

The total revenue for the nine months from all sources amounts to £22,380 12s. 11d., as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Warden's Department	2,626	17	0
Resident Magistrate's Department	926	9	6
Publicans' Licenses, paid County Treasurer	720	0	0
Gold duty, Westland	3,630	8	0
Half share Customs Revenue	14,476	18	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,380</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>

The number of cases disposed of in the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts, are—

	Civil.	Criminal.	Warden.	Total.
Greymouth	720	286	41	...
New River	87	10	21	...
Arnold	558	22	32	...
	<u>865</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>1,277</u>

The following number of Rights, Licenses, Registrations, and Leases have been granted or applied for during the same period, viz.:—

Miners' Rights.—728.

Business Licenses.—Yearly, 31; half-yearly, 67; quarterly, 35.

Registrations.—Five shillings, 275; two shillings and six-pence, 48; one shilling, 833.

Licenses.—Wholesale, 7; Bottle, 3; Retail, 6; Town do., 24; Night, 5.

11 Yearly Conditional Licenses; 30 Half-yearly do. do.

20 applications Extended Claims (6 granted).

2 applications Mining Leases.

2 applications Special Claims (granted).

13 applications Agricultural Leases (3 granted).

The statistical returns forwarded herewith, show 347 head races, 177 tail races, 314 dams and reservoirs, and 5 ground sluices, as registered in the district at the value of £32,256, and the mining plant at £14,431, making a total of £53,687 sterling.

The estimate of ground actually worked is set down at five square miles, but this can only be taken as a very rough estimate; for without some topographical survey it is impossible to give a correct estimate.

The numbers of miners actually working in the district is estimated at 1,460; but on comparing this number with that of the miners rights issued during the nine months, and allowing for the other quarter, and rights from other districts, it is evident that many miners never take out rights until actually compelled for the protection of their water rights, or having to appear in the Warden's Court.

A return of the current prices in each sub-district is also forwarded with the statistical returns.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary Gold Fields.

W. H. REVELL, Warden.

## No. 10.

Mr. Warden PRICE to UNDER-SECRETARY Gold Fields.

Warden's Office,

Greenstone, 31st May, 1872.

SIR,— I have the honor to forward reports and statistical returns of Greenstone district, in accordance with instructions contained in your circular of 27th March last.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary for Gold Fields.

M. PRICE, Warden.

## GENERAL REPORT to 31st March, 1872.

*Area.*—The Greenstone district contains an area of 250 square miles of country, the boundaries of which are as follows:—"Bounded on the northward by a line from opposite line E A. to Card's store, by a line along the ridge between German Gully and the New River, by the watershed between Stillwater Creek and other creeks running into the Grey and the New River, and a line to where the track to Lake Brunner strikes off from the Arnold River; on the eastward by boundary of country to Hurunui saddle; and on the southward and westward by the Teramekau River."

The approximate auriferous area is computed at about seventeen square miles, and the present actual diggings at six square miles.

*Population.*—The whole population is estimated at 560, out of which 400 are occupied in mining, distributed as per return attached. There are no Chinese in this district.

*Diggings.*—The diggings are all of an alluvial nature, and the gold is found in the terraces and gullies intersecting them, widely spread throughout; commencing from the Teramekau River at the west and continuing along the whole course of the Greenstone Creek as far as Maori Point; extending north and south each way about a mile, the width of the terraces on either side. There is but little mining in the beds of the creeks, as the heavy floods are apt to destroy the face of the claims,