Chapter 2: Early Statistical Sources – 19th Century

This chapter provides the references to publications with statistical content for the period prior to 1853 and to other references for the period prior to 1900.

The *Blue Books*, *Gazettes* and *Journals of the House of Representatives* and of the *Legislative Councils* contain statistical information as well as explanatory material.

The content of these books is, as one would expect, more descriptive. The publications quoted are those that contain substantive numeric information or provide commentary that may illuminate the available statistics of their period.

All newspapers of the early part of the period (to the mid 1870s) are listed, even though statistical content in these is fragmented.

2.1 **Blue Books and Other Statistical Publications**
(For details of the content of the *Blue Books*, see chapter 3, section 3.1.)

2.1.1 *Blue Book – Colony of New Zealand*
1840, Colonial Secretary
1841, Colonial Secretary
1842, Colonial Secretary
1843, Colonial Secretary
1844, Colonial Secretary
1845, Colonial Secretary
1846, Colonial Secretary
1847, Colonial Secretary

2.1.2 *Blue Book – Province of New Ulster*
1848, Colonial Secretary
1849, Colonial Secretary
1850, Colonial Secretary
1851, Colonial Secretary
1852, Colonial Secretary

2.1.3 *Blue Book – Statistics of New Munster, New Zealand from 1841 to 1848*
Compiled from official records in the Colonial Secretary’s Office. [Wellington, 1849]

2.1.4 *Blue Book – Province of New Munster*
1849, Colonial Secretary
1850, Colonial Secretary
1851, Colonial Secretary
1852, Colonial Secretary

2.1.5 *Blue Book – Colony of New Zealand*
1853, Colonial Secretary
1854, Colonial Secretary
1855, Colonial Secretary

2.1.6 *Statistics of New Plymouth, New Zealand from 1853 to 1856* [New Plymouth, 1857]

2.1.7 *Statistics of Nelson, New Zealand from 1843 to 1854* Compiled from official records. Laid upon the table of the Provincial Council by the Superintendent. [Nelson, 1855]
2.1.8 *Statistics of the Province of Nelson, New Zealand for the Year 1855* Compiled from official records by order of the Superintendent. [Nelson 1856]

2.1.9 *Abstract Statement of the Income and Expenditure of New Zealand for the Years 1840, 1841 and 1842* Also, amount of population, number of ships and tonnage and amount of customs duties and charges of collection in 1841 and 1842 (25/4/1844) 8pp

2.1.10 *Table of Statistics 1841–1894* Appendix to the Journals House of Representatives V 1, 1895, pp 9, B–13b and B–15

2.1.11 *Auckland’s First Census* A copy of the first census taken in the year 1841. Contents show that the returns were carried on to 1846.

2.1.12 *General Census of 1851* December 1851. (Reports appeared in Auckland Provincial Government Gazettes, 1853 and 1854.)


2.1.15 *Statistical Account of Australia and New Zealand, by T A Coghlan* 1902–1903

2.1.16 *Statistics of New Zealand for the Crown Colony Period 1840–1852* Compiled by Department of Economics, Auckland University College [1954]


2.2 Gazettes

2.2.1 *New Zealand Government Gazette* Kororareka. 30/12/1840 – 15/7/1841. No. 1 as Gazette Extraordinary, published at the press of the Church Missionary Society, Paihia

2.2.2 *New Zealand Government Gazette* Auckland. 7/7/1841–1847. Continued in two sections as the *New Zealand Government Gazette, Province of New Munster* and *New Zealand Government Gazette, Province of New Ulster*

2.2.3 *New Zealand Gazette* Auckland; Wellington. 10/3/1853 (as New Zealand Government Gazette from 1854–8/9/1857. Nos. 1–26 published in Wellington; No. 27, December 1853–6 February 1865 published in Auckland; from 17/2/1865 published in Wellington)
2.2.4 The New Zealand Government Gazette of the Province of New Ulster
Auckland. 1/1/1848–2/4/1853

2.2.5 The New Zealand Government Gazette of the Province of New Munster
Wellington. 17/8/1847–28/2/1853

2.2.6 Auckland Provincial Government Gazette
6/9/1853–1/10/1876

2.2.7 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Hawke’s Bay)
Napier. 23/4/1859–31/10/1876

2.2.8 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Taranaki)
New Plymouth. V1, No. 2, 15/10/1853–7/10/1875

2.2.9 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Wellington)
Wellington. 21/9/1853–31/10/1876

2.2.10 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Canterbury)
Christchurch. V1, No. 2, 18/11/1853–30/10/1876

2.2.11 The Otago Provincial Government Gazette
Dunedin 26/12/1853–31/10/1876

2.2.12 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Nelson)
Nelson. 22/7/1853–26/10/1876

2.2.13 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Marlborough)
Blenheim. 11/5/1860–14/9/1876

2.2.14 The County of Westland Gazette
Hokitika. 11/2/1868–16/12/1873

2.2.15 The Province of Westland Gazette
Hokitika. 30/12/1873

2.2.16 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Westland)
Hokitika. 30/1/1874–30/10/1876

2.2.17 Southland Provincial Government Gazette
Invercargill. 3/8/1861–12/2/1867

2.2.18 The New Zealand Government Gazette (Province of Southland)
Invercargill. 13/2/1867–5/10/1870

2.3 Journals of the House of Representatives and Legislative Council from 1854

2.3.1 Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives 1854–
(1854–1856 as Votes and Proceedings; no issue in 1857, 1859).
Centralisation of Statistics 6pp, H–14, 1915

2.3.2 Appendix to the Journals, House of Representatives 1858

2.3.3 Journals of the Legislative Council 1854–1950

2.3.4 Appendix to the Journals, Legislative Council 1867–1914
2.4 Newspapers

(Occasional sources of early statistics.)
The National Library of New Zealand holds, as at December 2002, the following historic newspapers on its website at http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz.

