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Fixing Annual Meeting for the Maitara District under Petty Sessions Act.

G. A. ARNEY,
Officer Administering the Government.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The Petty Sessions Act, 1865," it is enacted that as soon as conveniently may be after the establishment of a Petty Sessions District, and afterwards from time to time as may be deemed expedient, the Governor shall, by Proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*, appoint a meeting of the Justices of the Peace resident in such district to be yearly held within such district, at some specified time and place, for the purpose of choosing a Chairman of Petty Sessions and settling a rota of attendance: And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the Petty Sessions District hereinafter named was defined and established:

And whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight and seventy-one, Cameron's Inn, Maitara Bridge, was appointed to be the place, and the first Tuesday in the month of April the time, at which a meeting of the Justices of the Peace resident within such district should be yearly held, for the purpose of choosing a Chairman of Petty Sessions and settling a rota of attendance: And whereas no meeting was held at the place appointed on the first Tuesday of April last:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority in that behalf vested in me, do hereby proclaim and appoint that for the Maitara District a meeting of the Justices of the Peace resident within such district shall be yearly held at Cameron's Inn, Maitara Bridge, at twelve o'clock noon on the first Tuesday in the month of June, for the purpose of choosing a Chairman of Petty Sessions and settling a rota of attendance.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government,

and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land taken for a Public Road under "The Public Works Lands Act, 1864."

G. A. ARNEY,
Officer Administering the Government.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-first day of May, 1873.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Public Works Lands Act, 1864," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Order in Council, to order that any public work to be defined in such Order shall be made, and that after the publication of such Order in the *Government Gazette*, the Governor may compulsorily take and permanently hold all such lands as may be necessary for the construction of such public work under the provisions in the said Act contained:

Now, therefore, His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, doth hereby, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in that behalf vested in him, order that the public work hereinafter defined shall be made; that is to say, that a Public Road shall be laid out and made over the parcel of land described by the boundaries specified in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Land required to be taken under "The Public Works Lands Act, 1864."

ALL that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement one acre and four perches, more or less, situate in the Arahura District, being portion of Lot 26, Native Reserve No. 30, in the County of Westland, commencing at the north-east corner of the said Lot 26, thence southerly along the west boundary, 150 links; thence following a line bearing 116° magnetic, a distance of 470 links; thence following a line bearing 96° magnetic, a distance of 436 links, to east boundary; thence northerly along east boundary, 22 links, to north-east corner; and thence westerly along north boundary to the commencing point.

DONALD McLEAN.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Making and confirming By-laws, Rules, and Regulations on the line of Railway from the City of Dunedin to Port Chalmers, in the Province of Otago.

G. A. ARNEY,
Officer Administering the Government.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of May, 1873.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS a line of railway has, under the provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," and other Acts, been constructed by the Governor, in the Province of Otago, from the City of Dunedin to the Town of Port Chalmers, and which railway is called the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, Otago: And whereas an agreement has been made between the Governor and the Superintendent of Otago, whereby the Governor has granted the right to work and maintain the said line of railway to the Superintendent of the said Province: And whereas the Superintendent of the said Province has, under the Public Seal of the said Province, and in exercise and pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, made the By-laws, Orders, Rules, and Regulations hereto annexed, for the following purposes, that is to say:—

For regulating the mode by which, and the speed at which, carriages using the said railway are to be moved or propelled.

For regulating the times of the arrival and departure of any such carriages.

For regulating the loading or unloading of such carriages, and the weights which they are respectively to carry.

For regulating the receipt and delivery of goods and other things which are to be conveyed upon such carriages.

For preventing the smoking of tobacco and the commission of any other nuisance in or upon such carriages, or in any of the stations or premises occupied by the Superintendent in connection with the said railway.

And generally for regulating the travelling upon or using and working of the said railway.

Now therefore, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in exercise and pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, doth hereby make and doth approve of, allow, and confirm

the By-laws, Rules, and Regulations hereto annexed, as the By-laws, Rules, and Regulations to be in force with regard to the said line of railway from Dunedin to Port Chalmers for the purposes aforesaid.

BY-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS made by the Superintendent of the Province of Otago, with the approval of the Governor of New Zealand, acting with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, for regulating the travelling upon and using of the railway between the City of Dunedin and Port Chalmers, in the said Province.

Passenger Traffic.

No person will be admitted to the booking office at any station whilst the door is closed for making up and despatching any train, and no passenger will be allowed to take his or her seat in or upon any carriage used on the railway, or to travel therein upon the railway, without first having paid his or her fare and obtained a ticket.

Tickets will be issued conditionally, that is to say: In case there shall be room in the train for all the passengers to whom tickets shall have been issued. If there shall not be room for all such passengers, the holders of periodical tickets shall have priority over holders of return and single tickets, and the fare will be returned, on application to the Station Master, to the holders of such return and single tickets as shall be unable to obtain seats.

If any person travel or attempt to travel in any carriage on the railway without having previously paid his fare, and with intent to evade payment thereof; or if any person, having paid his fare for a certain distance, knowingly and wilfully proceed in any such carriage beyond such distance without previously paying the additional fare for the additional distance, and with intent to evade payment thereof; or if any person knowingly and wilfully refuse or neglect, on arriving at the point to which he has paid his fare, to quit such carriage, every such person shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.

If any person be discovered either in or after committing or attempting to commit such offence as in the preceding clause mentioned, all officers and servants and other persons on behalf of the Superintendent, and all constables, gaolers, and peace officers, may lawfully apprehend and detain such person until he can be conveniently taken before some Justice, or until he be otherwise discharged by due course of law.

No return or periodical ticket will be available for special trains.

Every passenger, on arriving at the station for which he or she may have taken a ticket, or to or from which he or she may hold a periodical ticket, shall quit the station and premises of the railway; and no person shall be allowed to loiter about the stations, wharf, or premises, or any part thereof; and if any passenger or other person shall refuse to quit the station, wharf, or premises aforesaid, on being requested so to do by any Station Master or any servant attached to the railway or wharf, such passenger or person may be expelled by such Station Master or other servant as aforesaid from the railway premises.

No gunpowder or other explosive or dangerous material shall be carried by any passenger train.

Each passenger, on paying his fare, will be furnished with a ticket, which he is to show whenever required by any Station Master or authorized Porter, or by the Guard in charge of the train; and if it be a return ticket he must allow it to be marked when required; and every ticket (whether single, return, or periodical)

must be delivered up on the demand of any Porter or servant authorized to collect tickets. Single tickets not used on the day of issue, or a return ticket not used within the prescribed time, shall be deemed to be cancelled. Any person offending against the provisions of this regulation shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Tickets are not transferable, and any person using or attempting to use a transferred ticket, or a ticket the time for the proper use of which has expired, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Any person knowingly, and with intent to defraud, travelling upon the railway in a carriage of a superior class to that for which he is provided with a ticket, or altering a return or other ticket, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Tickets, whether single or return, shall be used by passengers only to convey them to the station named thereon, or to a station short of that destination. In no case, however, shall any "cheap excursion" ticket be used for any other station than that for which such ticket is issued. Any person using or attempting to use a ticket in violation of the provision of this section, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

No person will be allowed to break his journey by stopping at any intermediate station, and thereafter proceeding by a subsequent train with the same ticket, under a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Any person, not duly authorized by the Superintendent, who shall sell or offer for sale any free pass ticket or portion of a return ticket, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

No male passenger shall be allowed to enter any waiting-room or carriage set apart for the accommodation of females; and any person remaining in any such room or carriage after being warned to leave the same, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Any person, not being a railway servant, who shall open any carriage for the purpose of entering the same after the tickets have been examined and the carriage doors locked by the person appointed for that purpose, or who shall let himself out of any carriage, or attempt to do so, at any station or at any time during the journey, by the use of a private key or other instrument, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

No person shall, without the consent of the Superintendent or other authorized officer, travel outside a carriage on any railway under any circumstances, or get into or upon or quit any railway carriage when the train is in motion; and any person doing so, or attempting to do so, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Smoking is strictly prohibited in any of the railway sheds, offices, or waiting-rooms; and any person found so smoking shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Smoking is strictly prohibited in any railway carriage except those set apart for the purpose; and any person found smoking in a carriage not set apart for the purpose, shall forfeit a penalty not exceeding two pounds, and may be removed from the carriage by any railway servant.

