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G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, intituled "An Act to constitute in New Zealand a Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes," was presented to the Governor of the said Colony, for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now therefore I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do by this proclamation signify and proclaim to all to whom it may concern, that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and

its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS by "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1858," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint polling places for each electoral district within or without the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such places to be the principal polling place for the district, and all or any of such polling places at any time to abolish, and to appoint other polling places in lieu thereof:

Now therefore, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in him vested by the said Act, doth hereby appoint the following places to be polling places for the electoral district hereinafter specified, for the election of Members of the House of Representatives, namely:—

For the District of Manuherikia:

The Court House, Mount Benger.
 The Police Station, Black's, No. 1.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in

and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, the twenty-seventh day of June, 1868.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," section sixteen, it is provided that the order and manner in which land taken under the provisions of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," shall be laid out for sale and sold shall be in the discretion of the Governor, who shall have power to cause such land, or any part thereof, to be laid out for sale and sold from time to time, in such manner, for such consideration, in such allotments, whether town, suburban, or rural, or otherwise, as he shall think fit, and subject to such regulations as he shall with the advice of his Executive Council from time to time prescribe in that behalf. And whereas by "The New Zealand Settlements Acts Amendment Act, 1866," sections two and eight, the said recited powers and provisions are extended and confirmed:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in pursuance of all powers and authorities vested in him in that behalf, doth hereby with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, make the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto for the sale of lands taken under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," in the districts of Ngatiawa, Middle Taranaki, and Ngatiruanui, that is to say:

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF RURAL LAND IN THE DISTRICTS OF NGATIAWA, MIDDLE TARANAKI, AND NGATIRUANUI.

1. Unless otherwise specially ordered by the Governor in Council, all rural lands shall be offered in the first instance for sale by public auction, at such place and time as the Colonial Secretary may direct.

2. Notice of every such sale shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* not less than thirty days before the date thereof.

3. Auctions shall be conducted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Taranaki, or such other person and at such place as the Colonial Secretary may authorize in that behalf.

4. The bidding shall be for priority of choice, and every choice shall be put up at such rate per acre, not being less than ten shillings in the case of open land, or five shillings in the case of forest land, as the Colonial Secretary may direct.

5. No single order of choice shall entitle the purchaser to select more than five hundred nor less than one hundred acres, or to select in several allotments: Provided that where small pieces of land shall have been left intervening between previous selections, the Commissioner or other person conducting the auction may allow them to be taken under one order of choice: Provided also that several

allotments divided only by roads may be chosen under one order of choice.

6. Immediately upon any order of choice being knocked down, the purchaser shall describe the position and area of the allotment he chooses, and such allotment shall be at once drawn provisionally on the plan of the block.

7. Every selection shall be subject to the regulations as to frontage and proportions in force in the Province of Taranaki with respect to general Crown Lands.

8. Every selection shall be subject to reasonable modification of size, form, and position, on completion of the detailed survey.

9. No selection shall be made so as to leave patches of less than fifty acres in area or of irregular shape intervening between it and previous allotments, and, in the construction of this regulation, the decision of the Commissioner or other person conducting the sale shall be final.

10. Every selection shall be subject to any road that may at the day of sale be drawn upon the official map then exhibited, or to any road that may be ordered by the Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person duly authorized by the Colonial Secretary within five years after the selection.

11. One-fourth of the purchase money at auction shall be paid to the Commissioner or other person conducting the sale on the fall of the hammer. A second instalment of one-fourth in three calendar months, and the balance in nine months, either to the Commissioner at the Land Office, Taranaki, or to the Colonial Treasurer, failing any of which instalments the previous payments shall be forfeited: Provided that if upon the detailed survey any modification reducing the size of an allotment shall be made, or if any road shall have been ordered under the last preceding regulation, a deduction from the last instalment of purchase money shall be made in proportion to the area of such reduction or road.

12. The unsold portions of every block shall after auction, and until specially withdrawn, remain open for purchase at the Land Office, New Plymouth, or at such other place as the Colonial Secretary may from time to time direct, for cash, payable at the Land Office, New Plymouth, at the upset price at which the lands within such block were respectively offered, and in lots not exceeding five hundred nor less than one hundred acres, to be selected according to the order of application, and subject to regulations six, seven, eight, nine, and ten. All such applications should be in writing, addressed to the Commissioner or other authorized person, who shall, upon receipt of each application, sign his name and the date of receipt thereon. No selection under any such application shall be made before noon on any day. All applications received before noon on any one day shall be deemed contemporaneous, and in case of two or more contemporaneous applications, the Commissioner or other authorized person shall, at the request of any of the applicants, put up the right of prior selection to auction among the applicants.

13. The Colonial Secretary may at any time withdraw from sale the whole or any part of a block, and the Governor may at any time make such reserves therein as he is by law empowered to make.

14. The Government shall not be bound to complete the detailed survey of any selection within twelvemonths of the date of selection: Provided that a purchaser, desiring a survey at any earlier date, may apply for a special survey, paying for the

same at the rate of sixpence per acre, which payment shall be returned to him if such special survey should not be completed within the specified time.

15. A skeleton map of every block shall be deposited for public information one fortnight before such block is offered for first sale at the office of the Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington, and at the Land Office, New Plymouth, and at such places as the Colonial Secretary may direct in Auckland, Wanganui, Patea, Napier, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Hokitika, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

16. All powers conferred and all duties imposed on the Colonial Secretary under these regulations may be exercised and performed by the Minister for the time being in charge of confiscated lands.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, the twenty-fifth day of June, 1868.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Act, 1866," it is enacted that Standing Rules and Orders shall be prepared and adopted by every Provincial Council, regulating the proceedings on Bills authorizing the taking of land compulsorily, but that the same shall have no force or effect until they have been approved of by the Governor in Council, and been published in the *New Zealand Gazette*. And whereas the Standing Rules and Orders contained in the Schedule hereto have been prepared and adopted by the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland, and it is expedient that effect should be given to the same:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby approve of the rules and orders contained in the Schedule hereto, as adopted by the said Provincial Council of Southland, for regulating the proceedings in the said Council on Bills authorizing the taking of land compulsorily.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS of the Provincial Council of Southland for regulating proceedings on Bills authorizing the taking of land compulsorily under "The Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Act, 1866."

Interpretation.

1. In the construction of these Rules and Standing Orders the words and phrases following shall, unless there be something in the context repugnant to or inconsistent with such meaning, have the meanings here attached to them.

Council.

The word "Council" shall mean the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland.

Bill.

The word "Bill" shall mean any Bill for authorizing the taking of land compulsorily under "The Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Act, 1866," promoted by any person or body politic or corporate whatsoever.

Land.

The word "land" shall have the same meaning as in "The Provincial Compulsory Land Taking Act, 1866."

Arch.

The word "arch" shall mean any part of a bridge, viaduct, or aqueduct, supporting the roadway or waterway lying between two successive piers or abutments, and having an open space beneath it, whatever be the form of such part, and whether flat or curved in any manner.

Member.

The word "member," when used as meaning "member of a committee," shall include the chairman of the committee.

Number and Gender.

Words importing the singular and plural number only, or the masculine or feminine gender only, shall, unless there be something repugnant in the context, be construed to include and import both the singular and plural number, and both the masculine and feminine gender as the case may be.

I.—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Standing Orders.

2. There shall be a committee to be called the Committee on Standing Orders to consist of six members, who shall be nominated by the Council at the commencement of every session—of this committee three shall be a quorum.

Committee of Selection.

