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1870," shall be and the same is hereby suspended in the District described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND.

This District comprises all that area which is bounded towards the North by a line from Okura on the East Coast to Muriwai on the West Coast; towards the East by the sea, Waitemata Harbour, Whau Creek and Portage, to the Manukau Harbour; towards the South by the Manukau Harbour; and towards the West by the sea to Muriwai, the commencing point: Also all that area which is bounded towards the North by the Waitemata Harbour from the Meola Stream to the north-west angle of Lot No. 38A of Tamaki Farms; and thence towards the East, South, and West by the boundaries of the Auckland Municipal Police District (including the Town of Auckland).

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SCHEDULE.

WAIUKU.

This District is bounded towards the North by the Manukau Harbour; towards the East by the eastern and northern boundaries of the Parish of Puni, by part of the eastern boundary of the Parish of Waiuku, and by a line southerly from the south-eastern angle of Camerontown to the summit of and along the watershed between the Waikato River and the West Coast, to a point due east of Waikorea on the West Coast; towards the South by a line to Waikorea; and towards the West by the sea to the South Head of the Manukau Harbour, the commencing point.

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PAPAKURA.

This District is bounded towards the North by the Tamaki Strait from Oreri Point to the mouth of the Wairoa River; thence by the north-western and south-western boundaries of the Parish of Wairoa to a point due east of the south-eastern angle of the Parish of Manurewa; thence by a line due west and by the southern boundary of the Parish of Manurewa to the Manukau Harbour; towards the East by a line from Oreri Point to the Wairoa Range, and along that range and by a line due south to the most northerly source of the Mangatawhiri Creek; thence towards the South by that creek and by the Waikato River; and towards the West by the eastern and northern boundaries of the Parish of Puni, by part of the eastern boundary of the Parish of Waiuku, and by the Manukau Harbour to the southern boundary of the Parish of Manurewa.

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SCHEDULE.

COROMANDEL.

This District comprises all that area which is included within the boundaries of Queen's County,

(including the Towns of Kapanga, Shortland, and Grahamstown) and including the adjacent Islands.

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SCHEDULE.

WHANGAREI.

This District is bounded towards the East by the sea from Rocky Bay to Cape Bream Tail; thence by the southern and western boundaries of the Parish of Waipu, and the western boundaries of the Parishes of Ruarangi and Mangakamea, to the Waionepu River; thence by a line westerly to Omanu on the Wairoa River; thence by the Wairoa River to its confluence with the Wairoa River; thence by the Wairoa River to the southern boundary of the County of Bedford; and thence easterly by the boundary of that County to the commencing point; including the adjacent Islands.

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NEW PLYMOUTH.

This District is bounded towards the North by a line from the most northerly point of the Province of Taranaki to Te Rua Point; towards the East by portion of the eastern boundary of the Province of Taranaki, and by a line from Waihi Point to the summit of Mount Egmont; towards the South by a line from the summit of Mount Egmont in an easterly direction to the boundary of the Taranaki Province; and towards the South-west and West by the sea (including the Town of Taranaki).

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SCHEDULE.

NAPIER AND WAIPUKURAU.

This District is bounded towards the North-east by a line from the mouth of the Tongohio River to its source, and by a line drawn North-east from the source of that river to the northern boundary of the Province of Hawke's Bay; towards the North-west and South by the boundaries of the Province of Hawke's Bay; and towards the East by the sea (including the Town of Napier).

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WAIKARAPPA.

This District is bounded towards the North by the southern boundary of Hawke's Bay from the Manawatu Gorge to the sea; towards the East and South by the sea to Cape Taurakirae; towards the North-west by a line running in a north-easterly direction from Taurakirae Head to and along the Rimutaka and Tararua Mountains to the southern boundary of the Province of Hawke's Bay (including all Towns).

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SCHEDULE.
WELLINGTON.

This District is bounded towards the North by a right line from the Porirua Ferry to the north-west corner of section number 34, Takapu District; thence along the northern boundary of the said section and a line in continuation of the same to the summit of the hills forming the watershed between Port Nicholson and Porirua; thence towards the North-west by the summit of the said hills to the Tararua Range; thence towards the South-east by the summit of the Tararua and Rimutaka Ranges to Cape Taurakirae; and thence towards the South and West by the sea to the commencing point (Porirua Ferry); including the Town of Wellington and other Towns, and including the adjacent Islands.

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THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FOX, PRIME MINISTER,
PRESIDING, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the seventeenth section of "The Outlying Districts Sale of Spirits Act, 1870," it is enacted that the Ordinance of the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Council of New Zealand, intituled "An Ordinance to prohibit the Sale &c. of Spirits, and to regulate the Sale &c. of other Intoxicating Liquors, to Persons of the Native Race," Session VIII., Number 3, shall, except in any such Town, District, or Province as may be included in any such Order in Council as thereinafter provided, be repealed on and from the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy: And whereas it is by the eighteenth section of the said Act enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, at any time before the said thirty-first day of December, to suspend the operation of the last preceding section of the said Act within any Town, Province, or District within the Colony, and at any time thereafter to revoke any such Order in Council, and upon any such revocation the said Ordinances shall be repealed within the Town, District, or Province to which the said last-named Order relates: And whereas it is desirable to suspend the operation of the said seventeenth section

of the said Act in the District described in the Schedule hereto:

Now therefore, His Excellency 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, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the said Act, doth hereby order and declare that the operation of the said seventeenth section of the said "Outlying Districts Sale of Spirits Act, 1870," shall be and the same is hereby suspended in the District described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND.

That portion of the Colony formerly in the Province of Canterbury, and being now the County of Westland, comprised within the following boundaries:—The sea coast from the mouth of the River Awarua to the mouth of the River Grey; thence the southern boundary of the Province of Nelson to the saddle between the Rivers Teremakau and Hurunui; thence the watershed between the eastern and western coasts of the said Province of Canterbury to its intersection with the northern boundary of the Province of Otago; thence the said last-named boundary to the commencing point at the mouth of the River Awarua.

WILLIAM FOX,
Presiding.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th January, 1871.

