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*“Municipal Corporations Waterworks Act, 1872,”
proclaimed in operation in Dunedin.*

(L.S.) G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by “The Municipal Corporations Waterworks Act, 1872,” it is, among other things enacted, that the said Act may be brought into operation in and for any borough within any Province, by an Act or Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of such Province, as therein mentioned: And by the said Act it is also provided that the Corporation of the City of Dunedin shall be exempt from the operation of the hereinbefore in part recited clause; and that the said Act may be brought into operation immediately after the passing of the said Act, by Proclamation of the Governor:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me for that purpose by the said Act, do hereby proclaim and declare that “The Municipal Corporations Waterworks Act, 1872,” shall, from and after the day of the date hereof, be in operation in the City of Dunedin aforesaid.

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 twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

JOHN HALL.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Special Settlement at Foxton, under “The Wellington Special Settlements Act, 1871.”

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 1872.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE THE PREMIER, PRESIDING, AND
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by “The Wellington Special Settlements Act, 1871,” it is, among other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, with the advice of his Executive Council, by Proclamation in the Government Gazette of the said Province, to set aside out of the waste lands within the Province of Wellington the Native title of which has been extinguished, any block or blocks for the purpose of special settlement, not exceeding in the whole one hundred thousand acres, on such terms as may be sanctioned by the Governor in Council, anything in the existing Regulations for the management or disposal of the waste lands in the Province to the contrary notwithstanding:

And whereas the said Superintendent, with the advice of his Executive Council as aforesaid, hath proposed to set aside the block of land in the Township of Foxton, in the Manawatu District, in the said Province, described in the First Schedule hereto, containing eight thousand acres, more or less, as a Special Settlement under the said Act, for the members of an Association formed in England for the growth, cultivation, and manufacture of the *Phormium tenax* or Flax, upon a large scale, and which said Association is represented at present by Falconer Larkworthy, Esquire, of London, Banker, upon the terms hereinafter mentioned:

And whereas the said Superintendent, with the advice of his Executive Council as aforesaid, hath requested the Governor to sanction the said terms:

Now, therefore, His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New

Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, doth hereby sanction the terms set forth in the Second Schedule hereto as the terms under which the said proposed Special Settlement shall be made under the said Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece of land estimated to contain 8000 acres, more or less, being rural sections Nos. 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, and 104 in the Motoa Block, Township of Foxton, and rural sections Nos. 434, 533, 534, and 535, in the Township of Foxton; and all that other piece of unsurveyed land in the Motoa Block, bounded towards the North by section No. 251, by a public road, by sections Nos. 435, 436, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 60, 61, and 101, and by the abutments of the public road between sections Nos. 29 and 30, and between sections Nos. 52 and 53; towards the North-east by sections Nos. 98 and 104, and by Block No. I.; towards the East by sections Nos. 52, 65, 66, 67, 68, 101, 102, 103, and 104, and by the abutment of a public road between sections Nos. 66 and 67; towards the South-east by sections Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, and 98, and by the abutments of the public road between sections Nos. 88 and 104, and between sections Nos. 93 and 94; towards the South by the Manawatu River, and by Block No. I.; and towards the West by sections Nos. 30, 254, 251, 434, and 535, by a public road, and by the abutments of a public road between sections Nos. 434 and 535, and of a road on the south side of section No. 254, and by Block No. 1; excepting always the lands claimed by the Natives, the acreage of which is undetermined, lying within the boundaries of the last-described piece of land.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS for the Occupation and Purchase of the Block of Land proposed to be set aside for Special Settlement as aforesaid.

Interpretation.

1. In the construction of these terms and conditions, unless the context shall otherwise require, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—"Association" shall mean the Association formed in England as aforesaid; "land" shall mean the block of land described in the foregoing Proclamation; "purchaser" shall mean any one purchasing on behalf of the aforesaid Association formed in England, who may purchase any of the land hereby set aside; "the said Act" shall mean "The Wellington Special Settlements Act, 1871."

2. All moneys required to be paid for the said land under these terms and conditions, shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue at Wellington; and receipts given by him shall be sufficient evidence of such payment as may be therein expressed.

3. The price of the land to be twenty shillings per acre, of which ten shillings per acre is to be paid on application, and the balance by equal instalments extending over a period of five years from the date of the first payment, or at any earlier period, at the option of the Association.

4. Ten shillings per acre of the purchase money to be spent by the Provincial Government in the construction of drains and roads through the said block, the said works to be determined upon by the Provincial Engineer and the representative of the Association conjointly.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
Presiding.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Rehearing of Claim before Native Land Court.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 1872.

Present:

THE HONORABLE THE PREMIER, PRESIDING, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS at a Sitting of the Native Land Court of New Zealand, at Hamilton, in the District of Waikato, Province of Auckland, on the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, the claim of Piripi Matewha and others, aboriginal natives of New Zealand, residing at Tamahere, to a piece of land called "Motumaoho No. 1," situate at or near Hangawera, in the district aforesaid, was heard, and a certain order was thereupon made by the Court aforesaid: And whereas it is enacted by "The Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1867," and "The Native Lands Act, 1870," that the Governor in Council may order a rehearing of any matter judicially heard before the Court aforesaid, and before one or more Judges of the Court, and one or more Assessors, as may be specified in the Order in Council ordering such rehearing, and within such period of time as may be limited in such order, provided that no such order for rehearing shall be made after six months shall have elapsed from the date of the original decision: And whereas it is expedient that the said claim shall be reheard before the said Court:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, in pursuance and exercise of the above-recited power and authority, doth hereby order that the aforesaid claim of Piripi Matewha and others to the aforesaid piece of land shall be reheard before a Judge of the said Court and one Assessor thereof:

And doth order that such rehearing shall take place before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
Presiding.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Reserving Site for Telegraph Station at Clinton, Otago.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-second day of November, 1872.

