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G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The Supreme Court Act, 1860," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to divide the Colony into Judicial Districts for the purposes of the said Act, and the limits of such districts from time to time to alter as occasion may require :

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the Colony of New Zealand was divided into three districts, called respectively the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts :

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay were declared a separate Judicial District for the purposes of the said Act, to be called the Wellington District :

And whereas it is expedient to alter the limits of the said Northern District and of the said Wellington District respectively :

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority for this purpose vested in me by the said Act, do hereby, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, proclaim and declare the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay, the Chatham Islands and Islands adjacent thereto, and so much of the Province of Auckland as lies southward and eastward of a straight line drawn from the north-western point of the boundary of the Hawke's Bay Province to the extreme end of Matakawa Point, to be a separate Judicial District for the purposes of the said Act, to be called the Wellington District ; and I do hereby, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, proclaim and declare all that portion of the Colony which lies on the northern side of the line separating the Provinces of Auckland and Taranaki from the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay, except so much of the Province of Auckland as is hereby included in the Wellington District, to be a

separate Judicial District for the purposes of the said Act, to be called the Northern District.

And in further pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, I do hereby, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, assign the said Northern District, as hereby defined, to Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court ; and the said Wellington District, as hereby defined, to Alexander James Johnston, Esquire, a Judge of the said Court : and I do hereby, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, appoint that Circuit Courts shall be holden for the Northern District, as hereby defined, at the places therein heretofore appointed for the holding of Circuit Courts, and at the times so heretofore appointed ; and that Circuit Courts shall be holden for the Wellington District, as hereby defined, at the places therein heretofore appointed for the holding of Circuit Courts, and at the times so heretofore appointed.

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 ; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony this twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

WILLIAM FOX,
 Presiding.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,
 Clerk of the Executive Council.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The Stamp Duties Acts Amendment Act, 1869," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Proclamation, to proclaim and bring into operation the said Act, or

ERRATUM.—At page 564, *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 61, in the Schedule appended to Order in Council dated 6th October, 1869, fixing Port Charges, &c.—under the heading "Port Charges" for Dunedin, instead of "All vessels trading beyond the limits of the Port and exempt from pilotage," read "All vessels trading beyond the limits of the Port and not exempt from pilotage."

from time to time any parts thereof, at such time as the Governor shall think fit; and whereas by a Proclamation dated the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, did proclaim and bring into operation the whole of the said Act, and did fix the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, as the day upon which the said Act should come into operation:

And whereas by the said Act it is also enacted that the term "receipt or discharge for or on payment of any sum of money of the amount of five pounds or upwards," where used or referred to in the first schedule to "The Stamp Duties Act, 1866," and in "The Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act, 1867," shall, with reference to all instruments made after such day as the Governor shall appoint, be taken to mean and include any note, memorandum, or writing whatsoever given to any person for or upon the payment of money, whereby any sum of money, debt, or demand, or any part of any debt or demand therein specified, and amounting to five pounds or upwards, shall be expressed or acknowledged to have been paid, settled, balanced, or otherwise discharged and satisfied, or which shall import or signify any such acknowledgment, and whether the same shall or shall not be signed with the name of any person:

And whereas it is expedient to fix a day for the purposes of the said recited enactment:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in exercise of the power in me vested by the said Act, do hereby appoint and fix the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, to be the day mentioned in the said recited enactment, so that the said term "receipt or discharge for or on payment of any sum of money of the amount of five pounds or upwards," shall, with reference to all instruments made after the said thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, have such meaning, and include such notes, memoranda, and writings, as in the said recited enactment provided.

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; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

W. GISBORNE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN pursuance of the powers in me vested by "The Public Revenues Act, 1867," I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby remove the under-mentioned persons from the offices of Paymasters for the respective districts for which they were appointed:—

Name.	District.
J. N. Wood ...	Switzers.
T. G. Dugard ...	Arrowtown.
J. S. Worthington...	Queenstown.
A. D. Harvey ...	Cromwell.

Name.	District.
T. S. Harvey ...	Waipori.
E. H. Carew ...	Naseby.
R. E. Field ...	Alexandra.
J. B. Borton ...	Waitahuna.
H. J. Abel ...	Tuapeka.
H. A. Stratford ...	St. Bathans.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. 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 Auckland, this second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

WILLIAM FOX.

I HEREBY notify that His Excellency the Governor, by virtue of a Regulation made by Order in Council dated the 28th day of October last, issued under "The Bay of Islands Settlements Act, 1858," has set apart and reserved the land described in the Schedule hereto as a site for Public Buildings for the use of the General Government.

SCHEDULE.

Province of Auckland.—County of Bedford.

All that parcel of land situated at Tapu Point, Kawa Kawa River, containing by admeasurement ten (10) acres, more or less, bounded towards the North by a line bearing 283° 21' (magnetic), one thousand two hundred and forty (1,240) links, and towards the South-east and West by the said Kawa Kawa River.

W. GISBORNE,
Colonial Secretary.

Dated at Wellington, this fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

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

THE following Letter from His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, with its enclosures respecting the Matriculation Examination for the University of Melbourne, is published for general information.

W. GISBORNE.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th October, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honor, at the request of the Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, to transmit the enclosed copies of the Regulations for the Matriculation Examination of the University.