3. There shall be nominated by the Council at the commencement of every session a committee to be called "the Committee of Selection," to consist of five members, of whom three shall be a quorum.

Committees on opposed Bills.

4. The committee on every opposed Bill shall be composed of a chairman and four members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill referred to them, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection, who shall also nominate the chairman.

Committee on unopposed Bills.

5. The committee on every unopposed Bill shall be composed of the Chairman of Committees, who shall be *ex officio* chairman of every such committee, together with two other members, of whom one at least shall not be locally or otherwise interested in the Bill.

Quorum.

6. The chairman and one other member of any committee on any unopposed Bill shall be a quorum.

Classes of Bills.

7. For the purposes of the Standing Orders all Bills shall be divided into the following classes according to the subjects to which they respectively relate:—

- First Class.—Burial Grounds—Making, maintaining, or altering.
- Churches or Chapels—Building, enlarging, repairing or maintaining.
- City or Town—Paving, lighting, cleansing, or improving gaol or house of correction.

Land—Draining or improving.

Market or Market Place—Erecting, improving, repairing, maintaining, or regulating.

And relating to any subject not comprised in the second class.

Second Class.—Making, maintaining, varying, extending or enlarging any aqueduct, archway, bridge, canal, cut, dock, ferry, navigation, pier, railway, reservoir, road, sewer, street, tunnel, waterworks.

Standing Orders compliance with which must be proved.

Before Committee on Standing Orders.

8. Compliance with the following Standing Orders shall be proved before the Committee on Standing Orders.

Notice by Advertisement.

9. In all cases where application is intended to be made for leave to bring in a Bill, notice shall be given stating the objects of such intended application, and the time at which copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and the notice shall specify all the powers intended to be given by such Bill, and the whole of the notice relating to any one Bill shall be included in the same advertisement, which shall be headed by a short title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill.

Names of Districts.

10. In the case of every Bill in respect of which plans are required to be deposited, such notices shall also contain a description of all the termini, together with the names of the districts townships, or other territorial divisions, from, in, through, or into which the work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, and shall state the time and place of deposit of the plans, sections, books of reference and copies of the *Gazette* notice respectively with the several officers herein specified.

Cemeteries, Gas Works, &c.

11. In cases of Bills respecting any burial ground, cemetery, or gas works, the notices shall set forth and specify the limits within which such burial ground, cemetery, or gas works, are intended to be erected or made.

12. In all cases where it is proposed to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, stream, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, the water supplying which will either directly or derivatively flow or proceed into any such intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, or into any variation, extension, or enlargement thereof, the notice shall contain the name of every existing cut, canal, stream, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, the water whereof is intended to be diverted.

Publication.

13. In the months of February and August, or either of them immediately preceding the application for a Bill, the notices mentioned in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth rules shall be published once in the *General Government Gazette*, once in the *Government Gazette* for the Province of Southland; and if such Bill is intended to give power to take land in any city or town in which any newspaper is

published, such notices shall be published in three successive weeks in the said month, or one of them in one and the same newspaper published therein; but if such Bill is not intended to give power to take land in any such city or town, then the notices shall be published once in the *Provincial Government Gazette* only.

II.—NOTICES TO OWNERS, LESSEES, AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND.

Applications to Owners.

14. On or before the 15th day of March or September immediately preceding the application for a Bill, or for an extension of the time for taking land granted by any previous Act of the Province of Southland, application in writing must be made to the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers of all lands and houses intended to be taken, or which may be taken within the limits of deviation defined upon the plan; and in cases of Bills included in the second class such application shall be as nearly as may be in the form set forth in the Appendix marked A.

How served.

15. Such application shall be made by delivering the same personally to every such owner or reputed owner, lessee or reputed lessee, and occupier personally, or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode or business in New Zealand, or in his absence from the Colony, with his agent or reputed agent, if any, on or before the 15th day of March or September, or by forwarding the same by post addressed with a sufficient direction, to his usual place of abode or business in New Zealand, or to his agent or reputed agent, if any, and posted on or before the 15th day of March or September, duly stamped, at some post office.

Proof of Service.

16. In all cases the written acknowledgment of the party applied to shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of an application having been made or notice given; and, in case of an application or notice having been forwarded by post in a letter, a statutory declaration, by the person who posted the same, that such letter was duly directed, stamped, and posted, and that the same has not been returned undelivered, shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery of such letter, unless it shall otherwise appear that such letter was not in fact delivered.

List of Owners.

17. Separate lists shall be made of the names of such owners, lessees, and occupiers, distinguishing those who have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect to such application, or who have returned no answer to such application; and where no written acknowledgment has been returned to an application forwarded by post, or where such application has been returned as undelivered at any time before the making up of such lists, the direction of the letter in which the same was so forwarded shall be inserted therein.

Notices in case of Cemeteries and Gas Works.

18. On or before the 15th day of March or September immediately preceding the application for any Bill for making a burial ground or cemetery, or the erection of gas works, notice shall be served upon the owner and occupier of every

dwelling-house situate within 300 yards of the limits within which the proposed burial ground, cemetery, or gas works, are proposed to be made or erected.

Notice of relinquishment.

19. Previously to the deposit of a petition for leave to bring in a Bill whereby any part of a work authorized by any former Act is intended to be relinquished, notice in writing of such intention shall be served upon the owners or reputed owners, or lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers in New Zealand, or the agents or reputed agents of any owner or lessee who may be absent from New Zealand.

Service and proof.

20. The notices required by the two preceding rules shall be served, and service thereof proved in the same manner as directed in rules fifteen and sixteen.

Sundays and Holidays.

21. Every notice served or posted, or application made or posted on a Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, or after eight o'clock in the evening of any day, shall be deemed to have been served, made or posted, as the case may be, on the next day not being a Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday.

III.—DEPOSIT OF DOCUMENTS AND PLANS.

Plans, sections, &c.

22. In the case of every Bill, a plan together with a book of reference thereto, and a section as hereinafter described, shall be deposited at the office of the Registrar of Deeds at Invercargill, on or before the last day of February or August immediately preceding the application for the Bill.

Endorsement by Registrar.

23. The said Registrar of Deeds shall make or cause to be made a memorial on each such plan, section, and book of reference, so deposited with him, denoting the time at which the same were lodged at his office, and shall at all hours during which his office shall remain open, permit any person to view and examine the same, and to make copies of, or extracts from the same; and the plans, sections, and books of reference, so deposited, shall be retained in the office of the Registrar until the session of the Council next after the deposit shall be commenced, and shall then be forwarded by the Registrar to the Private Bill Office, so as to be deposited there within a week of the commencement of the session.

Copy of *Gazette* Notice.

24. Whenever any plans, sections, and books of reference, are required to be deposited, a copy of the notice published in the *Gazette* of the intended application shall be deposited therewith.

IV.—DEPOSITS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF SESSION.

Deposit of Petition in Private Bill Office.

25. Every Petition for a Bill headed by a short title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill similar to that at the head of the advertisement, with a declaration signed by the agent, and a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office within fourteen days after the commencement of the session, and there shall be left with the Private Bill Clerk within the same time a sufficient number of printed copies of the Bill for the use of members of the Council and agents. Such Petition, Bill, and declaration shall

be open to the inspection of the public during office hours, and one of the printed copies of the Bill so left shall be delivered by the Private Bill Clerk to any member or agent who may apply for a copy.

Declaration.

