

Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, and Potatoes (Season 1923-24).

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 31st October, 1923.

AS in previous years cards were sent out by post to grain-growers, and, as was done by way of experiment last year, to potato-growers throughout the Dominion, asking them to state what areas they had sown or planted or intended to sow or plant in wheat, oats, and potatoes this season.

WHEAT AND OATS.—FINAL AREAS, 1922-23, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN 1923-24.

	Wheat. Acres.	Oats. Acres.
Areas, 1922-23 : For threshing ..	275,775	143,090
For chaffing ..	1,181	302,216
Total harvested ..	276,956	445,306
Not harvested..	1,731	23,622
Grand totals ..	278,687	468,928
Areas, 1923-24 (estimated) :—		
North Island ..	5,000	55,000
South Island ..	180,000	390,000
Totals ..	185,000	445,000

Particulars as to varieties of wheat sown or intended to be sown were again asked for. The following table gives a summary of results in cases where varieties were specified :—

	Tuscan or Long- berry.	Hunter's (Varieties).	Velvet or Pearl.	Total Specified Varieties.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Island ..	3,186	1,182	172	4,540
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland ..	1,881	439	188	2,508
Canterbury ..	101,819	23,619	9,337	134,775
Otago and Southland ..	17,841	8,499	4,204	30,544
Dominion totals	124,727	33,739	13,901	172,367

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results :—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1922-23, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1923-24.

	Final. Area, 1922-23. Acres.	Estimated. Area, 1923-24. Acres.
North Island ..	5,370	5,500
South Island ..	14,827	11,000
Totals for Dominion ..	20,197	16,500*

* On the average of the last five seasons (viz., 5-68 tons per acre) the total estimated yield from this area should approximate 93,720 tons.

Although it should not be taken as a criterion for the accuracy of this year's result, the estimated area of potatoes (not published) last season was 21,500 acres, as against the actual area ascertained to be 20,197 acres, whilst the estimated and actual yields were respectively 116,745 tons and 113,826 tons. In this connection, also, it may be well to note that only holdings of 1 acre and over outside borough boundaries are covered by these figures. In the case of potatoes a fair amount is undoubtedly grown on the smaller holdings and on holdings situated within boroughs.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

Officiating Ministers for 1923.—Notice No. 41.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 30th October, 1923.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following name of an Officiating Minister within the meaning of the said Act is published for general information :—

Roman Catholic Church.
The Reverend Timothy Linehan.

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.—Declaration by the Assistant Registrar dissolving a Society.

I, WALTER HAROLD FLETCHER, Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies, do hereby declare that, as it has been made to appear to me that The Gas Officials Guild of New Zealand (Incorporated) is no longer carrying on operations and has no assets, the aforesaid society is hereby dissolved, in pursuance of section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of October, 1923.

W. H. FLETCHER,
Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Mining Privileges struck off the Register.—Notice under the Mining Amendment Act, 1914.

Warden's Court,
Collingwood, 16th August, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 30 of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914, that the mining privileges mentioned in the Schedule hereto have been this day struck off the Register.

C. JOSS, Mining Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Privilege.	Date.	Nature of Privilege.	Registered Holder.
20/01	28/2/01	Water-race	William Nicholas.
31/01	15/5/01	"	Harold S. Lash.
52/01	14/8/01	"	Francis George Mace.
16/02	11/6/02	"	James Day.
35/02	13/9/02	"	Peter McKay.
43/02	10/12/02	"	John Edward Barham.
20/03	18/3/03	"	Hugh Cottier.
25/03	13/5/03	"	Ernest J. Salisbury.
41/03	16/8/03	"	Richard McKay.
45/03	14/10/03	"	George Anderson.
2/04	10/2/04	"	R. A. G. Filluel.
30/04	8/12/04	"	Benjamin Millen.
23/05	15/8/05	"	Joseph Benson.
24/05	15/8/05	"	"
16/10	19/10/10	"	Benjamin Millen.
1/11	25/1/11	"	"
6/11	25/1/11	"	"
4/07	4/2/07	"	H. F. Logan.
25/07	19/11/07	"	Benjamin Kemp.
16/13	22/9/13	"	Kenneth Atkinson.
2/14	19/2/14	"	"
1/15	17/2/15	"	Thomas Croucher.
2/15	17/2/15	"	"
31/04	8/12/04	"	Benjamin Millen.
73/00	14/9/00	"	William Baird and John Patrick Harper.
3/01	5/1/01	"	A. Chee Kain.
19/03	18/3/03	Sawmill license	The Seaford Coal Company, in Liquidation.

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Reg. No.	Date.	Nature of Privilege.	Registered Holder.
34/02	13/9/02	Tailrace ..	Peter McKay.
10/13	16/7/13	Water-race	Henry S. J. Avery.
52/01	14/8/02	Tailrace ..	Frederick G. Mace.
43/02	10/12/02	Dam ..	James E. Barham.
43/03	14/10/03	Tailrace ..	R. Kinsman.