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G. F. BOWEN, Governor.
 A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the thirty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for amending the Law relating to the Coasting Trade and Merchant Shipping in the British Possessions" (a copy of which is hereunto annexed), it is amongst other things enacted, that the said Act shall be proclaimed in every British Possession by the Governor thereof, as soon as may be after he receives notice of the said Act, and shall come into operation in that British Possession on the day of such Proclamation:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G., the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power vested in me by the said Act, do hereby proclaim the said Act.

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 Auckland; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. GISBORNE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

CHAP. XI.

An Act for amending the Law relating to the Coasting Trade and Merchant Shipping in British Possessions.

[13th May, 1861.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preliminary.
 Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Act, 1869."

Definition of Terms.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The term "British Possession" means any territory or place situate within Her Majesty's Dominions, and not forming part of the United Kingdom, or of the Channel Islands, or Isle of Man; and all territories and places under one Legislature as hereinafter defined, are deemed to be one British Possession for the purposes of this Act:

The term "Legislature" includes any person or persons who exercise legislative authority in the British Possession; and where there are local Legislatures as well as a central Legislature, means the central Legislature only.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall be proclaimed in every British Possession by the Governor thereof, as soon as may be after he receives notice of this Act, and shall come into operation in that British Possession on the day of such Proclamation, which day is hereinafter referred to as the commencement of this Act.

Coasting Trade.

Regulation of Coasting Trade by Colonial Legislature.

4. After the commencement of this Act the Legislature of a British Possession, by any Act or Ordinance, from time to time, may regulate the coasting trade of that British Possession, subject in every case to the following conditions:—

(1.) The Act or Ordinance shall contain a suspending clause, providing that such Act or Ordinance shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's pleasure thereon has been publicly signified in the British Possession in which it has been passed.

(2.) The Act or Ordinance shall treat all British ships (including the ships of any British Possession,) in exactly the same manner as

ships of the British Possession in which it is made.

- (3.) Where by treaty made before the passing of this Act Her Majesty has agreed to grant to any ships of any foreign State any rights or privileges in respect of the coasting trade of any British Possession, such rights and privileges shall be enjoyed by such ships for so long as Her Majesty has already agreed or may hereafter agree to grant the same, anything in the Act or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sections 328 and 163 of 16 and 17 Vict. c. 107, repealed.

5. The following sections of "The Customs Consolidation Act, 1853," are hereby repealed; namely, Section three hundred and twenty-eight as from the commencement of this Act; Section one hundred and sixty-three as from the date in the case of each British Possession at which either an Act or Ordinance with respect to the coasting trade made within two years after the commencement of this Act in such British Possession comes into operation, or if there is no such Act or Ordinance, at which the said two years expire.

Merchant Shipping.

Registrars of British Ships in British Possessions.

6. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time to declare, with respect to the British Possession mentioned in the Order, the description of persons who are to be Registrars of British ships in that British Possession, and to revoke any order so made.

After the date specified in the Order, or, if no date is specified, after the date of the proclamation of the Order in the British Possession, the Order shall have effect as if it were contained in section thirty of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

Application of Merchant Shipping Acts to Canada.

7. In the construction of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and of the Acts amending the same, Canada shall be deemed to be one British Possession.

Colonial Certificates to Master, Mates, and Engineers.

8. Where the Legislature of any British Possession provides for the examination of, and grant of certificates of competency to, persons intending to act as masters, mates, or engineers on board British ships, and the Board of Trade reports to Her Majesty that they are satisfied that the examinations are so conducted as to be equally efficient as the examinations for the same purpose in the United Kingdom under the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping, and that the certificates are granted on such principles as to show the like qualifications and competency as those granted under the said Acts, and are liable to be forfeited for the like reasons and in the like manner, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council,

- (1.) To declare that the said certificates shall be of the same force as if they had been granted under the said Acts;
- (2.) To declare that all or any of the provisions of the said Acts which relate to certificates of competency granted under those Acts shall apply to the certificates referred to in the said Order;
- (3.) To impose such conditions and to make such regulations with respect to the said certificates, and to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension thereof, as to Her Majesty may seem fit, and to impose penalties not exceeding fifty pounds for the breach of such conditions and regulations.

Upon the publication in the London *Gazette* of any such Order in Council as last aforesaid, the pro-

visions therein contained shall, from a date to be mentioned for the purpose in such Order, take effect as if they had been contained in this Act.

It shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to revoke any Order made under this section.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The District Courts Jurisdiction Extension Act, 1866," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, to bring into operation with respect to any District Court, from and after a day to be named in such Proclamation, either the whole of the said Act or such sections thereof as to him may seem fit:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority vested in me for this purpose, do hereby proclaim and declare that on the first day of June next, the said "District Courts Jurisdiction Extension Act, 1866," shall come into operation with respect to

The District Court of the Otago Gold Fields.

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, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. GISBORNE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Public Payments without Probate Act, 1869," it is enacted that, on the death of any person to whom any sum of money not exceeding fifty pounds may be due by a Public Department, it shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer, on being satisfied of the expediency of dispensing with probate or letters of administration, to authorize the payment of such sum, or any part or parts thereof, to any person or persons whom the Colonial Treasurer may consider entitled thereto, without requiring the production of probate or of letters of administration under such regulations as shall be made by the Governor in Council under the said Act:

And by the said Act it is further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to make, alter, and revoke such regulations as to him shall seem fit, providing for the terms and conditions under which such payments as aforesaid may be made:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the power and authority given to me by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, do hereby make the Regulations hereinafter set forth, providing for

the terms and conditions under which such payments as aforesaid may be made.

1. In these regulations the term "Colonial Treasurer" shall include the Minister for the time being acting for the Colonial Treasurer. Words in the singular number shall include the plural. "Legal representative" shall mean executor or administrator in New Zealand, or Curator of Intestate Estates acting under an order of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, or undertaking the administration of an estate without any order in pursuance of "The Intestate Estates Act, 1865."