THE following Letter and Enclosure from the Hon. Secretary to the "Captain" Relief Fund are published for general information.

W. GISBORNE.

"CAPTAIN" RELIEF FUND.

Royal Naval College, Portsmouth,
13th October, 1870.

SIR,—I am directed by the Central Managing Committee to request your co-operation in aid of the above Fund, and to express a hope that by your powerful influence and patronage in your Government, the Fund will receive that augmentation which it so much needs, and which the Committee feel sure requires no recommendation from them to insure the substantial aid and sympathy of their fellow-countrymen abroad.

Such an unparalleled calamity, resulting in loss of life greater than at the battle of Trafalgar, has consequently left a large number of families in most distressing circumstances. A sum of £60,000 is required to alleviate the distress of the Widows, Orphans, and Relatives, who depended for their maintenance on those lost in the "Captain," and the support of Government is totally inadequate to meet these cases. Up to the present time only £20,000 has been collected, so that there is a wide margin left for the charitably disposed, and the Committee are confident that this National loss only requires to be known, to meet with that hearty response which has invariably characterized our countrymen in distant lands.

The Committee therefore trust your Excellency will take such steps as you may deem advisable to cause the object they have in view to be made known throughout your Government.

I have, &c.,

LEVESON E. H. SOMERSET,
Captain R.N., Honorary Secretary.

To His Excellency
the Governor of New Zealand.

Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Families of the Officers and Crew who perished in Her Majesty's late Ship "Captain."

At a Meeting convened at the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth, on the 13th September, 1870.

Admiral Sir James Hope, G.C.B., President.
Aslett, Colonel William S., R.M.L.I.
Aplin, Captain Elphinstone D'O. D'A., R.N.
Borlase, Captain J., R.N., C.B.
Buller, Captain A., R.N.
Baring, Hon. F. A.
Byam, Adjutant Edward, R.M.L.I.
Barnard, Colonel C. L., C.B., R.M.A.
Brooker, Captain G. A. C., R.N.
Boys, Captain Henry, R.N.
Bickford, Captain J. G., R.N.
Brown, Captain W. S., R.N.
Bechervaise, Mr. E. P., R.N.
Brandreth, Captain T., R.N.
Coode, Captain T. P., R.N.
Clark, Rev. Charles, R.N.
Carr, Staff-Commander G. L., R.N.
Chads, Rear-Admiral Henry.
Chevallier, Sub-Lieutenant B. H., R.N.
Craufurd, Captain F. A. B., R.N.
Corbett, Captain John, R.N., C.B.
Codrington, Admiral Sir H. J., K.C.B.
Chamberlain, Captain William C., R.N.
Doxat, Lieutenant, R.N.
Dashwood, Sub-Lieutenant S. F., R.N.
Elliott, Dr. Ernest, M.D., R.N.
Elliott, Vice-Admiral Hon. Charles G. J. B., C.B.
Forbes, Rear-Admiral Arthur.
Fawckner, Staff-Commander W. H., R.N.
Franklin, Captain E. B. H., R.N.
Forbes, Staff-Commander C. R. P., R.N.
Field, Captain Edward, R.N.
Fulford, Sub-Lieutenant R. B., R.N.
Festing, Major Francis W., R.M.A.
Fitzgerald, Purefoy, Esq. (late R.N.)
Fellowes, Captain Charles, R.N., C.B.
Foley, Captain the Hon. F. A., R.N., C.B.
Gassiot, Sebastian, Lieutenant, R.N.
Grant, Captain Henry, R.N.
Gardiner, Sub-Lieutenant A. M., R.N.
Goodenough, Captain James G., R.N.
Grant, Commander James, R.N.
Henderson, Captain Samuel H., R.N.
Hallowes, Vice-Admiral J.
Hancock, Captain George, R.N.
Hayes, Captain J. M., R.N., C.B.
Hitchfield, Staff-Commander J. J. P., R.N.
Hodgkinson, Captain Thomas, R.N.
Hoare, J. G. Wallace, Esq., R.N.
Hood, Captain A. W. A., R.N.
Irvine, Captain St. George D'Arcy, R.N.
Jackson, Rev. George, M.A., R.N.
Jones, Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis, K.C.B.
Kennedy, Captain J. J., R.N., C.B.
Kerr, Commander, H. S., R.N.
Loring, Rear-Admiral W., C.B.
Leiningen, Captain H. S. H., R.N., G.C.B., Prince of
Lennox, Lord H. G., M.P.
Manthorp, Commander Charles W., R.N.
Mitchell, Commander Clayton, R.N.
MacCallum, Major, R.M.L.I.
Macnamara, Captain N., R.M.L.I.
Molyneux, Commander R. H. M., R.N.
Nunn, T. S., Esq., R.N.
Noel, G. H., Lieutenant, R.N.
Purvis, Captain Richard, R.N.
Parkin, Captain G. H., R.N.
Peile, Captain M. S. L., R.N., President and Treasurer.
Parr, Captain R. A., R.N.
Rice, Captain E. B., R.N.
Ray, Captain E. H. L., R.N.
Roberts, Major H. B., R.M.A.
Richards, Captain F. W., R.N.
Salmon, James, Esq., M.D., R.N., Inspector-General.
Squire, Rev. J., R.N.
St. Clair, Commander W. H. C., R.N.
Shears, Captain J. A., R.N.
Savary, Captain William, R.M.L.I.
Sullivan, Captain F. W., R.N., C.B.
Smyth, Commander William A., R.N.
Symons, Commander Edwin, R.N.
Tuck, G. A., Esq., R.N.
Thompson, Staff-Commander J., R.N.
Thompson, Alexander, Esq., R.N.

