

RETURN showing the COST of MAINTENANCE of the NEW ZEALAND LIGHTHOUSES, and the Quantity of Oil consumed at each, during the Year ended the 31st March, 1898.

Name of Lighthouse.	Salaries.	Oil.		Stores and Contingencies.	Totals.
		Gallons consumed.	Value.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cape Maria van Diemen..	356 18 10	983	73 14 6	127 11 7	558 4 11
Moko Hinou ..	400 0 0	831	62 6 6	106 9 7	568 16 1
Tiri-Tiri ..	300 0 0	490	36 15 0	37 17 6	374 12 6
Bean Rock ..	160 0 0	*89	4 8 0	50 3 2	214 11 2
Ponui Passage ..	160 0 0	75	5 12 6	17 11 8	183 4 2
Cuvier Island ..	330 0 0	1,341	100 11 6	95 18 0	526 9 6
Portland Island..	368 16 4	792	59 12 3	254 16 6 ^b	683 5 1
Napier Bluff ..	20 0 0	Gas	11 19 3	0 7 6	32 6 9
Cape Palliser † ..	192 0 0	324	24 6 0	56 15 9	273 1 9
Pencarrow Head ..	269 3 0	945	70 17 6	132 12 10 ^c	472 13 4
Somes Island ..	156 0 0	214	16 1 0	52 11 5 ^d	224 12 5
Cape Egmont ..	290 0 0	577	43 5 6	77 15 7	411 1 1
Manukau Head ..	262 3 7	536	40 4 0	45 3 2 ^e	347 10 9
Manukau South Head leading-lights	..	170	12 15 0	18 4 10	161 18 10
Manukau North Head leading-lights	120 0 0	146	10 19 0		
Kaipara Head ..	276 10 0	547	41 0 6	125 15 6	443 6 0
Brothers ..	503 0 2	677	50 15 6	76 17 4	630 13 0
Tory Channel leading-lights	90 0 0	166	12 9 0	2 18 6	105 7 6
Cape Campbell ..	281 6 11	560	41 2 0	83 14 7	406 3 6
Godley Head ..	265 0 0	533	39 19 6	53 13 10	358 13 4
Akaroa Head ..	270 0 0	598	44 17 0	37 2 9	351 19 9
Moeraki ..	270 0 0	542	40 13 0	29 11 9	340 4 9
Taiaroa Head ..	293 6 8	535	40 2 6	34 11 5	368 0 7
Cape Saunders ..	280 0 0	652	48 18 0	25 8 6	354 6 6
Nugget Point ..	270 16 8	881	66 1 6	64 18 2	401 16 4
Waipapapa Point ..	260 0 0	560	41 2 0	26 1 11	327 3 11
Dog Island ..	377 19 1	780	58 10 0	86 17 4 ^f	523 6 5
Centre Island ..	361 18 9	862	64 13 0	109 4 10	535 16 7
Puysegur Point ..	353 4 3	888	66 12 0	109 14 1	529 10 4
Hokitika ..	15 0 0	Gas	15 5 0	..	30 5 0
Cape Foulwind ..	290 0 0	490	36 15 0	62 12 7	389 7 7
Farewell Spit ..	349 1 9	533	39 19 6	71 17 1	460 18 4
Nelson ..	261 0 0	236	17 14 0	85 5 4	363 19 4
Stephens Island ..	385 0 0	1,805	135 7 6	155 7 2 ^g	675 14 8
French Pass ..	210 0 0	123	9 4 6	12 11 2	231 15 8
Totals ..	9,048 6 0	19,481	1,484 8 6	2,328 2 11	12,860 17 5

* Kerosene. † First lighted 27th October, 1897. ^b Includes £159 1s. 6d., cost of enlargement of house, &c. ^c Includes £58 14s. 4d., cost of repairs. ^d Includes £15 1s. 11d., cost of repairs. ^e Includes £18 2s. 9d., cost of repairs. ^f Includes £3 15s., for repairs. ^g Includes £38 3s. 7d., for enlargement of house.

NOTE.—This return does not include the cost of the periodical visits made to the lighthouses by the Government steamer with oil, stores, and provisions. The proportion of the steamer's expenses chargeable to this service is about \$5,000 a year.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of NOTICES to MARINERS relating to Matters within the Colony issued by the Marine Department during the Year ended the 31st March, 1898.

Port or Place.	Subject of Notice.
Wellington Harbour ..	Light on end of new ferry jetty, Waterloo Quay.
" ..	Buoy off Steeple Rock.
" ..	Temporary mark-buoys, Mahanga Bay.
Pencarrow Head ..	Erection of explosive fog-signalling apparatus, preliminary notice.
Coromandel Harbour ..	Lights on Coromandel Wharf.
Manukau Harbour ..	Shoaling off Heron Spit, entrance to South Channel.
Vision Rock ..	Expunged from Admiralty Chart.
Hauraki Gulf ..	Position of wreck of barquentine "Waitemata" (two notices).
Auckland Harbour ..	Light on Quay Street Jetty, No. 3.
" ..	Temporary lights—Outer Eastern Tee, Queen Street Wharf.
Hokianga River ..	Exhibition of lights at South Head.
Kaipara Harbour ..	Position of buoy off Tory Shoal.
" ..	Removal of leading beacons.
Mahia Peninsula ..	Position of wreck of sunken s.s. "Tasmania."
Cape Palliser ..	Erection of lighthouse and exhibition of light (two notices).
Pictou Harbour ..	Position of mooring posts and dolphin, and alteration in position of wharf light.
Otago Harbour ..	Additional Harbour lights off Deborah Bay and on Quarantine Island.
Bluff Harbour ..	Mining and blasting operations at Mid-channel Rock.
New River ..	Buoy abreast of Guiding Star Rock.
" ..	Leading beacons erected.
Paterson Inlet ..	Sunken rocky patch, Codfish Island, and sunken rock, Kaipipi Bay.
Daggs Sound ..	Position of rock on which s.s. "Tutanekai" touched.
Westport Harbour ..	Alteration in harbour lights and night signals.
" ..	Erection of Explosives Wharf, Buller River.