

No. 3.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of REVENUE derived from the GOLDFIELDS in the several DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND during the Years 1897 and 1898, 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 1898	1,392	321	17	12,154	77	224	2,375	14,219	30,779
Year 1897	1,807	1,190	74	26,953	173	126	1,444	10,403	42,170
<i>Increase</i>	..	..	..	..	..	98	931	3,816	..
<i>Decrease</i>	415	869	57	14,799	96	..	..	..	11,391
NELSON—									
Year 1898	935	4	66	7,272	91	86	2,145	..	10,599
Year 1897	956	32	77	5,942	90	89	679	..	7,865
<i>Increase</i>	..	..	..	1,330	1	..	1,466	..	2,734
<i>Decrease</i>	21	28	11	..	..	3	..	..	..
MARLBOROUGH—									
Year 1898	76	3	4	273	7	23	71	..	457
Year 1897	55	3	3	281	5	7	26	..	380
<i>Increase</i>	21	..	1	..	2	16	45	..	77
<i>Decrease</i>	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
WESTLAND—									
Year 1898	908	17	56	3,621	69	31	159	..	4,861
Year 1897	948	11	60	2,126	75	62	1,465	..	4,747
<i>Increase</i>	..	6	..	1,495	..	..	..	..	114
<i>Decrease</i>	40	..	4	..	6	31	1,306	..	..
OTAGO—									
Year 1898	1,791	117	164	7,668	170	214	1,456	..	11,580
Year 1897	2,061	106	164	7,770	175	259	941	..	11,476
<i>Increase</i>	..	11	..	..	..	..	515	..	104
<i>Decrease</i>	270	..	..	102	5	45	..	..	..
<i>Total Increase</i>	..	..	..	..	..	35	1,651	3,816	..
<i>Total Decrease</i>	725	880	71	12,084	104	..	..	..	8,362