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A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

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Provincial Government Wharf.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, October 19, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Provincial Government will be prepared to receive Tenders at or before noon of Tuesday, the 1st December next, for leasing the Provincial Government Wharf, for a period of not more than three years.

Conditions may be seen at this office on and after the 7th November.

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Government Bonded Store.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 19th October, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Provincial Government will be prepared to receive Tenders at or before noon of Monday, the 16th of November next, for renting the Provincial Bonded Store (adjoining the Wharf), for a period of not more than three years.

Conditions may be seen at this office on and after the 31st inst.

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,
Provincial Secretary.

Sheep Inspectors' Reports.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, September 28, 1868.

WANGANUI-RANGITIKEI DISTRICT.

IT has been notified to this Office by the Acting-Inspector of the above district that the following flocks have been declared free from Scab.

Mr. James Paulin's, Rangitikei, September 10, 1868

Mr. Wm. Loggie's, Rangitikei, (a separate flock numbering 1030), September 10, 1868.

WELLINGTON AND WEST COAST DISTRICT.

It has been notified to this Office by the Sub-Inspector of Sheep of the above district that the flock of

J. S. Smith, Wainui, West Coast, Aug. 18, 1868, has been reported as scabby.

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,
Provincial Secretary.

Sheep Inspector's Report.

WAIRARAPA DISTRICT.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, September, 28, 1868.

IT has been notified to this office by the Sheep Inspector of the Wairarapa District, that the following flock has been reported scabby, viz., that of

Mr. Alexander Grant, Bannockburn, Tupurupuru, September 23, 1868.

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,
Provincial Secretary.

Sheep Inspector's Report (Wairarapa and East Coast.)

RETURN OF SHEEP IN THE WAIRARAPA AND EAST COAST DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1868.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.			Scab or Clean.	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
			£	s.	d.			
J. C. Andrews	... Whareama	... 6426	13	7	9	Scab	July 24th, 1867; February 1st and 6th, 1868	
A. K. Arnot	... Papitapa	... 504	1	1	0	Clean	January 9th, 1868	
Wm. Anketell	... Masterton	... 115	0	4	9½	..	October 4th, 1867	
B. Boys	... Taratahi, W.	... 36	0	1	7	Scab	July 6th and 11th, October 4th, 1867	Clean certificate, June 26th, 1868
Wm. Bicknell	... Featherston	... 205	0	8	6½	Clean	September 6th, 1867	
Thomas Benton	... Heifer Station	... 132	0	5	6	..	September 6th, 1867	
C. R. Bidwell	... Pihautea	... 4073	8	9	8½	..	August 19th, October 20th, 1867; February 13th, 1868	
Messrs. Beetham	... Brancepeth	... 8540	17	15	10	..	December 4th, 1867; February 21st and 22nd, May 11th, 1868	A stray sheep from Mr. McMasters, slightly scabbed, had mixed with a portion of the ewe flock at Brancepeth, but was quickly discovered. Up to this date no disease is showing on this flock
R. Barton	... White Rock	... 12,800	26	13	4	..	October 22nd, Turanganui; October 24th, 1867	These ewes are separate from the flock and are strictly watched. Messrs. Beetham have erected an excellent dip on premises.
John Blatchford	... Tamatie	... 65	0	2	8½	..	February 12th, 1868	
Alexander Bruce	... Opaki	... 250	0	10	5	..	January 16th, 1868	
H. Buxton	... Whareama	... 3840	8	0	0	Scab	September 23rd, 1867; February 18th, March 10th, May 11th, 1868	
Joseph Bennett	... Otahua	... 2526	5	5	3	Clean	December 18th, 1867	Scab certificate, July 13th, 1868
Buck and Kemble	... Pundti	... 2000	4	3	4	..	October 1st, 1867	
A. Bunny	... Kakaripakari	... 600	1	5	0	Scab	July 6th and 12th, 1867; February 25th, May 6th, 1868	Clean certificate, June 28th, 1868

