SESS. II.—1897. NEW ZEALAND.

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

(FEES LEVIED ON SUITORS IN THE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 1st September, 1896.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing all income arising from fees levied on suitors in the civil administration of Justice, including the Warden's Courts, and all the expenses of the civil administration: the return to be from the 31st March, 1895, to the 31st March, 1896."—(Mr. ALLEN.)

Return showing the Income arising from Fees in the Civil Administration of Justice for the Year ended the 31st March, 1896.

Supreme Court (including District Court (including Court						
Magistrates' Courts	 	 		22,243	8	6
Wardens' Courts	 	 •••		321	15	0
			£	35,901	11	9

RETURN showing the Amount voted for the Year ended the 31st March, 1896, for the Establishment of the Courts of Law.

				£	s.	d.
Judges, Supreme Court	 	 		7,700	0	0
Supreme Court	 	 		6,210	0	0
District Courts)						
Magistrates' Courts	 	 		44,076	0	0
Wardens' Courts)			_			
			£	57,986	0	0

Note.—The expenses of the civil administration of Justice cannot be given separately, as all the Courts exercise both civil and criminal jurisdiction, and the expenses are charged in respect of the Courts as a whole. The figures above given, therefore, represent the amount voted for the year 1895-96 to cover the cost of the Courts in both their jurisdictions.

F. WALDEGRAVE,

Department of Justice, Wellington, 22nd September, 1897. Under-Secretary.

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