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**NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.**

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WELLINGTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1869.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.  
 A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act made and enacted in the Imperial Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted, that whenever any Bill shall have been assented to by the Superintendent, as in the said Act provided, the Superintendent shall forthwith transmit to the Governor an authentic copy thereof, and it shall be lawful for the Governor, at any time within three months after any such Bill shall have been received by him, to declare by Proclamation his disallowance of such Bill; and that any such disallowance shall make void and annul the same from and after the day of the date of such Proclamation, or any subsequent day to be named therein:

And whereas the Acts hereinafter specified have been enacted by the Superintendent of Auckland, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, and the said Acts were received by the Governor on the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Acts should be disallowed:

Now therefore I, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the authority vested in me in that behalf by the said recited Act of Parliament, do hereby proclaim and declare my disallowance of the following Acts passed by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Auckland, namely:—

- "The Auckland Rural Districts Act, 1869;"
- "The City of Auckland Dog Nuisance Act, 1869;"
- "The Thames Gold Fields Public Works Act, 1869."

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 fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

E. W. STAFFORD.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.  
 A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The Petty Sessions Act, 1865," it is enacted that as soon as conveniently may be after the establishment of a Petty Sessions District, and afterwards from time to time as may be deemed expedient, the Governor shall, by Proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*, appoint a meeting of the Justices of the Peace resident in such district to be yearly held within such district, at some specified time and place, for the purpose of choosing a Chairman of Petty Sessions and settling a rota of attendance: And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, a Petty Sessions District, hereinafter named, was defined and established:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority in that behalf vested in me, do hereby proclaim and appoint that for the Warehama District a meeting of the Justices of the Peace resident within such district shall be yearly held at Nichols' Accommodation House, Tinui, at twelve o'clock noon, on the fourth Tuesday in the month of May, for the purpose of choosing a Chairman of Petty Sessions and settling a rota of attendance.

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 second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

E. W. STAFFORD.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN exercise of the power in me vested by "The Intestate Estates Act, 1865," I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, do hereby direct that for each of the Curator's Districts hereinafter mentioned the newspaper or Gazette, other than the *New Zealand Gazette*, in which every Curator of Intestate Estates is by the nineteenth section of the said Act required to publish the list or statement therein mentioned, shall be the newspaper or Gazette the name whereof is set against the name of such Curator's District in the table hereunder written, that is to say—

Name of Curator's District.	Name of Gazette or Newspaper.
Auckland ...	"The Auckland Provincial Government Gazette."
Taranaki ...	"The Government Gazette of the Province of Taranaki."
Hawke's Bay...	"The Hawke's Bay Government Gazette."
Wellington ...	"The Provincial Government Gazette of the Province of Wellington."
Nelson and } Marlborough }	"The Government Gazette of the Province of Nelson."
Canterbury ...	"The Government Gazette of the Province of Canterbury."
Westland ...	"The County of Westland Gazette."
Otago ...	"The Otago Provincial Government Gazette."
Southland ...	"The Southland Provincial Government Gazette."

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-seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

E. W. STAFFORD.

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: And whereas, by warrant under the hand of the Governor, bearing date the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the Tikoranga Redoubt was appointed a polling place for the District of Grey and Bell, and the Omata Stockade was appointed a polling place for the District of Omata, for the election of Members of the House of Representatives:

And whereas it is expedient to abolish the same:

Now know ye that I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the said Colony, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby abolish the above-named polling places for the said Districts for the election of Members of the House of Representatives, and do appoint in lieu thereof—

Messrs. Webster's Store, for the District of Grey and Bell;

The Omata Schoolroom, for the District of Omata.

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 second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

E. W. STAFFORD.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Volunteer Act, 1865," it is enacted that the Governor may at any time call out for actual service any Volunteer Corps, and that every officer and volunteer belonging to any Corps so called out shall be bound to assemble at such place as the Governor may direct, and shall remain on actual service until released by the Governor's authority:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, do hereby call out for actual service the several Volunteer Corps named in the Schedule hereto; and I do hereby direct the Officers and Volunteers of each of the said Corps to assemble at the time and place mentioned, and set opposite to the name of such Corps in the Schedule aforesaid.

Name of Corps.	Place and Time of Assembling.	
	Place.	Time.
Waiuku—	Head-quarters of respective Corps.	To be fixed by the Officer Commanding the District.
Forest Rifle Volunteers ... ..		
Waiuku Rifle Volunteers ... ..		
Pukekohe Rifle Volunteers ... ..		

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 sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

T. M. HAULTAIN.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

THE following notification by Captain Montgomerie, R.N., of H.M.S. "Blanche," that he has, on behalf of Her Majesty, re-entered and taken possession of the Auckland Islands, &c., is published for general information.

E. W. STAFFORD.

By John Eglinton Montgomerie, Esquire, Captain, Royal Navy, and in command of Her Majesty's Ship "Blanche."