Present:

THE HON. G. M. WATERHOUSE, THE PREMIER, PRESIDING, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Waste Lands Act, 1858," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time, and from time to time, to except from sale, and either reserve to Her Majesty or dispose of in such other manner as for the public interest may seem best, such of the Waste Lands of the Crown, in any of the Provinces of the Colony, as may be required for the purposes of military defence, or for the construction of trunk lines of road, or as sites for public buildings for the use of the General Government, or for other purposes of public utility or convenience:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, in exercise and in pursuance

of the power and authority in that behalf vested in him, doth hereby except from sale and reserve to Her Majesty the several parcels of the Waste Lands of the Crown particularly specified and described in the Schedule hereunder written, for the purposes in the said Schedule mentioned, and set opposite the descriptions of the said parcels of land respectively.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Reserve.	Purpose of Reserve.
PROVINCE OF OTAGO.	
<i>Town of Clinton.</i>	
All that parcel of land containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less, situated in the Town of Clinton, and being sections ten (10) and eleven (11) of Block ten (X.) on the map of the said town.	Site for Telegraph Station, and other purposes of the General Government.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
Presiding.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Notice to Superintendent of Site reserved for Telegraph Station at Clinton, Otago.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

To JAMES MACANDREW, Esq., Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the several parcels of Waste Lands of the Crown particularly specified and described in the Schedule hereunder written are required for the purposes mentioned and set opposite to the descriptions of the said parcels of land respectively in the said Schedule, and that the same have been respectively excepted from sale and reserved to Her Majesty by the Orders in Council bearing the dates mentioned in the second column of the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

FIRST COLUMN.		SECOND COLUMN.
Description of Land.	Purpose for which Reserve is made.	Date of Order in Council excepting Land from Sale.
PROVINCE OF OTAGO.		
<i>Town of Clinton.</i>		
All that parcel of land containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less, situated in the Town of Clinton, and being sections ten (10) and eleven (11) of Block ten (X.) on the map of the said town.	Site for Telegraph Station, and other purposes of the General Government.	22 November, 1872.

Reserve for Educational Purposes.

WHEREAS by the Regulations for the Sale and Disposal of Lands taken under the authority of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," contained in the Schedule to an Order in Council made and issued, bearing date the 11th of May, 1871, it is provided that reserves for roads, and all other public purposes whatever, and for education, and the sites for churches and chapels or other places of worship for different religious denominations, may be made by Government out of any confiscated lands, and that notices

of all such reserves shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: It is hereby notified, that the lands specified in the Schedule hereunder written shall be reserved for the purposes therein mentioned and set opposite the descriptions of the said parcels of land respectively.

JOHN HALL,
Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Reserve.	Purpose of Reserve.
PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.	
<i>Town of Raleigh East.</i>	
All that parcel of land containing by admeasurement twenty-nine (29) poles more or less, situated in the Town of Raleigh East, and being bounded towards the North-west by Short Street, 128 links; towards the North-east by Ihaia Street, 284 links; and towards the South-west by Ngatimaru Road, 311½ links, as the same is more particularly delineated upon the standard plan of the said town.	For educational purposes.

Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 22nd November, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

GEORGE RENNER, Esq.,

to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Balclutha, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 11th February, 1870, and published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 8, of 14th day of February, 1872.

JOHN HALL.

Returning Officer appointed for Arahura.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 26th November, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MATTHEW PRICE, Esq.,

to be Returning Officer under "The County of Westland Act, 1868," for the District of Arahura, *vice* C. C. Schaw, Esq., resigned.

G. M. WATERHOUSE
(in absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Justices of the Peace appointed.

Office of the Minister of Justice,
Wellington, 21st November, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM WHITAKER ARIELL, Esq., of Pahi, Kaipara, Auckland;

WILLIAM SMITH, Esq., of Ludstone, Kaikoura, Marlborough;

ARTHUR CHARLES KNIGHT, Esq., of Lincoln, Canterbury;

JOHN THOMAS ROUSE, Esq., of Lyttelton, Canterbury;

JOHN NORRIS TOSSWILL, Esq., of Prebbleton, Canterbury;

BENDIX HALLENSTEIN, Esq., of Queenstown, Otago; and

JAMES COOK, Esq., of Riverton, Otago,

to be Justices of the Peace for the Colony.

JOHN HALL
(in absence of the Minister of Justice).

Correspondence to be addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Justice.

Office of the Minister of Justice,
Wellington, 25th November, 1872.

NOTICE.—Judicial Officers and others are informed that Correspondence on subjects connected with the administration of Justice will now be received by the Hon. the Minister of Justice, and should be addressed to him, instead of to the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Judicial Branch), the Attorney-General, or the Assistant Law Officer.

JOHN BATHGATE.

Establishing Port of Poverty Bay.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN exercise of the power in me for this purpose vested by "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858," I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint that, on and from the day of the date hereof, there shall be within the Province of Auckland a port to be called

THE PORT OF POVERTY BAY,

the limits whereof shall be as follows:—

The waters of Poverty Bay, inside of a straight line drawn from Tua-hine, the North Head, to the South or Young Nick's Head, including the Rivers Turanganui, Koputetea, and Wero Wero; together with the town site of Gisborne, as delineated on the official plan of the same.