Dogs will be conveyed and charged for according to printed conditions, but will not on any account be allowed to accompany passengers in the carriages. Any person persisting in taking a dog into a passenger carriage, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

No gratuity shall be, under any circumstances, allowed to be received by a railway servant on pain of dismissal. Any person giving or offering a gratuity to any such servant, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Any person making use of insulting or abusive language to any railway officer or servant while in the execution of his duty, or making use of indecent or blasphemous language in any carriage or upon any railway platform or premises, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Any person in or upon any railway carriage or station, being in a state of intoxication, or committing any nuisance, or gambling, or wilfully interfering with the comfort of any passenger, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, and to removal from such carriage or station as soon as shall be practicable.

Any person driving or attempting to drive sheep, horses, cattle, or other animals across the railway, either at an authorized crossing-place or elsewhere, when an approaching train is in sight, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

No driver or conductor of any cab, hackney carriage, omnibus, express, or other public vehicle, shall ply for hire within the railway premises without a license in writing from the Superintendent or other authorized officer; and any person offending contrary to this section, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

No person will be allowed to come upon any railway platform for the purpose of removing any passenger or luggage, unless required by a passenger and engaged by him for such purpose, and no person will be allowed to come upon any railway premises for the purpose of soliciting custom or hire. Any person attempting to evade or being guilty of a breach of this section, or not quitting the premises when required by a Station Master or other railway servant, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Any person, unless authorized by the Superintendent, who shall post or stick any placard or bill within or on any of the property or premises, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Any person who shall wilfully injure, wholly or in part, any of the linings or blinds, or break or deface any of the windows, or remove or injure any number-plate or advertisement, or remove or extinguish any of the lamps, or otherwise damage any railway carriage, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, in addition to the payment of the amount of damage done.

No article shall be sold on any railway premises without the consent of the Superintendent, and every person offending against the provisions of this section shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five pounds.

All persons employed on or about the railway or wharf are strictly prohibited from using the refreshment-room; and every such person partaking of intoxicating liquor at such refreshment-room will be liable to instant dismissal.

Any person attending upon the refreshment-room who shall supply an employé on or about the railway or wharf with intoxicating liquor, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds, and shall be dismissed from their service.

Merchandise.

The railway will not be accountable for any articles unless the same be signed for as received by their clerks or agents; nor will they be responsible for the loss of or damage to money in cash, or bills, or promissory notes, or securities for money or jewellery, trinkets, rings, precious stones, bullion, gold and silver plate, clocks, watches, mirrors, marbles, lace, furs, silks, writings, title deeds, prints, paintings, maps, or other valuables; nor for damage done to china, glass, musical instruments, furniture, toys, castings, or any other such hazardous or brittle articles, unless they shall have been declared as such,

and a special agreement entered into for the same; nor for any loss or damage to any goods in their hands as carriers, or in their warehouse, or on their landing-places, arising from fire (except from their own engine or apparatus), the act of God, civil commotion, or foreign enemies; nor for the loss of or damage done to goods put into boxes or packages described as empties; nor for damage of any goods or packages insufficiently or improperly packed, or containing a variety of articles liable by breaking to damage each other or other articles; nor for leakage; nor for any loss or damage whatsoever by reason of accidental or unavoidable delays in transit or otherwise.

No claim for loss or damage will be allowed unless specified in writing and made within two days after delivery in case of partial loss or damage, or within seven days after the due time of delivery in case of total loss.

The railway will refuse to receive for carriage any goods which in the judgment of their agents may be of a dangerous nature; and senders of any dangerous articles will be held accountable for any damage arising therefrom, unless the contents shall have been declared at the time of delivery.

Fruit, fish, meat, poultry, and any other perishable articles not taken away within six hours after arrival at the station to which they are consigned, may be forthwith sold, by auction or otherwise, without notice to the sender or consignee; and payment or tender of the nett proceeds of any such sale, after deduction of freight and expenses, shall be accepted as equivalent to delivery.

All empties not taken away within one month after arrival will be sold to defray expenses.

All goods are received and will be held by the railway subject to a general lien for money due, not only for the carriage of such goods, and for wharfage and warehouse rent, but also for any general balance that may be due from the owner. And in case any goods should not be claimed within three calendar months after their arrival at the station to which they are consigned, they will be sold by auction or otherwise, and the proceeds applied towards satisfaction of such general lien and expenses.

All goods and merchandise, whether bonded or free, and all luggage, having arrived at its destination, shall be removed by the consignees from the platform and sheds within twelve working hours; and any free goods, merchandise, or luggage not removed by that time, may be stored at the risk and expense of the consignees or owners, and will become subject to such charges as may from time to time be fixed by the railway; and any bonded goods or merchandise which shall not be removed within the period aforesaid, shall be subject to the payment of the sum of two shillings per ton per day until the removal of the same from the railway premises.

Any goods, merchandise, or luggage arriving at any station, which shall not be removed from the railway premises within twelve working hours, may be forwarded to Dunedin or Port Chalmers at the expense of the consignee or owner, and there stored at his risk and expense.

N.B.—The above conditions apply to all parcels and goods received by the railway at their respective offices and warehouses, wherever situate.

All tolls and charges and warehousing charges must be paid immediately to the person duly authorized to receive the same.

1st May, 1873.

J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Warrant abolishing Polling Places and appointing others in lieu thereof.

G. A. ARNEY,

Officer Administering the Government.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS by "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint Polling Places for each Electoral District within or within one mile of the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such Polling Places to be the Principal Polling Place for the District, and all or any of such Polling Places from time to time to abolish, and, if he think fit, to appoint other Polling Places in lieu of those abolished, and that every such Warrant shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that no Polling Place shall be appointed by the Governor under the said Act unless he shall be first satisfied that the place to be appointed is more convenient than any other for at least twenty electors to record their votes thereat:

And whereas by Warrant under the hand of the Governor, certain places were appointed Polling Places in the Province of Canterbury for the election of Members of the Provincial Council thereof for the Districts of Rakaia and Ashburton:

And whereas it is expedient to abolish the same:

Now know ye that I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby abolish all existing Polling Places for the above-named Districts in the Province of Canterbury for the election of Members of the Provincial Council, and do appoint in lieu thereof—

For Rakaia District:

School Room, junction of Hororata and Old South Road;
School Room, Hororata Downs;
School Room, Kowai Pass.

