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THE following Standing Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the General Assembly relative to Private Bills, are published for general information.

W. GISBORNE.

STANDING ORDERS AND FORMS OF PROCEEDINGS RELATIVE TO PRIVATE BILLS.

1. In the construction of these Standing Orders, the words and phrases following shall have the meaning here attached to them, unless there be something in the context repugnant to or inconsistent with such meaning.

The word "House" shall mean the Legislative Council or the House of Representatives, as the case may be, in which the Bill may be at the time; and the expression "other House" shall signify the House of the General Assembly in which the Bill shall not be at the time.

The expressions "Speaker," "Chairman of Committees," and "Clerk," shall mean similarly the "Speaker," "Chairman of Committees," and "Clerk" of the Legislative Council or House of Representatives.

2. Private Bills shall be understood to be Bills which are promoted for the private interest of individuals or companies, or which, by their provisions, directly interfere with the private property of individuals.

3. The scale of Fees to be paid by parties promoting Private Bills shall be as follows:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|
| On the first reading | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| On the second reading | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| On the third reading | 10 | 0 | 0 |

The said Fees shall be paid to the Treasury, to the credit of the Library Fund, at the respective stages of the Bill in the House in which the Bill shall have been introduced, and a certificate of the due payment of such Fees shall be produced to the Clerk of such House at each stage of the Bill, and the Bill shall be stopped by the Speaker of such House at any stage if any Fee then due is unpaid.

4. Any Agent acting contrary to the Rules of the House, disobeying the orders of either of the Speakers, or of the Chairman of any Committee, or neglecting or refusing to pay any Fees due in respect of any Bill or other proceeding solicited by him, may be prohibited from acting by order of either of the Speakers.

5. Notices relative to Private Business are delivered by the Agent at the Examiner's Office, and must be handed in before 7 o'clock on the evening of the day on which the House shall sit, and before 2 o'clock on any day on which the House shall not sit.

6. The notices thus handed in relating to any proceedings in the House are delivered by the Examiner to the Clerk of the House, and are printed in the Order Paper.

EXAMINER AND GENERAL COMMITTEES.

7. There shall be an Examiner of Standing Orders, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8. There shall be nominated at the commencement of each Session a Joint Committee of six, consisting of three Members chosen by the Legislative Council and three Members chosen by the House of Representatives. This Committee shall be named "The Joint Committee on Standing Orders," and three shall be a Quorum.

9. There shall be nominated for each House, at the commencement of each Session, a Committee to be designated "The Committee of Selection," to consist of five Members of each House respectively, of which Committees respectively three shall be a Quorum.

INITIATION OF PRIVATE BILLS.

10. Every Private Bill shall be initiated by a Petition, which shall be presented at the Examiner's Office either before the meeting of Parliament or within fourteen days after.

11. Every such Petition must be prepared in accordance with the Standing Orders, and, before its presentation to the House, shall be examined by the

Examiner for proof that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and when the Examiner reports to the House that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, the Petition and Report stand referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

12. On the receipt of any Petition for a Private Bill, the Examiner forthwith posts in each House a notice of such Petition having been received, along with a brief abstract of its prayer and object.

13. Any parties complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders may appear and be heard by themselves, their agents and witnesses, upon addressing a Memorial to the Examiner to that effect.

14. The Examiner shall give two days' notice in his office of a day appointed by the Speaker for the examination of any Petition.

15. Such Memorial must be deposited in the Examiner's Office one day at least before the day fixed for examination of the Petition; and in the event of no such Memorial being deposited, the Petition shall be treated as unopposed.

STANDING ORDERS, COMPLIANCE WITH WHICH IS TO BE PROVED.

Compliance with the following conditions shall be proved before the Examiner:—

NOTICES BY ADVERTISEMENT.

16. In all cases where application is intended to be made for leave to bring in a Bill, notices shall be given, stating the objects of such intended application, and the time at which copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Examiner's Office, and, if it be intended to apply for powers for the compulsory purchase of land or houses, or for extending the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease the undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease any other undertaking, or to amend or repeal any former Act or Acts, or to levy any tolls, rates, or duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any exemptions from payment of tolls, rates, or duties; or to confer, vary, or extinguish any other rights or privileges, the notices shall specify such intention, and the whole of the notices relating to the same Bill shall be included in the same advertisement, which shall be headed by a short title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill.

17. In cases of Bills in respect to which plans are required to be deposited, such notices shall also contain a description of all the termini, together with the names of the Provinces, Townships, or other territorial divisions from, in, through, or into which the work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged; and shall state the time and place of deposit of the plans, sections, books of reference, and copies of the *Gazette* notice respectively, with the several Officers hereinafter specified.

18. In cases of Bills respecting any burial-ground, cemetery, or gasworks, the notices shall set forth and specify the limits within which such burial-ground, cemetery, or gasworks are intended to be erected or made.

19. In all cases where it is proposed to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietor thereof or otherwise, the notices shall contain the name of every such existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, the water supplying which will either directly or derivatively flow or proceed into any such intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation; or into

any intended variation, extension, or enlargement thereof.

20. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is proposed to make application for a Bill, such notices shall be published once at least in the *Government Gazette* of the Colony, and for two successive weeks in one and the same newspaper published in the Province, County, or District in which any land is situated to which any such Bill shall refer.

NOTICES AND APPLICATIONS TO OWNERS, LESSEES, AND OCCUPIERS OF LANDS AND HOUSES.

21. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is proposed to make application for a Bill by which any lands or houses are intended to be taken, or an extension of the time granted by any former Act for that purpose is sought, application in writing must be made to the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees and occupiers of all lands and houses so intended to be taken, or which may be taken, as being within the limits of deviation defined upon the plan; and such applications shall be as nearly as may be in the form set forth in the Appendix marked A.

22. Such application shall be made by delivering the same personally to every such party, or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode; or, in his absence from the Colony, with his agent; or by forwarding the same by post in a registered letter addressed with a sufficient direction to his usual place of abode, and posted before the first of such thirty days at the Chief Post Office in a Province, at such hours and according to such regulations as may from time to time be in force for the posting and registration of registered letters.

