

2nd. That the necessary expenditure, including the heavy liabilities on account of interest and the maintenance of the road to Christchurch, is still so far within the actual yearly income that a balance of several thousand pounds is available annually for roads, bridges, and other public works, leaving a considerable margin to meet Provincial charges and extraordinary contingencies.

3rd. That the amalgamation of the various departments with those of Nelson would add largely to the efficiency of the Government on both sides of the Grey.

4th. That a considerable money saving would be effected thereby.

5th. That the district in question would well repay a moderate outlay on roads and bridges.

6th. That there are but slight grounds for supposing that the Province of Nelson is injured to any appreciable extent by the present system of dividing the gold duty with the County of Westland.

His Honor the Superintendent of the
Province of Nelson.

I have, &c.,
W. C. HODGSON.

A 1.

RETURN of Revenue derived from that portion of the County of Westland north of the Teremakau, for the Year ending 30th June, 1870.

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Customs—											
Gold duty						6,043	7	1			
Import duty and miscellaneous receipts						9,001	14	9			
									15,045	1	10
Post Office receipts									1,323	17	3
Telegraph receipts									967	3	6
Warden's Court—											
Greymouth receipts						4,172	3	0			
Greenstone receipts						2,972	12	8			
									7,144	15	8
Resident Magistrate's Court—											
Greymouth receipts						1,416	18	0			
Greenstone receipts						379	0	6			
									1,795	18	6
District Court receipts									99	6	0
Land									46	0	0
Stamp duties									682	18	9
									£27,105	1	6

B.

COMPARATIVE Return of Revenue collected at the Port of Greymouth during the Years ending 30th June, 1869, and 30th June, 1870.

						1868-69.			1869-70.		
						Value.			Value.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gold duty						12,555	13	5	13,887	6	2
Import duty						43,607	3	7	47,747	1	5
Miscellaneous Revenue						303	9	1	262	3	9
						£56,466	6	1	£61,896	11	4

EXPORT Return for the above stated Periods.

1868-69.				1869-70.			
Articles.		Value.		Articles.		Value.	
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Coals, 602 tons	...	637	0 0	Coals, 867 tons	...	794	0 0
Miscellaneous	...	4,200	0 0	Miscellaneous	...	2,963	0 0
		£4837	0 0			£3,757	0 0
Total Revenue from all sources for above period				...	...	...	£118,362 17 5
Total number of ounces of Gold exported—						Ounces.	
Nelson	...	...	...	...	...	...	125,696
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	...	85,856
						211,552	