

1886.

## NEW ZEALAND.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND SILVER  
IN VICTORIA(RETURN OF), FROM THE EARLIEST RECORDS OBTAINABLE TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1884.*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

## No. 1.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.  
(No. 481/85.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 20th November, 1885.

It would be of value and interest to this branch of Her Majesty's Mint, and also to our correspondents, to have as complete a record as possible of the production of gold and silver in the various Australasian Colonies, and I would therefore ask you if you would be so good as to obtain for me, at your earliest convenience, a return showing the quantity of gold and silver produced in New Zealand, in each year, from the earliest record obtainable to the present time.

I trust that the value to this department of this record may be my excuse for troubling you in the matter.

I have, &amp;c.,

GEORGE ANDERSON,  
Deputy-Master.

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington.

## No. 2.

Mr. H. J. H. ELIOTT to Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne.  
(Mines 86/1544.)

SIR,—

Wellington, 15th January, 1886.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th November, No. 481/85, I have the honour, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Mines, to forward herewith a statement of the quantity and value of gold and silver shipped through the Customs Department of this colony from the year 1857 to the 30th September, 1885.

From the return you will see that 10,789,650oz. of gold, of the value of £42,327,908, and 447,923oz. of silver, of the value of £115,144, have been shipped at the period named.

The information in the return is as accurately compiled as the public records will permit. But it is believed that in years past considerable quantities of gold were taken out of the colony without passing through the Customs. Neither is the gold and silver which have been manufactured in the colony included in the statement, as there is no information obtainable under that heading.

The Hon. the Minister of Mines would be obliged if he could be supplied with similar information respecting the Colony of Victoria.

Colonel Anderson, Deputy-Master, Royal Mint,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. J. H. ELIOTT,  
Under-Secretary.

## Enclosure in No. 2.

RETURN of GOLD and SILVER entered for Export from 1857 to 31st December, 1885.

Years.	Gold.		Silver.		Years.	Gold.		Silver.	
	oz.	£	oz.	£		oz.	£	oz.	£
1857	10,437	40,422	..	..	1873	505,337	1,987,425	36,187	9,850
1858	13,534	52,464	..	..	1874	376,388	1,505,331	40,566	10,380
1859	7,336	28,427	..	..	1875	355,322	1,407,770	29,085	7,560
1860	4,538	17,585	..	..	1876	332,016	1,284,328	12,683	3,171
1861	194,031	751,873	..	..	1877	371,685	1,496,080	33,893	7,556
1862	410,862	1,591,389	..	..	1878	310,486	1,240,079	23,018	5,755
1863	628,450	2,431,723	..	..	1879	287,464	1,148,108	20,645	4,512
1864	480,171	1,857,847	..	..	1880	305,248	1,217,252	20,005	4,500
1865	574,574	2,226,474	..	..	1881	270,561	1,080,790	18,885	4,236
1866	735,376	2,844,517	..	..	1882	251,204	1,002,720	5,694	1,286
1867	686,905	2,697,852	..	..	1883	248,374	993,352	16,826	3,785
1868	637,474	2,504,326	..	..	1884	229,946	921,797	24,914	5,125
1869	614,281	2,362,995	11,063	2,993	1885	237,371	948,615	..	..
1870	544,880	2,157,585	37,123	11,380					
1871	730,029	2,787,520	80,272	23,145					
1872	445,370	1,731,261	37,064	9,910	..	10,789,650	42,327,907	447,923	115,144

## No. 3.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.  
(No. 67/86.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 28th January, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Elliott's letter, 86/1544, No. 22, dated the 15th instant, enclosing by your direction, in answer to my request, a statement of the quantity and value of gold and silver shipped through the Customs from New Zealand from the year 1857 to 10th September, 1885.

I have to thank you very much for your courtesy in procuring me this valuable return, and, in response to your request for a similar return from this colony, I have the honour to inform you that I have already taken steps to procure it, and that I will forward it to you by the earliest possible opportunity.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

## No. 4.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.  
(No. 65/86.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 25th January, 1886.