26. The declaration shall state to which of the classes of Bills the proposed Bill belongs, and if the proposed Bill gives power to effect any of the following objects, that is to say:—

- (A.) Power to take any land compulsorily or to extend the time granted by any former Act for that purpose.
- (B.) Power to relinquish the whole or any part of a work authorized by a former Act.
- (C.) Power to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, whether directly or indirectly, and whether under any agreement with the owners of the works affected or otherwise.
- (D.) Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation.
- (E.) Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any public road.
- (F.) Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any railway.

The said declaration shall state which of such powers are given by the Bill, and shall point out in which clauses of the Bill (by number) such powers are given, and shall state that the Bill does not give any power other than the powers specified in the declaration. The declaration shall also state that the Bill does not give any power other than those stated in the notices by advertisement published in relation to the Bill.

Other Deposits.

27. Within the said fourteen days there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office all estimates, declarations, and lists of owners and others, required by these rules.

Sundays and Holidays.

28. Every deposit made on a Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day, or after eight o'clock in the evening of any day, shall be deemed to have been made on the next day not being a Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

V.—FORMS OF PLANS, SECTIONS, AND BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Scale and form of Plan.

29. Every plan required to be deposited shall be drawn on horizontal scale of not less than three inches to the mile, and in case of Bills of the first class, shall describe the land intended to be taken; and in case of Bills of the second class, the line or situation of the whole of the work (no alternative line or work being in any case permitted), and the lands in or through which it is to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, and through which every communication with the work is to be made, and the limits of lateral deviation of the line of the intended work (if any) shall be marked on the plan, and the lands included within such limits shall also be described on such plan.

Streams, &c., to be diverted.

30. In all cases where it is intended to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, the plan shall describe the brooks and streams to be diverted into such cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively for supplying the same with water, or for any other purpose.

Distances on Railways.

31. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any railroad, the plan shall exhibit thereon the distances in miles and furlongs from one of the termini, and a memorandum of every curve whose radius is less than one mile shall be noted on the plan, in furlongs and chains, and where any tunnelling is intended, such tunnelling shall be distinguished by dotted lines on the plan.

Distances on Roads.

32. If it be intended to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any road, the plan shall exhibit thereon the distances, in miles and furlongs, from one of the termini.

Diversion, &c., of Canals, Rivers, &c.

33. If it be intended to divert, widen, or narrow any road, navigable river, canal, cut, navigation, or railway, the course of such diversion and the extent of such widening or narrowing shall be marked on the plan.

VI.—BOOK OF REFERENCE.

Book of Reference.

34. The book of reference to every such plan shall contain the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees, or reputed lessees, and occupiers of all land to be taken for the proposed work or within the limits of deviation (if any) shown on the plan, and shall describe such land and show the purposes for which the same is used at the time of making such plan.

VII.—SECTIONS.

Scale and form of Sections.

35. The section shall be drawn on the same horizontal scale as the plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than one inch to one hundred feet, and shall show the surface of the ground marked on the plan along the line of the proposed work, the intended level of the work, the height of every embankment, and the depth of every cutting; and a datum horizontal line shall be drawn on the plan, which line shall be the same throughout the whole length of the work, and shall be referred to some fixed point, stated in writing on the section, at or near some point of such work, and in case of a canal, cut, navigation, road, or railway, at or near one of the termini.

Navigation Sections.

36. In the case of Bills for improving the navigation of any river, there shall be a section which shall show the levels of both banks of such river along the whole line of the proposed improved navigation, and where any alteration is intended to be made in the height of any bank of such river, it shall describe the vertical extent of such alteration, in feet and decimal parts of a foot.

37. In every section of a railway, the line of the railway marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the rails.

Distances—Gradient.

38. Distances on the datum line shall be

marked in miles and furlongs; a vertical measure from the datum line to the line of the railway shall be marked in feet and decimal parts of a foot at every point of change of the gradient, and the vertical rise or fall per hundred feet horizontal between each such point of change, and the next in order to it on each side shall be marked in feet and decimal parts of a foot near to the part of the line whose gradient is indicated.

Bridges and Crossings.

39. Whenever the line of the railway is intended to cross any public road, navigable river, canal, cut, navigation, or railway, over or depth under the surface thereof, and the eighth clear headway and space of every arch, of all bridges and viaducts by which the railway will be carried over the same, shall be marked in feet and decimal parts of a foot near every such crossing thereof; and where the railway will be carried across any such public road or railway on a level therewith, such crossing shall be so described on the section, and it shall also be stated whether such level will be unaltered or not.

Alteration of roads—Cross sections.

40. If any alteration be included in the water level of any canal, cut, or navigation, or in the level or inclination of any public road or railway which will be crossed by the line of railway, then the same shall be stated on the section, and each such alteration shall be numbered and cross sections numbered to correspond with such last-mentioned number on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 300 feet, and on a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every 40 feet shall be added, which shall show the unaltered surface of such canal, cut, navigation, road, or railway, and the intended altered surface thereof, and the unaltered intended rates of inclination of the crossed road or railway; and where any public road is crossed on the level thereof a cross section along the line of such road extending 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the railway, and on the same scale as the other cross sections aforesaid, shall be added.

41. Wherever the extreme height of any embankment or the extreme depth of any cutting shall exceed five feet, such extreme height or depth shall be marked upon the section in feet and decimal parts of a foot near the point where it occurs; and if any bridge or viaduct of more than four arches shall occur in any embankment, or if any tunnel shall intervene in any cutting, the parts of the embankment or cutting divided thereby shall be treated as separate embankments or cuttings respectively for the purpose of this rule.

Tunnels and Viaduct.

42. Where tunnelling or viaduct occurs in a railway the same shall be marked on the plan.

Roads.

43. The preceding rules from the 38th to the 42nd inclusive shall apply to Bills for making, varying, or enlarging any public road; the word "railway" (wherever it is used in such rules a meaning the line of railway, power to make, vary, or enlarge which is sought) being taken to mean the public road, power to make, vary, or enlarge which is sought.

VIII.—ESTIMATES AND DECLARATION IN CERTAIN CASES.

Estimates.

44. An estimate of the expense of the undertaking under each Bill of the second class, shall be made and signed by the person making the same.

IX.—PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES.

List of Petitions.

45. The clerk shall prepare and post in the lobby a list of Petitions for Bills as soon as such Petitions are deposited in the Private Bill Office, and shall from time to time add to the same, as fresh petitions are deposited.

Examination of Petitions for Bills.

46. The examination of the petitions for Bills which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall commence after the expiration of one day from the commencement of the session.

Notice of Examination.

47. The clerks shall give at least three clear days' notice in the Private Bill Office, of a day to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, for the examination of any petition (except in the cases mentioned in rule 124); and in case the promoters shall not appear within one half hour of the time when the petition shall come on to be heard, the Committee on Standing Orders shall strike such petition off the list of petitions, and shall not re-insert the same except by order of the Council.

Memorial of non-compliance with Standing Orders.

48. All persons shall be entitled to appear by themselves, their agents, and to be heard by themselves, their agents, counsel and witnesses in the case of promoters upon the petition; and in the case of opponents to a Bill, upon a memorial addressed to the clerk, and signed by such opponents, or their agent, complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders; but particulars of such non-compliance must be specifically stated in such memorial, and such memorial must be duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, at least twenty-four hours before the petition comes on to be examined.

Evidence before Committee on Standing Orders.

49. The Committee on Standing Orders may admit affidavits or statutory declarations, in proof of the compliance with Standing Orders, and such affidavit or declaration shall be sworn or made before a Solicitor, or Registrar, or Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, or a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand, or a Notary Public.

Certificate by Chairman.