2. Every person desirous of obtaining payment of any sum not exceeding fifty pounds due from any Public Department to any person deceased, shall make a written application to the Colonial Treasurer, stating the circumstances which render it expedient that payment should be made to the applicant, and not to a legal representative of the deceased.

3. Such applicant, and every other person who shall apply for payment of any such sum, shall furnish such evidence of the death of the deceased; of the state of his or her family; of the fact of intestacy, or of the contents of any will; and of all other facts as to which the Colonial Treasurer may make inquiry, to such person, and in such manner, as the Colonial Treasurer shall in each case require; but the Colonial Treasurer may, if he think fit, act upon evidence obtained from persons other than the applicant.

4. When any application has been received, the Colonial Treasurer, if he thinks fit to proceed under the said Act, shall, either before or after any required evidence has been furnished, publish a notice in the *New Zealand Gazette*, stating the name of the deceased, with such description as can be procured, and the intention of the Colonial Treasurer to make a payment of money due to the deceased to some person not being his or her legal representative, and calling upon all persons objecting thereto to give notice to the Colonial Treasurer of their objection within one calendar month from the publication of the *Gazette* containing such notice; but it shall not be necessary to state in such published notice the name of any person to whom it is proposed to make any payment.

5. After the expiration of the said period of one calendar month the Colonial Treasurer may pay, or cause to be paid, such sum, or any part thereof, to any person whom he may consider entitled thereto, whether the original applicant or not; or he may distribute such sum, or any part thereof, among any two or more of such applicants, unless objection shall be made as required by the published notice, and such objection appear to the Colonial Treasurer a reasonable one.

6. If any legal representative of the deceased shall object to any payment being made, or give notice that he is such legal representative, and produce sufficient evidence in proof thereof, no payment shall be made except to him.

7. The Colonial Treasurer may require from any person to whom money is to be paid under the said Act, such security as he shall think fit for the payment of such money to the legal representative of the deceased when appointed, and for applying such money in any specified manner, and for indemnifying the Colonial Treasurer and Her Majesty the Queen, and the Revenues of the Colony, in respect of such payment or for any of such purposes.

8. These regulations shall apply to payments to be made by the Government of any Province or County in New Zealand, and in relation to such payments these regulations shall be read as if the words "Provincial Treasurer," or "County Treasurer," as the case may be, had been substituted for the words

"Colonial Treasurer," wherever they occur therein; and as if the interpretation of the term "Colonial Treasurer" in the first clause had been omitted, and the security which may be required in the case of payments made by a Provincial Treasurer or County Treasurer, may be to indemnify the Revenues of the Province and the Superintendent thereof, or the Revenues of the County and the governing body and the inhabitants thereof, as well as or instead of all or any of the purposes mentioned in the last preceding regulation.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the one hundred and eighty-eighth section of "The Lunatics Act, 1868," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may from time to time make such regulations as to him shall seem meet for carrying into effect the purposes of the said Act in all respects other than as provided for by the one hundred and eighty-seventh section, and for regulating the form and mode of proceeding in all cases other than as aforesaid under the said Act, and for prescribing the administrative duties of the Registrar in connection with the management of the estates of lunatics and lunatic patients, and for the due protection, care, and management of the persons and estates of lunatic patients, and for defraying the general charges incident to the administration of the estates of lunatics and lunatic patients, and such regulations may from time to time rescind or vary, and substitute others or another in lieu of them or any of them:

And whereas by the one hundred and sixth section of the said Act it is enacted that the Registrar shall, at the times and in manner directed by the regulations in the said Act mentioned, certify what is the amount of the percentage payable under the one hundred and fifth section in respect of the estates of all or of any lunatics and lunatic patients, and who is the committee or other person who is to pay the same; and thereupon the Registrar, committee, or other person as aforesaid, shall pay the same, and payment thereof may and shall be enforced by the Court on the application of the Registrar:

And whereas by the one hundred and fiftieth section of the said Act it is enacted that the Registrar shall from time to time pay into the Public Account, to the credit of the Public Trust Fund, all the surplus moneys, proceeds, and income belonging to the estate of all lunatic patients not applied or disposed of under the said Act, or any such order, or the said regulations, and all or any part of such moneys standing to the credit of any such estate in the Public Trust Fund may and shall be paid from time to time, and at any time before the expiration of the six years thereafter mentioned, upon the order of the Supreme Court, to the patient or to any other person authorized by such order to receive the same:

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made under the powers in the said Act contained:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, doth by this present Order revoke all other Regulations made under the said Act, and doth make the Regulations following, that is to say:—

Regulations affecting Registrars of Supreme Court in Lunacy matters.

1. The percentage authorized to be charged on moneys collected by or coming under the control of the Registrar for or on behalf of any lunatic patient or his estate, shall be according to the rates following:—

Class I.—On proceeds of sales made by the Registrar, moneys in bank or on deposit in bank or otherwise, or in personal possession of lunatic, mortgage moneys (except interest), debts due to lunatic (except such as are specially provided for)—

On the first two hundred pounds received, no percentage shall be charged.

After the first two hundred pounds collected, and up to two thousand pounds, at the rate of five per cent.

After the first two thousand pounds, and up to five thousand pounds, four per cent.

After the first five thousand pounds, three per cent.

Class II.—On clear annual income from rents, interest on mortgages, income from investments in Government Securities, shares in Joint Stock Companies, or similar investments—

The rate of six per centum for each clear annual income amounting to fifty pounds and not amounting to one thousand pounds.

The rate of five per centum for each clear annual income amounting to one thousand pounds and not amounting to three thousand pounds.

The rate of four per centum for each clear annual income amounting to three thousand pounds or upwards.

