

1890.
NEW ZEALAND.

MEN EMPLOYED ON RELIEF-WORKS IN THE COLONY

(RETURN OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated the 15th August, 1890.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) the number of men at present, and the number who have been at the end of each month, employed upon relief-works in the colony, during the period commencing with the 31st March, 1889, and terminating with the 31st May, 1890; (2) the districts in which such men have been and are at present employed; (3) the character of the work upon which they have been engaged; (4) the terms upon which they are employed in each district; and (5) the amount of money expended in each provincial district during the period referred to for the aforesaid object."—(MR. GOLDIE.)

RETURN showing the Number of Men at present employed on Relief-works in the Colony of New Zealand, and the Number who have been employed at the End of each Month, from the 31st March, 1889, to the 31st May, 1890; showing also the Districts in which the Men were employed, the Character of the Work done, the Terms on which the Men were employed, and the Amount spent in each Provincial District on the aforesaid Object.

Number of Men who are at present employed on Relief-works, and the Number who have been employed on Relief-works from the 31st March, 1889, to the 31st May, 1890.		Districts in which such Men are and have been employed.		Character of Work on which the Men have been engaged.				The Terms on which the Men were employed.
Date.	Number.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Road-works, Bealey.	Kaikoura-Clarence Road.	Road-works, Catlin's River.	Otago Central Railway.	
21 August, 1890	73	30	43	Deviating and reconstructing the Main East and West Coast Road, £1,165 10s. 5d.	Formation of main road between Kaikoura and Clarence River, £1,334 6s. 5d.	Formation of new main road from Owake across Catlin's River towards Waikawa, £1,994 17s. 2d.; main road, Otago Peninsula, £47 8s. 8d.	Earthwork, flattening slopes, &c., £6,648 3s. 7d.	Employed at day pay of an average of 4s. per diem, or on petty contracts arranged at a price that able-bodied men would earn about 4s. a day.†
31 March, 1889	131	22	109					
30 April, "	117	20	97					
31 May, "	166	20	146					
30 June, "	199	19	180					
31 July, "	214	37	177					
31 August, "	213	40	173					
30 September, "	247	46	201					
31 October, "	220	35	185					
30 November, "	204	35	169					
31 December, "	...	...	...					
31 January, 1890	56	...	56					
28 Feb. to 31 May, 1890	Nil	...	...					

The amount of money expended in each provincial district from the 31st March, 1889, to the 31st May, 1890, was—Marlborough, £1,334 6s. 5d.; Canterbury, £1,165 10s. 5d.; Otago, £8,690 9s. 5d.: total, £11,190 6s. 3d. £100 was also expended through Waitemata County Council, but no particulars as asked for can be given.

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