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WELLINGTON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House, at Wellington, this first day of February, 1871.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

**WHEREAS** by "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," it is enacted that the order and manner in which land taken under the authority of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," should be laid out for sale and sold should be at the discretion of the Governor, who shall have power to cause such land or any part thereof to be laid out for sale and sold from time to time, in such manner, for such consideration, and in such allotments as he shall think fit, and subject to such regulations as he shall, with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time prescribe: And whereas by "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment Act, 1866," it is provided that the said lands shall be sold for such consideration or at such price, and whether for cash or otherwise, as the Governor shall from time to time prescribe, and that all lands taken under authority of the said "New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," or either of them, and sold or disposed of under the authority of the said first-recited Act, shall be sold or disposed of under Regulations to be made by the Governor in Council, which Regulations shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: And whereas the House of Representatives, on the fifteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, resolved that the recommendation of the Select Committee appointed to consider the petition of Major Brown, namely, "That local rank at least as a Field Officer ought to have been given to Major Brown when he was in command of the same number of Militia at

Taranaki as the Field Officer who preceded him, and that he is therefore entitled to the difference in pay and allowances between what he received and what he would have been entitled to as Major in Command,' be submitted to the favourable consideration of the Government, on the understanding that the Government may, if they think fit, award such difference not in money but in land:" And whereas a Board having been constituted in that behalf by the Government, has ascertained that the pay and allowances recommended in the said recited resolution amount to the sum of three hundred and ten pounds four shillings and fivepence (£310 4s. 5d.): And whereas it is expedient that a regulation be made under the Acts aforesaid, enabling the Governor to give effect to the hereinbefore in part recited resolution of the House of Representatives:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of all powers and authorities vested in him in that behalf, doth hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, make the following Regulation for the sale and disposal of land taken under the said Acts or either or any of them, in any part of the said Colony:—

*Regulation.*

It shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to sell to the said Major Charles Brown the sections named in the Schedule hereto on credit at the prices at which the same were respectively put up to auction, amounting to the sum of three hundred and ten pounds four shillings and five pence (£310 4s. 5d.); payments for the same to be made out of any moneys voted by the House of Representatives for that purpose: Provided always that nothing in this or any other regulation issued under the authority of the said Acts shall prevent or delay the issue of a Crown Grant or Grants of the lands aforesaid to the said Major Brown, notwithstanding that the said moneys shall not at the time of the issue of such grant have been actually voted by the House of Representatives aforesaid.

## SCHEDULE.

## TOWNSHIP OF RALEIGH, PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

SUBURBAN SECTIONS.		TOWN SECTIONS.	
No. of Section.	No. of Block.	No. of Section.	No. of Block.
28		3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.	} LXXXIX. XCVI.
		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.	

FORSTER GORING,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 11th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ROBERT JOSEPH LANAUZE, Esq.,  
to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths,  
and Marriages, for the District of Chatham Islands,  
as the same is defined in Proclamation of 6th day of  
July, 1859, and published in *New Zealand Gazette*,  
No. 21, of the same date.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

SAMUEL KINGDON, Esq.,  
to be Registrar of Deeds for the Nelson Deeds  
Registration District.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

SAMUEL KINGDON, Esq.,  
to be District Land Registrar under "The Land  
Transfer Act, 1870," for the Nelson Land Registra-  
tion District.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

THOMAS BLACKALL SHAPTER, Esq.,  
to be Examiner of Titles under "The Land Transfer  
Act, 1870," for the Nelson Land Registration District.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**I**T is hereby notified, that

GEORGE MCINTYRE, Esq.,  
has been appointed Chief Clerk in the Department of  
the Registrar-General of Land. The appointment  
dates from the 1st January, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),  
Wellington, 8th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD BISSELL, Esq.,  
to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court at  
Havelock, Hawke's Bay.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),

Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EBENEZER BAKER, Esq.,  
to be Deputy Sheriff for the District of Wellington.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),

Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by

JOHN FIELD DECK, Esq., M.D.,  
of Invercargill, of his appointment as a Coroner.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 14th February, 1871.

**I**T is notified for general information, that the  
Firing for the General Government Colonial  
Prizes will commence at Auckland, on Monday, the  
6th March proximo.