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
H. Bunny	Featherston	4500	£ 9 7 6	Clean	November 5th, 1867; February 7th, 1868	
T. Brightwell	Taratahi, E.	540	1 2 6	"	October 1st, December 6th, 1867	
Henry Bannister	Masterton	1500	3 2 6	"	December 23rd, 1867; January 16th, 1868	
Henry Burling, junior	Teramea	1100	2 5 10	"	January 9th, 1868	
Wm. Bennett	Masterton	290	0 12 1	"	October 4th, December 2nd, 1867	
H. Belliss	Mongapakeha	800	1 13 4	Scab	November 17th, 1867; February 23rd, 1868	
J. W. Bennington	Masterton	46	0 1 11	Clean	October 4th, 1867	
Henry Braithwaite	Tawaha	140	0 5 10	"	October 30th, 1867	
H. Callister	Carterton	58	0 2 5	"	July 16th, 1867	
S. Carkeek	Featherston	666	1 7 9	"	October 9th, 1867	
P. Cotter	Masterton	3413	7 2 2½	"	July 17th, 1867; January, 4th, 1868	
H. Crayne	Masterton	280	0 11 8	"	December 2nd, 1867	
Cameron and Miller	Taheru	5054	10 10 7	Scab	September 11th, 1867, January 11th, April 28th, May 4th, 1868.	
J. Campbell	Taratahi	197	0 8 2½	Clean	June 10th, 1867; January 7th, 1868	
D. Cameron	Blairlogie	4000	8 6 8	Scab	September 18th, October 2nd, 1867; February 6th, 1868	
R. Collins	Te Oreore	4012	8 7 2	Clean	December 5th, 1867	Scab certificate, July 13th, 1868
Messrs. Cameron	Panawa	10,000	20 16 8	"	September 27th, 1867	
Wm. Corp	Taratahi, W.	340	0 14 2	Scab	July 6th, October 4th, 1867; May 6th, 1868	This flock was clean to all appearance on my last visit, but has not yet received a clean certificate, having to inspect it again
Lot Cross	Featherston	64	0 2 8	Clean	February 7th, 1868	
R. Cockburn	Manaia	500	1 0 10	"		This flock is frequently seen
C. Cundy	Tatihu	700	1 9 2	"	November 5th and 30th, 1867	
Isaac Crips	Whareama	86	0 3 7	"	September 22nd, 1867; February 9th, 1868	
C. Dakin	Parklands	2322	4 16 9	"	August 20th, December 13th and 27th, 1867	Scab Certificate, June 24th, 1868
R. Donald	Manaia	850	1 15 5	"		This flock is frequently seen

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean.	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
Messrs. Dorsett	Opaki	220	£ s. d. 0 9 2	Clean	December 23rd, 1867	
P. Dale	Ramsdale	740	1 10 10	"		Saw these sheep in Hume's flock
C. Darcy	Tauheru	540	1 2 6	"		Fresh owner
R. Dagg	Masterton	80	0 3 4	"	December 2nd, 1867	
D. Dalgety	Taratahi	200	0 8 4	"		Fresh owner
C. Dixon	Masterton	33	0 1 4½	"	August 13th, 1867	
R. Dixon	Carterton	56	0 2 4	"	July 16th, 1867	
R. Daysh	Brightfield	450	0 18 9	"	November 21st, December 13th, 1867	
J. Driscoll	Taratahi	20	0 0 10	Scab		Fresh owner. These sheep were purchased from Mr. K. Jackson, a neighbour
W. L. Dorsett	Opaki	350	0 14 7	Clean	December 23rd, 1867; February 11th, 1868	
C. Edwards	Taratahi, E.	1050	2 3 9	Scab	June 10th, August 29th, November 21st, December 21st, 1867; January 18th and 27th, 1868	This flock, lately in possession of K. Jackson
E. Edwards	Taratahi, E.	780	1 12 6	"	November 21st, 1867	
Everett (Murch and Hales)	Flat Point	6523	13 11 9½	"	September 26th, 1867	The wether flock is clean, and on my last visit could only muster a portion of ewe flock owing to lambing; to visit again at docking time.
Fairbrother	Carterton	50	0 2 1	Clean	July 16th, 1867	
Wm. Flood	Carterton	24	0 1 0	"	October 9th, November 22nd, 1867	
Walter Francis	Taratahi, E.	150	0 6 3	Scab	June 10th, 1867; March 23rd, 1868	
Wm. Francis	Taratahi, E.	26	0 1 1	Clean	March 24th, 1868	
I. E. Featherston	Akitekoo	12,343	25 14 3½	"	November 15th, 1867	
John Groves	Flag Creek	1100	2 5 10	Scab	November 16th, 1867; February 3rd, 1868	
A. Gillies	Oterapia	6862	14 5 11	Clean	August 20th, October 24th, 1867	Scab certificate, June 30th, 1868
Thomas Guthrie	Castle Point	3889	8 2 0½	Scab	June 15th and 16th, July 25th, 1867; February 5th, 1868	
R. Grant	Te Puru Puru	420	0 17 6	Clean	October 19th, 1867	

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
— Hollard	... Taurekai	520	£ s. d. 1 1 8	Clean	November 30th, 1867	
W. Hodder	... Featherston	500	1 0 10	"	November 30th, 1867	
P. Hume	... Rauapui	2650	5 10 5	"	February 14th, 1868	
— Hami	... Te Kopi	250	0 10 5	"	October 24th, 1867	
Abraham Harris	... Hautotara	1400	2 18 4	"		
M. Hirschberg	... Greytown	2000	4 3 4	"	May 8th, 1868	These sheep are mixed with Huangaroa flock
T. Hawke	... Greytown	175	0 7 3½	"	December 28th, 1867	
James Harvey	... Opaki	450	0 18 9	"	January 16th, 1868	
Brown Hunt	... Masterton	90	0 3 9	"	October 4th, 1867	
H. Jackson	... Stonestead	1000	2 1 8	"	July 17th, 1867; January 4th, 1868	
Hugh Jackson	... Featherston	550	1 2 11	"	July 17th, 1867; October 9th, November 29th, 1867	
J. Jury	... Huangaroa	700	1 9 2	"	October 1st, 1867	
Joseph Kelly	... Turanganui	2100	4 7 6	"	October 24th, 1867	
— Kibblewhite	... Masterton	550	1 2 11	"	October 15th, 1867	
Geo. King	... Carterton	64	0 2 8	"	July 16th, 1867	
F. Kempton	... Greytown	1680	3 10 0	"	July 18th, 1867; May 7th, 1868	
R. Langdon	... Bromsgrove	1100	2 5 10	Scab	November 17th, 1867	
W. L. Lucena	... Pigeon Bush	1117	2 6 6½	Clean	October 11th, November 29th, 1867; January 28th, 1868	
Messrs. Leech	... Whareama	800	1 13 4	"	January 11th, 1868	
Angus, McLeod	... Opaki	130	0 5 5	"	January 15th, 1868	
James McLeod	... Pahawa	3500	7 5 10	"	December 17th, 1867	
W. McLeod	... Wakapuni	1500	3 2 6	"	November 24th, 1867	This flock was shorn at Hautotara
E. Meredith	... Riversdale	6300	13 2 6	Scab	July 29th, September 25th, 1867; April 2nd, May 16th, 1868	The dry flock is clean; the ewes could not be mustered owing to lambing on my last visit. To inspect this flock again at docking time.