50. The chairman of the Committee on Standing Orders, shall certify by endorsement on each petition, wherein the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, in the case of such petition in the opinion of the Committee; and when they have not been complied with, he shall report to the Council the particulars of non-compliance, and any special circumstance that he may think fit to be reported.

Bills introduced by leave of the Council.

51. In all cases of Bills introduced by leave of the Council in lieu of other Bills which have been withdrawn, the Private Bill Clerk shall give at least two clear days notice in the Private Bill Office, of the day on which such Bill will be examined, and the chairman of the Committee on Standing Orders shall make the same certifi-

cate and report in the case of such Bill, as in the case of the petitions mentioned in rule 50.

Report as to dispensing with Standing Orders.

52. Whenever the Committee on Standing Orders shall have decided that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, the chairman shall report to the Council whether compliance with the Standing Orders ought or ought not in the opinion of the committee to be dispensed with, and whether the parties ought in such opinion to be allowed to proceed with the Bill, and upon what terms if any: Provided that in no case shall any of the Standing Orders contained in the clauses of these Orders numbered from 9 to 44 both inclusive, be suspended, but compliance therewith shall in all cases be necessary.

Petition to dispense with Standing Orders.

53. Whenever any petition praying that the Sessional or Standing Orders may be dispensed with in reference to any Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on Standing Orders, the chairman of such committee shall report whether in the opinion of such committee, such orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with.

Petition for re-insertion of Petition on general list.

54. When any petition for the re-insertion of any petition for a Bill on the general list of petitions shall stand referred to the Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to the Council whether in their opinion such petition ought or ought not to be re-inserted, and if re-inserted, upon what conditions, if any.

Reference of proposed amendment.

55. When any clause or amendment proposed on the consideration of any Bill ordered to lie on the table, shall have been referred to the Committee on Standing Orders, to report to the Council, they shall report to the Council whether such clause or amendment should be adopted or not, or whether the Bill should be re-committed.

Proceedings of Chairman of Committee.

Report of special circumstances.

56. The Chairman of Committees shall be at liberty at any time after any Bill shall have been referred to a committee to report to the Council any special circumstances in relation thereto which may appear to require a report, or to inform the Council that in his opinion any unopposed Bill should be treated as an opposed Bill.

57. When it is intended to bring up any clause or to propose any amendment on the consideration of any Bill ordered to lie on the table, or any verbal amendment upon the third reading of any Bill, the same shall be submitted by the agent to the Chairman of Committees on the day on which notice thereof is given in the Private Bill Office, and the said chairman shall inform the Council whether such clause or amendment be such as ought or ought not to be entertained by the Council without referring the same to the Committee on Standing Orders.

Proceedings of the Committee of Selection.

Copies of Bills for Committee of Selection.

58. Printed copies of all Bills shall be laid before the Committee of Selection by the parties promoting the same at the first meeting of such committee.

Grouping Bills.

59. The Committee of Selection may, if they think fit, arrange in groups all Bills which they may think fit to be submitted to the same com-

mittee, and shall report their arrangement to the Council.

Time for sitting of Committees to be fixed.

60. The Committee of Selection shall, subject to the order fixing the interval between the second reading of any Bill and the sitting of the committee thereon, fix the time for holding the first sitting of every committee on a Bill.

What are opposed Bills.

61. The Committee of Selection shall not treat any Bill as an opposed Bill unless (a) a petition shall have been presented against it praying that the petitioners may be heard by themselves, their counsel, or agents; or unless (b) the Chairman of Committees shall have reported to the Council that the Bill in question ought to be treated as an opposed Bill under rule 56.

Committee on opposed Bill.

62. The Committee of Selection shall refer every opposed Bill or every group of opposed Bills to a committee consisting of a chairman and four members not locally or otherwise interested in such Bill, or in any Bill of such group, as the case may be.

Committee on unopposed Bills.

63. The Committee of Selection shall refer every unopposed Bill to a committee consisting of the Chairman of Committees and one of the members ordered to prepare and bring in the Bill, and one other member not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill; or in case the Chairman of Committees shall be locally or otherwise interested in the Bill, then to a committee consisting of one of the members ordered to prepare and bring in the Bill, and two other members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill.

Notice to Members of Committee.

64. The Committee of Selection shall give to each member due notice in writing of his appointment as a member of a committee on any Bill or group of Bills, and in every case where a declaration is required to be signed and returned by such member, the Committee of Selection shall transmit to him a blank form of the declaration required, with a request that such member will fill up, sign, declare, and return the same forthwith.

Report of Members not answering.

65. The Committee of Selection shall report to the Council the name of every member from whom they shall not have received within a reasonable time such declaration so filled up, signed, and declared, or a sufficient excuse in lieu thereof.

Discharge and substitution of Members.

66. The Committee of Selection shall have power, from time to time, to discharge any member of a committee and to substitute another in his place.

Power to send for Persons and Papers.

67. The Committee of Selection shall have power, in the execution of their duties, to send for persons, papers, and records.

Proceedings of Committees on opposed Bills.

Declaration by Member.

68. Each member of a committee on an opposed Bill or group of Bills shall, before he be entitled to attend, sign and declare the following declaration:—

"I, A.B., do hereby declare that my constituents have no local interest, and that I have no

personal interest in the Bill (describing it) (or as the case may be in any Bill of the groups) (describing it), and that I will never vote in any question which may arise in committee without having first duly heard and attended to the evidence relating to such question."

And no such committee shall proceed to business until the above declaration shall have been signed and declared by each of its members.

Quorum.

69. No committee shall be allowed to proceed, unless at least three of the members shall be present, unless by special leave of the Council.

Members not to be absent.

70. No member of a committee shall absent himself from the committee of which he is a member, unless in case of sickness, or by leave of the Council.

Substitute for Chairman.

71. If the chairman shall be absent from the committee, the member next in rotation on the list of members who shall be present shall act as chairman.

If Quorum not present.

72. If at any time, during the sitting of any committee, there shall be present less than three of the members (except when special leave of the Council shall have been obtained to reduce the quorum), the chairman shall suspend the proceedings of such committee until three at least shall be present; and if, at the expiration of half an hour from the time fixed for the meeting of the committee on any day, or from the time when the chairman shall have suspended the proceedings, there shall be present less than three members (except in the above-mentioned case of special leave), the committee shall be adjourned to the next day on which such committee may, under the general or special orders of the Council, be at liberty to sit, and then shall meet at the hour at which the committee would have sat if no adjournment had taken place.

Report of absent Members.

73. If any member (without such excuse as mentioned in the 70th rule) shall be absent from the committee of which he is a member for the space of one hour after the time appointed for its sitting, or shall absent himself from his duties on such committee, the chairman of the committee of which he is a member, or, if the chairman be the defaulter, then his substitute, under rule 71, shall report him to the Council at its next sitting.

Report of Deficiency of Members.

74. If at any time, after the committee on a Bill shall have been formed, a quorum of members cannot attend, either in consequence of any members dying, or becoming disqualified or incompetent, or otherwise, the chairman or his substitute, under rule 71, shall report the facts to the Committee of Selection, who shall substitute another member in the place of each member deficient, and shall otherwise deal with the matter as the circumstances may require.

Decision by Votes.

75. All questions before Committees on Bills shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present, and whenever the votes are equal the chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

Times of Sitting and Notice.

76. The committee on each group of Bills shall,

from time to time, appoint the day on which they will enter upon the consideration of each Bill, and on which they will require the parties promoting each Bill respectively to appear; and two clear days' notice, at the least, of every such appointment shall be given by the clerk in the Private Bill Office, and in case of the time so appointed being postponed, the like notice shall be given of the time to which the same is postponed.

