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**NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.**

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WELLINGTON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1871.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.  
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870," it is enacted that the sites of towns shall from time to time be determined by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the County Council, and shall be notified by Proclamation in the *County of Westland Gazette*: And whereas the said County Council has recommended that the land described in the Schedule hereto should be a site for a town within the meaning of the said section of the said Act:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, do hereby determine and fix the land described in the Schedule hereto to be a site for a town within the meaning of the thirty-second section of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

*Kokatahi Township.*

Situate on the Kokatahi Flats, and containing two hundred and fifty (250) acres, more or less. Bounded —on the Northward by Section No. 1,129 (rural) and by Duck Creek; on the Eastward by F.D. line; and on the Southward and Westward by lines respectively averaging distances of fifty (50) chains from the other defined boundaries.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 28th December, 1871.

IT is hereby notified, that, in conformity with Clause 133 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," the names of the under-mentioned persons have been sent in to this office by the Town Clerks as the names of those who have been elected Mayors for the Boroughs set opposite their names:—

- PHILIP AARON PHILIPS, Esq., City of Auckland.
- HENRY SAWTELL, Esq., City of Christchurch.
- HARRY ALLWRIGHT, Esq., Lyttelton.
- HENRY CAIN, Esq., Timaru.
- EDWARD GEORGE KERR, Esq., Kaiapoi.
- EDMUND WICKES, Esq., Greymouth.

W. GISBORNE.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following persons to be Superintendent Collectors under "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867":—

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| THOS. KIRK, Esq.           | Province of Auckland. |
| CHARLES D. WHITCOMBE, Esq. | Taranaki.             |
| EDWARD L. GREEN, Esq.      | Hawke's Bay.          |
| JONAS WOODWARD, Esq.       | Wellington.           |
| ROBERT POLLOCK, Esq.       | Nelson.               |
| WILLIAM H. EYES, Esq.      | Marlborough.          |
| F. DE C. MALET, Esq.       | Canterbury.           |
| GERARD G. FITZGERALD, Esq. | County of Westland.   |
| JOHN SPERRY, Esq.          | Province of Otago.    |

W. GISBORNE.

PURSUANT to the Regulations for the Sale, Disposal, and Occupation of Lands taken under the provisions of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," and which said Regulations are contained in the Schedule to an Order in Council made and issued on the eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the first of June in the same year: It is hereby notified, that the parcel of land specified in the Schedule

hereto (and which land was on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, reserved for the purpose therein mentioned) will, on the expiration of three calendar months from the publication of this notice, be withdrawn from such reservation.

Dated this twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE,  
Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE EAST, PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

Number or Description of Lot.	Area.			Purpose.
	A.	R.	P.	
All that part of Reserve numbered five hundred and eighty-four (584) which lies to the northward of a line drawn across the Reserve, parallel to Duke Street, and distant from that street about two hundred and seventy-five (275) links...	4	0	0	Site for a Redoubt.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
(Judicial Branch,) Wellington, 29th December, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM WHITE, Esq.,

to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrates' Courts at Richmond and Spring Grove, in the Province of Nelson, from and after the first day of January, 1872, *vice* W. H. Nicholas, Esq., resigned.

W. GISBORNE.

Native Office,  
Wellington, 29th December, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HERBERT WILLIAM BRABANT, Esq.,

to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, and to be Resident Magistrate for the Resident Magistrate's District of Opotiki, in the Province of Auckland, *vice* F. E. Hamlin, Esq., and as such to exercise the extended jurisdiction up to £50.

DONALD McLEAN.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1871.

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

*In the New Zealand Militia.*

Lieutenant Henry Brown to be Captain. Date of commission, 9th December, 1871.

Lieutenant Matthew Jonas to be Captain. Date of commission, 9th December, 1871.

Ensign Matthew Carrick to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 9th December, 1871.

Ensign John Richard Lawson to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 9th December, 1871.

*In the Canterbury Engineer Volunteers.*

Captain George Holmes to be Captain Commandant. Date of commission, 6th December, 1871.

Captain Alexander Lean to be First Captain.

Lieutenant Francis Pavitt to be Second Captain. Date of commission, 6th December, 1871.

*In the No. 2 Company, Canterbury Engineer Volunteers.*

Ensign James Gulliver to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 29th November, 1871.

*In the Canterbury High School Rifle Volunteer Cadets.*

James Ronaldson Thornton to be Honorary Lieutenant. Date of commission, 4th December, 1871.

DONALD McLEAN.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the commission held by Ensign F. Battley, No. 2 Company, Auckland Volunteer Rifle Brigade.

DONALD McLEAN.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to disband The No. 3 Company, Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.

DONALD McLEAN.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 27th December, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTORS

(under "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867"), a notification of whose appointments appears in this *Gazette*, or whose appointments may be hereafter notified in any subsequent *Gazette*, to frank and receive, free from prepayment of postage, for a period of four months from this date, Letters or Packets addressed from or to them "On Business of Agricultural Statistics Only."

JULIUS VOGEL,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 20th December, 1871.

THE following Notice, received from the General Post Office, Melbourne, is published for general information.

By order.

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT,  
Secretary.

ADDITIONAL MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

Post and Telegraph Department,  
General Post Office,  
Melbourne, 29th November, 1871.

It is hereby notified, that, on and after Friday, the 1st December, 1871, Money Orders may be obtained and made payable at

The Post Office at Murchison.

W. TURNER,  
Deputy Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 20th December, 1871.

THE following Notice, received from the General Post Office, Hobart Town, is published for general information.

By order.

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT,  
Secretary.

TASMANIA.

Government Notice.

No. 160.

Colonial Treasury, 4th December, 1871.

THE Governor in Council has been pleased to approve of a Money Order Office being opened at

Reedy Marsh (Black Boy Gold Diggings), and of Mr. J. Trowbridge being appointed Agent for the issue and payment of Post Office Money Orders at that Office: to take effect on and from the 12th instant.

By His Excellency's command.  
THOS. D. CHAPMAN.