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean.	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
Jacob Matthews	Opaki	460	£ s. d. 0 19 2	Clean	November 11th, 1867	
Joseph Masters	Masterton	500	1 0 10	"	December 11th, 1867	
George Mace	Kaumingi	390	0 16 3	"	September 11th, December 5th, 1867; April 23th, 1868.	Since reported scabby
Wm. Mitchell	Taratahi, E.	250	0 10 5	Scab		Fresh owner
A. and A. McKenzie	Taratahi, E.	800	1 13 4	Clean	August 29th, 1867	
John McKenzie	Taratahi, E.	720	1 10 0	"	August 29th, 1867	
Mrs. McKenzie	Masterton	50	0 2 1	"	August 13th, 1867	
M. McCloud	Opaki	120	0 5 0	"	January 15th, 1868	
Angus McMasters	Tu Purupuru	18,505	38 11 0½	"	October 19th and 24th, 1867; Tuitatara, December 9th, 1867; February 14th, 1868	Scab certificate, June 30th, 1868.
D. McLachlan	Tiruhanga	500	1 0 10	"	February 11th, 1868	
J. Moore	Waikaraka	7300	15 4 2	Scab	July 30th and 31st, August 1st, September 25th, December 5th, 1867; February 27th, May 12th, 1868	On my last visit to this flock the ewes were lambing, but on riding through them could not detect any disease. The Wainuioru flock were clean, with the exception of one sheep. To visit again at docking time.
Messrs. Maunsell	Ti Nui	4500	9 7 6	Clean	November 13th and 16th, 1867; February 2nd and 3rd, 1868.	
S. Moles	Opaki	150	0 6 3	"	December 28th, 1867	
C. Matthews	Wharepapa	7000	14 11 8	"	November 29th, 1867	Scabby sheep still running on the outskirts of this run
D. McLachlan	Spring Bank	550	1 2 11	"	October 19th, 1867	
J. Nicol	Tauperu	1300	2 14 2	"	January 11th, 1868	
Wm. Nicol	Featherston	2000	4 3 4	"	January 30th, 1868	
Nopera Tiki	Long Bush	240	0 10 0	"	December 30th, 1867	
— O'Mera	Ahāhūri	2212	4 12 2	"	October 1st, 1867	
S. Oats	Taratahi, E.	100	0 4 2	"	November 21st, 1867	

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean.	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
— Proudfoot	... Taratahi, E.	... 206	£ s. d. 0 8 7	Clean	November 21st, 1867	
B. P. Perry	... Taratahi, E.	... 4500	9 7 6	Scab	June 8th and 10th, November 18th, December 6th, 1867; March 12th, 1868	
W. Parker	... Carterton	... 23	0 0 11½	Clean		
E. and C. Pharazyn	.. Watarangi	... 12,400	25 16 8	„	October 23rd, 1867	
Mrs. Reed	... Carterton	... 180	0 7 6	Scab	November 21st, 1867; March 22nd and 24th, 1868	
John Russell	... Waingaimoana	... 6600	13 15 0	Clean	October 23rd, November 27th, 1867	
Wm. Rossiter	... Taratahi, W.	... 200	0 8 4	Scab	July 6th, October 4th, 1867; May 6th, 1868	
H. Rokel	... Matahiwi	... 3000	6 5 0	Clean	October 15th, November 11th, 1867	
John Rayner	... Taratahi, E.	... 190	0 4 2	„	January 20th, March 5th, 1868	
— Rowe	.. Mokea	... 980	2 0 10	„	October 2nd, 1867	
J. Reynolds	... Taratahi, E.	... 700	1 9 2	Scab	November 21st, 1867	Clean certificate since
A. Renall	.. Masterton	... 95	0 3 11½	Clean	November 11th, December 2nd, 1867	
— Rowe	... Tu Parupuru	... 530	1 2 1	„	December 21st, 1867	Scab certificate, June 23rd, 1868
J. Robieson	... Teaiti	... 20	0 0 10	„		Fresh owner
R. Simpson	... Otahuro	... 338	0 14 1	„		Omitted to take note when this visit was made
W. Symonds	... Featherston	... 30	0 1 3	„		Fresh owner
James Smith	... Waipiora	... 4000	8 6 8	„	May 11th, 1868	
Wm. Smith	... Waihenga	... 550	1 2 11	„		
James Smith	... Taratahi, E.	... 270	0 11 3	Scab	March 23rd, 1868	Fresh owner. Since reported scabby This flock until lately was in the hands of John Richardson, Waingawai
Smith and Tully	... Huangaroa	... 20,000	41 13 4	Clean	October 1st and 24th, November 23rd, December 27th, 1867	
James Strang	... Tu Parupuru	... 2200	4 11 8	„	October 19th, 1867	
J. V. Smith	.. Matikuna and Lansdown	5708	11 17 10	„	June 13th, July 26th and 27th, 1867; January 17th, 1868	