I have the honour to request that you will do me the favour to inform me what quantity of gold and silver has been produced in New Zealand during the year 1885, according to the estimate of the department under your control.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington

GEORGE ANDERSON.

## No. 5.

Mr. H. J. H. ELLIOTT to Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne.  
(Mines 86-88/277.)

SIR,—

New Zealand, 10th February, 1886.

I have the honour, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Mines, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 65/86, asking for a return of the quantity of gold and silver which has been produced in New Zealand during the year 1885.

In reply, I forward herewith for your information a schedule showing the amount and value of gold and silver entered for export during the period named.

I have, &amp;c.,

Colonel Anderson, Deputy-Master, Royal Mint,  
Melbourne, Victoria.H. J. H. ELLIOTT,  
Under-Secretary.

## Enclosure in No. 5.

RETURN of Gold and Silver entered for Export in New Zealand for the Year ended  
31st December, 1885.

	Gold	Silver	oz.	£
	...	...	237,371	948,615
	...	...	16,624	3,169

Mines Department,  
Wellington, 10th February, 1886.H. J. H. ELLIOTT,  
Under-Secretary.

## No. 6.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.  
(No. 112/86.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Mr. Elliott's letter, No. 88, dated the 10th ultimo, enclosing a return of the amount and value of the gold and silver entered for export in New Zealand during the year 1885.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines,  
Wellington, New Zealand.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

## No. 7.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.  
(No. 100/86.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 19th February, 1886.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter 86/1544, No. 22, dated the 15th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit a return showing the estimated annual production of gold and silver in Victoria, from the earliest record obtainable to the 31st December, 1884.

This return has been prepared from the figures kindly furnished to this branch of Her Majesty's Mint by the Department of Mines and Water-supply, Melbourne.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION of GOLD and SILVER in VICTORIA, from the Earliest Records obtainable to 31st December, 1884.

Year.	Gold.	Silver.		Total.	Year.	Gold.	Silver.		Total.
		Produced from Ore.	Extracted at the Mint from Gold.				Produced from Ore.	Extracted at the Mint from Gold.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.		oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
1851	212,899	..	..	..	1869	1,544,756	..	..	..
1852	2,286,535	..	..	..	1870	1,304,304	..	..	..
1853	2,744,098	..	..	..	1871	1,368,942	..	..	..
1854	2,218,483	..	..	..	1872	1,331,377	850	7,161	8,011
1855	2,819,288	..	..	..	1873	1,170,397	5,516	8,831	14,347
1856	3,053,744	..	..	..	1874	1,097,643	760	11,146	11,906
1857	2,830,213	..	..	..	1875	1,068,417	137	21,705	21,842
1858	2,596,231	..	..	..	1876	963,760	516	25,839	26,355
1859	2,348,703	..	..	..	1877	809,653	671	19,046	19,717
1860	2,224,069	..	..	..	1878	758,040	160	22,835	22,995
1861	2,035,173	..	..	..	1879	758,947	48	23,680	23,728
1862	1,730,201	..	..	..	1880	829,121	169	23,078	23,247
1863	1,694,819	1,098	..	1,098	1881	833,378	..	20,957	20,957
1864	1,622,447	5,688	..	5,688	1882	864,610	..	20,343	20,343
1865	1,611,554	3,379	..	3,379	1883	780,253	..	22,121	22,121
1866	1,546,948	2,348	..	2,348	1884	778,618	..	27,070	27,070
1867	1,501,446	78	..	78					
1868	1,684,918	5,761	..	5,761	Totals	53,023,985	27,179	253,812	280,991

Royal Mint, Melbourne,  
19th February, 1886.

GEORGE ANDERSON,  
Deputy-Master of the Mint.

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Colonel Anderson, Royal Air Force, Melbourne, to the Hon. the Minister of Defence.  
(No. 123456)

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Colonel Andrew Boyd Smith, Department of the Interior  
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