23. In all cases the written acknowledgment of the party applied to shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of an application having been made or notice given; and in case of an application or notice having been forwarded by post in a registered letter, the production of the Post Office receipt for such letter, duly stamped, shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery of such letter: Provided it shall appear that the same was properly and sufficiently directed, and that the same was not returned by the Post Office as undelivered.

24. Separate lists shall be made of the names of such owners, lessees, and occupiers, distinguishing those who have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect to such application, or who have returned no answer thereto; and where no written acknowledgment has been returned to an application forwarded by post, or where such application has been returned as undelivered, at any time before the making up of such lists, the direction of the letter in which the same was so forwarded shall be inserted therein. (See Schedule.)

25. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is intended to make application for any Bill for making a burial-ground or cemetery, or the erection of works for the manufacture of gas, notice shall be served upon the owner and occupier of every dwelling-house situate within 300 yards of the limits within which the proposed burial-ground, cemetery, or gasworks are intended to be erected or made.

26. No notice served or application made on a Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day, or before eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day, shall be deemed valid, except in case of delivery of letters by post.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE DEPOSITED WITH COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS BEFORE SESSION.

27. Plans, books of reference, and sections, as

hereinafter described, shall, in cases of Bills by which any lands or houses are intended to be taken, be deposited for public inspection at the Office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the principal town of each Province in or through which the work is proposed to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which such lands and houses are situate, not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is proposed to make application for the Bill.

28. The Commissioner of Crown Lands shall make a memorial in writing upon the plans, sections, and books of reference so deposited with him, denoting the time at which the same were lodged in his Office, and shall at all reasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine the same, and to make copies or extracts therefrom; and the plans and sections so deposited shall be retained in the possession of the Commissioner until the Session of Parliament next ensuing shall be about to be held, when they shall be forwarded by the Commissioner to the Examiner's Office, so as to be deposited there as nearly as may be within a week of the commencement of the Session.

29. Wherever any plans, sections, and books of reference are required to be deposited, a copy of the notice published in the *Gazette*, of the intended application, shall be deposited therewith.

DEPOSITS WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SESSION.

30. Every Petition for a Private Bill, headed by a Short Title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill, corresponding with that at the head of the advertisement, with a declaration signed by the Promoters, and a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Examiner's Office either before or within fourteen days after the commencement of the Session, and such Petition, Bill, and Declaration shall be open to the inspection of all parties, and printed copies of the Bill shall also be delivered therewith for the use of any Member who may apply for the same.

31. Such declaration shall state if the proposed Bill gives power to effect any of the following objects, that is to say—

Power to take any lands or houses compulsorily, or to extend the time granted by any former Act for that purpose.

Power to levy tolls, rates, or duties, or to alter any existing tolls, rates, or duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any exemption from payment of tolls, rates, or duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any other right or privilege.

Power to amalgamate with any Company, or to lease or sell their undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the undertaking of any other Company.

Power to interfere with any Crown, Ecclesiastical, or Corporation property, or property held on trust for public or charitable purposes.

Power to relinquish any part of a work authorized by a former Act.

Power to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietors thereof, or otherwise.

Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation.

Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any railway.

The said declaration shall state which of such powers are given by the Bill, and shall indicate in which clauses of the Bill (referring to them by their number) such powers are given, and shall further state that such Bill does not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in this Order other than those stated in the declaration. If the proposed Bill shall not give power to effect any of the objects above enumerated, the said declaration shall state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of such objects. The said declaration shall also state that the Bill does not give any powers other than those included in the notices for the Bill.

32. Within ten days after the commencement of the Session, a printed copy of every Railway or Canal Bill, and of every Bill for incorporating or giving powers to any Company, and of every Bill relating to any tidal lands, dock, harbour, navigation, pier, or port, shall be deposited in the Office of the Colonial Secretary.

33. Within fourteen days after the commencement of the Session there shall also be deposited in the Examiner's Office all Estimates, Declarations, and Lists of Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers, which are required by the Standing Orders.

34. As respects all Bills for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies, or proposed Companies, for carrying on any trade or business, or for conferring on such Companies the power of suing and being sued, there shall be deposited in the Examiner's Office, within fourteen days after the commencement of the Session, a copy of the Deed or Agreement of Partnership (if any) under which the Company or proposed Company is acting, and in all cases a declaration stating the following matters:—

1st. The present and proposed amount of the capital of the Company.

2nd. The number of shares.

3rd. The number of shares subscribed for.

4th. The amount of subscriptions paid up.

5th. The names, residences, and description of the shareholders or subscribers (so far as the same can be made out), and of the actual or provisional Directors, Treasurers, Secretary, or other officers (if any), and such documents shall be verified by the signature of some authorized officer of the Company, or proposed Company (if any), and by some responsible party promoting the Bill.

35. No deposit shall be deemed valid if made on a Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day, or before eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after eight o'clock in the afternoon, of any day.

FORMS IN WHICH PLANS, BOOKS OF REFERENCE, SECTIONS, AND CROSS SECTIONS SHALL BE PREPARED.

Plans.

36. Every plan required to be deposited shall be drawn to a scale of not less than four inches to a mile, and shall describe the lands intended to be taken, and shall describe the line or situation of the whole of the work (no alternative line or work being in any case permitted), and the lands in or through which it is to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or through which every communication to or from the works shall be made; and where it is the intention of the parties to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the line of the proposed work, the limits of such deviation shall be defined upon the plan, and the lands included within such limits shall be marked thereon.

37. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, the plan shall describe the brooks and streams to be directly diverted into such intended

cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively, for supplying the same with water.

38. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any railway, the plan shall exhibit thereon the distances in miles and furlongs from one of the termini, and a memorandum of the radius of every curve not exceeding one mile in length shall be noted on the plan in furlongs and chains; and where tunnelling as a substitute for open cutting is intended, such tunnelling shall be marked by a dotted line on the plan.

