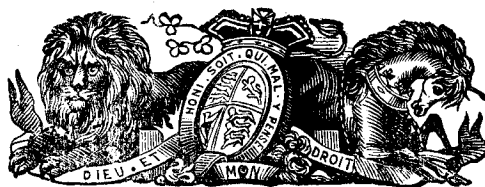


NEW ZEALAND.



OTAGO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Published by Authority.

Vol. XI

DUNEDIN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1867.

No. 478.

[WITH SUPPLEMENT.]

NOTICE TO SHEEP OWNERS.—Mr. HENRY PHILLIPS has been appointed Sub-Inspector of Sheep for the Northern District of the Province of Otago during the temporary absence of Mr. Sub-Inspector Clayton.

GEO. THOMSON,

Chief Inspector of Sheep.

Sheep Inspectors' Department,
Dunedin, 23d April, 1867.

MUNICIPALITY OF MILTON.—

STATEMENT of the probable Income and Expenditure for the year 1867-8.

INCOME.

Estimated Rates	£225 0 0
„ Government Subsidy	450 0 0
	£675 0 0

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries	£147 16 0
Rent... ..	10 0 0
Stationery, Printing, &c.	18 4 0
Public Works	500 0 0
	£675 0 0

R. R. JONES,

Town Clerk.

Milton, 18th April, 1867.

10s.

PROBABLE ASSETS OF THE QUEENSTOWN CORPORATION for the Year commencing 1st August, 1867, and ending 31st July, 1868 :—

Estimate of rates not recoverable from assessment of 1866 and '67, and carried on	£120 0 0
Estimates of rates for Year 1867 and '68	240 0 0
To Government Grant in aid on same	480 0 0
„ Jetty Dues	50 0 0
„ Carters' Licenses and other Carriages	10 0 0
	£900 0 0

Total probable Assets ... £900 0 0

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE during same period :—

To maintenance of streets, &c.	£200 0 0
„ Labor and lighting	100 0 0
„ Park Reserve	100 0 0
„ Town Hall	100 0 0
„ Scavenging	50 0 0
„ Office expenses, including law books, stationery, advertising, extra assistance	100 0 0
„ Salaries—Town Clerk	100 0 0
„ Legal expenses, &c.	25 0 0
„ Expenses collecting rates from absentees, say, 25 per cent. on £120	30 0 0
„ Fire Brigade	75 0 0
„ Jetty Repairs	40 0 0
„ Bridges	50 0 0
	£970 0 0

Estimated deficiency, £70

W. ROBERTSON,

Mayor.

20.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR AND CROP, 1866-67.

DIVISIONS.—The Central District comprises that area around Dunedin, which is bounded by the Waikouaiti River on the north, the Ocean on the east, the Taieri River and Lakes Waihola and Waipori on the south, and the boundaries of the Hundreds on the west. The Northern District comprises all the Hundreds north of the Waikouaiti River. The Southern District comprises all the Hundreds south of the Taieri River, and Lakes Waihola and Waipori.

NOTE.—The Returns on the present occasion have been necessarily limited to the Hundreds, to the Lands and Stock in the Goldfields Districts, occupied or owned by Miners, Agriculturists, Dairymen, &c., and to the Homesteads on the Runs within the Goldfields Districts. It is believed, however, that in some instances stock belonging to Runholders, and depasturing on Runs, has been inadvertently included in the Returns. No statistics have been collected for Dunedin and the larger towns, or for the ordinary Runs; but, as the cultivation in the larger towns, and on the ordinary Runs, is of comparatively limited extent, the following tables relating to crops, may be held as giving a tolerably correct statement of the extent of cultivation within the Province during the past season, except as regards land under garden or orchard, and potatoes.

I.—CULTIVATION AND CROPS.