**ARTICLES of AGREEMENT** made this fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, between John Martin, of Wellington, hereinafter styled "the Contractor," of the one part, and Her Majesty's Postmaster-General of the Colony of New Zealand, on behalf of the said Colony, in pursuance of the provisions of "The New Zealand Post Office Act, 1858," of the other part, WITNESS, that for the considerations hereinafter mentioned, the said Contractor, for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, covenants with the said Postmaster-General and his successors in office, as follows:—

1. That at all times during the continuance of this agreement, or so long as the services hereby agreed to be performed between Picton and Manukau, and Manukau and Picton, ought to be performed in pursuance thereof, the Contractor will, for the purpose of conveying, as hereinafter provided, all Her Majesty's Mails (in which term "Mails" all letters, boxes, bags, or packets of letters, newspapers, books, or printed papers, whether loose or in closed mails, sent by the Post, to whatever country or places they may be addressed, or in whatever country or places they may have originated; and all empty bags and other stores, used or to be used in carrying on the Post Office service, which shall be sent by, or to, or from the Post Office, are agreed to be comprehended,) which shall at any time and from time to time, by the Postmaster-General for the time being of the said Colony, hereinafter styled "the Postmaster-General," or any of his officers or agents, be required to be conveyed, provide and keep seaworthy and in complete repair, for such conveyance, once in every four weeks between Picton and Manukau, and between Manukau and Picton, a good, efficient, and substantial steam vessel, such as may be requisite for the said services.

2. The said steam vessel shall always be furnished, while actually employed under this agreement, with all appropriate and necessary machinery, engines, apparel, furniture, stores, tackle, boats, fuel, lamps, oil for lamps and engines, tallow, provisions, anchors, cables, fire pumps and other proper means for extinguishing fire, lightning conductors, charts, chronometers, proper nautical instruments, medicines, and whatsoever else may be requisite for equipping the said vessel, and rendering her constantly efficient for the service hereby agreed to be performed; and also manned and provided with competent officers, and with a sufficient number of efficient engineers, and a sufficient crew of able seamen and other men—to be in all respects, as to vessel, engines, equipments, officers, engineers, and crew, subject in the first instance, and from time to time, and at all times afterwards, to the approval of the Postmaster-General, or of such other competent person or persons as he shall at any time or times, or from time to time, authorize to inspect and examine the same.

3. This contract shall be deemed to have commenced on the fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and thereafter the said Contractor shall perform one Postal Service in every four weeks between Picton and Manukau, calling at Nelson and New Plymouth, and back to Picton by the same route, according to Time Table to be furnished by the Postmaster-General, subject to variation of dates as hereinafter mentioned.

4. The Contractor shall respectively land, ship, and tranship all Her Majesty's Mails at the respective Ports of Call, except New Plymouth, at his own expense; and such respective services shall be performed when necessary, in boats seaworthy and suitable for the purpose, furnished with effective covering for the protection of the Mails, and properly provided, manned, and equipped by the Contractor, to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General or his Agent.

5. A Chief Cabin passage, free of cost either for passage or victualling, in the steamship for the time being employed under this contract, shall be provided on all occasions when required by the Postmaster-General for an Officer of the New Zealand Post Office; and also a safe and proper place of deposit for the Mails, to the satisfaction of the said Postmaster-General or his Agent.

6. If there be no Post-Office Agent in charge of the Mails forwarded by the said steam vessel on board, the Master of the said steamship shall, without charge to the Government, take care of, and the Contractor shall be responsible for, the receipt, safe custody, and proper delivery of the Mails, according to the terms of this contract. The Contractor and commander, and all other officers of the vessel for the time being employed in the performance of this agreement, and all agents, seamen, and servants of the Contractor shall at all times punctually attend to the orders and directions of the Postmaster-General, his officers or agents, as to the mode, time, and place of landing, delivering, and receiving of Mails.

7. The said steam vessel shall (weather permitting) proceed on the respective voyages from the different ports on the dates specified in Time Tables to be furnished by the Postmaster-General, or on such other dates or hours as may be fixed as hereinafter mentioned, and shall not in the respective voyages between the said ports, exceed the time allowed by the said Tables: Provided always that it shall be lawful for the said Postmaster-General, or his authorized Agent at either of the said ports, to detain the said steam vessel for a period of twelve hours at each of the said ports without payment.

8. In the event of the Mail from San Francisco not arriving in Auckland at its due date, the said steam vessel shall await the arrival of such Mail for a period of forty-eight hours after the date fixed for her departure in the Time Table furnished by the Postmaster-General without extra remuneration; and, also, shall so await the arrival of the said Mail for any period beyond such period of forty-eight hours that may be required by the Postmaster-General or any person duly authorized by him, in consideration of an extra payment at the rate of two pounds (£2) per hour for such further detention.

9. The sum of fifty pounds (£50) shall be paid by the Contractor to the Postmaster-General if on any occasion the said steam vessel shall not, weather permitting and accident excepted, sail at the appointed time, and an additional sum of ten pounds (£10) shall be in like manner paid for every delay of six hours in sailing after the appointed time; and the sum of one hundred pounds (£100) shall be in like manner paid whenever the said steamship shall not call at any port as duly required in fulfilment of this agreement, unless prevented from doing so by tempestuous weather.

10. The said Postmaster-General shall be at liberty, on reasonable notice, so often as he shall think fit, to alter the dates of sailing mentioned in the Time Tables hereinbefore alluded to.

11. The Contractor shall not assign, underlet, or dispose of this agreement, or any part thereof, without the consent of the Postmaster-General, signified

in writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary of the General Post Office of New Zealand; and in case of the same or any part thereof being assigned, underlet, or otherwise disposed of, or of any gross or habitual breach of this agreement, or any covenant matter or thing herein contained, on the part of the Contractor, his officers, agents, or servants, and whether there be or be not any penalty or sum of money payable by the Contractor for any breach, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, if he shall think fit (and notwithstanding there may or may not have been any former breach of this contract), by writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary of the General Post Office of New Zealand, to determine this agreement without any previous notice to the Contractor or his Agents, nor shall the Contractor be entitled to any compensation in respect of such determination.

12. All sums of money hereinbefore stipulated to be forfeited or paid by the Contractor shall be considered as stipulated or ascertained damages, and may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be deducted and retained out of any money payable to the Contractor under this contract.

13. For the faithful performance of all the covenants, stipulations, and agreements hereinbefore contained, the Contractor binds himself in the sum of one thousand pounds sterling (£1,000), to be paid to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, by way of liquidated or ascertained damages in manner following: that is to say, the sum of five hundred pounds (£500) in case of wilful failure or default on the part of the Contractor in the due performance of this contract, or any part thereof, in respect of each or either of the said Mail Services hereby contracted for,—that is to say, the services between Picton and Manukau, and Manukau and Picton, as aforesaid.

