

Of the lives lost in or near the coast of the colony, 4 were lost in the "Hannah Barratt," 5 in the "Wave of Life," and 3 in the "Wild Wave" (these vessels being lost with all hands), 1 from the "Mary Ogilvie," 2 from the "Koranui," 2 from the "Huia" (at different times), 6 from the "Sarah W. Hunt," 3 from the "Pleiades," 2 from the "Rangatira," 1 each from the "Wanganui," "Sovereign of the Seas," and "Isabella," and 4 by the unfortunate accident to the pilot-boat at Nelson; making a total of 35. Of those lost beyond the coasts of the colony, 35 were lost in the "Loch Fyne," 17 in the "Loch Dee," 10 in the "Mary King," and 7 in the "Adieu" (these vessels having been lost with all hands), 3 each from the "Agnes Bell" and "Makea Ariki," 3 from the "Jessie Readman" (the evidence, and the correspondence as to further inquiry into this casualty being made, have been sent to the Board of Trade), 2 from the "Westland," and 1 each from the "Cooleen," "Mataura," "Westland," "Sarah W. Hunt," "Seatoller," and "Buttermere;" making a total of 86.

Inspection of Machinery.—The annual reports from the Chief Inspector and the various Inspectors of Machinery are attached. During the past year lifts have been brought under the provisions of the Act, and the period for inspecting boilers solely used for threshing and boiling-down purposes has been, under certain conditions, extended to two years.

Harbour Improvement Plans.—In accordance with a promise made, the various Harbour Boards were informed that any information, showing the improvements effected during each year at the ports under their control, that could be supplied in such a shape that it could readily be lithographed or printed, would be published with the Marine Department Report. This information has been supplied by the Harbour Boards at Moeraki, Oamaru, Otago, Timaru, and Wanganui; and the plans, with descriptions, &c. (where supplied), printed on the backs, are attached hereto.

Returns.—The usual annual returns, wreck chart, &c., are appended hereto.

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WILLIAM SEED.

The Hon. the Minister having Charge of the Marine Department.

RETURN showing the Cost of Maintenance of the New Zealand Lighthouses, and the Quantity of Oil consumed at each, during the Year ended the 31st March, 1884.

Name of Lighthouse.	Salaries.	Oil.		Stores and Contingencies.	Totals.
		Gallons consumed.	Value.		
Cape Maria van Diemen	£ s. d. 343 6 8	905	£ s. d. 69 15 2	£ s. d. 118 9 0	£ s. d. 531 10 10
Moko Hinou	338 10 5	659	50 15 11	77 17 8	467 3 7
Tiri Tiri	254 3 4	542	41 15 7	137 4 2*	433 3 1
Ponui Passage	160 0 0	78	6 0 3	18 4 10	184 5 1
Bean Rock	150 0 0	72	7 18 8	7 3 10	165 2 6
Portland Island	357 16 9	695	53 11 5	82 6 0	493 14 2
Napier Bluff	36 0 0	Gas used 24 8 7	1 5 0	61 13 7	
Pencarrow Head	248 6 8	871	67 2 9	95 17 4	411 6 9
Somes Island	236 3 11	216	16 13 0	27 6 1	280 3 0
Cape Egmont	281 13 4	433	33 7 6	40 15 3	355 16 1
Manukau Heads	281 10 8	535	41 4 9	66 11 8	389 7 1
Brothers	475 16 0	632	48 14 4	72 14 8	597 5 0
Tory Channel	90 0 0	174	13 8 3	7 12 7	111 0 10
Cape Campbell.. ..	230 9 8	567	43 14 1	114 14 2	388 17 11
Godley Head	271 8 6	478	36 16 11	57 6 3	365 11 8
Akaroa Head	268 12 7	516	39 15 6	68 15 4	377 3 5
Moeraki	260 0 0	491	37 16 11	53 7 4	351 4 3
Taiaroa Head	267 10 0	510	39 6 3	46 18 3	353 14 6
Cape Saunders	250 15 0	517	39 17 0	49 4 1	339 16 1
Nugget Point	260 0 0	934	71 19 11	46 5 0	378 4 11
Waipapapa Point	76 13 4	105	8 1 10	10 5 2	95 0 4
Dog Island	336 2 2	801	61 14 10	190 8 6†	588 5 6
Centre Island	397 10 4	819	63 2 7	72 13 8	533 6 7
Puysegur Point	350 16 8	829	63 18 0	90 19 3	505 13 11
Cape Foulwind	300 0 0	543	41 17 1	91 16 7	433 13 8
Farewell Spit	342 10 0	497	38 6 2	64 15 11	445 12 1
Nelson	290 0 0	212	16 6 10	7 0 0	313 6 10
Totals	7,155 16 0	13,631	1,077 10 1	1,717 17 2	9,951 3 3

* Includes £37 2s. 8d., cost of altering light to show red over Flat Rock. burners.

† Includes £102 9s. 3d., cost of new