These Regulations provide for the institution, elsewhere than in this Colony, of examinations for Matriculation at the University; and I have been requested to suggest the promulgation of the Regulations in the Colony of New Zealand, in order that if a local examination there should be thought desirable, arrangements for carrying out this object may be made.

I have, &c.,

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

His Excellency Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.—MATRICULATION.

1. The subjects of examinations for Matriculation shall be—Greek, Latin, English, French or German, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid, History, Geography.

Candidates shall not be permitted to matriculate who shall not have passed in six at least of these subjects.

2. The successful Candidates shall be arranged in two classes, the first class comprising those who have passed with credit, the second those who have simply passed. In each class the names shall be arranged alphabetically and not in order of merit. Candidates who shall have passed *well* in four out of not less than six subjects shall be placed in the class of "Passed with Credit."

3. Matriculation Examinations may be held at such times, in such places, and under such supervision as the Council on the recommendation of the Professorial Board may from time to time appoint.

4. Candidates who at any Matriculation Examination have passed in any number of subjects less than six shall be entitled to receive a certificate thereof, in the form contained in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Certificate.

Whereas by the Regulations of the University, no person is entitled to Matriculate therein unless he has, at one and the same examination, passed in six at least of the subjects prescribed for the Matriculation Examination; and whereas Candidates who at any Matriculation Examination have passed in any number of subjects less than six are entitled to receive a certificate thereof; and whereas the Candidate hereinafter named has passed in certain of the said subjects, although not in a sufficient number for Matriculation: now these are to certify that at a Matriculation Examination of this University, held during the term of 18 passed in the following subjects (that is to say)

President Professorial Board.

Registrar.

FEES.

For Matriculation Examination.

	£	s.	d.
For admission to Examination at any Matriculation Examination ...	0	10	0
For each subject of Examination selected by the Candidate at any such Examination ...	0	5	0

For Certificates.

For Certificate of any Examination prescribed for Matriculation, or for the completion of any year ...	0	2	6
For any other Certificate of Examination, with or without attendance on Lectures ...	0	10	6

DETAILS OF SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

MATRICULATION.

Greek.

Oct. Term, 1869	{ Smith's Smaller Greek Grammar, and <i>Xenophon</i> —Anabasis, IV., V., VI.
Feb. & Oct. Term, 1870	
Feb. Term, 1871	

Latin.

Oct. Term, 1869	{ Smith's Smaller Latin Grammar, and <i>Cæsar</i> —Gallic War, Books III., IV.
Feb. & Oct. Term, 1870	
Feb. Term, 1871	

English.

Oct. Term, 1869	{ Accidence. Morrell's Grammar and Analysis.
and	
Feb. Term, 1870	{ Crombie's Etymology and Syntax, Parts II. and III.

In subsequent examinations will be added until further notice—*Milton*—*Lycidas*.

French.

Oct. Term, 1869	{ <i>Voltaire</i> —History of Charles XII. Translation from English into French.
Feb. Term, 1870	

In subsequent examinations will be added—*De Fivas*' New Grammar of French Grammars, and the *Voltaire* will be only Books III., IV., and V.

German.

Oct. Term, 1869	{ <i>Schiller</i> —Thirty Years' War. Translation from English into German.
Feb. Term, 1870	

In subsequent examinations will be added—*Aue*, Grammar of the German Language, and the *Schiller* will be only Book III.

Arithmetic.

Explanation of the common system of numerical notation.

The nature of vulgar and decimal fractions; comprising the rules of their addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and reduction; with the reasons for these rules.

The rule of proportion.

The extraction of the square roots of whole numbers and of decimals.

Euclid.

The first two books, including the definitions and the axioms, according to the text of Dr. Simson.

Algebra.

Explanation of the meaning of Algebraical symbols, and of the method of using them, especially the bracket.

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of Algebraical expressions of an integral and of a fractional form.

Explanation of the meaning of an index, with the proof of the equation $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$.

Reduction of expressions to their simplest forms.

The solution of simple equations.

In the preceding cases the student is required, when called on, to give the demonstration and explanation of the rule employed, and its application to particular examples.

History.

Any two of the following periods, together with the Geography illustrative of them:—

Oct. Term, 1869	{ <i>Greece</i> —To the death of Alexander. Text Book: Dr. William Smith's History. <i>Rome</i> —To the Social War. Text Book: Dr. Liddell's History. <i>England</i> —To the Battle of Waterloo. Text Book: The Student's Hume.
Feb. Term, 1870	

In subsequent examinations—Any two of Dr. William Smith's Smaller Histories of Greece, Rome, and England.

Geography—Comprising:—

(1.) *Physical Geography*—The following plates of Keith Johnston's Physical Atlas, with the letter-press belonging to each: viz. (1) The Mountains, Table Lands, Plains and Valleys of Europe; (2) of Asia; (3) of Africa; (4) of North America; (5) of South America; (6) Chart of the Ocean Currents of the World; (7) of the River Systems of the World; (8) Distribution over the Globe of Earthquakes and Volcanoes; (9) of Vegetable Life; (10) of Animal Life.

(2.) *General and Political Geography*—So much information as is contained in Spence's Civil Service Geography.

(3.) *Filling in of Outline Maps*—(a.) On an Outline Map of any one of the Continents, to fill in and

name the principal Mountain Chains, the principal Rivers and Lakes, the Political Divisions, and the principal Towns, and to name the principal Bays, Capes, Peninsulas, and Islands, shown on the outline.
 (b.) To fill in for England, Scotland, or Ireland, any details given in Spence's Civil Service Geography.
 (c.) To fill in for any of the Australian Colonies information equally minute.