DISTRICTS.	1 Number of Returns collected.	2 Total area fenced, whether under crop or not.	3 Total area of land broken up but not yet under crop.	CROPS.											AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.			
				4 Wheat.	5 Oats.	6 Barley	7 Sown Grasses.	8 Potatoes.	9 Turnips	10 Carrots or other root crops.	11 Garden or Orchard.	12 Any other crop.	13 Planted by the owner or occupier with gum or other timber trees.	14 Total under cultivation.	18 Threshing Machines.			18 Reaping Machines.
															15 Steam.	16 Water.	17 Horse.	
1 Central District ...	880	59,639	3,087	5,200	10,148	704	14,115	826	574	67	402	52	61	32,149	22	5	57	106
2 Northern District ...	339	120,398	10,437	6,296	6,877	360	7,234	485	140	66	212	21	173	21,867	6	—	23	48
3 Southern District...	363	56,715	5,223	2,934	10,492	574	8,969	432	361	15	143	22	35	23,977	6	3	43	74
4 Goldfields Districts ...	354	14,069	1,355	398	2,309	74	540	564	58½	76½	197½	2½	½	4,221	1	1	2	3
Totals ...	1,936	250,821	20,102	14,828	29,826	1,712	30,861	2,307	1,133½	224½	953½	97½	269½	82,214	35	9	125	231

II.—ESTIMATED AVERAGE PRODUCE OF CROPS.

I.—WHEAT.

Districts.	Abstract of Estimated Average Produce per Acre, as furnished in each case by the Grower.												Total Acreage in Wheat.	Total Estimated Number of Bushels.	General Average per Acre.	
	10 Bushels.	15 Bushels.	20 Bushels.	25 Bushels.	30 Bushels.	35 Bushels.	40 Bushels.	45 Bushels.	50 Bushels.	55 Bushels.	60 Bushels.	Not Stated.				
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1 Central District	3	4	256½	306½	1,135	711½	1,346½	659½	706½	7	19	45	5,200	193,898	37½	
2 Northern District .....	...	49	301	393	757	849	1,853	870	652	297	207	68	6,296	246,289	39 1-9th
3 Southern District	31	73	286	72	770	750½	544½	106	192	...	8	101	2,934	98,260	33 1-7th	
4 Goldfields Districts .....	...	...	64	2	112	9	114	...	43	2	5	47	398	13,745	34½
Totals	34	126	907½	773½	2,774	2,320	3,858	1,635½	1,593½	306	239	261	14,828	552,192	37½	

2—OATS.

Districts.	Abstract of Estimated Average Produce per Acre, as furnished in Each Case by the Grower.																	Total Acreage in Oats.	Total Estimated Number of Bushels.	General Average per Acre.	
	5 Bushels.	10 Bushels.	15 Bushels.	20 Bushels.	25 Bushels.	30 Bushels.	35 Bushels.	40 Bushels.	45 Bushels.	50 Bushels.	55 Bushels.	60 Bushels.	65 Bushels.	70 Bushels.	80 Bushels.	90 Bushels.	Not Stated.				
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1 Central District	½	10	1	43	83	541½	732	2589	1324	3016	367	1307	61	57	5	3	9	10,148	466,483	46	
2 Northern District ...	13	4	...	102	71	550	557	1569	1069	1827	126	485	85	155	...	...	264	6,877	306,283	44½
3 Southern District.....	8	...	23	45	173	779	1708	2817	1875	1799	367	252	45	362	...	3	236	10,492	449,753	43	
4 Goldfields Districts...	...	4	18	102	91	326	397	682	453	93	...	30	...	...	...	...	113	2,309	86,709	38
Totals.....	21½	18	42	291	418	2196½	3394	7657	4721	6735	860	2074	191	574	5	6	622	29,826	1,309,228	44	

3.—BARLEY.

DISTRICTS.	ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED AVERAGE PRODUCE PER ACRE, AS FURNISHED IN EACH CASE BY THE GROWER.													Total Acreage in Barley.	Total Estimated Number of Bushels.	General Average per Acre.	
	10 Bushels.	15 Bushels.	20 Bushels.	25 Bushels.	30 Bushels.	35 Bushels.	40 Bushels.	45 Bushels.	50 Bushels.	55 Bushels.	60 Bushels.	70 Bushels.	Not Stated.				
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1 Central District.....	1	2	10	10	76	24	214	40	229	59	15	8	16	704	30,821	43½	
2 Northern District .....	...	...	22	1	51	37	122	37	36	8	12	5	29	360	14,305	40
3 Southern District	1	21	12	55	87	121	158	10	39	3	59	...	8	574	21,510	37½	
4 Goldfields Districts	2	5	1	2	37	5	12	3	4	...	1	...	2	74	2,389	32½	
Totals.....	4	28	45	68	251	187	506	90	308	70	87	13	55	1712	69,025	40½	

4.—POTATOES.