Warren, Admiral R. L.
 White, Commander, R.N.
 Williams, Rev. E. A., M.A., R.N.
 Wodehouse, Rear-Admiral George.
 Wilson, Captain Frederick W., R.N.
 Wilson, Commander Joseph E., R.N.
 Yelland, Mr. R., R.N.
 Yelverton, Vice-Admiral Sir H. R., K.C.B.
 Somerset, Captain L. E. H., R.N., Honorary Secretary.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

Miss Hope, President, Admiralty House, Portsmouth.
 Mrs. Barnard
 Mrs. Boys
 Mrs. Cawston
 Miss Chads
 Miss L. Chads
 Mrs. Field
 Mrs. Goodenough
 Mrs. Morgan Graves
 Mrs. Hancock
 Mrs. Henderson
 Mrs. D'Arcy Irvine
 Mrs. B. Key
 Mrs. Loring
 Mrs. Macnamara
 Mrs. Perry
 Mrs. Rice
 Mrs. Warren
 Mrs. Wodehouse
 Mrs. Parkin, Hon. Sec.,
 Care of Captain Peile, R.N., Royal Naval College, Portsmouth.

Captain George Hancock, R.N., of H.M.S. "Duke of Wellington," having been voted to the chair,

It was resolved—That the above-named Officers should form a Committee for the purpose of raising a fund for the relief of the widows and relatives of those who perished in the appalling accident which befel Her Majesty's late ship "Captain," when in company with the Channel Squadron, off Cape Finisterre, on the morning of the 7th September, 1870, as shown in the extracts on the other side hereof, by which Captain Hugh Talbot Burgoyne, V.C., R.N., Captain Cowper Phipps Coles, R.N., and nearly 500 officers, men, and boys lost their lives.

To be called "The 'Captain' Relief Fund Committee."

That the above members, the Commanders-in-Chief and Captains of Her Majesty's ships on the home and foreign stations, together with the Bankers and Agents in the United Kingdom, be requested to receive subscriptions in aid of the bereaved families by this sad catastrophe.

That all widows and relatives desirous of participating in this fund, be requested to state their respective cases to the Clergyman of the Parish in which they reside, or to a Magistrate, in a form, which will be supplied on application to the Secretary of the "Captain" Relief Fund Committee, at the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth.

Clergymen and Magistrates are solicited to make inquiry into the correctness of such statements as they may receive, and when the Committee decide on affording relief, that they will kindly administer it in such manner as the Committee may point out.

Subscriptions may be paid to Messrs. Glyn and Co.; Messrs. Coutts and Co.; Messrs. Hallet and Co.; Messrs. Hildreth and Ommaney; Messrs. Case and Loudensack; Messrs. Woodhead and Co.; Messrs. Stillwell and Co.; and the Editor of the *Army and Navy Gazette*, London. The National Provincial Bank, and its Country Branches. The National Bank, its Metropolitan Branches, and Branches at Cork, Dublin, and Kingstown. Messrs. Day and Co., Chatham; Messrs. Grant and Co., Portsmouth; and all Banks at Plymouth and Devonport; all of whom are requested to remit to the National Provincial Bank of England, Portsea; William Payne, Esq., Manager, at their convenience, such sums as they may from time to time receive on account of the Fund.

Subscriptions may also be remitted to Captain Osmond de B. Brock, R.N., Wingfield Villas, Stoke, Devonport; and Captain M. S. L. Peile, R.N., Treasurer and President of the Managing Committee, Royal Naval College, Portsmouth.

Subscriptions received by the Treasurer or the National Provincial Bank, Portsea, will be acknowledged in the *Times* newspaper daily; and subscriptions from Branch Banks and Committees, on receipt at the Portsea Branch of National Provincial Bank.

Subscriptions in and around Portsmouth will be also inserted in the local papers.

The following is the Report of Admiral Sir A. Milne, received at the Admiralty on Saturday, 10th September, 1870:—

"Lord Warden," at Sea off Cape Finisterre, 7th September, 1870.

SIR,—It has been my painful duty to forward by Her Majesty's vessel "Psyche" to Vigo, the following telegram, to be transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, reporting the sad loss of Her Majesty's ship "Captain," with all hands:

"Very much regret sending painful news. 'Captain' must have foundered in the night. She was close to this ship at 2 this morning. Sudden S.W. gale. Very heavy squalls. Daybreak—'Captain' missing; this afternoon her boats and spars found; all have unfortunately perished. 'Inconstant' sails to-morrow with report."

I beg leave to transmit to their Lordships full and early details of this most disastrous event, and I therefore send the "Inconstant" to Devonport with the despatch. Yesterday morning, the 6th instant, I went on board to inspect the "Captain," with Captain Brandreth and my Flag-Lieutenant, and visited most minutely every part of her. At 1 p.m. a trial of sailing with the ships of the squadron—"Lord Warden," "Minotaur," "Agincourt," "Northumberland," "Monarch," "Hercules," "Inconstant," "Warrior," "Bellerophon," "Bristol,"—was commenced, and continued until 5 p.m., when the recall was made. The direction of the wind was S. by W., force about 6; some of the ships carrying their royals during the whole time—"Captain" included. At 4 o'clock the breeze had freshened, and the trail of the "Captain," which at first was 9½, increased to an average from 11 to 13, the sea washing over the lee side of her deck as she met a swell on her lee bow, the lee gunwale on deck being level with the water. I returned to the "Lord Warden" at 5.30 p.m. Being close to the rendezvous, 20 miles west of Cape Finisterre, the squadron was again formed into three divisions; the "Lord Warden," "Minotaur," and "Agincourt" leading, the "Captain" being the last, astern of the "Lord Warden." The signal was also made to take in two reefs and send down royal yards, and the ships stood to the W.N.W. under double-reefed topsails, foretopmast staysail and foresail; top-gallant sails furled; steam ready to be used as required. Force of the wind about 6 to 7.

At 8 and 10 p.m. the ships were in station, and there was no indication of a heavy gale, although it looked cloudy to the westward. At 11 the breeze began to freshen, with rain. Towards midnight the barometer had fallen, and the wind increased, which rendered it necessary to reef; but before 1 a.m. the gale had set in at S.W., and square sails were furled.

