

I find from the gold return that each miner earns 35 ounces, or £132 2s. 6d. for the year, or about 15 ounces, or £57 12s. 6d. for every man, woman and child. I think that this return will show that this is a tolerably flourishing community, and that no poverty exists. And I am certain that there is yet work for years to come for a large mining population in the Totara district.

The Under-Secretary for Gold Fields.

I have, &c.,

J. AYLMEY, Warden.

DISTRIBUTION of POPULATION of WAIMEA DISTRICT, Westland Gold Fields, on 31st March, 1872.

Locality.	Estimated Population.	Remarks.
STAFFORD TOWNSHIP	180	This population is scattered over about fourteen square miles of country.
Piper's Flat	100	
Ballarat Hill	58	
Scandinavian Hill	40	
Auckland Lead	24	
Back Lead	12	
Sea Beach	43	
Waimea Track	28	
Chapel Terrace	40	
Arohura	12	
Arohura, working on new road	10	
Chesterfield and Lamplough	100	
Teremakau	34	
Pretty Woman's Gully	70	
Fourth Terrace	63	
Liverpool Bill's	56	
Hatter's Gully	30	
GOLDSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP	250	
Gullies in vicinity	150	
Left Hand Branch, Waimea	20	
Stewart's Terrace	15	
Shamrock Terrace	40	
Italian Gully	50	
Maori Gully	30	
German Gully	60	
Natives' Terrace	20	
Right Hand Branch and Big Dam	100	
Tokero Terrace and Red Jacks	30	
Greeks, No. 2	35	
Greeks, No. 1	30	
Duffer's Gully	20	
Callaghan's Gully	85	
Fox's Creek	100	
Hatter's Gully	35	
New line of road from Greenstone road to Christchurch road	30	
Total population	2000	
Exclusive of Chinese, of whom there are working at Piper's Flat	18	

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Mr. Warden TIZARD to UNDER-SECRETARY for Gold Fields.

GENERAL REPORT to 31st March, 1872.

Warden's Office,

Okarita, 28th May, 1872.

SIR,—
With reference to your circular letter dated 27th March last, I have the honor to report as follows:—

The gold mining in this district is generally confined to the sea beaches, nearly all the miners being distributed on the coast between the Saltwater Beach and Bruce Bay, a distance of about seventy miles, consisting of beaches and bluffs, and here and there divided by rivers and running streams. There are a few men to the south of Bruce Bay, mostly at the Haast. On some beaches there is a considerable population, on others but one or two men are working. The best of the beaches have only held the men through water races having been brought in, and then generally the miners have not been so successful as was anticipated, through the insufficient supply of water and the high price