For Ashburton District:

Police Station in the Ashburton Township;
Nixon's Woolshed, Alford Station.

And I do also hereby abolish the existing Principal Polling Places for the above Districts of Rakaia and Ashburton for the election of Members of the Provincial Council thereof, and do appoint in lieu thereof—

For Rakaia District:

School Room, Junction of Hororata and Old South Road.

For Ashburton District:

Police Station in the Ashburton Township.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, 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 twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Warrant abolishing Polling Places and appointing others in lieu thereof.

G. A. ARNEY,

Officer Administering the Government.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS by "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint Polling Places for each Electoral District within or within one mile of the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such Polling Places to be the Principal Polling Place for the District, and all or any of such Polling Places from time to time to abolish, and, if he think fit, to appoint other Polling Places in lieu of those abolished, and that every such Warrant shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that no Polling Place shall be appointed by the Governor under the said Act unless he shall be first satisfied that the place to be appointed is more convenient than any other for at least twenty electors to record their votes thereat:

And whereas by Warrant under the hand of the Governor, certain places were appointed Polling Places for the District of Coleridge for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives:

And whereas it is expedient to abolish the same:

Now know ye that I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby abolish all existing Polling Places for the District of Coleridge for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives, and do appoint in lieu thereof—

For the District of Coleridge:

School Room, junction of Hororata and Old South Road;

School Room, Hororata Downs;

School Room, Kowai Pass;

Police Station, Ashburton Township.

And I do also hereby abolish the existing Principal Polling Place for the above District for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives, and do appoint in lieu thereof—

School Room, junction of Hororata and Old South Road.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, 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 twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

DONALD McLEAN,

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Warrant abolishing Polling Places and appointing others in lieu thereof.

G. A. ARNEY,

Officer Administering the Government.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS by "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint Polling Places for each Electoral District within or within one mile of the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such Polling Places to be the Principal Polling Place for the

District, and all or any of such Polling Places from time to time to abolish, and, if he think fit, to appoint other Polling Places in lieu of those abolished, and that every such Warrant shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that no Polling Place shall be appointed by the Governor under the said Act unless he shall be first satisfied that the place to be appointed is more convenient than any other for at least twenty electors to record their votes thereat:

And whereas by Warrant under the hand of the Governor, certain places, viz.:—

For the District of Caversham:

The School House, Caversham;

For the District of Kowarau:

House of Louis Grant, Bendigo;

For the District of Tuapeka:

Lancaster's Store, Beaumont Ferry;

For the District of Aparima:

John Howell's house, Flint's Bush;

were appointed Polling Places for the Province of Otago for the Election of Members of the Provincial Council thereof:

And whereas it is expedient to abolish the same:

Now know ye that I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby abolish the above-named Polling Places for the above named Districts in the Province of Otago for the Election of Members of the Provincial Council, and do appoint in lieu thereof—

For the District of Caversham:

The Drill Shed, Caversham.

For the District of Kowarau:

Josiah Mitchinson's Store, Bendigo.

For the District of Tuapeka:

The School House, Beaumont Ferry.

For the District of Aparima:

The School House, Flint's Bush.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, 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 twentieth-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

DONALD McLEAN,

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary.)

Warrant abolishing Polling Places and appointing others in lieu thereof.

G. A. ARNEY,

Officer Administering the Government.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS by "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint Polling Places for each Electoral District within or within one mile of the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such Polling Places to be the Principal Polling Place for the District, and all or any of such Polling Places from time to time to abolish, and, if he think fit, to appoint other Polling Places in lieu of those abolished, and that every such Warrant shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that no Polling Place shall be appointed by the Governor under the said Act unless he shall be first satisfied that the place to be appointed is more convenient

than any other for at least twenty electors to record their votes thereat:

And whereas by Warrant under the hand of the Governor,

The house of Louis Grant, Bendigo ;
The School House, Caversham ;
Lancaster's Store, Beaumont Ferry ;
Andrew Murray's house, Serpentine ;
John Howell's house, Flint's Bush ;

were appointed Polling Places for the Province of Otago for the Election of Superintendent thereof:

And whereas it is expedient to abolish the same:

Now know ye that I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby abolish the above-named Polling Places for the Province of Otago for the Election of Superintendent thereof, and do appoint in lieu thereof:

Josiah Mitchinson's Store, Bendigo ;
The Drill Shed, Caversham ;
The School House, Flint's Bush ;
The School House, Beaumont Ferry ;
House of W. A. Munford, Serpentine.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, 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 twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

DONALD McLEAN,

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Warrant appointing additional Polling Places.

G. A. ARNEY,

Officer Administering the Government.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint Polling Places for each Electoral District within or within one mile of the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such places to be the Principal Polling Place for the District, and all or any of such Polling Places from time to time to abolish, and to appoint other Polling Places in lieu of those abolished, and that every such Warrant shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that no Polling Place shall be appointed by the Governor under the said Act, unless he shall be first satisfied that the place to be appointed is more convenient than any other for at least twenty electors to record their votes thereat: And whereas by the said Act it is further enacted that every election of the Superintendent or of a Member of the Provincial Council of a Province shall be conducted in the manner prescribed therein for the election of members of the House of Representatives, and that the Governor shall have the same powers of appointing and altering Polling Places and Principal Polling Places for Electoral Districts for the election of Superintendents and Members of Provincial Councils as, under the provisions thereinbefore contained, he has for Electoral Districts for election of Members of the House of Representatives:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby

appoint the following places to be additional Polling Places for the Province of Otago for the election of Superintendent thereof, namely:—

Hazel's Store, Branches, Shotover ;
Thomas Kinross' Store, Gibbstown.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, 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 twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

DONALD McLEAN,

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Warrant appointing additional Polling Places.

G. A. ARNEY,

Officer Administering the Government.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Warrant under his hand, from time to time to appoint Polling Places for each Electoral District within or within one mile of the limits thereof, and to appoint any one of such places to be the Principal Polling Place for the District, and all or any of such Polling Places from time to time to abolish, and to appoint other Polling Places in lieu of those abolished, and that every such Warrant shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that no Polling Place shall be appointed by the Governor under the said Act, unless he shall be first satisfied that the place to be appointed is more convenient than any other for at least twenty electors to record their votes thereat: And whereas by the said Act it is further enacted that every Election of the Superintendent or of a Member of the Provincial Council of a Province shall be conducted in the manner prescribed therein for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives, and that the Governor shall have the same powers of appointing and altering Polling Places and Principal Polling Places for Electoral Districts for the Election of Superintendents and Members of Provincial Councils as, under the provisions thereinbefore contained, he has for Electoral Districts for Election of Members of the House of Representatives:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby appoint the following places to be additional Polling Places for the District of the Lakes for the Election of Members of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, namely:—

Hazel's Store, Branches, Shotover ;
Thomas Kinross' Store, Gibbstown.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Alfred Arney, Knight, the Officer Administering the Government, 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 twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

DONALD McLEAN,

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Fixing Sittings of District Court, Otago Gold Fields.

