

1882.
NEW ZEALAND.

COST AND AVERAGE EARNINGS OF PRISONERS
(RETURN OF), IN THE SEVERAL GAOLS OF THE COLONY FOR 1881.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 25th May, 1882.

“That there be laid on the table (1) a return of the average cost of each of the prisoners in the several gaols of the colony, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1881; and (2) a return of the average earnings of each prisoner for the said period, specifying the amount of these earnings month by month, and distinguishing between the amount earned by skilled and unskilled labour respectively, and setting forth the amount earned by each particular trade comprised in the former category.”—(*Mr. Hutchison.*)

RETURN of the AVERAGE COST, &c., of each of the PRISONERS in the several Gaols of the Colony.
ADDINGTON.

Month.				Earnings.		
				Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January
February
March	21 14 10
April
May	53 10 8	...
June	59 18 7	15 16 9
July	34 8 7	...
August	37 8 7	...
September	37 8 10	0 19 2
October	19 12 0	...
November	24 0 6	...
December	20 7 0	1 3 3
Totals	286 14 9	39 14 0

Total earnings, £326 8s. 9d.
Skilled workmen, none.
Unskilled workmen, daily average, 38; average monthly earnings, 12s. 7d.
Women, daily average, 18; average monthly earnings, 3s. 9d.
Gross annual cost per prisoner, £33 1s. 2d.
Net annual cost per prisoner, £27 14s. 1d.

AUCKLAND.

Month.				Earnings.		
				Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	...	...	...	0 9 6	38 18 9	0 6 0
February	...	...	...	1 5 0	345 1 4	0 8 0
March	...	...	...	0 19 0	134 4 6	0 2 0
April	...	...	...	0 15 10	72 6 1	0 8 0
May	...	...	...	1 7 0	59 13 2	0 12 0
June	...	...	...	1 14 4	176 15 4	0 6 0
July	...	...	...	1 7 6	189 11 6	0 10 0
August	...	...	...	1 13 0	216 1 7	0 4 0
September	...	...	...	0 18 6	233 1 7	0 2 0
October	...	...	...	1 5 1	66 0 8	0 4 0
November	...	...	...	2 11 8	170 13 8	0 2 0
December	...	...	...	1 1 7	141 7 11	...
Totals	...	...	...	15 8 0	1,843 16 1	3 4 0

Total earnings, £1,862 8s. 1d. (cost of raw material deducted).

Skilled workmen, viz., 1 blacksmith earned £2 6s. 4d., 1 carpenter earned 13s., 1 shoemaker earned £11 15s. 2d., 1 tailor earned 13s. 6d.; blacksmith's average monthly earnings, 3s. 10d.; carpenter's average monthly earnings, 1s. 1d.; shoemaker's average monthly earnings, 19s. 7d.; tailor's average monthly earnings 1s. 2d. (nearly).

Unskilled workmen, daily average, 129; average monthly earnings per man, £1 3s. 10d.

Women, daily average, 20; average monthly earnings, 3d.

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £34 14s. 4d.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £22 6s. 4d.

DUNEDIN.

Month.				Earnings.		
				Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	10 8 2	...
February	9 18 1	...
March	9 7 1	...
April	9 15 2	...
May	21 9 8	5 2 6
June	38 0 11	...
July	35 10 8	...
August	34 2 2	2 10 0
September	36 0 5	...
October	40 18 7	1 0 0
November	41 18 0	...
December	19 16 6	...
Totals	307 5 5	8 12 6

Total earnings, £315 17s. 11d.

Skilled workmen, none.

Unskilled, daily average, 95; average monthly earnings, 5s. 5d.

Women, daily average, 30; average monthly earnings, 6d. (nearly).

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £41 19s. 6d.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £39 10s. 8d.

INVERCARGILL.

Month.				Earnings.		
				Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	0 7 6	...
February	10 2 0	...
March	22 6 0	...
April	24 6 0	...
May	23 3 0	...
June	28 11 0	...
July	33 13 2	...
August	30 9 2	...
September	25 19 0	...
October	25 16 0	...
November	25 9 0	...
December	25 16 0	...
Totals	275 17 10	...

Total earnings, £275 17s. 10d.

Skilled workmen, none.

Unskilled workmen, daily average, 18; average monthly earnings, £1 5s. 6d.

Female, none.

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £65 18s. 3d.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £52 12s. 2d.

N.B.—The monthly average of female prisoners was about two. The unskilled earnings include the few days' labour which these women performed. It is so small as not to be worth making a separate entry, and was performed in spare hours after washing and cleaning prison, &c.