*Physical Geography**—Somerville's Physical Geography, 5th edition, Chapters I. to XVI. and XVIII. to XXIV. inclusive, with Johnston's School Atlas of Physical Geography.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CLASSICS AND ENGLISH.

Matriculation Examination.

In selecting their subjects for this examination, Candidates would do well to remember that, by the regulations of the University, they are required to pass in Greek and in Latin at the end of their first year of study for any degree. Now, unless they have a sufficient knowledge of Greek and Latin to enable them to pass the Matriculation Examination, there is little probability of their being able to pass the First Examination in either at the end of one year.

For the Pass Examination in English, all that is required is that Candidates should have a thorough practical acquaintance with accidence and syntax, and with the analysis of sentences, and should be prepared to detect faults of construction in inaccurate sentences proposed for criticism.

MATHEMATICS.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

Arithmetic.

The parts to which attention should be more particularly directed, and to which the principal importance will be attached in the examination, are the nature of vulgar and of decimal fractions, the rules for their addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and reduction, and the reasons for those rules. The Examination will be conducted by printed questions, to which the Candidates will be required to write the answers. The importance of a thorough knowledge of Arithmetic, especially of vulgar and decimal fractions, to persons commencing the study of Algebra, cannot be over estimated. If it be properly taught, the reasons of the rules and the processes carefully explained, the simpler Algebraical signs introduced, and the Student thus familiarized with the calculation of expressions where all the symbols of quantity are actual common numbers, the transition to Algebra and the use of literal symbols will be comparatively easy.

Algebra.

The portions of Algebra of which a knowledge is requisite, to enable the Student to proceed with and profit by the lectures, are the notation, the fundamental operations, and the method of solving simple equations. The Student should be exercised in the fundamental operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of expressions, both of an integral and of a fractional form, till he is able to perform them with rapidity and certainty; excellent practice in these may be supplied by giving expressions to be simplified and equations of the first degree to be solved, such that in the process several or all of these operations must be performed. *This is essentially a part of school training.* The limited duration of a University lecture, a large portion of which must be devoted to the explanation and illustration of principles, renders it impossible that this training can be carried out there.

* NOTE.—In Oct. Term, 1869, and Feb. Term, 1870, Candidates may select either Geography as above, or Physical Geography as above. After Feb. Term, 1870, there will be no Examination in Physical Geography as a distinct subject.

In a subject so extensive as Algebra, it is impossible to point out any Text Book suitable by itself for all Students. Colenso's Algebra, Part I., is recommended as being an excellent school treatise suitable as a first book for all Students, and containing what will be found quite as much as a large proportion will be able to master. The cleverer Students, after working through this, will find a very large amount of additional matter in the last addition of Wood's Algebra, by Lund; and those who are able to follow up the philosophical principles of the subject should also read the works of Peacock and De Morgan. An excellent collection of examples and problems, both in Algebra and in other departments of Mathematics, has been published by Wrigley.

Euclid.

The text of Euclid which is adopted is that of Dr. Robert Simson. The portions prescribed for the Matriculation Examinations are the first two books, with the definitions and axioms. The propositions must be written out in words without Algebraical symbols of any kind; the only abbreviations which may be used are "Sq. on AB," for "the square described on the line AB," and "rect AB, CD" for "the rectangle contained by AB and CD." An answer in which this rule is violated will be rejected. Great clearness is attained by writing the separate steps in separate lines, as is done in Potts' Edition of Simson's Euclid, which is recommended.

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

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

- "The Executive Act, 1869;"
- "The Cattle Trespass Amendment Act, 1869;"
- "The Napier Common School Site Act, 1869;"
- "The Appropriation Act, 1869, No. 2;"
- "The Ratification of Loan Expenditure Act, 1869;"

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

W. GISBORNE.

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

IT is hereby notified, that a Writ issued for the election of a Superintendent of the Province of Auckland has been returned with a Certificate to the effect that

THOMAS BANNATYNE GILLIES,

of Epsom, near Auckland, freeholder, has been duly elected.

W. GISBORNE.

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

IT is hereby notified, that Writs issued for the election of Members of the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland have been returned with Certificates to the effect that,

For the District of Invercargill,

James A. R. Menzies, of Dunalister, householder and freeholder;

George Lumsden, of Invercargill, freeholder;

W. H. Calder, of Invercargill, freeholder;

George Webster, of Run 148, freeholder;

For the District of Oteramika,

George Meredith Bell, of Waimea Plains, freeholder;

For the District of Waikiwi,

Andrew Toshack, of Waikiwi, freeholder;

For the District of New River,
James Moreland McClure, of Ryal Bush, freeholder;

For the District of Waianewa,
William Anderson Lyon, of Isla Bank, Waianewa, freeholder;

For the District of Campbelltown,
William Wood, of Invercargill, freeholder;

For the District of Longwood,
Theophilus Daniel, of Riverton, freeholder;

For the District of Waiau,
William Stuart, of Black Mount, Run No. 173, freeholder;

For the District of Riverton,
Lachlan McGillivray, of Riverton, freeholder;
John Petchel, of South Riverton, freeholder;

For the District of Roslyn,
Andrew Kinross, of Myross Bush, freeholder;
Peter Dalrymple, of Appleby, freeholder;

For the District of Waihopai,
James Wilson, of Waianewa, freeholder;
William Johnston, of One Tree Point, freeholder;

For the District of Aparima,
Edmund Gillow, of Westwood (Riverton), freeholder;
Christian Bastian, of Run No. 198, Aparima, freeholder;

For the District of Oreti,
Alexander McNeil, of Ardlussa Station, leaseholder;
have been duly elected.