14. And in consideration of the due and faithful performance by the said Contractor of all the services hereby contracted to be performed by him, the said Postmaster-General, on behalf of the Colony of New Zealand, hereby covenants with the said Contractor, his executors and administrators, to pay to him, or to his Agent in New Zealand, for the said services the sum of three hundred pounds (£300) on the completion of each service from Picton to Manukau, and from Manukau back to Picton, as aforesaid, such payment to be made at the Treasury in Wellington; and also such further sum for detention of the steamship employed under this contract by the said Postmaster-General or his Agent, as provided in the eighth clause hereof. The Contractor shall also be exempted from payment of lighthouse and pilotage dues at all ports visited by the vessel while performing this contract.

15. All notices or directions which the Postmaster-General, his officers, agents, or others, are hereby authorized to give to the Contractor, his officers, servants, or agents (other than any notice of termination of this contract), may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, his officers, agents or others, either be delivered to the master of the said vessel, or other officer or agent of the Contractor in the charge or management of the vessel employed in the performance of this agreement, or left for the Contractor at his usual or last known office or house of business; and any notices or directions so given or left shall be binding on the Contractor: Provided always that any notice of termination of this contract shall be served on the Contractor, his officers, servants, or agents, at his office in Wellington.

16. It is lastly agreed by and between the said parties hereto, that the service hereby contracted for shall be carried on and shall continue in force until

the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, unless determined by notice under the provisions of the eleventh and twelfth clauses hereof. But the said Contractor shall not thereby be relieved from any penalty or damages incurred under the provisions hereof, nor be discharged from the performance of any act, duty, matter or thing which he ought to do, perform, or fulfil hereunder, prior to such determination.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day, month, and year first above written.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said Postmaster-General in the presence of—E. Fox, Secretary to Colonial Treasurer.

JOHN MARTIN.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said John Martin in the presence of—G. Schwartz, Clerk, Wellington.

Customs Department,  
(Marine Branch.)  
Wellington, 21st December, 1871.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM SEWELL,  
to be Deputy Harbour Master for the Port of Oamaru.

JULIUS VOGEL.

#### NOTICES TO MARINERS.

No. 16 of 1871.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),  
Wellington, 22nd December, 1871.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Department of Ports and Harbours, Brisbane, and from the Marine Board of South Australia, are published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL.

#### PORT CURTIS.

*Apparent Light, Oyster Rock, Gatcombe Head.*

ON and after this day, an apparent light will be exhibited from the Oyster Rock, at an elevation of 18 feet above high water. The apparatus is illuminated from a sixth order Holophote, placed on the shore immediately abreast the beacon, and shows as a fixed white light between the bearings of S.W. by W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W., and N.W. by N., and almost continuously between the bearings of N. by E., and E. by N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N.; but when within a distance of one mile from the rock, the eye must be raised to the level of the apparatus to obtain the full power of the light.

The light kept open leads clear of the rocks and buoy off Settlement Point; and on with or to the eastward of Gatcombe Head Light, leads clear of the Junction Buoy.

*Directions.*—To enter the port, steer W.S.W., as formerly, for the red light on Gatcombe Head until the north-east shore of Facing Island is shut out by East Point, and that point shows clearly defined against the horizon. Then haul up and steer with the apparent light about a point on the starboard bow, and pass within a cable's length of the rock.

The light is visible about four miles.

G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N.,  
Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours,  
Brisbane, 3rd October, 1871.

## NORTHUMBERLAND ISLANDS.

*Beverley Group.*

A SAND SPIT, not laid down on the Chart, extends about half a mile from the S.W. side of the north-western island of the Beverley Group. This island lies South eight miles from Prudhoe Island, and eleven miles N.W. by  $W\frac{1}{2}W$  from Cape Palmerston.

*F Isles.*

A Spit, upon which, at a distance of three-quarters of a mile from the shore, there is not more than six feet at low water, runs to the westward from the centre island of the F Isles.

G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N.,  
Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours,  
Brisbane, 22nd November, 1871.

*Indispensable Reef, Coral Sea.*

THE southern limit of this reef is placed on the Admiralty Charts in the position assigned to it by Captain Wilkinson, who discovered it in 1790, in the "Indispensable," viz.,  $12^{\circ} 46' S.$ ,  $160^{\circ} 40' E.$ ; but its extent to the north-west on the chart is less by some 33 miles than the original dimensions given to it by the discoverer.

From information obtained from Captain Nicholls, master of the "Delhi," when that vessel was lost on this reef in September last, and from other sources, it would appear that it extends at least some 15 or 20 miles further to the north-west than is shown upon recent charts.

In the neighbourhood of the Solomon Islands a current was then found setting to the north-west at a rate varying from a knot to a knot and a half an hour.

This current is said to be continuous during the prevalence of the S.E. monsoon, and to run in the opposite direction during the N.W. monsoon.

G. P. HEATH, Commander, R.N.,  
Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours,  
Brisbane, 25th November, 1871.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—SPENCER'S GULF.

*Wallaroo and Tipara Bays, and Muntoora Channel.*

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation,  $4^{\circ} 40' E.$  Soundings refer to low water spring tides.]

*Tipara Lightship.*—Notice is hereby given, that the Tipara Lightship is moored close under the rocky patch, near the southern extremity of the Tipara Reef, with the following bearings:—Elizabeth Point, S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}S.$ ; Long Point, N.E. by E. The Lightship has one mast, is painted red, and exhibits, during the day, a red ball at the mast-head.

*Light.*—From sunset to sunrise, will be exhibited a white light from the mast, thirty-five (35) feet above the sea level, visible from all points of the compass at a distance of ten (10) miles in clear weather. When much refraction exists, it may be seen thirteen (13) miles. No vessel should approach the reef under seven (7) fathoms.

The following description of the Tipara Reef, and Sailing Directions for Wallaroo or Tipara Bays and Muntoora Channel, are published for the guidance of Mariners:—

*Tipara Reef.*—The Tipara Reef is an extensive shoal, the southern extremity being four and a half ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) miles N.W. from Elizabeth Point. The reef consists principally of sand; but there is a rocky patch of small extent near the southern extremity, which dries at low water. It is under the shelter of this patch where the Lightship, referred to above, is moored. From the rocky patch, the reef extends in a northerly direction about two (2) miles, the outer

edge trending to the N.N.W., whilst the S.E. part takes a N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}E.$  direction. The extreme breadth from east to west is nearly two (2) miles.