At this time the "Captain" was astern of the ship, apparently closing under steam. The signal "Open order" was made, and at once answered; and at 1.15 a.m. she was on the "Lord Warden's" lee quarter, about six points abaft of the beam. From that time until about 1.30 a.m., I constantly watched the ship; her topsails were either close reefed or on the lap, her foresail was close up, the mainsail having been furled at 5.30 p.m., but I could not see any fore and aft set. She was heeling over a good deal to starboard, with the wind on her port side. Her red bow light was all this time clearly seen. Some minutes after, I again looked for her light, but it was thick with rain, and the light was no longer visible. The squalls of wind and rain were very heavy, and the "Lord Warden" was kept by the aid of the screw and after trysails with her bow to a heavy cross sea, and at times it was thought that the sea would have

broken over her gangways. At 2.15 a.m. (the 7th instant), the gale had somewhat subsided, and the wind went round to the N.W., but without any squall; in fact, the weather moderated, the heavy bank of clouds had passed off to the eastward, and the stars came out clear and bright, the moon, which had given considerable light, was setting. No large ship was seen near us when the "Captain" had been last observed, although the lights of some were visible at a distance. When day broke the squadron was somewhat scattered, and only ten ships instead of eleven, could be discerned; the "Captain" being the missing one. We bore up for the rendezvous, thinking she might have gone in that direction, but no large vessel being in sight from the mast-head, I became alarmed for her safety, because, if disabled, she ought to be within sight, and if not disabled in company with squadron, and I signalled the following ships to proceed in the directions indicated to look out:—The "Agincourt" to the S.W.; the "Monarch," S.; the "Warrior," S.E.S.; the "Inconstant," S.E.; the "Hercules," E.S.E.; the "Northumberland," E.; the "Bristol," N.E.; the "Bellerophon," to the N. by E.; the "Minotaur," also N.E. These vessels proceeded about ten to fourteen miles, but nothing could be seen of the missing ship.

The greater part of the ships were recalled and formed in line abreast, and steered at three or four cables apart to the S.E., looking for any wreck. The "Monarch" first picked up a top-gallant yard of the "Captain," the "Lord Warden" another, with sails bent, then some studding-sail booms, and on the "Psyche" joining me from Vigo at sunset, she reported having passed two cutters painted white, bottom up, with a large amount of wreck, apparently the hurricane deck, among which was found the body of a seaman with "Rose" marked on his flannel.

I have thus stated all that occurred under the eyes of the Flag-Captain and myself, and I much regret to say that I can come to no other conclusion than that the "Captain" foundered with all hands on board, probably in one of the heavy squalls between 1.30 and 2.15 a.m. of this morning (7th instant), at which time a heavy cross sea was running, but how the catastrophe occurred will probably never be known. I had the most perfect confidence in Captain Burgoyne, Commander Sheepshanks, and the executive officers with whom I had come in contact. Captain Burgoyne himself was a thoroughly practical seaman, and it is impossible that she could have been better commanded. The service will mourn the loss of an officer of such ability and promise. I regret, also, Captain Coles should have shared the same fate. He had been several passages in his newly-constructed ship, and took a deep interest in all that concerned her.

I greatly deplore the sad event, which has cast a deep gloom on the whole squadron.

I have, &c.,

A. W. MILNE, Admiral.

The following are extracts from the *Times* and *Standard*:—

Admiralty, 12th September.

The gunner of the unfortunate ship "Captain" has reached the Admiralty. From his report, and the depositions of other survivors, it appears that she capsized in a heavy squall shortly after midnight. Captain Burgoyne, who was on deck, ordered topsails to be lowered and sheets let go, but in vain. The force of the wind, acting on the sails and on the bottom of the hurricane deck, proved too much for her stability.

The following persons, who escaped from Her Majesty's ship "Captain," and landed at Coreubion, north of Cape Finisterre, on the evening of the 7th instant, arrived this day at Portsmouth, in Her Majesty's steamship "Volage":—

Mr. James May, gunner; James Ellis, gunner's mate; Lewis Werry, captain foretop; James Harvey, second captain foretop; George Bride, coxswain of the pinnace; Charles Tregenna,

leading seaman; John Heard, Robert Herd, William Lawrence, David Dryburgh, and John Walker, able seamen; James Freeman, Henry Grange, Robert Tomlinson, and Thomas Kernan, ordinary seamen; Francis Merriman, James Saunders, and John Gribble, boys (first class).

It appears from the depositions of the survivors that the "Captain" turned bottom up in a heavy squall, and went down in three minutes.

Statement of Mr. James May, gunner, R.N.:—

Mr. James May, gunner, second class, states that he was awake about twelve o'clock on the night of the 6th, by some marines making a noise outside of his cabin, and finding the ship more than usually unsteady, he dressed himself to go on deck, and see if the guns were all right in the turrets. In passing the engineers' bathroom he exchanged a remark with the engineer officer who had come off the first watch, and thus he is certain as to its being just past twelve o'clock. When he got up into the after-turret, the ship gave a very heavy roll to starboard, and continued in that position, gradually heeling over more and more, until he found the water coming into the point hole on the top of the turret, through which he crawled, and then found himself overboard. He however succeeded, with five others, including Captain Burgoyne, in reaching the steam pinnace, which was floating bottom uppermost, and observing the launch passing within a few yards of them he cried out, "Now jump, men; this is your only chance." He and three others did so, and succeeded in getting into the boat. They in vain endeavoured to regain the pinnace to save their captain, but the sea running so very high prevented them fulfilling their task, and in the attempt they were struck by a heavy sea, nearly swamping the boat, and washing one man (George Myers) overboard. It was then determined to let the boat run before the sea, as the land was known to be to leeward of them. About two o'clock they sighted the light on Cape Finisterre, and afterwards observed land. They made for it, and succeeded in landing about noon of the 7th at Finisterre, and at four o'clock, after making all necessary inquiries, and drying their clothes, proceeded to Coreubion, where they found the Vice-Consul, who telegraphed and sent the news of the sad disaster through Corunna to England. The "Monarch's" boats picked them up. Mr. May speaks highly of the manner in which Charles Tregenna steered the oar.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 19th January, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Registration Officers for the respective Electoral Districts set opposite their names, for the election of Members of the House of Representatives.

These appointments bear date the 2nd day of January, 1871.

Robert Clapham Barstow—Mongonui and Bay of Islands.