LYTTLETON.

Month.				Earnings.		
				Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	...	...	..	67 11 11	...	...
February	...	...	...	55 1 1	...	...
March	...	...	...	158 5 6	...	...
April	...	...	...	58 7 7	...	...
May	...	...	...	91 18 6	...	...
June	...	...	...	159 6 5	...	...
July	...	...	...	51 4 2	...	...
August	...	...	...	58 2 0	...	...
September	...	...	...	11 10 0	...	...
October	...	...	...	35 4 9	...	...
November	...	...	...	19 13 3	...	...
December	...	...	...	25 3 0	11 0 0	...
Totals	...	...	...	791 8 2	11 0 0	...

Total earnings, £802 8s. 2d.

Skilled workmen: Printers, daily average, 12; net earnings, £544 0s. 8d.; average monthly earnings, £3 15s. 4d. a man. Tailors, daily average, 8; net earnings, £172 0s. 2d.; average monthly earnings, £1 15s. 10d. a man. Shoemakers, daily average, 6; net earnings, £60 9s. 4d.; average monthly earnings, 16s. 9d. a man.

In addition to above, carpenter prisoners made 94 days' work during year, for which £13 5s. was received, and a tinsmith prisoner did 25 days' work, for which £1 13s. was received.

Unskilled workmen: Daily average, 100; net receipts, £11; average monthly earnings, 2d. a man.

Except for a short period in December the unskilled labourers were employed at work not paid for.

The discrepancy between the earnings of printers as here stated and the value of their work, as computed by Government Printer in his report, is, owing to the fact that the Prisons Department claims credit only for work paid for, while the Government Printer values all the work done. At Mr. Didsbury's estimate, the monthly earnings of a Lyttelton prisoner printer average £7 4s. 5d. This, however, makes no allowance for foreman's wages and work done by him.

All the shoemakers', tailors', &c., work is paid for, and foregoing does not apply to it.

The amount paid into the Treasury on account Lyttelton work was £1,142 5s. 5d.; the value of raw material, such as cloth, leather, timber, &c., was £339 17s. 3d., leaving net value of labour £802 8s. 2d. Nothing is deducted for material from printers' earnings, as it is supplied by Government Printer, and the labour only is paid for or valued.

Summary Lyttelton work: Printers, £544 0s. 8d.; tailors, £172 0s. 2d.; shoemakers £60 9s. 4d.; carpenters, £13 5s.; tinsmith, £1 13s.; unskilled work, £11.: total, £802 8s. 2d.

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £43 12s. 1d.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £34 11s. 4d.

NAPIER.

Month.	Earnings.		
	Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	10 6 8	...
February	4 1 0	...
March	16 17 9	...
April
May	45 12 6	...
June	36 16 6	...
July	18 0 9	...
August	11 6 6	...
September	40 4 6	...
October	10 15 3	...
November	22 7 9	...
December	34 2 6	...
Totals	250 11 8	...

Total earnings, £250 11s. 8d.

Skilled workmen, none.

Unskilled, daily average, 52; average monthly earnings, 8s.

Female earnings, nil.

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £33 10s. 10d.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £28 17s. 1d.

TIMARU.

Month.	Earnings.		
	Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January
February
March
April	6 11 0	...
May
June
July	4 11 0	...
August	9 5 4	...
September
October
November
December	44 3 8	...
Totals	64 11 0	...

Total earnings, £64 11s.

Skilled workmen, none.

Unskilled workmen, daily average, 16; average monthly earnings, 6s. 8d.

Female earnings, nil.

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £53 9s. 5d.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £49 12s. 1d.

WELLINGTON.

Month.				Earnings.		
				Skilled.	Unskilled.	Female.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	4 5 0
February	4 5 0
March	4 10 0
April	4 5 0
May	4 5 0
June	4 5 0
July	4 5 0
August	4 5 0
September	4 5 0
October	4 5 0
November	4 5 0
December	4 5 0
Totals	51 5 0

Total earnings, £51 5s.

Skilled workmen, none.

Unskilled workmen, no earnings.

Female, daily average, 9; average monthly earnings, 9s. 6d.

Gross annual cost per prisoner, £51 5s.

Net annual cost per prisoner, £43 15s. 8d.

N.B.—The female labour was oakum-picking. The male prisoners were employed at navy work at Hospital, Asylum, and College, and the work was not paid for.

26th June, 1882.

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