*Soundings.*—The soundings on the reef vary; in some places there is a fathom and a half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ), whilst in others—particularly to the N.N.E. part of the shoal—there are only two (2) or three (3) feet. From the northern extremity of the reef, the buoy off Long Point, referred to in this notice, bears N.E. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}E.$  Vessels rounding the south part of the reef should not bring Elizabeth Point to bear to the southward of S.E. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}E.$ , whilst those intending to pass to the northward of this danger, into or out of Tipara Bay, should not bring the buoy, off Long Point, to bear to the eastward of E. by N.  $\frac{1}{2}N.$

A large cheese-shaped buoy, surmounted with a conical lattice frame-work and ball, painted red, has been moored off Long Point in three (3) fathoms, with the following bearings:—Elizabeth Point, S.  $\frac{1}{2}E.$ ; Long Point, E. by N.  $\frac{1}{2}N.$

A black and red chequered buoy has been placed outside a rocky patch, having only twelve and a half ( $12\frac{1}{2}$ ) feet on it at low water spring tides. The buoy lies in four (4) fathoms at low water, and on the following bearings:—Smelting Works chimney, Wallaroo, N.E.  $\frac{1}{2}E.$ ; Tipara Light Vessel, S.E. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}E.$

To pass outside or to the westward of the Tipara Reef, do not approach the Lightship from the westward under seven fathoms; from this position, when to the westward of the reef, steer a N.N.W. course, in which the same soundings will be maintained. When the buoy off Long Point bears east, a course of N.E. may be shaped, taking care, as the Long Point buoy is brought to bear S.E., not to come under four and a half ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) fathoms. When Long Point bears south, a course of E. by N. may be shaped, when the Pilot and Harbour Master will come off and conduct the vessel to the anchorage or jetty.

At night, no vessel in the vicinity of Tipara Reef should come under seven (7) fathoms, or attempt to enter the Bay until the lights from the Smelting Works are clearly defined, bearing E. by N., when that course may be shaped for the anchorage, taking care not to come under six (6) fathoms unless the commander is sufficiently well acquainted with the bay to take the ship in, or the pilot has taken charge.

*Tides.*—The tides in the vicinity of the reef, and Long and Elizabeth Points, are irregular and rapid; care must therefore be exercised to guard against the influence of the tides when in the stream of the reef, or near the points referred to.

It is high water at Port Wallaroo at 5h. 45m., f. and c.; rise and fall four (4) feet eight (8) inches at ordinary springs.

To pass inside Tipara Reef, give Elizabeth Point a berth of a mile and a half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ), to avoid the shoal rocky patch, which extends nearly a mile from the Point, in a north-westerly direction.

*Buoy.*—A red pyramidal buoy has been placed in four and a half ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) fathoms, at low water, off the outer end of the reef, off Cape Elizabeth, with the following bearings:—Cape Elizabeth, mag. E.  $\frac{1}{4}S.$ ; Tipara Lightship, mag. N.N.W.  $\frac{1}{2}W.$  The buoy is placed four (4) cables' lengths to the westward of the shoalest part of the reef, and is visible in clear weather at a distance of two (2) miles, the eye being elevated ten (10) feet above sea level.

With the point bearing S.E., distant a mile and a half, steer due N., which course will lead through the inner passage in not less than four (4) fathoms.

In beating through, keep the lead going, and do not, in a vessel drawing more than seventeen (17) feet, when standing in-shore, bring Long Point buoy to bear to the westward of W.N.W.

In standing off, when to the southward of the north end of the reef, do not bring the Long Point

buoy to bear to the eastward of N.N.E., by which the eastern part of the reef will be avoided.

Small vessels may pass inside the Long Point buoy, taking care not to bring Elizabeth Point to bear to the westward of S. by W., so as to avoid the Walrus Rock. With the above bearing a vessel will be in two (2) fathoms at low water spring tides, with the Walrus Rock distant about half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) a mile.

*The Walrus Rock* lies nearly a mile off Long Point, when bearing S.E. by S., and is nearly dry at low water.

*Bird Reef*.—N.E., a mile and a half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) from the Walrus Rock, lies the Bird Reef, which is awash at low water. Coasters should give this danger a wide berth, not bringing the Long Point buoy to bear to the W. of S.W. With this bearing a vessel will be in two (2) fathoms at low water.

*Anchorage, &c.*—In the bay there is excellent anchorage in four (4) fathoms, with the jetty end bearing E.S.E., distant about two (2) cables' lengths. Small vessels can anchor in three (3) fathoms, with the end of the jetty bearing S.S.E. to S.

Alongside the jetty will be found good berths from eight (8) to fourteen (14) feet, shoaling towards the shore.

*Buoy*.—A black and red chequered buoy is placed in ten (10) feet of water, on a Shoal Patch off Point Riley, the northernmost point of Wallaroo Bay. Vessels should not approach this buoy under four (4) fathoms of water when working into the Bay.

*Shoal Patch*.—A Shoal Patch, with only sixteen (16) feet at low water has recently been discovered on the following bearings: extreme of Point Riley, N. 34° E.; large chimney of Smelting Works, S. 57° E. Masters of vessels beating up to the anchorage with S.E. winds are cautioned not to bring the jetty to bear to the southward of S.S.E. until Point Riley bears north of N.N.E. A black and red chequered buoy will shortly be placed on this patch.

*Mundoora Channel*.—Vessels from the southward, and bound for Mundoora Channel, after passing Point Riley, should not approach the land under six (6) fathoms of water in order to avoid the long, hard sand flat, which dries at low water springs, and extends from Tickera Bay to the entrance of the Channel, a distance of seventeen (17) miles, and running out from the land, in one instance, for nearly two and a quarter ( $2\frac{1}{4}$ ) miles. With Point Riley bearing E. four (4) miles distant, a course of N.N.E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E., twenty-five (25) miles will lead into a good position for entering the Channel; and about four (4) miles off, at this distance, the outer bar beacons will be distinguished: if not, bring Barn Hill (a flat-topped mountain, with a saddle and small peak) immediately north of it—remarkable objects from the offing to bear E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S., then run in.

*Beacons*.—The outer bar beacons have diamond-shaped heads—those marking the channel on the starboard hand, entering, cross-heads painted red; and on the port hand, oval heads painted black. The beacon to denote the inner bar has a conical head.

*Soundings, &c.*—The depth of water on the outer bar runs from four (4) feet nine (9) inches to five (5) feet for a length of nearly two hundred and fifty yards, when a good channel is reached, having from nine (9) to fifteen (15) feet, and extending to the inner bar—a distance of one and a quarter ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile, and with an average breadth of a cable's length; the banks on either side affording perfect shelter in any weather. In mid-channel the tides run fairly through, but on approaching the banks they have been found to set across the same. The depth of water on the inner bar was found to be only from eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) inches.

The bar consists of a long shallow patch, of about one hundred and fifty (150) yards in length, covered with grass, and extends across the whole breadth of the channel. From the inner bar beacon the channel narrows very considerably, being only a deep creek with precipitous sides, and little more than a boat channel, with from nine (9) to fifteen (15) feet of water, and has a length of one and a third ( $1\frac{1}{3}$ ) mile.

