

1890.
NEW ZEALAND.

SERVICES PERFORMED BY MR. BLACKETT AS CONSULTING ENGINEER.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 16th July, 1890.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before the House showing the total value of material which Mr. Blackett, Consulting Engineer, has inspected in England on behalf of the colony since his appointment; the number of letters he has written to the Government since his arrival in London; the amount paid for clerical assistance to him, both by way of salary for a clerk and otherwise; and the total amount of salaries, extras, and contingencies which have been paid by the colony since his appointment."—(Mr. CADMAN.)

RETURN showing—(1) The total value of Material which Mr. Blackett, Consulting Engineer, has inspected in England on behalf of the Colony since his Appointment; (2) the Number of Letters he has written to the Government since his arrival in London; (3) the Amount paid for Clerical Assistance to him, both by way of Salary for a Clerk and otherwise; and (4) the Total Amount of Salaries, Extras, and Contingencies which have been paid by the Colony since his Appointment.

1. Total value of material which Mr. Blackett, Consulting Engineer, has inspected in England on behalf of the colony since his appointment :—

					£
For the Public Works Department	...	...	...	...	25,428
For the Public Buildings Department	...	..	...	...	1,014
For the Railway Commissioners	...	...	...	...	*
For the Survey Department	...	...	...	...	661
For local bodies	...	...	...	...	124
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>£27,227</u>

* The Railway Commissioners state that they are unable to furnish returns until further advices are received from England.

2. The number of letters he has written to the Government since his arrival in London :—

Number of letters	...	...	...	...	...	6
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[NOTE.—Mr. Blackett's instructions require that his official correspondence shall be addressed to the Agent-General, and not to the Government direct. The number of letters written by him to the Government direct, therefore, is very small, and mostly on personal matters.]

3. The amount paid for clerical assistance to him, both by way of salary for a clerk and otherwise

...	...	...	...	...	£42
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4. Total amount of salaries, extras, and contingencies which have been paid by the colony since his appointment

...	...	...	...	...	£1,549
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[MEMORANDUM.—Information made up to latest dates practicable—viz., 31st July, 1890.]

Public Works Office, Wellington, 16th September, 1890.

W. N. BLAIR,
Engineer-in-Chief.

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