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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

**T**HE following Reports by Commander Lewis and Mr. Rhoades, Master and Navigator of the United States steamer "Resaca," on the strength and durability of the New Zealand Flax used on board during the voyage between New Zealand and Chili, are published for general information.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

U.S. steamer "Resaca" (3rd Rate),  
Valparaiso, Chili, 24th November, 1870.

STR.—In obedience to your order, I have the honor to make the following report regarding the strength, endurance, &c., of the New Zealand Flax rope sent on board at Auckland for trial on the passage over to this port:—

It has been rove off for tacks, sheets, staysail halyards, jib sheet, whips, &c.; and as well as I have been enabled to judge after so short a time, although it has been in continuous use for fifty-four and a half days, and the passage a wet and excessively stormy one, I consider it fully equal to any Manilla rope I have ever used, after a long experience at sea with it. What effect long and continuous hot and dry weather may have upon it, after its exposure to wet, &c., just experienced, I am unable to state, but am of the opinion that it will in all probability prove a durable and excellent cordage for vessels.

I have, &c.,  
W. W. RHOADES,  
Master and Navigator.

Commander R. F. R. Lewis,  
Commanding U.S. steamer "Resaca."

Mr. RHOADES, as an officer of long experience both in the Merchant Service and the Navy, was given the especial charge of the trial of the strength, endurance, &c., of the rope mentioned above, on the passage over from New Zealand to this port, and I fully concur with him in his report.

R. F. R. LEWIS,  
Commander U.S.N.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

**T**HE Governor directs it to be notified for general information, that

ISAAC EARL FEATHERSTON, Esq.,  
having resigned the office of Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, His Excellency, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, accepted such resignation on the 25th instant.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

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

ALLAN SHAW DOUGLAS, Esq.,  
to be Registrar of Deeds for the Taranaki Deeds Registration District.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

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

ALLAN SHAW DOUGLAS, Esq.,  
to be District Land Registrar for the Taranaki Land Registration District.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Examiners of Titles for the Land Registration Districts set opposite their respective names:—

HARRY EYRE KENNY, Esq.—Taranaki.  
EDWARD WILLIAM BUNNY, Esq.—Nelson.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

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

THOMAS BLACKALL SHAPTER, Esq.,  
of the appointment held by him as Examiner of Titles for the Nelson Land Registration District.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

**I**T is hereby notified, that His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston has reported that he has appointed

JAMES GORDON ALLAN, Esq.,  
to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of City of Wellington, Wellington Country, the Hutt, Wairarapa, Manawatu, Rangitikei, Wanganui; and

GEORGE ANDREW OLIVER, Esq.,  
to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Napier and Clive.

WILLIAM FOX  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),  
Wellington, 3rd March, 1871.

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

MATTHEW PRICE, Esq., J.P.,  
to be a Resident Magistrate for the Resident Magistrate's District of Hokitika.

HENRY SEWELL  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),  
Wellington, 20th March, 1871.

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

JUSTIN AYLMEY, Esq., J.P.,  
to be a Resident Magistrate for the Resident Magistrate's District of Okarito, and as such to exercise extended jurisdiction.

HENRY SEWELL  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),  
Wellington, 27th March, 1871.

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

JOHN LAMBERT TOLE, Esq., J.P.,  
to be Resident Magistrate for the District of Kaipara during the absence on leave of John Rogan, Esq., R.M.

HENRY SEWELL  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),  
Wellington, 22nd March, 1871.

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

ERNEST HENRY INGPEN, Esq.,  
to be Registrar at Invercargill of the Supreme Court, vice W. Stuart, Esq., transferred; and

ROBERT CHISENHALL HAMMERTON, Esq.,  
to be Deputy Registrar at Wellington of the Supreme Court, vice E. H. Ingpen, Esq., transferred.

HENRY SEWELL  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch),  
Wellington, 22nd March, 1871.

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

ERNEST HENRY INGPEN, Esq.,  
to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court at Invercargill, vice H. Thomson, Esq., transferred.

