RETURN of Officers and Warders employed respectively in the Gaols of the Colony, &c.—continued. Timaru Gaol.

| No. | | Rank. | | Term of Serv | ice. | Salary. | | Hours on | Duty. | | Average Number of Prisoners received annually. |
|-----|--------|-------|-----|--------------|------|------------------|--------|------------|-------|-----|--|
| 1 | Gaoler | ••• | | 16 years | | 8s. 6d. per | 12 hou | rs per day | ••• | ••• | 264 |
| 2 | Matron | | ••• | 6 " | ••• | £15 per annum | 11 | " | | | |
| 3 | Warder | ••• | ••• | 6 ,, | ••• | 7s. per day | 12 | " | | | |
| 4 | ,, | ••• | ••• | 4 ,, | ••• | 7s. ,, | 12 | " | | | |
| 5 | " | ••• | ••• | 3 " | ••• | 7s. " | 12 | " | | | |

Note.—In consequence of not having a night-watchman warders have to perform long hours of duty.

HOKITIKA GAOL.

| No. | o. Rank. | | Term of Service. | Salary. | Hours on Duty. | Number of Prisoners received. |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 | Gaoler Matron Overseer and Warder Warder "" on probation | | 11 ,, 3 months 12 ,, 2 ,, 10 ,, 9 ,, | £300 per annum £75 per annum 11s per day 9s. 6d. ,, 9s. 6d. ,, | General supervision Eleven hours. Daily average throughout the year, 11 hours 10 minutes (Time for meals not included). | 1873, 129; 1874, 140; 1875, 77; 1876, 90; 1877, 93. Annual average for the five years ending 31 Dec., 1877, 105‡. The number re- ceived for the present year to date is 58. |

HOKITIKA (LOWER GAOL).

| No. | Rank. | Term of Service. | Salary. | Hours on Duty. | Number of Prisoners received annually. |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Gaoler and Police Sergeant | 13 years | 9s. 6d. per day | Only when necessary in case of prisoners when arrested, and night and morning for hard-labour prisoners. See note. | About 150 arrests annually. There have been on an average seventeen hard-labour prisoners at this gaol for last two years, keeping yard clean and in order, &c. |

Note.—This gaol is principally used as a lock-up for prisoners on remand, and is in charge of a member of the force at all times. With the exception of one prisoner, who was sentenced to three months with hard labour, the remaining sixteen were short sentences of twenty-four and forty-eight hours' imprisonment.

GREYMOUTH GAOL.

| No. | Rank. | Term of Service. | Salary. | Hours on Duty. | Number of Prisoners annually. |
|-----|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Gaoler and Constable | From 9th October, 1877 | 8s. per day | 7 to 8 a.m., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 6 p.m. | 61 |

KUMABA GAOL.

| No. | Rank. | Term of Service. | Salary. | Hours on Duty. | Number of Prisoners received for year ending 31st Aug., 1878. |
|-----|--------|---|---------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Gaoler | 26th June, 1878 (2 months and 4 days) | £ s. d. 172 18 6 | 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; also doing the duties of Sergeant of Police | 30 |