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G. F. Bowen, Governor. A PROCLAMATION.

EREAS by Proclamation made by the Governor in Council, on the 17th day of HEREAS by November, 1869, certain regulations for the sale, letting, occupation, and management of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the County of Westland were made and proclaimed, and by the said regulations it was among other things provided that the sites of towns shall from time to time be determined by the Governor in manner therein mentioned, and that all sites for towns determined to be such sites before the coming into operation of the said regulations, shall continue to be sites for towns as if determined thereunder; provided always that upon the recommendation of the County Council, approved by the Waste Lands Board, the Governor may withdraw any such lands as sites for towns: And whereas the pieces of land mentioned in the Schedule hereto were determined to be sites for towns before the coming into operation of the said Regulations: And whereas the County Council of Westland, by a Resolution dated the 20th day of January, recommended the withdrawal of the said lands from being sites for towns, and the said recommendation was approved by the Waste Lands Board of the said County, and it is expedient that the said lands should be withdrawn from being sites for towns:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that I withdraw the several pieces of land described in the Schedule hereto annexed from being sites for towns.

SCHEDULE.

Town of Hokitika South.

272 (in red), six hundred and forty acres, more or less, having one mile frontage to the sea, and one

mile frontage to the South Bank of the Hokitika, situate on the West Coast, for a township.

Town of Hohonu.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing 200 acres, more or less, situate at the confluence of the Hohonu with the Teremakau, having a frontage of forty chains on the latter river, and extending northeasterly on either side of the Hohonu a distance of fifty chains, in a rectangular block.

Town of Morton.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing 200 acres, more or less, situate at the confluence of the Teremakau-Waimea, and the Teremakau, having a frontage of fifty chains to the latter river, and standing back in a rectangular form, about forty chains, and having a frontage on the Teremakau-Waimea of about fifty chains, to contain the required quantity, subject, nevertheless, to the Native Reserve.

Town of Totara.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing 320 acres, more or less, situate at the Totara River, having a frontage of sixty chains to the beach, and extending back south-easterly a distance of fifty-four chains, in a rectangular block.

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 Auckland; and issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, this twenty-first 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. A PROCLAMATION.

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

And whereas the Ordinance hereinafter specified has been enacted by the Superintendent of Canterbury, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, and the said Ordinance was received by the Governor on the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Ordi-

nance should be disallowed:

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

"The Christchurch Municipal Corporation Reserves

Ordinance, 1870."

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 Welling-ton, this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. GISBORNE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. Bower, Governor. ORDER IN COUNCIL At Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870. Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL. WHEREAS by "The New Zealand Post Office Act, 1858," power is given to the Governor in Council from time to time to make rules and regulations for the management of the several Post Offices of the said Colony, for the receiving, despatching, conveying and delivering of letters (including the imposition of fees for private boxes and deliveries); for the detaining, opening, and return or other disposal of irregularly posted, unclaimed, and refused letters, or such as from any cause whatever cannot be delivered or forwarded, and the contents thereof respectively, and for the publication of the lists of the same; for the making, custody, and sale of postage labels; for the receiving and paying of money in connection with the said Postal Service, and for the conduct of Post officers; and any such rules and regulations at any time in force to alter, vary, or revoke; and for the purpose of giving effect

power is given to the Governor in Council by the said Act to impose any penalty not exceeding ten pounds for any one offence against such rules and regulations: And whereas by Order in Council dated the sixteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, the Governor in Council did in pursuance of the acid points. did, in pursuance of the said recited power and authority, make the Rules and Regulations specified in the Schedule thereinafter written: And whereas it is expedient to revoke clause 129 of the aforesaid Regulations, and to substitute another in lieu thereof:

Now therefore, His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the said recited power and authority, and by and with the consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, doth hereby revoke so much of the said Regulations as relates to the fees payable in respect of private boxes, and the term for which the same shall be let; and with the like advice and consent doth hereby make the Regulation in the Schedule hereinafter written; and with the like advice and consent doth declare that this Order shall take effect on and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

SCHEDULE.

Clause 129. The fees payable in respect of each private box shall be-

For a term exceeding six calendar months and not exceeding one year, two pounds (£2).

For a term exceeding three calendar months and not exceeding six calendar months, one pound (£1).

For a term not exceeding three calendar months,

ten shillings (10s.).

For a term exceeding six calendar months and not exceeding one year, when the box has been already let to the same person for a term or successive terms exceeding in all six calendar, months, expiring within a week of the begining of the new term, one pound (£1).