HENRY SEWELL  
(in the absence of Mr. Gisborne).

Treasury,  
Wellington, 16th March, 1871.

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

JOHN NUGENT WOOD, Esq.,  
to be Receiver of Gold Revenue for the District of Orepuki, in the Province of Otago.

HENRY SEWELL.

Treasury,  
Wellington, 23rd March, 1871.

**I**T is hereby notified, that

HENRY BOWMAN SEALY, Esq.,  
has retired from the office held by him as Paymaster in the Province of Hawke's Bay.

HENRY SEWELL.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 22nd March, 1871.

**T**HE following Notice is published for general information.

By order.

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT,  
Secretary.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES.  
ENGLAND.

On the 2nd of January the following arrangements will be made, viz. :—

1. An Office will be opened in London at Camden Town (North London Railway Station), N.W.; and the Offices at 116, Camden Road, N.W., 98 Jermyn Street, S.W., and Threadneedle Street, E.C., will be abolished.

2. The designations of the under-mentioned Offices will be changed, viz. :—

Bloomsbury	will be called Broad Street,	Bloomsbury.
Burrage Town,	Plumstead,	Burrage Town.
Circus Road, St. John's Wood	St. John's Wood,	Circus Road.
Grosvenor Road, St. John's Wood	Bolton Road, St. John's Wood.	
Grove Place, Kentish Town Road	Highgate Road, No. 141.	
Holloway Road,	Holloway Road,	No. 372.
Pleasant Row	Walthamstow, St. James Street.	
Marsh Street, Walthamstow	Church Street, Lisson Grove.	
New Church Street, Lisson Grove	Walthamstow, Orford Road.	

3. During the past quarter an Office was opened at 76 Aldersgate Street in lieu of the Office at 113 Aldersgate Street abolished.

4. Offices will be opened in the Country at—

Head Office.	Country.
Arkwright Street, Nottingham	... Nottingham
R.O.	
Dent	... Kendal
	... York

	Head Office.	Country.
Drybrook	... Ross	... Gloucester
Knippton	... Grantham	... Leicester
Langwathby	... Penrith	... Cumberland
North Hill, R.O.	... Plymouth	... Devon
Old Radford	... Nottingham	... Nottingham
Penybont	... Railway Sub-Office	... Radnor
Queen's Road (Clifton), R.O.	... Bristol	... Somerset
Rose Hill, R.O.	... Derby	... Derby
Tanygrissian	... Carnarvon	... Merioneth
Union Street, R.O.	... Plymouth	... Devon
Waterfoot	... Manchester	... Lancaster

5. The Offices at George Street (Plymouth) and Scotswood (Newcastle-on-Tyne) will be abolished.

6. During the past quarter an Office was opened at Essendon (Hertford), and the Sub-Office at Batley (Leeds) was raised to the rank of a Head Office.

SCOTLAND.

7. During the past quarter an Office was opened at 3 India Street (Edinburgh), and the Offices at Wemyss Place (Edinburgh) and Monifieth (Dundee) were abolished.

8. The Offices at Tarbert and Tayinloan are now served from Greenock instead of from Lochgilphead. General Post Office, 29th December, 1870.

**CUSTOMS.**—Whereas a certain building situated in Lower Queen Street, Auckland, and known as J. S. MACFARLANE AND CO.'S WAREHOUSE, was, by an order dated the 26th June, 1865, appointed as a Warehouse for the reception and security of goods entered to be warehoused without payment of duty upon the first entry thereof: And whereas the limits of the said bonded Warehouse have been altered and extended: Now, in exercise of the authority in me for this purpose vested, I, the Commissioner of Customs, do, by this order under my hand, revoke and annul the order aforesaid, and do now hereby approve and appoint the said Warehouse according to the under-mentioned description thereof, namely:—

A Cellar under Brick Store in occupation of John Sangster Macfarlane. Also part of ground floor and part of upper floor of Brick Building in rear thereof, all situate on part of allotment No. 3 of section 2 of the City of Auckland.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

HENRY SEWELL,  
Commissioner of Customs.