G. A. ARNEY,
Officer Administering the Government.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in this behalf enabling me, I, Sir George Alfred Arney, the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby fix and appoint that sittings of the District Court of the Otago Gold Fields, during the months of July and August next, shall be held as follows:—

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Naseby on the second Wednesday in July next.

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Clyde on the Monday next after the second Wednesday in July next.

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Queens-town on the Monday second after the second Wednesday in July next,

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Lawrence on the second Tuesday in August next.

Provided that in case any of the days so fixed as aforesaid shall happen to be a holiday, then the Court appointed for that day shall be holden on the first day thereafter, not being a holiday.

Issued this twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE,
(in the absence of the Minister of Justice).

Despatch from the Secretary of State respecting the Vine Scourge in France and Portugal.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th May, 1873.

THE following Despatch, with enclosures, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 1st January, 1873.

SIR,—I transmit to you, for your information and for publication within the Colony under your government, printed copies of papers respecting the new scourge which has recently attacked the vines in France and in Portugal, and which threatens to be as destructive in its effect as the disease which for some years destroyed viniculture in Madeira.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

The Officer Administering
the Government of New Zealand.

No. 1.

Sir C. Murray to Earl Granville.—(Received
22nd June.)

Cintra, 12th June, 1872.

MY LORD,—I know not whether your Lordship's attention has been called, either by the Embassy at Paris, or by any of the British Consuls in France, to a new scourge that has recently attacked the vines in that country as well as in Portugal, and which threatens to be as desolating in its effect as the disease called *Oidium*, which for some years destroyed viniculture in Madeira, and has inflicted serious damages on it both in France and Portugal, notwithstanding the partial remedy that has been discovered and adopted in the free use of sulphur. The insect which has lately been making such ravages in the

vineyards, and to which has been given the name of *Phylloxera vastatrix*, seems, according to the report of those who have examined it carefully, to be of the same species as the "aphis," long known in horticultural and vinicultural science as an insect most destructive to plants and vegetables, and it has received the vulgar names of "puceron" in France, and "plant louse," or "vine fretter," in England; but the *Phylloxera*, whose ravages are now causing so much damage and apprehension, appears to be not only particularly destructive, but also very difficult of extirpation. A printed paper, from which I gather some of the observations which I am now offering to your Lordship, states (I know not whether correctly or not) that the French Government has offered, and hitherto without success, a reward of 20,000 francs to any one who can discover an effectual remedy for the ravages produced by this insect. According to the statement of the paper above referred to, the injury inflicted by this scourge on some of the vineyards in the Douro district has been terrible; and one vineyard is specified, the average produce of which had been seventy pipes of wine, and which last year only produced one; and a certain Senhor Avelino, who was sent into that district to examine and report upon its condition, estimates the total loss on last year's vintage there at 500 pipes.

The Portuguese Government has named a Commission, under the presidency of the Director-General of Commerce and Industry, to examine into the progress of this dangerous evil, and to gather from all quarters (whether scientific or practical) suggestions for the best mode of extirpating it. One French vine-proprietor reports that he has tried with some success the expedient of digging a hole round the stem of the vine, which he half-fills with chimney soot and then covers over with earth. If this should ultimately prove an effectual antidote to the malady, it is much to be regretted that the vine-growers of France and Portugal are not somewhat nearer to London, where it could be cheaply and abundantly supplied; but if the description given of the *Phylloxera* be scientifically correct, and it is a species of aphid, it must probably, like most species of that order, be furnished with wings, in which case it would not seem likely that any substance placed around the roots could afford protection against its ravages.

Considering what a large proportion of the exports of Portugal and the south of France depends upon the fruit of the vine, I have thought it my duty to bring the subject under your Lordship's notice, in order that you may, if you think proper, desire further information concerning it to be supplied to you from other quarters.

I have, &c.,
CH. A. MURRAY.

No. 2.

Viscount Enfield to Lord Lyons.

Foreign Office, 25th June, 1872.

SIR,—I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, relative to the appearance of a disease among the vines of France and Portugal.

I am, &c.,
ENFIELD.

No. 3.

Sir C. Murray to Earl Granville.—(Received 15th
July.)

MY LORD,—A few days after sending to your Lordship my Despatch of the 12th ultimo, on the subject of the ravages reported to have been committed in the vine districts by the *Phylloxera vastatrix*, I ad-

dressed a despatch to Mr. Consul Crawford, at Oporto, desiring him to make all the inquiries necessary in his neighbourhood, and furnish me with such information as he could collect on the subject. I have received his report, and have the honor to enclose it herewith. Your Lordship will observe, on reading it, that Mr. Crawford seems of opinion that the fears, amounting almost to a panic in some districts, which have arisen concerning the ravages of this insect, are very much exaggerated, and he attributes this very much to the recent publication of a pamphlet on this subject by Senhor Oliveira. I am inclined to agree in this opinion to some extent, for I have procured and read the pamphlet, on the inaccuracies of which Mr. Crawford comments in very severe terms. I am not sure, however, that Mr. Crawford does not under-rate, as much as Senhor Oliveira may overrate, the damages caused or to be apprehended from this mischievous insect; for, though Mr. Crawford may correctly designate the pamphlet as "a hasty and ill-judged compilation from French authorities," it does not thence follow that the authorities from whom he compiled are unworthy of credit. So far from this being the case, I am inclined to believe, from the positions which several of them filled in the Bordelais and in the valley of the Rhone, that they were men selected on account of their practical or scientific knowledge to report on the subject. With this reservation, I agree with Mr. Crawford in considering both the tone and the statements of the pamphlet very exaggerated; and, moreover, as I now see that many of the articles in the local newspaper from which, as I informed your Lordship, I drew the chief materials of my Despatch, were based upon the contents of this pamphlet, I trust that the grounds on which Mr. Crawford expects that the Portuguese vineyards will enjoy an immunity, total or partial, from the scourge, may prove correct. In reference to the case specially mentioned in the 9th page of Mr. Crawford's report, it is a curious circumstance that I have, within the last few weeks, had one precisely similar in my garden in Lisbon. An old, strong, healthy, and hitherto very fruitful vine, began suddenly to wear a very sickly appearance, the leaves began to wither, and to assume first a yellow and then a reddish appearance. My gardener had never seen this or any other vine in my garden attacked in a similar manner (although we are obliged to sulphur all our vines several times yearly to preserve them against *Oidium*); so, thinking that I had received my first visit from the *Phylloxera*, I desired the gardener to uncover and carefully examine the roots, but they appeared perfectly sound and healthy, and the disease which has destroyed this year's crop of fruit and leaves remains a mystery. I have surrounded the roots with a bed of soot, overlaid with earth; but whether the vine will recover or die remains to be proved.

I have, &c.,
CH. A. MURRAY.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Consul Crawford to Sir C. Murray.

Oporto, 30th June, 1872.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith, with reference to your Despatch of the 12th instant, a report upon the recently discovered vine disease producing insect—*Phylloxera vastatrix*.

I have, &c.,
OSWALD CRAWFURD.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

Report by Consul Crawford upon *Phylloxera vastatrix*.

The attention of the Portuguese vine-growers has

not been called until the last two years to the existence of a new enemy of the vine in the shape of *Phylloxera vastatrix*.

The discovery in France of this supposed importation from America was not made till the year 1855, since which time its natural history and the effect of its ravages upon the vine plant have been industriously investigated by French entomologists and oenologues; and in the opinion of some persons the extent of these ravages has been not a little overstated.