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

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 9th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

The CHIEF CLERK, Registrar-General of Lands'  
Office,  
to frank free from prepayment of Postage, Letters or  
Packets on the Public Service.

HENRY SEWELL,  
Acting Postmaster-General.

Native Office,  
Wellington, 8th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

AREMATE TE WAHAROA, and  
RIHIA TE KAUAU,  
of Waikato, to be Assessors, under "The Native  
Lands Act, 1865."

HENRY SEWELL  
(for the Native Minister).

Native Office,  
Wellington, 14th February, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

GILBERT MAIR,  
of Opotiki, to act as an Interpreter under "The  
Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands  
Act, 1867;" his certificate to bear date the 1st day  
of August, 1870.

HENRY SEWELL  
(in the absence of the Native Minister).

**T**ENDERS are invited for the Erection of a Custom  
House and Transit Shed at Wanganui, in the  
Province of Wellington.

General Conditions, Specifications, and Drawings  
may be seen at the Offices of the Colonial Architect,  
Wellington, and at the Custom House, Wanganui.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned, up to  
Noon on Wednesday, the 1st day of March next.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

W. H. CLAYTON,  
Colonial Architect.

8th February, 1871.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Victorian Co-operative Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended the 31st December, 1870, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "Victorian Co-operative Gold Mining Company."  
 When formed, and date of registration: 26th June, 1867.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Kanieri, West Coast, New Zealand; William Watt.  
 Nominal capital: £900.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £20, or one share.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 45.  
 Number of shares taken: 38.  
 Amount of calls made: £760.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £760.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 27.  
 Amount of cash in hand: £8 1s. 6d.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: £1,121.  
 Number of shares unallotted: 7.  
 6th January, 1871. **WILLIAM WATT,**  
 580 Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Aurora Quartz Mining Company, Registered," for the year ending 31st December, 1870.

Name of Company: "Aurora Quartz Mining Company, Registered."  
 When formed, and date of registration: Bendigo; George Fache.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bendigo; George Fache.  
 Nominal capital: £7,000.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £7,000.  
 Number of shares in which capital is allotted: 140.  
 Amount of calls made: Nil.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £7,000.  
 Number of shares at time of registration of Company: 140.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: None.  
 Clyde, 5th January, 1871. **GEORGE FACHE,**  
 577 Legal Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Alta Quartz Mining Company, Registered," for the year ending 31st December, 1870.

Name of Company: "Alta Quartz Mining Company, Registered."  
 When formed, and date of registration: 31st August, 1870.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bendigo; Charles Frederick Johnson.

Nominal capital: £4,800.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £2,400.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 480.  
 Number of shares taken: 480.  
 Amount of calls made: £1,920.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £1,141 7s. 9d.  
 Number of shares at time of registration of Company: 480.  
 Amount of cash in hand: £1 13s. 3d.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

Clyde, 5th January, 1871. **C. F. JOHNSON,**  
 578 Legal Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Nugget and Cornish Quartz Mining Company, Registered."

Name of Company: "Nugget and Cornish Quartz Mining Company, Registered."  
 When formed, and date of registration: 14th February, 1870; 6th April, 1870.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Upper Shotover; Thomas Francis Roskruge.  
 Nominal capital: £7,800.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,560.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 624.  
 Number of shares taken: 624.  
 Amount of calls made: £3,240.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £3,240.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 8.  
 Amount of cash in hand, 30th November, 1870: £176 13s. 6d.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: None.

**T. FRANCIS ROSKRUGE,**  
 Manager.  
 Nugget and Cornish Reefs,  
 Upper Shotover, 1st December, 1870.  
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**N**OTICE.—The Government Printer begs to inform the Public, that Postage Stamps can only be received by him in payment of accounts from places where Post Office Orders are not procurable, or in cases where the amounts are very small. Duties Stamps cannot under any circumstances be received in future.

**GEO. DIDSBURY,**  
 Government Printer.  
 Government Printing Office,  
 Wellington, 10th February, 1871.

**P**ARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of **ROBERT ABBOTT, Esq.,** Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Months of December, 1870, and January, 1871.