Commissioner's Order, No. 44.]

**CUSTOMS.**—In exercise of the powers in me for this purpose vested by "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858," I, the Commissioner of Customs, do hereby approve and appoint the under-mentioned Warehouse at the

*Port of Thames,*

namely, part of the upper floor of a Brick Building, roofed with galvanized iron, erected on allotments 4 and 5, Grahamstown, and known as

ONYON'S BOND,

to be a Warehouse for the reception of goods under Bond.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

HENRY SEWELL,  
Commissioner of Customs.

Commissioner's Order, No. 45.]

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 25th March, 1871.

**ANNUAL RETURN** of Spirits distilled in New Zealand, published as required by section 93 of "The Distillation Act, 1868."

Number of Imperial Gallons of Spirits distilled in the Colony received into all Bonded Warehouses during the year ended 31st December, 1870.	Number of Imperial Gallons of Spirits distilled in the Colony cleared and taken out of Bonded Warehouses during the year ended 31st December, 1870.		Number of Imperial Gallons of Spirits distilled in the Colony remaining in all Bonded Warehouses on the 31st December, 1870.
	For Home Consumption.	For Exportation.	
39,797 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	11,551 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	81 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	28,130 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>10</sub>

In addition to the above deliveries, 33<sup>5</sup>/<sub>10</sub> gallons were destroyed by fire at Lyttelton.

WILLIAM SEED,  
Chief Inspector of Distilleries.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 21st March, 1871.

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

*Roman Catholic Church.*

The Right Reverend P. MORAN, Bishop.  
The Reverend WILLIAM COLEMAN.

I, JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in New Zealand, do hereby certify that the foregoing Names of Officiating Ministers, within the meaning of "The Marriage Act, 1854," have been sent in to me in addition to the names in Lists published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 7, of the 31st of January; No. 14, of the 25th of February; and No. 19, of the 18th March, in the present year.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

JOHN B. BENNETT,  
Registrar-General.

**TENDERS** are invited for the Erection of Post Offices and Telegraph Stations at Hawera and Opunake in the Province of Taranaki.

General Conditions, Specifications, and Drawings may be seen at the Offices of the Colonial Architect, Wellington, and at the Post Offices of New Plymouth and Wanganui.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Noon on Wednesday, the 12th of April next.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

W. H. CLAYTON,  
Colonial Architect.

20th March, 1871.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

*Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.*

**WHEREAS** the persons named at foot hereof have each respectively for himself made application to have the land set forth and described after his name brought under the operation of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," notice is hereby

given, that unless caveat be lodged with the District Land Registrar of the District of Otago, by some person having estate or interest in the said lands, on or before the date herein below for each case specified, the said pieces of land will be brought under the operation of the said Act as by law directed. Diagrams delineating these parcels of land may be inspected at the Lands Registry Office, at Dunedin.

DAVID FORSYTH MAIN, of Dunedin, Gentleman.—Pre-emptive rights on Run No. 205, North Eastern District, numbered respectively 9F No. 1, 9F No. 2, 9F No. 3, and 9F No. 4, containing 126 acres and 2 roods.

ANN McLAUCHLAN, of Dunedin, Spinster.—Sections 30B, 30C, and 30D, Block I., Town of Dunedin, containing 3 roods and 13 poles.

MARY ANN SCOONES, of Port Chalmers, wife of George Scoones, Pilot.—Section 236 and part of Section 235, Town of Port Chalmers, containing 1 rood and 13 poles.

JOHN LOGAN, of Dunedin, Gentleman.—Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 44, 45, and 85A, Block XXIV., Dunedin, containing 1 acre, 3 roods, and 21 poles.

Caveat in each case must be lodged within one calendar month after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated this twentieth day of March, 1871, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

D. F. MAIN,  
597 District Land Registrar, Otago.

NOTICE.—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.

THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

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The number of insertions required must be written across the face of the advertisement.

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Postage or duty stamps cannot in any case be received in payment from any place at which post office orders are issued, and under any circumstances are subject to a deduction at the rate of one shilling in the pound.