Harcourt Richard Aubrey—Marsden, Rodney.

Henry Colin Balneavis—Waitemata, City of Auckland East, City of Auckland West, Parnell, Newton.

James Naughton—Town of Onehunga, Eden, Franklin.

William Nicholas Searancke—Waikato.

Jackson Keddell—Thames.

William Gilbert Mair—East Coast.

Harry Eyre Kenny—Grey and Bell, Town of New Plymouth, Egmont.

Singleton Rochfort—Napier, Clive.

Walter Lawry Buller—Wanganui, Rangitikei.

Alfred Ross—Manawatu.

James Coutts Crawford—Wellington Country, City of Wellington, Hutt.

Herbert Samuel Wardell—Wairarapa.

Henry Widowson Turnell—Collingwood.

Alexander Le Grand Campbell—Motueka.

Thomas Brunner—City of Nelson, Suburbs of Nelson, Waimea.

Stephen Lunn Muller—Picton, Wairau.

Joseph Goodall—Cheviot.

George Lilly Mellish—Ashley.

William John Warburton Hamilton—Kaiapoi, Avon, City of Christchurch East, City of Christchurch West, Heathcote.

William Donald—Lyttelton.

Walter Hippolyte Pilliett—Akaroa.
 Edward James Lee—Selwyn, Coleridge.
 Belfield Woolcombe—Timaru, Gladstone.
 Joseph Giles—Buller.
 William Horton Revell—Grey Valley.
 Gerard George FitzGerald—Hokitika, Totara.
 Richmond Beetham—Wakatipu.
 Thomas Windle Parker—Waitaki.
 Vincent Pyke—Dunstan, Mount Ida.
 John Wallace Murdoch—Waikouaiti.
 William Reid—Port Chalmers.
 John Burnside—Roslyn, City of Dunedin, Caversham.
 James Fulton—Taieri.
 John Dewe—Bruce (or Tokomairiro), Tuapeka.
 Charles Rous Marten—Wakaia, Wallace.
 James Pillans Maitland—Clutha.
 Harvey Thomson—Mataura, Invercargill.
 Peter Grant—Riverton.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 20th January, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

DANIEL FERGUSON, Esq.,

to be Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Geraldine, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 13th July, 1868, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 43, of 16th July, 1868.

W. GISBORNE.

NOTE.—This notice is published in substitution of notice in *Gazette*, No. 4, of 16th instant, page 30, in which W. C. Andrews, Esq., the Registrar, was erroneously stated to have been appointed Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages, &c., for Geraldine.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 20th January, 1871.

THE following extract from the Regulations under the provisions of "The Civil Service Act, 1866," published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, of the 31st December, 1867," is republished for general information, and the attention of all persons in the employment of the Government is particularly directed to its provisions.

W. GISBORNE.

"Sec. 23. In order that officers of all ranks may be enabled to render loyal and efficient service to Government, it is necessary, and they are hereby expressly required and enjoined, not to take any part in political affairs otherwise than by recording their votes at elections; and every violation of this regulation will be forthwith visited with such penalty as the circumstances of the case shall appear to demand."

Public Works Office,
 Wellington, 20th January, 1871.

THE following Report of an Exploration by Mr. John Rochfort, with a view to finding a practicable Railway Line to Wairarapa via Wai-nui-omata, is published for general information.

W. GISBORNE.

Wellington, 17th January, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably with your instructions, I called on Mr. Hugh Sinclair, for the purpose of examining a route to the Wairarapa discovered by his sons. Mr. John Sinclair at once offered to guide me through, and I have to thank them both for the way in which they furthered my object.

Commencing my description from the Hutt, this route crosses the dividing range at an elevation of

567 feet, and falls 314 feet to Mr. Sinclair's house in the Wai-nui-omata. It then follows up the river about six miles and a half, rising 491 feet more. Here it ascends the range dividing the last-named river from the Orongorongo, an additional 751 feet. This is the lowest part of the range, and is 1,495 feet above the sea, or 1,242 feet above Mr. Sinclair's house, and is the highest point of the route. To gain this elevation with a gradient of 1 in 40 would require nine miles and a half of distance, whereas there are only six miles and a half: a line would therefore have to begin to ascend three miles below Mr. Sinclair's house.

I omitted to say that we ascended a hill about 2,200 feet high, from whence we could see all over the line, and ascertained that there was no lower place.

Mr. Sinclair's route now follows down a branch of the Orongorongo in a southerly direction for about three miles, to its confluence with another stream which leads to the saddle dividing this river from the Wairongomai (N. 30° E., and two miles distant). This pass is 365 feet below the other, or 1,130 feet above the sea, and might be easily reached from the Wai-nui-omata range by heading the first branch, and following the hills round gradually to the lower elevation.

At this point an unexpected difficulty occurs: the saddle of the Orongorongo, which rises very gently on its own side, terminates abruptly on the east side of the range; and instead of meeting the source of the Wairongomai River it overlaps it, making a sudden drop of 900 feet, which there is no possible way of avoiding, as the side ranges are nearly perpendicular slips.

Mr. Sinclair said he had never seen this part of the range before, or he would not have put the Government to the expense of this exploration, and expressed himself quite satisfied that this route was impracticable.

The sides of the Wairongomai are very rough and full of slips, and the distance down to the Lake from the saddle is about seven miles, and bears about N. 43° E. About two miles from the saddle, a branch comes in on the North side, up which the range is visible which separates the Pakuratahi; its bearing is about North.

We returned round by the coast from the Wairarapa, and I have no hesitation in saying that in addition to the distance by the coast road being nearly double that of the Hutt line, a railway could not be made at any reasonable cost, because of the many slips which it would be impossible to avoid, and the small streams which push forward immense shingle fans into the surf.

These two questions may now fairly be considered as being set at rest; and I feel assured that the line I have chosen over the Rimutaka is the best that will be found.

I have, &c.,

JOHN ROCHFORD.

I append a few altitudes of Mr. Sinclair's line:—

Altitudes taken by Aneroid along Mr. Sinclair's route.

