

RETURN No. 27.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of COAL TRAFFIC from LOCAL MINES during the Year ending 31st March, 1898.

Mine.	1897-98.	1896-97.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Austin Brothers, Sheffield	1,958	1,417	541	...
Springfield Coal Company, Springfield	1,214	1,608	...	394
Leeming and Co., Whitecliffs	1,427	2,066	...	639
Thompson, A., Whitecliffs	...	...	...	...
Deans, J., Glentunnel	2,700	2,835	...	135
Wairiri Coal Company, Glentunnel	460	36	424	...
Park, G., Mount Somers	1,414	815	599	...
Albury	105	77	28	...
Kuraw	18	18	...	...
Ngapara	4	4	...	...
Shag Point	21,015	19,383	1,632	...
Allendale Coal Company	11,967	10,473	1,494	...
Walton Park	10,603	11,138	...	535
Fernhill	6,157	7,109	...	952
Freeman's	7,430	6,619	811	...
Mosgiel	3,026	1,342	1,684	...
Lovell's Flat	146	105	41	...
Gibson and Lees (Lovell's Flat)	5,199	1,614	3,585	...
Nelson's	1,340	1,578	...	238
Kaitangata	93,654	76,486	17,168	...
Castle Hill	...	17,488	...	17,488
Lakeside, Stirling	16	337	...	321
Anderson's, Stirling	4	65	...	61
McAlister, Stirling	...	6	...	6
Conical Hills	1,877	2,110	...	233
O'Hagan, C., Pukerau	405	406	...	1
Johnston, W. Waikaka	12	...	12	...
Green, Thomas, Gore	460	443	17	...
Sleeman, C. P., Maitaura	152	34	118	...
Beattie, J., Maitaura	5	...	5	...
Brown's, Maitaura	66	...	66	...
Glendhu, Maitaura	4	...	4	...
Munro, E., Wyndham	89	40	49	...
Darcy's, Nightcaps	1,602	1,365	237	...
Nightcaps Coal Company, Nightcaps	19,695	16,386	3,309	...
Alley, J., Nightcaps	12	9	3	...
Calder, J. and A., Nightcaps	...	6	...	6
Hokonui Coal Company, Winton	37	2,534	...	2,497
Smith and Logan, Kingston Crossing	20	323	...	303
Graham, J., Fairfax	5	...	5	...
Totals	194,298	186,275	31,832	23,809

RETURN No. 28.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

RETURN of the NUMBER of VESSELS DISCHARGED and LOADED at the Ports of Lyttelton, Timaru, Oamaru, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, and Bluff, for the Year ending 31st March, 1898.

Port.	1897-98.	1896-97.	Increase.	Decrease.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
DISCHARGED :—				
Lyttelton	1,596	1,593	3	...
Timaru	265	284	...	19
Oamaru	119	123	...	4
Port Chalmers	320	325	...	5
Dunedin	64	72	...	8
Bluff	226	202	24	...
Totals	2,590	2,599	27	36
LOADED :—				
Lyttelton	1,531	1,563	...	32
Timaru	265	284	...	19
Oamaru	139	133	6	...
Port Chalmers	373	355	18	...
Dunedin	7	3	4	...
Bluff	225	200	25	...
Totals	2,540	2,538	53	51