

RETURN

OF

ROAD DISTRICTS IN NEW ZEALAND,

ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1867.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND
OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

WELLINGTON.

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1868.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	ACT OR ORDINANCE UNDER WHICH CONSTITUTED.	APPROXIMATE AREA IN ACRES LIABLE FOR RATES.	ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY IN DISTRICT.	AMOUNT OF RATE PER POUND OF ANNUAL VALUE LEVIED DURING YEAR 1867.	REVENUE DURING YEAR 1867.					EXPENDITURE DURING YEAR 1868.				
					Total Amount of Rates Levied.	Total Amount of Tolls Collected.	Total Amount received from Government.	Total Receipts from other Sources.	Total Revenue from all Sources.	Upon Main Roads.	Upon District Roads.	Upon Bridges and other Works.	Upon Salaries and other Expenses of Management.	Total Expenditure.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ruatangata ...	Highways Act, 1862, and Highways Act, 1867	24,900 ...	...	190 2 0	...	...	...	190 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pukekohe ...		13,500 ...	...	166 10 11	...	...	...	166 10 11	...	73 0 0	75 0 0	19 10 11	166 10 11	...
Upper Mahurangi ...	Ditto ...	15,000 ...	...	2d. " ...	341 2 0	...	...	256 13 5	...	...	187 4 11	26 19 11	214 4 10	...
East Tamaki ...	Ditto ...	12,000 ...	...	3d. " ...	114 9 0	...	...	301 1 7	...	158 2 4½	98 0 0	284 6 2	284 6 2	...
Whau Whau ...	Ditto ...	1,294 ...	...	...	14 8 1	...	...	14 8 1	7 6 6	...	7 1 7	14 8 1	14 8 1	...
Mount Wellington ...	Ditto ...	3,400 ...	...	...	133 5 8	...	...	133 5 8	124 12 5	...	...	8 13 3	133 5 8	...
Mangarei ...	Ditto ...	5,500 ...	...	9d. " ...	355 6 0	...	...	355 10 0	...	355 10 0	...	355 10 0	355 10 0	...
Whareora ...	Ditto ...	11,000 ...	...	6d. " ...	122 7 1	...	...	122 7 1	...	110 3 2	...	7 6 0	117 9 2	...
Waipu ...	Ditto ...	55,000 ...	...	2d. " ...	161 1 9	...	...	161 1 9	46 1 8	98 3 1	11 17 0	5 5 0	161 1 9	...
Waingarua ...	Ditto ...	53,000 ...	...	3d. " ...	337 15 0	...	...	180 9 0	11 11 10	18 15 0	99 6 0	53 5 0	177 17 0	...
Maungakaramea ...	Ditto ...	16,000 ...	...	6d. " ...	314 0 0	...	...	168 14 4½	...	84 1 6	...	63 8 9	147 10 3	...
Kauriuhore ...	Ditto ...	3,700 ...	...	3d. " ...	52 3 11	...	...	69 11 11	...	65 1 9	...	3 9 0	65 5 6	...
Waitakerei, East ...	Ditto ...	23,000 ...	...	3d. " ...	77 13 0½	64 0 0	16 10 11½	158 3 11½	...	132 17 10	15 0 0	5 18 6	153 16 4	...
Wairoa ...	Ditto ...	18,800 ...	...	...	182 12 7	...	5 15 0	180 0 4	...	163 0 10	...	21 0 0	184 0 10	...
Hunua ...	Ditto ...	24,200 ...	...	3d. " ...	319 2 0	...	...	102 5 6½	108 3 0	...	108 3 0	32 0 0	140 3 0	...
Flagstaff ...	Ditto ...	700 ...	...	...	102 15 1	...	...	96 0 0	75 0 0	...	6 0 0	15 0 0	96 0 0	...
Paparoa ...	Ditto ...	15,000 ...	...	2d. " ...	...	...	...	11 19 0	...	5 0 0	...	5 11 8	10 11 8	...
Waitakerei, South ...	Ditto ...	11,000 ...	...	6d. " ...	147 18 1	...	...	27 10 0	175 8 1	151 9 0	...	16 13 8	168 2 8	...
		312,994	...	...	3,132 12 2	...	64 0 0	368 5 7½	2,843 12 8½	524 4 5	1,257 15 6½	607 12 6	312 0 5½	2,590 4 8

* Being rates levied in 1866 and a balance of £54 16s. 7d. from 1865.

