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THE GOLDFIELDS OF NEW ZEALAND:
REPORT ON ROADS, WATER-RACES, MINING MACHINERY, AND
OTHER WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH MINING.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Mr. JOHN HAYES, F.S.Sc., Inspecting Engineer, to the Hon. JAMES MCGOWAN, Minister of Mines.

SIR,—
Mines Department, Wellington, 20th May, 1901.
I have the honour to present my report, covering those of Inspectors of Mines, Wardens, and other officers connected with the department. As recently passed regulations require returns, for the compilation of statistics, to be sent by holders of mining claims to the Inspectors of Mines made up to the 31st day of December in each year, instead of the 31st day of March, as formerly, the reports, statistics, &c., in connection with mining operations herewith submitted are for nine months—viz., from the 1st April to the 31st December, 1900. Future reports, &c., will be for the calendar year, in the same manner as has hitherto been the case in respect to the annual reports on coal-mines.

An exception to this rule will naturally occur in the case of tables showing expenditure on roads, bridges, tracks, prospecting, &c., by the Government, which will, as usual, be made conformable to the term of the financial year.

SUBSIDISED ROADS AND TRACKS.

The expenditure (as subsidies) authorised and the liabilities on outstanding authorities for the year ending the 31st March, 1901, are as follows:—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1901.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coromandel County	878 1 0	180 0 0
Thames County	100 18 6	349 1 6
Thames Borough	434 12 6	100 0 0
Ohinemuri County	51 15 0	172 3 2
Piako County	290 0 0	...
Collingwood County	184 16 4	415 3 8
Buller County	370 0 0	375 0 0
Grey County	306 0 0	347 10 0
Westland County	8 17 0	170 6 6
Tuapeka County	10 0 0	240 0 0
Cromwell Borough	150 0 0	...
Lake County	450 0 0	744 0 0
Contingencies	29 12 9	...
Totals	3,264 13 1	3,093 4 10