W. GISBORNE.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

LAUGHLIN O'BRIEN, Esq.,
to be District Registrar of Land for the District of Auckland, in the Province of Auckland, in the absence on leave of the present District Registrar.

This appointment takes effect on and from the 1st day of January, 1870.

W. GISBORNE.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

FITZHERBERT DERMOTT, Esq.,
to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Hokitika, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 13th day of July, 1868, and published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 43, of 16th day of July, 1868, *vice* Dr. Beswick, deceased.

W. GISBORNE.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

FREDERICK JOHN KIMBELL, Esquire,
to be Deputy Returning Officer for the District of Mount Cook, for the election of Members of the Provincial Council of the Province of Canterbury.

W. GISBORNE.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

FRANK GUINNESS, Esq.,
to be Returning Officer, under "The County of Westland Act, 1868," for the District of Kanieri.

W. GISBORNE.

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

IT is hereby notified, that the Secretary to the Central Board of Civil Service Examiners has reported that the under-mentioned Candidates have passed their Examinations under the Civil Service Regulations, *viz.* :—

JOHN TULLY, Wellington.
HENRY CROSS, Nelson.

W. GISBORNE.

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

GOVERNMENT WATER SUPPLY.—Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office up to 22nd instant, for leasing the Surplus Water from the Government Water Tank. General conditions of lease may be seen at the Office of the Marine Department.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch.)
Wellington, 6th December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD MARSH WILLIAMS, Esq.,
of Waimate, Auckland, and
SPENCER WILLIAM VON STURMER, Esq.,
of Hokianga, Auckland, to be Coroners for the Colony.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch.)
Wellington, 4th December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HARRY EYRE KENNY, Esq.,
of New Plymouth, to be a Justice of the Peace.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch.)
Wellington, 4th December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HARRY EYRE KENNY, Esq., J.P.,
to be a Resident Magistrate under "The Resident Magistrates Act, 1867," for the District of New Plymouth, and as such to exercise the extended jurisdiction conferred on the Court of the said District.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch.)
Wellington, 4th December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES EDWARD RAWSON, Esq.,
to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court for the Resident Magistrate's District of New Plymouth, *vice* H. E. Kenny, Esq., resigned.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch.)
Wellington, 6th December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY HANDYSIDE
to be Clerk of the Warden's Court of the Nelson South-west Gold Fields, at the Buller.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch),

Wellington, 6th December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MICHAEL LYNSEY

to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court for the Resident Magistrate's District of Kaiapoi, at Rangiora and Leithfield.

W. GISBORNE.

General Post Office,

Wellington, 2nd December, 1869.

IT is hereby notified for public information, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by Mr. Alexander Sproul of the offices of Harbour Master and Pilot at the Port of Lyttelton, from and after 30th November, 1869.

W. GISBORNE

(for the Postmaster-General).

General Post Office,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

INSPECTORS OF THE ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE, and
THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE ARMED CONSTABULARY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

to frank and receive, free from payment of postage, Letters or Packets on Public Service.

W. GISBORNE

(for the Postmaster-General).

General Post Office,
Wellington, 1st December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE QUARTERMASTER, COLONIAL FORCES, NAPIER, to frank free from pre-payment of postage, Letters and Packets sent by him through the Post on the Public Service.

W. GISBORNE

(for the Postmaster-General).

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th November, 1869.

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

In the Auckland Militia.

Lieutenant George Rayner to be Captain. Date of commission, 19th October, 1869.

Ensign James Hume to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 19th October, 1869.

Ensign Alexander Stephen Sherratt to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 20th October, 1869.

James Arthur Woolly to be Ensign. Date of commission, 19th October, 1869.

In the Patea Militia.

Lieutenant Charles Allen Wray (New Zealand Militia) to be Captain. Date of commission, 28th October, 1869.

Captain Richard Thomas Blake (Carlyle Rifle Volunteers) to be Captain. Date of commission, 29th October, 1869.

In the Hutt Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant George Farmer to be Captain. Date of commission 2nd October, 1869.

Ensign George Wood to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 2nd October, 1869.

David Speedy to be Ensign. Date of commission, 2nd October, 1869.

In the Alfred Troop, Rangitikei Cavalry Volunteers.
Hamilton Andrews Moore to be Cornet. Date of commission, 2nd October, 1869.

In the Poverty Bay Mounted Rifle Volunteers.
Thomas William Porter to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 16th October, 1869.

In the Bay of Plenty Cavalry Volunteers.
Cornet Angus Smith to be Captain. Date of commission, 6th September, 1869.

In the Pelorus Rangers Volunteers.
Charles Mills to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 29th September, 1869.

John E. Weld, M.D., to be Honorary Assistant Surgeon. Date of commission, 29th September, 1869.

W. GISBORNE

(in absence of Mr. McLean).

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th November, 1869.

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

Captain J. C. R. Isherwood, Wellington Veteran Volunteers.

Honorary Captain T. Garrard, Nelson Artillery Volunteer Cadet Corps.

