

WESTPORT HARBOUR WORKS.—LIST OF SALEABLE PLANT.

Number and Description.				Value.		
				£	s.	d.
One	7-ton Tangyes's crane, working pressure 70lb.	...	...	485	0	0
"	7-ton Shanks's crane, working pressure 65lb.	...	...	300	0	0
"	5-ton Shanks's crane, working pressure 65lb.	...	...	250	0	0
"	5-ton Shanks's crane, working pressure 65lb.	...	...	250	0	0
"	5-ton Shanks's crane, without boiler, and with some part broken	...	...	105	0	0
"	Class F, Stephenson's locomotive engine, No. 2,611, working pressure 130lb.	...	...	937	0	0
"	" C, Dubb's locomotive engine, No. 802, working pressure 100lb.	...	...	675	0	0
"	special pump and boiler, 2-horse power; size of boiler, 5ft. high by 2ft. 5in. diameter, with 20 square feet heating surface in fire-box, and Galloway tube; working pressure 60lb.	...	...	75	0	0
"	air-fan for tunnels	...	...	5	0	0
"	hall-lamp (hanging) to burn kerosine	...	...	1	8	0
"	tricycle velocipede, 3·6 gauge	...	...	7	0	0
"	Pooley's weighbridge, 30 tons	...	...	90	0	0
Two	coal-buckets	...	...	8	0	0
Nine	low-sided waggons (Dunedin pattern)	...	...	153	0	0
Three	" " "	...	...	30	0	0
Two	end-tip waggons	...	...	30	0	0
Total				£3,401	8	0

NOTE.—There are several other articles of plant, such as trucks, &c., which it will perhaps be best to dispose of, but extra consideration is required to determine this.

WESTPORT HARBOUR BOARD REVENUE.

WESTPORT HARBOUR BOARD REVENUE.						Financial Years.		
Description of Earnings.						1887-88.	1888-89.	1889-90.
Through the Railway Commissioners—								
Mount Rochfort Railway—						£	£	£
Mineral traffic						13,422	19,300	23,342
Other traffic						3,292	3,803	3,238
Westport—								
Wharfage						1,003	990	1,053
Tonnage dues						464	560	703
Gross total						£18,180	£24,663	£28,341
Deduct working expenses, as shown in railway statement ...						9,736	11,663	14,645
Total earnings through the Railway Com- missioners						£8,445	£13,000	£13,696
Through the Lands and Mines Department—								
Land Revenues—								
Rents, coal leases						1,491	1,469	1,647
Colliery reserves, sections, Westport						1,014	1,014	1,014
Royalties, coal leases						2,569	2,846	3,610
Miscellaneous (including proceeds, land sales)						96	74	706
Goldfields revenue						223	355	394
Total earnings through the Lands and Mines Department						£5,393	£5,753	£7,371
By the Harbour Board itself								
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Grand total—actual earnings						£13,838	£18,758	£21,067
Working expenses of Board, chargeable to revenue, mainly harbour and office expenses and salaries						1,685	1,941	1,766
Net earnings left available for payment of interest and sinking fund						12,153	16,807	19,301

SIR,—

Harbour Board Office, 3rd June, 1891.

SIR,— I beg to lay before you the conditions and prospects of the Buller relief-channel and stop-bank, and to make some recommendations in connection therewith.

Relief Channel.

The relief-channel is holding a good course. In 1888, when I saw it for the first time after a lapse of some years, it ran in the manner indicated in dotted pencil lines, between the points A and B, and some of the water which came into the channel at the head flowed back into the Buller along the channel marked C D (see plan of late survey attached), whereas now what little water there is between the points C and D runs towards the channel, and in floods a considerable body of water runs this way, which shows that the greater fall of the channel, which fall is nearly all dispersed