2. The Registrar shall, on the first day of every month, unless such day be a Sunday, and then on the following Monday, certify under his hand, in the form marked A, in the Schedule hereto, to the Colonial Treasurer, the several amounts payable by himself as Registrar, and the several amounts payable by each committee appointed in his Judicial District, to the Consolidated Fund, as percentages under the one hundred and fifth section of the said Act, in respect of moneys belonging to lunatics collected by, paid to, or coming under the control of such Registrar and committee during the month preceding, and shall forthwith transmit such certificate to the Colonial Treasurer.

3. Whenever under the one hundred and ninth section of the said Act, any order shall be made by the Supreme Court, or any Judge thereof, exempting any estate from payment of percentages, the Registrar shall forthwith transmit a copy of such order to the Colonial Treasurer.

4. Every Registrar shall each day, immediately before the close of the Bank, pay into the Branch of the Bank of New Zealand at the town at which his office is, or into such other Bank as the Governor shall from time to time appoint, all the money in his possession which he shall have received by virtue of his office for or on behalf of any lunatic patient, or his estate, to an account to be called "The Lunatics' Estates Trust Account of the Registrar of the Supreme Court" (specifying the name of the Judicial District); and if he receive any such money after the hours at which the Bank closes, he shall pay it into the Bank with his receipt on the following day.

5. Moneys shall be withdrawn from every such account only by cheque signed by such Registrar or his successor in office, countersigned by the Auditor appointed to audit his accounts.

6. Every Registrar shall keep a separate debtor and creditor account of each estate, showing all moneys received by him under the said Act for or on behalf of any lunatic patient or his estate, and how the same may have been disbursed or dealt with, in a book to be entitled, "Lunatics' Estates Account for the Judicial District of" (specifying it); and he shall, within three days after the close of each month, send to the Auditor appointed to audit his accounts separate accounts of the receipt and expenditure of all such moneys as shall have been received by him for or on behalf of each lunatic patient or his estate during such month, together with duplicate receipts of all moneys paid by him, and certificates from the Bank of the balance standing to the credit of the said Trust Account.

7. Every Auditor appointed under the provisions of the said Act to audit Registrars' accounts shall require that all accounts which it shall be his duty to audit shall be transmitted to him with regularity and despatch; and he shall audit the same; and if he shall find any error in any of the said accounts, he shall call upon the Registrar forthwith to explain the same; and if such Registrar shall fail or delay to make such explanation to his satisfaction, such Auditor shall forthwith notify the same to the Colonial Secretary.

8. Every Registrar of the Supreme Court shall, on the third Wednesday in the months of March, June, September, and December, in every year, after the deduction of such moneys as may be retained or expended by such Registrar under the powers by law vested in him, pay or transfer all surplus moneys in his hands on account of any lunatic patient, or his estate, or standing to the credit of any such account as aforesaid, into the Public Account; and the same shall be placed by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Public Trust Fund, and be there kept as a separate account.

SCHEDULE.

A.

To the Colonial Treasurer.

In the Judicial District of (specifying it).
The Estate of (naming him in full), a lunatic.
I HEREBY certify that the sum of is payable to the Consolidated Fund, as percentages on the estate of the above-named lunatic, in respect of money collected by or coming under the control of as Registrar (or Committee, as the case may be), during the month ending the day of

Dated day of 187 .
Registrar of Supreme Court.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time delegate to the Superintendent of any Province within the Colony all or any of the powers vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council by the said Act, subject to such regulations as he may think fit: And whereas by the fourth section of "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," it is enacted that 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 "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," or by the Superintendent of any Province under or in pursuance of any powers delegated under the powers of delegation contained in "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," or "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865." And whereas by the fifth section of "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," it is enacted that the power of annulling, making void, or allowing or varying and making anew, any such regulations, appointments, or prohibitory or other declarations vested in the Governor by "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," may from time to time be delegated by the Governor in Council, by Warrant under his hand, to the Superintendent of any Province:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, do hereby delegate to

WILLIAM ROLLESTON, Esq.,

the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, within the said Province, so long as he shall remain Superintendent of the Province, the several powers vested in the Governor, or the Governor in Council, by the second, fourth, fifth, seventh, ninth, and tenth sections of "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," aforesaid, and all the powers which by the fifth section of "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," the Governor in Council is authorized so to delegate, subject to be rescinded as in the said Acts provided, and subject to the regulations contained in an Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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 Auckland, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Approved in Council.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,

Private Secretary

(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, under his hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, from time to time to delegate to the Superintendent of any Province, or such other person as the Governor may deem fit, all or any of the powers vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council by the Act now in recital, except the powers conferred by sections twenty-two, forty, forty-eight, sixty, ninety-six, and one hundred and seven of the said Act, subject or not to any limitations or restrictions as he may think fit, and in like manner to alter or revoke any such powers: And whereas by "The Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," certain alterations in the said first-recited Act were made, and certain additional powers were given to the Governor and to the Governor in

Council, and it was by the said Act now in recital enacted that the said "Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," should be read and construed in connection with and as part of the said "Gold Fields Act, 1866."

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in exercise of the power and authority for this purpose in me vested, do hereby delegate unto

WILLIAM ROLLESTON, Esq.,

as Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, all the powers vested in the Governor and the Governor in Council under "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," and "The Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," except the powers conferred by sections twenty-two, forty, forty-eight, sixty, ninety-six, and one hundred and seven, of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," to have hold and exercise within the said Province the said powers hereby given to the said Superintendent, so long as he shall continue and remain Superintendent of the said Province, and no longer: Provided always that copies of all rules and regulations made under the said delegation shall be forthwith transmitted to the Colonial Secretary, in order that the same may be laid before the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the one hundred and tenth clause of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866."