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.
16	Clunan, Cornelius	Miner, Greenstone	County Westmeath, Ireland	...	Under £50	19 Jan., 1871	Killed by fall of timber.
6	Jorgensen, Christen	Miner, Arch Creek, Woodstock	Denmark ...	...	Under £100	20 Dec., 1870	Killed by fall of earth.
7	King, William ...	Ditto ...	Dorsetshire	...	Under £20	20 Dec., 1870	Ditto.
8	Patenaude, George, alias Médar	Miner, Nobles, Grey Valley	Canada, New South Wales	...	Under £100	27 Dec., 1870	Killed by a stab wound.

*Mem.*—The Curator has taken possession of some effects of one Robert Quin, who has been missing more than two years, and is believed to have been lost in the schooner "Percy," from Bay of Islands to Fiji.

Dated the 31st day of January, 1871.

**ROBERT ABBOTT,**  
 Curator.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS ISSUED at the several Chief and Accounting Post Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Quarter ended 31st DECEMBER, 1870; and SUMMARY of the ISSUES during the corresponding Quarter in 1869.

CHIEF AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES.	NO. OF OFFICES.	ISSUED ON NEW ZEALAND.				ISSUED ON ENGLAND AND WALES.		ISSUED ON SCOTLAND.		ISSUED ON IRELAND.		ISSUED ON VICTORIA.		ISSUED ON S. AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED ON NEW S. WALES.		ISSUED ON QUEENSLAND.		ISSUED ON WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED ON TASMANIA.		TOTAL ISSUED.							
		Per Post.		Per Telegraph.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.				
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.																										
Auckland	13	681	£ 2,860 3 3	18	£ 46 1 9	256	1,045 19 8	60	£ 273 12 2	73	£ 309 7 0	69	£ 328 8 10	2	£ 9 10 0	82	£ 403 19 10	4	£ 25 10 0	...	...	14	£ 48 11 8	1259	£ 5,351 4 2						
The Thames	1	223	901 16 0	5	19 10 0	73	266 9 5	11	49 0 0	28	120 5 6	28	146 19 0	11	60 8 9	7	49 12 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5 0 0	220	1,614 1 0				
New Plymouth	2	139	658 6 11	21	164 8 0	27	103 18 7	2	8 0 0	6	21 0 0	13	62 10 0	3	22 7 0	8	21 1 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5 0 0	327	1,066 12 0		
Napier	4	187	988 17 8	13	63 19 10	82	486 11 8	17	114 10 0	8	49 0 0	11	40 15 0	1	3 0 0	8	38 11 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	735 5 8	
Wellington	7	500	2,266 19 10	60	259 7 1	167	702 2 7	51	248 2 6	16	64 16 0	104	535 15 1	...	...	...	33	138 17 3	1	110 0 0	...	...	...	...	8	48 0 0	940	4,274 0 4			
Blenheim	4	262	1,512 7 10	27	122 16 0	32	135 18 0	3	7 0 0	1	4 0 0	11	56 13 0	...	...	...	3	12 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	339	1,850 14 10
Nelson	3	104	474 7 10	12	38 9 5	61	223 17 1	5	19 0 0	8	46 8 0	32	135 3 7	2	5 12 0	17	77 13 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	241	1,020 11 5
Charleston	1	61	237 6 3	14	55 8 0	14	82 10 0	...	...	8	47 0 0	35	112 5 0	...	...	...	5	40 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5 0 0	138	579 9 3			
Westport	1	90	457 15 0	39	206 13 6	13	57 15 0	12	75 0 0	6	32 0 0	35	164 15 0	2	12 0 0	4	18 0 0	2	220 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	203	1,043 18 6
Greymouth	1	113	489 15 7	55	226 6 6	36	183 13 6	21	137 0 0	10	54 0 0	96	466 10 1	1	1 18 6	10	64 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	31 0 0	347	1,644 12 2				
Hokitika	2	181	750 8 8	22	126 7 6	65	255 2 9	18	92 3 0	15	67 0 0	155	718 17 4	9	47 15 3	4	17 0 0	2	215 0 0	...	...	...	...	12	48 3 10	483	2,137 18 4				
Christchurch	9	399	1,554 6 0	57	266 17 10	393	1,557 5 11	106	436 1 9	57	248 10 6	85	397 0 5	14	97 5 0	27	145 16 6	1	8 0 0	...	...	...	...	9	50 0 0	1148	4,761 3 11				
Dunedin	18	948	4,114 2 6	163	701 13 4	266	1,091 12 1	299	1,248 7 11	63	266 15 9	267	1,279 1 5	14	61 14 0	25	100 19 8	2	6 5 0	...	...	...	...	10	56 16 6	2057	8,927 8 2				
Invercargill	4	101	475 2 8	5	13 14 6	51	178 0 10	39	178 19 0	5	18 0 0	42	176 19 6	1	1 0 0	4	4 11 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	20 0 0	251	1,066 7 10				
Total for 4th Qr., 1870	70	3989	17,741 16 0	511	2311 13 3	3153	6,370 17 1	1644	2,886 16 4	4304	1,348 2 9	983	4,611 13 3	360	322 10 6	237	1,132 11 5	512	84 15 0	...	...	...	...	63	312 12 0	8339	37,123 7 7				
Total for 4th Qr., 1869	59	3786	16,304 18 8	...	...	1438	5,749 19 0	626	2,659 18 3	1362	1,648 12 0	888	4,123 11 0	42	165 9 6	260	1,285 3 6	216	2 19 0	1	5 0 0	054	309 7 2	27478	32,314 17 11						