	Height above sea. Feet.
A. Summit level between Hutt and Wai-nui-omata	567
B. Mr. Sinclair's house	253
Six miles and a half up Wai-nui-omata	744
C. Summit level between Wai-nui-omata and the Orongorongo	1,495
D. Confluence of the two branches of Orongorongo	976
E. Watershed between Orongorongo and Wairongomai	1,130
Junction of first stream flowing into Wairongomai	250
Junction of second stream flowing into Wairongomai	205

To the Hon. Mr. Gisborne,
 Minister of Public Works.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 19th January, 1871.

ENQUIRIES having been made respecting a person named

CHARLES CURTIS KING,

late of the 3rd Waikato Militia Regiment, who was last heard of at Cambridge, Waikato, in 1868, any one who can give any information respecting him is requested to communicate with this office.

By command.

G. S. COOPER,
Under Secretary.

NOTICE.—The Botanic Garden Reserve, Tinakori Road, Wellington, being a fenced Public Domain, the public are requested to assist the Curators in protecting it from wanton injury; and offenders are hereby cautioned that the following provisions of clause 9 of "The Public Domains Act, 1860," will be strictly enforced:—

"Whoever shall do or attempt to do any of the following things, without the license of the Governor, upon or within the boundaries of this land, shall be liable to a penalty, over and above the damage done, not exceeding £20:—

- "Light a fire.
- "Wilfully break a fence, or any part of a fence.
- "Wilfully dig or cut the sod.
- "Shoot at any bird or animal with a gun or other instrument.
- "Wilfully take away, destroy, or injure any bird or animal being upon the said land, or any egg of any bird.
- "Take away any wood, shrub, plant, or other thing."

By order of the Board.

JAMES HECTOR.

Wellington, 16th September, 1870.

I, JOHN STEPHENSON SMITH, a Commissioner duly appointed by virtue of the Ordinance No. 15, Session XI, of the Legislative Council of the Islands of New Zealand, to hear and decide Claims to Land by persons claiming title thereto from, through, or under the New Zealand Company, report that the Claims of the persons whose names appear in the Schedule hereto having been duly referred to me for investigation, I do hereby decide that the said persons are respectively entitled to Crown Grants of the lands set against their names in the annexed Schedule.

Land Office, New Plymouth, 31st December, 1870.

J. STEPHENSON SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Report.	No. of Claim.	Name of Claimant.	Commissioner's Decision.
1066	1404	John Trigger	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 244, Town of New Plymouth.
1067	1333	John Jury	Entitled to a Grant of 30 acres, more or less, of Rural Allotment No. 23, Omata District.
1068	1414	Harcourt Richard Aubrey	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 313, Town of New Plymouth.
1069	1416	Charles Walker	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 80, Town of New Plymouth.
1070	1413	Thomas Smith	Entitled to a Grant of 5 acres, more or less, of No. 38, Omata District.
1071	1417	Charles Walker	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 2,059, Town of New Plymouth.
1072	1412	Edward Adam Adams ...	Entitled to a Grant of 113 acres 3 roods, more or less, of Rural Allotment No. 770, Grey District.
1073	1422	Edwin Harris	Entitled to a Grant of Rural Allotment No. 481, Grey District.
1074	1408	Charles Walker	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 1,622, Town of New Plymouth.
1075	1408A	"	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 1,272, Town of New Plymouth.
1076	1409	"	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 2,041, Town of New Plymouth.
1077	1418	Richard Chilman	Entitled to a Grant of 34 acres, more or less, of Rural Allotment No. 29, Hua District.
1078	1419	James Thomas Shaw ...	Entitled to a Grant of 25 acres, more or less, of Rural Allotment No. 28, Hua District.
1079	1395	James William Marshall	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 1,740, Town of New Plymouth.
1080	1423	Frederick Windsor	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 785, Town of New Plymouth.
1081	1424	Richard Horwood	Entitled to a Grant of 15 acres, more or less, of Rural Allotment No. 60, Omata District.
1082	1412	William Shackson	Entitled to a Grant of 6 acres 2 roods, more or less, of Town Belt marked G, Town of New Plymouth.
1083	1427	Elizabeth Jury	Entitled to a Grant of 15 acres 2 roods, more or less, of Rural Allotment No. 23, Omata District.
1084	1131	William Balantyne	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 532, Town of New Plymouth.
1085	1130	Samuel Oliver	Entitled to a Grant of Town Allotment No. 228, Town of New Plymouth.

BY virtue of the fifteenth clause of the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance, Session XI., No. 15, I do hereby report that it is expedient that the legal estate in the lands specified in the following Schedule, and comprised in Reports on Claims made on the 31st December, 1870, should be deemed to have been in the Claimants thereto respectively from and after the dates placed opposite to the descriptions of the lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Report.	Name of Claimant.	Description of Land claimed.	Date of Legal Estate.
1066	John Trigger	Town Allotment No. 244, Town of New Plymouth	31st December, 1861.
1068	Harcourt Richard Aubrey	Town Allotment No. 313, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1069	Charles Walker	Town Allotment No. 80, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1071	"	Town Allotment No. 2,059, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1074	"	Town Allotment No. 1,622, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1075	"	Town Allotment No. 1,272, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1076	"	Town Allotment No. 2,041, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1077	Richard Chilman	Part of Rural Allotment No. 29, Hua District	9th September, 1859.
1078	James Thomas Shaw	Part of Rural Allotment No. 28, Hua District	" "
1079	James William Marshall	Town Allotment No. 1,740, Town of New Plymouth	31st December, 1861.
1080	Frederick Windsor	Town Allotment No. 785, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1081	Richard Horwood	Part of Rural Allotment No. 60, Omata District	" "
1082	William Shackson	Part of Town Belt marked G, Town of New Plymouth	" "
1083	Elizabeth Jury	Part of Rural Allotment No. 23, Omata District	" "

J. STEPHENSON SMITH,
Lost Land Order Commissioner.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of JOHN T. TYLEE, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of December, 1870.

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.
...	Nil.	...	...	...	...	...	...

Dated the 31st day of December, 1870.

J. T. TYLEE,
Curator.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of ROBERT POLLOCK, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of December, 1870.

