this respect.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GAVIN PEACOCK,

To His Honor the Superintendent.

Inspector of Sheep.

RETURN OF SHEEP ABOVE SIX MONTHS OLD IN THE PROVINCE
OF HAWKE'S BAY, ON 1ST MAY, 1873.

NAME OF SHEEPOWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE.	STATION OR LOCALITY.	NUMBER OF SHEEP.	AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT.		
			£	s.	d.
A'Deane, J. ...	Ashcott ...	10,099	10	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Avison, J. ...	Waipawa ...	1,110	1	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bridge, H. H. ...	Fairfield ...	7,580	7	17	11
Brathwaite, R. ...	Moteo ...	3,530	3	13	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bell, M. S. ...	Tautane ...	8,000	8	6	8
Bee, F. and G. ...	Mohaka ...	6,000	6	5	0
Brown, C. A. ...	Te Apiti ...	5,463	5	13	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Burton, G. ...	Whakaki ...	9,700	10	2	1
Bullock, J. ...	Papakura ...	2,000	2	1	8
Boyle, J. ...	Pukahu ...	665	0	13	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Buchanan, J. ...	Elsthorpe ...	4,400	4	11	8
Barnes, C. ...	Puketitiri ...	850	0	17	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Burnett, W. and J. ...	Poraite ...	5,422	5	12	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bicknell, J. ...	Tutaekuri ...	96	0	2	0
Bennet, J. ...	Tutaekuri ...	1,407	1	9	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Boyd, J. ...	Wairoaiti ...	1,010	1	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collison, G. ...	Pukahu ...	554	0	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cox, A. ...	Te Haroto ...	10,574	11	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collins, J. ...	Wautukai ...	1,200	1	5	0
Collins, G. ...	Abbotsford ...	4,139	4	6	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Campbell and Meinertzhagen	Waimarama ...	15,637	16	5	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Campbell, H. ...	Poukawa ...	10,000	10	8	4
Chapman, F. M. ...	Poukawa ...	628	0	13	1
Chapman and Rhodes	Edenham ...	13,000	13	10	10
Carlyon, G. G. ...	Gwavas ...	13,152	13	14	0
Carrol, J. ...	Wairoa ...	4,500	4	13	9
Chambers, J. ...	Te Mata ...	18,000	18	15	0
Canning, J. D. ...	Oakburne ...	11,346	11	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Condie Brothers	Petane ...	5,540	5	15	5
Coleman, J. H. ...	Longlands ...	8,080	8	8	4
Couper, W. ...	Kauranaki ...	14,500	15	2	1
Carr, Messrs. ...	Petane ...	4,065	4	4	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carswell, W. ...	Mount Alexan- der ...	8,100	8	8	9
Cannon W. ...	Clive ...	52	0	1	1
Crail, R. ...	Porangahau ...	240	0	5	0
Chrystal, T. ...	Pukahu ...	251	0	5	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cross, Mrs. ...	Porangahau ...	3,348	3	9	9
Campbell, N. ...	Kaikora ...	753	0	15	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collins, S. ...	Pukahu ...	56	0	1	2
Douglas and Hill	Whakatatara & Rosemount ...	15,748	16	8	1
Duff, H. A. ...	Wakarara ...	6,136	6	7	10
Duff Brothers	Wairoa ...	6,137	6	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Davis, E. ...	Meanee ...	2,365	2	9	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Dolbel, P. ...	Springfield ...	2,940	3	1	3
Dillon, A. ...	Patangata ...	1,852	1	18	7
Fannin, G. ...	Greenhills ...	600	0	12	6
Glenny, W. ...	Kopuawhara ...	1,200	1	5	0
Gollan, D. ...	Mangatarata ...	22,199	23	2	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Grant, A. ...	Burnside and Kaitoki ...	11,480	11	19	2
Glenny, J. ...	Ruataniwha ...	870	0	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gollan, K. ...	Tamumu ...	2,255	2	6	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Graham, S. ...	Rotowhenua ...	601	0	12	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Gollan and Drower	Eparaima ...	300	0	6	3
Harding, J. ...	Mount Erin ...	5,885	6	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Harding, J. ...	Mount Vernon ...	16,991	17	13	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Hamilton and Wilkinson	Mangatoro ...	5,909	6	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Howard Brothers	Hampden ...	1,632	1	14	0
Hallett, J. ...	Meanee ...	91	0	1	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Holden, J. ...	Hampden ...	1,412	1	9	5
Hill, K. ...	Clifton ...	15,234	15	17	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hill and Gordon	Karamu ...	3,253	3	7	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Hunter, D. and W. ...	Papakehana ...	30,400	31	13	4
Heslop, J. ...	Puketapu ...	2,612	2	14	5
Heslop, W. and G. ...	Chesterhope ...	2,600	2	14	2
Herrick, J. L. ...	Forest Gate ...	7,544	7	17	2
Hutchinson, M. ...	Springvale ...	1,361	1	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