There is little doubt, however, that, after making due allowance for the exaggeration common to those who make a long study of special subjects, the injury done by this insect to vineyards, in certain districts of France, and under certain circumstances of vine cultivation, has been considerable.

Phylloxera vastatrix is a small insect of the sub-order of *Homoptera*. The adult female only has, as yet, been discovered; it is found in the apterous and also in the winged state. The eggs would appear to be generally deposited in galls, formed by the insect on the leaf of the vine, and the newly-hatched grub finds its way to the roots of the plant, upon which it feeds.

The first symptoms of the vine being attacked is the reddish yellow colour of the leaf. No means of checking the progress of the insect has yet proved effectual.

Senhor Oliveira, junior, has quite recently published a pamphlet upon the subject, which, though a hasty and ill-judged compilation from French authorities, may perhaps have the effect of arousing observation on the part of the vine-growers. This work, however, is full of unpardonable exaggeration, tending only either to encourage undue alarm, or, as is more probable, to excite utter unbelief in the writer's assertions: e.g., the author begins by stating that a plague has fallen upon the vine industry of the country one hundred times more destructive than the old vine disease—the *Oidium tuckeri*.

The food of *Phylloxera vastatrix* being the roots of the plant, it is obvious that it is only where the young and more tender roots of the vine are near the surface of the ground that they can be destructively fed upon by so small and delicate an insect.

This is proved by the experience of French observers.

In vineyards where the soil is of little depth, in those where the drainage is deficient, and particularly in those French vineyards where, quantity rather than quality of wine being sought for, cultivation by the plough and frequent manuring are employed, the presence of the insect has been found to be more or less accompanied by damage to the vine; for in all these cases the fine root-fibres are near the surface and within reach of the insect. The same, of course, applies to newly planted vines, which are especially liable to destruction.

On the other hand, *Phylloxera vastatrix* is never observed to attack vines allowed to creep over pollarded trees, or over trellis work; and vines so trained form, probably, nineteen-twentieths of all that are grown in North Portugal—the vines in such cases being usually well-established plants of many years' growth, with deep-reaching roots. Again, in the district in which port wine is produced, although the shape of the vines is bush-like, as in France, the roots descend to a great depth in the schistose soil,—a depth, as I have myself had occasion to observe, sometimes exceeding fifteen feet.

The same holds good, though to a less degree, with regard to the vines of the Bairrada district, and elsewhere in the province of Beira, where they are grown in bush shape; and it may be observed generally of this consular district that the wine cannot be profit-

ably produced except in deep soils, on account of the frequency of long summer droughts, which cause the plant to send its roots far down in search of moisture.

It will easily be concluded from these facts that the conditions of the growth of the vine in Northern Portugal are by no means favourable to the development of *Phylloxera vastatrix*.

Senhor Oliveira, junior, mentions two instances of the ravages of the insect in the port wine district. In one of these cases, the yield of wine was reduced from sixty pipes to eight pipes in two years, but in neither case was it clearly proved that the destruction was the work of the *Phylloxera vastatrix*. The roots of the plants in the above-cited instances were indeed found to be decayed, but no insects were discovered, and no particulars of the age of the vines, depth of soil, or character of the exposure, are given in either case. It is clear that such statements have no scientific value at all, and that the loss, in these cases, may have been due to other and older enemies of the vine.

I have inquired of several extensive vine-growers in the Alto Douro (the port wine district), and I can learn of no undoubted case of the appearance of *Phylloxera vastatrix*. One gentleman of great experience was inclined to think that the vine has for many years been subject to a disease the symptoms of which correspond to the appearance said to be produced by the ravages of the insect. He had lately rooted up vines of his own, whose leaves were withered and yellow, but in no case were the roots in any way affected. He mentioned having seen, in the month of May of this year, a vineyard in which, in four days, the leaves had changed from a healthy green to the colour and appearance of the common zonal geranium, but here, unfortunately, no further examination was made.

The observation of the gentleman I have quoted is worthy of all attention, but the opinions of many of the wine-growers are fanciful beyond belief. One authority (quoted with approval by Senhor Oliveira, junior, and which may be cited here as a measure of the intelligence of others) is of opinion that the disease is in no case due to *Phylloxera vastatrix*, but the result of bad air, and all the proposed remedies he pronounces to be futile, except one—that of subterraneous fumigation of the roots with sulphurous acid gas; and this not because of any benefit to the plant, but because it would remove the prime cause of the disease—the foulness of the air!

The conclusions to which I have come, after fully investigating this subject, may be summed up as being—

1. That no certain grounds exist for believing that any, or, at least, any serious damage has been caused in North Portugal by *Phylloxera vastatrix*; but, while no scientific observation whatever has been brought to bear upon the subject, it is impossible to pronounce definitely upon its existence or non-existence.
2. That the great majority of vineyards in North Portugal will, from their peculiarities of cultivation, escape entirely.
3. That it would be safe to predict that, if ever the insect becomes numerous here, its destructive influence will be felt first and chiefly in the vineyards which produce the Bairrada wine, and afterwards, and less extensively, in the district of port wine production.

This report is entirely confined to the limits of my consular district.

OSWALD CRAWFURD.

Her Majesty's Consulate,
Oporto, 29th June, 1872.

Provincial Returning Officer appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 26th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint **WILLIAM LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Esq.**, to be Returning Officer for Provincial Elections for the Districts of Dunstan and Kawarau, in the Province of Otago.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Provincial Returning Officer appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 22nd May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint **JAMES PILLANS MAITLAND, Esq.**, to be Returning Officer for the election of Members of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago for the Electoral Districts of Waiholo, Milton, and Matau, *vice* John Dewe, Esq., resigned.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Provincial Returning Officer appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint **JOHN NUGENT WOOD, Esq.**, to be Returning Officer for the election of Members of the Provincial Council for the District of Oreti, in the Province of Otago.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Provincial Returning Officer appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 26th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint **HENRY JOHN ABEL, Esq.**, Returning Officer for Provincial Elections for the Districts of Tuapeka and Waitahuna, in the Province of Otago, *vice* William Lawrence Simpson, Esq., resigned.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Provincial Registration Officer appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint **WILLIAM PARKER STREET, Esq.**, to be Registration Officer for the Province of Otago, to form Electoral Rolls for the election of Members of the Provincial Council thereof.

DONALD McLEAN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

Clerk in the Treasury appointed.

Treasury,
Wellington, 26th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint **HENRY BLUNDELL, Esq.**, to be a Clerk in the Treasury.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Colonial Treasurer.

Authorized Interpreter.

Native Office,
Wellington, 14th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to authorize L. M. GRACE, Esq., of Auckland, to act as an Interpreter under "The Native Lands Act, 1865," and "The Native Lands Act, 1867."

DONALD McLEAN.

Appointment of Volunteer Officers.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 28th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the under-mentioned appointments, viz.:—

In the Canterbury Volunteers.

Captain Alexander Lean to be Major. Date of commission, 16th May, 1873.

In the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers.

Captain Francis Joseph Mace (New Zealand Militia) to be Captain. Date of commission, 10th May, 1873.

In the No. 1 Company, Auckland Rifle Volunteer Brigade.

Captain William Robert Robinson (New Zealand Militia) to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission, 8th May, 1873.