W. PAGAN, Controller.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS PAID at the several Chief and Accounting Post Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Quarter ended 31st DECEMBER, 1870; and SUMMARY of the PAYMENTS during the corresponding Quarter in 1869.

CHIEF AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES.	NO. OF OFFICES.	ISSUED IN NEW ZEALAND.				ISSUED IN ENGLAND AND WALES.		ISSUED IN SCOTLAND.		ISSUED IN IRELAND.		ISSUED IN VICTORIA.		ISSUED IN S. AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN N. S. WALES.		ISSUED IN QUEENSLAND.		ISSUED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		ISSUED IN TASMANIA.		TOTAL PAID.						
		Per Post.		Per Telegraph.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.																									
Auckland	13	849	£ 3,686 19 5	27	£ 116 11 9	3	£ 4 14 0	97	£ 502 14 9	5	£ 16 19 0	6	£ 13 13 8	28	£ 124 8 1	3	£ 10 10 0	42	£ 199 15 8	8	£ 57 0 0	...	...	3	£ 12 12 1	11071	£ 4,745 18 5			
The Thames	1	210	791 3 5	3	6 0 0	...	...	8	51 0 0	...	...	...	...	8	36 0 0	...	...	5	29 0 0	1	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	236	918 3 5	
New Plymouth	2	87	391 7 5	2	19 0 0	...	...	7	31 8 0	1	2 3 9	...	...	2	8 0 0	...	...	1	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	2	2 0 0	102	456 19 2			
Napier	4	44	171 2 11	8	49 0 0	...	...	7	30 14 9	...	...	...	...	1	5 0 0	...	...	4	18 13 6	1	8 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	232 11 2	
Wellington	7	549	2,450 10 1	98	561 2 5	1	1 0 0	23	120 1 11	3	15 0 0	13	53 4 0	1	4 12 0	6	36 3 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9 0 0	697	3,250 13 6			
Blenheim	4	95	477 5 4	21	80 13 11	...	...	9	61 5 0	...	...	...	...	2	20 0 0	...	...	1	10 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128	649 4 3	
Nelson	3	313	1,563 5 8	57	235 16 0	...	...	12	67 11 6	2	6 0 0	1	10 0 0	8	28 5 0	...	...	4	21 10 0	...	...	...	...	3	4 14 8	400	1,937 2 10			
Charleston	1	9	36 16 6	3	11 5 0	1	5 0 0	3	25 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	78 1 6
Westport	1	48	188 5 10	13	73 7 0	1	5 0 0	3	30 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	296 12 10
Greymouth	1	69	265 19 6	13	31 12 0	...	...	2	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	5	26 4 0	...	...	2	16 0 0	1	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	344 15 6	
Hokitika	2	147	636 0 6	31	144 18 0	3	22 0 0	4	13 0 0	...	...	...	...	18	79 8 0	...	...	5	22 0 0	1	6 0 0	...	...	3	25 0 0	212	948 6 6			
Christchurch	9	385	1,746 5 10	52	197 8 6	3	12 0 0	65	334 11 2	1	2 0 0	1	5 0 0	7	23 14 10	1	0 12 0	11	78 12 3	...	...	...	...	3	12 14 2	529	2,412 18 9			
Dunedin	18	1035	4,487 17 2	164	663 3 8	7	47 3 6	47	264 10 5	7	14 13 6	1	2 0 0	69	346 17 0	4	22 0 0	3	15 16 6	3	22 0 0	2	17 0 0	5	22 12 3	1347	5,925 14 0			
Invercargill	4	84	318 9 6	19	136 14 0	...	...	7	43 13 4	...	...	...	...	9	35 19 6	...	...	1	10 0 0	...	...	...	...	5	23 0 0	125	567 16 4			
Total for 4th Qr., 1870	70	3924	17,211 9 1	511	2326 12 3	319	96 17 6	294	1,578 10 10	19	56 16 3	10	32 13 8	170	787 0 5	9	37 14 0	85	460 11 0	15	98 0 0	2	17 0 0	27	111 13 2	25085	22,814 18 2			
Total for 4th Qr., 1869	59	3806	16,550 19 0	...	...	15	67 11 6	255	1,179 18 11	25	100 18 3	8	37 6 0	178	838 2 5	21	126 17 6	93	500 17 0	14	87 9 5	1	2 5 0	30	139 6 0	4446	19,631 11 0			