39. If it be intended to divert, widen, or narrow any public carriage road, navigable river, canal, or railway, the course of such diversion, and the extent of such widening or narrowing, shall be marked on the plan.

Book of Reference.

40. The book of reference to every such plan shall contain the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers of all lands or houses in the line of the proposed work, or within the limits of deviation as defined upon the plan, and shall describe such land and houses respectively. (See Schedule.)

Sections.

41. The section shall be drawn on the same horizontal scale as the plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every one hundred feet, and shall show the surface of the ground marked upon the plan, the intended level of the proposed work, the height of every embankment and the depth of every cutting, and a datum horizontal line, which shall be the same throughout the whole length of the work or any branch thereof respectively, and shall be referred to some fixed point (stated in writing on the section) near some portion of such work, and in case of a canal, cut, navigation, or public carriage road or railway, near either of the termini.

42. In cases of Bills for improving the navigation of any river, there shall be a section which shall specify the levels of both banks of such river; and where any alteration is intended to be made therein, it shall describe the same by inches and feet, or decimal parts of a foot.

43. In every section of a railway, the line of the railway marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the rails.

44. Distance on the datum line shall be marked in miles and furlongs to correspond with those on the plan; a vertical measure, from the datum line to the line of the railway, shall be marked in feet and inches, or decimal parts of a foot, at each change of the gradient or inclination, and the proportion or rate of inclination between each such change shall also be marked.

45. Wherever the line of the railway is intended to cross any public carriage road, navigable river, canal, or railway, the height of the railway over or depth under the surface thereof, and the height and span of every arch of all bridges and viaducts by which the railway will be carried over the same, shall be marked in figures at every crossing thereof; and where the railway will be carried across any such public carriage road, or railway, on the level thereof, such crossing shall be so described on the section, and it shall also be stated if such level will be unaltered.

46. If any alteration be intended in the water level of any canal, or in the level or rate of inclination of any public carriage road or railway which will be crossed by the line of railway, then the same shall be stated on the section, and each alteration shall be numbered, and cross sections in reference to the said numbers, on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 330 feet, and on a vertical scale of not

less than one inch to every 40 feet, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such canal, road, or railway, and the intended surface thereof when altered, and the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of such road or railway shall also be marked in figures thereon; and where any public carriage road is crossed on the level, a cross section of such road shall also be added, and all such cross sections shall extend for 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the railway.

47. Wherever the extreme height of any embankment or extreme depth of any cutting shall exceed five feet, the extreme height over or depth under the surface of the ground shall be marked in figures upon the section, and if any bridge or viaduct of more than three arches shall intervene in any embankment, or if any tunnels shall intervene in any cutting, the extreme height or depth shall be marked in figures on each of the parts into which such embankment or cutting shall be divided by such bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

48. Where tunnelling as a substitute for open cutting, or viaduct as a substitute for solid embankment, is intended, the same shall be marked on the section.

ESTIMATES AND DECLARATION IN CERTAIN CASES.

49. An estimate of the expense of the undertaking shall be made, and signed by the person making the same.

50. When the work is to be made wholly or in part by means of funds or out of money to be raised upon the credit of the Revenue of any Provincial Government or upon the credit of the present Surplus Revenue, or from funds belonging to any Society or Company, or under the control of Directors, Trustees or Commissioners, as the case may be, of any existing Public Work, such parties being the promoters or part promoters of the Bill, a declaration stating these facts, and setting forth the nature of such control, and the nature and amount of such revenue, funds, or surplus revenue, and showing the actual surplus of such funds or revenue, after deducting the funds required for purposes authorized by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly or the Legislature of such Province, and also the funds which may be required for any other work to be executed under any Bill in the same Session, shall be made and given under the Common Seal of the Province, Society, or Company, or under the hand of some authorized officer of such Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners.

51. The Examiner and the Joint Committee on Standing Orders and Committees on Private Bills generally, may admit affidavits or declarations in proof of the compliance with the Standing Orders and other facts required to be proved, unless in any case they shall require further evidence, and such affidavit or declaration shall be sworn or taken before a Solicitor of the Supreme Court or a Justice of the Peace.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE EXAMINER AND JOINT COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

52. The Examiner shall certify, by indorsement on each Petition which shall have been duly deposited in his Office, whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with; and when they have not been complied with, he shall report to the House the facts upon which the decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

53. The Joint Committee on Standing Orders shall report to the House whether, in the opinion of the Committee, such Standing Orders as have not been complied with ought or ought not to be dis-

pensed with, and whether, in their opinion, the parties should be permitted to proceed with their Bill, or any portion thereof, and under what (if any) conditions.

54. All Petitions praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of the House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, and all Petitions opposing the same, shall be presented to the House by depositing the same in the Examiner's Office, and every such Petition so deposited shall stand referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, which shall report to the House whether such Sessional or Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO THE HOUSE, AND
FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

55. A Petition for a Private Bill having been indorsed by the Examiner, must be presented to the House by a Member, with a printed copy of the Bill annexed, not later than three clear days after such indorsement, or if when so indorsed the House shall not be sitting, then not later than three clear days after the first sitting.

56. If the Standing Orders have been complied with, the Bill is at once ordered to be brought in; if not complied with, the Bill stands referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

57. Before the First Reading of every Private Bill, printed copies of the Bill must be delivered, at the expense of the promoters, to the Clerk of the House, for the use of Members.

58. A Bill having been read a Second Time, stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

59. The Committee of Selection nominates the Committee on the Bill.

60. Every unopposed Private Bill is referred by the Committee of Selection to the Chairman of Committees and four other Members, of whom one is to be a Member who had been ordered to prepare and bring in the Bill, and the other three Members not locally or otherwise interested.

61. No Bill will be considered as an opposed Bill, unless previously to the Second Reading of the Bill a Petitioner has been presented against it, in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, and Witnesses, or unless the Chairman of Committees reports to the House that any Bill ought to be so treated.