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, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

Governor's Order, No. 104.]

Legal Landing Place at Gisborne.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN exercise of the power in me for this purpose vested by "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858," I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint that, on and from the day of the date hereof, the Public Wharf running out from the Native Reserve, which is bounded on the North by the Town of Gisborne, and on the South by the Waikanae Stream, shall be deemed and taken to be the legal Landing Place at the Port of Poverty Bay for the lading and un-lading of goods under "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858."

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, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

Governor's Order, No. 105.]

Warehousing Port at Poverty Bay.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN exercise of the power in me for this purpose vested by "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858," I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint that the Port of Poverty Bay shall be a Warehousing Port for the purposes of "The Customs Regulation Act, 1858," and do hereby approve of the same as a Port for the importation of Tobacco.

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, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

Governor's Order, No. 106.]

Collector of Customs at Poverty Bay.

Office of Commissioner of Customs,
Wellington, 13th November, 1872.

IN pursuance of the powers delegated to the Commissioner of Customs by His Excellency the Governor,

GEORGE FREDERICK HARRIS, Esq.,

has been appointed Collector of Customs at the Port of Poverty Bay.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Commissioner.

Inspector of Distilleries appointed.

Office of Commissioner of Customs,
Wellington, 13th November, 1872.

IT is hereby notified, that GEORGE FREDERICK HARRIS, Esq., Collector of Customs, Poverty Bay, has been appointed an Inspector of Distilleries, under the provisions of "The Distillation Act, 1868."

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Commissioner of Customs.

Post Offices Closed.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 27th November, 1872.

THE following List of Offices which have been closed in the Colony, is published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Name of Office.	In what Province.	Circulating Office.
Gore	Otago	Invercargill.
Vernon	Hawke's Bay	Napier.

Post Offices Opened.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 27th November, 1872.

THE following List of additional Post Offices which have been opened in the Colony, is published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Name of Office.	In what Province or County.	Circulating Office.
Adams Flat ...	Otago ...	Dunedin.
Awitu ...	Auckland ...	Auckland.
Big Dam ...	Westland ...	Hokitika.
Clarksville ...	Otago ...	Dunedin.
Carrickton ...	Otago ...	Dunedin.
Darce ...	Otago ...	Invercargill.
Gore (re-opened) ...	Otago ...	Invercargill.
Gummie's Bush ...	Otago ...	Invercargill.
Horowhenua ...	Wellington ...	Wellington.
Half-Moon Bay ...	Otago ...	Invercargill.
Kai Iwi ...	Wellington ...	Wellington.
Karamu ...	Hawke's Bay ...	Napier.
Knightstown ...	Canterbury ...	Christchurch.
Maxwelltown ...	Wellington ...	Wellington.
Manutahi ...	Taranaki ...	New Plymouth.
Makirikiri ...	Wellington ...	Wellington.
Pakaia ...	Auckland ...	Auckland.
Quartzville ...	Otago ...	Dunedin.
Taupiri ...	Auckland ...	Auckland.
Totara Flat ...	Westland ...	Greymouth.
Upper Taueru ...	Wellington ...	Wellington.
Waikiri ...	Otago ...	Invercargill.
Wangaloa (re-opnd.)	Otago ...	Dunedin.

Appointment of Postmasters.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 27th November, 1872.

IN virtue of the powers delegated to the Postmaster-General by His Excellency the Governor, the following appointments have been made in the Postal Service of the Colony.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Name.	To be Postmaster at	In what Province or County.	From.
James Delaney ...	Arrow River...	Otago ...	1 April, 1872
Henry Garland ...	Awitu ...	Auckland ...	1 April, 1872
Walter Ellis ...	Ararimu ...	Auckland ...	1 May, 1872
S. J. P. Allpass ...	Alfredtown ...	Wellington	13 May, 1872
John Williams ...	Adams Flat ...	Otago ...	1 Aug., 1872
Charles Binney ...	Aratapu ...	Auckland ...	1 Aug., 1872
George Jerrand ...	Awanui ...	Auckland ...	1 Oct., 1872
Peter Aitchison ...	Awamoko ...	Otago ...	1 Oct., 1872
George Renner ...	Balclutha ...	Otago ...	1 Feb., 1872
John Kennedy ...	Big Dam ...	Westland ...	1 June, 1872
William McLelland ...	Bluespur ...	Otago ...	1 Sept., 1872
H. Marryatt ...	Clarksville ...	Otago ...	1 Aug., 1872
Robt. McDougall ...	Cardrona ...	Otago ...	1 Aug., 1872
Alfred Short ...	Carrickton ...	Otago ...	16 Sept., 1872
Thomas McDonnell ...	Chatham Isles	...	...
Hugh McIntosh ...	Darce ...	Otago ...	1 June, 1872
Henry H. Knowles ...	Eyreton ...	Canterbury	18 June, 1872
John Elliyett ...	Eden Terrace ...	Auckland ...	1 May, 1872
Thomas Thompson ...	Flaxton ...	Canterbury	1 April, 1872
E. Brennan ...	Gore ...	Otago ...	23 May, 1872
Henry Munns ...	German Bay... ..	Canterbury	1 July, 1872
Arthur Bailey Tuson ...	Gummies Bush ...	Otago ...	1 Oct., 1872
Augustus Boys ...	Ho Ho ...	Westland ...	5 Mar., 1872
James Marshall ...	Half-Ounce ...	Westland ...	1 April, 1872
Hector McDonald... ..	Horowhenua ...	Wellington	1 June, 1872
Robert Kirton ...	Hokitika ...	Westland ...	14 July, 1872
C. McLaurin ...	Half-Moon Bay ...	Otago ...	1 Sept., 1872
E. Northeroft ...	Hurunui ...	Canterbury	10 Aug., 1872
John Black ...	Hawera ...	Taranaki ...	1 Nov., 1872
S. B. Walmsley ...	Havelock ...	Marlborough	1 Oct., 1872
W. Jackson ...	Hampden ...	Otago ...	1 Nov., 1872
W. Whitehorn ...	Havelock ...	Marlborough	1 Nov., 1872
William Crabtree ...	Knightstown ...	Canterbury	1 May, 1872
E. T. Robinson ...	Kanieri ...	Westland ...	1 Feb., 1872
C. P. O'Hanlon ...	Kai Iwi ...	Wellington	1 June, 1872
H. Williamson ...	Kowai Pass ...	Canterbury	1 July, 1872
Neil Thompson ...	Kaipara Flats ...	Auckland ...	1 July, 1872
Tobias W. Hicks ...	Karamu ...	Hawke's Bay	26 Feb., 1872
Louis Clapp ...	Kingston ...	Otago ...	1 Aug., 1872
Robert Tait ...	Kapanga ...	Auckland ...	1 Aug., 1872
W. Alexander ...	Kawa Kawa ...	Auckland ...	1 Oct., 1872
W. J. Tingey ...	Kai Iwi ...	Wellington ...	1 Dec., 1872
J. S. Edelsten ...	Lower Moutere ...	Nelson ...	1 April, 1872
John Claffy ...	Macraes ...	Otago ...	16 Feb., 1872
F. E. Hamlin ...	Maketu ...	Auckland ...	1 April, 1872
James Catherill ...	Marakakaho ...	Hawke's Bay	1 April, 1872