Agents are appointed to receive advertisements for the *New Zealand Gazette* at the following places:—

Auckland—V. E. Rice, Esq., Superintendent's Office.

Thames—John Robinson, Esq., Receiver of Gold Revenue.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of ALFRED CHETHAM-STRODE, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of February, 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.
1	Sarah Wild ...	Dunedin ...	Island of Guernsey	None required ...	Under £2 ...	10th November, 1870.	
2	Elizabeth Bailey ...	Dunedin ...	Nottingham, England	None required ...	Under £1 ...	13th November, 1870.	
3	Joseph Mills ...	West Taieri, Otago	Not known	None required ...	Under £1 ...	24th September, 1870.	
4	James Glover ...	Waipori, Otago	Not known	24th February, 1871	Under £110	15th October, 1870.	
5	John Gillies ...	Cromwell, Otago	Not known	None required ...	Under £6 ...	29th November, 1870	Killed by a fall of earth.

Dated at Dunedin, the 1st day of March, 1871.

A. CHETHAM-STRODE,  
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 February, 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.
75	William Dufty ...	Blenheim, Marlborough	England ...	...	£ s. d. 47 16 3	18th Jan. 1871	Killed by a fall from a dray.
76	Arthur Kernan ...	Matakikutuk	Ireland ...	...	7 12 0	Supposed 19th Dec., 1870	Found drowned.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1870.

ROBERT POLLOCK,  
Curator.

THE following Returns of AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS of the Provinces of WELLINGTON and CANTERBURY, in February 1871, are published for general information.  
 JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General.

ACCOUNT OF LAND IN CULTIVATION, AND OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE THEREOF, IN NEW ZEALAND, FEBRUARY 1871.

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

SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTOR'S RETURN.—PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	NUMBERS OF HOLDINGS.	IN WHEAT.		IN OATS.		IN BARLEY.		IN HAY.		IN POTATOES.		QUANTITY OF LAST YEAR'S CROP REMAINING ON HAND WHEN FORM IS FILLED UP.		
		Acres (sown for Grain only).	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres (sown for Grain only).	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres (sown for Grain only).	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).	Wheat (bushels).	Oats (bushels).	Barley (bushels).
CITY OF WELLINGTON ... ..	19	...	...	6	160	...	...	39½	66	2½	18	...	...	...
HUTT ... ..	95	79½	2,433	150½	4,996	16½	365	326½	550	193	1,258	...	10	...
WELLINGTON COUNTRY DISTRICTS	329	18	526	56½	1,498	1	12	685½	803	33½	187	...	...	...
MANAWATU ... ..	41	41	1,548	74½	2,772	7½	173	20½	59	42½	340	...	40	3
RANGITIKEI ... ..	158	741½	16,403	1,782½	48,262	599½	16,941	853½	1,307	139½	985	1,490	444	24
WANGANUI ... ..	144	125½	3,434	409	12,039	73½	1,992	760	1,225	212½	1,525	...	92	60
WAIRARAPA ... ..	255	862½	17,064	948½	28,379	25½	487	582½	792	146½	761	1,856	1,765	30
GENERAL TOTALS FOR PROVINCE ...	1,041	1,868½	41,408	3,427½	98,106	723½	19,970	3,268½	4,802	770½	5,074	3,356	2,341	117

Wellington, 25th March, 1871.

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

ACCOUNT OF LAND IN CULTIVATION, AND OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE THEREOF, IN NEW ZEALAND, FEBRUARY 1871.

