

1888.
NEW ZEALAND.

HOKITIKA HARBOUR WORKS

(RETURNS RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 6th December, 1887.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) the amount actually required to complete the Hokitika Harbour works to a point at which Sir John Coode estimated the depth of water on the bar would reach 16ft. at high water; (2) the depth of water on the Hokitika bar for the last four years, specifying the number of days in each year on which the depth of water has been under 7ft., under 10ft., and over 12ft. respectively; (3) the tonnage of goods actually landed on the Hokitika wharf each year for the past four years."—(MR. GRIMMOND.)

RETURN showing (1) the Amount actually required to complete the Hokitika Harbour Works to a Point at which Sir John Coode estimated the Depth of Water on the Bar would reach 16ft. at High Water; (2) the Depth of Water on the Hokitika Bar for the last Four Years, specifying the Number of Days in each Year on which the Depth of Water has been under 7ft., under 10ft., and over 12ft. respectively; (3) the Tonnage of Goods actually landed on the Hokitika Wharf each Year for the past Four Years.

1. AMOUNT required to complete Hokitika Harbour works to point shown on Sir John Coode's plans, £40,000.*

2. Depth of water on the Hokitika bar for the last four years, specifying the number of days in each year on which the depth of water has been under 7ft., under 10ft., and over 12ft. respectively:—

	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.
Under 7ft.	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Under 10ft.	116	58	83	54
Under 12ft.	204	220	173	157
12ft. and over	46	87	109	153

3. Tonnage of goods actually landed on Hokitika wharf each year for the past four years:—

Year.	Total Number of Tons landed.
1884	11,488
1885	10,258
1886	10,074
1887	9,667, exclusive of railway material.

C. Y. O'CONNOR,
Under-Secretary for Public Works.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 5th June, 1888.

* This is for completion from end of present work to point which Sir John Coode proposed to go to; but it must not be supposed that an expenditure of £40,000 would complete harbour-works throughout of the character indicated on Sir John Coode's plans, as the work hitherto done is not of as permanent a character as that which Sir John Coode provided for. To complete training-banks and harbour-works throughout of character as permanent as that being adopted at Greymouth and Westport would cost probably from £150,000 to £200,000.