Vessels drawing over six feet of water should not go beyond the inner bar.

Beyond the last beacon there is no properly defined channel, being exceedingly tortuous and narrow for about one (1) mile, and many of the shoal patches being nearly dry at low water.

Large vessels can bring up in five and a quarter ( $5\frac{1}{4}$ ) fathoms good holding ground, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the westward of the outer bar.

High water, full and change, at Point Webbling, 6h. 10m. Rise and fall, six to nine feet at springs.

R. H. FERGUSON,  
President of the Marine Board  
of South Australia.

Marine Board Offices,  
Port Adelaide, South Australia,  
31st October, 1871.

THOMAS McKENZIE, late Constable in Armed Constabulary (No. 3 Division), deceased.

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

W. GISBORNE,  
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

IT is hereby notified, that WILLIAM HENRY EYES, Esquire, has resigned his seat for the Electoral District of Wairau in the House of Representatives; that such resignation was communicated to me in a letter dated the 8th of December instant; and that the said seat is vacant by reason of such resignation.

F. D. BELL,  
Speaker.

Dated 22nd December, 1871.

#### NOTICE.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties,  
Wellington, 24th December, 1871.

BY "The Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act, 1871," the Legislature having made provision for imposing a duty in respect of admissions or appointments in certain cases, the Commissioner of Stamp Duties deems it desirable to call special attention to the requirements of the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th sections of the Act. Heads of Departments are particularly requested to notice that by the 12th section it is provided that every person, before he shall enter on the duties of his office or employment, is required to pay the proper duty in respect thereof to the Commissioner; and no warrant or letter of appointment shall be issued or granted by the Responsible Officer of the Department to which such office shall be attached, or within whose control the same may be, until he has satisfied himself of the payment of such duty.

The offices in respect of which duty is payable are described in the Schedule to the Act as follows:—

*First Part.*

ADMISSION and appointment or grant by any writing to or of any office place or employment under the General Government of New Zealand or under any Provincial Government or the County Council of the County of Westland or in any Municipal Corporation established under "The Municipal Corporations Act 1867" or under any Act or Ordinance mentioned or referred to in the First Schedule of the said Act or any Acts amending or continuing the same where the annual salary or emoluments shall

Exceed £100 and shall not exceed £200	... ..	£1	per cent.
Exceed £200 and shall not exceed £500	... ..	£2	per cent.
Exceed £500	... ..	£3	per cent.

By order of the Commissioner.  
C. T. BATKIN,  
Secretary.

STAMP DUTIES.

NOTICE.—There being reason to suppose that persons are in the habit of giving and accepting unstamped receipts as acquittances for moneys paid by cheque, under the belief that the stamp borne by the cheque exonerates the receipt from liability to stamp duty, the Public are cautioned against the adoption of this practice.

Such receipts are inadmissible as evidence of the payment of money until properly stamped; and every person signing or causing the signature of any such receipt is liable to a penalty of Ten Pounds for each offence.

By order of the Commissioner.  
C. T. BATKIN,  
Secretary for Stamp Duties.

Stamp Office, Wellington,  
1st November, 1871.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat in the meantime be lodged forbidding the same.

WILLIAM WILSON.—1 acre, part Rural Sections 238 and 239, Christchurch District, fronting 267 links on the north side of an accommodation road, laid out through Section 238, running nearly east and west, and back northerly in a parallelogram, 374 and two-third links, the east and west sides of such parallelogram being parallel with the west side of the road in continuation of Colombo Street South, and the south-east corner being 8 chains from the junction of the said accommodation road with the said road in continuation of Colombo Street.

Also 3A. 1R. 33P., part of said Section 238, bounded South-west by a creek; East by said road in continuation of Colombo Street; and North by a line making an angle of 88° 43' with said road; the north-east corner being 2,303 links distant from the northern boundary of Rural Section 239, measured along the west side of the said road. (W. Wilson, Broker.)

THOMAS RUSSELL.—2 roods, part Rural Section 238, Christchurch District, fronting 1 chain on the south side of an accommodation road, running nearly east and west through said section, and back southerly in a parallelogram 5 chains, the east and west sides of such parallelogram being parallel to the west side of the road in continuation of Colombo Street South, and the north-east corner being 10 chains from the junction of the said roads with each other.

CHARLES CLARK.—2 roods, Sections 676 and 678, Christchurch City. (C. Clark, Broker.)

THOMAS WATKINS.—20 acres, Rural Section 10,169, Timaru District. (G. H. Wildie, Broker.)

PETER ALEXANDER HALKETT.—2A. 1R., part of Lot 133, Christchurch Town Reserves, being the whole of the said lot, except 18 perches sold to Messrs. Smith and Adams.

Also, 2R. 28P., part of Lot 136, Christchurch Town Reserves, being the lots numbered 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 on Mr. Halkett's plan of the said Lot 136. (V. Thompson, Broker.)

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

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1871, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS,  
935 District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act 1870," unless caveat in the meantime be lodged forbidding the same.

ROBERT BURN, of the City of Nelson, Tinsmith.—1 rood, more or less, part of Section 239 on the plan of the City of Nelson, having a frontage to Grove Street of 150 links, bounded West by other parts of same section 170 links; North by Section 240, 150 links; East by Section 246, 170 links; South by Grove Street.

Also, 17 perches, more or less, part of Section 210 on the plan of the City of Nelson, having a frontage on the west side of 75 feet to a private road running through the said section; bounded North and South 61 feet by other parts of same section; West by private road aforesaid, 75 feet; East, 75 feet, by section 209.

Also, 6 perches, more or less, other part of said Section 210, having a frontage of 30 feet to said private road; bounded North and South 60 feet 9 inches by other parts of same section; East, 30 feet by said private road; West, 30 feet by Section 212.

Also, 13 perches, more or less, part of Section 212 on the plan of the City of Nelson, bounded North 80 links, East and West 70 feet, by other parts of same section; South, 80 links by Bridge Street. (Wm. Rout, Broker.)

Caveat may be lodged within one calendar month from the date of publication of this notice in the *Gazette*.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1871, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

936 SAMUEL KINGDON,  
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 4th day of February, 1872.

Sections 12, 13, Block XXIII., Dunedin.— WILLIAM JAMES MUDIE LARNACH, of Dunedin, Bank Manager, Applicant.