Honorary Lieutenant F. F. C. Huddleston, Nelson Artillery Volunteer Cadet Corps.

Lieutenant D. Wells, Pelorus Rangers Volunteers.

Assistant Surgeon W. Brown, Armed Constabulary.

W. GISBORNE

(in absence of Mr. McLean).

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th November, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to disband the under-mentioned corps at their own request, viz. :—

The Kai-iwi Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers.

The No. 2. Company, Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.

The Nelson Artillery Volunteer Cadet Corps.

The under-mentioned gentlemen have therefore ceased to hold the rank of officers, their commissions having, under the provisions of "The Volunteer Act, 1865," lapsed :—

John Bryce, Esq., late Captain, Kai-iwi Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers.

R. Garrett, Esq., late Lieutenant, Kai-iwi Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers.

A. F. N. Blakiston, Esq., late Lieutenant, No. 2 Company, Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.

T. Papprell, Esq., late Ensign, No. 2 Company, Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.

W. GISBORNE

(in absence of Mr. McLean).

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 30th November, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the names of the under-mentioned officers shall be transferred to the Unattached List of the New Zealand Militia :—

Captain M. Fitzgerald, Napier Militia.

Lieutenant Robert Horner, Rangitikei Militia.

W. GISBORNE

(in absence of Mr. McLean).

Treasury,
Wellington, 3rd December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

THOMAS HORTON, Esq.,
to be Auditor of the Accounts for all Road Districts in the County of Westland.

W. GISBORNE
(for the Colonial Treasurer).

Native Office,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1869.

IT is hereby notified, that
T. W. PORTER,
of Poverty Bay, has been duly authorized to act as an Interpreter, under "The Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1867."

W. GISBORNE
(for the Native Minister).

Native Office,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1869.

IT is hereby notified, that
WILLIAM WEBSTER
has been duly authorized by the Chief Judge of the Native Lands Court to act as an Interpreter, under "The Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1867."

W. GISBORNE
(for the Native Minister).

Treasury,
Wellington, 3rd December, 1869.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

THOMAS SCOTT, Esq.,
to be a Receiver of Gold Revenue at Coromandel, in the Province of Auckland.

W. GISBORNE
(for the Colonial Treasurer).

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 30th November, 1869.

PURSUANT to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and intituled "The Marriage Act, 1854," the following names of Officiating Ministers, within the meaning of the said Act, are published for general information:—

United Church of England and Ireland.

The Rev. GEORGE T. N. WATKINS,
The Rev. WILLIAM DAVID RUSZ.

I, JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in New Zealand, do hereby certify that the foregoing NAMES of OFFICIATING MINISTERS, within the meaning of "The Marriage Act, 1854," have been sent in to me in addition to the names in Lists published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 4, of the 29th of January; No. 5, of the 8th of February; No. 15, of the 19th of March; No. 16, of the 25th of March; No. 18, of the 1st of April; No. 22, of the 17th of April; No. 23, of the 27th of April; No. 25, of the 13th of May; No. 31, of the 3rd of June; No. 32, of the 11th of June; No. 34, of the 26th of June; No. 37, of the 6th of July; No. 42, of the 6th of August; No. 55, of the 20th of September; No. 57, of the 22nd of September; No. 60, of the 16th of October, No. 68, of the 24th of November; and No. 69, of the 29th November, in the present year.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

JOHN B. BENNETT,
Registrar-General.

Telegraph Office,
Wellington, 7th December, 1869.

THE following List of Telegraph Stations in New Zealand is published for general information.

By Order of the Hon. the
Commissioner of Telegraphs,
C. LEMON,
General Manager.

LIST OF STATIONS.

Name of Station.	Hours of		Province in which situate.
	Opening.	Closing.	
Alexandra ...	9 a.m.	5 p.m.	Auckland.
Alexandra ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Auckland ...	9 "	5 "	Auckland.
Balclutha ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Bealey ...	9 "	5 "	Canterbury.
Blenheim ...	9 "	5 "	Marlborough.
Bluff ...	9 "	5 "	Southland.
Brighton ...	9 "	5 "	Westland.
Cambridge ...	9 "	5 "	Auckland.
Castle Point ...	9 "	5 "	Wellington.
Cheviot ...	9 "	5 "	Nelson.
Christchurch ...	8 "	8 "	Canterbury.
Charleston ...	9 "	5 "	Westland.
Clyde ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Cromwell ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Dunedin ...	8 "	8 "	Otago.
Featherston ...	9 "	5 "	Wellington.
Greymouth ...	9 "	5 "	Westland.
Greytown ...	9 "	5 "	Wellington.
Hokitika ...	9 "	5 "	Westland.
Hamilton ...	9 "	5 "	Auckland.
Havelock ...	9 "	5 "	Marlborough.
Invercargill ...	9 "	5 "	Southland.
Kaiapoi ...	9 "	5 "	Canterbury.
Kaikoura ...	9 "	5 "	Marlborough.
Lawrence ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Lyttelton ...	8 "	8 "	Canterbury.
Masterton ...	9 "	5 "	Wellington.
Mercer ...	9 "	5 "	Auckland.
Napier ...	8 "	8 "	Hawke's Bay.
Newcastle ...	9 "	5 "	Auckland.
Nelson ...	8 "	8 "	Nelson.
Oamaru ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Onehunga ...	9 "	5 "	Auckland.
Picton ...	9 "	5 "	Marlborough.
Port Chalmers ...	8 "	8 "	Otago.
Queenstown ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Roxburgh ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Selwyn ...	9 "	5 "	Canterbury.
Spit ...	9 "	5 "	Hawke's Bay.
Tokomairiro ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Timaru ...	9 "	5 "	Canterbury.
Temuka ...	9 "	5 "	Canterbury.
Wanganui ...	9 "	5 "	Wellington.
Waipukurau ...	9 "	5 "	Hawke's Bay.
Waipawa ...	9 "	5 "	Hawke's Bay.
Wellington ...	8 "	8 "	Wellington.
Govt. Buildings ...	10 "	4.30 p.m.	Wellington.
Waikouaiti ...	9 "	5 "	Otago.
Westport ...	9 "	5 "	Westland.
White's Bay ...	8 "	8 "	Marlborough.