62. Every opposed Bill is referred by the Committee of Selection to a Chairman, and four Members not locally or otherwise interested therein.

63. The Committee of Selection shall have the power of discharging any Member or Members of a Committee, and substituting another Member or other Members.

64. Committees shall be allowed to proceed if three of the five Members shall be present, but not a less number, unless by special leave of the House.

65. No Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall absent himself from his duties thereon, except in case of sickness, or by leave of the House.

66. If the Chairman shall be absent from the Committee, another Member present shall be elected to act as Chairman.

67. If any of the Members shall not be present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, or if any Member shall absent himself from his duties on such Committee, every such Member shall be reported to the House at its next sitting.

68. All questions before Committees on Private Bills shall be decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever

the voices are equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

69. The Committee on each Bill shall, from time to time, appoint the day upon which they will enter upon the consideration of such Bill, and on which they will require the parties severally promoting or opposing the same to enter appearances, and two clear days' notice at the least of such appointment shall be given by the Examiner in his Office.

70. In all cases of opposed Private Bills in which no parties shall have appeared on the Petitions against such Bills, or, having appeared, shall have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the promoters shall have been commenced, the Committee on such Bills shall forthwith refer them back, with a statement of the facts, to the Committee of Selection, who shall deal with them as with unopposed Bills.

71. No Member locally or otherwise interested of a Committee on any unopposed Private Bill shall have a vote on any question that may arise, but every Member shall be entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Committee.

72. Every Plan and Book of Reference thereto, which shall be produced in evidence before the Committee upon any Private Bill (whether the same shall have been previously lodged in the Examiner's Office or not), shall be signed by the Chairman of such Committee with his name at length; and he shall also mark with the initials of his name every alteration of such Plan and Book of Reference which shall be agreed upon by the said Committee, and every such Plan and Book of Reference shall thereafter be deposited in the Examiner's Office.

73. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign with his name at length a printed copy of the Bill (to be called the Committee Bill), on which the amendments are to be fairly written, and also sign with the initials of his name the several clauses added in Committee.

74. The Chairman of the Committee shall report to the House whether or not the allegations of the Preamble of the Bill have been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, or whether the parties have acquainted the Committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill; and when any alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, or the clauses thereof, such alteration, together with the ground of making it, shall be specially stated in the Report.

75. The Minutes of the Committee on every Private Bill shall be brought up and laid on the Table of the House with the Report of the Bill.

76. Every Private Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties applying for the same, and delivered to the Clerk for the use of the Members two clear days at least before the consideration of the Bill.

77. Any clause or amendment on the consideration of the Report of any Private Bill shall be referred to the Committee on the Bill; and no further proceedings shall be had until the Report of the said Committee shall have been brought up.

78. Every Private Bill, after it has been read a Third Time, shall be printed fair, at the expense of the party applying for the same.

79. No Private Bill shall pass through two stages on one and the same day, and there shall be at least two days' interval between the First and Second Reading.

80. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no Motion shall be made to dispense with any Sessional or Standing Order without due notice thereof.

81. Every Private Bill, after it has passed, shall be carried to the other House and treated as a Public Bill until after the First Reading thereof.

APPENDIX.

SIR,—We beg to inform you that application is intended to be made to the General Assembly in the ensuing Session for an Act and that the property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, or some part thereof, in which we understand you are interested, as therein stated, will be required for the purposes of the said undertaking, according to the line thereof, as at present laid out, or may be required to be taken under the usual powers of deviation, to the extent of _____ yards on either side of the said line, which will be applied for in the said Act, and will be passed through in the manner mentioned in such Schedule.

We also beg to inform you that a Plan and Section of the said undertaking, with a Book of Reference thereto, will be deposited in the Examiner's Office on or before the commencement of the Session, and that copies of so much of the said plan and section as relates to the district in which your property is situate, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited for public inspection with the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the Province of _____ on or before the _____, on which plans your property is designated by the numbers set forth in the annexed Schedule.

As we are required to report to Parliament whether you assent to or dissent from the proposed undertaking, or whether you are neuter in respect thereto, you will oblige us by writing your answer of assent, dissent, or neutrality in the form left herewith, and returning the same to us, with your signature, on or before the _____ day of _____ next; and if there should be any error or misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall feel obliged by your informing us thereof at your earliest convenience, that we may correct the same without delay.

We are, Sir,

To

[See Rule 22.]

SCHEDULE.

PART OF BOOK OF REFERENCE referred to in the foregoing Notice, and which is intended to show the Property therein alluded to, and the manner in which the Line of the Deposited Sections will affect the same.

| Number on Plan. | Place. | Description. | Manner in which affected. | Name of Owner or Reputed Owner. | Name of Lessee or Reputed Lessee. | Name of Occupier. | Assent. | Dissent. | Neuter. |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| 21 | Epsom | Arable field. | 4 feet cutting | Henry Smith. | George Lucas. | John Sims. | | | Henry Smith. |
| 21 | Epsom | House and Outbuildings. | | Henry Smith. | George Lucas. | John Sims. | Assent. | Dissent. | Neuter. |

[See Rules 25 and 41.]

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 11th June, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
ALFRED ROWLAND CHETHAM-STRODE, Esq.,
to be Registration Officer for the Province of Otago,

to form Electoral Rolls for the election of Members of the Provincial Council thereof.

W. GISBORNE.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 7th June, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER for the NORTH ISLAND

to frank and receive free from prepayment of postage, Letters and Packets posted on the Public Service.

JULIUS VOGEL.

NOTICE.

THE attention of Officers holding Advances of Public Money is called to Section 39 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1867," which requires that all such Advances shall be refunded to the Public Account before the 30th June in each year.

Compliance with this regulation will be strictly insisted on, in order that all Advance Accounts may be closed on the 30th instant.

C. T. BATKIN,

Paymaster-General.

Treasury, 9th June, 1872.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 3rd June, 1872.

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

By order.

W. GRAY

(for the Secretary).