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.
54	James Gardner ...	Westport ...	Scotland ...	16th Dec., 1870 ...	£ s. d. 100 0 0	5th Nov., 1870	Drowned at Buller River, South Spit.
55	Joseph Puffett ...	Westport ...	...	29th Aug., 1870 ...	41 12 0	29th Aug., 1870	...

Dated the 5th day of January, 1871.

ROBERT POLLOCK,
Curator.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD EXPORTED from NEW ZEALAND, from 1st APRIL, 1857, to 31st DECEMBER, 1870.

PORT OF EXPORT.	PRODUCE OF THE GOLD FIELDS IN THE PROVINCE OF	DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DEC., 1870.					EXPORTED PREVIOUS TO THE 30th SEPT., 1870.		TOTAL EXPORTED FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1870.	
		To Great Britain.	To New South Wales.	To Victoria.	TOTALS.		Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.
					Quantities.	Value.				
Auckland	Auckland	Oz. 10,563	Oz. 5,332	Oz. 191	Oz. 16,086	£ 66,767	Oz. 282,937	£ 938,471	Oz. 299,023	£ 1,005,238
Picton	Marlborough	...	582	...	582	2,328	36,100	139,202	36,682	141,530
Wellington	Wellington	...	...	...	...	...	30	120	30	120
Nelson	Nelson	...	2,342	1,156	3,498	13,992	} 977,912	} 3,863,972	} 1,016,520	} 4,018,404
Westport	Ditto	...	...	20,504	20,504	82,016				
Greymouth	Ditto	...	...	14,606	14,606	58,424				
					38,608	154,432				
Greymouth	Westland	...	...	8,230	8,230	32,920	} 1,442,175	} 5,675,075	} 1,476,453	} 5,812,187
Hokitika	Ditto	...	...	24,536	24,536	98,144				
Okarita	Ditto	...	...	1,512	1,512	6,048				
					34,278	137,112				
Dunedin	Otago	96	...	51,133	51,229	204,916	2,633,526	10,266,838	2,684,755	10,471,754
Invercargill	Southland	...	...	...	...	...	29,386	116,246	29,386	116,246
Totals		10,659	8,256	121,868	140,783	565,555	5,402,066	20,999,924	5,542,849	21,565,479

Office of the Commissioner of Customs,
Wellington, 18th January, 1871.

WILLIAM SEED,
Secretary of Customs.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD EXPORTED from NEW ZEALAND, for the YEARS ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1869 and 1870.

PORTS.	DURING THE QUARTERS ENDED—				TOTALS FOR YEAR 1870.		TOTALS FOR YEAR 1869.	
	March 31, 1870.	June 30, 1870.	Sept. 30, 1870.	Dec. 31, 1870.	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.
Auckland	Oz. 30,008	Oz. 23,334	Oz. 16,106	Oz. 16,086	Oz. 85,534	£ 319,141	Oz. 132,454	£ 435,687
Havelock	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	56
Picton	...	789	433	582	1,804	7,216	500	2,000
Wellington	...	30	...	...	30	120	...	...
Nelson	3,271	3,322	2,201	3,498	12,292	49,168	10,733	43,132
Westport	22,085	15,153	16,810	20,504	74,557	298,228	83,621	334,484
Greymouth	28,463	25,317	23,976	22,836	100,592	402,368	106,877	427,508
Hokitika	25,808	23,595	25,918	24,536	99,857	399,428	121,880	487,520
Okarita	354	1,917	1,036	1,512	4,819	19,276	4,768	19,072
Lyttelton	66	...	177	...	243	972	20	80
Dunedin	46,386	28,841	36,238	51,229	162,694	650,776	150,575	602,300
Invercargill	885	421	1,152	...	2,458	9,832	2,784	11,136
Bluff Harbour	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	20
TOTALS, 1870	157,326	122,724	124,047	140,783	544,880	2,156,525	...	...
TOTALS, 1869	166,264	148,611	140,776	158,630	...	...	614,281	2,362,995

Office of the Commissioner of Customs,
Wellington, 18th January, 1871.

WILLIAM SEED,
Secretary of Customs.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Wakatipu Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Wakatipu Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 14th June, 1869; 19th June, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Fort Street, Auckland; Joseph F. Clarke.

Nominal capital: £16,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £12,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,600.

Number of shares taken: 1,600.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: Nil.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 8.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

22nd December, 1870. JOSEPH F. CLARKE,
536 Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Ashley Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Ashley Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 30th January, 1869; 28th April, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Auckland; R. G. McDonald.

Nominal capital: £49,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £39,200.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 9,800.

Number of shares taken: 9,750.

Amount of calls made: £973 2s. 6d.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £661 4s. 6d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 11.

Amount of cash in hand: £3 7s. 7d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 50.

29th December, 1870. R. G. McDONALD,
537 Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Teutonic Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Teutonic Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 30th July, 1868; 27th October, 1868.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Auckland; William Taylor.

Nominal capital: £21,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £18,060.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 4,200.

Number of shares taken: 4,025.

Amount of calls made: £2,921 13s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £2,698 8s.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 12.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: Not in operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 175.

21st December, 1870. WILLIAM TAYLOR,
538 Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Red Queen Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Red Queen Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 9th July, 1869; 19th August, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Grahamstown; David Philp.

Nominal capital: £24,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £18,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 24,000.

Number of shares taken: 24,000.

Amount of calls made: £1,100.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £18,878 17s. 1d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 22.

Amount of cash in hand: 16s. 5d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

31st December, 1870. DAVID PHILP,
539 Manager.

STATEMENT of the affairs of "The Great Britain and Brunswick Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 20th December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Great Britain and Brunswick Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 13th August, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Pollen Street, Shortland; Walter Sully.

Nominal capital: £16,400.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £12,300.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 4,100.

Number of shares taken: 4,100.

Amount of calls made: £615.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £476.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 25.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th December, 1870. WALTER SULLY,
540 Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Ballarat and Rising Sun Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Ballarat and Rising Sun Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 14th August, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Pollen Street, Shortland; Walter Sully.

Nominal capital: £22,400.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £20,160.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 8,960.