For a term not exceeding six calendar months, when the box has been already let to the same person for a term or successive terms exceeding in all six calendar months, ten shillings

(10s.). All such fees to be paid in advance: Provided that no private box shall be let save for a term ending on the 31st day of March, the 30th day of June, the 30th day of September, or the 31st day of December next after the day on which the same shall be let; and that, where there are two or more applicants for the same box at the same time, the preference shall be given to the person desiring to have the same for the longest term.

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, Auckland, this fourth day of May, 1870.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

HEREAS at a sitting of the Native Land Court of New Zealand at Haruru, in the District of Bay of Islands, Province of Auckland, on the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, the claim of Kaiwhaka, an aboriginal native of New Zealand, residing at Mangonui, to a piece of land called Takerau, situate at Mangonui, in the district aforesaid, was heard, and a certain order was thereupon made by the Court to the rules and regulations so to be made, further aforesaid: And whereas it is enacted by "The

Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1867," that the Governor in Council may order a rehearing of any matter judicially heard, before the Court aforesaid, and before one or more Judges of the Court, and one or more Assessors, as may be specified in the Order in Council ordering such rehearing, and within such period of time as may be limited in such Order, provided that no such order for rehearing shall be made after three months shall have elapsed from the date of the original decision: And whereas it is expedient that the said claim shall be reheard before the said Court:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, in pursuance and exercise of the aboverecited power and authority, doth hereby order that the aforesaid claim of Kaiwhaka to the aforesaid piece of land shall be reheard before one Judge of the said Court and two Assessors thereof.

And doth order that such rehearing shall take place before the thirty-first day of December next.

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

G. F. Bowen, Governor.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

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

And whereas, by Warrant under the hand of the

Governor, bearing date the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, Mr. John Braithwaite's Store, Caledonian Terrace, was appointed a polling place for the District of Westland North, for the election of Members of the House of Repre-

sentatives:

And whereas it is expedient to abolish the same: Now know ye that I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the said Colony, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby abolish the above-named polling place for the District of Westland North for the election of Mem-

bers of the House of Representatives, and do appoint in lieu thereof

Mr. Isaac Chapman's Store, Giles Township.
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 at Wellington, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 30th May, 1870.

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

"The Educational Reserves Leasing Ordinance, 1870;

"The Cemetery Reserves Management Ordinance, 1870;

"The Diversion of Roads Special Ordinance, 1870;

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, Weilington, 26th May, 1870.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Wellington, 26th May, 1870.

Јони Тикивица Тномson, Esquire,

of Dunedin, to be a Commissioner under "The Lost Land Orders Act, 1861."

persons, viz. :-

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st May, 1870. IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalization under "The Aliens Act, 1866," in favour of the under-mentioned

Residence. Occupation. Name. Wilhelm Urban Rudolph Kiohata, Wairarapa Settler. Kummer Gustav Horatio Johann Ditto Ditto. Kummer Kaitangata, Otago Hokitika, Westland Akaroa, Canterbury Wellington ... Desiré Costa Georg Kohlhoff Manoel Silva Storekeeper. Cooper. ... Carpenter. ... Eugene Pertuis Roman Catholic Priest. Queenstown, Otago Ludwig Adolph Heinrich Clerk.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, (Judicial Branch,) Wellington, 30th May, 1870.

TIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Joseph Cochrane to be Clerk at Coromandel of the Resident Magistrate's Court for the Resident Magistrate's District of Hauraki.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, (Judicial Branch,) Wellington, 30th May, 1870.

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HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint appoint Joseph Cochrane

to be Clerk of the Warden's Court of the Coromandel Gold Fields at Coromandel.

W. GISBORNE.

Native Office, Wellington, 30th May, 1870. IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to

GIBBON CAREW FITZGIBBON, Esq., of Auckland, to survey lands under "The Native Lands Act, 1865."

W. GISBORNE (for the Native Minister).

To Certificated Interpreters under the Native Lands Acts.

Native Office, Wellington, 20th May, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the 31st of July next, all certificates held by Interpreters under the seventh section of "The Native Lands

Act, 1867," whether granted by the Governor or the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, will be cancelled. Such persons as desire to have their certificates renewed must send in their applications to the Governor, through the Minister for Native Affairs, or to the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, on or before the 30th of June next.

W. GISBORNE (for the Native Minister).

WILLIAM LOCKWOOD, late of Port Ahuriri, in the Province of Hawke's Bay, Boatbuilder, deceased.

Under the provisions of "The Public Payments without Probate Act, 1869," and the Regulations made thereunder, published in the New Zealand Gazette of 1870, page 212, the Colonial Treasurer intends to make a payment of money due to the above-named deceased, to a person not being his legal representative. All persons objecting to such payment being made must give notice to the Colonial Treasurer, at Wellington, within one calendar month from the date of the Gazette containing this notice, when their objections will be considered.

