

No. 5.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. D. LONDON to the COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

SIR,—

Shortland, 4th July, 1868.

I beg to forward the enclosed statement of the number and tonnage of vessels and nature of cargo, together with the number of passengers arrived and departed from Shortland, for the fortnight ending 30th June.

There is a marked increase in the number of passengers arrived within the above period, principally from the West Coast of the Middle Island; and I am happy to say that, from inquiries made among them, they are well satisfied with their prospects on these diggings.

The quantity of gold deposited with the Banks is larger than usual. This is accounted for by the large return from a crushing of two tons of stuff from the "Manukau Claim," which yielded above 1,200 ounces of melted gold.

I have, &c.,

D. LONDON,

Landing Waiter.

To the Collector of Customs, Auckland.

No. 6.

SUMMARY of RETURNS referred to in Mr. LONDON'S REPORTS of 9th MAY, 20th MAY, and 13th JUNE, 1868.

	During the Fortnights ending—		
	30th April, 1868.	16th May, 1868.	31st May, 1868.
Shipping—			
Vessels	62	107	101
Tons	1,862	3,089	2,925
With Cargoes	60	97	88
In Ballast	2	10	13
Passengers Inwards	1,415	1,751	1,491
Do. Outwards	973	1,490	1,405
Building Materials—			
Timber	157,000 feet	362,600 feet	316,600 feet
Shingles	215,000 No.	240,500 No.	407,000 No.
Bricks	1,000 "	12,600 No.	76,000 No.
House Blocks ... ..	...	400 feet	100 feet
Palings ... ..	...	...	4,300 No.
Lime ... ..	...	...	105 bushels
Provisions—			
Flour	42½ Tons	31½ tons	61½ tons
Potatoes	23½ "	10½ tons	37 tons
Biscuit ... ..	...	...	1½ tons, 10 cases
Eggs	4 boxes	3 boxes	8 boxes
Carcases of Beef ... ..	...	6 No.	18 No.
Salt ... ..	...	...	10 cwt.
Groceries—			
Soap ... ..	...	22 boxes	...
Sugar	4 tons 19 bags	3 tons, 39 bags, 6 mats	3 tons, 58 bags, 32 mats, 132 gunnies
Tea	11 half-chests	10 chests, 29 ½-chests, 24 boxes	32 chests, 24 ½-chests, 9 boxes
Coffee ... ..	...	...	2 cases
Oatmeal ... ..	...	...	2 casks
Butter	5 kegs	66 kegs, 13 boxes	18 kegs
Cheeses	40 No.	128 No., half-ton	...
Candles ... ..	...	55 boxes	10 boxes
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	315 packages	304 packages
Tobacco	1 qr.-tierce, 4 boxes, 5 pkgs.	2 cases, 5 boxes, 7 packages	1 case 1 package
Cigars	6,800 No.	18,000 No.	...
Spirits—			
Brandy	11 qr.-casks, 87 cases, 3 kegs	9 qr.-casks, 90 cases, 7 kegs	8 qr.-casks, 105 cases, 3 kegs
Rum	2 qr.-casks, 4 kegs	1 quarter-cask, 4 kegs	3 quarter-casks, 4 kegs
Whisky	5 qr.-casks, 27 cases	51 cases, 5 kegs	3 quarter-casks, 18 cases
Geneva	6 cases, 22 half-cases	5 cases, 5 half-cases	5 cases, 10 gallons
Old Tom	18 cases	4 cases	12 cases
Wine	29 cases	2 qr.-casks, 23 cases, 1 keg	1 qr.-cask, 35 cases, 6 kegs
Ale and Beer	62 hhds., 23 barrels, 55 casks, 19 cases	35 hhds., 13 barrels, 20 casks, 87 cases	57 hhds., 41 barrels, 20 casks, 123 cases
Live Stock—			
Horses	4 No.	3 No.	13 No.
Donkeys ... ..	...	...	1 No.
Bullocks	25 No.	15 No.	18 No.
Cows ... ..	...	2 No.	7 No.
Sheep	141 No.	350 No.	38 No.
Fodder—			
Bran ... ..	...	3 tons	6 tons
Hay	1 ton	12 tons	4 tons 12 bales
Grain—			
Maize ... ..	...	1 ton	50 bags, 114 bushels
Oats ... ..	...	...	20 bags
Wheat ... ..	...	...	90 bushels
Machinery	16 tons, 4 packages	1 ton, 61 packages	15 tons, 52 packages
Iron ... ..	...	...	3 tons
Coals ... ..	...	226½ tons	36 tons
Quicksilver	8 bottles	3 bottles	4 bottles
Miscellaneous	24 packages	502 packages	5 tons, 394 packages