I DECLARE that I, in the name of, and on behalf of, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do now re-enter and take possession of the Auckland Islands, and all other

lands demised by Her Majesty to certain persons of the name of Enderby, by lease dated on or about the 1st March, 1847, the rent thereby reserved not having been paid.

Dated at Pig Point, Port Ross, or Sarah's Bosom Harbour, Auckland Islands, this sixteenth day of March, A.D. 1869.

JOHN E. MONTGOMERIE,  
Captain, Royal Navy.

Witnesses—

A. H. Markham, Lieutenant, R.N.,  
Lewis A. Beaumont, Lieutenant, R.N.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

THE following Acts, passed by the Provincial Council, and assented to by the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland, intituled

"The Grammar School Endowment Act, 1869;"  
"The Appropriation Act, 1869;"  
"The Harbour Loan Consolidation Act, 1869;"  
"The Licensing Act, 1863, Amendment Act, 1869;" and  
"The Road Act (No. 2), 1866, Amendment Act, 1869;"

having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance in respect of them.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

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

ROBERT JAMES CREIGHTON,

of Waterloo Quadrant, householder, has been duly elected.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN WILLIAM CHAPMAN,

of Invercargill, to be an Inspector of Weights and Measures in the Province of Southland, *vice* Michael O'Keefe, resigned.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

THE following Tenders have been accepted by the General Government for the twelve months commencing the 1st April, 1869.

ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD  
(for the Under Secretary).

*For Bookbinding.*

ROBERT BURRETT, at the following rates:—

Demy folio books, four quires and under:—Half-bound, rough calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, short title and date, 5s. (five shillings).

For every additional quire, 6d. (sixpence).

Foolscap folio, ditto:—Half-bound, calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, short title and date, 4s. (four shillings).

For every additional quire, 6d. (sixpence).

Foolscap folio, four quires and under:—Half-bound, calf, marble paper sides, gilt lettered on back, short title and date, 3s. 6d. (three shillings and sixpence).

For every additional quire, 3d. (threepence).

Demy 4to, four quires:—Ditto, ditto, 1s. 9d. (one shilling and ninepence).

Demy 8vo:—Ditto, ditto, 1s. 9d. (one shilling and ninepence).

Parliamentary Debates:—Royal 8vo, cold pressing and binding in half-calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, at per volume of four quires, 3s. 6d. (three shillings and sixpence).

For every additional quire, 4d. (fourpence).

Ditto, ditto:—Cold pressing and binding in cloth, at per volume of four quires, 2s. 3d. (two shillings and threepence).

For every additional quire, 3d. (threepence).

Cold pressing and binding in blue paper covers, Statutes, Journals, and Appendix of General Assembly, at per quire, 4d. (fourpence).

Folding, stitching, and cutting Parliamentary Papers (eight pages or under), at per hundred, 1s. 6d. (one shilling and sixpence).

For every additional sheet, 9d. (ninepence) per hundred.

*For Cartage.*

EDWARD McLUGGAGE, at the following rates:—

1st. At per day of eight hours, 9s. 6d. (nine shillings and sixpence).

2nd. From the Queen's Wharf, or from any part of Te Aro within half a mile of the Post Office, to any of the General Government Offices within half a mile of the General Assembly Buildings, at Thorndon, and *vice versa*, at per load, 1s. 6d. (one shilling and sixpence).

3rd. Between Rhodes' Wharf and the Magazine, and *vice versa*, at per load, 1s. (one shilling).

4th. Between the Queen's Wharf and Mount Cook Barracks, and *vice versa*, at per load, 1s. 10d. (one shilling and tenpence).

5th. Between the Queen's Wharf and Thorndon Barracks, and *vice versa*, at per load, 1s. 9d. (one shilling and ninepence).

6th. Between Mount Cook Barracks and Thorndon Barracks, and *vice versa*, at per load, 1s. 4d. (one shilling and fourpence).

7th. Between the Telegraph Office or Post Office and Queen's Wharf, and *vice versa*, at per load, 8d. (eightpence).

*For Coal.*

ALFRED HILL HICKSON, for such quantity as may be required for the Public Offices, at per ton, for Best Newcastle (N.S.W.) Coal, screened, and delivered at the Public Offices, in 1 cwt. bags, two pounds (£2).

JOE DRANSFIELD, for such quantity as may be required for the Public Offices, at per ton, for Best English Coal, screened, and delivered at the Public Offices, in 1 cwt. bags, two pounds fourteen shillings (£2 14s.)

*For Firewood.*

BENJAMIN REEVE, at the following rates:—

For two-foot lengths, per cord, one pound six shillings (£1 6s.)

One-foot lengths, per cord, one pound six shillings (£1 6s.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch.)

Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ROBERT ABBOTT, Esq.,

of Hokitika, to be Curator of Intestate Estates for the District of Westland, *vice* E. W. Jones, Esq.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch.)

Wellington, 1st April, 1869.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by

JAMES ROGER DUTTON, Esq.,

of his appointment as a Resident Magistrate and Warden.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 8th April, 1869.

**IT** is hereby notified that His Honor Mr. Justice Gresson has reported that he has appointed

EDWARD JAMES LEE, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Christchurch, Lyttelton, Cheviot, Ashley, Kaiapoi, Avon, Heathcote, Mount Herbert, Akaroa, Selwyn, Coleridge, Timaru, and Gladstone.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Treasury,  
Wellington, 1st April, 1869.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN HENRY LOWE, Esq.,

to be Receiver of Land Revenue for the District of Cobden, Province of Nelson.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Treasury,  
Wellington, 1st April, 1869.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN HENRY LOWE, Esq.,

to be Receiver of Gold Revenue for the District of Cobden, Province of Nelson.

E. W. STAFFORD.

CONTINUED CONVERSION OF THE OLD DEBENTURES OF THE GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF NEW ZEALAND INTO NEW 5 PER CENT. CONSOLS UNDER THE LOAN ACT OF 1867.

**THE** Crown Agent for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of New Zealand, will be prepared to exchange new 5 per cents., created under authority of the Act above referred to, for debentures bearing various rates of interest, which have from time to time been issued under the following Acts and Ordinances.

The interest on the new securities will be paid quarterly, and the principal will be paid at par by a 1 per cent. cumulative sinking fund, applied by annual drawings to the extinction of the debt. By this process the whole amount will be paid off in about thirty-six years.

The terms on which the old debentures may be exchanged for new are as follows, viz. :—

For every 100 General Government old 5 per cents. payable in 1914, holders may receive 99½ new 5 per cent. consols.

For every 100 General Government 6 per cents. payable in 1891, holders may receive 113½ new 5 per cents.

For every 100 6 per cents. of the Provincial Governments of Auckland, Canterbury, and Otago, holders may receive 109 new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Otago 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1861-2, and payable in December, 1875, holders may receive 115 new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Otago 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1861-2, and payable in July, 1874, holders may receive 113 new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Otago 8 per cents., issued under

Loan Ordinance, 1862, and payable in November, 1874, holders may receive 113½ new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Otago 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1862, and payable in October, 1875, holders may receive 115 new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Canterbury 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1856, and payable in 1873, holders may receive 110½ new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Wellington 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1862, and payable in 1877, holders may receive 118 new 5 per cents.

For every £100 Wellington 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1866, and payable in 1886, holders may receive £128 10s. new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Nelson 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1864, and payable in 1876, holders may receive 116½ new 5 per cents.

For every 100 Nelson 8 per cents., issued under Loan Ordinance, 1864, and payable in 1881, holders may receive 124 new 5 per cents.

The bonds will be made to represent sums of £1,000, £500, £200, and £100 respectively, and fractions of the latter amount, which may be unavoidable in the conversion, will be adjusted either by the issue of one bond, more or less, and by the payment of the difference in money, at the time of conversion.

The annual drawings will take place in the month of March, commencing in 1869, and will be conducted in the presence of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, of any debenture-holders who may be pleased to attend, and of a notary public. The debentures drawn will be paid off at par, on the 15th April following, together with the interest due thereon.

The days on which such drawings are to take place and the numbers and values of the debentures drawn, will be duly notified by advertisement in the *London Gazette* and the *Times*.

The New Zealand Government will receive bonds for exchange, and will give an order on the Crown Agents for an amount of new 5 per cent. consols corresponding with the advertised terms of conversion. The Government will be responsible for the transmission of the old bonds to England.

As payment of interest on new bonds has to be made in London, and the annual drawings will also be made there, those bonds will have to be deposited in the hands of some person resident in the United Kingdom. For the convenience of persons who have not agents there, Mr. Morrison, the New Zealand Agent in London, will, on application, act as agent for such persons in respect of those bonds.

E. W. STAFFORD.

The Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand,  
6th February, 1869.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

**HIS** Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the under-mentioned promotions and appointments, viz. :—

*In the Auckland Militia.*

Lieutenant Daniel Bockett to be Captain. Date of commission, 15th March, 1869.

Ensign James Cunningham to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 15th March, 1869.

*In the Wairarapa and Castle Point Militia.*

James Daniel Baird to be Ensign. Date of commission, 13th March, 1869.

Duncan McMasters to be Ensign. Date of commission, 19th March, 1869.

*In the Napier Militia.*

Lieutenant John Nathaniel Wilson to be Captain. Date of commission, 1st April, 1869.

*In the No. 2 Company, Hauraki Rifle Volunteers.*  
 Francis Joseph Wardell to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 16th March, 1869.  
 John Charles Young to be Ensign. Date of commission, 16th March, 1869.