Report of Adjournment.

77. Every committee on an opposed Bill shall report to the Council the cause of any adjournment over any day on which such committee might, but for such adjournment, have sat.

Petition against a Bill.

78. No petition against a Bill shall be taken into consideration by the committee on such Bill unless such petitioners shall distinctly specify the ground on which the petitions object to any of the provisions thereof, and unless it contains a prayer to be heard against the preamble of such Bill, or some or all of the clauses thereof, before the committee to whom it may be referred, and the petitioners shall be heard only on such grounds so stated: Provided always that the committee may at any time allow any petition against a Bill to be amended, either verbally or in substance, upon hearing the parties interested on both sides, if it shall appear that no injustice will be done by allowing such amendment, and such amendment may be made either with or without terms, in the discretion of the committee.

Petition against Bill—how to be presented.

79. No petitioners against any Bill shall be heard by the committee unless the petition shall have been prepared and signed in strict conformity with the rules and orders of the Council, and shall have been presented to the Council by being deposited in the Private Bill Office before the second reading of the Bill, except where the petitioners shall complain of any matter which may have arisen during the progress of the Bill before the committee, or of any proposed additional provision, or of the amendments proposed in the filled-up Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Competition to give *locus standi*.

80. A committee may allow petitioners to be heard on petitions, against the Bill, on the ground of competition, if they think fit.

Members of corporations when to be heard.

81. Where a Bill is promoted by a body corporate, individual members of such body shall not be heard against the Bill, unless their interests as affected by the Bill shall be distinct from the general interests of the body corporate.

Municipal authorities may be heard.

82. The municipal authorities of any town or district alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill may be heard against the Bill, if the committee shall think fit.

Case of opposition withdrawn.

83. In the case of every Private Bill in which no party shall have appeared against such Bill, or where parties having appeared have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the promoters shall have been commenced, the committee on such Bill shall forthwith refer it back to the Committee of Selection, who shall thereupon deal with the same as an unopposed Bill.

Proceedings of Committees on Bills whether opposed or unopposed.

Copies of Bills for members.

84. At the first meeting of the committee, copies of the Bill as proposed to be submitted signed by the promoters or their agent, shall be laid by the promoters or their agents, before every member of the committee then present.

Interested members not to vote.

85. No member of a committee on any unopposed Bill, who is locally or otherwise interested in such Bill shall have a vote on any question which may arise in such committee on such Bill, but every such member may attend and take a part in the proceedings of the committee without voting.

Minutes of Meetings.

86. The names of the members attending such committee shall be entered by the clerk on the minutes of the committee, and on every division which shall take place in such committee, the clerk shall enter on the minutes the names of those voting, showing the sides on which they vote respectively, and such minutes shall be given in with the report to the Council.

What orders not to be inquired into.

87. No committee shall inquire into the compliance with those Standing Orders compliance with which is required to be proved before the committee on Standing Orders, unless the Council shall otherwise direct by special order.

Evidence before Committee.

88. The committee on any Bill may admit statutory declarations in evidence of compliance with Standing Orders, and such declarations may be made before a Solicitor of the Supreme Court, or a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand, or a Notary Public.

Proof of consents.

89. The committee on any Bill may admit proof of consents of parties, by statutory declarations made as aforesaid, or by admissions in writing signed by the parties purporting to consent thereby, such signature being made in the presence of and attested by a Solicitor of the Supreme Court, or a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand, or a Notary Public.

Chairman to sign plans.

90. Every plan and book of reference thereto which shall be produced in evidence before the committee on any Bill (whether the same shall have been lodged in the Private Bill Office or not) shall be signed by the chairman of such committee, with his name at length, and he shall also mark with the initials of his name every alteration of such plan, and book of reference, which shall be allowed by the committee, and every such plan, and book of reference shall, after the committee shall have ceased to sit on the Bill to which the same relate, be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Chairman to sign copy of Bill, &c.

91. The chairman of the committee on a Bill shall sign with his name at length a printed copy of the Bill, to be called the committee Bill, and all amendments shall be fairly written thereon, or on riders annexed thereto, and referred to by appropriate marks of reference on the printed Bill, and riders, and all such amendments and marks of reference, shall be marked by the chairman with his initials.

Report of Chairman.

92. The chairman of the committee shall report to the Council whether the allegations of the Bill have been examined, and whether the parties interested have given their consent, where such consent is required by these Orders, to the satisfaction of the committee.

In all cases.

93. The chairman of the committee shall report the Bill to the Council whether the committee shall or shall not have agreed to the preamble or gone through the several clauses or any of them, or where the promoters shall have stated to the committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill, and when any alteration shall have been made in the preamble of the Bill, such alteration together with the reasons for making it shall be stated in the report.

Clause to be inserted in all Bills.

94. In every Bill there shall be inserted a clause describing the land to be taken by reference or otherwise.

95. It shall be the duty of every committee on a Bill, whether opposed or unopposed, to inquire whether the work or undertaking proposed by the Bill is intended to be carried out in a reasonable time and whether proper provision has been or can and will be made to meet the expense necessary for the completion of the same, and the result of such inquiry shall be reported to the Council.

96. In every Bill provision shall be made as far as can be done by an Act of a Provincial Council for compelling persons who have subscribed any money towards carrying the proposed work into execution to make payment of the sums subscribed by them respectively.

X.—PRACTICE OF THE COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO BILLS.

Signed deposit of Petition for Bill.

97. No Bill shall be brought into the Council but upon a petition first presented which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office and endorsed as before provided, with a printed copy of the Bill annexed, and such petition shall be signed by some or all of the promoters of the Bill.

Time for presenting Petition for Bills.

98. All petitions for Bills shall be presented to the Council not more than three clear days after the same shall have been endorsed as aforesaid, or if the Council shall not be sitting on the last day when such petition might be presented, then the same shall be presented on the first day on which the Council shall sit after such day.

Bill how presented.

99. All Bills which shall have been ordered to be brought in shall be presented to the Council by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and the Clerk of the Private Bill Office shall lay the same upon the table of the Council for first reading together with a list of such Bills.

Petition for additional provision.

100. No petition for additional provision in any Bill shall be received by the Council unless a printed copy of the proposed clauses be annexed thereto.

Reference to Committee on Standing Orders.

101. All petitions for additional provision in Bills with the proposed clauses annexed, and

all Bills introduced by leave of the Council, in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn shall, after having been read a first time, be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.

Petitions to dispense with Standing Orders.

102. All petitions praying that any Sessional or Standing Orders relating to Bills may be dispensed with, and all petitions for Bills in the general list of petitions, and all petitions opposing the same, shall be presented to the Council by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and every such petition so deposited shall stand referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.

Bills to be printed for presentation.

103. Every Bill shall be printed on paper and shall be presented to the Council bound in a cover or wrapper of parchment upon which the title of the Bill shall be written, and the short title of the Bill shall be the same as that at the head of the advertisements.

Copies for use of Members.

104. Printed copies of every Bill shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Council for the use of the members before the first reading.

Time between First and Second Reading.

105. There shall be not less than three clear days nor more than seven between the first and second reading of any Bill, unless such Bill shall have been referred to the Committee on Standing Orders, in which case the Bill shall be read a second time not later than seven clear days after their report.

Petition against Bill how presented.

106. Every petition in favor of or against any Bill or otherwise relating thereto, not being a petition for additional provision, shall be presented by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and there shall be endorsed thereon the name or short title by which such Bill is entered in the Notes; and a statement that such petition is in favor of or against the Bill or otherwise as the case may be and the name of the person or agent making or presenting such petition also appear on the endorsement.