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean.	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
J. Sutherland	... Matikuna	... 9559	£ s. d. 7 8 3½	Clean	November 14th, 1867	
Stoodley	... Taratahi, E.	... 159	0 6 3	"	November 21st, 1867	
Joseph Tucker	... Taurenekau	... 72	0 3 0	"	November 30th, 1867; January 30th, 1868	
J. Tavener	... Masterton	... 80	0 3 4	"	October 4th, 1867	
T. Tankersley	... Opaki	... 1400	2 18 4	"	October 15th, November 11th, December 23rd, 1867	
H. Udy; senior	... Moroa	... 500	1 0 10	"	July 17th, 1867	
S. Vennell	... Moroa	... 1550	3 4 7	"	March 5th, 1868	
S. Vicary	... Kai-waiwai	... 25	0 1 0½	"	September 5th, 1867	
C. A. Vallance	... Kaumingi	... 7500	15 12 6	Scab	November 17th, 1867; February 15th, April 4th and 27th, 1868	Wether flock, Tauheru, clean; and on my last inspection of the ewes I only detected one sheep scabby; this flock has since been dipped.
Wm. Welch	... Opaki	... 2800	5 16 8	Clean	August 18th, 1867; January 15th, 1868	
J. and R. Welch	... Opaki	... 750	1 11 3	"		Fresh owners
Wilson and Nicolas	... Dry River	... 1049	2 3 8½	"	October 24th, 1867; February 14th, 1868	Since reported scabby in consequence of a ram of Mr. Gillies mixing in the flock.
C. Wilton	... Taratahi, W.	... 109	0 4 6½	"	June 10th, 1867; January 3rd, 1868	
H. Wilton	... Tauheru	... 1300	2 14 2	"		Fresh owner
W. Wilton	... Taratahi W.	... 270	0 11 3	"	June 10th, 1867	
T. Wilton	... Taratahi, W.	... 253	0 10 5	"	June 10th, 1867	
E. Wilson	... Hautotara	... 9560	19 18 4	"	November 23rd, 1867	
Messrs. Williams	... Heifer Station	... 325	0 13 6½	"	September 6th, 1867	
J. Wingate	... Waitawiti	... 3700	7 14 2	"	January 10th, 1868	
James Wilkinson	... Lake Meadows	... 1000	2 1 8	"	January 29th, 1868	
— Woodruffe	... Masterton	... 108	0 4 6	"	August 13th, December 11th, 1867	
James Wrigley	... Masterton	... 53	0 2 2½	"	November 11th, 1867	
Wi Te Weho	... Long Bush	... 2000	4 3 4	"	December 13th, 1867	

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S RETURN—Continued.

Name of Owner or Person in charge.	Run or Freehold.	No. of Sheep.	Rate.	Scab or Clean.	Station, when visited.	Remarks.
A. Wall ..	Huangaroa ...	3400	£ s. d. 7 1 8	Clean	October 1st, 1867	These sheep are in the Te Oreore flock, and were reported as scabby with Mr. Collins
A. Yule ..	Taratahi, E. ...	300	0 12 6	"	October 19th, 1867	
Wi Waka ...	Te Oreore ...	715	1 9 9½	"		
Wm. Walker	Carterton ...	100	0 4 2	"	July 16th, 1867	
E. L. Wakelin ...	Carterton ...	36	0 1 6	"	July 16th, 1867	
		301,540	£628 4 2			
Returns yet to come into this date about		25,000	52 1 8			
		326,540	£680 5 10			

Wairarapa, August 22nd, 1868.