W. PAGAN, Controller.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS at the several Chief and Accounting Post Offices in the Colony of New Zealand during the Quarter ended 31st DECEMBER, 1870; and SUMMARY of the TRANSACTIONS during the corresponding Quarter in 1869.

CHIEF AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES.	NO. OF BANKS.	DEPOSITS.						WITHDRAWALS.						BALANCES.		
		NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED.		ADDITIONS TO OPEN ACCOUNTS.		TOTAL DEPOSITS.		NO. OF ACCOUNTS WITHDRAWN UPON.	NUMBER OF WITH-DRAWALS.	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL WITHDRAWN.	INTEREST PAID ON CLOSED ACCOUNTS.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED. AMOUNT INCLUDED IN PRINCIPAL WITHDRAWN.		DR. AMOUNT.	CR. AMOUNT.	REMAINING IN DEPOSIT.
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.					No.	Amount.			
Auckland	13	181	£ 4,756 10 0	703	£ 5,846 4 0	884	£ 10,602 14 0	606	788	£ 9,867 14 7	£ 81 12 3	143	£ 3,063 3 5	£ 1,569 6 0	£ 834 6 7	...
The Thames	1	54	1,410 17 0	153	1,140 13 0	207	2,551 10 0	109	128	1,321 1 8	11 19 8	20	466 18 8	1,230 8 4	...	...
New Plymouth	2	26	631 3 6	96	1,053 11 0	122	1,684 14 6	83	94	1,658 16 6	11 7 2	18	558 8 6	244 6 9	218 8 9	...
Napier	4	18	486 7 0	129	782 11 0	147	1,268 18 0	42	61	1,094 3 5	7 18 10	6	297 4 5	575 14 7	401 0 0	...
Wellington	7	86	2,935 6 0	385	3,828 18 6	471	6,764 4 6	213	264	3,317 4 7	19 11 10	33	796 3 0	3,446 19 11	...	...
Blenheim	4	19	557 2 0	52	594 15 5	71	1,151 17 5	21	21	386 12 0	2 4 10	4	143 10 7	765 5 5	...	...
Nelson	3	27	367 10 0	116	642 7 0	143	1,009 17 0	57	67	1,312 15 11	12 14 9	8	612 2 7	223 18 0	526 16 11	...
Charleston	1	10	413 0 0	67	730 12 0	77	1,143 12 0	32	36	918 2 8	3 9 7	7	149 17 8	419 10 0	194 0 8	...
Westport	1	28	591 11 0	109	1,532 3 0	137	2,123 14 0	96	115	1,708 6 10	11 4 11	20	550 17 10	550 1 9	134 14 7	...
Greymouth	1	38	1,506 12 0	160	2,299 4 0	198	3,805 16 0	126	141	3,072 15 1	21 13 2	22	713 8 1	963 10 6	230 9 7	...
Hokitika	2	31	687 4 0	228	1,851 13 0	259	2,538 17 0	119	139	1,532 15 8	13 14 5	15	479 15 4	1,031 2 8	25 1 4	...
Christchurch	9	176	4,679 15 0	794	7,208 18 0	970	11,888 13 0	499	579	10,601 13 11	68 8 1	61	3,026 5 3	2,014 0 10	727 1 9	...
Dunedin	18	218	7,577 13 0	994	7,730 17 0	1,212	15,308 10 0	612	733	13,689 15 4	128 2 7	133	4,937 10 1	2,498 10 5	879 15 9	...
Invercargill	4	42	1,320 18 0	105	1,103 12 0	147	2,424 10 0	83	90	1,583 16 11	7 10 10	12	234 6 2	840 15 4	0 2 3	...
Total for 4th Quarter in 1870	70	954	27,921 8 6	4,091	36,345 18 11	5,045	64,267 7 5	2,698	3,256	52,065 15 1	401 12 11	502	16,029 11 7	16,373 10 6	4,171 18 2	12,201 12 4
Total for 4th Quarter in 1869	59	881	23,317 1 0	3,408	32,553 9 6	4,289	55,870 10 6	2,164	2,559	41,665 5 6	338 10 9	470	14,006 16 10	16,792 17 5	2,587 12 5	14,205 5 0