ADDITIONAL MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

It is hereby notified, that Money Orders may be obtained and made payable at

BRIGHTON SOUTH

on and after the 13th instant.

W. TURNER,

Deputy Postmaster-General.

Post and Telegraph Department,

General Post Office,
Melbourne, 8th May, 1872.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 3rd June, 1872.

THE following Notices, received from the General Post Office, Sydney, are published for general information.

By order.

W. GRAY

(for the Secretary).

General Post Office,
Sydney, 13th April, 1872.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Money Order Office at Fish River Creek will be abolished on and after the 15th instant.

JOSEPH DOCKER.

General Post Office,
Sydney, 18th April, 1872.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

WITH reference to Treasury Notice of the 10th December, 1862, published in Government Gazette No. 231, it is hereby notified, that, on and after the 1st May, the Post Office Money Order System will be extended to the following places, viz.:—

LUNATIC REEFS, and TOCUMWAL.

JOSEPH DOCKER.

General Post Office,
Sydney, 18th April, 1872.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Money Order Offices at the following places will be abolished on and after the 1st of May:—

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| ASHFORD, | JEREELDERIE, |
| HUNTER'S HILL, | JERRY'S PLAINS, and |
| JACQUA, | WHEEO. |

JOSEPH DOCKER.

Native Office,
Wellington, 6th June, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

E. W. STOCKMAN,

of Taranaki, to act as Interpreter under "The Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1867."

W. GISBORNE.

Government Annuities Office,
Wellington, 10th June, 1872.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the following Offices have been opened as Government Life Insurance and Annuity Offices:—

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| Post Office | MANUHERIKIA, Otago. |
| " | KAWARAU, Otago. |
| " | ALEXANDRA, Auckland. |
| " | CAMBRIDGE, Auckland. |
| " | RUSSELL, Auckland. |
| " | BULL'S, Wellington. |

W. GISBORNE,
Commissioner.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

No. 12 of 1872.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 5th June, 1872.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Government of Mauritius, relative to the possible removal of the Bell Buoy Lightship at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Louis, is published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL.

NOTICE.

In the event of its being necessary to take the Lightship stationed off Port Louis, Mauritius, into port for repairs, or should she be absent from her station for any other cause, a vessel will be anchored on the spot where she now lies, and will be distinguished as follows:—

During the Day.

Two flags, white, with blue cross and a ball below each, on separate masts.

During the Night.

Two signal lamps, one on each mast, at the same horizontal height, and a blue-light or a flare-up light every half-hour.

D. WALES,
Harbour Master.

Port Louis, Mauritius,
20th February, 1872.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

No. 13 of 1872.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 5th June, 1872.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Governments of Victoria and Queensland, are published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL.

TORRES STRAITS AND GREAT NORTH-EAST CHANNEL.

CAPTAIN MORESBY, R.N., has forwarded the following alterations to the Notice respecting Torres Straits, &c., issued from this office on the 11th instant,* viz.:—

Third paragraph.—Sibie Island was only seen from a distance; its extent, given in a N.N.E. and S.S.W. direction, is therefore only an approximation, the island probably being more than four miles in length.

Last paragraph but two, second line.—For "north-east" read "north-west."

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAITS.

First paragraph, last line.—After "vessel" insert "bound southwards."

Last paragraph.—For "Glady's River" read "Gladys River."

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

Department of Ports and Harbours,
Brisbane, 29th April, 1872.

* Published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 24, page 270.

ALTERATION IN THE CUTTING OF THE LIGHT
AT GABO ISLAND.

It having been ascertained that the present cutting of the light on Gabo Island shows across Cape Howe and does not guide vessels clear of the foul ground in the immediate vicinity, masters of vessels and others navigating that locality are informed that, on and after the first day of July next, the bearing of the western limit of the light will be altered from S.S.W. to S.W. by S., so as to clear the dangers to the southward and south-eastward of Cape Howe.

The light will be visible in clear weather from a ship's deck at a distance of seventeen (17) miles on an arc from E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. round northerly to S.W. by S.

CHARLES B. PAYNE,
Chief Harbour Master.

Department of Ports and Harbours,
Melbourne, 24th April, 1872.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

No. 14 of 1872.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 10th June, 1872.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Portmaster of Brisbane, is published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL.

SOUTH ENTRANCE, MORETON BAY.

THE Bar at the South Entrance having been carefully examined since the apparent changes reported on the 10th instant, Notice is hereby given that there is not less than 13 feet 6 inches on the Bar at low water springs, and that the directions issued from this Office on the 5th ultimo* are correct.

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

Department of Ports and Harbours,
Brisbane, 15th May, 1872.

* Published in *New Zealand Gazette*, of 4th May, page 252.

IN the matter of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867:" Notice is hereby given, that transcripts of the Rules of

"The Court Blenheim, No. 5085, Ancient Order of Foresters,"

"The Lyttelton Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited,"

"The Court City of Auckland, No. 3978, Ancient Order of Foresters,"

Friendly Societies, duly certified, have been lodged

with the Registrar of Friendly Societies, registered and recorded in his office under the provisions of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867."

Dated the sixth day of June, 1872.

ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD
(for the 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.

EDWARD BAIGENT, of Waimea South, Nelson, Esquire, Applicant.—210 acres, being Section 1 of Block 1 on the plan of Waimea South aforesaid. Also 175 acres, being Sections 99, 100, 101, and 102 on the said plan of Waimea South.

JOHN PRICE, of Waimea South aforesaid, Farmer, Applicant.—30 acres, being parts of Section 40 on the said plan of Waimea South. Bounded—North partly by Section 3, and partly by other parts of same section; Eastward and Southward by other parts of same section; Westward by Section 28A on said plan.

THIRZA RICKARD FOOTE, Wife of Robert Benjamin Foote, of Moutere, Nelson, Applicant.—51 acres, being Section 149 on the plan of Moutere aforesaid. (Wm. Rout, Broker.)

THOMAS HEATH, of Motueka, Nelson, Farmer, Applicant.—150 acres, being Sections 250 and 252 on the plan of Motueka aforesaid. (Adams and Kingdon, Solicitors.)

