of flood with shingle from the mountains. The by-washes are only raised about a foot above the bottom of the race, in consequence of which arrangement only 1ft. of the race, where it crosses the creeks, can be filled up, enabling the maintenance-men to soon clean it out, the rest being carried over the by-wash. The season has been unusually wet; in consequence of this, coupled with the works done to the race, there has for the year been a sufficient supply to meet all demands. The whole of April, owing to the cleaning of the race, and from the 22nd June to the 1st August, on account of frost and snow, there was no water supplied from the Mount Ida Race.

BLACKSTONE HILL RACE.

The total sales of water from this race for the year was £105 19s. 4d., and the total cash received for the same period £97 17s. 4d., leaving a debit balance of £8 2s. Expenditure, nil. For the months from May to the 2nd August there was no water supplied, with the exception of £2 1s. 8d. to C. Rose in May. This race, where it crosses the Mount Ida Race to Pegleg Gully, will have to be cleaned out in the spring.

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