I much regret to have to report the spread of scab in this district. I attribute it entirely to my suggestions to certain flock owners not having been adopted and carried out. I have no power under the Act to enforce action upon any suggestion I may offer or instruction I may give, as to the treatment and management of clean flocks, and very little in the case of diseased flocks. I have no doubt that the spread of scab is as much the result of want of caution on the part of owners of clean flocks, as of negligence in the case of diseased flocks; as illustrative of this I would mention that on the 9th of December last I visited Tupurupuru station—Mr. Angus McMasters, senior,—and suggested to Mr. Hugh McMasters, junior, the overseer, that his flock was in a very critical position, and as a precaution against the adjacent flocks mixing, recommended him to double-bank his shepherds on the northern boundary of the Wainuioru, as I was aware that previous to this some of the sheep brought from Akiteo to Tupurupuru had strayed back as far as the Whareama. I have reason to believe that this request was not attended to (as Mr. McMasters, senior, has since told me he never heard it had been made), and attribute the fact that the flock is now diseased to some of his home-bred sheep having strayed into infected flocks and subsequently returned to their own run, leaving the Akiteo sheep making for the coast

It is a matter of surprise that some of these sheep have not made their way back to Akiteo and taken the scab back with them; perhaps the fact of my ordering some few of their throats to be cut at Whareama prevented such a calamity happening. In making this remark I am not to be understood as implying that diseased sheep did not stray into Mr. McMasters flock on his own run, but simply as supporting my opinion that the spread of disease may be attributable to want of management of a clean flock, as well as neglect of a diseased flock, a matter over which the Inspector has no control.

It is surprising that Mr. McMasters having so many shepherds, and those chiefly Scotchmen, none of them should have detected the disease in its earliest stages, it having now assumed a serious character.

The moving of sheep from Tupurupuru to Tuitarata easily accounts for the spread of the disease in that direction.

Mr. Bennett, of Otahuaio, found in his flock in March last two sheep with Mr. Rowe's ear mark. How these sheep traversed the bush between Tupurupuru and Otahuaio, having the Taueru river to cross is a mystery to Mr. Bennett, especially as the river is the only unfenced boundary on his station; and he never for a moment dreamed of sheep coming in upon him in that direction, the natural boundary being so good. The two sheep found were not diseased, but from the fact that two of these trespassers are there, more will probably be found when the flock is carefully mustered.

I can only attribute the introduction of scab into Mr. Bennett's flock to the trespass of diseased sheep. His clean certificate was cancelled on the 13th July.

The disease in the Te Oreore flock no doubt proceeded from the Otahuaio flock; Mr. Collins having taken delivery of sheep from Mr. Bennett while the disease was invisible.

Seeing a marked improvement in the state of the coast flocks reported scabby last year, I was in hopes that the district would in a very short time have become free from scab, but in consequence of the recent outbreak at Tupurupuru the chances are greatly against this most desirable object for some time to come, unless dips are at once erected, and fencing gone into with a hearty good will, and an expenditure of money, which entirely rests with the settlers themselves.

The most infamous practises have of late been going on on the Taratahi, and causing no little dread to the clean flock owner. I allude to the passing of diseased sheep from place to place without the knowledge of the owners. If this is done, so long as scab is in the district no clean flock is safe for a day. I feel assured that the majority of the settlers will assist the Inspector to put an end to this proceeding.

Being most constantly on the travel in the sheep districts, many of the flock owners may gladly listen to a few words from me regarding their flocks:—I can observe a diminution of robustness of constitution in merino sheep on many stations, this I attribute to the want of sufficient feed when young, in other words to overstocking. We are always led to believe that one good animal is worth two or three inferior ones, most particularly in the case of sheep when the wool is a consideration. The wool of a strong healthy grown sheep must naturally be of a much superior quality to that of a stunted one, and the carcase of the latter is of little value in comparison with the former. The last remarks are not applicable alone to quality of the animal, but also have reference to health. An animal stunted of feed is no doubt much more susceptible of disease than one with a robust and healthy constitution, and to have this it is undoubtedly necessary not to overstock the pastures.

SHEEP INSPECTOR'S REPORT—*Continued.*

I have very little hesitation in assuming that before many years pass we shall have a complicated set of diseases among our domestic animals, as in England, and for certain nothing in my mind will tend to hasten on these diseases quicker than poverty of food.

During the summer months "Periodic Ophthalmia" has attacked many of the hill flocks, more so in this than former years, gradually disappearing after a certain time without any artificial treatment being used.

It would appear to me to be an Animalcule, that wounds the eye for a certain time causing the dimness we observe, which after a stated period passes off leaving the eye in its natural state. I may be allowed here to state that there is no difficulty as regards animalcules getting into the eye, and even instances of their passing through the smallest capillaries, as well as being found in every tissue.

I offer no apology for making these remarks, as I hope they may prove useful.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. H. DONALD,

Inspector of Sheep, Wairarapa and East Coast.

To A. Follett Halcombe, Esq.,
Provincial Secretary.

Comparative Shipping Return for September Quarters—1867 and 1868.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of Arrivals and Departures at the Port of Wellington, between the Quarters ending September 30th, 1867 and 1868.

Arrivals From	1867.		1868.		Departures To	1867.		1868.	
	Ships.	Tons.	Ships.	Tons.		Ships.	Tons.	Ships.	Tons.
Great Britain ...	3	1620	2	1187	Great Britain ...	...	...	1	1000
New South Wales ...	21	10776	24	10760	New South Wales ...	21	10393	20	9008
Tasmania ...	...	...	...	...	Tasmania ...	...	...	...	...
Other Ports ...	14	9416	18	9584	Other Ports... ...	18	10824	19	10703
Coastwise ...	105	15498	104	14043	Coastwise ...	100	15394	103	15081
Totals ...	143	37310	148	35574	Totals ...	139	36611	143	35792

JOHN HOLLIDAY,

Wellington, 10th October, 1868.