	Districts.	ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED AVERAGE PRODUCE PER ACRE AS FURNISHED IN EACH CASE BY THE GROWER.																Total Acreage in Potatoes.	Total Estimated Number of Tons.	General Average per Acre.	
		2 Tons.	3 Tons.	4 Tons.	5 Tons.	6 Tons.	7 Tons.	8 Tons.	9 Tons.	10 Tons.	12 Tons.	13 Tons.	14 Tons.	15 Tons.	16 Tons.	18 Tons.	20 Tons.				30 Tons.
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Tons.	Tons.
1	Central District	2	27	60	65	129	210	160	32	68	34	3	7	3	18	3	4	1	826	6184	7½
2	Northern District	5	11	58	50	73	52	104	19	77	27	...	6	...	...	...	...	3	485	3598	7½
3	Southern District .....	...	19	36	72	83	45	87	6	52	12	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	432	2906	7
4	Goldfields Districts	8	25	60	77	201	61	84	8	28	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	564	3517	6¼
	Totals.....	29	82	214	264	486	368	435	65	225	85	3	13	9	18	3	4	4	2307	16205	7

5.—TURNIPS.

DISTRICTS.	ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED AVERAGE PRODUCE PER ACRE, AS FURNISHED IN EACH CASE BY THE GROWER.																		Total Acreage in Turnips.	Total Estimated Number of Tons.	General Average per Acre.
	5 Tons.	6 Tons.	7 Tons.	8 Tons.	9 Tons.	10 Tons.	12 Tons.	14 Tons.	15 Tons.	16 Tons.	17 Tons.	18 Tons.	19 Tons.	20 Tons.	25 Tons.	28 Tons.	30 Tons.	40 Tons.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Tons.	Tons.
Central District.....	13	8	9	14	52	79	76	11	124	12	2	28	2	86	36	...	22	...	574	8,520	14½
Northern District.....	16	41	5	13	...	15	14	1	8	...	...	2	...	14	...	...	11	...	140	1,563	11 1-6th
Southern District.....	27	14	2	8	...	45	11	2	59	6	...	10	...	95	41	3	26	12	361	6,337	17½
Goldfields Districts...	10	2½	...	3	2	7	4	6	6	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	1	...	58½	767	13½
	66	65½	16	38	54	146	105	20	197	18	2	40	2	212	77	9	60	12	1,133½	17,187	15 1-6th

III.—PROGRESS OF CULTIVATION SINCE 1853.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1861	1864	1866-67
Total of Acres Fenced ... ..	...	...	...	...	14,628	19,066	42,254	151,516	250,820
„ „ Broken up but not yet in Crop ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,102
In Wheat	862	1,077	1,217	1,930	1,872	4,238	4,928	5,817	14,808
„ Oats	582	728	687	805	1,753	2,530	4,517	21,088	30,061
„ Barley	8	9	5	21	83	723	166	848	1,712
„ Maize ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	18	...
„ Potatoes*	222	277	386	355	464	646	667	3,069	2,307
„ Garden or Orchard *	42	52	88	117	131	682	504	1,321	954
„ Sown Grasses	569	712	1,314	1,718	2,646	4,229	8,224	15,895	30,861
„ Other Crops	30	38	77	76	136	877	248	1,102	1,726
Total under Crop	2,315	2,893	3,824	5,022	7,085	13,935	19,254	49,158	82,429

* The apparently smaller area in Gardens or Orchards and Potatoes, is to be accounted for by the circumstance that Dunedin and other towns are not included in the Returns for 1866-67. It is believed that the extent of land under Potatoes in 1864 was exceptionally large.

110

IV.—LIVE STOCK.

