

considered advisable to commence the construction of the long tunnel before any other works are undertaken on this race, as there does not appear to be any probability of a water-supply being obtainable until that portion of the work is carried out, and it will take some considerable time to complete it.

The collateral advantages derived from the water-races worked by the Government during the financial year have been approximately as follows :—

Race.	Number of Men employed.	Number of Ounces of Gold obtained.
Argyle Race	24	1,303
Waimea-Kumara Races	502	18,947
Nelson Creek Race	68	3,959
Total	594	24,209

The average annual income of each of the men so engaged would be £143.

The net revenue over and above working expenses has been as follows :—

Argyle Race	£256
Waimea-Kumara Races	1,255
Nelson Creek Race	596
Total	£2,107

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Enclosure 4 in Appendix E.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN MIDDLE ISLAND, STATEMENT OF WORKS EXECUTED DURING YEAR 1880-81.

NELSON DISTRICT.

JUDICIAL,—

Repairs, Picton Gaol	Finished.
Repairs, Blenheim Gaol	Finished.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH,—

Alterations to Post and Telegraph Office, Nelson	Finished.
Painting Telegraph Station, Cable Bay	In progress.
Painting Telegraph Station, Motueka	In progress.
Additions to Telegraph Station, Takaka	In progress.

OFFICES FOR PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS,—

Combined Courthouse and Post and Telegraph Office at Collingwood	Tenders called for.
Ceiling Contract, Government Buildings, Blenheim	Tenders called for.

WESTLAND DISTRICT.

JUDICIAL,—

Additions and alterations to Warden's Residence, Reefton	Finished.
Repairs and additions to quarters for Clerk to Magistrate, Maori Gully	Finished.
Repairs and fittings for Courthouse, Staffortown	Finished.
Outbuildings, fencing, and repairs to Resident Magistrate's House, Grey-mouth	Finished.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH,—

Post and Telegraph Office, Westport	Finished.
Post and Telegraph Station, Ahaura	Finished.
New roof to Post and Telegraph Station, Lyell	Finished.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

JUDICIAL,—

Additions to Lyttelton Gaol	In progress.
Additions to Addington Gaol	Completed.
Lyttelton Police Station	In progress.
Lock-up at Bingsland	Finished.
Lock-up at Papanui	Finished.
Additions and fittings for Courthouse, Christchurch	Finished.
Courthouse, Ashburton	Finished.
Fittings, fencing, and outbuildings for Courthouse, Ashburton	Finished.
Courthouse, Temuka	Plans being prepared.
Drainage, Burnham Industrial School	Finished.
Class-rooms for Burnham Industrial School	Finished.