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BEER.

PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO QUANTITY BREWED, DUTY PAID, AND AMOUNT OF TAX SINCE THE NEW SYSTEM OF TAXATION WAS INTRODUCED.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 19th July, 1917.

Ordered, "That there be taid before this House a return showing—(1) The number of gallons of beer brewed each month and the amount of duty paid each month since the new system of taxation of beer was introduced; (2) the amount of duty paid each month and the number of gallons brewed each month for twelve months prior to the new system being introduced; and (3) the amount of tax per gallon paid on beer since the new system was introduced."—(Mr. Pearce.)

RETURN SHOWING—(1) THE NUMBER OF GALLONS OF BEER BREWED EACH MONTH AND THE AMOUNT OF DUTY PAID EACH MONTH SINCE THE NEW SYSTEM OF TAXATION OF BEER WAS INTRODUCED; (2) THE AMOUNT OF DUTY PAID EACH MONTH AND THE NUMBER OF GALLONS BREWED EACH MONTH FOR TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE NEW SYSTEM BEING INTRODUCED; AND (3) THE AMOUNT OF TAX PER GALLON PAID ON BEER SINCE THE NEW SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED.

(New system introduced 1st December, 1915.)

BEER BREWED AND EXCISE BEER DUTY PAID IN NEW ZEALAND.

(1.) From 1st December, 1915, to 30th June, 1917.				(2.) Twelve Months prior to 1st December, 1915.			
Month.		Gallons brewed.*	Excise Duty paid.	Month.	Gallons brewed.	Excise Duty paid.	
1915. December		1,076,260	£ s. d. 23,267 13 6†	1914. December	1,041,066	£ s. d. 14,391 8 9	
January February March		985,268 1,053,476 1,094,891 897,716 974,963 827,896 800,793 840,068 804,472 907,647 1,006,770 1,053,765	17,971 1 9† 18,420 18 6† 17,308 2 4† 15,254 15 2† 17,528 4 3† 12,045 15 9 15,562 8 1 14,120 1 0† 11,822 2 2 17,407 7 7 14,384 0 10 17,845 2 8	1915. January February March April May June July August September October November	946,782 905,256 1,008,828 838,620 863,918 846,396 854,658 847,584 900,450 956,070 1,104,354	11,042 6 5 10,449 14 11 11,542 8 11 9,991 4 8 9,515 17 1 12,183 9 7 9,472 19 9 10,636 9 0 9,914 18 8 8,291 6 3 10,917 2 0	
1917. January February March April May June		1,093,698 932,477 1,088,291 955,183 933,502 761,436	19,793 11 7 14,554 14 8 17,633 13 0 16,626 13 7 16,534 2 0 12,708 6 5				

^{*} Quantities shown represent the worts pitched for fermentation, less 10 per cent.

W. B. Montgomery,

Customs Department, Wellington, 1st August, 1917.

Comptroller of Customs.

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[†] Including amounts of excise duty (at 3d. per gallon) paid on beer remaining in stock in breweries on 1st December, 1915: December, £9,342 4s. 5d.; January, £1,137; February, £33 12s. 3d.; March, £28 17s.; April, £8 11s.; May, £12 17s. 6d; August, £10 13s. 9d.: total, £10,573 15s. 11d.

^(3.) Average amount of excise duty per gallon paid on beer since the new system was introduced: Fourpence.

N.B.—The duty shown for any month is the amount collected during that month, and is not necessarily the amount due on beer brewed during that month.