



**THE MIGHTY ARMAMENT OF H.M.S. NEW ZEALAND—A VIEW OF THE DECK, SHOWING TWO OF THE EIGHT 12-INCH GUNS.**

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Each of the eight 12-in guns is 47ft long, weighs 60 tons, and cost £13,000 to construct. Each time one of these huge weapons is fired with a full charge means an expenditure of £60. When a turret is fired the weight of the projectiles is something like 3 tons, and the cost of the discharge would be about £150.