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 6th day of June, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

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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 in the meantime be lodged forbidding the same.

ALFRED CHARLES BARKER.—2 roods, Sections 710, 712, Christchurch City.

ISAAC FONSECA.—1 acre, part Rural Section 1652, Timaru District. Lot 28 on Messrs. Rhodes' plan. (E. H. Tate, Broker.)

MORICE BING.—11 acres 1 rood 28 perches, part Rural Section 41, Christchurch District. Bounded—West by boundary of section; East by Stanmore Bridge road; North by other land belonging to Applicant; and South by land belonging to Joshua Strange Williams. (Hanmer and Harper, Solicitors.)

JACOB HILL.—2 roods, part Section 2521, Waimate District, fronting north-west boundary of section 1 chain, and back south-east in a rectangular block 5 chains; the west corner being 2 chains from west corner of section. (E. H. Tate, Broker.)

JOSEPH MEGSON.—25 acres, Rural Section 12445, Timaru District. (E. H. Tate, Broker.)

WILLIAM LAIRD WHITBY.—1 rood, part Section 32, Christchurch District. Fronting Ferry Road 122 links, and back in a rectangular block 2 chains; the east corner being 10 chains from east corner of section. (H. A. Bamford, Solicitor.)

THOMAS WILLIAM MAUDE.—2 roods, Sections 286, 287, Christchurch City.

NORMAN PLANTA THOMPSON.—40 acres, Rural Section 9693, Christchurch District. (Hanmer and Harper, Solicitors.)

PHILIP JERVIS FOSTER.—2 roods 33 perches,

part Rural Section 1652, Timaru District. Lot 15 on Messrs. Rhodes' plan. (E. H. Tate, Broker.)

JOHN CRAIGHEAD.—50 acres, Rural Section 2425, Christchurch District. (R. Wilkin, Broker.)

ENOCH HENRY BANKS.—1 rood, Section 1136, Christchurch City. (R. Wilkin, Broker.)

JOHN GRIGG and THOMAS RUSSELL.—338 acres 3 roods 20 perches, part of Reserve 738 in red, Ashburton District, as sold by the Superintendent to Applicants.

GEORGE GIDDINGS.—195 acres 3 roods, Sections 9159, 9160, 12468, 12469, 12290, Malvern District.

WILLIAM HENRY WYNN WILLIAMS, Attorney for **ALBERT BEETHAM**.—49 acres 3 roods, Sections 7366, 7556, Lincoln District. (R. J. S. Harman, Broker.)

HENRY SPENCER.—1 rood, part Section 79, Christchurch District, fronting road out of Columbo Street South 1 chain, and back south 250 links in a rectangular block; the north-east corner being 14 chains from north boundary of section, and 4 chains from junction of said road with Columbo Street.

PATRICK RYAN.—30 acres, Section 3956, Christchurch District. (R. Wilkin, Broker.)

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

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS,
District Land Registrar.

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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 20th day of July next.

Part of Section "457," Wellington, containing 1 rood. Bounded—North by 458; East by Wellington Terrace; South by other part of 457; West by the Town Belt; and measures North and South 500 links respectively; East and West 50 links respectively.—In occupation of **JOHN MOORE**, the Applicant. (B. Smith, Broker.)

Part of Section "184," Wellington, containing 8½ perches. Bounded—North by Taranaki Place; East and South by other parts of same section; West by a private road and other part of same section. Measuring North and South 20 feet respectively; East and West 120 feet respectively; the eastern boundary whereof is parallel with and distant 50 feet from the eastern boundary of said Section 184.—In occupation of **ARTHUR HAYWARD**, the Applicant.

Part of Section "285," Wellington, containing 16 perches. Bounded—North by Courtenay Place; South by 284; East and West by other parts of 285. Measuring North and South 33 feet respectively; East and West 132 feet respectively; the eastern boundary whereof runs parallel with and distant 100 feet from the eastern boundary of said Section 285.—In occupation of **WILLIAM BROMLEY**, **FREDERICK AUGUSTUS KRULL**, and others, Applicants on behalf of **EDMUND CORDING**, of Wellington, Carpenter.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 11th day of June, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

JOHN E. SMITH,
District Land Registrar.

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PORT CHALMERS WATERWORKS BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, as Solicitor for and on behalf of the Mayor and Corporation of the Incorporated Town of Port Chalmers, that it is intended by the said Mayor and Corporation to apply to the General Assembly of New Zealand, at its next Session, for leave to bring in a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Mayor and Corporation of the Incorporated Town of Port Chalmers to make and maintain Waterworks for the supply of the Town and Neighbourhood of Port Chalmers with Water, and for other purposes;" and that such Works will commence at a reservoir or reservoirs proposed to be constructed upon or near to section 88, Block VI., North Harbour and Blue-skin District, and thence proceed through sections 52 and 53 in the same block, thence through sections 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Block I., Lower Harbour West District, thence through section 9, Block II., in the same district, thence across the Town Belt of Port Chalmers into the town of Port Chalmers, and that the objects of the said application are—

To invest the said Mayor and Corporation with the entire management, control, and regulation in all things of the said undertaking. To enable the said Mayor and Corporation to furnish a constant supply of water to the said town of Port Chalmers and its neighbourhood, for domestic, manufacturing, and other purposes, and to the shipping of Port Chalmers aforesaid.

To empower the said Mayor and Corporation to open and place pipes and shafts in streets, roads, highways, and places, and to make and maintain all necessary reservoirs, cisterns, tanks, aqueducts, drains, cuts, sluices, culverts, engines, and other works, and erect such buildings as may be necessary, and to divert, impound, and take water from all streams running into the site of the proposed reservoir or reservoirs aforesaid, and any other stream or streams affluent or near to such first-mentioned streams.

To empower the said Mayor and Corporation to enter upon all lands required for the purposes of the said Waterworks to make surveys.

