

RETURN showing the COST of MAINTENANCE of the New Zealand LIGHTHOUSES, and the QUANTITY of OIL consumed at each, during the Year ended 31st March, 1899.

| Name of Lighthouse.               | Salaries.  | Oil.              |            | Stores and Contingencies. | Totals.     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                                   |            | Gallons consumed. | Value.     |                           |             |
|                                   | £ s. d.    |                   | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.                   | £ s. d.     |
| Cape Maria van Diemen .. ..       | 320 16 8   | 1,008             | 71 8 0     | 132 8 5                   | 524 13 1    |
| Moko Hinou .. ..                  | 394 7 1    | 785               | 55 12 1    | 104 15 0                  | 554 14 2    |
| Tiri-Tiri .. ..                   | 288 6 8    | 509               | 36 1 1     | 58 13 8                   | 383 1 5     |
| Bean Rock .. ..                   | 160 0 0    | 89                | 8 6 8*     | 125 14 9†                 | 294 1 5     |
| Ponui Passage .. ..               | 160 0 0    | 76                | 5 7 8      | 10 18 11                  | 176 6 7     |
| Cuvier Island .. ..               | 334 2 3    | 1,375             | 97 7 11    | 106 7 11                  | 537 18 1    |
| Portland Island .. ..             | 375 0 0    | 744               | 52 14 0    | 187 9 0                   | 615 3 0     |
| Napier Bluff .. ..                | 20 0 0     | Gas               | 13 5 3     | 0 1 3                     | 33 6 6      |
| Cape Palliser .. ..               | 270 0 0    | 965               | 68 7 1     | 77 2 2                    | 415 9 3     |
| Pencarrow Head .. ..              | 300 0 0    | 937               | 66 7 5     | 131 1 2‡                  | 497 8 7     |
| Somes Island .. ..                | 156 0 0    | 211               | 14 18 11   | 56 5 9                    | 227 4 8     |
| Cape Egmont .. ..                 | 283 16 7   | 599               | 42 8 7     | 75 0 11                   | 401 6 1     |
| Manukau Head .. ..                | 269 3 4    | 534               | 37 16 6    | 58 10 3                   | 365 10 1    |
| Manukau-South Head leading-lights |            | 170               | 12 0 10    | 32 17 8                   | 175 5 4     |
| Manukau North Head leading-lights | 120 0 0    | 146               | 10 6 10    |                           |             |
| Kaipara Head .. ..                | 270 0 0    | 518               | 36 13 10   | 121 2 9                   | 427 16 7    |
| Brothers .. ..                    | 448 6 10   | 682               | 48 6 2     | 71 0 3                    | 567 13 3    |
| Tory Channel leading-lights       | 90 0 0     | 167               | 11 16 7    | 6 19 2                    | 108 15 9    |
| Cape Campbell .. ..               | 270 0 0    | 519               | 36 15 3    | 69 5 7                    | 376 6 10    |
| Godley Head .. ..                 | 267 10 0   | 519               | 36 15 3    | 59 13 9                   | 363 19 0    |
| Akaroa Head .. ..                 | 270 0 0    | 577               | 40 17 5    | 44 10 7                   | 355 8 0     |
| Moeraki .. ..                     | 266 18 9   | 529               | 37 9 5     | 83 19 1                   | 388 7 3     |
| Taiaroa Head .. ..                | 290 0 0    | 506               | 35 16 10   | 33 0 2                    | 358 17 0    |
| Cape Saunders .. ..               | 255 12 9   | 650               | 46 0 10    | 65 14 10                  | 367 8 5     |
| Nugget Point .. ..                | 280 0 0    | 926               | 65 11 10   | 93 12 0                   | 439 3 10    |
| Waipapapa Point .. ..             | 280 17 5   | 573               | 40 11 9    | 51 17 8                   | 373 6 10    |
| Dog Island .. ..                  | 331 5 1    | 785               | 55 12 1    | 82 19 7                   | 469 16 9    |
| Centre Island .. ..               | 351 12 2   | 864               | 61 4 0     | 110 8 8                   | 523 4 10    |
| Puysegur Point .. ..              | 350 0 0    | 933               | 66 1 9     | 82 4 0                    | 498 5 9     |
| Hokitika .. ..                    | 12 0 0     | Gas               | 13 11 3    | 0 12 0                    | 26 3 3      |
| Cape Foulwind .. ..               | 288 11 6   | 544               | 38 10 8    | 68 17 4                   | 395 19 6    |
| Farewell Spit .. ..               | 338 4 6    | 585               | 41 8 9     | 70 2 7                    | 449 15 10   |
| Nelson .. ..                      | 284 14 1   | 242               | 17 2 10    | 54 12 11                  | 356 9 10    |
| Stephens Island .. ..             | 383 2 3    | 1,822             | 129 1 2    | 174 19 7§                 | 687 3 0     |
| French Pass .. ..                 | 210 0 0    | 123               | 8 14 3     | 33 15 6                   | 252 9 9     |
| Totals .. ..                      | 8,990 7 11 | 20,212            | 1,460 10 9 | 2,536 14 10               | 12,987 13 6 |

\* Kerosene. † Includes £74 14s. 1d., cost of repairs. ‡ Includes £61 12s. 8d., cost of repairs. § Includes £38 7s. 11d., cost of additions to house.

NOTE.—This return does not include the cost of the periodical visits made to the lighthouses by the Government steamer with oil, stores, and provisions. The proportion of the steamer's expenses chargeable to this service is about £5,000 a year.