

1881.
NEW ZEALAND.

PRISON LABOUR, SKILLED AND UNSKILLED

(RETURN OF THE NUMBER EMPLOYED AT TRADES, ETC.)

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 22nd day of June, 1881.

"That there be laid upon the table a return showing the number of convicts in the various gaols of the colony employed at trades and the various kinds of skilled and unskilled labour, specifying the respective trades and the value per week of the work done by each convict so employed, with the rate at which such value is reckoned, either by time or result, in each trade respectively."—(*Mr. Hutchison.*)

RETURN of Number of Prisoners Employed and the various Trades and Works at which they were Employed, for Week ending 26th March, 1881, being last week in past Financial Year.

*** The value of prisoners' work is calculated at 4s. per diem for skilled and 3s. for unskilled labour, except in the case of the printers at Lyttelton, where the Government Printer's valuation of the work is adopted.

Prison.	Men.	Employed.	Value.	Payment.
Addington,—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Skilled—Plasterer	1	Prison, repairs	1 2 0	
Tailor	1	" clothing	1 2 0	
Unskilled—Labourers	16	" stonebreaking	13 4 0	
Value week's labour, £15 8s.				
Payment, nil.				
Auckland,—				
Skilled—Blacksmiths	2	Prison, general repairs ...	2 4 0	
Carpenter	1	" shoes "	1 2 0	
Shoemakers	2	" clothing	2 4 0	
Tailor	1	" clothing	1 2 0	
Unskilled—Labourers and an assistant to shoemaker	88	" stonebreaking, &c. ...	70 11 6	20 3 10
Value week's labour, £77 3s. 6d.				
Payment, £20 3s. 10d.				
Dunedin,—				
Skilled—Blacksmith	1	{ Industrial School, Caversham,	1 2 0	
Carpenters	2	{ and prison repairs	2 4 0	
Shoemakers	3	Prison, shoes	2 6 0	
Tailors	2	" clothing	2 4 0	
Unskilled—*Labourers	21	Dunedin Harbour Board ...	17 6 6	
"	20	Port Chalmers Borough ...	16 8 6	2 5 7½
"	20	West Harbour Borough ...	16 10 0	
"	1	Botanic garden	0 16 6	
Female prisoners	14	Making and repairing prison clothing	11 11 0	
Value week's labour, £71 8s. 6d.				
Payment, £2 5s. 7½d.				
Hokitika,—				
Skilled—Carpenter	1	Prison, repairs	1 2 0	
Shoemaker	1	" shoes	1 2 0	
Unskilled—Labourers	8	Hospital	6 12 0	
Value week's labour, £8 16s.				
Payment, nil.				
Invercargill,—				
Unskilled—Labourers	10	Invercargill Borough	6 15 0	4 10 0
Value week's labour, £6 15s.				
Payment, £4 10s.				

* These parties are employed in fulfilling old contracts, some of which are obligations contracted by Provincial Government.

RETURN of Number of Prisoners Employed, &c.—*continued.*

Prison.	Men.	Employed.	Value.	Payment.
Lyttelton,—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Skilled—Blacksmiths	2	Prison	2 4 0	
" assistants	1	"	0 16 6	
Carpenters	4	Police buildings	4 8 0	
" assistants	3	"	2 9 6	
Cooper	1	Prison shops	1 2 0	
Hammock-maker	1	"	1 2 0	
Painter	1	"	1 2 0	
*Printers	6	} "		
" assistants	6		25 11 3	13 15 6
Warder, foreman printer			
Shoemakers	2		2 4 0	
" assistants	3	"	2 9 6	
Stocking-knitter, machinist	1	"	1 2 0	
Tailors	6	"	6 12 0	
" assistants	5	"	4 2 6	
Tinsmith	1	"	1 2 0	
Unskilled—Labourers	60	Police and prison buildings	49 10 0	
The tradesmen's assistants are unskilled.				
Value week's labour, £105 17s. 3d.				
Payment received, £13 15s. 6d.				
Napier,—				
Skilled—Carpenter	1	Asylum	1 2 0	
Shoemaker	1	Prison shoes	1 2 0	
Unskilled—Labourers	32	Quarrying road metal	26 8 0	6 18 5
Value week's work, £28 12s.				
†Payment received, £6 18s. 5d.				
Nelson,—				
Unskilled—Labourers	8	Nelson Borough	6 12 0	
"	1	Oakum-picking	0 3 0	0 3 0
Value week's work, £6 15s.				
Payment received, 8s.				
New Plymouth,—				
Skilled—Blacksmith	1	New prison buildings	1 2 0	
Carpenter	1	"	1 2 0	
Unskilled—Blacksmith's assistant	1	"	0 16 6	
Mason's	2	"	1 13 0	
Labourers	17	"	14 0 6	
Value week's work, £18 14s.				
Payment received, nil.				
Oamaru,—				
Unskilled—Labourers	4	Improving gaol grounds and stonebreaking	3 6 0	
Value week's labour, £3 6s.				
Payment received, nil.				
Timaru,—				
Unskilled—Labourers	12	Post Office grounds	9 18 0	
Value week's labour, £9 18s.				
Payment received, nil.				
Wanganui,—				
Skilled—Bricklayer	1	Repairing the prison buildings	1 2 0	
Value week's labour, £1 2s.				
Payment received, nil.				
Wellington,—				
Unskilled—Labourers	48	Prison	39 12 0	
" oakum-picking	2	"	0 9 0	
Skilled—Shoemaker	1	" shoes	1 2 0	
Female prisoners, oakum-picking... ..	8	"	1 16 0	
Value week's labour, £42 19s.				
Payment received, nil.				
Totals	460	...	396 14 3	47 16 4½

* The value given is the Government Printer's valuation of work done by Printing Department.

† Calculation from gross receipts.

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