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, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary

(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Protection of Animals Act, 1867," it is enacted that the Governor may, by Order in Council published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, delegate to the Superintendent of any Province all or any of the powers by the said Act vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council, subject to such regulations as he may think fit, and may from time to time rescind such delegation:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby delegate unto

WILLIAM ROLLESTON, Esq.,

Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, so long as he shall continue and remain Superintendent of the said Province, all the powers vested by the said Act in the Governor or the Governor in Council, to be exercised only in respect of the said Province.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary

(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Lunatics Act, 1868," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, to order and direct that all or any of the powers, functions, duties, and authorities vested in or required to be performed by the Governor, or the Governor in Council, or the Colonial Secretary, by the said Act, within any Province or other District of the Colony, shall be exercised or performed by the Superintendent of any such Province, or by any other person the Governor may think fit; and thereupon such functions, powers, duties, and authorities, may, by such Superintendent or other person, be exercised or performed within the Province or other District of the Colony specified:

Now therefore, His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority for that purpose vested in him, doth hereby order and direct that all the powers, functions, duties, and authorities vested in or required to be performed by the Governor, or the Governor in Council, or the Colonial Secretary, by "The Lunatics Act, 1868," within the Province of Canterbury, shall be exercised by the Superintendent of such Province.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time delegate to the Superintendent of any Province within the Colony all or any of the powers vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council by the said Act, subject to such regulations as he may think fit: And whereas by the fourth section of "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," it is enacted that 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 "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," or by the Superintendent of any Province under or in pursuance of any powers delegated under the powers of delegation contained in "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," or "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865:" And whereas by the fifth section of "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," it is enacted that the power of annulling, making void, or allowing or varying and making anew, any such regulations, appointments, or prohibitory or other declarations vested in the Governor by "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," may from time to time be delegated by the Governor in Council, by Warrant under his hand, to the Superintendent of any Province:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, do hereby delegate to

ARTHUR PENROSE SEYMOUR, Esq.,

the Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough, within the said Province, so long as he shall remain Superintendent of the Province, the several powers vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council by the second, fourth, fifth, seventh, ninth, and tenth sections of "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," aforesaid, and all the powers which by the fifth section of "The Diseased Cattle Act Amendment Act, 1865," the Governor in Council is authorized so to delegate, subject to be rescinded as in the said Acts provided, and subject to the regulations contained in an Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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 Auckland, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Approved in Council.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, under his hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, from time to time to delegate to the Superintendent of any Province, or such other person as the Governor may deem fit, all or any of the powers vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council by the Act now in recital, except the powers conferred by sections twenty-two, forty, forty-eight, sixty, ninety-six, and one hundred and seven of the said Act, subject or not to any limitations or restrictions as he may think fit, and in like manner to alter or revoke any such powers: And whereas by "The Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," certain alterations in the said first-recited Act were made, and certain additional powers were given to the Governor and to the Governor in Council, and it was by the said Act now in recital enacted that the said "Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," should be read and construed in connection with and as part of the said "Gold Fields Act, 1866:"

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in exercise of the power and authority for this purpose in me vested, do hereby delegate unto

ARTHUR PENROSE SEYMOUR, Esq.,

as Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough, all the powers vested in the Governor and the Governor in Council under "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," and "The Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," except the powers conferred by sections twenty-two, forty, forty-eight, sixty, ninety-six, and one hundred and seven, of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," to have, hold, and exercise within the said Province the said powers hereby given to the said

Superintendent, so long as he shall continue and remain Superintendent of the said Province and no longer: Provided always that copies of all rules and regulations made under the said delegation shall be forthwith transmitted to the Colonial Secretary, in order that the same may be laid before the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the one hundred and tenth clause of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866."

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, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

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

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Protection of Animals Act 1867," it is enacted that the Governor may, by Order in Council published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, delegate to the Superintendent of any Province all or any of the powers by the said Act vested in the Governor or the Governor in Council, subject to such regulations as he may think fit, and may from time to time rescind such delegation:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby delegate unto

ARTHUR PENROSE SEYMOUR, Esq.,

Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough, so long as he shall continue and remain Superintendent of the said Province, all the powers vested by the said Act in the Governor or the Governor in Council, to be exercised only in respect of the said Province.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

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

At the Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Lunatics Act, 1868," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, to order and direct that all or any of the powers, functions, duties, and authorities vested in or required to be performed by the Governor, or the Governor in Council, or the Colonial Secretary, by the said Act, within any Province or other District of the Colony, shall be exercised or performed by the Superintendent of any such Province, or by any other person the Governor may think fit; and thereupon such functions, powers, duties, and authorities may, by such Superintendent or other person, be exercised or performed within the Province or other District of the Colony specified:

Now therefore, His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority for that purpose vested in him, doth hereby order and direct that all the powers, functions, duties, and authorities vested in or required to be performed by the Governor, or the Governor in Council, or the Colonial Secretary, by "The Lunatics Act, 1868," within the Province of Marlborough, shall be exercised by the Superintendent of such Province.

HENRY D. PITT, Capt., R.A.,
Private Secretary
(for Clerk of the Executive Council).

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

IT is hereby notified, that the Governor has delegated to their Honors the Superintendents of the Provinces of Marlborough and Canterbury, within those Provinces, His Excellency's powers under "The Prisoners' Removal Act, 1865."

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to delegate, under "The Waste Lands Act, 1858," to the Superintendents of the Provinces of Marlborough and Canterbury, within those Provinces, the powers vested in the Governor by Section 14 of the said Act, subject to be rescinded as in the said Act provided.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has, in Her Majesty's name, summoned

ROBERT CAMPBELL, Esq.,
of Otekaike Station, in the Province of Otago;

THOMAS FRAZER, Esq.,
of Inglewood, Dunedin, in the Province of Otago;

MORGAN STANISLAUS GRACE, Esq.,
of Wellington, in the Province of Wellington;

GEORGE MARSDEN WATERHOUSE, Esq.,
of Huangoroa, Wairarapa, in the Province of Wellington;

THOMAS HENRY WIGLEY, Esq.,
of Balmoral Downs, Amuri, in the Province of Nelson; and

JAMES WILLIAMSON, Esq.,
of Remuera, in the Province of Auckland; to the Legislative Council of New Zealand, by Writs of Summons under the Seal of the Colony.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

THE following Ordinances, passed by the Provincial Council, and assented to by the Superintendent of the Province of Taranaki, intituled

"Government Offices and Contracts Ordinance, 1869;"

"Sale of Liquors Amendment Ordinance, 1869;"

"Appropriation Ordinance, 1869-70;"

"Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, 1869-70;"

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

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

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

"The Dunedin Reserves Management Ordinance, 1869,"

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

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 14th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant Letters Patent, under "The Patents Act, 1860," dated the 13th day of May, 1870, in favour of

DECIMUS ATKINSON,

of Fitzroy District, in the Province of Taranaki, Gentleman, for an Invention of "A Method of Smelting the Iron Sand of New Zealand into Iron or Steel by one process."