In the Wellington Rifle Volunteer Cadets.

Honorary Sub-Lieutenant George Godber to be Honorary Lieutenant. Date of Commission, 14th May, 1873.

DONALD McLEAN.

Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 28th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to accept the services of the

Hawera Light Horse Volunteers.

Date of acceptance, 13th May, 1873.

DONALD McLEAN.

Volunteer Corps disbanded.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 28th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to discontinue the services of the

No. 1. Company Wellington Rifle Volunteers; and to disband the

Fern Ground Rifle Volunteers at their own request.

The under-mentioned gentlemen have therefore ceased to hold the rank of officers, their commissions having, under the provisions of "The Volunteer Act, 1865," lapsed:—

Nathaniel William Werry, Esq., late Lieutenant, No. 1 Company, Wellington Rifle Volunteers.

George Michell Nation, Esq., late Ensign, No. 1 Company, Wellington Rifle Volunteers.

James Cruickshank, Esq., late Captain, Fern Ground Rifle Volunteers.

Henry Burt, Esq., late Lieutenant, Fern Ground Rifle Volunteers.

Frank Charsley Lindley Searancke, Esq., late Ensign, Fern Ground Rifle Volunteers.

DONALD McLEAN.

Authority to Frank Letters.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 27th May, 1873.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to authorize The CHIEF CLERK of the Geological Department to frank, free from prepayment of postage, Letters and Packets posted on the Public Service.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Postmaster-General.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 10 of 1873.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 22nd May, 1873.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Chief Harbour Master, Auckland, is published for general information.

JULIUS VOGEL,
(in the absence of the Commissioner).

BEACONS AND BUOY, AUCKLAND HARBOUR.

NOTICE is hereby given that two Iron Perch Beacons (painted Black) have been erected on the south side of the Waitemata Channel, near Kauri Point.

The Upper Beacon is erected on the northern extreme of the Boat Rock Reef, and is surmounted by a Diamond-shaped Cage twenty-two feet above the surface of the reef, and thirteen feet above high water spring tides.

The Lower Beacon is erected on the outer end of the reef, immediately opposite Kauri Point, and is surmounted by a Circular-shaped Cage twenty-four feet above the surface of the reef, and fifteen feet above high water spring tide.

Also, that a Cask Buoy (painted Black) has been placed on the south-western edge of the Sunken Rock off the North of Hillyard's Creek, and lies in two and a half fathoms at low water.

Masters of Vessels are cautioned not to pass to the southward of the line of beacons, or within a cable's length northward of them, as rocky patches and uneven ground extend some distance out from the Beacons.

I. J. BURGESS,
Chief Harbour Master.

Chief Harbour Master's Office,
Auckland, May 6, 1873.

Tenders.

Public Works Office,
Wellington, 27th May, 1873.

THE following list of successful and unsuccessful Tenderers is published for general information.

EDWARD RICHARDSON.

ROLLING STOCK (AUCKLAND).

	£	s.	d.
<i>Accepted:</i>			
A. and G. Price, Auckland—3 first class carriages, 7 second class carriages, 12 waggons (to be completed within five months) ...	2,917	0	0
•			
<i>Declined:</i>			
Railey and Bell, Auckland—4 first class carriages, 6 second class carriages, 12 waggons (to be completed within five months) ...	3,960	18	0
Cousins and Atkins, Auckland—4 first class carriages, 6 second class carriages, 12 waggons (to be completed within six months) ...	4,962	0	0

Member of House of Representatives elected.

Clerk of the Writs Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1873.

THE Clerk of the Writs has received a Return to the Writ issued by him on the 26th day of April, 1873, for the election of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives of New Zealand for the Electoral District hereinafter specified; and by the indorsement on such Writ it appears that the under-mentioned gentleman has been duly elected Member for such District, viz. :—

For the District of Lyttelton,
HENRY RICHARD WEBB.
G. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Writs.

Member of House of Representatives elected.

Clerk of the Writs' Office,
Wellington, 28th May, 1873.

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For the District of Suburbs of Nelson,
ANDREW JAMES RICHMOND,
of Nelson, freeholder.
G. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Writs.

Depository of Stamps, Invercargill.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamps,
Wellington, 14th May, 1873.

IT is notified for public information that Mr. ROBERT ERSKINE, Bookseller and Stationer, Invercargill, has been appointed a Depository of Duty Stamps.
E. BRANDON.
(for the Commissioner of Stamp Duties).

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.

Section 10 (ten), Block IX. (nine), Jacob's River Hundred, Province of Otago.—Applicant, JOHN GRIGG, of Christchurch, Farmer.

Allotment number 27 (twenty-seven), on the plan of the sub-division into lots of the western part (known as Sylvan Bank) of Section 2 (two), Block I. (one), Invercargill Hundred.—Applicant, THOMAS FORD, of Invercargill, Settler.

Caveat 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 19th day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

306 W. RUSSELL,
District Land Registrar.

Sale of Land at New Plymouth.

Crown Lands Office,
Taranaki, 27th May, 1873.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the under-mentioned Town Allotments in Raleigh, Waitara,

will be offered for Sale by Auction on Wednesday, the 2nd day of July next, at the upset prices named in the Schedule hereunto attached.

The sale will be held at the Council Chamber, New Plymouth, at 12 o'clock noon.

J. STEPHENSON SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SCHEDULE.

TOWNSHIP OF RALEIGH, WAITARA.

Block.	Section.	Area.	Upset Price.
West Bank.			
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
73	11	0 1 0	20 0 0
79	1	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	2	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	3	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	4	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	5	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	6	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	7	0 1 0	15 0 0
"	8	0 1 0	15 0 0
80	1	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	7	0 1 0	15 0 0
87	3	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	4	0 1 0	12 10 0
"	5	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	6	0 1 0	12 10 0
"	7	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	8	0 1 0	12 10 0
88	5	0 1 0	15 0 0
"	6	0 1 0	15 0 0
"	7	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	8	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	9	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	10	0 1 0	12 0 0
94	1	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	2	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	3	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	4	0 1 0	10 0 0
96	11	0 1 0	15 0 0
East Bank.			
39	7	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	8	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	9	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	10	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	11	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	12	0 1 0	20 0 0
40	7	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	8	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	9	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	10	0 1 0	12 0 0
"	11	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	12	0 1 0	20 0 0
45	1	0 1 0	30 0 0
"	2	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	3	0 1 0	15 0 0
"	4	0 1 0	15 0 0
"	5	0 1 0	15 0 0
"	6	0 1 0	15 0 0
46	1	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	2	0 1 0	20 0 0
"	3	0 1 0	10 0 0
"	4	0 1 0	10 0 0
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"	8	0 1 0	10 0 0

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

One-fourth of the purchase money in cash at the fall of the hammer, the remainder at or before the expiration of three calendar months from the day of sale, to be paid at the Office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, New Plymouth.

The above-mentioned sections are adjoining and adjacent to the Railway Terminus, the Waitara Bridge, and land in the Township of Raleigh rapidly rising in value.

NEW ZEALAND TELEGRAPH.
COMPARATIVE RETURN of NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded, the REVENUE received, and the VALUE of GENERAL GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS transmitted,
for the Quarters ended 31st March, 1872 and 1873.

