

1886.
NEW ZEALAND.

COST OF ADMINISTERING "THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1883."

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated the 8th September, 1885.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House next session showing—(1.) The amount of fees paid into the Public Account under "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883," from the coming into operation of the said Act (1st January, 1884) to the 31st December, 1885. (2.) The amount actually paid to Official Assignees and their Deputies out of the Consolidated Fund during the same period by way of salary, commission, remuneration, reimbursement, or otherwise. (3.) The amount claimed by, but not actually paid to, Official Assignees and their Deputies during the same period. (4.) The average dividend paid to unsecured creditors, not including those entitled to any priority, in respect of all estates administered under the said Act during the same period. (5.) The number of persons who have become bankrupt, and the number of persons convicted of offences and sentenced under the provisions of the said Act, during the same period."—(MR. SAMUEL.)

RETURN of the COST of administering "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883."

	£	s.	d.
(1.) Amount of fees under the Bankruptcy Act paid into the Public Account from the 1st January, 1884, to the 31st December, 1885	18,526	14	6
(2.) Amount paid to Official Assignees and their Deputies during the same period by way of salary, commission, &c.	9,917	3	0
(3.) Average dividend paid to unsecured creditors, not including those entitled to any priority, in respect of all estates administered during the same period	0	3	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
(4.) Average dividend in dividend-paying estates during the same period	0	4	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
(5.) Number of persons who have become bankrupt during the same period: 1,770.			
(6.) Number of persons convicted and sentenced under the Bankruptcy Act during the same period: 7.			

NOTE.—It has been found that it would not be possible to give a reliable statement of the amounts claimed by, but not actually paid to, the Assignees and their Deputies, as in several cases the vouchers were sent back to the claimants two or three times for alteration, and a record only of the amount finally passed has been kept.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 8th June, 1886.

C. J. A. HASELDEN,
Under-Secretary.

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