

1898.
NEW ZEALAND.

TIMBER EXPORTED BY NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
(RETURN RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 2nd August, 1898.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing separately all payments during the last five years on account of exported timber, whether for cost, transit, storage, sale expenses, or otherwise, and the total loss resulting thereby on each shipment."—(MR. DUTHIE.)

RETURN showing separately all Payments during the Last Five Years on account of Exported Timber, whether for Cost, Transit, Storage, Sale Expenses, or otherwise, and the Total Loss resulting thereby on each Shipment.

(1.) *Kauri timber* purchased by Government as a trial shipment for wood-paving in London :—

	£	s.	d.
Cost of timber	544	16	11
Freight to London	368	15	3
Dock charges	100	0	0
Sale expenses	54	9	7
Insurance	7	17	9
	1,075	19	6
Result of sales in London	850	3	3
Loss on shipment	£225	16	3

The timber was damaged on voyage by leakage of tallow.

(2.) *Mottled kauri*, sent by Government on behalf of Mr. Sam. Bradley, of Mititai, Auckland, at his own risk. This timber realised a profit, after paying all expenses, of £85 1s. 6d. in favour of Mr. Bradley.

(3.) *Assorted timber*, sent by West Coast sawmillers to London on a Government guarantee to pay half-freight if any loss resulted after sale :—

	£	s.	d.
Per "Rangitikei" and other vessels, half-freight	767	6	6
Inspection	79	4	0
Loss on shipment	£846	10	6

(4.) *Assorted timber*, sent by Scott and Co., of Christchurch, to Cape Colony on the same guarantee of half-freight :—

	£	s.	d.
Half-freight	482	5	3
Inspection	25	14	9
Loss on shipment	£508	0	0

The sale of this cargo was spoilt owing to the timber arriving at the time of the Transvaal disturbances, and heavy charges being made for demurrage.

(5.) *Assorted timber*, sent by Scott and Co., of Christchurch, to London on the same guarantee of half-freight :—

	£	s.	d.
Half-freight	34	6	0
Loss on shipment	£34	6	0

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