\* \* \* The total balance at credit of Depositors on the 31st December, including interest up to 31st December, 1869, was £287,113 3s. 3d.

W. PAGAN, Controller.

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of DECEMBER, 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.		LOUD.
	Mean Reading	Extr'me Range.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Mean Daily Range of Temp.	Extr'me Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in Sun's Rays.	Min. Temp. on Grass.	Mean Elastic Force of Vapour.	Mean Deg. of Moist. (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 5 years	29.887 29.936	.453 ...	62.7 63.5	16.9 ...	35.0 ...	143.0 ...	45.0 ...	.385 .498	68 73	2.860 2.378	12 11	200	437, 26th	6.0
AUCKLAND ... .. Same month previous 6 years	29.875 29.880	.440 ...	61.2 63.9	14.4 ...	27.9 ...	151.9 ...	30.0 ...	.431 .477	80 73	3.786 3.742	18 15	389	662, 28th	6.5
TARANAKI ... .. Same month previous 6 years	29.883 29.905	.465 ...	57.9 63.0	17.0 ...	38.6 ...	145.0 ...	24.0 ...	.365 .466	76 70	7.540 5.023	19 11	254	600, 6th	7.5
NAPIER ... .. Same month previous 3 years	29.733 29.877	1.249 ...	62.4 65.7	16.1 ...	29.0 ...	131.0 ...	40.0 ...	.482 .472	86 70	1.380 7.050	6 7	294	543, 19th	2.0
WELLINGTON ... .. Same month previous 6 years	29.655 29.866	.733 ...	57.6 60.9	12.3 ...	24.5 ...	123.0 ...	40.0 ...	.366 .386	77 69	3.903 3.909	13 13	237	575, 4th	4.4
NELSON ... .. Same month previous 6 years	29.758 29.859	.651 ...	60.0 61.6	24.9 ...	39.0 ...	154.0 ...	33.0 ...	.344 .434	66 77	5.040 5.051	6 9	190	380, 7th	6.3
CHRISTCHURCH ... .. Same month previous 6 years	29.739 29.821	.980 ...	56.7 60.6	19.0 ...	38.0 ...	155.3 ...	21.9 ...	.340 .402	74 71	1.729 1.622	10 9	157	232, 3rd	5.7
BEALEY ... .. Same month previous 2 years	29.606 29.714	.631 ...	49.4 53.3	18.1 ...	46.0 ...	135.8 ...	15.0 ...	.287 .312	81 74	11.049 14.368	20 20	173	455, 22d	5.6
HOKITIKA ... .. Same month previous 4 years	29.784 29.910	.714 ...	55.6 58.5	12.4 ...	27.2 ...	101.2 ...	31.5 ...	.366 *.478	83 *37	10.020 12.165	18 20	297	485, 16th	4.4
DUNEDIN ... .. Same month previous 6 years	29.712 29.866	.986 ...	52.7 56.6	14.6 ...	29.0 ...	152.0 ...	17.0 ...	.302 .337	77 71	3.062 3.462	16 14	260	630, 28th	6.0
SOUTHLAND ... .. Same month previous 5 years	29.799 29.741	1.183 ...	55.0 57.2	24.1 ...	44.0 ...	156.0 ...	25.0 ...	.278 .323	64 68	3.000 2.672	12 10	200	490, 8th	5.0