N.B.—On Sundays, Public Holidays, and within each Province the Anniversary of such Province, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

IN the matter of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867," notice is hereby given that a transcript of the Bye-laws of

"The Loyal Waimea Lodge, No. 5515, of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Hokitika District,"

duly certified, has been lodged with the Registrar of Friendly Societies, registered and recorded in his office under the provisions of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867."

Dated the 2nd day of December, 1869.

ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD
(for the Registrar).

REPUBLISHED in pursuance of the Diseased Cattle Acts.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865" (section 4), the Governor may, by any Order in Council, from time to time annul, make void, or alter or vary and make anew, any Orders in Council, regulations, appointments, or prohibitory or other declarations made and published by the Governor under the authority of "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," or of this Act, or by the Superintendent of any Province, under or in pursuance of any power delegated to him under any of the powers of delegation contained in the said Act:

And whereas by section 5 of the said Amendment Act, "as to regulations, appointments, and prohibitory and other declarations made by Superintendents of Provinces, in pursuance of any powers delegated under the powers of delegation contained in the said Act or this Act, the power of annulling, making void, or altering or varying and making anew, any such regulations, appointments, or prohibitory or other declarations, vested in the Governor by this Act, may from time to time be delegated by the Governor in Council, by warrant under his hand, to the Superintendent of any Province:"

And whereas the said Governor hath, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, delegated to William Rolleston, Esquire, so long as he shall hold the office of Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, all the powers which by the said fifth section of the said Amendment Act the Governor in Council is authorized so to delegate:

Now therefore I, William Rolleston, the Superintendent as aforesaid, in pursuance of the powers so vested in me in that behalf, do hereby make the following Regulation, to take effect from and after the day following the date of publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette* :—

REGULATION.

If any person who shall have been served with a notice in accordance with the eleventh regulation contained in the Proclamation dated the 3rd day of February, 1869, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the 19th day of February, 1869, shall fail to comply with any Order issued in accordance with the Regulation contained in the Proclamation dated the 9th day of September, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the 20th day of September, 1869, he shall be liable to a penalty of fifty pounds for every head of cattle in his possession not killed within the period named in such Order.

Given under my hand at Christchurch, this twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by a regulation issued under the provisions of "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," and

"The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 20th of September, 1869, and assented to by His Excellency the Governor as notified in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 23rd of October, 1869, it is provided, that when any notice shall have been given by an Inspector under the Diseased Cattle Acts, in accordance with the eleventh regulation contained in the Proclamation dated the 3rd day of February, 1869, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the 19th day of February, 1869, to the occupier of any farm or run within any infected district upon which he shall be satisfied that there are infected cattle, or cattle which have mixed with cattle which are actually infected or suspected to be infected, if after the lapse of one month from the date of such notice any Inspector shall be satisfied that disease is likely again to recur upon the said farm or run, then the cattle may be declared by the Superintendent to be infected cattle, and he may order them to be slaughtered within a reasonable period:

And whereas on the 28th day of September, 1869, notice was given under the eleventh regulation aforesaid to the following persons occupying farms or runs within the infected district known as the Maori Reserve, that is to say, to

T. H. Harrison,	W. Moody,
R. Hicks,	G. Gibbs,
J. Stephens,	Henry Hinge,
D. O'Brien,	C. Ming:
L. Cox,	

And whereas I have received a certificate from an Inspector of Cattle, bearing date the 8th day of November, 1869, that he is fully satisfied that disease is likely again to recur within the said district:

Now therefore I, William Rolleston, Superintendent as aforesaid, in pursuance of the powers in me vested in that behalf, do hereby declare that the cattle now depasturing within the farms or runs within the said infected district, occupied by the above named persons, on whom the aforesaid notice was served upon the 28th day of September last, are infected cattle within the meaning of the first-named regulation; and I do hereby order the said cattle to be destroyed within six weeks from the day after the date of the publication of this Order in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Given under my hand at Christchurch, this twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

Office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies,
New Plymouth, 24th November, 1869.

I, ROBERT CHISENHALL HAMMERTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for the Province of Taranaki, do hereby notify that I have registered a Memorandum of Association, with Articles of Association annexed, establishing a Company, with limited liability of the Shareholders therein, intituled

"The Cape Egmont Flax-Dressing Company,
Limited,"

the objects of which are the preparation and sale of the fibre of the *Phormium tenax* or New Zealand Flax:

And that, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Joint Stock Companies Act, 1860," I have issued a Certificate of Incorporation of the said Company, bearing date the 16th November, 1869.