Julius Vogel, Colonial Treasurer.

REDERICK SAMUEL ROGERS, late of Patea, in the Province of Wellington, Constable, Armed Constabulary Force, deceased.

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RICHARD WALLACE, late of Wanganui, in the Province of Wellington, a Private in the Wanganui Rangers, deceased.

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Julius Vogel, Colonial Treasurer.

JOSEPH GILSON, late of Patea, in the Province of Wellington, Veteran Volunteer, deceased.

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Julius Vogel, Colonial Treasurer. Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Auckland, 17th May, 1870.

JOHN MUIR WAYLAND, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for the Provinces of Auckland and Hawke's Bay, in the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify that I have registered a Memorandum of Association, with Articles of Association, establishing a Company, with limited liability of the shareholders therein, intituled

"The Waikato Steam Navigation and Coal Mining Company (Limited)."

The objects for which the Company is established e-"1. The working of the Waikato Coal Mine, and the sale of the coal therefrom in Waikato or elsewhere; with power for the Company, in furtherance of the above objects, to purchase or otherwise acquire any leases, agreements for leases, or other interest in land or mines, including easements of all descriptions; to purchase plant and materials; and to purchase and erect buildings and machinery. 2. The trafficking and carrying, by means of steamers, barges, boats, and ships, of passengers and all kinds of merchandise, grain, agricultural produce, coals, goods, cattle, sheep, horses, and property of every kind and description along the Waikato River and all its branches, and thence to any part of the coast of New Zealand, and to become carriers along such navigation as aforesaid, for the Company or for others, and, as incident to the above objects, the purchase and sale on commission, or on behalf of the Company, of grain, agricultural produce, or merchandise; the purchase or building of barges, boats, or ships, propelled by steam or otherwise; the acquisition of storehouses, warehouses, and offices, and the providing, where necessary, means of land transport, and convenience for shipping and unshipping goods.

3. To sell or otherwise dispose of, or deal with, any property whatsoever of the Company. 4. And to do all such other things as are incidental or conductive 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 this seventeenth day of May, 1870.

JOHN M. WAYLAND, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

HEREBY give notice that I intend to apply, in one month from this date, to the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, to be registered under the Medical Practitioners Act of 1869. The necessary documentary evidence of my qualifications are open for inspection at the office of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

H. WIDENHAM MAUNSELL,

A.B., M.B., Trin. Coll., Dub.; M.R.C.S., Eng.; Lic. M.K. & Q.C.P., Ireland.

Hokitika Hospital Reserve, 22nd March, 1870.

NORTH Island Gold Mining Company (Limited). The following Special Resolutions were agreed to at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company, held February 18th, and confirmed at a subsequent Extraordinary Meeting on March 21st, 1870:—

"1. That the North Island Gold Mining Company (Limited) be wound up voluntarily.

"2. That Mr. Hugh H. Lusk be appointed Liquidator of the Company."

Hugh H. Lusk, Liquidator, North Island Gold Mining Company (Limited).

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EDITED BY ALEXANDER J. JOHNSTON, JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT.

PART I.—PRICE TEN SHILLINGS.

THE Public are informed that the First Part of the above Work, printed under the authority of the Government, and comprising the Cases argued before the Court of Appeal during the last two years, is now complete and ready for issue. The Reports are printed on the English model, royal 8vo. size, and contain 164 pages of printed matter. They have been carefully revised and arranged for press by His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston. It is intended to continue the issue, in Parts, after each annual sitting of the Court of Appeal, the folio to run on continuously from Part I., in order that the Papeats for four recovery for facility and the papears for four recovery. the Reports for four years (or five if necessary) may be bound up in one volume; and when the volume is complete, a copious Index for the whole will be