Withdrawing Petition.

107. Every petitioner or memorialist may withdraw his petition or memorial by depositing in the Private Bill Office a memorandum endorsed with the title of the Bill and the name of the person withdrawing, and described in the endorsement as a memorandum of withdrawal and signed by the person withdrawing or his agent; and where any petition or memorial has been signed by more than one person the deposit of a memorandum of withdrawal shall operate as a withdrawal by every person by or for whom such memorandum shall be signed.

Second or Third Reading opposed.

108. When the second or third reading of a Bill or the consideration of any amendment or addition is opposed the same shall be postponed until the next day on which the Council shall sit.

Reference to Committee of Selection.

109. Every Bill after having been read a second time and committed shall stand referred to the Committee of Selection.

Bills reported as to be treated as opposed.

110. When the Council shall have been informed by the Chairman of Committees that, in his opinion, an unopposed Bill should be treated

as an opposed Bill, the Bill shall be forthwith referred again to the Committee of Selection.

Petition against Bill to stand referred.

111. Every petition against a Bill, which shall have been duly presented as required by these rules, shall stand referred to the committee on such Bill, and such petitions as shall have prayed to be heard against the Bill shall be heard by themselves, their agents, or counsels accordingly, and the promoters of the Bill shall be heard in like manner against such petition.

Time between Second and Third Reading.

112. There shall be eight clear days at least between the second reading of every Bill and the sitting of the committee thereon.

Report to lie on table.

113. The report upon every Bill shall lie upon the table, and every Bill, when reported, shall be ordered to be read a third time, and three clear days shall intervene between the report and the third reading.

Reprinting amended Bill.

114. Every Bill amended in committee shall be reprinted at the expense of the promoters, and copies shall be delivered for the use of members as in the case of the original Bill.

Certificate of Chairman of Committees on Amendments.

115. No clause or amendment shall be considered in the Council in the case of any Bill unless the Chairman of Committees shall have certified, in writing, to Mr. Speaker, whether such clause or amendment ought to be considered without referring the same to the Committee on Standing Orders.

References of Amendment.

116. When any such clause or amendment, as last aforesaid, shall have been reported as requiring a reference to the Committee on Standing Orders, the same shall be referred accordingly, and the Bill shall not be further proceeded with in the Council until the report of the Committee on Standing Orders shall have been brought up.

Third Reading.

117. After the consideration of a Bill ordered to lie on the table, the Bill shall, if it seem fit to the Council, be read a third time.

Amendment on Third Reading.

118. No amendment, not merely verbal, shall be made to any Bill on the third reading.

Printing after Third Reading.

119. Every Bill, after it has been read a third time, shall be printed fair at the expense of the promoters.

One stage only on same day.

120. No Bill shall pass through more than one stage on the same day without the special leave of the Council.

Notice to suspend Standing Orders.

121. No motion shall be made to suspend or dispense with any Sessional or Standing Orders without due notice, except in cases of urgent necessity.

Order of Business.

122. Each day, immediately upon the commencement of the business of the Council, the clerk shall read, from the private business list and from the list of Bills presented for first reading, the titles of the several Bills therein set down in the following order:—

1. Third meetings.

2. Consideration of Bills ordered to lie on the table.

3. Second readings.

4. First readings.

And if, on the reading of any such title, no motion shall be made, the proceedings on such Bill shall be adjourned to the next sitting of the Council.

Practice in the Private Bill Office.

Private Bill Register.

123. A book, to be called the Private Bill Register, shall be kept in a room to be called the Private Bill Office, in which book shall be entered by the clerk appointed to that office called the Private Bill Clerk, the name, description, and place of residence of the solicitor, if any, and of the agent soliciting the Bill, and all the proceedings from the petition to the passing of the Bill, such book to be entered up from day to day, each entry stating briefly each day's proceedings in the Council, and in each committee the day and how on which the committee is appointed to sit, the day and hour to which the proceedings before such committee may be adjourned, and the name of the clerk attending the same, and such book shall be open to public inspection in the said office daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Minute on deposited documents.

124. Whenever any document required by these Orders to be deposited in the Private Bill Office shall be deposited, the Private Bill Clerk shall make a minute upon such document acknowledging such deposit, and stating the day and hour when the same is deposited.

List of Petitions.

125. A list of all petitions for Bills shall be kept in the Private Bill Office, and the petitions shall be named in such list in the order of their deposit, and numbered in succession accordingly.

Deposit of Memorials.

126. All memorials complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in reference to petitions for Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office within twenty-one clear days from the commencement of the session, except in the case of any petition for a Bill which may, by special leave of the Council, be deposited after the time limited by Standing Orders for that purpose, and in such last-mentioned case the memorial shall be deposited three clear days before the day first appointed for the examination of the petition.

Time of Deposit.

127. All memorials shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office before 6 p.m. on any day when the Council shall sit, and before 2 p.m. on any day when the Council shall not sit, and two copies of every such memorial shall, before noon on the following day, be deposited for the use of the Committee on Standing Orders.

Deposit of Memorials.

128. Every memorial complaining of non-compliance with Standing Orders in reference to petitions for additional provisions in Bills, and to Bills introduced by leave of the Council in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office before noon on the day preceding that appointed for the examination of such petition or Bill, and two such

copies as required by the last preceding rule shall be deposited at the same time, and the committee may consider any such memorial.

Notice of Examination.

129. The Private Bill Clerk shall give at least four clear days' notice in the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the examination of each petition for a Bill, except in the case of petitions for additional provision in Bills, and of Bills introduced by leave of the Council in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, when he shall give two clear days' notice.

Examination Book.

130. After each Bill has been read a first time its name or short title shall be copied in the Private Bill Office from the clerk's minute book of the day into a separate book to be called the "examination book," wherein shall be noted the date of the day of the first reading of such Bill, and the number of such Bill according to the priority of its first reading.

Custody of Bill.

131. Every Bill after it has been read a first time shall be in the custody of the Private Bill Clerk, except when before any committee, when it shall be in the custody of the proper committee clerk until reported.

Notice of Second Reading.

132. Three clear days' notice in writing shall be given by the promoters of the Bill or their agent to the Private Bill Clerk of the day appointed for the second reading of the Bill.

Notice of Meeting of Committee.

133. Four clear days' notice shall be given by the Committee of Selection to the Private Bill Clerk of the day and hour appointed for the first meeting of the committee on every Private Bill that shall have been referred to a committee, except in the case of Bills referred back to the Committee of Selection as unopposed under rule No. 83, when one clear day's notice shall be given; and in the case of Bills not referred to the Committee of Selection, and re-committed Bills, three clear days' notice shall be given by the promoters of the Bill or their agent to the Private Bill Clerk of the day and hour appointed for the meeting of the committee, and all proceedings of any committee of which such notice shall not have been given shall be irregular and voidable at the instance of any opponent of the Bill.

Deposit of filled-up Bill.

134. A filled-up Bill signed by the agent for the Bill as proposed to be submitted to the committee on the Bill, and in the case of a re-committed Bill, a filled up copy of the Bill as proposed to be submitted to the committee on re-committal, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office one clear day before the meeting of the committee on every Bill, and every person who shall apply for a copy thereof shall be entitled to receive one upon paying the charges for making out such copy.

Notice of Postponement of Meeting of Committee.

135. Notice in writing shall be given by the Committee of Selection to the Private Bill Clerk of the postponement of the first meeting of every committee on a Bill which shall have been referred to the Committee of Selection, on the day on which such postponement is made, and where a Bill has not been referred to the Committee of Selection, the promoters of the Bill or their agent

shall give one clear day's notice to the Private Bill Clerk of such postponement.

