

STATEMENT of PREVAILING PRICES of STORES and COST of LIVING on GUMFIELDS.

FLOUR, 13s. to 17s. per hundredweight; tea, 2s. to 3s. per pound; sugar, 4d. to 5d. per pound; tinned meat, 1s. 4d. per two-pound tin; fresh meat, 4½d. per pound. This applies alike to Crown and private lands.

The variations in price depend partly on quality and partly on facilities of conveyance.  
Cost of living: Generally 10s. to 12s. weekly.

PRICE of GUM.

In many instances we have found that the price given by the storekeepers for gum was as high as the Auckland quotations. This may be in part explained by the practice of picking the gum after buying it, by which means the storekeeper can make a profit on the better qualities. But the more usual custom seems to be to give 2s. less than the Auckland prices.

STATEMENT of GUM LICENSE-FEES collected for Digging on Crown Lands.

				£	s.	d.
To 30th September, 1888	...	...	...	254	10	0
31st March, 1890	...	...	...	105	10	0
31st March, 1891	...	...	...	125	6	6
31st March, 1892	...	...	...	171	0	6
31st March, 1893	...	...	...	83	10	0
30th June, 1893	...	...	...	8	10	0
				£748	7	0

TOTAL EXPORT and VALUE of KAURI-GUM from 1856 to 1892 (kindly supplied by Mr. H. Edmonds).

Year.	Tons.	Value per Ton.	Year.	Tons.	Value per Ton.
		£			£
1856	1,440	13	1875	3,133	30 to 39
1857	2,521	14	1876	2,192	22 to 33
1858	1,810	11	1877	3,450	26 to 32
1859	2,010	10	1878	3,421	28 to 36
1860	1,046	9	1879	3,273	31 to 70
1861	865	11	1880	4,775	25 to 65
1862	1,103	10	1881	5,276	30 to 48
1863	1,400	20	1882	4,899	40 to 49/10
1864	2,228	28	1883	6,375	40/10 to 62/10
1865	1,867	24	1884	6,537	41/10 to 57/15
1866	1,943	No record.	1885	5,646	25/10 to 50/10
1867	1,989	"	1886	4,560	26/10 to 53
1868	2,157	"	1887	6,453	34 to 59
1869	2,640	"	1888	8,396	26/10 to 46/10
1870	3,940	"	1889	6,973	33 to 46
1871	5,226	23 to 28	1890	7,517	42 to 57/10
1872	4,684	22 to 27	1891	8,661	40/10 to 63/15
1873	2,619	18 to 30	1892	8,404	46/10 to 73/10
1874	2,196	30 to 45		144,345	

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