R. C. HAMMERTON,
Registrar.

Office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies,
New Plymouth, 24th November, 1869.

I, ROBERT CHISENHALL HAMMERTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for the
Province of Taranaki, do hereby notify that I have
Registered a Memorandum of Association, with
Articles of Association annexed, establishing a Com-
pany with limited liability of the Shareholders
therein, intituled

“The Oponake Flax Company, Limited,”
the objects of which are the dressing and cultiva-
tion of Flax, trading with the Natives, renting or
purchasing Lands in the Province of Taranaki; and
doing all such other things as are incidental or con-
ducive to the attainment of the above objects:

And that, in pursuance of the provisions of “The
Joint Stock Companies Act, 1860,” I have issued a
Certificate of Incorporation of the said Company,
bearing date the 22nd November, 1869.

R. C. HAMMERTON,
Registrar.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice
is hereby given, that the Partnership business
for some time past carried on by us the undersigned
Augustus Septimus Braithwaite and Richard Ram-
sey Morton, as Iron Merchants and Importers, in
the Provinces of Nelson and Canterbury, in New
Zealand, under the style or firm of “Braithwaite and
Morton,” was on this thirtieth day of June, 1869,
dissolved by mutual consent, and the business will
henceforth be carried on by the same Richard
Ramsey Morton alone, and in his name.

The said Richard Ramsey Morton will discharge
all debts due by the said firm, and is authorized
to receive all debts due to the same.

Dated this thirtieth day of June, 1869.

A. S. BRAITHWAITE,
R. RAMSEY MORTON.

Witness—Albert Pitt, Solicitor, Nelson. 427

**NOTICE UNDER “THE PATENTS ACT,
1860.”**—Notice is hereby given, that we,
Ebenezer Gibbons, Thomas Gibbons, and Robert
Pierce Gibbons, all of Onehunga, in the Province
of Auckland, and Colony of New Zealand, Timber
Merchants, have applied to His Excellency the
Governor to grant to us Letters Patent, pursuant to
the provisions of “The Patents Act, 1860,” for
the exclusive use of Improvements invented by us,
and adapted to a Machine to be applied to the
purpose of cleaning New Zealand Flax or *Phormium
tenax*, and all other fibrous Plants indigenous to New
Zealand, by separating the fibre from the gum and
other vegetable matter of the leaf, and rendering the
same fit for manufacture into rope, and for all
purposes for which hemp is ordinarily used. And
notice is hereby given, that any person who may
wish to prefer any objection to the granting of such
Letters Patent is hereby required, within four
calendar months from the publication of this notice,
to send to the office of John Boyle Bennett, Esquire,
the officer appointed to receive the same, a statement
in writing setting forth clearly the grounds of such
objection, and subscribed with his proper name
and address.

Dated at Auckland, this 23rd day of November,
1869.

E. GIBBONS AND Co.

STATUTES 1869.—Bound copies of the Statutes
for 1869 can now be procured from the under-
signed, at the following prices:—

	£	s.	d.
Half-bound calf, cloth sides ...	1	10	0
Cloth backs, paper sides ...	1	5	0

GEO. DIDSBURY,
Government Printer.

Government Printing Office,
Wellington, 14th October, 1869.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of
W. R. E. BROWN, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of October,
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.
	Samuel McKenny	Wanganui...	Not known	None required ...	Under £10	9th Sep., 1869	Fell overboard from a steamer when leaving Opara, and was drowned.
	James Smith ...	Wellington	New Fish- bourne, Sussex, England	None required ...	Under £40	10th Nov., 1868	

Dated the 4th day of December, 1869.

W. R. E. BROWN,
Curator.

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W. R. E. BROWN, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of November,
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.
	James McNamara	Manawatu...	Not known	None required ...	Under £25	20th Sep., 1869	Was drowned off Hokitika Bar; his vessel capsized.
	John Gifford ...	Wellington	Not known	None required ...	Under £40	8th Sep., 1869	
	Colin Kirkpatrick	Wellington	Island of Mull, Scot- land	30th Nov., 1869 ...	Under £115	13th Feb., 1869	Was drowned in Pal- liser Bay when the St. Vincent was wrecked.
	Robert Johnston...	Wellington	Not known	None required ...	Under £12	30th Oct., 1869	

Dated the 4th day of December, 1869.