Notice of adjournment.

136. Notice in writing shall be given by each committee clerk to the Private Bill Clerk of the day and hour to which each committee respectively is adjourned.

Notice of consideration of Bill ordered to lie on the table.

137. One clear day's notice in writing shall be given by the promoters of every Bill, or their agent, to the Private Bill Clerk, of the day appointed for the consideration of every Bill ordered to lie on the table.

Copy of amended Bills to be delivered.

138. Each committee clerk shall as soon as practicable after the report is made out deliver into the Private Bill Office a printed copy of the Bill considered by his committee, with the amendments made in committee written thereon, or annexed thereto, as required by these rules.

Examination of amended Bill.

139. Every Bill printed as amended in committee shall be examined in the Private Bill Office with the copy mentioned in the last preceding rule, and a certificate endorsed on the printed copy by the person making such examination.

Notice of proposed amendment.

140. When it is intended to bring up any clause, or to propose any amendment on the consideration of any Bill ordered to lie on the table, or on the third reading of any Bill, one clear day's notice shall be given in the Private Bill Office before such consideration or third reading.

Notice of Third Reading.

141. One clear day's notice in writing shall be given by the promoters of every Bill, or their agent, of the day proposed for the third reading of such Bill.

Amendments to be entered.

142. The amendments, if any, made on the consideration of every Bill ordered to lie on the table, and on the third reading of every Bill, shall be entered upon the printed copy of the Bill as amended in committee, or on riders annexed thereto, and signed and marked by him in like manner as amendments made in committee are to be entered signed and marked by the chairman.

Examination of Bill when printed fair.

143. Every Bill after it has been printed fair after the third reading, shall be examined with the amended copy mentioned in the last preceding rule, and such examination certified in like manner as Bills printed after amendment in committee are to be examined and certified.

Hours for delivering notices.

144. All notices required to be given, and deposits to be made in the Private Bill Office, shall be given or made in such office before 6 p.m. of any day on which the Council shall not sit.

Daily lists.

145. The Private Bill Clerk shall prepare daily lists of Bills and petitions upon which any committee is appointed to sit, showing the hour when the committee shall sit, and such list shall be hung up in the lobby of the Council Chamber.

Fees.

146. A scale of fees to be paid by parties opposing or promoting Bills shall be made by the Speaker of the Council and the Chairman of Committees, and any Bill or opposition to a Bill

may be stopped by Mr. Speaker at any stage if any fee then due in respect of such Bill is unpaid.

Agents.

Agents may represent parties.

147. The promoters and opponents of every Bill may be represented by agents in the transaction of the business relative thereto in every stage of its progress through the Council.

How appointed.

148. The Speaker of the Council may, by an instrument in writing under his hand appoint any person on the roll of solicitors of the Supreme Court an agent, to be called a Council Agent, and every person so appointed shall remain a Council Agent until his name shall be removed from the roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court or until his appointment is annulled by a resolution of the Council.

Enrolling and Declaration.

149. No person shall act as such agent till he shall have been so appointed and shall have enrolled his name and place of business with the Private Bill Clerk in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall have signed a declaration to observe and obey all rules of the Council and to pay all lawful fees and charges when demanded.

Member not to act as Agent.

150. No member, servant or officer of the Council shall, either in person or by his partner, act as a Council Agent.

Suspension of Agent.

151. Any agent disobeying the rules of the Council or the orders of the Speaker or of the Chairman of Committees, or refusing to pay any lawful fee when demanded by the person entitled to demand the same, may be suspended from practising by order of the Speaker under his hand.

APPENDIX A.

SIR,—We beg to inform you that application is intended to be made to the Provincial Council of Southland in the ensuing session for an Act (describing it) and that the property mentioned in the accompanying Schedule, or some part thereof, in which we understand you to be interested, as therein stated, will be required for the purposes of the undertaking according to the line (or limits) thereof, as at present laid out, or may be required to be taken under the powers of deviation to the extent of _____ yards on either side of the line of the said works, and that the said property will be affected in the manner mentioned in the said Schedule. We also beg to inform you that plans and sections of the said undertaking, with a book of reference thereto, will be deposited in the Private Bill Office, on or before the commencement of the session, and that copies of the said plans and sections with a book of reference thereto have been or will be deposited with the Registrar of Deeds at Invercargill on or before the _____ day of _____ on which plans your property is marked with the numbers shewn in the annexed Schedule.

As we are required to report to the Council whether you assent to, or dissent from, or remain neuter, with regard to the proposed undertaking, we shall be obliged by your writing your answer of assent, dissent, or neutrality, in the form left herewith, and returning the same to us signed by you on or before the _____ day of _____

next, and if there is any error, omission, or misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall be obliged by your correcting the same and informing us thereof at your earliest convenience that we may make the necessary corrections forthwith.

We are, Sir,

SCHEDULE.

PART of BOOK of REFERENCE referred to in the Notice, intended to show the Property therein mentioned and the manner in which the same will be affected.

Number on Plan.	Place.	Description.	Manner in which affected.	Name of Owner or reputed Owner.	Name of Lessee or reputed Lessee.	Name of Occupier.	Assent.	Dissent.	Neuter.
40	Invercargill	Garden	Embankment 5 feet high	John Jones	Henry Smith	William Nokes	John Jones.		
Number on Plan of Lands within limits of deviation.	Place.	Description.	Manner in which affected.	Name of Owner or reputed Owner.	Name of Lessee or reputed Lessee.	Name of Occupier.	Assent.	Dissent.	Neuter.
40	Invercargill	Grass Field	Cutting 3 feet deep	John Jones	Henry Smith	William Nokes			John Jones.

Adopted by the Provincial Council of Southland, this fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JAMES WILSON, *Speaker.*

JNO. P. TAYLOR, *Superintendent.*

DUNCAN McARTHUR, *Clerk of Council.*

Approved in Council:

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1868.

THE following Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Downing Street,
25th April, 1868.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that a question arose in one of Her Majesty's Colonies, whether the Chargers of Officers in Her Majesty's Service were liable to an Import Duty, under a Local Revenue Act, upon landing in the Colony.

I am advised, and have so instructed the Governor of that Colony, that this charge ought not to have been made, inasmuch as the 73rd Article of the Mutiny Act (30 Victoria, c. 13) expressly exempts (amongst other things) Officers' Horses and Baggage from payment of any duties and tolls on embarking or disembarking from or upon any pier, wharf, or landing place, otherwise demandable by virtue of any Act or Ordinance of any Colonial Legislature or other authority in any of Her Majesty's Colonies.

I have brought these facts under your notice, as it is desirable that no possible doubt should be allowed to exist upon this subject, and that this privilege should be recognized equally in all the Colonies; and, therefore, should there be any doubt on the subject in the Colony under your government, you will be good enough to take the steps you think best for securing the exemption to Officers of the Army.

I have, &c.,
BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1868.

THE following Bill passed by the Provincial Council, and assented to by the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, intituled

"An Act to shorten the notice of Sale of Certain Lots in the Reclaimed Land in Wellington," having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has been advised not to exercise his power of disallowance in respect of that Bill.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1868.

THE following Bill passed by the Provincial Council, and reserved by the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon, intituled

"An Act to authorize the Superintendent to raise, by way of mortgage, a sum not exceeding £25,000 on the Unreclaimed Land in the Harbour, granted to him under 'The Public Reserves Act, 1854,'"

having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has been pleased to assent to the same.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1868.

