

RETURN of CASES heard in the RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S and WARDEN'S COURTS, and REVENUE collected during the Year ending 31st March, 1892.

	Civil.	Criminal.	Warden's.	Totals.	Revenue received, including Licensing Fees.
					£ s. d.
Lawrence	94	78	22	194	186 6 0
Waikaia	28	25	6	59	56 12 0
Tapanui	23	59	...	82	75 4 0
Outside goldfields—					
Milton	77	49	...	126	177 14 2
Balclutha	31	80	...	111	49 13 6
Kaitangata	24	27	...	51	28 2 0
Clinton	52	43	...	95	26 18 0
Gore	117	104	...	221	248 8 0
Totals	446	465	28	939	848 17 8

RETURN OF MINERS' RIGHTS, WATER LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, &c., issued during the Twelve Months ending the 31st March, 1892.

Nature of Right issued.	Lawrence.	Waikaia.	Tapanui.
Miners' rights	492	176	11
" consolidated	4	1	2
Business licenses, at £3 yearly	1	2	...
" £1 10s. half-yearly ... ..	...	...	...
Water-race licenses, at 5s.	22	17	1
" 2s. 6d.	91	27	...
Registrations, at £1	1	...	...
" 10s.	2	...	...
" 5s.	19	1	...
" 1s.	271	154	13
Applications for special claims ... ..	...	...	...
Special claims granted ... ..	...	...	...
Applications for river holdings ... ..	...	...	...
Licensed holdings granted ... ..	...	...	...
Applications for mineral licenses ... ..	...	...	...
Mineral licenses granted ... ..	...	...	...
Applications for occupation licenses... ..	63	1	...
Occupation licenses granted	25	1	...
Mining applications	136	196	9
Applications for agricultural leases ... ..	...	1	...
Agricultural leases granted... ..	...	...	...

The population in the district is estimated at 25,979, and are located as follows: Lawrence Borough—1,026 Europeans; Tuapeka District—2,171 Europeans, 360 Chinese; Waipori—374 Europeans, 80 Chinese; Waitahuna—1,180 Europeans, 45 Chinese; Milton—4,290 Europeans, 10 Chinese; Balclutha—4,134 Europeans; Kaitangata—2,882 Europeans; Tapanui—2,545 Europeans, 64 Chinese; Clinton—1,952 Europeans; Gore—3,400 Europeans, 20 Chinese; Waikaia—1,319 Europeans, 127 Chinese: total—25,273 Europeans, 706 Chinese.

No. 14.

Mr. Warden DALGLEISH to the UNDER-SECRETARY of MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Warden's Office, Naseby, 21st April, 1892.

I have the honour to submit for your information the following report on the Mount Ida District for the year ending the 31st March, 1892; also to give such facts as I have been enabled to obtain with regard to that portion of the Dunstan District of which I have been in temporary charge for some months:—

Generally speaking, I may say that the year just closed has been marked by a gratifying change with regard to the weather, contrasting most favourably with several seasons immediately preceding. There has been a good supply of water almost throughout the whole district, and as a natural consequence the miners have been more continuously at work. They are still taking advantage in most places of the good supply, and keeping their sluicing operations in full swing, so that the actual results of the better season are not yet in the hands of the miners; but the general impression is that the yield of gold for the district will be very favourable, in contrast to the results of the last year or two, when the final washings-up take place,