Name.	To be Postmaster at	In what Province or County.	From.
Thos. Eli Chichester	Matakitaki ...	Nelson ...	1 July, 1872
John Brown ...	Maxwelltown ...	Wellington...	1 July, 1872
Charles E. Nicholas	Motueka ...	Nelson ...	8 July, 1872
Peter Campbell ...	Manutahi ...	Taranaki ...	1 Sept., 1872
John Kennedy ...	Makirikiri ...	Wellington...	1 Nov., 1872
M. Kirkbride ...	Omaha ...	Auckland ...	1 April, 1872
William Shanks ...	Oteraia ...	Otago ...	1 May, 1872
James A. Burst ...	Opotiki ...	Auckland ...	1 July, 1872
John Kirk ...	Otokia ...	Otago ...	1 Aug., 1872
Fredk. Williams ...	Ohariu ...	Wellington...	4 Sept., 1872
Henry Burrows ...	Popotunoa ...	Otago ...	1 May, 1872
William Hazlehurst	Prebbleton ...	Canterbury	1 Aug., 1872
A. S. Andrews ...	Pakaia ...	Auckland ...	1 Jan., 1873
Thomas Hazlett ...	Quartzville ...	Otago ...	16 Sept., 1872
George Bull ...	Reefton ...	Nelson ...	1 Mar., 1872
Henry Hawson ...	Switzers ...	Otago ...	1 Oct., 1872
Mary Jane Naish ...	Stanmore Rd. ...	Canterbury	1 July, 1872
William Smith ...	Temuka ...	Canterbury	1 Feb., 1872
Charles Klees ...	Teremakau ...	Westland ...	1 April, 1872
R. O. Stewart ...	Taupiri ...	Auckland ...	1 June, 1872
George Heron ...	Taueru ...	Wellington	1 Aug., 1872
W. B. Jackson ...	Tairua ...	Auckland ...	1 Nov., 1872
James Marshall ...	Totara Flat ...	Westland ...	1 Dec., 1872
David Carman ...	Upper Taueru ...	Wellington	1 Nov., 1872
Hugh Calders ...	Wanganui ...	Wellington	1 Mar., 1872
Jacob Ott ...	Waikivi ...	Otago ...	1 June, 1872
John Crowley ...	Weatherstone ...	Otago ...	1 May, 1872
Neil McCowan ...	Waitaki ...	Canterbury	1 Jan., 1872
Joseph Wilkins ...	Waikoukou ...	Auckland ...	1 July, 1872
John Delaney ...	Waiau ...	Canterbury	20 Aug., 1872
William Paterson ...	Wangaloa ...	Otago ...	16 Sept., 1872
J. F. Long ...	Waikouaiti ...	Otago ...	1 Nov., 1872

Money Order and Savings Bank Office.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 26th November, 1872.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned Post Office to be a Money Order and Savings Bank Office for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business, from the 1st January next:—

RICHMOND, Province of Nelson.

By order.

W. GRAY

(for the Secretary).

Inspectors of Immigrant Ships appointed.

Office of Lands and Immigration,
Wellington, 25th November, 1872.

IT is hereby notified for general information, that the under-mentioned gentlemen have been appointed to act as Commissioners to inspect and report upon the state and condition of Immigrants and Immigrant Ships upon their arrival:—

Bluff.

JAMES BROWN GREIG, Esq., Acting Harbour Master.

WALTER H. PEARSON, Esq., Immigration Officer.

FRANCIS ALEXANDER MONCKTON, Esq., Coroner.

G. M. WATERHOUSE

(for the Minister of Immigration).

Rules for Competition for General Government Prizes may be obtained from Officers Commanding Militia Districts.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 22nd November, 1872.