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			£	s.	d.
Herbert, J. ...	Wainui ...	650	0	13	6½
Herbert, J. and C. ...	Wainui ...	1,388	1	8	11
Healy, J. ...	Porangahau ...	181	0	3	9½
Johnston, S. ...	Oruawahara, &c. ...	36,270	37	15	7½
Joll, J. ...	Havelock ...	400	0	11	3
Knight, J. ...	Kaikora ...	1,500	1	11	3
Kelly, J. ...	Paki Paki ...	532	0	11	1
Knight, H. ...	Havelock ...	400	0	8	4
Knight Brothers ...	Big Bush ...	103	0	2	1½
Lambert, A. ...	Porangahau ...	700	0	14	7
Laurence, J. ...	Kaikora ...	2,510	2	12	3½
Lawrence, J. ...	Homewood ...	14,179	14	15	4½
Lincoln, J. ...	Tutaekuri ...	304	0	6	4
Leopould, C. ...	Heavitree ...	254	0	5	3½
Livingstone, A. ...	Kaikora ...	169	0	3	6½
Lambert, C. ...	Lambertford ...	4,554	4	14	10½
Lyon, J. ...	Poporangi ...	7,600	7	18	4
Lowry, T. ...	Okawa ...	18,006	18	15	1½
Mackersey, J. ...	The Lake ...	7,574	7	17	9½
McHardy, A. ...	Leslie Park ...	4,900	5	2	1
Merritt, G. ...	Farndon ...	995	1	0	8½
McKenzie, J. ...	Tamumu ...	805	0	16	9½
Morris, W. ...	Tongoio ...	2,412	2	10	3
Maney, R. D. ...	Omahu ...	18,350	19	2	3½
McKenzie, H. ...	Glengarry ...	2,062	2	2	11½
McLean, H. ...	Te Taheke ...	6,850	7	2	8½
McLean, A. ...	Tuki Tuki ...	8,987	9	7	2½
McLean, D. ...	Maraekakaho... ..	28,000	29	3	4
McDougall, J. ...	Raukawa ...	8,617	8	19	6½
McDougall, R. ...	Mangaware ...	15,461	16	2	1½
McDougall, D. ...	Pohui ...	2,006	2	1	9½
McKinnon, J. ...	Arapawanui ...	3,500	3	12	11
McGreevy, S. ...	Waipawa ...	143	2	0	11½
McKay, A. ...	Waipawa ...	290	0	6	0½
Mathews, J. ...	Hampden ...	466	0	9	8½
Mullinder and Buckman ...	Patangata ...	118	0	2	5½
Nairn Brothers ...	Pourerere ...	29,771	31	0	2½
Nelson Brothers ...	Mangateretere ...	5,597	5	16	7½
Newman, A. ...	Arlington ...	10,067	10	9	8½
Norris, G. H. ...	Ti Tree Farm... ..	977	1	0	4½
Newbould, S. ...	Papakura ...	605	0	12	7½
Nicholson, J. ...	Kaikora ...	436	0	9	1
Ormond, J. D. ...	Wallingford & Karamu ...	25,354	26	8	2½
Orr, J. ...	Papakura ...	284	0	5	11
Peacock, G. ...	Brooklands ...	2,600	2	14	2
Parsons, J. ...	Papakura ...	384	0	8	0
Parsons, W. and T. ...	Willowbrook ...	2,057	2	2	10½
Powdrell, T. ...	Meanee ...	100	0	2	1
Powdrell, H. ...	Meanee ...	500	0	10	5
Price, A. H. ...	Motuotaraia ...	11,345	11	16	4½
Richardson and Troutbeck... ..	Petane ...	710	0	14	9½
Russell, T. P. ...	Woburn and Oakleigh ...	21,306	22	3	10½
Russell Brothers ...	Tunanui, Flax- mere, &c. ...	24,918	25	19	1½
Russell, A. E. ...	Mangakuri ...	14,181	14	15	5½
Russell, H. R. ...	Mount Herbert &c. ...	20,718	21	11	7½
Rieh and Harris ...	Clive Grange & Matipiro ...	18,290	19	1	0½
Rathbone, W. ...	Waipawa ...	2,392	2	9	10
Reignier, E. ...	Mission Station ...	634	0	13	2½
Roper, F. ...	Meanee ...	61	0	1	3½
Retter, C. ...	Meanee ...	251	0	5	2½
Stokes, J. M. and R. ...	Milbourne ...	20,063	20	17	11½
Saxby, G. H. ...	Te Kopanga ...	15,014	15	12	9½
Spence, G. ...	Whareponga ...	3,000	3	2	6
Smith, H. W. P. ...	Olig ...	16,127	16	15	11½
Sutherland and Stuart ...	Mohaka ...	3,252	3	7	9
Sealy, H. B. ...	Papakura ...	258	0	5	4½
St. Hill, A. ...	Mangamaire ...	15,000	15	12	6
Speedy, W. and G. ...	Wainui ...	3,034	3	3	2½