\* For three years.

NOTES.

*Mongonui.*—Strong N. wind from 1st to 2nd; thunder on afternoon of 6th; otherwise weather fine up to 26th, when it came on to blow from S.E. with rain; continued wet, close, and unpleasant weather for remainder of month. Prevailing wind from N.W.

*Auckland.*—Strong wind on 1st, N.E.; on 12th and 13th stormy from S.W., with showers; on 19th strong S.W. wind; on 28th, 29th, and 30th, wet and stormy from E. There were some fine pleasant days, but generally the weather was wet, with high winds, chiefly from S.W.; thunder on 7th.

*Taranaki.*—Unpleasant weather at this station, wet and stormy, with frequent thunder, occurring on five days in beginning of month; strong gale on 2nd from N., and on 5th from N.W., with thunder, lightning, and rain, hail on 4th; there were occasional fine bright days. Prevailing wind S.W.

*Napier.*—Blew hard on 3rd from N.W.; on 12th from S. with rain; also, on 19th, strong N.E. wind; otherwise weather was fine; very slight rainfall. Prevailing wind from N.E.

*Wellington.*—Pleasant weather during the month, occasionally very fine, bright, and warm, with pleasant showers at intervals; very stormy on 3rd, 4th, and 5th, from N.W.; otherwise winds moderate, and prevailed from N.W.; thunder on the 16th; slight earthquake on the 18th at 7.38 p.m., and on the 31st slight shakes during the night.

*Nelson.*—On 2nd severe thunder storm with heavy rain from N.; on 6th thunder and lightning, and stormy from N.W. with heavy rain, 2.30 inches fell in three hours; also stormy on 7th from S.W.; on 5th strong west wind; otherwise weather generally fine, with moderate winds, chiefly from W., S.W., and N.W.

*Christchurch.*—Fine generally during month, refreshing showers occasionally. Winds light, chiefly from N.E. and S.W.

*Bealey.*—At times bright and clear, but usually wet, cold, and disagreeable, with several stormy days, especially on 1st, 7th, 8th, and 21st from N.W.; 4.640 inches of rain recorded on 6th for previous 24 hours; snow on 4th, 5th, and 6th; thunder on 5th. 21 days of N.W. wind.

*Hokitika.*—On 4th, 5th, and 6th, heavy gale from E. and N.E., with thunder and heavy rain, and hail on 5th; on night of 7th heavy squalls with large hailstones, wind N.W.; heavy squalls of wind and rain from N. on 16th; generally showery and stormy up to this date, and then the weather changed, and was usually fine and bright for remainder of month. Slight earthquake on 19th, at 7.15 p.m. Auroras on 17 and 18th. Prevailing wind from N.W.

*Dunedin.*—Pleasant weather on the whole; rain rather frequent in early part of month, but light and pleasant; stormy on 16th and 17th from S. and S.W.; and on 27th from same quarter; hail on 4th. Wind prevailed from S.W. and W.

*Southland.*—Weather on whole fine, but showery and very cold; strong winds on 7th, 11th, and 20th from N. and W. Prevailing wind from W. Frequent Auroras, very brilliant on 18th.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Very strong northerly winds in early part of month throughout the Colony, accompanied at times with severe thunder, lightning, hail, and rain; latter part of month was generally fine and pleasant at all the stations.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.