THE Rules and Regulations for the Competition for the General Government Prizes, 1873, have been published, and may be obtained from the Officers Commanding the several Militia Districts.

JOHN HALL

(in the absence of Mr. McLean).

Medical Referee appointed.

Government Annuities Office,
Wellington, 21st November, 1872.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentleman to be a Medical Referee, under "The Government Annuities Act, 1869 :"—

WILLIAM BROWN, Esq., Waikouaiti.
W. GISBORNE,
Commissioner.

F. de C. Malet, Esq., appointed Acting Registrar of N.Z. University.

University of New Zealand,
Christchurch, 16th November, 1872.

IT is hereby notified, that Randolph Mainwaring, Esq., having resigned the office of Acting Registrar of this University, the following gentleman has been appointed Acting Registrar of the University of New Zealand, viz. :—

FREDERICK DE CARTERET MALET, Esq.
This appointment to take effect from 4th November, 1872, instant.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Chancellor.

Friendly Society registered.

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

"The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand," at Dunedin,

duly certified, has 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 26th day of November, 1872.

G. S. COOPER
(for the Registrar).

Officiating Minister.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 25th November, 1872.

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

Free Church of Scotland.

The Reverend ANDREW MACDONALD TAIT.

I, JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in New Zealand, do hereby certify that the foregoing Name of an Officiating Minister, within the meaning of "The Marriage Act, 1854," has been sent in to me, in addition to the names in Lists published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 6, of the 31st of January; No. 9, of the 19th of February; No. 13, of the 14th of March; No. 14, of the 23rd of March; No. 16, of the 4th of April; No. 19, of the 24th of April; No. 24, of the 17th of May; No. 31, of the 22nd of June; No. 32, of the 1st of July; No. 33, of the 10th of July; No. 34, of the 15th of July; No. 41, of the 22nd of August; No. 43, of the 4th of September; No. 51, of the 10th of October; No. 58, of the 1st of

November; and No. 62, of the 21st of November, in the present year.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

JOHN B. BENNETT,
Registrar-General.

Notice relating to Officiating Ministers under the Marriage Acts.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 23rd November, 1872.

THE attention of the persons or person within the Colony of New Zealand in whom is vested ecclesiastical authority over any of the Religious Bodies enumerated in "Schedule D" annexed to an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intitled "The Marriage Act, 1854" (as amended by "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1867"), and of all other persons concerned, is requested to the following extracts from the Act aforesaid :—

Sec. 42.—"Any Minister of Religion whose name shall have been sent in to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, or other officer to be appointed by the Governor in that behalf, by the persons or person within the Colony in whom ecclesiastical authority shall for the time being be vested or reputed to be vested, over any of the Religious Bodies enumerated in the 'Schedule D' to this Act annexed, shall, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, be an Officiating Minister within the meaning of this Act; and the name of every such Minister of Religion shall be certified under the hand or hands of the person or persons aforesaid, and shall be entered and published as hereinafter provided."

Sec. 44.—"The several ecclesiastical authorities as aforesaid of the respective Religious Bodies shall send in to the said Registrar-General or other officer as aforesaid, a correct list of such Officiating Ministers in the month of December in every year."

The following are the Religious Bodies above referred to :—

- "The United Church of England and Ireland,"
- "The Church of Scotland,"
- "The Roman Catholic Church,"
- "The Free Church of Scotland,"
- "The Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland,"
- "All Presbyterian Congregations,"
- "The Wesleyan Methodist Society,"
- "All Congregational Independents,"
- "Baptists,"
- "The Primitive Methodist Society,"
- "The Lutheran Church,"
- "All Hebrew Congregations,"
- "The Society of Friends."

With respect to Ministers of Religion not connected with any of the aforesaid bodies, it is provided by the forty-second section of "The Marriage Act, 1854," and the second section of "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1868," as follows :—

Sec. 42, Marriage Act, 1854.—"Provided always that any Minister of Religion not connected with any of the bodies enumerated in the aforesaid Schedule to this Act annexed, who shall present to any Registrar a certificate signed by twenty-four householders resident in the district for which such Registrar shall be appointed, declaring that such Minister is their Officiating Minister, shall be entitled to have his name inserted in the list of Officiating

Ministers in the meaning of this Act: Provided always that *such certificate shall be attested by two Justices of the Peace*, and such attested certificate shall be sent in to the Registrar-General or other Officer as aforesaid anew in the month of December in every year; and no such attested certificate presented to any Registrar by any Minister as aforesaid shall continue in force unless renewed in like manner."

The provision printed in *italics* in the foregoing extract has been amended as follows:—

Sec. 2, *Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1868*.—"So much of the forty-second section of 'The Marriage Act, 1854,' as provides that the certificate in the said section referred to shall be attested by two Justices of the Peace is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that the signatures to any such certificate referred to in the said section of the said Act shall be attested by some person who shall verify the same by solemn declaration before a Justice of the Peace, in the form set forth in the Schedule hereto, and appended to such certificate, and signed by such person; and if any person shall make any such declaration falsely, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour."

"SCHEDULE.

"I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that all the signatures affixed to the above certificate are the genuine signatures of the persons whose they purport to be.

Taken before me this A.B.
A.D. 18 day of

C.D.,
A Justice of the Peace for the
Colony of New Zealand."

I have therefore to request that, before the termination of the month of December next ensuing, the

Names of all Officiating Ministers be sent in to me, duly certified, in order that such Names may be entered in a List, a copy of which will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, in the month of January, 1873.

JOHN B. BENNETT,
Registrar-General.