† Rates collected.

‡ Up to 20th April, 1868.

NOTE.—The number of Road Districts enumerated in the above Return comprises only those Highway Districts whose trustees have furnished the necessary information. There are several other legally constituted Road Districts. In thirty-seven only of these had the settlers taken any action in the matter of their roads; and of these thirty-seven, as many as nineteen Districts appear to have either neglected to carry out the provisions of the Highways Act or failed to supply the information required for this Return.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

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The financial year of the several Road Boards terminates in August, the account for the whole of the money not in all cases yet expended, and, as regards the expense of management, they are restricted by the Ordinance to 5 per cent. on the total revenue; most of the Boards do not take this allowance.

The Town Board owes the Provincial Government £3,290, and two-thirds of the rates are paid to the Provincial Treasurer for interest and sinking fund annually, the interest charged is 6 per cent. The rate is 2d. in the pound on the value of the land exclusive of any improvements.

In addition to the sums shown under heads of "Main Roads" and "District Roads" as having been expended on the main line of road from the Uruni District to the Okato the Provincial Government has undertaken the following works, the expenditure of which is now in progress and the whole of which will be completed in three months, viz :—

Waiwaikaho Bridge	...	...	£2,000
9 other Bridges (Lattice Girder)...	3,000
20,000 cubic yards Earthwork Culverts, &c.	700
			<hr/> £5,700

PROVINCE OF NELSON.

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				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Suburban North	37,935	0	0	0	0	1	158	1	3	...	275	0	0	...	433	1	3	420	1	3	13	0	0	433	1	3		
Waiimea	177,354	0	0	{ old rate 1 new „ 0½ special „ 0¼	828	7	5	625	0	0	569	12	0	66	4	11	2,089	4	4	1,386	16	0	372	3	9	237	4	4	285	9	3	2,284	13	4	
Moutere	...	...	...	25,371	0	0		0	0	1	...	...	...	...	244	19	10	26	15	0	384	9	9	276	8	3	53	10	0	...	8	0	6	338	4	3	
Motueka	39,741	5	0		0	0	1	119	12	5	...	370	0	0	6	18	6	496	10	11	224	19	0	21	2	0	95	3	0	39	10	1	380	14	0
Panga Totara	25,550	0	0	0	0	1½	159	12	9	...	175	0	0	334	12	9	279	8	6	2	0	0	...	2	0	0	281	8	6
Riwaka	34,326	0	6	0	0	1	143	0	6	...	210	0	0	...	...	1	5	0	354	5	6	53	12	0	95	10	0	86	1	6	...	235	3	6	
Takaka	...	...	...	30,285	15	0	0	0	1	...	...	...	...	704	1	0	149	16	6½	853	17	6½	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	5	0	748	12	0		
Collingwood	15,120	0	0	0	0	1	143	16	7	...	285	0	0	179	7	0	464	7	0	331	8	5	79	0	0	27	3	6	30	15	7	468	7	6	
Amuri	498,726	5	0	0	0	1½	1,039	0	3	...	1,200	0	0	...	...	...	2,001	17	11½	739	13	6	393	0	0	2	10	0	125	3	7	1,260	7	6	
Town of Nelson	629,345	0	0	0	0	1	2,213	1	3	...	472	1	0	2,625	18	11	5,311	1	2	2,197	0	0	494	11	6	1,599	15	9	1,019	13	11	5,311	1	2	
				1,513,754	5	6	...	4,917	17	4	625	0	0	4,505	13	10	3,056	5	10½	12,723	8	2	5,909	6	11	1,508	17	3	2,047	18	1	1,543	17	11	11,741	12	7	

(a.) These amounts are for the Board's financial year ending 1st July, 1867. The excess of expenditure over revenue was met by a balance in hand from the previous year.