Harbor Master.

Return of Lands sold and Deposits received in the Province of Wellington from the 1st to the 30th day of September, 1868.

District.	Purchaser.	Land selected or applied for.	Contents.	Payment.		Remarks.
				Cash.	Scrip and Land Orders.	
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	
Wellington ...	James Walker	Part of Section No. 80, Porirua ...	... ..	33 6 0		
Wairarapa and East Coast	James Esdaile	In the Akitio Block, on J. Kelham's run ...	1000 0 0	500 0 0		Auction balance
	S. J. R. Alpass	Section No. 182, Alfredton ...	50 3 0	25 7 6		
	E. Chew	Sections at Masterton ...	... ..	72 0 0		Auction balance
	W. Turnbull	" " ...	... ..	15 15 0		" "
	J. Baird	Sections Taueru Block	90 0 0		" "
	Robt. Russell	Sections Turanganui Block	123 15 0		" "
		Totals ...	1050 3 0	860 3 6		

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NOTE.—Where lands are described in this Return as selected on any Run, the Runholder will regard the Return as a Notice within the meaning of Section XI, Clause 3 of the "Additional Land Regulations."
 Crown Lands Office, Wellington, 3rd October, 1868.
 JOS. G. HOLDSWORTH,
 Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sheep Inspector's Report (Wellington.)

RETURN of Sheep in May, 1868, all over six months, with amount of Assessment due thereon in the month of August, at the rate of one half-penny per head per annum for the Wellington district.

Name.	Residence.	Sheep.	Assessment.	Condition of Flock.	Remarks.
Austin, Chas.	Ohariu Valley	111	0 4 7½	clean	
Allen, George	Waiwetu	150	0 6 3	"	
Abbott, H.	Horokiwi	13	0 0 6½	"	
Barnes, J. & T.	Opari	1200	2 10 0	"	
Barrow, S.	Horokiwi	350	0 14 7	"	
Barton, R.	Upper Hutt	200	0 8 4	"	
Bartlett, N.	Tawa Flat	160	0 6 8	"	
Benton, T.	Karori	180	0 7 6	"	
Buick, Wm.	Green Vale	185	0 7 8½	"	
Brown, David	Kapiti	1100	2 5 10	"	
Brown, W. R. E.	Rockmount	317	0 13 2½	"	
Brown, Wm.	Okiwi	319	0 13 3½	"	
Blackey, Wm.	Horokiwi	100	0 4 2	"	
Bould, R.	Ohariu	427	0 17 9½	"	
Burne, John	Johnsonville	102	6 4 3	"	
Buck, George	Taita	295	0 12 3½	"	
Brathwaite, A.	Waiwetu	300	0 12 6	"	
Bird, William	Town Belt	150	0 6 3	"	
Battersbee, E.	Old Porirua Road	60	0 2 6	"	
Bradey, Francis	Porirua Bay	60	0 2 0	"	
Bradey, Frederick	"	300	0 12 6	"	
Booth, William	Ohariu	140	0 5 10	"	
Brown, J. & G.	Upper Hutt	136	0 5 8	"	
Bryant, James	Ohariu	31	0 1 3½	"	
Bevan, Thomas	Waikanae	1600	3 6 8	"	
Cemino & O'Mera	Kapiti	1100	2 5 10	"	
Brown, David	Long Point	150	0 6 3	"	
Broderick, C.	Ohariu	101	0 4 2½	"	
Boulton, E.	Pahautanui	48	0 2 0	"	
Bromley, J. B.	Ferry Farm	12	0 0 6	"	
Baker, E.	Karori	24	0 1 0	"	
Cameron, Jno.	Pencarrow	1500	3 2 6	"	
Cook, John	Ohariu	700	1 9 2	"	
Cooper, Thos.	Horokiwi	90	0 3 9	"	
Cotter, Pierce	Upper Hutt	12	0 0 6	"	
Cruikshank, J.	"	159	0 6 7½	"	
Christie, John	South Makara	100	0 4 2	"	
Chew, John	Porirua Road	112	0 4 8	"	
Carswell, John	Town Belt	96	0 4 0	"	
Crowther, John	Wainuiomata	220	0 9 2	"	
Carter, E.	Willow Bank	589	1 4 6½	"	
Crawford & McBarnett	Watt's Peninsula	2835	5 18 1½	"	
Chapman, J.	Hope Farm	106	0 4 5	"	
Death, J.	Waiwetu				No Return
Dodds, Wm.	Otaki	28	0 1 2	"	
Duncan, Chas.	Porirua	100	0 4 2	"	
Dick, David	Wainuiomata	350	0 14 7	"	
Drake, T. J.	Porirua Road	250	0 10 5	"	
Death, R.	Ration Point				No Return
Ellerm, H. & W.	Belmont	200	0 8 4	"	
Earp, William	Boscoville Farm	400	0 16 8	"	
Edwards, J. T.	Takapuihia	1870	3 17 11	cab	
Fawcett, Joseph	Upland Farm	420	0 17 6	clean	
Fraser, T. & A.	Mana	200	0 4	"	