To empower the said Mayor and Corporation to purchase, compulsorily, lands, houses, hereditaments, and premises, and to sell or lease the undertaking; and to levy rates, duties, assessments, and other charges; and to confer, vary, and extinguish exemptions from payment of rates, duties, assessments, and other charges; and to confer, vary, and extinguish

other rights and privileges; and to incorporate in the said Bill "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1863."

To empower the said Mayor and Corporation to borrow money on security of the rates, duties, assessments, and other charges for the purposes of the said undertaking. And notice is hereby also given, that copies of the said Bill, and all estimates, declarations, and lists of owners, lessees, and occupiers, which are required by the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills, will be deposited in the offices of the Colonial Secretary and Examiner of Standing Orders, at Wellington, within fourteen days after the commencement of the next Session of the General Assembly; and that plans, sections, books of reference, and a copy of this notice, will be deposited for public inspection in the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, at Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, not less than thirty days before the commencement of the said Session.

Dated at Port Chalmers, this 31st day of May, 1872.

THOS. A. MANSFORD,
Solicitor for the Mayor and Corporation
of the Incorporated Town of Port
Chalmers.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that it is intended to apply to the General Assembly of New Zealand for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm and extend a certain Grant and Agreement made between Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, Superintendent of the Province of Auckland, as the holder of delegated powers of the Governor and Governor in Council, under "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," and the Amendment Acts thereto, and William Crush Daldy, James Tannock Mackelvie, William Aitken, Thomas Murison Stewart, Horatio Nelson Warner, Andrew Wardrop, John Logan Campbell, William Lee Rees, and William Earl, under the said Acts, which said Grant and Agreement relates to the construction of a certain Tunnel through the Tokatea Range at Coromandel, in the Province of Auckland, and Colony of New Zealand, the extension to be sought in the proposed Bill being the alteration of the time for constructing the said Tunnel to four years in lieu of three, and the time of enjoyment of the special rights granted to twenty-five in lieu of twenty years.

WILLIAM LEE REES,
Solicitor for the Coromandel Tunnel and
Gold Mining Company, Limited.

P. A. Buckley,
Parliamentary Agent. (241)

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 April, 1872.

| 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 | Robert Urquhart... | Port Chalmers, Otago | Aberdeen, Scotland | None required ... | Under £13 | 19 Nov., 1871 | ... |
| 2 | Isaac Samuels ... | Port Chalmers, Otago | Not known | None required ... | Under £7 | 6 Jan., 1872 | ... |
| 3 | Edward McCulloch | Alexandra, Otago | Not known | None required ... | Under £1 | 31 July, 1871 | ... |
| 4 | Peter Taylor ... | Near Queens-town, Otago | Victoria | 19th April, 1872 ... | Under £125 | 28 Dec., 1871 | ... |
| 5 | Henry Willerton... | Blackstone Hill, Otago | Victoria | 19th April, 1872 ... | Under £125 | 26 Dec., 1871 | ... |
| 6 | Francis Edmonson | Dunedin | West Indies | None required ... | Under £1 | 2 Dec., 1871 | ... |

Dated at Dunedin, the 1st day of May, 1872.

A. CHETHAM-STRODE,
Curator.

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of APRIL, 1872.

| 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. | | CLOUD. |
|---|---|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| | 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 5 years | 29-852 30-108 | ·507 ... | 63-9 62-3 | 14-4 ... | 27-0 ... | 144-0 ... | ... | ·492 ·460 | 82 77 | 6-310 3-431 | 22 8 | 148 350, 3rd | 6-4 | |
| AUCKLAND ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-842 30-025 | ·572 ... | 62-0 61-9 | 12-3 ... | 26-4 ... | 129-5 ... | 27-7 | ·461 ·441 | 83 78 | 6-180 3-142 | 25 12 | 264 484, 9th | 6-9 | |
| TARANAKI ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-821 30-054 | ·580 ... | 61-0 59-1 | 13-5 ... | 33-0 ... | 151-0 ... | 40-0 | ·343 ·405 | 63 75 | 8-030 3-150 | 20 11 | ... | 7-8 | |
| NAPIER ... Same month previous 3 years | 29-797 30-033 | ·798 ... | 61-3 57-8 | 14-1 ... | 31-0 ... | 129-0 ... | 18-0 | ·406 ·391 | 75 75 | 4-190 2-040 | 11 7 | 210 600, 18th | 3-0 | |
| WANGANUI ... Same month previous 8 years | 29-910 ... | ·800 ... | 58-9 ... | 17-3 ... | 33-5 ... | 128-0 ... | 24-0 | ·355 ... | 71 ... | 2-930 2-280 | 16 7 | 185 491, 3rd | 5-0 | |
| WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-791 30-018 | ·758 ... | 57-9 57-0 | 9-8 ... | 27-8 ... | 125-0 ... | 33-0 | ·393 ·350 | 82 74 | 11-665 3-172 | 22 12 | 202 800, 20th | 6-5 | |
| NELSON ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-766 29-984 | ·694 ... | 59-5 56-8 | 18-9 ... | 44-0 ... | 160-0 ... | 30-0 | ·401 ·373 | 79 76 | 10-530 3-591 | 14 5 | ... | 6-7 | |
| CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-853 29-984 | ·794 ... | 54-5 53-8 | 9-1 ... | 32-7 ... | 129-5 ... | 24-2 | ·371 ·338 | 87 78 | 6-986 2-032 | 21 8 | ... | 8-0 | |
| BEALEY* ... Same month previous 2 years | 29-722 29-805 | ·640 ... | 49-2 47-8 | 11-9 ... | 41-2 ... | 130-0 ... | 8-0 | ·301 ·265 | 87 80 | 8-640 7-190 | 23 15 | ... | 7-0 | |
| HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 4 years | 29-782 30-043 | ·739 ... | 58-2 53-8 | 11-2 ... | 29-4 ... | 88-8 ... | 21-2 | ·388 ·381 | 79 89 | 7-290 8-313 | 16 15 | 147 285, 9th | 6-0 | |
| DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-796 30-022 | ·942 ... | 50-9 52-1 | 9-5 ... | 29-0 ... | 142-0 ... | 30-0 | ·323 ·283 | 87 73 | 5-212 1-913 | 22 13 | 179 335, 14th | 8-0 | |
| QUEENSTOWN ... | | | 52-3 | 13-6 | 32-1 | 119-7 | ... | ·270 | 69 | 2-430 | 10 | 137 273, 20th | 5-4 | |
| SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 5 years | 29-826 29-929 | ·879 ... | 51-9 50-7 | 19-7 ... | 43-0 ... | 122-6 ... | 22-0 | ·296 ·288 | 76 78 | 3-180 3-587 | 8 14 | 194 407, 20th | 6-0 | |

* Altitude, 2,104 feet.