Sections 1, 2, Block I., Dunback District; also Sections 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 2 of 44, Block VII., and Section 4, Block VIII., Hawksbury District; Section 1 of 63, and Sections 60, 61, 62, Block V., Moeraki District.—JOHN DOUGLAS, of Palmerston, Sheep Farmer, Applicant.

Sections 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 1 of 85, 2 of 85, 1 of 26, 2 of 26, 1 of 27, 2 of 27, 1 of 28, 2 of 28, Block III.; also Section 9, Block IV., all in Waitahuna West District: also Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Block I., Waitahuna East District: also Sections 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, Block V., Hillend District.—**WILLIAM ARCHIBALD MURRAY**, of Waitahuna District, Stockowner, Applicant.

Sections 6, 8, 10, Block XLVI., Clutha District.—**JAMES BOWIE PORTEOUS**, of Warepa, Farmer, Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1871, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

**D. F. MAIN**,  
District Land Registrar.

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## NOTICE.

**I, PETER or PATRICK MACINTYRE**, of Timaru, Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery, do hereby make application to be registered under "The New Zealand Medical Act, 1869," and have deposited my diplomas with the Registrar, in terms of said Act.

**STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Masonic Gold Mining Company, Registered,"** for the half-year ended 30th December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Masonic Gold Mining Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: 29th June, 1871.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Coromandel; William Horne.  
Nominal capital: £20,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £15,750.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,000.  
Number of shares taken: 4,500.  
Amount of calls made: One shilling per share on 4,000 allotted shares, £200.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £15,950.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 4.  
Amount of cash in hand: £151 7s. 5d.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: 500.

11th December, 1871.  
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**W. HORNE**,  
Manager.

**STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Moanataiari Gold Mining Company, Registered,"** for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Moanataiari Gold Mining Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: June 18th, 1868.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Francis Angus White.  
Nominal capital: £135,000, in 13,500 shares of £10 each.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: None fully paid up; there is a liability of 5s. per share on all the Company's shares.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 13,500.  
Number of shares taken: 13,485.  
Amount of calls made: Nil.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £131,625.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 7.  
Amount of cash in hand: £576 13s. 4d.  
Whether in operation or not: Yes.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: 15.

13th December, 1871.  
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**F. A. WHITE**,  
Manager.

**STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The John o'Groats Gold Mining Company, Registered,"** for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The John o'Groats Gold Mining Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: July 28th, 1869.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Francis Angus White.  
Nominal capital: £57,000, in 11,400 shares of £5 each.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: None.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 11,400.  
Number of shares taken: 11,400.  
Amount of calls made: None.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: None fully paid up.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 21.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: No.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

13th December, 1871.  
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**F. A. WHITE**,  
Manager.

**STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Ashley Gold Mining Company, Registered,"** for the half-year ended 31st December, 1871, 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; Henry Chamberlin.  
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: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: 50.

8th December, 1871.  
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**HENRY CHAMBERLIN**,  
Legal Manager.

**STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Wellington Quartz Crushing Company, Registered,"** ending December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Wellington Quartz Crushing Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: 10th March, 1870.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Wellington; C. J. Toxward.  
Nominal capital: £1,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £452.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,000.  
Number of shares taken: 452.  
Amount of calls made: 452.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £452.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 177.  
Amount of cash in hand: 4d.  
Whether in operation or not: Not in operation.  
Total amount of dividend declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: 548.

Wellington, 28th December, 1871.

**C. JULIUS TOXWARD**,  
965

**STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Enterprise Water Race Company, Registered,"** for the six months ending 4th December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Enterprise Water Race Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: 14th September, 1863; 7th February, 1867.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Mount Ida; William Newman.



Nominal capital: £4,800.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,800.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 16.  
 Number of shares taken: 16.  
 Amount of calls made: Nil.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £4,800.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 16.  
 Amount of cash in hand: 8s.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: £350 8s.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

WILLIAM NEWMAN,  
 Manager.

Mount Ida, 18th December, 1871. 1003

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Golden Hill Quartz Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Golden Hill Quartz Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 5th January, 1870.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Moonlight Creek, Nelson; G. W. Moss, Greymouth, Westland.

Nominal capital: £5,000.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £100.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,000.  
 Number of shares taken: 1,000.  
 Amount of calls made: £269 10s.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £255.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 11.  
 Amount of cash in hand: In Bank N.S. Wales, 16s. 5d.  
 Whether in operation or not: Not in operation; about to be wound up.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

G. W. Moss, Manager.

Greymouth, 19th December, 1871. 1004

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Murray Creek Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 16th December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Murray Creek Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 2nd August, 1870; 8th August, 1870.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Murray Creek, Nelson; G. W. Moss, Greymouth, Westland.

Nominal capital: £6,000.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: Nil.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 1,200.  
 Number of shares taken: 1,200.  
 Amount of calls made: £2,250.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £2,173 15s.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 13.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Whether in operation or not: No.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

G. W. Moss, Manager.

Greymouth, 19th December, 1871. 1005

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Goldfinch Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration: 27th June, 1871.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Brown Street, Grahamstown; George Lindsay.

Nominal capital: £12,500.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: Nil.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,000.  
 Number of shares taken: 5,000.  
 Amount of calls made: Two, £145 6s. 8d.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £7,615.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 14.  
 Amount of cash in hand: £7 13s. 6d.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

4th December, 1871. GEORGE LINDSAY,  
 958 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Cock-a-Doodle Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 6th December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Cock-a-Doodle Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: May 8th; May 16th, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of legal manager: Owen Street, Grahamstown; Francis James Piesse.

Nominal capital: £10,000.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £8,000.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 2,000.  
 Number of shares taken: 2,000.  
 Amount of calls made: £367 17s.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £8,302 13s. 6½d.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 5.  
 Amount of cash in hand: £17 7s. 5d.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

6th December, 1871. FRANCIS J. PIESSE,  
 959 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Pride of the Moanataiari Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 12th December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Pride of the Moanataiari Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 19th June, 1871; 27th June, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Owen Street, Grahamstown; Francis James Piesse.

Nominal capital: £4,400.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £1,925.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 4,400.  
 Number of shares taken: 3,850.  
 Amount of calls made: £128 6s. 8d.  
 Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £2,008 16s.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 19.  
 Amount of cash in hand: £7 15s. 11d.  
 Whether in operation or not: Not.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Number of shares unallotted: 550.

12th December, 1871. FRANCIS J. PIESSE,  
 960 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Una Quartz Crushing and Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended December, 1871, 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: Registration certificate dated 4th September, 1869.

