

RETURN of MINERAL LEASES granted under "The Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1874," excepting Leases now included in Reserves, and brought under "The Westland and Nelson Coal Fields Administration Act, 1877."

No.	District.	Acreage.	Rental.	Term of Years.	From	Conditions to secure Working.	Remarks.
1 (coal)	Aoreere	A. R. P. 160 0 0	£ s. d. 16 0 0	21	1 July, 1870	To raise 1,000 tons per annum until 31st December, 1880, and 4,000 tons per annum for remainder of term, or forfeit lease	Coal.—A great deal of money has been expended on this mine, and a large quantity of coal raised.
2 (copper, &c.)	Aoreere	112 0 0	5 12 0	"	1 July, 1870	No conditions as to working mine	Copper and minerals other than gold.
3 (coal)	West Waunganui	88 0 0	8 16 0	"	1 Sept., 1871	Ditto	Coal.—A great deal of coal has been obtained from this mine.
4 (iron)	Parapara	49 0 19	2 10 0	"	1 Nov., 1872	Ditto	} Iron.—A great deal of money has been expended on these leaseholds.
5 (iron)	"	600 0 0	30 0 0	"	1 Jan., 1874	That the lessees shall and will carry on and work the lodes or mines, &c., in a proper, skilful, and workmanlike manner	
6 (copper, &c.)	Aniseed Valley	100 0 0	5 0 0	}	1 Jan., 1874	Ditto	Copper and minerals other than gold.
7 (copper, &c.)	"	50 0 0	2 10 0		"	1 Jan., 1876	No conditions as to working mine
8 (silver)	Parapara	320 0 0	16 0 0	"	1 Jan., 1876	No conditions as to working mine	Galena.—After the second year of the said term, the rent increases to £10 per annum.
9 (galena)	Aoreere	97 0 0	5 0 0	21	1 July, 1878	The mines shall at all times be worked to the satisfaction of the Government Inspector of Mines	Brown coal.
10 (coal)	Charleston	4 0 31	4 5 0	"	1 Sept., 1871	No conditions as to working mine; the dead rent of £1 per acre being considered sufficient	Gold-mining company for machinery.
11 (gold)	Inangahua	5 1 20	5 7 6	"	1 July, 1872	Ditto	"
12 (gold)	"	6 2 23	6 15 0	"	1 Jan., 1875	Ditto	"
13 (gold)	"	4 3 15	4 17 0	"	1 Jan., 1873	Ditto	"
14 (coal)	"	49 3 25	12 9 6	"	1 Nov., 1874	Ditto	Brown coal, used for domestic purposes.
15 (gold)	"	12 0 23	12 3 0	"	1 May, 1874	Ditto	Gold-mining company; coal used for machinery.
16 (coal)	"	50 0 0	12 10 0	"	1 Oct., 1875	Ditto	Brown coal.
17 (coal)	"	4 3 15	4 17 0	"	1 Jan., 1878	Ditto	"

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