*In the Thames Engineer Volunteers.*  
 John Gwynneth to be Captain. Date of commission, 18th March, 1869.  
 Harry Charles William Wrigg to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 18th March, 1869.

T. M. HAULTAIN.

Colonial Defence Office,  
 Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the commissions held by the under-mentioned officers, viz. :—

Ensign H. G. Morecroft, Napier Militia;  
 Ensign M. Browne, Napier Militia.

T. M. HAULTAIN.

Colonial Defence Office,  
 Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the services of the under-mentioned corps, viz. :—

The No. 2 Company, Hauraki Rifle Volunteers. Date of acceptance, 16th March, 1869.  
 The Thames Engineer Volunteers. Date of acceptance, 18th March, 1869.

T. M. HAULTAIN.

CUSTOMS.—The under-mentioned person has been duly licensed to act as a Custom House Agent at the Port of Napier, for the year ending the 31st December, 1869 :—

GEORGE EDWARD GORDON RICHARDSON.

JOSEPH MOLLIERE TABUTEAU,  
 Deputy Commissioner.

Custom House, Napier,  
 24th March, 1869.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SNAG IN ENTRANCE TO BULLER RIVER.

Marine Department,  
 Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there is a large snag on the Bar of the Buller River, which, in the present state of the channel, is right in the fairway of the North Channel.

The snag will be removed, or marked by buoys or beacons, as soon as practicable; and in the meantime Masters of vessels are warned of its existence, and requested to observe closely the following directions :—

When entering in daylight, the flagstaff and the beacon carrying the red flag must be kept in one, and, failing this, vessels must be steered in close accordance with the directions of the semaphore arm at the flagstaff.

When entering by night, the (outer) red light and the (inner) bright light must be kept in one, if practicable, or, failing this, the bright light must be opened to the S.W. of the red light (or towards Cape Foulwind).

On no account must the line of the leading lights be crossed towards the N.E. till the vessel is inside the Bar.

JAMES M. BALFOUR,  
 Colonial Marine Engineer.

Marine Department,  
 Wellington, 7th April, 1869.

THE following Notice to Mariners, announcing the existence of certain dangers in the Inner Route to Torres Straits, off Lloyd Bay and Pipon Islands, is published for general information.

JAMES M. BALFOUR,  
 Colonial Marine Engineer.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAITS.

*Lloyd Bay and Pipon Islands.*

CAPTAIN EDWARDS, of the "Melanie," reports the existence, in Lloyd Bay, of a patch of rocks—upon the N.W. edge of which the vessel touched, and where there were about five feet at low water—with the following bearings :—Restoration Island, N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W.; Peaked Red Hill, S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W.

Also, of a small pinnacle, about three feet square, awash at low water; the point of Cape Direction bearing E. by S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S.; peak of lump, S. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E.; Lloyd Island being at the same time just open to the northward of Low Island.

He also reports having seen in the same bay two rocks just awash, bearing from the small sandbank S.E., and from X reef S.W. by S.

Also, near the Pipon Islands the "Melanie" struck on a patch of rocks not laid down in the charts—North Bay Point bearing S. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  E., and the east end of Pipon Islands, S.W. by W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W. As the tide was about half-ebb when she touched, this patch cannot have more than three feet of water upon it at low water.

G. P. HEATH, Lieut., R.N.,  
 Portmaster.

Port Office, 23rd February, 1869.

I the undersigned EDWARD PRATT, hereby make application to register "The Marquis of Hastings Gold Mining Company, Registered," under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1865;" and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular, namely :—

1. The name and style of the Company is "The Marquis of Hastings Gold Mining Company, Registered."
2. The place of operations is at Tapu Creek, Hastings.
3. The nominal capital of the Company is four thousand pounds, in four thousand shares of one pound each.
4. The amount already paid up is *nil*.
5. The name of the manager is Edward Pratt.
6. The office of the Company is at 49, Queen Street, Auckland.
7. The names and several residences of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows :—

	No. of Shares.
Hugh Patterson, Hastings	121
William Rouse, Hastings	199
Thomas Racliffe, Hastings	199
Frederick Noble, Hastings	143
Robert Dyason, Auckland	71
Charles Mills, Hastings	199
Robert Horne, Auckland	104
George Cotterill, Canterbury	132
Frederick W. Wright, Parnell	86
Eliza S. Armstrong, Auckland	68
Samuel Edmonds, Auckland	66
George Gunn, Dunedin	71
Frederick Gerard Armstrong, Auckland	171
Fanny Kinder, Auckland	71

	No. of Shares.
Martin Sholl, Auckland	66
George Frederic Whitaker, Auckland	33
Joseph P. Prescott, Auckland	33
Frederick Harvey Lewisson, Auckland	101
Edward Pratt, Auckland	66
Edward Pratt, in trust for the present proprietors	2000
	4000

Dated this twelfth day of March, 1869.

