SESS. II.—1897. $N \to W Z \to A L A N D$.

IMPORTS FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES, AND DUTIES PAID THEREON.

Returns to Orders of the House of Representatives dated the 8th and 10th April, 1897.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing separately the value of the imports during 1896 rom the different British possessions and from foreign countries, and the amount derived in Customs duties under each heading."—(Mr. O'Regan.)

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing separately the amount of Customs duties paid in each of the ten years ending the 31st March last, and the value of goods imported from the United Kingdom, each of the Australian Colonies, Tasmania, Mauritius, other British possessions, China, other foreign ports, islands in the Pacific, and southern whale fishery."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

RETURN showing the Total Values of Free and Dutiable Imports during the Year 1896 from the Different British Possessions and from Foreign Countries; also showing the estimated Amount of Custom Duties to which the Dutiable Goods are liable on Importation.

Country.					Total Values of Free Imports.	Total Values of Dutiable Imports.	Total.	Estimated Customs Duties derivable from Dutiable Imports.
					£	£	£	£
United Kingdo	m				1,441,585	3,272,891	4,714,476	998,795
Victoria			• •		175,066	173,792	348,858	80,886
New South Wa	les		• •	••	340,065	222,600	562,665	82,668
Queensland			• •		18,057	103,142	121,199	31,761
South Australi			• •		9,391	16,260	25,651	10,238
Western Austra	alia		• •		12	145	157	16
Tasmania				• •	11,908	19,936	31,844	4,730
Norfolk				• •	191	1	192	
Fiji					20,182	214,658	234,840	102,194
Malden	• •			• •	4,290		4,290	
Fanning			• •		3,072	2	3,074	• • •
Malta						3	3	1
Cape Colony	• •				12	89	101	23
Natal						25	25	6
Mauritius						21,219	21,219	6,912
Hongkong					328	22,010	22,338	12,125
Bengal					80,142	44,679	124,821	19,624
Bombay					300	46	346	53
Madras					20	311	331	310
Ceylon					1,318	94,643	95,961	39,321
Singapore					5,422	5,502	10,924	2,671
Canada					5,795	7,096	12,891	628
British Columb	ia				'882	5,914	6,796	936
Newfoundland						1	1	
Jamaica						134	134	310
France					133	17,677	17,810	14,485
Spain						1,116	1,116	1,136
Portugal						1,225	1,225	1,109
Italy					3,077	3,277	6,354	781
Austria					81	157	238	36
Switzerland						9,282	9,282	3,023
Greece						5,011	5,011	5,512
Germany					23,404	77,977	101,381	25,952
Norway					6	283	289	60
Sweden	• •	• •	••		20	382	402	153
Carried forward				[2,144,759	4,341,486	6,486,245	1,446,455