

## No. 16.

RETURN of the NUMBER of LICENSES under "The Gold-mining Districts Act, 1873," for the Year ending 31st March, 1886.

| Mining District. |    |    |    |    |    | Number. | Gross Acreage. |    |    | Rental per Annum. |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----------------|----|----|-------------------|----|----|
|                  |    |    |    |    |    |         | A.             | R. | P. | £                 | s. | d. |
| AUCKLAND—        |    |    |    |    |    |         |                |    |    |                   |    |    |
| North Hauraki    | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21      | 148            | 2  | 1  | 436               | 0  | 0  |
| Grahamstown      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 171     | 1,326          | 1  | 5  | 3,980             | 0  | 0  |
| Te Aroha         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37      | 153            | 2  | 0  | 462               | 0  | 0  |
| Totals           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 229     | 1,633          | 1  | 6  | 4,878             | 0  | 0  |

## No. 17.

RETURN of CASES in the WARDENS' COURTS, and COSTS AWARDED, for the Year ending 31st March, 1886.

| Mining District.           | Number of Mining Disputes adjudicated on. | Aggregate Amount of Value. |            | Amount of Costs awarded. | Cases wherein Judgment has decreed Specific Performance. |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                            |                                           | Claimed.                   | Recovered. |                          |                                                          |
|                            |                                           | £ s. d.                    | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.                  |                                                          |
| AUCKLAND—                  |                                           |                            |            |                          |                                                          |
| North Hauraki              | 7                                         | ..                         | ..         | 3 17 0                   | 6                                                        |
| South Hauraki              | 126                                       | 44 3 11                    | 44 3 11    | 152 18 0                 | ..                                                       |
| Te Aroha                   | 43                                        | 364 1 8                    | 270 3 3    | 17 6 0                   | 5                                                        |
| MARLBOROUGH—               |                                           |                            |            |                          |                                                          |
| Pelorus and Wairau         | ..                                        | ..                         | ..         | ..                       | ..                                                       |
| NELSON—                    |                                           |                            |            |                          |                                                          |
| Collingwood                | ..                                        | ..                         | ..         | ..                       | ..                                                       |
| Inangahua                  | 21                                        | 76 0 0                     | 16 15 0    | 59 17 6                  | ..                                                       |
| Lyell                      | 6                                         | 193 6 8                    | 45 16 8    | 8 8 0                    | ..                                                       |
| Westport                   | 15                                        | 726 6 0                    | 725 6 0    | 21 6 0                   | ..                                                       |
| Charleston                 | 15                                        | 90 10 0                    | 6 0 0      | 13 14 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Ahaura                     | 8                                         | 51 0 0                     | 10 0 0     | 12 3 0                   | ..                                                       |
| Murchison                  | ..                                        | ..                         | ..         | ..                       | ..                                                       |
| WESTLAND—                  |                                           |                            |            |                          |                                                          |
| Hokitika and Kanieri       | 11                                        | 190 0 0                    | 10 10 7    | 15 18 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Waimea and Stafford        | 19                                        | 41 7 0                     | 11 1 0     | 13 11 0                  | 4                                                        |
| Totara                     | 10                                        | 1,015 0 0                  | 5 0 0      | 29 7 0                   | 3                                                        |
| Kumara                     | 9                                         | 2,037 10 0                 | 341 10 0   | 23 18 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Greymouth                  | 24                                        | 51 11 0                    | 11 3 0     | 39 3 6                   | 4                                                        |
| Arnold (Maori Gully)       | 15                                        | 61 10 0                    | 1 2 0      | 4 8 0                    | ..                                                       |
| Greenstone                 | 6                                         | ..                         | ..         | 7 19 0                   | 3                                                        |
| Okarito                    | 4                                         | 150 0 0                    | ..         | 0 12 0                   | ..                                                       |
| OTAGO—                     |                                           |                            |            |                          |                                                          |
| Hindon                     | 1                                         | ..                         | ..         | 6 0 0                    | ..                                                       |
| Tuapeka                    | 24                                        | 256 17 8                   | 53 0 0     | 31 1 0                   | ..                                                       |
| Cromwell                   | 14                                        | ..                         | ..         | 11 18 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Alexandra                  | 5                                         | 10 0 0                     | ..         | 11 15 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Roxburgh                   | 6                                         | ..                         | ..         | 10 14 6                  | ..                                                       |
| Black's                    | 11                                        | 75 0 0                     | 20 18 0    | 45 15 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Clyde                      | 2                                         | 6 0 0                      | ..         | 5 8 0                    | ..                                                       |
| Waikaia                    | 17                                        | 50 0 0                     | ..         | 0 13 6                   | 1                                                        |
| Orepuki and Longwood       | 31                                        | 392 0 6                    | 114 0 0    | 71 7 0                   | ..                                                       |
| Arrow (Wakatipu Goldfield) | 7                                         | 187 0 0                    | 115 2 4    | 8 3 6                    | ..                                                       |
| Queenstown                 | 11                                        | 109 0 0                    | 93 0 0     | 24 11 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Naseby                     | 49                                        | 650 16 0                   | 19 4 6     | 17 10 0                  | ..                                                       |
| Maerewhenua                | 1                                         | ..                         | 7 17 1     | 0 11 0                   | ..                                                       |
| Totals                     | 518                                       | 6,829 0 5                  | 1,921 13 4 | 669 13 6                 | 25                                                       |

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