EDWARD PRATT,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—Jno. L. Tole, Justice of the Peace.

I the undersigned ALBERT BEETHAM, hereby make application to register "The Prospectors Gold Mining Company, Registered," under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1865;" and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular, namely:—

1. That the name and style of the Company is "The Prospectors Gold Mining Company, Registered."
2. That the place of operations is at Puriri, Thames Gold Fields.
3. The nominal capital of the Company is four thousand two hundred pounds, in one hundred and sixty-eight shares of twenty-five pounds each.
4. The amount already paid up is three thousand three hundred and sixty pounds.
5. The names of the managers are Beetham, Walker, and Co., Pollen Street, Shortland.
6. The office of the Company is at Beetham, Walker, and Co.'s, Pollen Street, Shortland.
7. That the names and several residences of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows, namely:—

	No. of Shares.
J. M. Lennox, Auckland	8
Thomas Minnetti, Auckland	8
Douglas and Walker, Waikato	16
Chas. Fagan, Puriri	8
J. W. Boyle, Puriri	18
Peter Landy, Puriri	10
Robt. Elliot, Puriri	16
Wm. Thorne Buckland, Auckland	12
James Wrigley, Auckland	12
Thos. Dunne, Puriri	22
Jas. Russell, Auckland	12
F. B. Kersteman, Shortland	6
Jas. Rogers, Puriri	8
Henry Ball, Christchurch, New Zealand	12

Dated this eleventh day of March, 1869.

ALBERT BEETHAM.

Witness—J. S. Macfarlane, J.P.

I the undersigned GEORGE RANDALL JOHNSON, hereby make application to register "The Australasian Gold Mining Company, Registered," under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1865;" and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular, namely:—

1. The name and style of the Company is "The Australasian Gold Mining Company, Registered."
2. The place of operations is at the Waiotahi Creek, Shortland.
3. The nominal capital of the Company is twenty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, in two thousand one hundred and seventy-five shares of ten pounds each.

4. The amount already paid up is sixteen thousand three hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings.

5. The name of the manager is George Randall Johnson.

6. The office of the Company is at Pollen Street, Shortland.

7. The names and several residences of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:—

	No. of Shares.
John Woodhouse, Parnell, Auckland	100
Michael Hannaford, Auckland	200
George Turrell, Auckland	100
John Howe Mandeno, Remuera	100
James Wallace, Papatoitoti	50
Daniel Stephenson, Auckland	50
Albert Simeon, Shortland	200
George Randall Johnson, Graham's Town	100
Thomas Kelly, Shortland	50
Charles Davis, Auckland	} ... 150
William Gwynne, Shortland	
Edward Wood, North Shore, Auckland	50
Abraham Cass, Shortland	75
Ebenezer Cass, Shortland	25
John Wilson, Cambridge, Waikato	50
Josiah Pratt Hamlin, Auckland	50
William Whyte, Shortland	100
John Earle, Shortland	50
John McGregor, Shortland	25
Alexander Bethune, Shortland	} ... 75
William Louis Buscke, Shortland	
John Cantwell, Shortland	75
John Kennedy, Shortland	75
Alexander Smith, Shortland	75
Executors of the late George Cashell, Graham's Town	50
In trust for "The Australasian Quartz Crushing and Mining Company, Registered," Auckland	300

Dated this thirty-first day of March, 1869.

G. RANDALL JOHNSON,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—William C. Daldy, Justice of the Peace.

IN THE MATTER OF A BILL INTITULED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE 'THE CHRISTCHURCH GAS, COAL, AND COKE COMPANY (LIMITED),' TO MAKE GAS WORKS FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBS WITH GAS."

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made at the next Session of the General Assembly of New Zealand, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize "The Christchurch Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited)," incorporated under the provisions of "The Joint Stock Companies Act, 1860," to construct Gas Works for supplying the City of Christchurch and Suburbs with Gas, and for other purposes relating thereto and to the objects for which the said Company has been established.

Copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the commencement of the Session.

It is intended to apply for the following powers on behalf of the Company; that is to say—

The Company, under such superintendence as is hereinafter specified, may open and break up the soil and pavement of the several streets and bridges within the limits of this Act, and may open and break up any sewers, drains, or tunnels within or under such streets and bridges, and lay down and place within the same limits pipes, conduits, service-pipes, and other works, and from time to time repair, alter, or remove the same, and also make any sewers that may be necessary for

carrying off the washings and waste liquids which may arise in the making of the gas, and for the purposes aforesaid may remove and use all earth and materials in and under such streets and bridges, and may in such streets erect any pillars, lamps, and other works, and do all other acts which the Company shall from time to time deem necessary for supplying gas within the limits hereinafter mentioned, doing as little damage as may be in the execution of the power hereby granted, and making compensation for any damage which may be done in the execution of such powers.