NOTES FOR APRIL, 1872.

Mongonui.—Wet unpleasant weather, rainfall considerably above the average. Winds prevailed from N.W., and generally moderate; strong N. wind on 3rd, with rain; and on 28th stormy from same quarter, with rain. Maximum rainfall recorded on 28th, 1-30 inch; frequent thunder. Maximum temperature, 76°0.

Auckland.—Showery weather generally, with little wind, which was variable; atmosphere in evenings rather close and oppressive. Heavy rain on night of 4th; 1-72 inch registered on 5th; from 14th to end of month rained every day; lightning every evening from 21st to 27th, with a violent thunder storm on morning of 24th; wild, stormy night on 28th from N.E. Maximum temperature on 1st, 73-8.

Taranaki.—Wet greater part of month, and squally; prevailing winds from N.E. and S.E. On 18th and 19th strong S.E. gale, no rain; greatest rainfall on 5th, 1-23 inch for 24 hours. Maximum temperature on 1st, 77-0.

Napier.—Early part of month tolerably fine, with light winds, chiefly from N.W.; from 13th it was wet and unpleasant, though occasionally fine. On 17th, strong S.W. wind with rain; wind prevailed from N.W., N.E., and S.W.; greatest fall of rain recorded on 5th, 0-89 inch. Maximum temperature on 8th, 76-0.

Wanganui.—Wet and disagreeable generally, with strong N.W. winds in early part of month, especially on 4th, 6th, and 12th; the latter part was tolerably calm and mild, with light showers; thunder storms occurred on 2nd, 3rd, 23rd, and 30th, the latter accompanied by heavy rain, 0-500 of an inch falling in one hour; greatest fall in 24 hours was 0-85 inch on 4th. Maximum temperature, 75-0.

Wellington.—Fine and bright on 1st and 2nd; rain came on in night of 2nd from N.W., and lightning; continued wet up to 5th, wind changing from N.W. to S.E. and light fresh N.W. breeze on 7th, but fine and pleasant to 10th; the remainder of the month was excessively wet with the wind chiefly from N.W. and S.E.; strong S.E. wind on 17th with rain, and very cold; on the 18th strong gale, commencing from S.E. and changing to S.W. at night, with heavy rain; on 19th gale increased from S.W. and rained heavily all day, causing floods, very severe and cold, 3-170 inches recorded on 20th for previous 24 hours. The rainfall for this month is the greatest recorded for any month during the previous eight years; for January, 1867, the fall was 10-13 inches, and for October, 1869, 11-15 inches. Dense fog on 22nd and 23rd, also frequently foggy during evenings. Maximum temperature on 2nd, 70-8.

Nelson.—Very wet month, some heavy falls of rain, especially on night of 2nd; 4-46 inches recorded on 3rd. Wind chiefly from N.E. and S.E.; on 12th, heavy gale from N.E. with rain; on 25th, 26th, and 27th, strong S.E. winds but no rain; thunder on 11th and 22nd; at times pleasant. Maximum temperature on 1st, 77-0.

Christchurch.—Unusually wet; a few fine days occurred before the 16th, but after that almost continuous rain, the prevailing winds being E., S.E., and S.W.; heavy fall on night of 4th and morning of 5th, and also on night of 19th, the latter being 2-168 inches; strong S.E. wind on night of 27th, and rain. Maximum temperature on 3rd, 72-2.

Bealey.—Wet, cloudy, unpleasant weather throughout; no severe storms, but squally, and strong N.W. winds on 8th and 9th, with rain and thunder on 8th; 1-720 inch rain recorded on 12th. Prevailing wind N.W.; five days of fog. Maximum temperature on 2nd, 73-0.

Hokitika.—On the whole, fine and pleasant weather, rainfall below average, winds prevailed from N.E. and S.E., and usually moderate; on night of 2nd it was wet and stormy from N.E., and strong gale on night of 8th from S.W.; greatest rainfall recorded on 3rd and 12th, 0-90 inch. Maximum temperature on 2nd, 70-5.

Dunedin.—Unusual amount of rainfall for this month, but light winds prevailing from N. and N.E.; maximum rainfall on 29th, 1-368 inch for previous 24 hours, wind S.E.; fog on 20th and 28th. Maximum temperature on 3rd, 67-0.

Queenstown.—Weather generally fair, but occasional storms accompanied by rain from S.E.; very stormy on 19th from that quarter, but no rain; greatest rainfall recorded on 29th, 0-68 inch. Wind prevailed from N.W., but frequent calms. Maximum temperature on 2nd, 70-0.

Southland.—Fine dry weather for time of year, with almost constant easterly and northerly winds; strong gales from eastward (dry) on 19th, 20th, 26th, and 27th; and from S.E. on 28th and 29th, with rain; thunder on 7th, lightning on 11th, hail on 8th, night fogs on 23rd and 24th. Maximum rainfall, 0-750 inch; maximum temperature on 3rd, 76-0.

GENERAL REMARKS.

This month was remarkable for the unusual amount of rain that fell throughout the Colony. There were no very severe gales except at Wellington, where, on the 18th and 19th, a heavy S.W. storm, with excessive rainfall, occurred, doing much damage. The atmospheric pressure was low throughout, and temperature higher than usual. Very slight earthquake at Wellington on 10th, at 2.22 p.m.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.