

No. 5.

RETURN showing the QUANTITY and VALUE of COALS IMPORTED into NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended the 31st March, 1897.

Country whence imported.							Quantity.	Value.
							Tons.	£
Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New South Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	35,104	30,450
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	35,104	30,450

No. 6.

TABLE showing the INCREASE or DECREASE in the PRODUCTION of COAL in the Colony, and Imported, Year by Year, during the last Nineteen Years.

Year.	Coal raised in the Colony.		Coal imported.		
	Tons.	Yearly Increase.	Tons.	Plus or Minus.	Increase and Decrease.
1878	162,218	..	174,148	..	..
1879	231,218	69,000	158,076	—	16,072
1880	299,923	68,705	123,298	—	33,778
1881	337,262	37,339	129,962	+	6,664
1882	378,272	41,010	129,582	—	380
1883	421,764	43,492	123,540	—	6,042
1884	480,831	59,069	148,444	+	24,904
1885	511,063	30,232	130,202	—	18,242
1886	534,353	23,290	119,873	—	10,329
1887	558,620	24,267	107,230	—	12,643
1888	613,895	55,275	101,341	—	5,889
1889	586,445	27,450	128,063	+	26,722
1890	637,397	50,952	110,939	—	17,124
1891	668,794	31,397	125,318	+	14,379
1892	673,315	4,521	125,453	+	135
1893	691,548	18,233	117,444	—	8,009
1894	719,546	27,998	112,961	—	4,483
1895	726,654*	7,108	108,198	—	4,763
1896	792,851	66,197	101,756	—	6,442

* 14,173 tons, error 1895, deducted.

No. 7.

TABLE showing the OUTPUT of COAL from the various Mining Districts, and the Comparative INCREASE and DECREASE, for the Years 1895 and 1896, together with the TOTAL APPROXIMATE QUANTITY of COAL produced since the Mines were opened.

Name of District.	Output of Coal.		Plus or Minus.	Increase or Decrease.	Approximate Total Output of Coal up to 31st December, 1896.
	1895.	1896.			
	Tons.	Tons.		Tons.	Tons.
Kawakawa and Hikurangi	44,580	53,586	+	9,006	920,738
Whangarei, Kamo, Ngunguru, and Whau-whau	20,872	21,106	+	234	357,768
Waikato	55,558*	61,899	+	6,341	884,732
Mokau	535	1,943	+	1,408	10,505
Pelorus	..	..	..	..	711
West Wanganui	1,615	504	—	1,111	48,858
Westport	223,143†	262,696	+	39,553	2,344,432
Reefton	4,018	3,795	—	223	67,807
Greymouth	142,664	137,890	—	4,774	2,267,252
Malvern	11,481	11,714	+	233	327,975
Timaru	341	103	—	238	10,657
Otago	182,331	193,814	+	11,483	3,112,005
Southland	39,516	43,801	+	4,285	382,460
Totals	726,654	792,851	+	66,197	10,735,900

* 14,193 tons, error 1895, deducted.

†20 tons, omitted from 1895, added.