	Districts.†	Horses of all sorts and ages.	Brood mares included in the foregoing column.	Cattle of all sorts and ages.	Breeding Cows included in the foregoing column.	Sheep of all sorts and ages.	Ewes included in the foregoing column.	Goats.	Pigs.	Poultry of all sorts.
1	Central District.....	2,071	456	12,463	3,378	16,151	4,073	102	3,341	30,276
2	Northern District.....	1,917	580	6,185	2,273	272,092	126,126	16	2,017	13,837
3	Southern District.....	1,693	503	10,508	4,150	69,149	30,650	39	1,640	12,727
4	Goldfields Districts.....	1,264	217	4,850	1,985	55,370	27,961	185	2,163	12,147
	Totals.....	6,945	1,756	34,006	11,786	412,762	188,810	342	9,161	68,987

† This Table does not give the number of Stock for the entire Province, but only for those localities specified in a preceding note. It was intended to have obtained complete returns of the number of Breeding Stock distinct from the aggregate numbers. The returns under this head seem to have been given with tolerable correctness, except in one of the sub-divisions of the Central District, where the Enumerator has omitted, in almost every instance, to obtain a return of the Breeding Stock.

V.—MILLS, MANUFACTORIES, QUARRIES, MINES (other than Gold), &c., IN THE SUBURBAN AND RURAL DISTRICTS AND THE SMALLER TOWNSHIPS.

	Districts.	Flour Mills.*			Saw Mills.		Ship or Boat Building.		Brick Works.		Drain Pipe Works.		Lime Kiln.		Bone Dust Mill.		Wool Scouring and Feltmongery Works.		Tanneries.		Fish Curing Works.		Breweries.		Collieries.		Stone Quarries.	
		Steam.	Water.	Wind.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.	No.	No. of "Hands" employed.
1	Central District	3	4	...	3	26	5	7	12	25	1	?	1	3	1	2	4	70	2	21	1	2	4	24	6	22	16	33
2	Northern District	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	21	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	5	23
3	Southern District	2	2	..	5	40	..	..	5	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	..	1	3	6	11	1	?
4	Goldfields Districts.....	1	1	..	1	12	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	5	12	..	..
	Totals.....	8	9	1	9	78	6	9	18	36	1	?	1	3	1	2	8	121	2	21	1	2	8	38	18	50	22	56

* Oat meal is made at three of the Mills.

VI.—CLASSIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING QUERY, WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO ALL PERSONS WHO WERE CALLED ON FOR RETURNS, VIZ. :—

“If the supply of labor were more abundant, would you be able to extend your operations, and if so, to what extent?”

Districts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Yes.	Yes, to full extent of property	Yes, double.	Yes, one half more.	Yes, one third more.	Yes, to a greater extent.	Yes, considerably.	Yes, to the extent of the (aggregate) number of acres undernoted.	Acres.	Land all in cultivation.	Land not suitable for cultivation.	Not at present.	No.	No reply whatever.	Special replies, generally lengthened ones, not coming under any of the foregoing heads.	Total number of returns collected.
1 Central District.....	76	12	20	12	45	3	6	8	1020	...	...	12	291	379	16	880
2 Northern District.....	107	8	36	1	...	10	..	44	8179	...	...	...	91	33	9	339
3 Southern District.....	26	...	43	15	2	1	4	29	2425	...	...	1	61	170	11	363
4 Goldfields Districts.....	27	1	...	...	...	...	1	78	5755	26	1	47	114	57	2	354
Totals.....	236	21	99	28	47	14	11	159	17,379	26	1	60	557	639	38	1,936

NOTE.—The compiler thinks it right to state that a very large proportion of the Replies in Columns 12 and 13 are from persons in the suburbs of Dunedin, the Goldfields Districts, and elsewhere holding small areas of land, who are evidently engaged in other occupations, as well as in the cultivation of their own land. In the Goldfields Districts, these are nearly all miners, occupying small areas in virtue of their Miner's Rights.

Some of the more Valuable of the special replies under column 14 are given in the appendix.

JOHN HISLOP,
Compiler.

APPENDIX.

I.—CULTIVATION AND CROPS IN NINETEEN SUB-DIVISIONS.