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

SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTOR'S RETURN.—PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	NUMBERS OF HOLDINGS.	IN WHEAT.		IN OATS.		IN BARLEY.		IN HAY.		IN POTATOES.		QUANTITY OF LAST YEAR'S CROP REMAINING ON HAND WHEN FORM IS FILLED UP.		
		Acres (sown for Grain only).	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres (sown for Grain only).	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres (sown for Grain only).	Estimated Gross Produce (in bushels).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce (in tons).	Wheat (bushels).	Oats (bushels).	Barley (bushels).
CHEVIOT ... ..	13	88	1,760	229	5,550	25½	540	12	31	9	34	...	1,400	...
ASHLEY ... ..	420	6,452½	121,788	7,075½	181,243	1,812	33,999	1,218½	1,000½	260½	807½	9,394	3,116	4,916
KAIAPOI ... ..	327	3,587½	77,132	4,435½	139,148	1,924½	48,647	1,074½	1,472	214½	889½	3,044	5,090	9,451
CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH (EAST) ...	11	10½	340	50½	1,375	16½	890	88½	166	17½	149	324	...	140
CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH (WEST) ...	17	21½	630	21	600	33	1,120	75	118	3½	25	...	...	...
LYTELTON ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
AVON ... ..	314	2,346	56,274	4,255½	125,763	1,127	23,770	1,365	1,868	321½	1,720½	40	150	660
HEATHCOTE ... ..	349	4,019½	101,188	5,963	172,653	1,819½	48,010	1,599½	2,279½	199	955½	3,122	892	6,158
AKAROA ... ..	33	12½	346	85½	3,145	16	405	141½	193	27½	166½	20	1	...
SERWYN ... ..	499	14,104½	314,111	11,479½	341,160	4,507	107,094	2,023½	2,111½	189	757	10,617	5,441	6,015
COLBRIDGE ... ..	213	5,846½	126,530	4,232½	129,823	934½	19,499½	526	1,046½	91½	386½	1,232	1,980	1,450
TIMARU ... ..	299	7,521½	164,592	4,856½	153,356	624	14,192	1,108½	1,596½	152½	844½	3,275	2,692	157
GLADSTONE ... ..	91	2,063½	51,575	1,686	57,985	350	10,742	272	323½	66½	400½	600	2,751	250
GENERAL TOTALS FOR PROVINCE ...	2,526	46,073½	1,016,266	44,370	1,311,801	13,189½	308,908½	9,503½	12,205½	1,552½	7,135½	31,668	23,513	29,197

Christchurch, 14th March, 1871.

I certify that the above is a correct compilation from the original Returns.—THOMAS Wm. MAUDE, Superintendent Collector.

## ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of JANUARY, 1871.

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. (Saturation =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 4 years	29-990 29-902	·937	65·5 66·8	14·3	40·0	147·0	...	·511 ·509	82 74	7·490 4·332	18 10	177	570, 11th	7·6
AUCKLAND ... Same month previous 7 years	30-025 29-853	1·006	64·9 68·9	13·1	25·9	148·0	36·3	·485 ·526	78 71	2·505 3·214	9 10	317	639, 10th	6·8
TARANAKI ... Same month previous 7 years	30-034 29-890	·917	64·8 65·2	19·4	34·2	151·4	25·0	·412 ·470	69 71	2·470 3·600	8 11	179	505, 11th	5·7
NAPIER ... Same month previous 4 years	30-027 29-781	·964	62·2 66·8	12·2	23·0	127·0	39·0	·472 ·461	84 68	4·150 3·882	7 7	237	875, 11th	2·0
WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 7 years	29-960 29-829	·828	63·1 63·0	15·6	30·2	139·0	42·0	·397 ·411	69 70	1·260 4·414	5 11	166	418, 29th	4·6
NELSON ... Same month previous 7 years	29-985 29-858	·733	65·6 64·2	24·2	37·0	161·0	...	·489 ·493	78 74	1·480 5·577	4 6	184	360, 27th	5·3
CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 7 years	30-013 29-777	·780	63·0 62·0	17·6	40·3	163·6	30·7	·425 ·429	74 73	·031 2·467	2 9	168	422, 2nd	4·5
BEALEY ... Same month previous 3 years	29-851 29-741	·630	59·0 55·6	21·7	35·9	150·0	17·0	·384 ·307	76 69	1·300 9·585	7 16	154	493, 28th	4·2
HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 4 years	29-980 29-870	·767	63·0 60·2	12·3	23·8	107·3	41·6	·467 ·461	80 85	1·550 *8-782	12 *18	276	371, 5th	4·0
DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 7 years	29-986 29-823	·652	59·3 57·2	15·7	42·0	160·0	23·0	·379 ·346	75 72	1·772 5·133	10 19	159	500, 8th	5·0
SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 6 years	29-998 29-744	·823	60·0 56·4	23·0	53·0	162·0	22·0	·362 ·348	69 74	1·390 6·931	4 15	105	320, 15th	4·4

\* Previous 5 years.

