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THE GOLDFIELDS OF NEW ZEALAND :
REPORT ON ROADS, WATER-RACES, MINING MACHINERY, AND
OTHER WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH MINING.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Mr. GEORGE WILSON, Inspecting Engineer, to the Hon. A. J. CADMAN, Minister of Mines.
SIR,— Mines Department, Wellington, 29th June, 1897.

I have the honour to submit my annual report, for the year ending the 31st March last, on the progress of the mining industry, and on different works in connection with the same having a tendency to promote a further development of the mineral wealth of the colony.

The subjects are classified under the following heads: "Subsidised Roads and Tracks," "Roads constructed by Direct Grants," "Prospecting Works," "Schools of Mines," "Water-races," "Gold-mining," "Quartz Workings," "Alluvial Mining," "Dredging," "Water-conser-
vation," "Precious Stones," "Manganese and Sulphur Mining," "Petroleum," "Coal-mining," "Hydraulics," "The Cyanide Process of Treatment in connection with Gold-saving," "Milling Gold-cres," "Patents applied for in connection with Gold-mining," "Examination-papers recently used in the Mine-managers' and Battery Superintendents' Examinations," and "Statistical Tables showing the Class and Value of Works constructed."

SUBSIDISED ROADS AND TRACKS.

The following statement will show the expenditure on subsidy principle authorised for the construction of roads and tracks in the different counties for the year ending the 31st March last, and the liabilities on outstanding authorities on that date :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1897.			Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1897.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Matamata Road Board	...	...	...	100	0	0
Piako County	...	...	...	20	0	0
Bay of Islands County	250	0	0	595	0	0
Coromandel County	1,866	5	0	650	0	0
Te Aroha Town Board	...	...	...	75	0	0
Thames County	524	4	9	643	14	8
Thames Borough	92	12	0	707	8	0
Ohinemuri County	1,106	2	1	945	19	3
Tauranga County	100	0	0	150	0	0
Katikati Highway Board	11	13	4	88	6	8
Waimea County	...	...	...	50	0	0
Collingwood County	70	0	0	...	...	...
Pelorus Road Board	25	0	0	...	...	...
Wairau Road Board	183	10	4	16	9	8
Buller County	365	0	0	510	0	0
Inangahua County	250	0	0	...	...	...
Grey County	57	11	0	278	9	0
Westland County	70	0	0	300	0	0
Ross Borough Council	...	...	...	100	0	0
Tuapeka County	141	3	6	58	16	6
Vincent County	...	...	...	...	...	...
Southland County	...	...	...	50	0	0
Wallace County	29	13	0	...	...	...
Contingencies	34	9	3	...	...	...
Totals	£5,177	4	3	5,339	3	9