	MAIN DISTRICTS.	SUB-DIVISIONS.	Number of Returns Collected.	Total Area fenced, whether under Crop or not.	Total Area broken up, but not yet under Crop.	CROPS.											AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.			
						Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Sown Grasses.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Carrots & other Root Crops.	Garden or Orchard.	Any other Crops.	Planted with Gum or other Timber Trees.	Total under Crop.	Threshing Machines.			Reaping Machines.
																	Steam.	Water.	Horse.	
				Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
1	Central	Blueskin	53	1,919	186	82	444	11	284	4	44	1	9	...	...	939	...	...	2	...
2	Do	N. E. Valley & N. Harbor	120	2,775	212	51	114	6	1,313	52	2	1	47	...	2	1,588	...	...	1	...
3	Do	Otago Peninsula	220	6,134	93	137	231	22	2,218	86	29	35	147	1	1	2,907	1	...	4	5
4	Do	Maori hill & part of Waikari	101	1,070	37	14	286	2	506	27	11	5	80	...	2	933	...	1	...	...
5	Do	{ North and West Taieri and Lower Waipori ... }	138	22,864	916	3,425	4,505	540	3,783	321	292	19	16	26	13	12,940	13	...	25	66
6	Do	{ Kaikorai, Caversham, Green Island, Saddle Hill, E. Taieri, Otakia &c }	248	24,877	1,643	1,491	4,568	123	6,011	276	196	6	103	25	43	12,842	8	4	25	35
7	Northern	{ Waikouaiti, Goodwood, & Shag Valley ... }	130	37,125	3,812	785	2,651	83	4,585	174	78	13	84	3½	65	8,521½	3	...	14	11
8	Do	Moeraki and Otepopo	87	18,775	1,866	879	1,573	35	722	116	37	6	41	...	12	3,421	...	...	4	7
9	Do	{ Oamaru & other Northern Hundreds ... }	122	64,498	4,759	4,632	2,653	242	1,930	195	25	47	87	17½	96	9,924½	3	...	5	30
10	Southern	{ Waihola, Clarendon, and Taieri Beach ... }	49	5,330	533	151	1,088	11	726	54	27	0¼	15	...	1¼	2,073½	...	...	5	6
11	Do	Tokomairiro and Akatore	147	23,994	2,055	1,391	6,403	376	4,489	192	213	9	60	14	13¾	13,160¾	6	1	20	52
12	Do	{ North Molyneux, Clutha, and the other Southern Hundreds ... }	167	27,391	2,635	1,392	3,001	187	3,754	186	121	5¾	68	8	20	8,742¾	...	2	18	16
13	Goldfields	Waitahuna E. (Havelock &c)	57	210	11	7	93	...	4	31	6	0½	6	...	0¼	147¾	...	...	...	...
14	Do	Tuapeka, Waitahuna W., &c.	49	9,885	876	79	781	11	470	165	18	11	23	0¼	0¼	1,558½	1	...	2	2
15	Do	Waipori	5	22	...	...	16	...	...	1	2	0¼	...	...	...	19¼	...	...	...	...
16	Do	Teviot, Bengier, &c.	43	604	8	23	239	1	19	52	4	6	13	0¼	...	357¼	...	...	...	...
17	Do	Dunstan, Cromwell, &c.	78	918	143	8	457	6	...	185	10	44	6	0¼	...	716¼	...	...	...	...
18	Do	Wakatip, Arrow, &c.	75	1,985	292	281	519	54	9	91	18	14	13	2	...	1,001	...	1	...	1
19	Do	{ Up. Manuherikia, Mount Ida, Hamilton, &c. ... }	47	445	25	...	204	2	38	39	0¼	1	136¾	...	...	421	...	...	...	...
Totals			1936	250,821	20,102	14,828	29,826	1712	30,861	2307	1133¼	224¾	954¾	97¾	269½	82,214	35	9	125	231

II.—LIVE STOCK IN NINETEEN SUB-DIVISIONS.