## NOTES.

- Mongonui.**—Almost continued rain and disagreeable weather up to the 21st; 2·63 inches recorded on 6th for 24 hours, with N.W. wind; northerly gale on 10th and 11th; remainder of month fine and dry; prevailing wind from E. Maximum temperature on 18th and 29th, 78°.
- Auckland.**—Strong winds in early part of month from N.E.; on 10th and 11th gale from N.E., with low barometer and showers; heavy rain on 6th and 7th; otherwise weather was fine and dry, with light winds, at times cloudy and oppressive; prevailing wind from N.E. On night of 27th, brilliant meteor observed. Maximum temperature on 24th, 79·5.
- Taranaki.**—Weather generally fine, though rather dull and close; strong gale on 11th from S.E., with heavy rain. Prevailing wind from N.E. Maximum temperature on 20th, 82·6.
- Napier.**—Fine clear weather in beginning and latter part of month; showery in middle of month; on 11th a southerly gale, when 3·35 inches of rain fell in 24 hours; prevailing wind from N.E. Maximum temperature on 17th, 74°.
- Wellington.**—Remarkably dry weather, only five days of rain, and the fall considerably below the average for same month in previous 7 years; the early part of month was cloudy, sultry, and oppressive, with light winds, and very warm nights. Latter part, though very warm, was bright and clear, with pleasant cool breezes at times; stormy on 28th, N.W. Large and brilliant meteor on the night of the 1st, at 8·30 p.m.; also one on night of 27th, not so large; slight earthquake shocks on 1st at 12·30 a.m., on 20th at 8·35 a.m., and on 30th at 2·30 p.m. Prevailing wind from N.W. Maximum temperature on 3rd and 25th, 78·5.
- Nelson.**—Fine weather generally; small rainfall.
- Christchurch.**—Strong N.E. winds on 1st and 2nd, and on 16th stormy from N.W.; remarkably small rainfall; weather throughout fine, though at times very hot; light winds chiefly from the N.E. Maximum temperature on 29th, 86·9.
- Bealey.**—Extremely fine weather generally; N.W. gales on 16th and 27th; prevailing winds from N.W.; brilliant meteor on night of 1st. Maximum temperature on 26th, 79·2.
- Hokitika.**—Fine weather generally, with pleasant showers occasionally; remarkably small rainfall and moderate winds, chiefly from N.W. Slight earthquake on 1st. Auroras on night of 11th. Maximum temperature on 11th, 74°.
- Dunedin.**—Light showers in middle of month, and stormy on 8th from S.W.; otherwise weather very pleasant but very warm; thunder on 5th; light winds which prevailed from N. Maximum temperature on 28th, 85°.
- Southland.**—Magnificent weather throughout, very slight rain; several very warm days. Prevailing wind from S.E. Frequent Auroras and numerous brilliant meteors. Maximum temperature on 15th, 86°.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Northerly weather prevailed throughout the month, attended with excessive rainfall at the north extremity of the Islands, and small amount of rain with average humidity and high atmospheric pressure in the south. Average of pressure for all stations, 0·162 above that usual for this month, and temperature 0·4 above the usual average. The meteor on the 1st was observed over an area of 630 miles from N. to S. and 250 miles in width, passing through the zenith at Picton; altitude less than 30 miles; form pear-shaped; apparent length 1°, and diameter of head 10'; detonation heard within a radius of 80 miles from Picton. Meteor of 27th crossed North Island from N.E. to S.W., almost as brilliant as the above. Earthquake of 1st also felt at White's Bay, Picton, and Havelock, and one at Greymouth on the 8th.

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