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J. D. ORMOND, Superintendent.

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SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward my annual report for the current year, and enclose for publication statement of Sheep Returns of 1st May, 1875, which shows an increase over that of the former year of 48,199. The enclosed returns comprise 602,812 ewes, 524,405 wethers, and 12,540 rams, or a total of 1,139,757 sheep over six months old in the Province at that date, as against 596,814 ewes, 486,942 wethers, and 12,802 rams in May 1874.

The exports of sheep coastwise and overland to the neighboring provinces during the past twelve months, amount to about 62,000, and I compute that about 117,000 have been absorbed by provincial consumption, and boiling down during the same period.

From the abundance of feed during the past summer and autumn, I expect the Returns of next month to shew a much larger net increase this year than that above recorded, but it is not so much in the increasing numbers, as in the improved character of the sheep that we must calculate our advancement in this respect, and it gives me great pleasure in reporting the continued improvement of our flocks, two thirds of which are now more or less longwooled. As an evidence of this steady improvement, I find that in the past ten years the sheep have increased twofold and the value of their wool quadrupled, in other words the improvement of our grazing country—by sowing of permanent grasses—enclosing and subdivision of runs has doubled the carrying capabilities of the occupied runs, and enabled us to carry sheep yielding a fleece double the value of those of ten years ago. Whilst I desire to note the steady progression in this direction and the increased area of permanent grasses sown year by year there is still a great want of system, or adherence to any recognised method of quickly replacing the fern by nutritive grasses, and large quantities of grass seed have been lost year by year choked by fern owing to the want of fencing, and heavy stocking at the proper seasons to keep down the young fern.

Not a little of the rapid improvement of our flocks is due to breeders having a wider range of selection of pure bred sires to suit their varied requirements, and breeders generally are not backward in availing themselves of such advantages.

Since the date of my last report no sheep have been introduced to this

province overland, the imports at Port Ahuriri have been limited to sheep for stud purposes, and comprise 525 long-wooled rams, 107 long-wooled ewes, 211 merino rams, and 10 merino ewes, or a total of 853 sheep during the past twelve months, these sheep all arrived apparently free from disease, and were submitted to the precautionary dipping for scab when landed.

I have again much satisfaction in reporting the flocks of the Province still free from scab, and the double line of protective fence at the southern boundary is kept in an efficient state, while Mr. Munro, the boundary shepherd, continues to perform his duties in the most zealous and satisfactory manner. A serious risk of scab being communicated to a flock in this province was incurred during the past shearing by taking on a shearer from a scabby shed of a neighboring province, fortunately he had been but a few hours at work when the circumstances became known, and the manager happened to be a thoroughly practical man well up in scab, and at once took prompt measures to avert the possibility of the disease being communicated to the flock, and I wish some means could be devised of having the fact ever present to the minds of sheepfarmers, that scab is as likely to be unintentionally introduced by shearers and others from scabby stations as by any other means.

Consequent on the provincial legislation of last session depriving me of an assistant and confining my duties almost entirely to Napier, that beyond the flocks within my immediate range anything like inspection has been simply impossible, and I have no hesitation in saying that so far as many of our settlers know anything of the disease. Scab might be introduced and spread considerably ere it could be detected and dealt with under the present supervision, liberal preventive measures will in the end be found not only more effectual but cheaper than curative ones, and it may be that the reduction of the sheep assessment, if continued, may have the effect of economising scab into the province. Take the neighboring province of Wellington as an instance, with considerably less sheep than this province, and with a staff of six sheep inspectors, the disease can scarcely be kept from increasing, and if scab got established in this province the same conditions exist to retard its eradication.

Lungworm exists to some extent in a few of the flocks, and some deaths of young sheep from this cause have been reported. Foot rot has also prevailed to some extent during the past few months, but has been kept in check by repeated dressings. Sheep lice are also increasing rapidly in many of the flocks, and it will be found necessary to dip off the shears to get rid of these little pests. Owing to the unusually wet summer and abundance of feed, the stock in rye grass pastures have enjoyed comparative freedom from staggers this autumn.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

G. PEACOCK,
Inspector of Sheep.

His Honor the Superintendent, Napier.