	MAIN DISTRICTS.	SUB-DIVISIONS.	Horses of all sorts and ages.	Brood Mares included in the foregoing column.	Cattle of all sorts and ages.	Breeding cows included in the foregoing column.	Sheep of all sorts and ages.	Ewe included in the foregoing column.	Goats.	Pigs.	Poultry of all sorts.
1	Central	Blueskin	86	25	776	302	22	13	12	106	1,637
2	„	N. E. Valley and N. Harbor.....	77	19	727	372	240	212	21	237	2,960
3	„	Otago Peninsula	164	59	2,007	980	506	195	39	742	7,383
4	„	Maori Hill and part of Waikari.....	89	26	512	231	5	5	12	202	2,445
5	„	N. and W. Taieri, and Lower Waipori.....	808	315	4,016	1,478	8,422	3,648	...	1,038	5,888
6	„	Kaikorai, Caversham, Green Island, Saddle Hill, E. Taieri, Otakia, &c.	851	12	4,418	15	6,956	...	18	1,016	9,963
7	Northern.....	Waikouaiti, Goodwood, and Shag Valley.....	760	252	2,196	810	100,757	47,794	7	690	6,950
8	„	Moeraki and Otepopo	349	91	1,883	683	27,892	9,925	...	326	2,378
9	„	Oamaru and the other Northern Hundreds	808	237	2,106	780	143,443	68,407	9	1,001	4,509
10	Southern	Waihola, Clarendon, and Taieri Beach	246	79	2,021	715	1,412	741	5	185	2,140
11	„	Tokomairiro and Akatore	796	235	3,445	1,595	33,153	15,911	11	943	5,535
12	„	North Molyneux, Clutha, and the other Southern Hundreds.....	651	189	5,042	1,840	34,584	13,998	23	512	5,052
13	Gold Fields	Waitahuna East (Havelock, &c.).....	54	19	491	247	1,407	83	2	100	1,137
14	„	Tuapeka, Waitahuna West, &c.....	221	65	1,761	569	41,506	18,203	10	482	2,382
15	„	Waipori	5	...	43	24	...	...	...	2	31
16	„	Teviot, Benger, &c.	82	14	433	122	...	...	...	9	202
17	„	Dunstan, Cromwell, &c.	177	36	498	214	...	...	56	459	2,090
18	„	Wakatip, Arrow, &c.....	236	82	1,074	602	12,457	9,675	32	666	3,728
	„	Upper Manuherikia, Mount Ida, Hamilton, &c.	489	1	550	207	...	...	85	445	2,577
		Totals.....	6,945	1,756	34,006	11,786	412,762	188,810	342	9,161	68,987

NOTE.—The Returns of Breeding Stock for Sub-Divisions No. 6, have in almost every case been omitted by the persons making the Returns.

SELECTIONS FROM THE SPECIAL REPLIES
REFERRED TO IN TABLE VI.

1. *Southern District*.—"A more thorough system of husbandry would be carried out, greater attention would be paid to root crops and the feeding of stock, and as a result a much larger return would be obtained from the same acreage."

2. *Southern District*.—"I would, to the extent of improving 150 acres of swamp, and improving my fenced land by breaking up what is fit to plough, by better cultivation of that already ploughed, by the growing of green crops, and the planting of live fences and belts and clumps of plantation, and also by improving leasehold land to the extent of over 1000 acres."

3. *Southern District*.—"If labor were more easily obtained and not so expensive, a farm like the one described could be made to produce one-third more. Harvesters at the present time are very scarce and difficult to be obtained at 10s. per day. I may also state that if labour were cheap and procurable, I could, during the next year, bring at least 300 additional acres into cultivation."

4. *Southern District*.—"If labour were cheaper, I would continue agriculture; but if not, I intend to do less in cropping."

5. *Southern District*.—"If labour were more abundant and the rate of wages much lower, farmers and settlers would undoubtedly avail themselves of it to a greater extent than at present. A lower rate of wages and a more abundant supply of labour would at the same time be followed by an increased production of all the cereals, tending to glut our markets and eventually discourage the extension of the growth of cereals, there being no profitable means of exporting. If the rate of wages were about half that at present, the breaking up and laying down lands in grass to depasture heavy sheep, looking to the wool for profit, might be extended wherever the soil, aspect, and climate were suitable. Unless our consuming population be augmented by other industries springing up, there must necessarily be found a limit soon to the profitable growth of cereals. The true position of a settler here would be that of a *freehold grazier* having his market (*i. e.* for wool) in Great Britain. Barley for malting purposes might give profitable employment to large numbers in some districts, being grown as a rotation crop on lands broken up from old lea grass, depastured by sheep as aforesaid."

6. *Southern District*.—"The supply is not so much the difficulty as the want of skill and the high wages demanded."

7. *Southern District*.—"If the price of labour here bore the same proportion to the price of wheat as in Britain, I should quadruple the number of my employées. If the proportion between the price of wheat and labour here were the same as in Canada or Cali-

fornia, or even in Australia or Tasmania, I believe that every farmer could and would profitably double the number of his labourers."

8. *Central District*.—"A farmer having 300 or 400 acres, if labour were cheaper, would employ 20 men all the year round, but at the present rate of wages and the reduced prices of farming produce, we are able to employ only a few men at present."

