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NEW ZEALAND.

IRON AND STEEL

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO IMPORTATION OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 26th July, 1900.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The quantity of iron and steel annually imported into New Zealand for the last five years; (2) the number of tons of iron and steel respectively imported and used by the Government, and the price paid, including freight; and (3) the number of tons of railway rails, together with iron material for bridges, with the prices paid for same."—(Mr. SMITH.)

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(1.) Quantity of Iron and Steel annually imported into New Zealand for the last Five Years :—

Year ending						Iron and Steel imported. Tons.
31st March, 1896	...	...	...	...	...	30,500
" 1897	...	...	...	...	...	52,079
" 1898	...	...	...	...	...	65,081
" 1899	...	...	...	...	...	67,883
" 1900	...	...	...	...	...	65,667
Total	...	...	...	...	..	281,210

(2.) Imported and used by Government during same Period :—

Iron, Tons.			Price paid. £	Steel. Tons.			Price paid. £
6,710	...	...	82,033	39,182	...	...	281,498

(3.) Railway Rails and Bridge Material imported by Government during same Period (included in No. 2) :—

Railway Rails. Tons.			Price paid. £	Bridge Material. Tons.			Price paid. £
37,484	251,727	1,542	15,079

H. J. H. BLOW, Under-Secretary.

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