RETURN OF SHEEP, ABOVE SIX MONTHS OLD, IN THE
PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY, ON 1st MAY, 1875.

Name of Sheepowner or person in charge.	Station or Locality.	Number of Sheep.	Amount of Assessment.
A'Deane, J.	Ashcot	10,120	£ s. d. 10 10 10
Avison, J.	Waipawa	2,070	2 3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bridge, H. H.	Fairfield	7,980	8 6 3
Bell, M. S.	Tautane	9,150	9 10 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bee, F. and G.	Mohaka	6,500	6 15 5
Bee, G.	Havelock	301	6 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Bullock, J.	Meanee, &c.	5,100	5 6 3
Boyle, J.	Pukahu	902	18 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Buchanan, J.	Elsthorpe	4,800	5 0 0
Barnes, C. S.	Tutaekuri	2,236	2 6 7
Bennett, J.	Omaranui	1,223	1 5 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Boyd, J.	Wairoaiti	2,019	2 2 0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bowden, A.	Kaikora	1,918	1 19 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bruce and Co.	Awatotara	1,810	1 17 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collison, E.	Pukahu	605	12 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Cox, E.	Titikura	6,150	6 8 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collins, J.	Wautukai	2,260	2 7 1
Collins, E.	Abbotsford	4,898	5 2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