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 14th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant Letters Patent under "The Patents Act, 1860," dated the 13th day of May, 1870, in favour of

EDWARD MAINWARING JOHNSON,

of Christchurch, in the Province of Canterbury, Gentleman, for an Invention of "divers Improvements in Machinery for Gold-saving purposes."

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch),
Wellington, 14th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ARTHUR SHUCKBURGH COLLINS, Esq.,
of Wakapuaka, Nelson, and

ALEXANDER SCLANDERS, Esq.,
of Nelson, to be Justices of the Peace for the Colony.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch),
Wellington, 16th May, 1870.

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

ALFRED NEWMAN, Esq.,
of Waipukurau, of his appointment as a Justice of the Peace for the Colony.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Judicial Branch),
Wellington, 14th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES BUTLER STONEY
to be Clerk at Shortland of the Resident Magistrate's Court for the Resident Magistrate's District of Hauraki, *vice* J. C. Young.

W. GISBORNE.

Treasury,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

BORTHWICK ROBERT BAIRD, Esq.,
to be a Receiver of Gold Revenue at Cromwell, in the Province of Otago.

W. GISBORNE.

Treasury,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD FAWCONER TIZARD, Esq.,
to be a Receiver of Gold Revenue at Okarito, in the County of Westland, *vice* Mathew Price, Esq., resigned.

W. GISBORNE.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

LEONARD BOOR, Esq.,
to be Medical Referee under "The Government Annuities Act, 1869," for the District of Wairarapa.

W. GISBORNE
(for the Postmaster-General).

General Post Office,
Wellington, 14th May, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned Post Office to be a Money Order and Savings Bank Office, for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business, from 1st proximo, viz. :—

WAIKAWA,

Province of Hawke's Bay.

By order.

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT,
Secretary.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

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

In the New Zealand Militia.

Ensign Andrew Middlemas to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 24th March, 1870.

In the Wellington Militia.

Joseph Payton to be Ensign. Date of commission, 16th April, 1870.

In the 2nd (Hutt) Battalion, Wellington Militia.

Ensign Stephen Smith to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 12th May, 1864.

In the Royal Company, Rangitikei Rifle Volunteers.

John Scott to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 26th March, 1870.

In the No. 1 Company, Westland Rifle Volunteers.

William Edward Connell Osborne to be Ensign. Date of commission, 24th March, 1870.

W. GISBORNE
(in the absence of Mr. McLean).

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

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

Captain F. J. Blundell, Waimea Company, Nelson Rifle Volunteers.

Captain R. K. Parkerson, Temuka Company, Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.
 Honorary Captain A. Braithwaite, Hutt Volunteer Cadet Corps.
 Lieutenant R. J. Barton, 2nd (Hutt) Battalion Wellington Militia.
 Lieutenant D. Guy, Picton Company, Marlborough Rangers Volunteers.
 Lieutenant H. Harroway, North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers.
 Ensign John Cunningham, North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers.
 Ensign W. Fisher, No. 1 Company, Westland Rifle Volunteers.

W. GISBORNE
 (in the absence of Mr. McLean).

Colonial Defence Office,
 Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the services of

The Wai-nui-o-mata Rifle Volunteers. Date of acceptance, 23rd March, 1870.

W. GISBORNE
 (in the absence of Mr. McLean).

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 9 of 1870.

Dangers in the Bay of Plenty and East Cape Passage.

Customs Department,

(Marine Branch,)

Wellington, 9th May, 1870.

THE following Notices to Mariners respecting dangers in Bay of Plenty and East Cape Passage, furnished by Lieut. G. A. Woods, of the Colonial

Surveying Schooner "Edith," are published for general information.

W. GISBORNE
 (in the absence of the Commissioner of Customs).

BAY OF PLENTY.

(1.) A dangerous rocky patch, extending N.W. and S.E. about two hundred (200) feet, with about five (5) feet at low water spring tides, has been discovered off Motiti Island, in the fair-way of vessels bound from the Eastward to Tauranga, when passing between Aihohake Reef and Motiti.

The following are the bearings and distances :—

Mongonui Hill N. 60° 15'—distant 9½ miles.

Northern point of Motiti N. 78° 30' W.—distant 2½ miles.

(2.) A dangerous sunken patch, bearing from the Schooner Rock about N. by E.¼E.—distant about ¾ of a mile—has been seen breaking.

Mariners are therefore cautioned against passing within a mile of this rock on that line of bearing.

EAST CAPE.

The following dangers have been discovered in or near the passage between East Cape and East Island (Whanga Okena).

(1.) A sunken rock, with only sixteen (16) feet of water, bearing from the northern extreme of East Island W. by N.½N.—distant five-sixths of a mile.

The extreme of Matakana Point in conjunction with the extreme of Horoera Point leads on this rock.

(2.) A shoal patch, with twenty (20) feet of water, bearing from the northern extreme of East Island N.W.½W.—distant two (2) miles.

The extreme of Horoera Point in conjunction with Iron Point leads on to this danger.

