

HARBOUR DEFENCES.

RETURN showing the EXPENDITURE on HARBOUR DEFENCES in detail, from their Commencement to the 31st March, 1888, also LIABILITIES at that Date.

Classification.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1883-84.	1884-85.	Total Expenditure to 31st March, 1888.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1887-88.	Total Expenditure from 31st Mar., 1885, up to 31st Mar., 1888.	Great Totals Expenditure from 1878 to 31st March, 1888.	Liabilities known to exist at 31st March, 1888.	Grand Total Expenditure and liabilities at 31st March, 1888.
I.—MATERIAL FROM ENGLAND.													
23 R.B.L. guns and carriages, &c.: 13 6in., 5 tons, and 10 8in., 13 tons, E.O.C. 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	35,149 0 0	38,033 15	711,188 15	8 84,371 11 3	84,371 11 3	..	..
22 R.M.L. guns and carriages, &c.: 11 7in., 7 tons, and 11 64-pr., 62 cwt. 2	..	26,356 13 0	..	..	..	26,356 13 0	..	..	..	..	26,356 13 0	..	..
8 R.M.L. guns and carriages, &c., converted 64-pr. from H.M.S. "Nelson" 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,203 6 4	..	..	4,203 6 4	4,203 6 4	..	..
9 R.B.L. field-guns and carriages, Imperial-service pattern 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	900 0 0	..	900 0 0	900 0 0	..	..
23 machine-guns and carriages: 20 Norden-felt, 6-pr., and 3 Hotchkiss (2 6-pr., 1 3-pr.) 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,745 12 2	6,393 9 6	8,139 1 8	8,139 1 8	..	..
Ammunition generally for above various guns 6	10 7 10	799 0 7	..	..	..	809 8 5	3,504 5 11	3,352 8	9,11,890 2 2	18,746 16 10	19,556 5 3	..	..
War Office stores: Miscellaneous equipments 7	4,830 0 0	..	..	..	..	4,830 0 0	..	3,975 14 7	485 18 10	4,461 13 5	9,291 13 5	..	..
Major-General Steward, R.E., Military Adviser to Agent-General ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	513 13 6	1,986 10 8	522 17 4	3,023 1 6	3,023 1 6	..	..
4 torpedo-boats, Thornycroft, 2nd class 8	..	..	..	6,300 0	04,735 17	011,035 17 0	..	..	..	..	11,035 17 0	..	..
20 Whitehead torpedo-boats and air-compressing machinery 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,104 0 8	685 0 0	..	8,789 0 8	8,789 0 8	..	..
Submarine mining stores for submarine defence of ports 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	872 13	612,055 6 6	12,928 0 0	12,928 0 0	..	..
Miscellaneous charges: Freight, insurance, shipping, &c. 11	857 0 4	415 11 1	..	..	2,226 13 10	3,490 5 3	338 19 7	2,026 11 2	3,539 0 11	5,904 11 8	9,403 16 11	..	..
Totals ..	5,697 8	227,571 4 8	..	6,300 0	06,962 10	1046,531 3 8	51,813 6 0	53,578 6	546,075 10 11	151,467 3	4197,998 7	033,277 5	10231,275 12 10
II.—WORKS IN THE COLONY.													
Defence works generally: Batteries, depôts, launches, engineering, and miscellaneous charges ..	713 1 3	531 19 8	904 6 2	912 6	112,638 5 3	5,639 19 3	58,081 5 1	74,429 6	825,872 3	10158,382 15	7164,082 14 10	..	..
Purchases, &c., of land: Sites for depôts and batteries ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,272 9 0	11,421 6 2	1,577 9 8	30,271 4 10	30,271 4 10	..	..
Totals ..	713 1 3	531 19 8	904 6 2	912 6	112,638 5 3	5,639 19 3	75,353 14 1	85,850 12	1027,449 13	6188,654 0	5194,353 19 8	3,144 6	3197,498 5 11
Totals I. and II. ..	6,410 9	528,103 4	4904 6	27,212 6	119,600 16	152,231 2	127,167 0	139,498 19	378,525 4	5340,121 3	9392,352 6	836,421 12	1428,773 18 9

1 All the 6in. guns have arrived in the colony. Eleven of them are mounted ready for action. Works for the twelfth are in progress; those for the thirteenth not yet commenced. Two of the 8in. guns have arrived, and the remaining eight will probably arrive within the next few months. The emplacement for one is complete, those for three others almost complete; for the remaining six not yet commenced.

2 These guns were all mounted in 1885. One 7in. gun has been temporarily dismantled to make way for the more powerful 8in. B.L. This 7in. gun will be mounted on another site.

3 These guns have not been permanently mounted, and are at present used for saluting batteries or by the Volunteers. They are of old pattern, but could be utilised in war for better protection of minefields, &c.

4 These guns have been handed over to the Volunteers.

5 The three Hotchkiss guns are in the colony, but not mounted in the defence works. Ten of the Nordenfeldt guns are for fixed mountings, and five of them are mounted. Ten are on field-carriages of a pattern specially designed for New Zealand. One has arrived, and the shipment of all has been notified.

6 The supplies of ammunition, up to 100 rounds per gun for all the M.L. guns, are in the colony. For the B.L. guns it has for the most part also arrived, and the balance is rapidly being shipped.

7 These are special stores required for the general service and equipment of the batteries.

8 These have been in the colony for some years.

9 Are all in the colony.

10 Are all in the colony, and are of the latest and most approved pattern. Some additional supplies to make up the full complement have been ordered.

11 The freight and insurance charges upon the heavy ordnance and the ammunition are very high, and amount to a much larger sum than was anticipated.