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			£	s.	d.
Campbell & Meinhertzhagen	Waimarama ...	15,074	15	14	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Campbell, H. ...	Poukawa ...	12,000	12	10	0
Chapman, F. M. ...	Poukawa ...	625	0	13	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carrol and Richardson	Wairoa ...	5,208	5	8	6
Chambers, J. ...	Te Mata ...	18,744	19	10	6
Canning, J. D. ...	Oakbourne, &c. ...	13,350	13	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Condie Bros. ...	Redclyffe ...	1,308	1	7	3
Couper, W. ...	Kauranaki, &c. ...	18,100	18	17	1
Carr, Messrs. ...	Petane ...	6,495	6	15	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Carswell, W. ...	Mount Alexander	8,075	8	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cannon, W. ...	West Clive ...	234	0	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Crail, R. ...	Porangahau ...	400	0	8	4
Crystal, T. ...	Pukahu ...	412	0	8	7
Crosse, T. E. ...	Porangahau ...	4,395	4	11	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Close, J. ...	Pukahu ...	564	0	11	9
Campbell, N. ...	Kaikora ...	1,712	1	15	8
Collins, S. ...	Pukahu ...	36	0	0	9
Cable and Drummond	Wakamahi ...	11,580	12	1	3
Douglas, W. ...	Kaukauroa ...	17,220	17	18	9
Duff, H. A. ...	Wakarara ...	304	0	6	4
Duff Brothers	Wairoa ...	6,500	6	15	5
Dolbel Brothers	Springfield, &c. ...	5,500	5	14	7
Dillon, A. ...	Patangata ...	2,382	2	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Davis, E. ...	Meanee, &c. ...	2,660	2	15	5
Evans, R. ...	Kaikora ...	1,568	1	12	8
Fleming, D. S. ...	Boarhills ...	2,583	2	13	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Farmer and Watt	Longlands ...	9,790	10	3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Glenny, W. ...	Kopuawhara ...	1,704	1	15	6
Gollan, D. ...	Mangatarata ...	19,318	20	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gollan, K. ...	Tamamu ...	2,181	2	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Grant, A. ...	Burnside, &c. ...	11,090	11	11	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Glenny, T. S. ...	Ongai ...	171	0	3	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Gollan and Drower	Eparaima ...	304	0	6	4
Gaisford, H. ...	Oringe ...	3,280	3	8	4
Harding, J. ...	Mount Vernon ...	16,798	17	9	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hamilton, G. D. ...	Mangatoro ...	5,000	5	4	2
Howard Brothers	Hampden ...	2,476	2	11	7
Holden, J. ...	Hampden ...	3,528	3	13	6
Hill, K. ...	Clifton ...	14,826	15	8	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hill and Gorden	Karamu ...	6,160	6	8	4
Hunter, D. and W.	Papakihaua ...	27,263	28	7	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Heslop, J. ...	Puketapu ...	2,968	3	1	10
Heslop, W. and G. ...	Poraite, &c. ...	11,160	11	12	6
Herrick, J. L. ...	Forest Gate ...	7,120	7	8	4
Hutchinson, M. ...	Springvale ...	2,213	2	6	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Herbert, J. ...	Wainui ...	704	0	14	8
Herbert, J. and C. ...	Wainui ...	2,300	2	7	11
Healey, J. ...	Porangahau ...	181	0	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hirtzell, C.A.M. ...	Porangahau ...	120	0	2	6
Hassell, J. ...	Waihua ...	4,540	4	14	7
Johnston, S. ...	Oruawhara, &c. ...	40,874	42	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kinross, J. G. ...	Mangaware ...	33,780	35	3	9
Knight, J. ...	Kaikora ...	1,820	1	17	11
Lambert, C. ...	Lambertford ...	5,003	5	4	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Lambert, A. ...	Porangahau ...	696	0	14	6
Lawrence, J. ...	Homewood ...	4,057	4	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lincoln, J. ...	Tutaekuri ...	614	0	12	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Leupold, C. ...	Heavitree ...	472	0	9	10
Livingstone, A. ...	Kaikora ...	44	0	0	11
Lyon, J. ...	Poporange, &c. ...	15,454	16	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lowry, T. ...	Okawa ...	19,247	20	0	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Limpus, C. ...	Patangata ...	630	0	13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Logan, A. ...	Tamamu ...	864	0	18	0
Mason, J. ...	Te Taheke ...	3,255	3	7	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mackersey, J. ...	The Lake ...	7,425	7	14	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
McHardy, A. ...	Leslie Park ...	4,850	5	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
McHardy and Coleman	Blackhead ...	8,000	8	6	8
Merritt, G. ...	Farndon ...	910	0	18	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
McKenzie, H. ...	Havelock ...	454	0	9	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
McKenzie, J. ...	Tamamu ...	904	0	18	10
Maney, R. D. ...	Omahu, &c. ...	19,468	20	5	7
McLean, H. ...	Gwavas, &c. ...	18,423	19	3	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
McLean, A. ...	Tuki Tuki ...	8,780	9	2	11