9. *Central District*.—"I can always get plenty of labourers, but not of the right class, and the wages are too high. I might employ more men, but if they cannot be got better and cheaper I must employ fewer. The indifferent sort of labourers, the present prices of grain, and the high wages will stop cultivation to a great extent. The government contracts are let too high for the farmers to compete with them. The men in the government employ work about 7 hours a day, whereas my own work about 9 hours."

10. *Central District*.—"If I could get good farm servants I would put more in cultivation."

11. *Central District*.—"I consider the advantages to be derived by all classes from Immigration of inestimable value, and I consider that the Government acted most reprehensibly in neglecting this portion of its duty in the way it has done, as I believe by so doing this province has not been in a position to its proper development from labour, *male and female*."

12. *Northern District*.—"Improvements are on all sides impeded to an extent not easily described, by the very high rate of wages at present. If labour were more abundant and consequently cheaper, improvements would for some time at least be nearly doubled. This will appear with especial force to the plantation of forest trees."

13. *Northern District*.—"If labour were more abundant I would not employ any more hands, having sons,"

14. *Northern District*.—"Certainly. If the supply of labor were more abundant, the price of labour would be cheaper, and I as a capitalist would employ far more men than I do, to their own benefit as well as my own."

15. *Northern District*.—"On account of the expense of labour, I am obliged to lay land down in grass."

16. *Northern District*.—"Were labor much cheaper than it is at present, I would bring quickly under cultivation every acre I possess, and I would carry on very extensively the planting of trees of all sorts. The present price of labour prevents me doing more in either than I have already done."

17. *Northern District*.—"Yes, to the extent of cultivating 2000 acres and fencing 7000 acres."

18. *Northern District*.—"Not being able to get men my family are obliged to work."

19. *Southern District*.—"The supply is equal to the demand."

20. *Southern District*.—"I consider the supply equal to the demand, nor would I extend my operations if labour were cheaper."

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
OF OAMARU, 1867:—**

Accounts paid to date ... £1,318 13 6

Expenditure voted by Council.

Wansbeck street	£142 0 0	
Lamps and Lighting	54 15 10	
Channelling Thames and Tyne streets	300 0 0	
Metalling Wansbeck street	120 0 0	
General Improvements Es- planade, &c.	250 0 0	
Itchen street (making) ...	550 0 0	
Balance to Clerk, Surveyor, and Inspector	81 5 0	
		1,498 0 10

* *Supplementary Expenditure Required.*

Balance to Itchen street, say	£426 14 2	
Daymen, wages	88 0 0	
Do. do. Supplementary	88 0 0	
Cartage, say	10 0 0	
Sundries	15 0 0	
		627 14 2
Mr. Campbell's account	12 10 0	
Drainage, part of general system	300 0 0	
Lamps and Lighting	100 0 0	
Fire Engine	120 0 0	
Weigh Bridge... ..	200 0 0	
		732 10 0
		<u>£4,176 18 6</u>

Receipts.

From late Town Board ...	£8 0 0	
Government Grant	500 0 0	
Rates	751 0 0	
Government Subsidy	1,502 0 0	
		2,761 0 0

Expected Receipts.

Rates likely to be received	£69 0 0	
Government Subsidy	138 0 0	
		207 0 0
Deficiency		1,208 18 6
		<u>£4,176 18 6</u>
Balance brought down being deficiency		<u>£1,208 18 6</u>

By order,

GEORGE SUMPTER,

Town Clerk.

Oamaru, April 16th, 1867.

27s 6d

SUBSCRIPTIONS will be at the rate of £1 per annum or 6s. per quarter, payable in advance to the Publisher. Single copies of the Gazette not to exceed 6d. Subscriptions may commence at any time, but must terminate not later than 31st December, 1867

PRIVATE ADVERTISEMENTS will be charged at the rate of 6d. per line. Late Advertisements and table matter, 1s. per line, first insertion.

THE GAZETTE (with Supplement) is published every Wednesday morning, and Notices for Insertion must be received at the Publisher's Office not later than 2 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding. Advertisements received after that hour will be charged 1s. per line. Any irregularity in the receipt of those Gazettes which are given gratis by the Government should be reported at once to the Provincial Secretary.