

RETURN showing the VALUE of the SALES of WATER, and EXPENDITURE ON, and COLLATERAL ADVANTAGES derived from, the Working of the WATER-RACES constructed and maintained by GOVERNMENT during the Year ending 31st March, 1897.

Name of Water-race.	Value of Sales of Water and Channel-fees.	Expenditure on Maintenance.	Profit or Loss.	Cost of Construction.	Total Cost of Construction.	Percentage on Capital invested.	Average Number of Men employed.	Approximate Amount of Gold obtained.	Value of Gold obtained.	Average Weekly Earnings of Men after deducting Value of Sales of Water and Channel-fees.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			Oz.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Waimea ..	776 19 5	669 6 3	107 13 2	137,283 11 8	200,712 5 10	..	66	2,133	8,318 14 0	2 3 5
Kumara ..	3,502 17 0	1,786 15 9	1,716 1 3	41,463 16 0		..	90	5,455	21,264 10 0	3 15 0
Kumara Sludge-channel ..	..	..	..	21,964 18 2		..	..	..	..	..
Nelson Creek ..	..	..	..	..	90,722 10 8	..	..	..	..	..
Argyle ..	..	..	..	..	15,151 15 3	..	..	..	..	..
Mikonui ..	..	..	..	..	25,927 4 6	..	..	..	..	..
Mount Ida ..	1,333 11 6	1,316 15 6	*16 16 0	69,644 4 9	69,756 9 6	..	66	3,157	12,154 9 0	3 3 7
Blackstone Hill ..	115 19 3	5 8 6	110 10 9			..	8	183	704 11 0	1 8 6
Callaghan's ..	42 15 0	25 15 0	17 0 0	5,948 18 8	..	..	12	110	429 0 0	..
Totals ..	5,772 2 2	3,804 1 0	1,968 1 2	276,305 9 3	402,270 5 9	..	..	11,038	42,871 4 0	..

* Loss.

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