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STATIONS.	Mean Reading	Extr'me Range.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Mean Daily Range of Temp.	Extr'me Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in Sun's Rays.	Min. Temp. on Grass.	Mean Elastic Force of Vapour.	Mean Deg. of Moist. (Saturation =100.)	Total Fall in Month (inches)	Days on which	Average Daily Force in Miles for Month.		Mean Amount for Month (0to 10)
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TARANAKI Same month previous 6 years	30·013 30·053	1·158 	57·7 59·4	17·0	34.2	147·8 	29·6 	·352 ·425	73 76	4·170 3·020	11 10	262*	550, 17th	5.6
NAPIER Same month previous 3 years	30·000 30·018	1·111 	59·5 57·3	17·0	42.0	125·0 	34·0 	·409 ·388	81 70	3·150 1·363	8 6	257	482,26th	3.0
WELLINGTON Same month previous 6 years	29·991 30·013	1.204	54·5 57·7	11.0	30.0	117:0	33.0	·345 ·349	80 71	3·910 2·881	16 10	212	475,12th	5.4
NELSON Same month previous 6 years	30·006 29·977	1.182	55·7 57·2	21.8	44.0	149·0	23.0	·263 ·396	60 78	4·660 3·525	6 5	129	320,16th	4.4
CHRISTCHURCH Same month previous 6 years	29·999 29·960	1·44 9	50·9 54·5	14.9	48.2	139.5	11·7	·313 ·343	85 76	3·194 1·805	14 6	114	303,24th	5.7
BEALEY † Same month previous 2 years	29·862 29·698	1·178	46·7 49·3‡	15.8	30.8	118.5	6.8	·234 ·283‡	74 80‡	7·685 9·010	12 19	148	407,25th	5.0
HORITIKA Same month previous 4 years	30·046 30·026	1·099	52·3 53·7	13.7	35·6	84·8 	26·1	:344 ·401	90 91	10·720 8·615	13 16	181	504, 26th	6.0
DUNEDIN Same month previous 6 years	29·999 30·002	1.404	48·4 52·8	12·3	3 9·0	129·0 	10·0 	·264 ·285	78 71	3·094 1·763	14 14	196	700,27th	6.0
SOUTHLAND	29·975 29·884	1.000	47·9 51·0	17:6	43.0	128.0	16·0	·279 ·292	84 77	6·160 3·598	14 16	249	660, 6th	5.7

^{*} For 17 days only.

‡ For 1868 only.

NOTES.

Mongonui.—Remarkably fine weather, small rainfall, and light winds. Thunder on 1st and 15th. Prevailing wind, S.W. Auckland.—On 1st and 2nd, squally weather, with thunder and rain; stormy on 25th and 26th from W. and S.W., also on 30th from N., with heavy rain. Otherwise weather was generally fine. Prevailing wind from S. Taranaki.—Strong winds from 14th to 17th from S.E., without rain; also stormy from N. and N.W. from 24th to 27th, with slight rain; heavy rain on 1st and 30th. Prevailing wind from S.E. Shock of earthquake on 4th at 4 p.m.

Napier.—Cold changeable weather, and squally; wet during latter part of month. Stormy on 11th from S.W.,—on 24th, 25th, and 26th from N. and N.W.,—on 27th from S.W., and 30th from N.E. Prevailing wind from S. Wellington.—On the whole unpleasant weather during the month, with frequent rain, and generally cold and raw,—occasional bright clear days. Strong N.W. wind on 23rd; snow and sleet on 27th; hail on 1st and 4th. Prevailing winds from S.E. and N.W. and N.W.

and N.W.

Nelson.—Weather generally fine, with light winds. Heavy rain registered on 10th, 24th, and 30th; strong winds on 7th from S.W., 11th from N.E., and 16th from N. Prevailing wind from S.E.

Christoburch.—Wet and dull weather during greater part of month, and at times very cold. Winds moderate. Snow fell on 27th, and hail on 1st, 4th, 26th, and 27th. There were some very fine bright clear days occasionally. Prevailing wind from S.W.

Bealey.—Strong winds on 5th, 6th, and 8th from N.W., also on 19th, 24th, and 25th from same quarter, and heavy rain on latter dates; snow on 1st, 4th, and 25th; hail on 25th; and fog on 13th, 14th, 18th, and 23rd. The weather was at times very pleasant, and winds generally moderate. Prevailing wind from N.W.

Hokitika.—Very heavy rain at this station. On 10th, heavy gale, with thunder and lightning and excessive rain, 5:59 inches recorded for 24 hours, high flood in river; gale also on 24th from W., with rain, and on 26th from S., with thunder and hail; thunder also on 1st; fog on 13th and 15th. Prevailing wind from E.

Dunedin.—Generally wet and squally weather, and cold; rainfall considerably above the average for same month in previous years. Stormy on 4th, 5th, and 6th from S.W. and W., also on 26th and 27th from same quarter, with rain; snow on 25th and 26th; hail on 1st, 2nd, and 26th; fog on 18th. Prevailing wind from W.

Southland.—Generally fine. Gale from W. on 5th and 6th, and on 25th and 26th from same quarter,—the latter with thunder, lightning, and hail. Prevailing wind, W.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Severe weather for the season, especially in the southern parts of the Islands, where the rainfall was in excess of the usual average. Electrical storms were general in the early part of the month, and from 5th to 7th brilliant Auroras were observed.

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^{†2,104} feet above sea.