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Sladen, H.	Meanee ...	818	0	17	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soley, J.	Kaikora ...	140	0	2	11
Stewart, T.	Porangahau ...	401	0	8	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
... J.	Mohaka ...	2,255	2	6	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Sedley, J. L.	Waipawa ...	142	0	2	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stevens and Clark ...	Kaikora ...	200	0	4	2
Tiffen, L. A.	Greenmeadows ...	3,992	4	3	2
Tiffen, F. J.	Elmsbill ...	3,781	3	18	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Towgood and Richardson ...	Waikokopu ...	4,252	4	8	7
Tanner, T.	Riverslea ...	8,205	8	10	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Taylor, J.	Moeangiangi ...	4,732	4	18	7
Twigg, H. J.	Waihua and Pe- tane ...	6,860	7	2	11
Towgood, E.	Tongoio ...	5,488	5	14	4
Tucker, E.	Sherwood ...	423	0	8	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Turner and Galbraith ...	West Clive ...	481	0	10	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tod, J.	Otane ...	707	0	14	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tait, W.	Waikari ...	2,912	3	0	8
Villers, W.	Petane ...	625	0	13	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Watt Brothers	Wakamahi ...	10,063	10	9	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Watt and Walker	Mahia ...	13,653	14	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, R. P.	West Clive ...	3,708	3	17	3
Watts, E.	Kaikora ...	1,414	1	9	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wellwood, R.	Karamu ...	1,707	1	15	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Williams and Herrick ...	Otamauri ...	12,631	13	3	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Williams, J. N.	Frimley ...	14,478	15	1	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, J. N.	Kereru ...	9,533	9	18	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, S.	Te Aute ...	15,304	15	18	10
Whitmore, G. S.	Rissington and Apley ...	30,000	31	5	0
Waldron, B.	Patangata ...	750	0	15	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Waldron, B.	Waipawa ...	203	0	4	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ward, A.	Porangahau ...	260	0	5	5
White, J.	Porangahau ...	962	1	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Evans, L.	Essetek ...	1,404	1	9	3
Fleming, D. S.	Boarhills ...	995	1	0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fleming, D.	Pukahu ...	242	0	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walker, J.	Poukawa ...	4,839	5	0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Speedy, J.	Wainui ...	1,400	1	9	2
		1,025,256	£1067	19	6

Public Works Office,

Wellington, 15th July, 1874.

THE following lists of successful and unsuccessful Tenderers are published for
general information.

EDWARD RICHARDSON.

NAPIER & WAIPUKURAU RAILWAY.

PAKI PAKI CONTRACT.

	<i>Accepted.</i>				£	s.	d.
C. McKirdy, Wellington	... ..	...	...	...	19,532	15	0
	<i>Declined.</i>						
Oakes and Nathan, Wanganui	... ..	...	...	...	21,877	11	0
Collie, Scott, and Wilkinson, Wellington	.. ..	...	...	...	21,908	10	8
W. Strachan, Wellington	... ..	...	...	...	23,501	8	4
Brogden and Sons, Wellington	... ..	...	...	...	23,773	4	4
H. McNeil, Palmerston	... ..	...	...	...	24,840	19	0
Mackay and Monteith, Napier	... ..	...	...	...	29,173	0	0

I JOHN DAVIES ORMOND, Superintendent of the Province of Hawke's Bay, do hereby notify that the names of the Board of Wardens and Chairman, elected under the provisions of the "Highways Act, 1871," of the Papakura District, are as under :—

Chairman—Alexander McHardy.

Wardens—John Bullock, Simeon Newbould, John Parsons, and R. Dolbel.

Dated at Napier this 25th day of July, 1874.

J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

ACCOUNT of Receipts and Disbursements of the Waimarama Road Board, Province of Hawke's Bay, for the year ended the 30th day of June, 1873.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance in hand	
1st July, 1872...	29 1 0
General Rates ...	
Special ...	
Rates collected for construction of Roads ...	
Rates collected for repairs of Roads	
Subscriptions by Ratepayers or others for ordinary or special works ...	30 0 0
Contributions from Provincial Government ...	
Contributions from Roads District Fund Account, under "The Payments to Provinces Act, 1871."	113 6 8
Receipts from other sources, viz.:	
TOLLS.	
To Balance ...	2 15 11
	£175 3 7

<i>Expenditure.</i>	
<i>New Roads</i> —Survey and construction ...	161 18 3
<i>Existing Roads</i> —Repairs and Improvements ...	10 4 0
<i>Other Works viz.:</i>	
Purchase of tools, materials and implements ...	1 10 0
	173 12 3
<i>Expenses</i> —Collection of Rates	
Collection of tolls	
Salaries and rent...	
Printing and advertising ...	0 6 0
Miscellaneous ...	1 5 4
	1 11 4
	£175 3 7

F. H. MEINERTZHAGEN,
Chairman.

Examined and found correct.

G. E. G. RICHARDSON,
Provincial Auditor.

Office of Waimarama Road Board,
June 30, 1873.