That the Company may from time to time enter into any contract with any person for lighting or supplying with gas any public or private buildings, or for providing any person with pipes, burners, meters, and lamps, and for the repair thereof, and may also from time to time enter into any contract with the Christchurch City Council, Road Board, or other persons having the control of any of the streets within the limits aforesaid, for lighting the same or any of them with gas, and for providing such Council, Road Board, or persons with lamps, lamp-posts, burners, and pipes for such purpose, and for the repairs thereof, in such manner and upon such terms as shall be agreed upon between the Company and the said Council, Road Board, or other persons.

That the Company may let for hire any meter for ascertaining the quantity of gas consumed or supplied, and any fittings for the gas, for such remuneration in money as shall be agreed upon between the Company and any person to whom the same may be so let; and such remuneration shall be recoverable in the same manner as the rents or sum due to the Company for gas; and such meters and fittings shall not be subject to distress for rent of the premises where the same may be used, nor to be taken in execution under any process or proceeding of a Court of Law or Equity or in bankruptcy against the person in whose possession the same may be.

That the Clerk, Engineer, or other officer duly appointed for the purpose by the Company, may at all reasonable times enter any building or place lighted with gas supplied by the Company in order to inspect the meters, fittings, and works for regulating the supply of gas, and for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of gas consumed or supplied; and if any person hinder such officer as aforesaid from entering and making such inspection as aforesaid at any reasonable time, he shall for every such offence forfeit to the Company a sum not exceeding five pounds.

That if any person supplied with gas neglect to pay the rent due for the same to the Company, the Company may stop the gas from entering the premises of such person, by cutting off the service-pipe or by such means as the Company shall think fit, and recover the rent due from such person, together with the expense of cutting off the gas, and the cost of recovering the rent by action in any Court of Law of competent jurisdiction.

That in all cases in which the Company are authorized to cut off and take away the supply of gas from any house, building, or premises under the provisions of this Act, the Company, their agents or workmen, after giving forty eight-hours' previous notice in writing to the occupier, or if no occupier, then after leaving such notice on any portion of the premises, may enter into such house, building, or premises between the hours of nine in the forenoon and four in the afternoon,

and remove and carry away any pipe, meter, fittings or other works, the property of the Company.

The Company may make bye-laws or regulations provided the same shall not be repugnant to this Act or to "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," or to any bye-law or regulation which may now or hereafter be made thereunder, or to any Road Board Act or Ordinance of the General Assembly or of the Province of Canterbury, or to any bye-law or regulation which may now or hereafter be made thereunder respectively, and may impose any penalty not exceeding the sum of five pounds for the breach of any bye-law or regulation of the Company.

The limits within which such Gas Works as aforesaid are intended to be made extend to and include all lands lying within a radius of five miles from the centre of the Market Place, in the City of Christchurch.

Such Gas Works as aforesaid are intended to be made and maintained in and through the City of Christchurch, and portions of the Avon, Riccarton, Templeton, Spreydon, Halswell, and Heathcote Road Boards Districts.

The plans and book of reference, and copy of this notice to be inserted in the *Gazette*, will be deposited for public inspection at the Office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Canterbury, in the City of Christchurch, on or before the 6th day of April instant, and will, on or before the commencement of the Session, be deposited in the Office of the Colonial Secretary and in the Private Bill Office.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1869.

HANMER & HARPER,  
Solicitors for the Bill.

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Government Printing Office,  
Wellington, 8th January, 1869.



THE following Return of AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS of the PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY, in February, 1869, is published for general information.

JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General.

ACCOUNT OF LAND IN CULTIVATION, AND OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE THEREOF, IN NEW ZEALAND, FEBRUARY, 1869.

(Taken under the authority of "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867.")

SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTOR'S RETURN.—PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	Extent of Land broken up, but not under Crop.	IN WHEAT.		IN OATS.		IN BARLEY.		IN HAY.		In permanent artificial Grass (including Land in Hay in previous column).	IN POTATOES.		IN OTHER CROPS.
		Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).		Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).	
<b>NAPIER—</b>													
Petane Provincial Electoral District	10	10	160	22	725	24	510	46	51	1,128	16	48	3
Wairoa "	53	2	70	26	630	...	...	41	43	376	1	4	11
Mohaka "	...	...	...	10	300	...	...	9	8	121	...	...	...
Napier (Town) "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	49	90	...	...	...
Napier (Country) "	1,083	185	4,070	274	6,185	63	1,075	661	1,043	10,239	156	656	36
<b>CLIVE—</b>													
Clive Provincial Electoral District	261	129	3,780	177	3,731	63	1,291	104	171	1,562	42	171	1
Havelock "	111	106	2,810	100	2,955	44	1,055	178	228	2,715	47	244	8
Hampden "	85	33	780	88	1,695	10	158	55	39	1,077	23	125	10
Waipukurau "	340	62	1,455	107	2,795	25	418	113	192	1,958	16	99	10
Porangahau "	136	90	1,825	61	1,049	15	350	165	234	4,578	13	51	7
Te Aute "	234	95	2,520	182	4,395	10	240	276	378	214	17	64	11
Waimarama "	...	3	60	8	150	...	...	16	23	722	...	...	...
<b>GENERAL TOTALS FOR PROVINCE</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>17,530</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>24,610</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>5,097</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>27,780</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>97</b>

I certify that the above is a correct compilation from the original Returns.