Name.	Residence.	Sheep.	Assessment.	Condition of Flock	Remarks.
Fraser, T. & A.	Taita, No. 1	500	£ s. d. 1 0 10	clean	
Do.	" " 2	300	0 12 6	"	
Fisher, Cornelius	Porirua	100	0 4 2	"	
Floyd, Thos.	"	6	0 0 3	"	
Fitzherbert, H. H.	"	80	0 3 4	"	
France, William	Ohariu Valley	19	0 0 9½	"	
Freathy	Lower Hutt	42	0 1 9	"	
Fitzherbert, W. A.	Wainuiomata	1200	2 10 0	"	
Gray, J.	Glen Farm	30	0 1 3	"	
Grace, Nathaniel	Wainuiomata	450	0 18 9	"	
Grace, John	"	3000	6 5 0	"	
Galloway	Pahautanui	33	0 1 4½	"	
Gilbert, Thomas	Ohariu	60	0 2 6	"	
Gower, John	Ohau	1400	2 18 4	"	
Golder, J.	Belmont	28	0 1 2	"	
Gaskin, C. & J.	North Makara	140	0 5 10	"	
Hall, John	Home Bush Farm	370	0 15 5	"	
Hewson, C. J.	Otaki	24	0 1 0	"	
Howe, John	Town Belt	227	0 9 5½	"	
Hunter, George	Berhampore and Happy Valley	3528	7 7 0	"	
Hadfield, Rev. Octavius	Otaki	1000	2 1 8	"	
Hayward, Thomas	Hutt	111	0 4 7½	"	
Hughey, David	Taita	208	0 8 8	"	
Hadfield, A. J.	Otavi	2850	5 18 9	"	
Harris, J.	Nai Nai	340	0 14 2	"	
Haircock, C. & W.	Upper Hutt	47	0 1 11½	"	
Johnston, John	Karori	91	0 3 9½	"	
Judd, Stephen	Upper Hutt	80	0 3 4	"	
Judd, William	"	90	0 3 9	"	
Judd, Wm. Junr.	Waiwetu	10	0 0 5	"	
Knight, J. & J.	"	100	0 4 2	"	
Kilminster, J. & H.	Karori	170	0 7 1	"	
Knocks, John	Waikanae	450	0 18 9	"	
Kells, Henry	Karori	17	0 0 8½	"	
Lewers, Allen	"	40	0 1 8	"	
Lowery, Joseph	Happy Valley	140	0 5 10	"	
Liverton, John	Hutt	500	1 0 10	"	
Ludlam, Alfred	"	1222	2 10 11	"	
Luxford, Wm., Senr.	Berhampore	248	0 10 4	scab	
Loundes, L.	Porirua Bay	100	0 4 2	clean	
London, Chas.	"	40	0 1 8	"	
Logan, H. F.	Papanui	380	0 13 9	"	
London, H.	Pahautanui	132	0 5 6	"	
Macmanaman, Mrs.	Terawiti	1796	3 14 10	scab	
Do.	Ohau & Otorongo	1835	3 16 5½	"	
Do.	Terawiti	417	0 17 4½	clean	
McDonald, H.	Horowhenua	1700	3 10 10	"	
McManaway, T. D.	Makara	624	1 6 0	"	
Morgan, Thos.	Tukapu	240	0 10 0	"	
Mackay, Alexander	Whararua	420	0 17 6	"	
Mason, Thos.	Taita	100	0 4 2	"	
Monaghan, P.	Karori	210	0 8 9	"	
Mitchell, J. & H.	Polhill's Gully	364	0 15 2	"	
Miller, William	Horokiwi	240	0 10 0	"	
Mitchell, Jas.	Burnside	300	0 12 6	"	
Mitchell, William	Horokiwi	47	0 1 11½	"	
Mabey, J. & T.	Upper Hutt	500	1 0 10	"	
McGrath	Porirua	123	0 5 11½	"	
McDonald, J. D. C.	Newton	101	0 4 2½	"	
McDonald, Hughy	West Coast	200	0 8 4	"	
Nicholls, W.	Waikanae	300	0 12 6	"	