MONTH.	NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS FORWARDED.		CASH REVENUE RECEIVED.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.		VALUE OF GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS.				INCREASE.		DECREASE.		REMARKS.
	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1872.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1873.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1872.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1873.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1872.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1873.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1872.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1873.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1872.	From 1 Jan. to 31 March, 1873.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
January ..	33,801	46,948	2,230 13 0	3,171 7 0	13,147	18,147	0	940 14 0	0	892 6 0	110	19	3	0	0	0	
February ..	33,130	43,260	2,132 1 6	3,105 4 0	10,130	10,130	0	973 2 6	0	920 2 6	232	2	3	0	0	0	
March ..	37,089	55,573	2,390 10 0	3,467 15 9	18,484	18,484	0	1,077 5 9	0	1,020 2 6	149	8	0	0	0	0	
Increase	104,020	145,781	6,753 4 6	9,744 6 9	41,761	41,761	0	2,991 2 3	0	2,832 11 0	492	9	6	0	0	0	
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	2,991 2 3	0	...	492	9	2	0	0	0	

C. LEMON, General Manager.

New Zealand Telegraph, Head Office, Wellington, 20th May, 1873.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

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

ROBERT MERCER PATON, of the District of Waimea East, a Major on the Retired List of Her Majesty's Indian Army, Applicant.—940 acres 1 rood 33 perches, being Sections numbered respectively "39, 40, 1 of Block I., 4 of Block I., 12 of Block I., 33 of Square I., 35 of Square I., and 36 of Square I.; and parts of Sections numbered respectively XIII., 42, 58, 60, 2 of Block I., 111 Rural, and 37 of Square I." Bounded—North-east, partly by a public road, partly by other part of said Section 60, partly by Section 11 of Block I., and partly by Sections 82 and 40 on said Square I.; South-east, partly by other part of Section 37, Square I., and partly by Sections 8, 9, 12a, and 24 on said Square I.; South-west, partly by said other part of said Section 37, partly by other part of said Section 111, and partly by Section 6 of Block I., and 11 on Square I.; West, partly by other part of said Section 2 of Block I., partly by other part of said Section 58, partly by Section 44 on the plan of the said district, and partly by other part of said Section XIII.; North-westward by a public road.

GEORGE HOOPER and JOSEPH REED DODSON, of the City of Nelson, Brewers, Applicants.—1 acre, being part of Section "83" on the plan of the District of Waimea East. Bounded—North and West by other parts of same section, now or late the property of Mr. William Harkness; South by a public road (165 feet); East (264 feet) by Section 82 on said plan.

THOMAS GILBERT, of the District of Suburban North, Teacher, Applicant.—15 perches, being part of Section "288" on the plan of the City of Nelson. Bounded—North by Section 287; East (35 feet 5 inches) by Tasman Street; South by other part of same Section "288;" West (35 feet 5 inches) by Section 290. (W. Rout, Broker.)

JOHN FREDERICK ROSE, of the District of Moutere, Farmer, Applicant.—74 acres, being Sections "27 and 28" on Square "8" of the plan of the Province of Nelson. (C. Harling, Broker.)

HENRY WIMSETT, of the City of Nelson, Blacksmith, Applicant.—22 perches, being part of Section "761" on the plan of the said City, having a frontage to St. Vincent Street of 60 feet, measured from a point commencing 220 feet from the south-eastern angle of the said section, and extending backwards at right angles with the front, 100 feet. Bounded—North (100 feet), West (60 feet), South (100 feet), by other parts of same section; East (60 feet) by St. Vincent Street. (C. Harling, Broker.)

GEORGE HOOPER and JOSEPH REED DODSON, of the City of Nelson, Brewers, Applicants.—1 rood 16 perches, being part of Section "664" on the plan of the said City, having a frontage to Waimea Street of 50 feet, commencing at a point measured 40 feet from the north-east corner of the said section, and extending backwards at right angles with the front thereof the whole depth of the section. Bounded—North and South by other parts of the said section; East by Waimea Street; West by Wellington Street.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

SAMUEL KINGDON,
 District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the parcel 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 number 47 (forty-seven) on the plan of the sub-division into lots (known as Mr. Master's estate) of Section 1 (one), Block I. (one), Invercargill Hundred.—Applicant, the BANK of NEW ZEALAND.

Caveat must be lodged within two calendar months after the gazettement of this notice.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

305 W. RUSSELL,
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 30th June, 1873.

The Block, originally Native land, containing 3,700 acres, more or less, known as "Whare Tangata," No. 271N, situate on the Waitoa River, Waikato. Also the Block, originally Native land, containing 3,530 acres, more or less, known as "Puketutu," No. 464N, situate at Matamata, Waikato.—JOSIAH CLIFTON FIRTH. Nos. 573, 574.

Allotment 44, Parish of Mangapiko. Also Town Allotment 39, Alexandra West.—CHARLES FEATHERSTONE MITCHELL. No. 564.

Town Allotment 358, Section 2, Tauranga.—CHARLES BARTLETT. No. 567.

The Block, originally Native land, containing 15 acres, known as "Oruarangi Harere," 355N, situate at Waihou, District of Hauraki.—JAMES HORNE. No. 572.

Part of Allotment 11, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland. Bounded South and West by roads, and North by the Waitemata.—JOHN HENRY UPTON. No. 560.

Allotments 315, 321, 322, Parish of Te Papa, Cook's County.—ALEXANDER ANDERSON. No. 568.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

295 GEO. B. DAVY,
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the parcel 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 370, Town of Hokitika, containing 8 perches.—Applicant, ROBERT NICHOLL, formerly of Hokitika, now of Melbourne, Victoria. (G. S. W. Dalrymple, Broker.)

Caveat must be lodged within one calendar month after the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Hokitika.

294 J. M. BATHAM,
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.

Town Allotment No. 90, Kakaramea Township (1 rood), and Rural Allotment No. 435, Patea District (61 acres), originally granted to Charles Curtis. Unoccupied.—WARWICK WESTON, of Auckland, Esquire, Applicant. (W. Halse, Solicitor.)

Town Allotment No. 62, Mokoia Township, 1 acre, originally granted to William Alexander Noble. Unoccupied.—WILLIAM FAIRWEATHER RUSSELL, of Wanganui, Banker, Applicant. (T. Farrah, 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 19th day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

299 A. SHAW DOUGLAS,
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.

Part of Allotment 9, "Southside," in the Omaka District, containing half an acre, and being part of the subdivision of Rural Section 2; commencing at the north-westerly corner of Allotment 9; thence running easterly 200 links, fronting Stephenson Street; thence southerly 250 links, fronting Cubitt Street; thence westerly 200 links, fronting other part of Allotment 9; and thence westerly to the commencing point, 250 links, fronting part of Allotment 8.—Edmund Eccles, Land Broker, for PATRICK O'SULLIVAN, the Applicant.

Allotments 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, and 314N, adjoining each other, in the Town of Blenheim, containing in the aggregate 3 acres. Bounded—on the North by Charles Street, 750 links; on the East by Henry Street, 400 links; on the South by Arthur Street, 750 links; and on the West by Richmond Street, 400 links.—Edmund Eccles, Land Broker, for ARCHIBALD PAISLEY STUART, the Applicant.

