

19. *Management.*—The reduction of the Gold Fields staff has been gradually but continuously carried on, principally by the amalgamation of districts and officers. It has, however, been found necessary to effect still further reductions, and several officers have, in consequence, been removed from the remote and least populated localities. I do not think any further reduction can be judiciously made; indeed, as every officer of the Department is now in some way a Revenue collector, the revenue itself must suffer from undue economy in this direction. At present the expense of managing the Gold Fields (so far as my Department is concerned) is much smaller in proportion to Revenue than in either Victoria or New South Wales.

20. *Future Prospects.*—It will be apparent from the foregoing remarks that the future prospects of the Otago Gold Fields are of the most promising character. From the past we may judge of the future. Speaking calmly, and without prejudice, I honestly believe that the best days are yet to come. The Gold Fields have now happily passed through that probationary state when their capacity and extent was a matter of theory, and their continuance a doubtful question. Time has afforded a certain and satisfactory solution of these problems. And if the results of unsystematic labour, and of individual exertion, uninstructed by experience and unaided by capital, have been thus far profitable, it is evident that richer and more assured returns may be anticipated, now that a vast amount of available information has been acquired, and confidence, begotten of knowledge, has been productive of such permanent and extensive mining undertakings as those for which the Gold Fields of Otago are rapidly becoming famous.

I have, &c.,

VINCENT PIKE,

Secretary for the Gold Fields Department.

To the Provincial Secretary.

RETURN showing the TOTAL IMMIGRATION and EMIGRATION at DUNEDIN during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1865.

	AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.				COASTWISE.				GREAT BRITAIN, ETC.				TOTALS.			
	Adults.		Children.		Adults.		Children.		Adults.		Children.		Adults.		Children.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Immigration .....	1,526	649	262	241	5,508	546	124	72	885	560	178	143	7,919	1,755	564	456
Emigration .....	4,966	605	199	166	11,248	606	195	126	104	43	12	9	16,318	1,254	406	301
Excess of Immigration .....	...	44	63	75	...	...	...	...	781	517	166	134	...	501	158	155
Excess of Emigration .....	3,440	...	...	...	5,740	60	71	54	...	...	...	...	8,399	...	...	...
Total Emigration ... .. 18,279																
Total Immigration ... .. 10,694																
Balance in favour of Emigration ... .. 7,585																

RETURN showing the NUMBER of and EXTENT of LAND comprised in applications for AGRICULTURAL LEASES, MINING LEASES, and EXTENDED CLAIMS, and the number of RESIDENCE SITES, registered on the Gold Fields of Otago.

DISTRICTS.	AGRICULTURAL LEASES.				RESIDENCE AREAS.				MINING LEASES.				EXTENDED CLAIMS.			
	No.	Area Applied for.		Area Surveyed.	No.	Area Applied for.		Area Surveyed.	No.	Area Applied for.		Area Surveyed.	No.	Area Applied for.		Area Surveyed.
		A.	R. P.			A.	R. P.			A.	R. P.			A.	R. P.	
Gabriel's .....	70	691	3 15	641	3 15	164	66 1 0	32	99	1 2	99	1 2	60	111	3 0	111 3 0
Waitahuna .....	29	284	0 0	284	0 0	65	32 2 0	29	170	0 0	43	0 0	18	15	0 0	15 0 0
Mount Benger .....	4	40	0 0	40	0 0	75	37 2 0	1	3	0 0	3	0 0	74	37	2 30	30 0 30
Dunstan .....	17	165	0 0	129	2 4	47	23 2 0	6	46	0 0	43	0 0	23	24	3 0	22 0 36
Arrow .....	23	230	0 0	227	0 22	23	11 2 0	1	16	0 0	16	0 0	120	47	2 0	31 3 0
Queenstown .....	30	263	0 0	226	1 19	24	12 0 0	3	18	0 0	17	3 18	91	250	1 4	28 1 33
Upper Shotover .....	2	20	0 0	16	0 0	18	9 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	83	55	1 29	17 2 16
Nokomai .....	...	...	...	...	17	8 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	Area not given.		
Nevis .....	...	...	...	...	1	0 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	26	2 0	3 0 0
Upper Manuherikia.....	...	...	...	...	31	15 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	2 12	7 2 0
Hamilton.....	...	...	...	...	43	21 2 0	4	18	0 0	10	0 0	33	36	2 0	36 2 0	
Totals.....	175	1693	3 15	1564	3 20	508	238 1 0	76	370	1 2	232	0 20	594	620	3 35	303 3 35