

RETURN of Cases disposed of in the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts during the Year, as follows:—

—	Civil.	Criminal.	Wardens.	Total.
Greymouth ... ..	548	207	16	771
Clifton ... ..	24	13	4	41
Arnold ... ..	56	3	35	94
Greenstone ... ..	44	17	20	81
Total ... ..	672	240	75	987

THE Revenue for the twelve months, amounting to £26,844 3s. 8d., is made up as under:—

—	Greymouth.	Clifton.	Arnold.	Greenstone.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Warden's Department ...	589 8 6	353 3 0	360 9 0	544 11 0	1,847 11 6
Resident Magistrate's Department ... ..	722 11 0	...	...	53 5 6	775 16 6
Spirit Licenses ... ..	2,090 0 0	...	...	408 5 0	2,498 5 0
Fees: Licensing Courts...	66 5 6	...	...	11 19 6	78 5 0
Gold Duty, Westland ...	2,251 3 6	...	...	600 0 0	2,851 3 6
	5,719 8 6	353 3 0	360 9 0	1,618 1 0	8,051 1 6
Half-share Customs Revenue ... ..	18,793 2 2	...	...	...	18,793 2 2
Total ... ..	24,512 9 8	353 3 0	360 9 0	1,618 1 0	26,844 3 8

RETURN of Miners' Rights, Licenses, and Registrations issued by the Receivers of Gold Revenue at their respective offices:—

—	Greymouth.	Clifton.	Arnold.	Greenstone.	Total.
Miners' Rights ... ..	366	332	239	355	1,292
Business Licenses ... ..	4	...	5	16	25
Half-yearly do. ... ..	7	2	21	17	47
Quarterly do. ... ..	2	4	18	5	29
Registrations, 5s. ... ..	355	...	...	89	424
Do. 2s. 6d. ... ..	33	...	...	7	40
Do. 1s. ... ..	969	...	...	175	1,144

W. H. REVELL,  
Warden.

## NELSON GOLD FIELDS.

### No. 12.

Mr. Warden CHARLES BROAD to the UNDER SECRETARY for GOLD FIELDS.

SIR,—

Westport, 7th April, 1876.

I have the honor, in transmitting to you the annual report of this district for the year ending 31st March, 1876, to point out to you that I labour under some disadvantage in actually not having had permanent charge of the district for more than two months; and although it is not much more than twelve months ago since Mr. Warden Giles relieved me of the portion of the district known as the Lyell, yet it is more than four years since I gave up charge of the Charleston and Brighton Districts to him. I would, however, premise that the Buller District, now in my charge, is bounded by the Karamea northwards on the sea coast, and by the River Hope northwards inland, and the Razorback southwards on the coast, a distance of some 150 miles, and includes within its area the township of Westport, Charleston, Brighton, and the Lyell, and the various gold workings in proximity to those places, and also in detached terraces and rivers forming a continuous line through the entire distance. To supply the requirements of these places a monthly Court is held at the Lyell, a distance of 44 miles from Westport once a month, which enables the miners from the Upper Buller, Marahuia, Matakotaki, Mangles, &c., to attend. The Westport Court, which is held weekly, and oftener when occasion requires, supplies the wants of the miners working on the various terraces to the north, also at the Mokihinui and Karamea Rivers, and on the south Addison's Flat and the various beach claims working