(b) † This sum includes £14 19s. 10d. dog tax. ‡ Extra rate for district roads. § Bridges and other works are included in the "Main Road." * This is not the exact amount received, as there were arrears of rates of the previous year, and there remained rates due on 31st December, 1867.

(c.) Contracts are now out for nearly the balance.

(d.) All that has been expended has been upon the proclaimed trunk and main lines. The exact amount cannot be stated until the close of the official year. Bridges are usually included in the contracts with the roads where they are required. The amounts shown are exclusive of sums voted to be expended under Government supervision,

(for particulars see Government accounts.) All money will be expended and may be inserted accordingly.

(e.) This is to 1st April, 1868.

(f) The expenditure for main roads, bridges, &c., is included in the total expenditure, as some of the bridges and other works have been tendered for by the lot. To 1st July, 1867.

(g.) Total Revenue from all sources only shows the amount actually collected in 1867; the sum of £238 2s. 3½d. was outstanding rates. The financial year of the Amuri Road Board commences on the 1st July, in each year; consequently this return shows the total amount of revenue from all sources, but not the total expenditure.

(h.) These rates are on the value to sell.

(i.) This is the assessed value to sell.

PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH.

Kaikoura	...	360,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Clarence	...	310,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Flaxbourne	...	220,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Awatere	...	335,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lower Awatere	...	240,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihopai	...	260,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairau Valley	...	370,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Wairau	...	165,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lower Wairau	...	40,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fox's Island	...	15,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bush District	...	5,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Opawa	...	25,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Wairau	...	14,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tua Marina	...	55,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaituna	...	85,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelorus Sound	...	90,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelorus Valley	...	180,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Linkwater	...	25,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kenepuru Sound	...	110,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Queen Charlotte's Sound	...	60,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaikoura Town	...	15,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		2,979,000								