IT is hereby notified that a Writ issued for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Rangitikei, has been returned with a certificate to the effect that

WILLIAM FOX,

of Westoe, Rangitikei, freeholder, has been duly elected.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 30th June, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WALTER LAWRY BULLER, Esq.,

to be Returning and Registration Officer for the election of Members of the House of Representatives, for the Electoral Districts of Wanganui and Rangitikei. This appointment to take effect on and from the first day of July, 1868.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 30th June, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalization under "The Aliens Act, 1866," in favour of the undermentioned persons, viz. :—

Name.	Residence.	Occupation.	Date.
Julius Seehof ...	Riverton, South-land	Storekeeper	1868. 27th June
Carl Friederich Gottlieb Robeck	Hokitika ...	Hairdresser	29th June
Herman Jacobus Bouman	Ditto ...	Storekeeper	Ditto.
Henry Hunt ...	Greymouth ...	Hotel-keeper	Ditto.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 26th June, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the undermentioned appointments, viz. :—

In the New Zealand Militia.

Captain Frederick Edward Horneman, to be Major. Date of commission, 12th June, 1868.

In the Wellington Artillery Volunteers.

Henry Eustace de Bathe Brandon, to be Second Lieutenant. Date of commission, 22nd October, 1867.

In the Wairarapa Cavalry Volunteers.

Andrew Thomas Maginnity, to be Cornet. Date of commission, 30th May, 1868.

J. C. RICHMOND,
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain.)

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 26th June, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Assistant-Surgeon WILLIAM ISAAC SPENCER, H.M.'s 18th Regiment,

to be a Member of the Medical Board, constituted 12th November, 1866, under "The Military Pensions Act, 1866."

J. C. RICHMOND,
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain.)

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 26th June, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by the undermentioned Officers, viz. :—

Captain J. Gwynneth, Bay of Plenty Cavalry Volunteers.

Captain P. McTavish, No. 1 Company Nelson Rifle Volunteers.

Captain P. W. Fendall, No. 7 Company Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.

Honorary Captain G. Aicken, Wellington Rifle Volunteer Cadet Corps.

Lieutenant S. B. Seymour, No. 7 Company Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.
Honorary Lieutenant J. Lockett, Motueka Rifle Volunteer Cadet Corps.

J. C. RICHMOND,
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain.)

General Post Office,
Wellington, 27th June, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Post Office at GYMPLE, in the Colony of Queensland, has been opened for the transaction of Money Order business.

JOHN HALL,
Postmaster-General.

TARANAKI Petroleum Company (Limited).— Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the Taranaki Petroleum Company (Limited), held at the registered office of the Company, in Brougham Street, New Plymouth, on Monday, the twenty-second day of June, 1868, at the hour of three o'clock p.m., of which meeting a notice specifying the intention to propose the following resolution had been duly given, the said resolution was passed by three-fourths in number and value of such shareholders of the Company for

the time being entitled to vote as were present in person or by proxy thereat:

Resolution—"It is resolved that the Taranaki Petroleum Company (Limited) shall be wound up voluntarily."

RICHD. CHILMAN,
Chairman.

TARANAKI Petroleum Company (Limited).— Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the Taranaki Petroleum Company (Limited) will be held at the registered office of the Company, in Brougham Street, New Plymouth, on Thursday, the sixth day of August, 1868, at the hour of four o'clock p.m., for the purpose of confirming the following resolution, which was passed by three-fourths in number and value of the shareholders of the Company for the time being entitled to vote, present at a meeting of the Company held at the registered office of the Company, in Brougham Street, New Plymouth, on Monday, the twenty-second day of June, 1868, duly convened for that purpose:

Resolution—"It is resolved that the Taranaki Petroleum Company (Limited) shall be wound up voluntarily."

RICHD. CHILMAN,
Chairman.

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of April, 1868.

STATIONS.	BAROMETER.		TEMPERATURE FROM SELF-REGISTERING INSTRUMENTS, READ IN MORNING FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PREVIOUS.					COMPUTED FROM OBSERVATIONS.		RAIN.		WIND.	WIND.	CLOUD.
	Mean Reading	Extr'me Range.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Mean Daily Range of Temp.	Extr'me Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in Sun's Rays.	Min. Temp. on Grass.	Mean Elastic Force of Vapour.	Mean Deg. of Moist. Saturation =100.	Total Fall in Month (inches)	No. of Days on which Rain Fell.	Average Daily Force in Miles for Month.	Maximum Velocity in Miles in any 24 hours.	Mean Amount for Month (0 to 10).
TARANAKI ... Same month previous 4 years	29.941 30.088	.644 ...	59.2 59.7	18.5 ...	37.0 ...	104.0 ...	40.0...	.452 .425	90.4 72.0	4.790 2.140	17 9	261.0	483, 30th	6.7
WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 4 years	29.925 30.027	.712 ...	57.2 58.0	9.6 ...	24.0 ...	121.0 ...	23.8...	.378 .332	81.0 68.0	3.610 2.132	15 6	195.6	384, 4th	5.5
NELSON ... Same month previous 4 years	29.903 30.072	.691 ...	56.0 57.8	22.2 ...	37.0...	...	...	.348 .419	77.0 78.0	2.220 3.350	6 5	127.0	252, 14th	4.4
CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 4 years	29.811 29.991	.919 ...	54.6 54.6	19.7 ...	43.3 ...	139.2 ...	20.0...	.316 .350	73.0 76.0	.632 1.001	4 5	128.0	262, 30th	3.4
HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 2 years	29.931 30.081	.790 ...	52.5 54.5	11.8 ...	28.2 ...	81.0 ...	29.9...	.377 .426	95.6 90.0	8.970 8.290	20 14	143.6	340, 30th	6.3
DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 4 years	29.831 30.038	.889 ...	53.4 53.0	15.1 ...	32.0 ...	122.0 ...	25.0...	.271 .293	63.3 71.0	2.084 1.366	13 13	146.0	405, 22nd	5.5
SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 3 years	29.724 29.913	.960 ...	51.6 50.9	18.1 ...	35.5 ...	...	27.8...	.305 .279	79.0 74.0	4.040 3.700	20 13	235.0	660, 30th	4.1

NOTES.

Taranaki.—Gale on 1st from W., twenty hours; and on 5th and 6th, N.W. and W., thirty-two hours; also, gale from S.W. and W. on 28th, 29th, and 30th, lasting forty hours. Otherwise fine weather.
Wellington.—High winds on the 8th and 9th from N.; also, on 19th from N., and 24th, N.W.; prevailing wind, N.W. Fine weather during the month.
Nelson.—Fine dry weather; prevailing wind, S.W.
Christchurch.—Very pleasant weather at this station; light winds, with little rain; hail on 5th, and frost at night.
Hokitika.—High winds on the 5th, 11th, 13th, and 29th; showery weather; fog on 2nd, 3rd, 13th, 23rd, and 28th; thunder on the 3rd and 19th.
Dunedin.—Strong wind on 21st from W. Very fine weather throughout the month.
Southland.—Violent storm from W.; strong wind from W. on 21st; also, on the 27th and 28th from N.W. Showery and dull weather during the month.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The temperature is higher in most cases than that for the same month in previous years, and the atmospheric pressure higher. The rainfall for this month, it will be observed, is rather greater than usual. The average daily force of wind is highest at Taranaki, and lowest at Nelson—while the maximum velocity of the wind for the month is greatest at Southland (660 on 30th), and least again at Nelson (252 on 14th).

JAMES HECTOR,
Inspector of Meteorological Stations.

