

1889.
NEW ZEALAND.

GAS COMPANIES IN THE COLONY

(RETURN OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 23rd July, 1889.

Ordered, "That a return be laid on the table showing (1) the gasworks in operation in the colony, and where situated; (2) owners of the same, whether private companies or municipal bodies; (3) price to consumers of gas supplied from each gasworks; (4) amount of capital invested in the respective works; (5) in the case of companies, capital of such companies respectively; (6) average dividend paid during the past three years; (7) dividends paid last year; (8) bonuses, if any, paid to shareholders; (9) amount of reserve fund standing to credit of companies, or other accumulations, which have not been distributed to shareholders."—(MR. FIELDWICK.)

RETURN of GASWORKS in Operation in the Colony, and where situated, &c.

Owners, and Name of Company.	Price.		Capital invested.	Capital.	Dividend for past Three Years.	Dividend Last Year.	Bonus, if any.	Reserve Fund.
	Con- sumers.	Heating.						
	s. d.	s. d.	£	£	Percent.	Percent.	P. cnt.	£
Auckland Gas Company (Limited) ..	7 6	..	111,857	250,000	17	17	..	12,623
Ashburton Gas Company (Limited) ..	13 4	..	8,000	10,000	8½	7	..	500
Christchurch Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited)	7 6	..	100,900	120,000	13½	10	..	12,052
City of Dunedin Suburban Gas Company (Limited)	8 0	..	..	100,000	..	..	..	..
Gisborne Gas Company (Limited) ..	13 4	8 4	10,933	50,000	8½	6½	..	..
Greymouth Gas Company (Limited) ..	12 0	7 6	..	10,000	14	10	..	350
Hokitika Gas Company (Limited) ..	12 6	10 0	..	12,000	12	10	..	800
Lyttelton Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited)	12 0	8 0	..	10,000	12½	12½	..	650
Napier Gas Company (Limited) ..	10 0	6 0	17,500	20,000	10	10	2½	3,000
New Plymouth Gas Company (Limited) ..	12 6	10 0	8,000	10,000	8½	8	..	..
Thames Gas Company (Limited) ..	12 6	..	18,965	25,000	8	6	..	891
Timaru Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited)	10 8	7 6	13,000	20,000	12½ ₁₀	12½	..	1,336
Wellington Gas Company (Limited) ..	7 6	..	..	80,000	15	15	..	7,500
Wanganui Gas Company (Limited) ..	12 0	..	14,000	14,000	10	10	..	1,000
Port Chalmers Gas Company (Limited) ..			No	information.				
Owned by Municipal Bodies—								
Blenheim	12 6	6 8	14,000	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin	7 6	6 3	100,000	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill	7 6	..	45,000	..	..	..	..	..
Masterton	10 0	9 0	8,800	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	8 4	5 10	25,574	..	..	..	..	..
Oamaru	11 8	8 8	Over 10,000	..	..	..	..	..
Westport	10 0	..	9,000	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—The Palmerston North Gasworks are the property of a private firm, Messrs. John Coates and Co., of London and Melbourne, who have neglected to supply the information asked for.

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