STATEMENT of the Average Amount of LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, in the Colony of NEW ZEALAND, during the Quarter ended 28th MARCH, 1870.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Notes in Circulation	294,672	5	4	Coined Gold and Silver, and other			
Bills in Circulation	18,023	9	7	Coined Metal	355,295	6	10
Balances due to other Banks	43,365	9	4	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars	106,879	9	9
Government Deposits	316,948	6	7	Notes and Bills of other Banks	6,262	19	1
Other Deposits—				Balances due from other Banks	34,001	13	10
Not bearing Interest	715,623	12	4	Landed Property	22,270	7	6
Bearing Interest	403,354	13	5	Amount of all other Securities—			
				1. Notes and Bills Discounted	866,312	5	10
				2. Colonial Government Securities	271,550	0	0
				3. Other Funded Securities	...		
				4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad)	944,288	4	0
				5. Securities not included under the above heads	266,968	0	3
Total Average Liabilities	£1,791,987	16	7	Total Average Assets	£2,873,828	7	1

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ended the 28th March, 1870 £ 500,000 0 0
 Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders 15 p cent. p annum.
 Amount of the last Dividend declared 37,500 0 0
 Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such Dividend 192,039 3 5

Dated at Auckland, this 21st day of April, 1870.

D. L. MURDOCH, Inspector.
 FREDK. BATTLE, Inspector's Accountant.

STATEMENT of the Average Amount of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA, within the Colony of NEW ZEALAND, during the Quarter ended 28th MARCH, 1870.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Notes in Circulation	108,756	4	0	Coined Gold and Silver, and other			
Bills in Circulation	11,268	12	4	Coined Metal	269,085	3	7
Balances due to other Banks	847	14	3	Gold or Silver in Bullion or Bars	20,113	16	10
Government Deposits	268	1	6	Notes and Bills of other Banks	1,224	17	4
Other Deposits—				Balances due from other Banks	39,223	1	3
Not bearing Interest	444,992	17	2	Landed Property	45,000	0	0
Bearing Interest	340,458	3	2	Amount of all other Securities—			
				1. Notes and Bills Discounted	578,250	9	0
				2. Colonial Government Securities . . . . .	...	
				3. Other Funded Securities . . . . .	...	
				4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad)	457,403	12	10
				5. Securities not included under the above heads	6,411	14	2
Total Average Liabilities	£906,591	12	5	Total Average Assets	£1,416,712	15	0

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ended 28th March, 1870	£	s.	d.
	1,250,000	0	0
Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders	15	per cent.	per annum.
Amount of the last Dividend declared	93,750	0	0
Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such Dividend	496,573	11	8

Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of April, 1870.

GEO. COWIE, Assistant Inspector.
W. KNOWLES, *pro* Accountant.

STATEMENT of the Average Amount of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES, in NEW ZEALAND, during the Quarter ended 31st MARCH, 1870.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Notes in Circulation	124,806	6	10	Coined Gold and Silver, and other			
Bills in Circulation	3,153	2	8	Coined Metal	250,463	13	1
Balances due to other Banks	4,652	10	11	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars	43,677	12	11
Government Deposits . . . . .	...			Notes and Bills of other Banks	2,864	15	10
Other Deposits—				Balances due from other Banks	8,129	14	5
Not bearing Interest	316,037	13	1	Landed Property	21,821	18	4
Bearing Interest	337,692	1	8	Amount of all other Securities—			
				1. Notes and Bills Discounted	561,533	7	0
				2. Colonial Government Securities . . . . .	...	
				3. Other Funded Securities . . . . .	...	
				4. Debts due to Bank (exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad)	256,858	2	0
				5. Securities not included under the above heads	101,578	13	10
Total Average Liabilities	£786,341	15	2	Total Average Assets	£1,246,927	17	5

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ended 30th September, 1869	£	s.	d.
	1,000,000	0	0
Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders	15	per cent.	per annum.
Amount of last Dividend declared	75,000	0	0
Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such Dividend	338,096	12	0

Dated at Wellington, this 20th day of April, 1870.

EDWARD MILLER, Manager.
J. W. ROBERTSON PERSTON, Accountant.

STATEMENT of the Average Amount of LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK OF AUSTRALASIA, within the Colony of NEW ZEALAND, during the Quarter ended 31st MARCH, 1870.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Notes in Circulation	45,497	7 7	Coined Gold and Silver, and other		
Bills in Circulation	2,073	19 7	Coined Metal	119,738	10 0
Balances due to other Banks . . . . .	...		Gold and Silver in Bullion and Bars	9,170	19 9
Government Deposits	27,406	1 2	Notes and Bills of other Banks	1,325	0 0
Other Deposits—			Balances due from other Banks . . . . .	...
Not bearing Interest	116,582	14 1	Landed Property	34,897	0 5
Bearing Interest	80,939	8 4	Amount of all other Securities—		
			1. Notes and Bills Discounted	318,208	1 0
			2. Colonial Government Securities . . . . .	...
			3. Other Funded Securities . . . . .	...
			4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad)	207,932	15 1
			5. Securities not included under the above heads	461	3 11
Total Average Liabilities	£272,499	10 9	Total Average Assets	£691,733	10 2

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ended 31st March, 1870	£	s. d.
	1,200,000	0 0
Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders, 6 per cent. per annum, and bonus of 4 per cent., equal to	10	per cent. per annum
Amount of the last Dividend declared	60,000	0 0
Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such Dividend	332,760	15 10

Dated at Wellington, this 10th day of May, 1870.

THOS. BUCHANAN, Manager.
H. DAVIS, Accountant.