Name.	Residence.	Sheep.	Assessment.	Condition of Flock.	Remarks.
			£ s. d.		
Nicholson, A. H.	Manawatu	3800	7 18 4	clean	
Nott, W.	Porirua	268	0 11 2	"	
Phillips, Henry	Gollan's Valley	600	1 5 0	"	
Parnell, S. D.	Karori	115	0 4 9½	"	
Prouse, Wm.	Wainuiomata	300	0 12 6	"	Sold
Peck, Richard	Stokes' Valley			"	
Pringle, Alexander	Lower Hutt	80	0 3 4	"	
Phillips, Jacob	Gollan's Valley	100	0 4 2	"	
Prouse, Richard	Wainuiomata	152	0 6 4	"	
Percy, Henry J.	Petoni	50	0 2 1	"	
Richards, Daniel	Kaiawa	875	1 16 5½	"	
Rhodes, W. B.	Highland Park	406	0 16 11	"	No Return
Riddiford, D.	Orongo-Orongo			"	
Robinson, J.	Upper Hutt	350	0 14 7	"	
Rainie, D.	Town Belt	60	0 2 6	"	
Reeves, Benjamin	Johnsonville	320	0 13 4	"	
Russell, J. & E.	Stokes' Valley	30	0 1 3	"	
Roberts, Thomas	Johnsonville	50	0 2 1	"	
Robinson, Thomas	North Makara	54	0 2 3	"	
Rhoades, Thomas	Porirua Road	65	0 2 8½	"	
Reading, J. B.	Karori	60	0 2 6	"	
Ransfield	Otaki	58	0 2 5	"	
Sellers, Jas.	Petoni and Soames' Island	210	0 8 9	"	
Smith, John S.	Waiwetu	1350	2 16 3	"	West Coast
Smith, Frances	Paikakariki	1233	2 11 4½	"	
Speedy, Peter	Lower Hutt	420	0 17 6	"	
Sutherland, Alexander	Lyall's Bay	1100	2 5 10	"	
Sykes, George	Stokes' Valley	150	0 6 8	"	
Sim, James	Johnsonville	400	0 16 8	"	
Squires, J. G.	"	60	0 2 6	"	
Smith, William	Tawa Flat	400	0 16 8	"	
Stilling, Henry	Hutt	188	0 7 10	"	
Smith, Thos.	Horokiwi	170	0 7 1	"	
Steven, Chas.	Tukapu	204	0 8 6	"	
Smith, David	Upper Hutt	100	0 4 2	"	No Return
Spackman, Mrs. S.	"			"	
Tully, John	Evans' Bay	120	0 5 0	"	
Taylor, Henry	Johnsonville	98	0 4 1	"	
Toomath, Edward	Karori	46	0 1 11	"	
Telford, John	West Coast	650	1 7 1	"	
Trotter, Peter	North Makara	45	0 1 10½	"	
Wilton, Robert	Ohiro	322	0 13 5	"	
Wall, A. & J.	Pukurua	1200	2 10 0	"	
Walker, Jas.	Paramata	1300	2 14 2	"	
Welch, William	Taita	135	0 5 7½	"	
Webby, Mrs. E.	Oriental Bay	60	0 2 6	"	
Wilson, Thomas	Waikanae	800	1 13 4	"	
Wilton, Job	Sunside	200	0 8 4	"	
Wilton, Elijah	Ohiro	200	0 8 4	"	
White, J.	Hutt	30	0 1 3	"	
Wright, J. F. E.	Geathurat	1018	2 2 5	"	
Wood, J.	Mataihuka	400	0 16 8	"	
West, D.	Hutt	27	0 1 1½	"	
Williams, C. H.	Makara	138	0 4 6	"	
Wall, Anthony, Senr.	Porirua	320	0 13 4	"	
Waterson, George	Upper Hutt	47	0 1 11½	"	
Wall, Anthony, Senr.	Porirua Bay	500	1 0 10	"	
Yoxon, George	Ohariu Valley	116	0 4 10	"	
Death, Robert	Ration Point	45	0 1 10½	"	

Name.	Residence.	Sheep.	Assessment.	Condition of Flock.	Remarks.
Tamihana Te Rauparaha	Waikanae	890	£ s. d. 1 17 1	clean	
Harihama	Ohau	100	0 4 2	"	
Penehira	Otaki	60	0 2 6	"	
Metera	"	60	0 2 6	"	
Peni Amini	Porirua			"	Sold
Henere Te Puni	Petoni	300	0 12 6	"	
Do.	Parangarahau	1500	3 2 6	"	
Te Rikihana	Otaki	80	0 3 4	"	
Popo	"	70	0 2 11	"	
Penenara	"	95	0 3 11½	"	
Emi Kupa	"	72	0 3 0	"	
Ropata Te Ao	"	28	0 1 2	"	
Enoka Hoepa	Waikanae	60	0 2 6	"	
Wi Parata	"	66	0 2 9	"	
Heme Te Ao	Ohau	49	0 2 0½	"	
Hoepa	Porirua	220	0 9 2	"	
		74,343	£154 17 7½		

The list of flock owners for the Wellington District up to the present date gives a Return of 169 Europeans and 15 Natives.

The number of sheep returned by Europeans, 70,693; and by Natives, 3,650, making the total assessment, at one half penny per head per annum, £154 17s. 7½d., on 74,343 sheep.

Scab has greatly diminished since the last yearly returns, and the only flocks under scabby report at the present time are

Mr. Luxford, ~~Senr.~~, Berhampore

Mrs. Macmanaman, Terawiti

Major Edwards, Porirua.

On the 14th, 15th, and 16th inst all the flocks at Terawiti were carefully inspected, and I am glad to report that no symptoms of scab were then visible, the sheep having been well dressed, and every precaution taken to effect a cure.

Mr. Luxford's flock, and also Major Edwards' flock have been thoroughly dressed.

Taking the district throughout, I consider it in a fair way to be soon free from disease.

R. D. WALLACE,
Inspector.

Sheep Inspector's Office,
Wellington, 28th July, 1868.