EDWARD L. GREEN,

Superintendent Collector.



Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 6th April, 1869:

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JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General.

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(Taken under the authority of "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867.")

SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTOR'S RETURN.—PROVINCE OF OTAGO.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	Extent of Land broken up, but not under Crop. Acres.	IN WHEAT.		IN OATS.		IN BARLEY.		IN HAY.*		In permanent artificial Grass (including Land in Hay in previous column). Acres.	IN POTATOES.		IN OTHER CROPS.
		Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).		Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).	Acres.
ROSLYN ... ..	89	18	595	257	7,135	5	220	840	1,081	3,403	62	267	32
CAVERSHAM ... ..	617	100	3,520	542	21,492	43	2,775	625	1,347	5,459	91	605	66
PORT CHALMERS ... ..	126	56	1,845	452	12,859	2	60	104	205	1,904	51	299	51
TAIERI ... ..	1,637	3,531	123,164	8,494	324,425	740	25,865	1,045	1,357	15,023	636	3,557	365
BRUCE ... ..	2,730	1,592	46,417	8,887	312,953	365	11,779	811	1,002	21,895	535	2,950	488
CLUTHA ... ..	5,702	1,536	40,843	6,729	230,177	271	8,687	677	780	15,735	350	1,974	776
OAMARU ... ..	6,716	10,136	358,548	7,498	294,872	926	32,533	671	1,554	7,438	429	2,571	210
WAIKOUAITI ... ..	2,861	1,722	56,329	4,780	177,518	154	6,925	517	632	11,612	240	1,394	89
MANUHERIKIA ... ..	111	64	2,031	1,804	55,660	66	2,405	364	465	280	408	1,685	45
HAMPDEN ... ..	841	1,357	44,305	880	34,390	31	1,000	253	384	518	165	1,035	53
WALLACE (IN OTAGO)... ..	215	30	761	498	13,570	1	20	154	295	515	66	368	10
GENERAL TOTALS FOR PROVINCE	21,645	20,142	678,358	40,821	1,485,051	2,604	92,269	6,061	9,102	83,782	3,033	16,705	2,186

\*This column includes a large quantity of Oats cut for Hay, principally in the Dunedin Suburban Districts.

I certify that the above is a correct compilation from the original Returns.

JOHN HISLOP,  
Superintendent Collector.

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of FEBRUARY, 1869.

STATIONS.	BAROMETER.		TEMPERATURE FROM SELF-REGISTERING INSTRUMENTS, READ IN MORNING FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PREVIOUSLY.					COMPUTED FROM OBSERVATIONS.		RAIN.		WIND.		LOUD.
	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, and date.	Mean Amount for Month (0to10).
MONGONUI ...	29-901	952	68.1	11.8	27.0	...	...	.552	80.	9.620	11	233.0	978, 28th	6.0
Same month previous year, [1864]	29-919	...	66.2	...	...	...	...	.475	74.	5.960	6	...	...	...
AUCKLAND ...	29-912	1.064	66.0	12.5	28.2	147.0	39.3	.524	82.	14.154	18	450.0	1229 do	6.1
Same month previous 4 years	29-720	...	71.3	...	...	...	...	.546	67.	2.600	8	...	...	...
TARANAKI ...	29-749	1.090	65.5	15.0	30.0	148.0	...	.487	78.	7.720	13	251.2	915, 16th	6.1
Same month previous 5 years	29-946	...	65.8	...	...	...	...	.500	69.	4.156	10	...	...	...
NAPIER ...	29-934	1.355	65.8	12.7	29.0	135.0	...	.500	87.	10.800	15	251.2	506, 23rd	6.9
Same month previous 2 years	...	...	68.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.075	1	...	...	...
WELLINGTON ...	29-993	1.212	62.3	11.4	30.5	130.0	43.0	.449	80.	8.885	17	164.0	445, 28th	6.0
Same month previous 5 years	29-876	...	63.3	...	...	...	...	.396	67.	4.378	9	...	...	...
NELSON ...	29-900	1.196	64.9	21.2	32.0	160.0	...	.453	74.	5.720	8	131.0	250, 14th	6.5
Same month previous 5 years	29-912	...	64.1	...	...	...	...	.518	77.	9.138	5	...	...	...
CHRISTCHURCH ...	29-966	.979	61.5	12.7	34.7	144.0	31.9	.436	81.	3.508	12	181.0	361, 24th	7.1
Same month previous 5 years	29-840	...	61.9	...	...	...	...	.439	74.	2.139	7	...	...	...
HOKITIKA ...	29-934	.918	61.6	12.4	30.0	99.3	...	.456	83.	7.140	10	135.5	315, 24th	5.2
Same month previous 3 years	29-875	...	60.3	...	...	...	...	.324	91.	10.783	14	...	...	...
DUNEDIN ...	30-006	.873	57.7	13.7	33.0	142.0	33.0	.369	77.	2.148	11	130.0	385, 16th	6.0
Same month previous 5 years	29-817	...	58.4	...	...	...	...	.349	69.	2.896	14	...	...	...
SOUTHLAND ...	29-943	.910	58.7	20.6	44.5	148.0	27.0	.349	71.	2.360	5	...	...	4.1
Same month previous 4 years	29-792	...	57.2	...	...	...	...	.323	70.	3.827	11	...	...	...