STATEMENT of the Average Amount of LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK OF OTAGO (LIMITED), at DUNEDIN, during the Quarter ended 31st MARCH, 1870.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Notes in Circulation	37,453	0 0	Coined Gold and Silver, and other		
Bills in Circulation . . . . .	...		Coined Metal	26,571	5 7
Balances due to other Banks	27,581	7 0	Gold or Silver in Bullion or Bars	7,350	5 9
Government Deposits . . . . .	...		Notes and Bills of other Banks	1,684	15 4
Other Deposits—			Balances due from other Banks	2,133	5 10
Not bearing Interest	86,493	4 6	Landed Property	29,813	15 1
Bearing Interest	55,687	15 4	Amount of all other Securities—		
			1. Notes and Bills Discounted	137,554	19 4
			2. Colonial Government Securities . . . . .	...
			3. Other Funded Securities . . . . .	...
			4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad)	278,358	11 9
			5. Securities not included under the above heads . . . . .	...
Total Average Liabilities	£207,215	6 10	Total Average Assets	£483,466	18 8

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ended 31st March, 1870	£	s. d.
	231,529	16 6
Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders	6	per cent. per annum.
Amount of the last Dividend declared	7,198	12 2
Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such Dividend	5,958	18 10

Dated at Dunedin, this 23rd day of April, 1870.

W. J. M. LARNACH, Colonial Manager.
C. J. BARTLEMAN, pro Accountant.

GENERAL STATEMENT of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the under-mentioned BANKS in the Colony of NEW ZEALAND, for the Quarter ended 31st MARCH, 1870.

LIABILITIES.														
BANKS.	Notes in Circulation.		Bills in Circulation.		Balances due to other Banks.		Deposits.							
							Government.		Not bearing Interest.		Bearing Interest.		Total Liabilities.	
							£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand	294,672	5 4	18,023	9 7	43,365	9 4	316,948	6 7	715,623	12 4	403,354	13 5	1,791,987	16 7
Union Bank of Australia	108,756	4 0	11,268	12 4	847	14 3	268	1 6	444,992	17 2	340,458	3 2	906,591	12 5
Bank of New South Wales	124,806	6 10	3,153	2 8	4,652	10 11	...	...	316,037	13 1	337,692	1 8	786,341	15 2
Bank of Australasia	45,497	7 7	2,073	19 7	...	...	27,406	1 2	116,582	14 1	80,939	8 4	272,499	10 9
Bank of Otago (Limited)	37,453	0 0	...	...	27,581	7 0	...	...	86,493	4 6	55,687	15 4	207,215	6 10
Totals	£ 611,185	3 9	34,519	4 2	76,447	1 6	344,622	9 3	1,679,730	1 2	1,218,132	1 11	3,964,636	1 9

ASSETS.																				
BANKS.	Coined Gold and Silver, and other Coined Metal.	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills Discounted.	Colonial Government Securities.	Debts due to the Bank.	Securities not included under other heads.	Total Assets.										
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.									
Bank of New Zealand	355,295	6 10	106,879	9 9	6,262	19 1	34,001	13 10	22,270	7 6	866,312	5 10	271,550	0 0	944,288	4 0	266,968	0 3	2,873,828	7 1
Union Bank of Australia	269,085	3 7	20,113	16 10	1,224	17 4	39,223	1 3	45,000	0 0	578,250	9 0	...	...	457,403	12 10	6,411	14 2	1,416,712	15 0
Bank of N. S. Wales	250,463	13 1	43,677	12 11	2,864	15 10	8,129	14 5	21,821	18 4	561,533	7 0	...	...	256,358	2 0	101,578	13 10	1,246,927	17 5
Bank of Australasia	119,738	10 0	9,170	19 9	1,325	0 0	...	...	34,897	0 5	318,208	1 0	...	...	207,932	15 1	461	3 11	691,733	10 2
Bank of Otago (Limited)	26,571	5 7	7,350	5 9	1,684	15 4	2,133	5 10	29,813	15 1	137,554	19 4	...	...	278,358	11 9	...	...	483,466	18 8
Totals	£ 1,021,153	19 1	187,192	5 0	13,362	7 7	83,487	15 4	153,803	1 4	2,461,859	2 2	271,550	0 0	2,144,841	5 8	375,419	12 2	6,712,669	8 4

CAPITAL AND PROFITS.												
BANKS.	Capital paid up.		Rate per Annum of last Dividend.						Amount of last Dividend declared.		Amount of Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such Dividend.	
	£	s. d.							£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand	500,000	0 0	Fifteen per cent.						37,500	0 0	192,039	3 5
Union Bank of Australia	1,250,000	0 0	Fifteen per cent.						93,750	0 0	496,573	11 8
Bank of New South Wales	1,000,000	0 0	Fifteen per cent.						75,000	0 0	338,096	12 0
Bank of Australasia	1,200,000	0 0	Six per cent. and Bonus of Four per cent. = Ten per cent.						60,000	0 0	332,760	15 10
Bank of Otago (Limited)	231,529	16 6	Six per cent.						7,198	12 2	5,958	18 10
Totals	£ 4,181,529	16 6							273,448	12 2	1,365,429	1 9

Treasury, Wellington, 12th May, 1870.

J. WOODWARD, Assistant Treasurer.

Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 13th May, 1870.

THE following Return of AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS of the Province of AUCKLAND, in February, 1870, (with the exception of the Poverty Bay Sub-District, from which the information had not yet been received,) 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, 1870.

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

SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTOR'S RETURN.—PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	NUMBERS OF HOLDINGS.	Extent of Land broken up, but not under Crop. Acres.	IN WHEAT.		IN OATS.			IN BARLEY.		IN SOWN GRASSES.			IN POTATOES.		IN OTHER CROPS. Acres.	TOTAL NUMBERS OF ACRES UNDER CROP.
			Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.		Estimated Gross Produce of Grain (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	IN HAY.		In permanent artificial Grass (including Land in Hay in previous column). Acres.	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).		
					For Green Food or Hay.	For Grain.				Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).					
MONGONUI	89	196	41	714	2	6	110	4	12	12	30	2,074	68	324	119	2,506
BAY OF ISLANDS	133	1,104	52	806	18	12	268	1	10	293	522	8,969	75	299	107	10,338
MARSDEN	580	922	543	7,375	63	189	3,144	1	14	408	490	17,407	342	1,522	444	19,911
NORTHERN DIVISION	435	1,424	176	3,369	223	229	5,296	25	454	251	314	18,514	371	1,788	159	21,121
AUCKLAND CITY EAST
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NEWTON	32	61	1	1,238	11	56	16	1,327
PARNELL	38	34	6	142	38	220
ONEHUNGA	41	12	3	222	19	90	36	292
PENSIONER SETTLEMENTS	122	143	54	935	60	182	591	3	57	120	127	1,147	98	427	39	1,726
RAGLAN	929	4,321	328	5,849	555	311	5,036	28	698	1,967	2,385	44,887	1,507	8,179	258	52,195
FRANKLIN	777	3,873	328	6,731	620	468	8,629	42	1,052	1,354	1,660	38,436	1,304	6,968	318	45,389
GENERAL TOTALS FOR PROVINCE	3,176	12,090	1,522	25,779	1,551	1,397	23,074	100	2,297	4,405	5,528	133,036	3,795	19,653	1,534	155,025