N.B.—It is requested that the *Christian Names* and the *Addresses* of the several Ministers may be specified in the lists sent in to the Registrar-General.

J. B. B.

*Alterations in Roadway in Cathedral Square,
Christchurch.*

I, RICHARD JAMES STRACHAN HARMAN, Deputy Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Superintendent by the fifteenth section of "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1871," do hereby confirm the order made by the Christchurch City Council on the 21st day of October, 1872, directing certain alterations of the Roadway in Cathedral Square to be executed in accordance with the plans and specifications deposited as required by the said Act.

Given under my hand, at Christchurch, this 23rd day of October, 1872.

R. J. S. HARMAN,
Deputy Superintendent of Canterbury.

"That this Council having already approved of the alteration of the Roadway in Cathedral Square, the Works Committee be now instructed to have the works commenced at once, and have the same completed without delay, in accordance with the plans agreed to by the Council and the Diocesan Board of Trustees, the kerbing to be done by the Council labourers, and the remainder to be advertised for."

GEORGE GORDON,
Town Clerk.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of FREDERICK NUTTER, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons at Invercargill, during the Month of October, 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	Thomas Pool ...	Waimea Plains	Tasmania	Not yet obtained ...	Not yet ascertained	October 4, 1872	Drowned crossing Mataura River.

Dated the 1st day of November, 1872.

FREDERICK NUTTER,
Curator.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of ROBT. POLLOCK, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons at Nelson, during the Month of October, 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.
90	James Roger Hargreaves.	City of Nelson.	England ...	October 11, 1872...	£150	October 9, 1872	

Dated the 30th day of November, 1872.

ROBT. POLLOCK,
Curator.

HALF-YEARLY RETURN of the Aggregate Average Amount of the WEEKLY LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK OF AUSTRALASIA, within the Colony of New Zealand, from the 16th day of APRIL, 1872, to the 14th day of OCTOBER, 1872, inclusive. Published pursuant to the Royal Charter of Incorporation.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bills in Circulation not bearing interest	3,848	7	5	Coin and Bullion	100,820	17	1
Notes in Circulation not bearing interest	43,304	18	5	Landed Property (Bank premises)	31,569	10	9
Bills and Notes in Circulation bearing interest ... ..	...	...	...	Notes and Bills of other Banks ...	873	0	10
Balances due to other Banks ... ..	...	...	...	Balances due from other Banks ...	...	...	...
Cash deposited not bearing interest	115,704	3	2	Debts due to the Corporation, including Notes, Bills, and other Securities	291,217	18	5
Cash deposited bearing interest ...	204,824	6	2				
Total Liabilities within the Colony	£367,681	15	2	Total Assets within the Colony	£424,481	7	1

19th November, 1872.

THOS. BUCHANAN, Manager, }
H. DAVIS, Accountant, } at Wellington.

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.

JOSEPH WEBB, of Nelson; Clothier, and JOHN ARMSTRONG, of Nelson, Carter, Applicants.—30 perches, part of Section 108, on the plan of the City of Nelson. Bounded—Northward by other part of same section, now or late the property of one Finlayson; Eastward by Section 93, Block A; Southward by other part of same section; Westward (50 feet) by Russell Street. (Fell and Atkinson, Solicitors.)

WILLIAM JOHN FROST, of Nelson, Engraver, Applicant.—12 perches, part of Section "306" on the plan of the City of Nelson. Bounded—Northward and Southward by other parts of same section; Eastward by Section 308; Westward (30 feet) by a private road. (W. Rout, Broker.)

JOHANN FRIEDRICH CHRISTIAN BOCKMANN, of Dovedale, Nelson, Farmer, Applicant.—145 acres, being Sections "112, 113, 114A, and 114B on Square 2," of the plan of the Province of Nelson. (W. Rout, Broker.)

THOMAS ATKINS, of Motueka, Nelson, Farmer, Applicant.—40 acres, being part of Section "185" on the plan of the District of Motueka. (W. Rout, Broker.)

THOMAS SHIRTLIFF, of Nelson, Labourer, Applicant.—20 perches, part of Section "492" on the plan of the City of Nelson. Bounded—North and South (152 feet respectively) by other parts of same Section; East (36 feet) by Section 493; and West (36 feet) by Collingwood Street. (Adams and Pitt, Solicitors.)

GEORGE HERWIN, of Nelson, Farmer, Applicant.—17 perches, part of Section "592" on the plan of the City of Nelson. Bounded—North and South by other parts of same section; East (46 feet) by Brook Street; West by a stream called "The Brook." (W. Rout, Broker.)

JOHN THORNTON, of Nelson, Saddler, Applicant.—3 acres and 21 perches, being an allotment of land granted to the Honourable Edward William Stafford (2a. 3r. 16p.) and part of Section "7" on the plan of the City of Nelson (Oa. 1r. 5p.) Bounded—East by a public road; South by land granted to Thomas Fagan; and West partly by Sections 5, 6, and 8 on the plan of the City of Nelson, and partly by Mary Ann Street. (W. Rout, Broker.)

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

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 22nd day of November, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

720 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 in each case on or before 28th December, 1872.

Lot 3, of subdivision of Allotment 1 of Section 49, City of Auckland, Anglesea Street. On application of THOMAS RUSSELL, Esquire. 472.

Also, same Applicant. Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 of subdivision of Allotments 2, 3, 4, 5, 16, 17, of Section 48, City of Auckland, Anglesea Street. 472.