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McLean, D. Sir	Maraekakaho	32,000	33	6	8
McLean, J.	Pukahu	473	9	10	$\frac{1}{4}$
McDougal, D.	Pohui	2,940	3	1	3
McKinnon, J.	Arapawanui	4,175	4	6	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
McRay, A.	Waipawa	504	10	6	
McAnanama, J.	Wairoa	121	2	6	$\frac{1}{2}$
McRay, M.	Hampden	556	11	7	
Mullinder, G.	Patangata	323	6	8	$\frac{3}{4}$
McDonald, D.	Pukahu	202	4	2	$\frac{1}{4}$
Nairn Bros.	Pourerere	27,033	28	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Nairn, H.	Te Apiti	6,800	7	1	8
Nelson, F. and W.	Mangateretere	4,500	4	13	9
Newman, A.	Arlington	10,141	10	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Newbould, S.	Papakura	454	9	5	$\frac{1}{2}$
Nicholson, J.	Kaikora	909	18	11	$\frac{1}{4}$
Ormond, J. D.	Wallingford, &c.	24,130	25	2	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Orr, W.	West Clive	504	10	6	
Orr, J.	Papakura	412	8	7	
Paukana, R.	Karamu	460	9	7	
Peacock, G.	Brooklands	2,200	2	5	10
Parsons, J.	Papakura	601	12	6	$\frac{1}{4}$
Parsons, W. and T.	Willowbrook	1,971	2	1	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Powdrell H.	Meanee	700	14	7	
Powdrell, J.	Wairoa	614	12	9	$\frac{1}{2}$
Peter, W.	Whakaki	8,248	8	11	10
Richardson and Troutbeck	Petane	8,720	9	1	8
Russell, T. P.	Woburn, &c.	20,534	21	7	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Russell, Bros.	Flaxmere, &c.	20,560	21	8	4
Russell, A. E.	Mangakuri	17,778	18	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Russell, H. R.	Mount Herbert, &c.	22,953	23	18	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Rich and Shrimpton	Matapiro	12,120	12	12	6
Rathbone, W.	Waipawa	3,449	3	11	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Reignier, E.	Meanee	1,650	1	14	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rhodes, J. B.	Edenham	11,138	11	12	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rhodes, R. H.	Springhill	4,030	4	3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rhodes and Co.	Rissington	32,500	33	17	1
Stokes, Bros.	Milbourne	26,200	27	5	10
Saxby, G. H.	Te Kopanga	12,676	13	4	1
Spence, G.	Whareponga	2,838	2	19	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Smith, H. W. P.	Haukeville	15,650	16	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sutherland, J.	Mohaka	3,340	3	9	7
St. Hill, A.	Mangamaire	21,000	21	17	6
Speedy, W. and G.	Wainui	3,430	3	11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Speedy, J.	Wainui	1,726	1	15	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sladen, H.	Grassmere	1,360	1	8	4
Soley, J.	Kaikora	123	2	6	$\frac{3}{4}$
Stewart, T.	Porangahau	470	9	9	$\frac{1}{4}$
Sim, J.	Mohaka	2,784	2	18	0
Sebley, J. L.	Waipawa	184	3	10	
Stevens and Clark	Kaikora	755	15	8	$\frac{3}{4}$
Small, W. H.	Patangata	2,060	2	2	11
Shield, A.	Waikonini	6,500	6	15	5
Stevens, J.	Petane	282	5	10	$\frac{1}{2}$
Sutton, F.	Mangateretere	880	18	4	
Tiffen, L. A.	Greenmeadows	5,670	5	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tiffen, F. J.	Elmshill	5,650	5	17	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tanner, T.	Riverslea, &c.	19,531	20	6	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Taylor, J.	Moeangiangi	5,819	6	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Twigg, H. J.	Petane	2,700	2	16	3
Towgood, E.	Tongoio	8,950	9	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tucker, E.	Sherwood	706	14	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
Turner and Galbraith	West Clive	1,710	1	15	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tod, J.	Kaikora	5,426	5	13	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tod, R.	Kaikora	1,228	1	5	7
Tait and McIvor	Waikare	3,325	3	9	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tuxford, A.	Petane	212	4	5	
Villers, W.	Petane	1,000	1	0	10
Watt and Walker	Mahia	14,090	14	13	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walker and Richardson	Waikokopu	5,877	6	2	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Watts, E.	Kaikora	1,709	1	15	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, A. M.	Kereru, &c.	22,173	23	1	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, R. P.	Mangateretere	3,165	3	5	11 $\frac{1}{4}$

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Wellwood, R.	Karamu	2,557	2 13 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, J. N.	Frimley, &c.	27,977	29 2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Williams, S.	Te Aute	14,920	15 10 10
Whitmore, G. S.	Clive Grange	8,500	8 17 1
Witherow, J.	Patangata	1,030	1 1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Waldrum, B.	Waipawa	312	6 6
Ward, A.	Porangahau	354	7 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
White, R.	Porangahau	206	4 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
White, J.	Porangahau	2,030	2 2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walker, J.	Pokawa	4,391	4 11 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Warren, W.	Mangapoaka	647	13 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Franklin, S.	Wainui	162	3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Howes, E.	Hakawai	779	16 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
		1,139,757	£1187 4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