- The Bay of Plenty Times and Tauranga, Opotiki, Katikati, and Rotorua Advertiser
- The Bush Advocate
- The Clutha Leader
- The Daily Southern Cross
- Fair Play
- The Hawke's Bay Herald and Ahuriri Advocate
- The Hawke's Bay Weekly Times
- The Inangahua Times
- The Mataura Ensign
- The Nelson Evening Mail
- New Zealand Colonist and Port Nicholson Advertiser
- The New Zealand Observer and Free Lance
- The New Zealander
- North Otago Times
- The Northern Advocate and Whangarei County Gazette
- Otago Witness
- The Poverty Bay Herald
- The Star
- Taranaki Herald
- Te Aroha & Ohinemuri News
- The Waikato Times and Thames Valley Gazette
- The Waimate Advertiser
- Wanganui Chronicle and Patea–Rangitikei Advertiser
- The Wanganui Herald
- The Wellington Independent

2.4.1 Auckland
- Auckland Chronicle and New Zealand Colonist

  - The Auckland Examiner

  - The Auckland Independent
   3 October 1859–2 January 1860.

  - The Auckland Register
   7 February 1857–27 January 1862.

- Auckland Standard
  1842–28 August 1842.

- Auckland Times

- Te Karere o Nui Tireni
  1 January 1842–5 January 1846 (replaced by the Maori Messenger).

  - The Maori Messenger = Ko te Karere Maori
   4 January 1849–4 May 1854.

  - The Maori Messenger = Te Karere Maori
   January 1855–28 February 1861 (replaced by Te Manuhiri Tuarengi).
New Zealand Herald and Auckland Gazette  
10 July 1841–6 April 1842.

The New Zealander  
7 June 1845 – 5 December 1865.

The Southern Cross  
22 April 1843 (as Southern Cross, New Zealand Guardian, etc) – December 1876  
(incorporated into New Zealand Herald.) Suspended 26 April 1845–10 July 1847.

2.4.2 Christchurch  
Canterbury Standard  
June 1854–1866.

Christchurch Times  

The Guardian and Canterbury Advertiser  
3 June 1852–16 September 1852.

2.4.3 Dunedin  
The Colonist  
26 December 1856 (as the Otago Colonist, the title changed June 1862)–1 January 1863  
(incorporated in Daily Telegraph).

Otago News  
13 December 1848–21 December 1850.

The Otago Witness  
8 February 1851–28 June 1932.

2.4.4 Edinburgh  
The Otago Journal  
January 1848–August 1852.

2.4.5 London  
Colonial Gazette  
1 December 1838–16 January 1847.

The Colonial Intelligencer or Aborigines’ Friend  
1847 (as Aborigines’ Friend and Colonial Intelligencer 1855–1856)–1866.

Nelson Advertiser and Echo of New Zealand  
6 September 1841.

New Zealand Journal  
8 February 1840–6 November 1852 ( incorporated in Australian and New Zealand Gazette).

2.4.6 Napier  
Hawke’s Bay Herald  
24 September 1857 (as Hawke’s Bay Herald and Ahuriri Advocate) 16 January 1937  
(incorporated in Hawke’s Bay Herald–Tribune).

2.4.7 Nelson  
The Colonist  
23 October 1857–1 May 1920 ( incorporated in Nelson Evening Mail).

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle  
2.4.8 New Plymouth
Taranaki Herald

2.4.9 Russell (formerly Kororareka)
The Bay of Islands Advocate
November 1843–January 1844.

The Bay of Islands Observer
24 February 1842–27 October 1842.

New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette
15 June 1840–10 December 1840.

2.4.10 Wanganui
Wanganui Chronicle
(Title varies slightly.) 18 September 1856–current.

The Wanganui Record
16 November 1853–28 December 1853.

2.4.11 Wellington
New Zealand Advertiser

New Zealand Colonist and Port Nicholson Advertiser
2 August 1842–2 August 1843.

New Zealand Gazette and Britannia Spectator
21 August 1839 (Title changed to New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator)–25 September 1844.

The New Zealand Spectator and Cook’s Strait Guardian
12 October 1844–5 August 1865 (incorporated in Wellington Independent).

Wellington Independent. 2 April 1845–30 May 1874 (incorporated in New Zealand Times).

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Maning F E (1906). *Old New Zealand: A Tale of the Good Old Times; and, A History of the War in the North against the Chief Heke, in the Year 1845, told by an old Chief of the Ngapuhi Tribe; also Maori traditions*, Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch.

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Taylor R (1855). Te Ika a Maui, or, New Zealand and its Inhabitants: Illustrating the origin, manners, customs, mythology, religion, rites, songs, proverbs, fables, and language of the natives; together with the geology, natural history, productions, and climate of the country, its state as regards christianity, sketches of the principal chiefs, and their present position, Wertheim and Macintosh, London. The state of Māori population discussed pp255–258; table of Māori tribal populations, p468.

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