

RETURN No. 2.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of COAL IMPORTED and EXPORTED from NEW ZEALAND, for the Year ended 31st December, 1879.

| Countries from whence Imported. | Coal Imported. | | Countries to which Exported. | Coal Exported. | | Remarks. |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------|--------|---|
| | Quantity. | Value. | | Quantity. | Value. | |
| | Tons. | £ | | Tons. | £ | |
| United Kingdom ... | 1,162 | 2,012 | New South Wales... | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 tons, valued at £3,100, were exported from Russell; and 3,502 tons, valued at £2,984, from Greymouth. |
| New South Wales ... | 156,699½ | 219,140 | Victoria... | 3,904 | 2,987 | |
| Victoria ... | 200 | 262 | Norfolk Island ... | 1½ | 1 | |
| Tasmania ... | 15 | 43 | South Sea Islands | 190 | 180 | |
| Totals ... | 158,076½ | 221,457 | Totals ... | 7,195½ | 6,268 | |

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RETURN No. 3.

LIST of ACCIDENTS in COAL MINES during the Year ending 31st March, 1880.

| District. | Mine Owner. | Date of Accident. | Cause of Accident. | Killed. | Injured. | Remarks. |
|------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|---|
| | | 1879. | | | | |
| Waikato... | Waikato Coal Com- pany | July 18 | "Foul" or "sooty back" giving way | 1 | ... | Verdict at inquest: "Accidental death." |
| Westport | Westport Colliery Company's Fisher Mine | August 13 | Torn by a truck hook | ... | 1 | Injured man's carelessness. |
| Greymouth | Coal Pit Heath Coal Company | August 14 | Fall of coal | ... | 1 | Reported by Mr. Inspector Binns. |
| Otago ... | Benhar Mine ... | September 3 | Explosion of gun- powder | ... | 1 | " " " |
| Kawakawa | Bay of Islands Coal Company | December 6 | Explosion of gun- powder | ... | 1 | Injured man's carelessness. |
| | | 1880. | | | | |
| Otago ... | Shag Point Coal Com- pany | February 14 | Fall of stone from roof | ... | 1 | The manager states that half an hour prior to the accident he and the underviewer had examined the place, which at that time appeared perfectly safe for working. |
| Greymouth | Brunner Coal Com- pany | March 3 | Explosion of fire- damp | 1 | 1 | Verdict at inquest: "Deceased died from an explosion of fire-damp in the Brunner Mine." |

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