Also, same Applicant. Lots 122, 123, 124 of subdivision of Allotment 11 of Section 48, City of Auckland, Anglesea Street. 472.

The Hora Hora Block, No. 467N, containing 8680 acres, at Maungatautari, District of Waikato, with frontage to Waikato River.—On application of WALTER CLARKE BUCHANAN and JOHN MACFARLANE, both of Rangiora, Province of Canterbury. 471.

Part of Allotment 2, Section 17, City of Auckland, Lower Queen Street. Occupied by Tenants of William McKenzie Commons.—On application of said W. M. COMMONS. 470.

Lot 13 of subdivision of Allotment 20, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland. In occupation of James Fox.—Applicant, SAMUEL COCHRANE, of Auckland, Auctioneer. 484.

Allotment 292, Town of Hamilton West.—Applicant, WILLIAM JOHNS, of Hamilton, Storekeeper. 481.

Allotment 279, Parish of Ngaroto, County Waikato.—Applicant, JAMES THOMPSON PETRIE, of Kaukapakapa, Settler. 480.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 19th day of November, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

719 GEO. B. DAVY,
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER 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.

Section twenty (20), Block twelve (XII.), in the Town of Invercargill.—Applicant, KENNETH ROSE, of Invercargill, Merchant.

Section five (5), Block two (II.), Winton Hundred.—Applicant, JOHN THOMAS KIRWAN, of Invercargill, Bootmaker.

Caveats in each case must be lodged within one calendar month after the gazetting of this notice.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

W. RUSSELL,
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 18th day of January next.

Part Section "3," Kaiwarra District, 5 acres. Bounded—North, South, and West, 500 links, 500 links, and 1000 links respectively, by other part of Section 3; and East, 1000 links, by Elizabeth Street; the south-east corner whereof is distant along Elizabeth Street about 1200 links from its junction with Wade Street. In occupation of Frederick Faber.—ARTHUR KNOWLES, Applicant, on behalf of John Campbell Davie.

Wanganui Town Section "188," 1 rood. In occupation of Edwin Turner Woon.—ROBERT CHARLES EARLE, of Wanganui, Surgeon, Applicant. (C. H. Borlase, Solicitor.)

Wharekaka Block, Part Section "5," 105 acres. Bounded—North-east and South-east, 2800 links and 3750 links respectively, by other part of Section 5; North-west, 3750 links, by Section 6; South-west, 2800 links, by a public road. Unoccupied.—WALLACE SMITH, of Turanganui, Settler, Applicant. (Izard and Pharazyn, Solicitors.)

Wellington, Section 696, 1 acre 12 perches. Unoccupied.—HENRY OTTERSON and ALFRED SCLANDERS OTTERSON, of Nelson, Applicants. (B. Smith, Broker.)

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

JOHN E. SMITH,
District Land Registrar.

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LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

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.

Allotment nineteen (19) of subdivision into lots of Section one (1), Block (I.), known as McMaster's Estate, Invercargill Hundred, Province of Otago.—Applicant, WILLIAM JACKSON, of Invercargill, Labourer.

Caveat must be lodged within one calendar month after the gazetting of this notice.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1872, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

W. RUSSELL,
District Land Registrar.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Copartnership hitherto existing between the undersigned, George Sumpter and John Lemon, under the style or firm of "Sumpter and Lemon," Land, Estate, and Commission Agents, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated at Oamaru, this 2nd day of October, 1872.

GEORGE SUMPTER.
J. LEMON.

Witness to the signatures of the said George Sumpter and John Lemon—John Thomas Evans, Accountant, Oamaru. 675

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of SEPTEMBER, 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.		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 7 years	29-989	...	55.3	...	...	...	...	346	73	5.058	18	...	...	...
AUCKLAND ...	30-193	.955	55.0	13.8	31.9	131.0	16.1	.354	82	1.837	11	280	876, 8th	6.5
Same month previous 8 years	29-927	...	54.9	...	...	...	...	.345	77	4.003	17	...	...	...
TARANAKI ...	30-172	.858	53.2	17.6	37.0	138.0	28.0	.242	62	3.240	6	...	...	7.2
Same month previous 8 years	29-897	...	53.0	...	...	...	...	.325	77	4.030	13	...	...	...
NAPIER ...	30-163	.937	54.8	16.6	38.0	121.0	...	.328	76	.930	8	213	500, 1st, 6th, & 8th	1.0
Same month previous 4 years	29-932	...	54.0	...	...	...	...	.344	79	1.292	9	...	...	...
WELLINGTON ...	30-089	.969	51.4	10.2	28.7	121.0	32.0	.325	86	4.362	13	212	420, 7th	5.9
Same month previous 8 years	29-903	...	51.5	...	...	...	...	.273	71	3.540	13	...	...	...
*WANGANUI ...	30-250	.850	52.0	17.2	42.0	129.0	10.0	.280	72	1.270	5	268	355, 24th	4.0
Same month previous 7 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.540	11	...	...	...
NELSON ...	30-048	.973	51.3	20.8	36.0	128.0	25.0	.324	86	3.290	6	...	...	4.9
Same month previous 8 years	29-886	...	51.1	...	...	...	...	.315	75	5.763	6	...	...	...
CHRISTCHURCH ...	30-043	1.013	49.5	17.8	44.0	128.7	18.3	.266	75	.641	5	...	...	4.1
Same month previous 8 years	29-899	...	49.1	...	...	...	...	.278	77	1.310	9	...	...	...
*BEALEY ...	29-932	.894	43.6	14.9	38.0	116.0	1.0†	.240	84	4.840	12	...	...	4.4
Same month previous 4 years	29-880	...	42.3	...	...	...	...	.220	82	6.616	13	...	...	...
HOKITIKA ...	30-144	.887	49.7	11.7	28.7	72.8	22.1	.306	86	5.750	14	132	273, 3rd	5.0
Same month previous 6 years	30-006	...	49.2	...	...	...	...	.314	85	5.490	13	...	...	...
DUNEDIN ...	29-913	1.106	49.4	17.0	36.0	128.0	22.0	.247	70	1.598	9	176	590, 28th	5.0
Same month previous 8 years	29-918	...	47.9	...	...	...	...	.248	73	1.846	11	...	...	...
*QUEENSTOWN ...	30-133	.879	47.2	16.0	36.2	119.2	...	.214	67	2.590	10	153	228, 3rd	5.6
SOUTHLAND ...	29-947	.850	47.8	19.2	43.0	126.0	21.0	.247	74	3.660	12	212	504, 12th	5.0
Same month previous 7 years	29-822	...	47.5	...	...	...	...	.233	71	2.197	9	...	...	...