Commissioners have been for some time appointed by His Honor the Superintendent, under the provisions of the fourth clause of the Act, to classify all the lands in the Province, but no report signed by them has as yet been received by His Honor, and the Act is therefore virtually not in operation.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
Waipara	...	...	Roads Ordinance, 1864	...	570,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kowai	Ditto	...	295,000	22,152	7	6	...	...	...	2,025	0	0	6	7	9	2,031	7	9	551	8	6	*1,108	5	3	...	261	15	4	1,921	9						
Oxford	Ditto	...	498,799	7,248	16	8	0	0	6	144	1	8	...	...	...	731	11	8	536	18	7	*119	2	0	...	75	11	1	731	11						
Cust	Ditto	...	95,000	6,387	2	10	...	...	...	312	10	0	18	11	0	331	1	0	205	1	10	*143	10	0	...	17	11	0	*366	2						
Mandeville and Rangiora	Ditto	...	101,600	27,200	0	0	0	0	9	595	13	4	...	...	...	3,046	5	0	40	10	6	3,682	8	10	1,157	18	5	*1,487	4	6						
Avon	Ditto	...	25,000	26,000	0	0	0	1	0	1,000	0	0	...	...	...	858	15	0	1,527	19	8	3,886	14	8	631	10	7	*1,423	11	9						
Riccarton	Ditto	...	11,000	19,680	0	0	0	0	9	580	3	7	...	...	...	932	10	0	...	...	...	3,41	11	3	*813	15	6	...	300	18	0	1,456	4			
Templeton	Ditto	...	22,000	6,563	0	0	0	0	6	162	15	6	...	...	...	893	15	0	...	...	...	1,056	10	6	360	16	6	*386	10	3	...	191	17	0	939	3
Heathcote	Ditto	...	22,000	33,114	15	0	0	0	6	231	12	0	...	...	...	1,556	10	0	...	...	...	2,321	1	11	583	6	3	*1,447	7	5	...	300	0	0	2,330	13
Spreydon	Ditto	...	11,000	19,253	17	6	0	0	6	355	18	1	...	...	...	656	5	0	204	3	0	1,216	6	1	a £764	13s.	3d.	...	250	0	0	1,014	13			
Halswell	Ditto	...	15,000	4,120	15	0	0	0	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	525	0	0	612	0	0	1,137	0	0	300	0	0	*200	0	0	...	25	0	0	525	0
Lincoln	Ditto	...	24,000	10,500	0	0	0	0	6	235	17	7	...	...	...	2,287	10	0	...	...	...	2,523	7	7	808	9	0	*652	10	7	...	150	0	0	1,610	19
Springs	Ditto	...	63,000	10,100	0	0	...	...	...	3,200	0	0	1	6	9	3,201	6	9	1,500	0	0	...	...	...	1,500	0	0	*996	5	0	...	193	16	2	2,690	1
Port Victoria	Ditto	...	20,000	3,306	0	0	0	0	6	74	17	6	...	...	...	1,130	15	0	...	...	...	1,205	12	6	833	8	4	*100	0	0	...	...	...	933	8	
Port Levy	Ditto	...	28,000	1,645	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0	...	...	...	100	0	0	45	8	0	*11	19	0	...	...	...	57	7	
Pigeon Bay	Ditto	...	23,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
O'Kain's Bay	Ditto	...	36,000	1,574	14	0	0	0	6	66	11	0	...	...	...	126	0	0	...	...	...	192	11	0	109	18	9	*67	10	0	...	8	10	0	185	18
Akaroa Wainui	Ditto	...	61,000	10,161	19	2	0	0	6	229	1	7	...	...	...	2,212	10	0	...	...	...	2,441	11	7	1,820	18	5	*202	14	2	...	434	16	0	2,458	8
Little River	Ditto	...	106,000	3,296	10	0	0	0	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,086	18	6	...	...	...	1,086	18	6	881	7	3	*45	0	0	...	15	10	0	941	17
Courtenay	Ditto	...	152,499	10,652	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	206	5	0	...	...	...	206	5	0	...	...	...	*73	6	3	...	55	10	2	128	16
Ellesmere	Ditto	...	120,000	16,563	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,989	13	7	...	...	...	3,989	13	7	1,897	12	1	*476	9	6	...	250	0	0	2,624	1
Malvern	Ditto	...	288,499	7,549	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168	15	0	...	...	...	168	15	0	...	...	...	*97	18	10	...	...	...	97	18	
Rakaia	Ditto	...	573,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashburton	Ditto	...	1,420,000	31,169	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187	10	0	...	...	...	187	10	0	b £440	15s.	4d.	...	...	...	440	15	...	...	...
Geraldine	Ditto	...	812,000	29,586	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,165	0	0	1,180	18	3	4,345	18	3	359	6	3	*1,764	15	6	...	325	14	8	2,449	16
Levels	Ditto	...	177,000	22,432	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,133	15	0	...	...	...	2,133	15	0	787	13	0	*1,363	12	9	...	175	0	0	2,326	5
Waimate	Ditto	...	565,000	22,850	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,965	0	0	151	5	4	3,116	5	4	2,352	4	0	*250	0	0	...	1438	9	10	3,040	13
Mount Cook	Ditto	...	2,556,470	18,688	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	620	0	0	...	...	...	620	0	0	488	0	0	*75	4	0	...	40	0	0	603	4
					8,691,857	371,795	16	0	...	...	...	3,676	11	10	...	...	...	34,973	12	1	3,743	2	3	42,926	6	1	16,552	17	0	13,306	12	3	...	4,194	4	9	35,159	2

* These sums provide for Expenditure on bye roads and other works.

† This Amount includes £105 due in previous year.

The Amounts *a* and *b*, not being classified, are not included in the totals under the headings "Main Roads" and "District Roads."

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.

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* Trustees elected 21st March, 1864.

NOTE.—Letters to the Superintendents of Wellington and Otago, dated 20th March and 22nd May last, asking for similar Returns with regard to those Provinces, have not been replied to. There were no Road Districts in the Province of Hawke's Bay, or County of Westland on 31st December, 1867.

