

COMPARATIVE RETURN of REVENUE derived from the GOLD FIELDS in the several PROVINCES of NEW ZEALAND, during the YEARS 1876 and 1877, showing INCREASE or DECREASE under each Head of Revenue.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	AUCKLAND.			NELSON.			MARLBOROUGH.			WESTLAND.			OTAGO.		
	1876.	1877.	Increase.	Decrease.	1876.	1877.	Increase.	Decrease.	1876.	1877.	Increase.	Decrease.	1876.	1877.	Increase.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Miners' Rights ...	1,049	1,382	333	...	1,875	1,773	...	102	61	58	...	3	3,852	3,300	...
Business Licenses	865	984	119	8	1,090	1,426	336
Water-races, Sluices, &c. ...	106	26	...	80	65	63	...	2	260	230	...
Gold-mining Leases, Rents, and Royalties ...	3,497	2,457	...	1,040	3,790	591	...	3,199	165	11	...
Registration ...	115	74	...	41	189	224	35	...	6	5	...	1	188	182	...
Fees and Fines, Wardens' Courts ...	82	74	...	8	72	44	...	28	1	1	192	149	...
Survey Fees ...	4	9	5	...	909	256	...	653	150	28	...
Depaupering Licenses and Assessments ...	29	2	...	27	...	40	40
Timber and other Licenses ...	137	71	...	66	1,194	70	...
Withdrawals of Leases	4	4	15	15
Miscellaneous ...	490	280	...	210	288	116	...	172	5	4	...	1	59	15	...
Gold Duty ...	5,775	9,484	3,709	...	7,753	6,287	...	1,466	45	45	5,548	9,510	3,962
Totals ...	11,284	13,859	Net 2,575	...	15,910	10,378	...	Net 5,432	133	76	...	Net 57	11,504	14,851	Net 3,347
													40,464	20,162	Net 20,302

NOTE.—The decrease in the gold revenue as above shown is mainly accounted for by an apparent falling off in the item "Leases, Rents, and Royalties," which item shows, in the aggregate, a decrease of £18,245. This decrease is, however, only apparent, and is owing to the circumstance that the rent received from land on the gold fields held under lease for agricultural or gold-mining purposes (which rents it was the practice, prior to the 1st January, 1877, to classify as gold fields revenue), were constituted and revenue by "The Financial Arrangements Act, 1876," and, as a consequence, are excluded from these statements.

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