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COMPARATIVE RETURN of REVENUE derived from the GOLDFIELDS in the several DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND during the Years 1896 and 1897, showing INCREASE or DECREASE under each Head of Revenue.

District.	Miners' Rights.	Business Licenses, &c.	Water-races, Sluices, &c.	Gold-mining Leases, Rents, and Royalties.	Registration.	Fees and Fines, Wardens' Courts.	Miscellaneous.	Gold Duty.	Totals.
AUCKLAND—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Year 1896	3,955	529	76	28,362	216	342	1,084	9,902	44,466
Year 1897	1,807	1,190	74	26,953	173	126	1,444	10,403	42,170
Increase	..	661	..	..	..	..	360	501	..
Decrease	2,148	..	2	1,409	43	216	..	..	2,296
NELSON—									
Year 1896	1,244	35	122	5,273	111	55	697	..	7,537
Year 1897	956	32	77	5,942	90	89	679	..	7,865
Increase	..	..	..	669	..	34	..	..	328
Decrease	288	3	45	..	21	..	18	..	..
MARLBOROUGH—									
Year 1896	46	1	5	216	3	..	1	..	272
Year 1897	55	3	3	281	5	7	26	..	380
Increase	9	2	..	65	2	7	25	..	108
Decrease	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
WESTLAND—									
Year 1896	1,174	15	77	3,305	83	38	307	..	4,999
Year 1897	948	11	60	2,126	75	62	1,465	..	4,747
Increase	..	..	..	..	..	24	1,158	..	..
Decrease	226	4	17	1,179	8	..	..	..	252
OTAGO—									
Year 1896	1,848	97	172	6,014	160	105	700	..	9,096
Year 1897	2,061	106	164	7,770	175	259	941	..	11,476
Increase	213	9	..	1,756	15	154	241	..	2,380
Decrease	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Increase	..	665	..	..	..	3	1,766	501	268
Total Decrease	2,440	..	74	98	55	..	..	..	..