I certify that the above is a correct compilation from the original Returns.—THOS. KIRK, Superintendent Collector.

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of MARCH, 1870.

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 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.		Mean Amount for Month (0 to 10).
MONGONUI Same month previous 3 years	30-165 30-023	·500 ...	66·2 65·2	17·5 ...	34·0 ...	144·0 ...	...	·483 ·494	76 74	0·260 1·486	5 7	119	238, 5th	4·2
AUCKLAND Same month previous 6 years	30-175 29-939	·613 ...	65·9 65·9	16·9 ...	33·8 ...	141·8 ...	30·3	·480 ·492	76 73	0·749 3·305	10 9	260	517, 9th	4·7
TARANAKI Same month previous 6 years	30-133 30-026	·673 ...	61·6 63·9	18·4 ...	37·5 ...	151·5 ...	33·5	·412 ·441	75 72	2·990 2·404	13 7	191	430, 25th	5·7
NAPIER Same month previous 3 years	30-050 29-602	1·426 ...	63·5 60·0	16·7 ...	43·0 ...	140·0 ...	40·0	·483 ·420	84 68	1·600 1·126	3 3	220	530, 17th	2·9
WELLINGTON Same month previous 6 years	30-083 29-975	·791 ...	58·5 60·2	12·2 ...	31·0 ...	125·0 ...	35·0	·388 ·363	79 69	3·610 2·526	9 8	194	855, 8th	5·0
NELSON Same month previous 6 years	30-094 29-978	·834 ...	60·2 60·4	22·3 ...	36·0 ...	153·0 ...	...	·433 ·463	83 73	2·930 2·093	5 4	113	229, 13th	5·2
CHRISTCHURCH Same month previous 6 years	30-073 29-945	·923 ...	55·9 57·8	16·0 ...	37·8 ...	145·8 ...	22·3	·352 ·347	80 76	1·670 1·754	10 7	127	225, 7th	5·7
BEALEY * Same month previous 2 years	29-936 29-881	·650 ...	52·6 53·0†	15·4 ...	35·0 ...	129·0 ...	19·0	·269 ·322†	68 80†	3·580 3·913	11 13	160	300, 11th	4·0
HOKITIKA Same month previous 4 years	30-135 30-031	·671 ...	56·5 56·4	11·1 ...	22·5 ...	89·6 ...	36·0	·394 ·430	86 89	10·100 6·750	15 14	128	256, 1st	5·0
DUNEDIN Same month previous 6 years	30-059 29-997	1·009 ...	52·8 54·5	15·7 ...	38·0 ...	143·0 ...	20·0	·324 ·309	78 69	1·606 2·241	10 13	141	420, 2nd	5·0
SOUTHLAND Same month previous 5 years	30-102 29-853	1·020 ...	52·5 54·3	18·6 ...	39·0 ...	140·0 ...	28·0	·336 ·305	85 75	2·940 3·636	7 11	294	710, 8th	5·6

* Altitude, 2,104 feet.

† For 1868 only.

NOTES.

Mongonui.—Remarkably fine weather during month; very slight rainfall, and light winds; lightning on 31st. Prevailing wind from E.

Auckland.—Very pleasant weather, though rather sultry; winds moderate, and rainfall very low. Prevailing wind from N.

Taranaki.—Fine weather generally, with light winds. On 25th, stormy from S.E.; thunder on 31st; fog on 12th. Prevailing wind from S.W.

Napier.—Tolerably fine weather at this station. Strong gale from S.W. on 17th; heavy showers of rain fell, of short duration. Prevailing wind from S.

Wellington.—Heavy rain registered on morning of 1st; wind changed to S.E. and fine. Strong N.W. winds on 3rd and 5th, with rain. Also stormy from same quarter on 7th and 10th; wet, disagreeable weather on 11th and 12th. The remainder of month was generally fine, with light winds.

Nelson.—On 9th, stormy from S.W.; severe squall from S.E. on afternoon of 12th, with heavy rain; otherwise the weather was usually fine, with light winds. Thunder on 30th. Prevailing wind S.

Christchurch.—Stormy on 1st from N., with slight rain; on 7th, strong N. and N.W. winds. The weather generally was fine and clear during the month. Fog on 31st; prevailing wind S.W. Smart shock of earthquake on 17th, at 11·25 p.m.; also felt at Lyttelton, but only slightly.

Bealey.—Strong winds from N.W. from 7th to 10th. Fogs occurred on 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Weather usually very fine and bright; 21 days of N.W. wind.

Hokitika.—Cold, squally, disagreeable weather generally, with much rain; fog on 20th. Prevailing wind from N.

Dunedin.—Very fine weather at this station; small rainfall and light winds. Prevailing wind from W.

Southland.—Severe storm from N.W. to W. on 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, with heavy rain, hail, and thunder and lightning; remainder of month very fine. Prevailing wind from W.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Fine steady weather during the month, except on the South and West Coasts, where N.W. storms occurred in the first week. Brilliant *Aurora Australis* was generally observed on the evenings of the 12th, 18th, and 22nd.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.