* Altitude of Bealey, 2,104 feet; Queenstown, 1,070 feet. The stations marked thus * are furnished with Aneroid barometers only. † Below zero.

NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1872.

Auckland.—Remarkably fine, genial weather; a severe gale from S.W. on 8th, with .800 inch of rain, chiefly during night, and on 10th from same quarter, not so strong; wet and stormy on 28th from S.; prevailing wind S.W.; fog on 23rd; barometer 30.515 on 5th. Maximum temperature in shade, 68°.1; minimum, 36°.2.

Taranaki.—Very fine generally, but changeable, and at times very dull and wet; northerly gale on 7th, with 1.30 inch of rain; barometer, 30.496 on 18th, and very fine; prevailing winds N.E. and S.W. Maximum temperature in shade, 72°; minimum, 35°.

Napier.—Fine weather, very small rainfall; maximum .37 inch on 9th; prevailing wind N.E., and stormy on 1st, 6th, and 8th from that quarter; on 18th and 27th strong from S.W. and N.W.; high barometer on 16th, 30.497. Maximum temperature in shade, 76°; minimum, 38°.

Wanganui.—Clear, warm weather, with light N.W. winds, very little rain, maximum on 8th, .80 inch; barometer on 18th, 30.58. Maximum temperature in shade, 72°; minimum, 30°.

Wellington.—Up to 9th showery and stormy, though mild; on 5th, 6th, and 7th, strong N.W. winds, with rain, changed to S.W. on 7th, and heavy rain continued to 8th, 2.15 inches recorded on that morning; fine and generally mild from 10th to 22nd, with northerly winds; on 23rd, stormy from N.W., and most disagreeable, clouds of dust and close weather; also dust storms on 26th and 30th, wind N.W. Fog on 1st. Maximum temperature in shade, 64°; minimum, 35°.

Nelson.—Tolerably fine during month, little rain; maximum on 8th, 1.15 inch; strong northerly gale on 7th, with rain; prevailing wind S.E. and N.W. On 16th, high barometer, 30.436. Maximum temperature in shade, 68°; minimum, 32°.

Christchurch.—Very fine up to 27th, that day and the following very rough and cold from S.W., with snow and sleet; cleared up again on 29th; maximum rain on 28th, .400 inch; prevailing winds N.E. and S.W. Barometer 30.509 on 15th. Maximum temperature in shade, 74°.2; minimum, 30°.2.

Bealey.—Fine weather generally, with high N.W. winds, blew twenty days from that quarter; maximum rain on 6th, 1.67 inch; thunder on 7th; snow on 8th, 28th, and 29th; high barometer middle of month. Maximum temperature in shade, 60°; minimum, 22°.

Hokitika.—Average weather at this station; light winds, prevailing from N.E. and S.W.; maximum rain on 6th, .94 inch; fog on 21st; high barometer on 16th, 30.464. Maximum temperature in shade, 59°.3; minimum, 30°.6.

Dunedin.—Very fine weather generally, with occasional showers. Maximum fall on 14th, .59 inch; prevailing wind W. and N.W.; cold severe weather on 27th and 28th, with snow and hail from S.W. Maximum temperature in shade, 68°; minimum, 32°.

Queenstown.—Very fine weather on the whole; greatest rain on 7th, .94 inch; snow on 7th, 27th, and 28th, from S.W.; moderate winds prevailing from N.W.; high barometer on 15th, 30.548. Maximum temperature in shade, 66°.1; minimum, 29°.9.

Southland.—Generally fine; snow on 27th; hail on 6th, 26th, 27th, and 28th; northerly gale on 11th and 12th, with rain; maximum fall recorded on 13th, 1.05 inch; prevailing wind N.; barometer on 16th, 30.36. Maximum temperature in shade, 67°; minimum, 24°.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Very fine weather throughout for time of year; no severe storms recorded, and unusually small rainfall; very high atmospheric pressure occurred throughout the middle of month, with fine clear weather. Earthquakes occurred at Patea on 5th, 10.45 p.m., slight; Foxton, 5th, 10.38 p.m., slight; Queenstown, 6th, 3 p.m.; Wanganui on 10th, 8.15 a.m., slight; on 20th at White's Bay, Wanganui, Wellington, Hutt, Bull's, Hawera, Patea, Foxton, and Nelson; smart except at Foxton, where it was slight, about 5.7 p.m.; Wellington on 24th, at 9.17 a.m., very slight. Meteor reported at Christchurch on 14th.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.