NOTES.

*Mongonui.*—High wind from N.E. on the 24th, and heavy rain; very strong gale from S.W. on the 28th; lightning on the 12th, but no thunder. Unusually heavy rainfall at this station, 2.65 inches recorded on 25th for previous twenty-four hours; during the latter part of the month very stormy weather.

*Auckland.*—As will be seen from the above table, the rainfall at this place has been unusually great, and storms of great violence have occurred during the month. The Observer remarks, "On the afternoon of the 9th rain commenced and continued without cessation till 8 a.m. on the 12th, the quantity registered being on 10th, 1.743; 11th, 6.392; and 12th, 0.860 inches, attended with thunder and vivid lightning, but little wind. There was a violent gale on 20th from E., which changed to N.E. and abated on night of 24th; 1.588 inch of rain recorded on morning of 24th. Another severe storm took place on 27th, commencing from E.; barometer fell from 29.831 on 26th to 29.207 on morning of 27th, there was very heavy rain; on afternoon of 27th there was a lull in the storm, and wind changed suddenly to W., when it blew with greater fury than ever during evening and night; on 28th it moderated."

*Taranaki.*—Gale on 14th from N.W., with rain, and from 15th to 17th stormy weather from S.E.; thunder on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th. The rainfall was heavy also at this station. There were four days of fog.

*Napier.*—Strong wind on 16th from S., no rain, and on the 23rd from N.E., also without rain; thunder and lightning on 3rd. Very heavy rainfall, particularly on the 10th (1.75 inch for previous twenty-four hours); on 11th (1.54 inch); on 27th (2.12 inches); and 28th (2.73 inches). Slight earthquake on 11th at 10.30 a.m., and on 27th at 11 p.m.

*Wellington.*—Strong wind on 14th from S.E.; severe gale on 27th and 28th from same quarter, with heavy rain on 27th, 1.800 inch in twenty-four hours; foggy also on 27th; sixteen days of S.E. wind; slight earthquake on the 11th. On the whole, disagreeable and wet weather at this station.

*Nelson.*—The weather at this station during the month has been fine; rainfall below the average, and wind moderate; smart shock of earthquake at 10.13 a.m. on 11th.

*Christchurch.*—Strong E. wind on 24th, and on 28th stormy from S.W., with heavy rain; thunder-storm on the 6th; slight earthquake on 11th at 10.15 a.m.; fine during the early part of the month, but rough and wet towards the end.

*Hokitika.*—Gale on 23rd and 24th from N.E., with rain and thunder and lightning on 24th; also gale on 25th from S.W. Up to the 22nd the weather was on the whole fine; slight shock of earthquake on 11th at 10.14 a.m.

*Dunedin.*—Very fine weather during the month, light winds and small rainfall; high barometer readings; fog on 18th.

*Southland.*—Observer remarks that this was a very fine, dry, and calm month, no gales, hail, or fog; thunder on the 5th, and slight earthquake on 10th at 3 a.m.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Several storms of great violence have occurred at most of the stations in the North Island during this month, particularly at Auckland, and the rainfall in every case is considerably greater than the average for previous years. The rain in Auckland on the 11th (6.329 inches), and the force of the wind on the 28th for previous twenty-four hours (1,229 miles), exceed greatly any previous daily records in that Province. The weather in the South has been on the whole fine, with slight rain.

R. B. GORE

(for the Inspector of Meteorological Stations).

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of WILLIAM ROBERT EDWARD BROWN, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of March, 1869.

No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Rule or Order.	Value or Estimated Value of Personal Estate.	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
	John Graham ...	Wairarapa	Dublin ...	None required ...	Under £20	23 Feb., 1869	

Dated the 6th day of April, 1869.

WM. R. E. BROWN, Curator.