

depth of 60 to 80 feet, and the tailings run out several hundred yards through box tail-races paved from end to end with timber blocks. The Hohonu Water-Race Company supply these claims with water, from seven to ten heads each, at the rate of £2 10s. per head, and let from forty to fifty heads per week. This Company is constructing a branch race three miles in length, to convey additional water into their reservoir, at an outlay of about £1,000.

Maori Point, Three-Mile, Hohonu, and Teramakau Junction also support a small population. There are 120 Chinese located in this district: they have settled down steadily to work, and have purchased some good interests in claims and water-rights, paying prices varying from £30 to £90.

The change made in the Postal Department from daily to tri-weekly is most inconvenient, and causes great delay in the transmission of letters. This might be remedied by the payment of a nominal subsidy to the mail contractor, who runs a spring cart daily to the Greenstone in connection with the daily mail between Greymouth and Hokitika.

A track from the Greenstone to Lake Brunner has been surveyed, and, when formed, will open up a tract of country near the lake for mining and grazing purposes, and will probably become a short route from the Grey district to the Christchurch Road, near the head of Bruce's station on the Lake.

Sittings of the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Court have been held regularly every fortnight at the Greenstone, and at the Arnold and Clifton once a month.

The appointment of the police officers as Receivers of Gold Revenue at these stations has proved advantageous to the miners, and thereby tended to increase the revenue.

The municipality of Greymouth contains a population estimated at 2,600. Several substantial buildings, stores and private residences, have been erected during the year, and the formation of the different streets is being vigorously pushed forward.

The protective works and stone wall have been a great protection from the encroachments of the river, and should be extended without delay, to save the lower portion of the town. The sanitary arrangements of the town are being greatly neglected, and although the Council have been in existence several years, they are without an efficient code of by-laws and regulations for the control and proper management of the municipality. The Greymouth Coal Company have proved their coal by boring and driving, and have selected their block on the reserve. The main shaft is being sunk, and the requisite machinery has been purchased for the works. The Company have every expectation of being ready to supply coals to the market within three months.

The population of the district is estimated at 4,868 souls, and are located as follows:—

	Greymouth.	Arnold.	Clifton.	Greenstone.	Total.
European	3,141	365	495	430	4,431
Chinese	72	130	115	120	437
	3,213	495	610	550	4,868

Fourteen hundred and eighty-five cases have been disposed of in the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Court, as under:—

	Civil.	Criminal.	Warden.	Total.
Greymouth	891	333	24	1,248
Arnold	60	20	13	93
Clifton	31	11	5	47
Greenstone	73	10	14	97
	1,055	374	56	1,485

The revenue for the twelve months, amounting to £30,124 15s. 3d., is made up as follows:—

	Greymouth.	Arnold.	Clifton.	Greenstone.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Warden's Department	1,609 9 6	372 14 0	464 5 0	940 0 0	3,386 8 6
Resident Magistrate's Department ...	1,010 11 9	...	...	64 5 0	1,074 16 9
Publicans' Licenses to Provincial Treasurer	1,370 0 0	...	...	...	1,370 0 0
	3,990 1 3	372 14 0	464 5 0	1,004 5 0	5,831 5 3
Gold Duty	2,577 11 4	...	...	600 0 0	3,177 11 4
Half-share Customs ...	21,115 11 3	...	...	...	21,115 18 8
	27,683 18 8	372 14 0	464 5 0	1,604 5 0	30,124 15 3