

in Australia prior to the spring of 1867, when I became a colonist of New Zealand. Since that time I have always taken an active interest in any industry that promised to promote the work of colonization, or otherwise benefit the colony. I feel a pleasure in saying that, in my humble opinion, comparing the resources and climate of many parts of Australia in which I have lived with those of New Zealand—and I feel a pride in calling Australia my birthplace and the home of my early life—we have little to fear in the future. If we will only have confidence in ourselves and in the great resources of the country in which our lot is now cast, our task of assisting to build up a worthy and prosperous community will not only prove an easy one, but a labour of love. If I have wearied honourable gentlemen it has been unintentionally. My excuse for placing so many facts and figures before them is with the object of giving information, and enlisting their earnest sympathy in the direction of the great industry I have the honour to represent. If I have, even in a moderate degree, succeeded in this, my object will have been attained.

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TABLE showing the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD ENTERED for DUTY for EXPORTATION, and the QUANTITY and VALUE of other MINERALS EXPORTED, up to the Year ending the 31st December, 1885.

Name of Mineral.	For Year ending 31st December, 1885.		Total from 1st January, 1853, to 31st December, 1885.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Gold	237,371	948,615	10,789,650	42,327,907
Silver	16,624 Tons.	3,169	464,548 Tons.	118,322
Copper ore	..	..	1,372	17,397
Chrome ore	..	..	5,306	37,367
Antimony ore	666	5,289	793	7,731
Manganese ore	602	1,716	12,023	43,103
Hæmatite ore	50½	208	51	220
Mixed minerals	114	993	13,097	49,834
Kauri gum	5,875½	299,762	99,481	3,685,499
Coal	43,893	51,257	104,329	102,681
Coke	267	385	2,958	4,873
Total value	..	1,311,394	..	46,394,934