Number of shares taken: 8,960.

Amount of calls made: £672.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £424 12s. 6d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 27.

Amount of cash in hand: £26 15s. 9d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th December, 1870. WALTER SULLY,
541 Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Sailor Prince Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Sailor Prince Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 30th September, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: James Brown, Brown Street, Grahamstown.

Nominal capital: £8,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £6,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 4,000.

Number of shares taken: 4,000.

Amount of calls made: £800.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £6,693 19s.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 14.

Amount of cash in hand: £16 6d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

24th December, 1870. JAMES BROWN,
542 Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Colonial Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Colonial Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 13th August, 1869; 3rd September, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Albert Street, Grahamstown; R. S. Ledger.

Nominal capital: £12,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £9,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 6,000.

Number of shares taken: 5,463.

Amount of calls made: £118 4s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £9,601 14s. 6d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 24.

Amount of cash in hand: £1 17s. 6d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 537.

20th December, 1870.

R. S. LEDGER,
Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Wanganui Union Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Wanganui Union Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 30th September, 1869; 9th November, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Taupo Quay, Wanganui; Edward Churton.

Nominal capital: £10,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: Nil.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,000.

Number of shares taken: 766.

Amount of calls made: 15s. 6d.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £515 11s. 4d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 89.

Amount of cash in hand: £29 19s. 9d.

Whether in operation or not: Not in operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 4,234.

31st December, 1870.

EDWARD CHURTON,
Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Totara and Jones' Creek Amalgamated Water Race Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 9th December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Totara and Jones' Creek Amalgamated Water Race Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 26th August, 1866; 7th September, 1866.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Totara District, Ross; Camille Malfroy.

Nominal capital: £12,800.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £8,400, being estimated value of the two races at the time of the amalgamation, 26th August, 1866.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,280.

Number of shares taken: 1,280.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £12,800. Paid-up scrip given to shareholders, £8,400; paid out of proceeds of races in improvement, extension, and purchase of other races, £4,400; total, £12,800.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 17.

Amount of cash in hand: £156 5s.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £6,996.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

9th December, 1870.

CAMILLE MALFROY,
Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Westland Quartz Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 28th December, 1870, in accordance

with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Westland Quartz Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 19th April, 1870; 26th July, 1870.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Donnelly's Creek, Ross, Westland; Thomas Pringle.

Nominal capital: £6,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £3,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,200.

Number of shares taken, 1,200.

Amount of calls made: £300.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £278 2s. 6d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 14.

Amount of cash in hand: £2 1s.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

28th December, 1870.

THOS. PRINGLE,
Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Greenstone and Eastern Hohonu Water Race and Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Greenstone and Eastern Hohonu Water Race and Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 31st December, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hokitika; William Evans.

Nominal capital: £5,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £300.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 100.

Number of shares taken: 100.

Amount of calls made: £600.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £900.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 14.

Amount of cash in hand: 19s. 2d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

30th December, 1870.

WILLIAM EVANS,
Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Duke of Edinburgh Quartz Mining Company (Macrae's), Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Duke of Edinburgh Quartz Mining Company (Macrae's), Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 30th March, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Dunedin; James J. Taine.

Nominal capital: £6,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £1,500.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,200.

Number of shares taken: 1,200.

Amount of calls made: £3,825.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid-up: £5,325.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 11.

Amount of cash in hand: £13 2s. 8d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

30th December, 1870.

JAMES J. TAINE,
Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Culliford Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Culliford Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: October, 1869; 13th June, 1870.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Trafalgar Street, Nelson; Wm. Stavert.

Nominal capital: £20,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £6,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 2,000.

Number of shares taken: 2,000.

Amount of calls made: £2 10s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £2,781 12s. 6d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 491.

Amount of cash in hand: £37 18s. 2d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

31st December, 1870.

WM. STAVERT,

549

Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Excelsior Quartz Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Excelsior Quartz Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 15th November, 1870.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Palmerston Street, Westport; David Leslie.

Nominal capital: £9,600.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,800.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 676.

Number of shares taken: 196.

Amount of calls made: £22.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £215.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 71.

Amount of cash in hand: £115.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 284.

31st December, 1870.

DAVID LESLIE,

550

Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Extended Water Race and Sluicing Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Extended Water Race and Sluicing Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 23rd August, 1867.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Naseby, Mount Ida; Edward Carling.

Nominal capital: £5,400.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £5,400.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 270.

Number of shares taken: 270.

Amount of calls made:

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £5,400.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 9.

Amount of cash in hand:

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £108.

31st December, 1870.

EDWARD CARLING,

551

Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Una Quartz Crushing and Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Una Quartz Crushing and Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: Registered 4th September, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Karakia Creek; Fred. F. Day, Manager.

Nominal capital: £75,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £56,700.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 15,000.

Number of shares taken: 12,600.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £67,500.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 28.

Amount of cash in hand: £3 2s. 11d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 2,400.

11th January, 1871.

FRED. F. DAY,

552

Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Clarkson's No. 1 Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 29th December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: The Clarkson's No. 1 Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 4th August, 1869: 17th August, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Grahamstown; Robert M. Mitchell.

Nominal capital: £30,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £15,037 10s.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 30,000.

Number of shares taken: 30,000.

Amount of calls made: £539.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £15,576 10s.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 4.

Amount of cash in hand: £5 6s. 9d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

29th December, 1870.

ROBERT M. MITCHELL,

553

Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Morning Star Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Morning Star Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 26th July, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Moanatairi Creek, Thames Gold Field; John Rafferty, Manager.

Nominal capital: £30,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £25,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,000.

Number of shares taken: 5,000.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: Nil.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 4.

Amount of cash in hand: £661 13s. 3d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £750.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

6th January, 1871.

JOHN RAFFERTY,

554

Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The West Coast Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The West Coast Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 21st August, 1869: 4th October, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
Brown Street, Grahamstown; Henry Charles Lawlor.

Nominal capital: £20,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £16,180.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 4,000.

Number of shares taken: 3,065.

Amount of calls made: Two calls at 1s. per share.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £16,000.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 23.

Amount of cash in hand: £1 12s. 4d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 935.

31st December, 1870.

H. CHARLES LAWLOR,

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Manager.