GOLD FIELDS OF NEW ZEALAND.

RETURN showing the Rates of Wages in the South Hauraki Gold Mining District, as also the Charge for Cartage.

> Labourers' wages ... 36s. per week. ... Carpenters' wages ... 56s.... Mechanical Engineers' wages 66s.50s. Engineers (Drivers) ,, 50s. Stokers 36s. to 40s. Miners Man, dray, and two horses ... 15s. per day.

RETURN showing Amount of Customs Duties, Arms Fees, and other Receipts, received at the Port of Thames.

Date.	Customs Duties.	Arms Fees.	Miscellaneous Receipts.
Quarter ending September, 1871 " December, " " March, "	£ s. d. 4,027 15 1 3,963 18 0 3,558 12 8	£ s. d. 112 15 0 87 18 0 91 18 0	£ s. d. 25 15 3 7 8 0 62 4 1

RETURN of the Price of Provisions and other Articles in general use in the South Hauraki Gold Mining District.

Flour, Adelaide, per ton, £16 wholesale; £17 retail. £8

Bread, $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 2lb. loaf.

Butchers' Meat, per 100 lbs., 30s. wholesale; 4d. to 6d. per lb. retail.

Hams, English, per lb., 10d. wholesale; 1s. retail.

Butter, in keg, 9d., wholesale; 10d., retail.

"fresh, 1s. 2d. wholesale; 1s. 6d. retail.

"Colonial, per lb., 8d. wholesale; 10d. retail.

Coffee, per lb., 2s. wholesale; 2s. 6d. retail.

Sugar, per lb., $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. wholesale; $5\frac{3}{4}$ d. retail.

Biscuits (Lamb), 21s. wholesale; 24s. 6d. retail.

Candles, sperm, 10d. wholesale; 1s. retail.

Hay, per ton, £7 10s.

Oats, per bushel, 3s. 6d. wholesale; 4s. retail. Maize, per bushel, 4s. 9d. wholesale; 5s. to 6s. retail.

Chaff, per ton, £8; per lb. 1d.

Bran, 1s. 3d. per lb.; 7s. 6d. per bag.

Coals, Newcastle, per ton, 45s.

Bay, 24s., slack, 18s.

Timber, per 100 feet, 9s. to 13s.

Shingles, per 1,000, 12s. to 15s.

Palings, per 100, 12s. to 18s.

Slabs, per 100, 40s.

Props, per 100, £5 to £8.

Powder, 10d.

RETURN of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, from first July, 1871, to 30th June, 1872, for the South Hauraki Gold Mining District.

Births				•••	•••		• • •	529
Deaths	•••			•••	•••	•••	•••	$\begin{array}{c} 175 \\ 115 \end{array}$
Marriages	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	115
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Memo.—This does not represent the actual number of births in this district, as many persons have neglected to register their children, having exceeded the time allowed by Act for registration, namely, six months old.