W. R. E. BROWN,
Curator.

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

STATIONS.	BAROMETER. Corrected and Reduced to Sea Level.		TEMPERATURE FROM SELF-REGISTERING INSTRUMENTS, READ IN MORNING FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PREVIOUSLY.					COMPUTED FROM OBSERVATIONS.		RAIN.		WIND.		CLOUD. Mean Amount for Month (0 to 10).
	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. (Satur- ation =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.	
MONGONUI ...	30.070	1.085	58.1	12.2	30.0	...	...	.421	87	2.760	16	222	542, 14th	6.2
Same month previous 4 years	29.876	...	58.6	...	...	...	...	.413	76	3.932	17	...	...	...
AUCKLAND ...	30.048	1.133	56.8	13.5	33.0	126.2	23.7	.391	84	2.959	15	290	487, 14th	5.7
Same month previous 5 years	29.817	...	58.7	...	...	...	...	.374	74	3.143	18	...	...	...
TARANAKI ...	29.988	1.193	55.0	13.8	31.5	151.0	...	.304	70	5.630	18	265	520, 18th	7.2
Same month previous 5 years	29.826	...	55.5	...	...	...	...	.373	74	6.040	18	...	...	...
NAPIER *	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Same month previous 3 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
WELLINGTON ...	29.985	1.197	53.9	11.1	29.7	130.0	34.0	.335	80	11.150	16	298	960, 22nd	6.0
Same month previous 5 years	29.781	...	54.2	...	...	...	...	.293	68	3.648	12	...	...	...
NELSON ...	29.932	1.313	54.7	21.4	41.0	117.0	...	.327	77	8.950	9	133	254, 26th	5.6
Same month previous 5 years	29.866	...	54.7	...	...	...	...	.367	72	3.632	9	...	...	...
CHRISTCHURCH ...	29.914	1.012	53.1	18.9	50.2	146.7	16.6	.298	74	3.831	11	139	283, 26th	5.0
Same month previous 5 years	29.716	...	53.1	...	...	...	...	.314	70	1.775	11	...	...	...
HOKITIKA ...	29.977	1.311	52.3	12.4	33.5	81.6	...	.324	82	8.950	18	244	518, 13th	7.0
Same month previous 3 years	29.781	...	51.2	...	...	...	...	.370	91	14.876	23	...	...	...
BEALEY † ...	29.792	.914	45.4	15.6	40.6	130.0	10.5	.230	79	15.471	19	103	581, 26th	5.6
Same month previous year	29.657	...	46.0	...	...	...	...	.235	77	14.028	24	...	...	...
DUNEDIN ...	29.925	1.075	51.4	16.8	42.0	140.0	22.0	.274	72	1.923	16	107	400, 23rd	5.0
Same month previous 5 years	29.764	...	49.9	...	...	...	...	.258	68	1.741	17	...	...	...
SOUTHLAND ...	29.834	1.087	50.7	19.8	46.0	...	16.0	.283	78	2.780	10	263	520, 23rd	5.5
Same month previous 4 years	29.594	...	49.8	...	...	...	...	.246	69	4.355	18	...	...	...
TAITA, the Hutt, Wel- lington ‡	29.926	1.260	56.1	19.8	53.3	...	...	.328	72	15.960	20	...	...	6.8

* No Returns.

† Altitude, 2,104 feet above sea-level.

‡ New station in the Hutt Valley, seventy feet above sea-level. Observer, W. W. Mantell.

NOTES.

- Mongonui*.—Gale commenced on 12th and continued until 14th, with thunder and lightning; hail on 17th; very dry fine weather during month. Prevailing wind N.W.
- Auckland*.—Excepting from 23rd to 26th, when it was showery from N.N.W., the weather was very pleasant, with moderate wind, which prevailed from the North.
- Taranaki*.—Stormy from 16th to 18th from S.E., but little rain; although there was some heavy rain during the month, at times the weather was very pleasant. Fog on 24th and 25th. Prevailing wind N.
- Wellington*.—Weather fine up to 11th; on 12th wet weather set in from N.W., but wind changed to S.E. on 13th and continued from that quarter until 17th, with very heavy rain and strong cold wind, accompanied with hail at times. After three days of fine weather strong winds set in from N.W. on 21st, and continued up to the 29th; the rain during this period was almost incessant, and the wind at times very strong. 3.200 inches recorded on 30th for previous 24 hours. On the 30th the wind shifted to S.E. and brought fine weather. Twenty days of N.W. wind.
- Nelson*.—Heavy rain from 11th to 14th, with wind from N. and N.E., which was moderate. Very heavy rainfalls again recorded on 25th, 26th, and 29th, with wind from same quarter, and squally at times. The rainfall was far above the average for same month in previous years. Prevailing wind N.E.
- Christchurch*.—The weather was windy from 23rd up to 28th, from N.E. and N.W., but no rain; hail on 16th; very wet weather from 12th to 17th from S.E. and S.W., wind moderate; pleasant in early part of month. Prevailing wind E.
- Hokitika*.—Strong N.E. wind on 10th, and on 13th from S.E. with rain; on 24th and 25th it blew hard from N.E., with rain and thunder on 24th. On 26th stormy from N.W., with heavy rain; the total rainfall was considerably below the average, and otherwise the weather was pleasant. Prevailing wind, N.W.
- Bealey*.—Stormy on 25th from N.W., with thunder and heavy rain, also strong wind on 26th same quarter; from 11th to 17th rain continued, wind from N.W. and S.W., and moderate; snow on 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 28th; hail on 14th and 15th. Very heavy rain and severe weather during the month. Prevailing wind N.W.
- Dunedin*.—Weather at this station was unusually fine, with little rain and light winds; snow on 14th and 15th; fog on 8th and 20th. Prevailing wind S.E.
- Southland*.—Fine dry weather during the month, but cold; on 2nd strong N.W. wind, with rain. On 22nd and 23rd stormy from N., but no rain; hail on 15th from S.E.; there was a hard frost on 17th, with wind from E. An earthquake occurred on 11th at 1.30 a.m., a sharp shock from S. to N. Prevailing wind from N.W.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Month characterized by a heavy gale from S.E. of unusual severity and persistence, accompanied by electrical disturbances, low temperature and heavy rainfall, especially in the Wellington district. Towards the end of the month northerly gales occurred, with heavy rainfall and high temperature. The alternation of climate has been very great, without any very extreme fluctuation in the atmospheric pressure.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.