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

Nominal capital: £75,000.  
 Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £67,500.  
 Number of shares in which capital is divided: 15,000.  
 Number of shares taken: 15,000.  
 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: £1 19s.  
 Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: £2,180 from 1st July, 1871, to 12th December, 1871.  
 Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

12th December, 1871. FRED. F. DAY,  
 961 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Unicorn Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-

year ended 1st December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration: Formed 31st March, 1871; registered 4th April, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Moanatairi Creek, Thames Gold Field, Auckland; Walter Dowden.

Nominal capital: £8,200.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: None.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 8,200.

Number of shares taken: All.

Amount of calls made: £512 10s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £512 10s.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 16.

Amount of cash in hand: £31 18s. 6d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: None.

Number of shares unallotted: None.

14th December, 1871. WALTER DOWDEN,  
962 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The All Nations Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The All Nations Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 5th July, 1869; 28th July, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal capital: £54,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £48,600.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,400.

Number of shares taken: 5,400.

Amount of calls made: £810.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £810.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 15.

Amount of cash in hand: £839 15s.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £17,280.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
966 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Caledonian Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration: 5th August, 1868; 14th October, 1868.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal capital: £34,329.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £30,340.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 2,860.

Number of shares taken: 2,860.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £30,960.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 15.

Amount of cash in hand: £9,599 12s. 5d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £553,410.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
967 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Golden Crown Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Golden Crown Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 18th March, 1869; 1st April, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal capital: £96,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £96,000.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 9,600.

Number of shares taken: 9,600.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £9,600.

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

Amount of cash in hand: £1,945 5s. 9d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £122,268.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
968 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Kuranui Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration: 4th January, 1868; 5th August, 1868.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal capital: £127,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £101,600.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 12,700.

Number of shares taken: 12,700.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: Nil.

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

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £1,587 10s.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
971 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Brighton Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration: 1st June, 1871; 15th July, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal capital: £33,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £19,800.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 6,600.

Number of shares taken: 5,000.

Amount of calls made: £1,750.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £1,166 10s.

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

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 1,600.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
972 Manager.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Juanita Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 14th December, 1871, in accordance with Section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration: 6th October, 1871; 21st October, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Insurance Building, Auckland; James C. Davies.

Nominal Capital: £12,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £5,000.

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

Number of shares taken: 5,000.

Amount of calls made: £62 10s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £55.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 10.

Amount of cash in hand: £45 10s.

Whether in operation or not : In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared :

Number of shares unallotted : 1000.

19th December, 1871. JAMES C. DAVIES,  
980 Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Surprise Water Race and Sluicing Company, Registered," Mount Ida, for the half-year ended December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

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

When formed, and date of registration : 9th April, 1868.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Naseby; Jacob Lory.

Nominal capital : £2,400.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders : 240.

Number of shares in which capital is divided : 240.

Number of shares taken : 240.

Amount of calls made : None.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up : £2,400.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company : 6.

Amount of cash in hand : £60.

Whether in operation or not : Yes; in full operation.

Total amount of dividends declared : £240.

Number of shares unallotted : None.

JACOB LORY, Manager.

Mount Ida, 22nd December, 1871. 1009

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Kuranui Hill Tunnel Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Kuranui Hill Tunnel Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration : 3rd July, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal Capital : £4,000.

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

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

Number of shares taken : 2,500.

Amount of calls made : £1,930.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up £1,705.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company : 5.

Amount of cash in hand : Nil.

Whether in operation or not : In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.

Number of shares unallotted : 1,500.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
973 Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Long Drive Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 30th November, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Long Drive Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: Formed 20th July, 1868; registered, 25th February, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Shortland Street, Auckland; Charles Tothill.

Nominal Capital : £6,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders : £4,500.

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

Number of shares taken : 1,200.

Amount of calls made : Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up : Nil.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company : 15.

Amount of cash in hand : £3,500.

Whether in operation or not : In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared :

Number of shares unallotted : Nil.

20th December, 1871. CHARLES TOTHILL,  
974 Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Tui and Cuckoo Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 1st December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Tui and Cuckoo Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration : 31st July, 1869; 8th August, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Shortland Street, Auckland; Geo. W. Jones.

Nominal capital : £10,500.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders : £8,400.

Number of shares in which capital is divided : 7,000.

Number of shares taken : 7,000.

Amount of calls made : £670 16s. 8d.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up : £529 19s. 6d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company : 18.

Amount of cash in hand : Nil.

Whether in operation or not : Not.

Total amount of dividends declared :

Number of shares unallotted :

December, 1871. GEO. W. JONES,  
977 Manager.

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Pride of Parnell Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 1st December, 1871, in accordance with section 13 of "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act Amendment Act, 1869."

Name of Company: "The Pride of Parnell Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration : 19th July, 1869; 6th August, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Shortland Street, Auckland; Geo. W. Jones.

Nominal capital : £25,600.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders : £16,384.

Number of shares in which capital is divided : 5,120.

Number of shares taken : 4,096.

Amount of calls made : £921 12s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up : £753 3s.

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

Amount of cash in hand : Nil.

Whether in operation or not : Not.

Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.

Number of shares unallotted : 1,024.

11th December, 1871. GEO. W. JONES,  
978 Manager.

**P**ATENT for a Lifting Machine for the Saving of Manual Labour in raising Soil, Sand, Wash Dirt, and more particularly applicable to the Gold Workings of the West Coast of the Middle Island of New Zealand.

This is to notify, that ROBERT ATKINSON, of Seventeen-Mile Beach, in the Province of Nelson, New Zealand, Miner, did, on the twenty-seventh day of December, deposit at the office of the Patent Officer, in the Colonial Secretary's Office, in Wellington, a Specification or Instrument in writing under his hand and seal, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed; and that by reason of such deposit the said Invention is protected and secured to him exclusively for the term of six calendar months thence next ensuing.

And I do further notify, that the said Robert Atkinson has given notice in writing at my office of his intention to proceed with his application for Letters Patent for the said Invention, and that I have appointed Friday, the seventeenth day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at my office, to hear and consider the said application and all objections thereto; and I do hereby require all persons having an interest in opposing the grant of such Letters Patent to leave, on or before the thirteenth day of May, at my office in Wellington, particulars in writing of their objections to the said application, otherwise they will be precluded from urging the same.

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of December, 1871.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
Patent Officer.

## ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of OCTOBER, 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. (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 6 years	30·037 29·960	·843 ...	57·5 58·7	13·1 ...	30·0 ...	129·0 ...	39·0 ...	·400 ·397	84 75	1·800 3·166	13 15	232	561, 4th	7·0
AUCKLAND ... Same month previous 7 years	29·969 29·902	·898 ...	56·3 58·3	12·9 ...	26·1 ...	133·5 ...	23·0 ...	·386 ·378	86 76	3·036 2·723	18 17	340	720, 4th	7·0
TARANAKI ... Same month previous 7 years	29·906 29·878	1·044 ...	53·8 55·5	13·8 ...	27·0 ...	146·0 ...	31·0 ...	·286 ·359	71 74	9·210 5·421	22 17	268	525, 5th	8·2
NAPIER ... Same month previous 4 years	29·816 29·935	1·021 ...	59·1 59·1	18·3 ...	37·0 ...	129·0 ...	19·0 ...	·360 ·348	72 70	1·190 1·447	4 6	264	693, 16th	2·0
WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 7 years	29·760 29·804	1·085 ...	53·9 54·3	12·1 ...	31·0 ...	120·0 ...	32·0 ...	·313 ·392	75 71	5·430 4·610	13 12	214	500, 20th	5·4
NELSON ... Same month previous 7 years	29·765 29·699	1·090 ...	55·0 54·7	20·3 ...	37·0 ...	146·0 ...	30·0 ...	·339 ·356	78 74	8·580 3·362	7 9	198	470, 14th	5·8
CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 7 years	29·692 29·785	1·194 ...	52·8 53·4	17·4 ...	37·4 ...	141·7 ...	22·6 ...	·312 ·312	76 71	1·122 1·997	6 11	185	453, 9th	6·1
BEALEY ... Same month previous 3 years	29·642 29·768	·959 ...	46·0 46·5	14·5 ...	41·5 ...	124·2 ...	5·0 ...	·255 ·247	83 79	13·785 12·815	17 19	419	806, 31st	5·7
HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 5 years	29·833 29·885	1·266 ...	52·5 51·7	12·0 ...	25·8 ...	90·5 ...	33·5 ...	·317 ·362	81 90	13·330 12·976	21 21	234	397, 10th	5·0
DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 7 years	29·630 29·817	1·144 ...	50·8 50·5	18·6 ...	40·0 ...	...	...	·253 ·267	69 70	2·141 2·318	13 16	251	680, 10th	4·5
SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 6 years	29·609 29·693	1·243 ...	49·3 50·2	18·9 ...	39·0 ...	142·0 ...	21·0 ...	·244 ·256	69 70	3·240 4·185	18 16	214	462, 9th	6·0

## NOTES.

- Mongonui*.—Fine dry weather in general; up to 9th unsettled, wind from S.W. and N.W., and stormy at times, especially on 4th; thunder on 3rd; remainder of month fine; greatest rainfall recorded on 8th, 0·59 inch; prevailing wind from S.W. Maximum temperature on 30th, 71·0.
- Auckland*.—Dull, showery, cold weather generally during month, with strong winds, chiefly from S.W.; on 4th, stormy from N.W., with rain; on 10th, strong S.W. wind; and on 31st, stormy from same quarter; greatest rain recorded on 8th, 0·680 inch. Maximum temperature on 25th, 70·0.
- Taranaki*.—Wet, cold, squally S.W. weather prevailed; on 4th gale from N., with rain and hail; on 9th stormy, with rain and thunder; and 10th stormy, same quarter; thunder on 16th and rain, from S.W.; on 20th storm from N.W., with thunder, rain, and hail; fog on 8th and 17th; greatest rainfall 29th, 4·08 inches. Maximum temperature on 26th, 67·0.
- Napier*.—Fine clear weather generally, but strong winds, especially on 5th, W.; 9th, S.W.; 12th, W.; 16th and 17th, W.; greatest rainfall on 6th, 0·51 inches; prevailing winds from N.E. and W. Maximum temperature on 17th, 77·0.
- Wellington*.—Very fine and bright to the 3rd, when it changed at night to heavy rain and strong wind from N.W., continuing on the 4th; wind S.E. and still rain on the 5th; 6th and 7th fine; wet on 8th from N.W.; on the 9th, sleet and rain in the morning, wind S.E.; fine bright pleasant weather generally during the remainder of the month, from N.W.; at times high winds, especially on the 15th, 19th, and 27th; very slight rain, except on the 28th, when it fell all day and night; remarkably fine during the latter part of the month. Maximum rain for the month recorded on the 5th, 1·600; twenty-seven days of N.W. wind. Maximum temperature on the 25th, 69·0. Very slight earthquake on 1st, at 11.22 p.m.
- Nelson*.—Some heavy rainfalls during month, but on the whole tolerably fine weather; on 9th, 3·40 inches recorded for twenty-four hours; 5th, 3·80 inches, wind N.E. and strong; stormy on 13th and 14th from N.W.; squally weather frequently from S.W., the prevailing wind for month. Maximum temperature on 24th, 72·0.
- Christchurch*.—Generally fine, very slight rainfall, and moderate winds, chiefly from E., S.W., and N.W.; stormy on 8th and 9th from S.W., with rain and hail on 9th; on 19th, heavy N.W. gale, no rain; and on 20th, short S.W. gale, without rain; greatest rainfall recorded on 5th, 0·622 inch. Maximum temperature on 12th, 72·4.
- Bealey*.—Wet, severe, and stormy weather throughout the month, twenty-five days of N.W. wind; sixteen days of gales or high winds; 2·100 inches rain recorded on 4th, 2·230 inches on 13th, 1·930 inch on 16th, 1·840 inch on 20th, and 1·350 inch on 28th, all from N.W.; snow on 9th and 18th; hail on 13th, 18th, and 19th. Maximum temperature on 25th, 68·4.
- Hokitika*.—Wet unpleasant weather generally, although at intervals fine and bright; no severe storms occurred, but squally wind prevailed from N., N.W., and S.W.; thunder on 4th, 13th, 15th and 20th; heavy rainfall on 4th, 3·65 inches; and on 16th 2·47 inches. Maximum temperature on 13th, 64·7.
- Dunedin*.—Fine seasonable weather, winds moderate, and prevailing from W.S.W. and N.W.; greatest rainfall only 0·43 inch on 5th; Maximum temperature on 27th, 73·0.
- Southland*.—Very cold, wet, and stormy up to the 21st; coldest October in thirteen years (1865 excepted); a westerly gale on 8th and 9th, with thunder, hail, and rain; on 13th barometer fell to 28·99, followed by gale from W., and heavy rain; on 16th, 0·86 inches; thunder also on 13th; last ten days very fine and bright; twenty-six days of W. and N.W. wind. Maximum temperature on 25th and 26th, 72·0.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Weather throughout generally wet and stormy, with prevailing N.W. wind; rainfall on the whole in excess of average for previous years, especially on West Coast. Temperature below average.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.