Allotment 427 in the Town of Blenheim, containing 1 rood. Bounded—on the North-east by Allotment 428, 250 links; on the South-east by part of Allotment 583, 100 links; on the South-west by Allotment 426, 250 links; and on the North-west by Maxwell Road, 100 links.—Edmund Eccles, Land Broker, for WILLIAM TATCHELL, the Applicant.

Allotments 22, 284, 285, and 286, in Renwick Town, containing in the aggregate 1 acre 1 rood and 24 perches, being parts of subdivision of Rural Sections 162 and 163 in the District of Omaka; Allotment 22 being bounded on the North by High Street, 100 links; on the East by Picton Street, 350 links; on the South by Allotment 8, 100 links; and on the West by Allotment 21, 350 links: and Allotments 284, 285, and 286, adjoining each other, being bounded on the North by land of Thomas Renwick, 300 links; on the East by Allotment 287, 350 links; on the South by Anglesea Street, 300 links; and on the West by Allotment 283, 350 links.—Edmund Eccles, Land Broker, for WILLIAM OCKLEY, the Applicant.

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

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1873, at the Lands Registry Office, Blenheim.

300 J. DEAN BAMFORD,
District Land Registrar.

OFFICIAL AGENCY.

DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULES UNDER THE MINING COMPANIES LIMITED LIABILITY ACTS, 1865, 1870, AND 1871.

IN the matter of "The Devil's Creek Quartz Mining and Crushing Company, Registered."

Assets—Moneys collected, in hand	...	...	94	5	1
Liabilities—Per Schedule	...	...	42	5	11
I hereby declare a refund of threepence per share to all shareholders in the above-named Company, payable at the office, Flodden Street, Waipori, on and after the 7th day of June, 1873, and claimants will oblige the Official Agent by forwarding receipt for amount of dividend when making application for payment—4,153 @ threepence ...					
	...	...	51	19	2
			£94	5	1

In consideration of the foregoing I hereby declare the above-named "Devil's Creek Quartz Mining and Crushing Company, Registered," fully wound up and extinct.

HENRY McCAY,
Official Agent.

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IN the matter of "The Brighton Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Company, Registered."

Assets—Moneys collected, in hand	...	...	319	10	6
Liabilities—Including all expenses	...	...	319	10	6

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a first and final payment of twenty shillings in the pound to all Creditors proved in above-named Company, payable on and after the 3rd of June, next. And I further declare the said Brighton Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Company fully wound up and extinct.

HORATIO NELSON WARNER,
Official Agent.

Auckland, 2nd May, 1873. 301

IN the matter of "The Vale of Avoca Gold Mining Company, Registered."

Assets—Moneys collected, in hand	...	...	88	0	0
Liabilities—Per Schedule	...	...	252	9	4

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a first payment of seven shillings in the pound to all Creditors proved in above-named Company, payable on and after the 3rd of June next.

HORATIO NELSON WARNER,
Official Agent.

Auckland, 2nd May, 1873. 302

IN the matter of "The Great Republic Gold Mining Company, Registered."

Assets—Moneys collected, in hand	...	...	70	0	2
Liabilities—Per Schedule	...	...	88	2	9

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a first payment of fifteen shillings in the pound to all Creditors proved in above-named Company, payable on and after the 3rd June next.

HORATIO NELSON WARNER,
Official Agent.

Auckland, 2nd May, 1872. 303

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register "The Windfall Gold Mining Company, Limited," as a Limited Company, under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Windfall Gold Mining Company, Limited."
2. The place of operations is at Waterfall Creek, Tararu, Thames Gold Field.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Owen Street, Grahamstown.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is six thousand pounds (£6,000), in 6,000 shares of £1 each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is 6,000, being the entire number of shares in the Company.

6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.

7. The amount already paid up is nil.

8. The name of the Manager is Roderick McDonald Scott.

9. The names, addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:—

		No. of Shares.
John Butcher, Tararu, Miner	...	800
Robert Murdoch, Tararu, Miner	...	400
Abraham Browne, Tararu, Miner	...	400
Jeffrey Morton, Tararu, Miner	...	400
Thomas Morton, Tararu, Miner	...	400
Mary Ann Murdoch, Tararu	...	200
Ann Morton, Tararu	...	200
Robert McCormick, Karaka, Miner	...	400
J. D. Wickham, Karaka, Miner	...	2,000
Edwin George Boon, Grahamstown, Draper	...	400
William Wilkinson, Shortland, Newspaper Proprietor	...	400
		6,000

R. McDONALD SCOTT,
Manager.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1873.

Witness to signature—W. Fraser, R.M.

I, RODERICK McDONALD SCOTT, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. I am the Manager of the said intended Company.

2. The above statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1866."

R. McDONALD SCOTT.

Taken before me, at Auckland, this 13th day of May, 1873—G. B. Davy, J.P. 291

NOTICE.

In the District Court of Westland, North, holden at Westport, in the Province of Nelson and Colony of New Zealand.

IN BANKRUPTCY, and in the matter of Stephen Lowin, of Westport, Contractor, a Bankrupt.

THE above-named Stephen Lowin was adjudicated a Bankrupt on the 19th of April, 1873, and by operation of law C. H. W. Bowen, Esq., on the 2nd day of May, 1873, became Trustee, and vested with all powers as such.

C. H. W. BOWEN,
Provisional Trustee and Clerk of the District Court, at Westport.

19th May, 1873. 292

GOLDEN LEDGE QUARTZ MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Nelson.

WE hereby give you notice that the name of the Manager of this Company is Louis Davies.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1873.

R. E GULLINE, }
D. McKINNON, } Directors.

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Argyle Gold Mining and Water Supply Company, Limited.

THE Office of the above Company is at Argyle Terrace, Charleston, Province of Nelson, and Philip McCarthy is appointed Manager in place of Charles Haines, resigned.

JOSEPH DROMGOOL, }
JOSEPH HENRY, } Directors.

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CHARLES HAINES.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT BUILDING AND LAND SOCIETY.

To the Secretary, Western District Building and Land Society, Riverton.

WE the undersigned members of the Western District Building and Land Society hereby request you to convene a Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Society for Friday, the 20th June. Business—Alteration of the Rules.

Riverton, 13th May, 1873.

John Wilson,	John W. Matthews, President,
George Rowles,	Richard Roche,
George James Grant,	John Lee,
James Hood,	G. O. Cassels,
Robert Acheson,	James D. Menzies.

IN compliance with the above requisition, I hereby convene a Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Society, to be held at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Riverton, on Friday, 20th June, 1873, at 7.30 p.m. Business—Alteration of the Rules of the Society.

JOHN R. MILLS,
Secretary, Western District Building and Land Society.

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To the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the District of Dunedin, Province of Otago.

I, ROBERT HALL BAKEWELL, Doctor of Medicine of the University of St. Andrews, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Licentiate in Midwifery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and a Registered Practitioner under the Imperial "Medical Act, 1858," now residing at Duncan Street, Dunedin, in the said Province, do hereby give notice that I intend to apply to the Registrar of Dunedin, on the 16th day of June, 1873, to have my name placed on the Register of Medical Practitioners in the Colony of New Zealand; and I have deposited my diplomas in the office of the said Registrar in Dunedin, for public inspection, in terms of "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869."

ROBERT HALL BAKEWELL, M.D.

Duncan Street, and Belgrave Chambers,
Princess Street, April 28th, 1873.

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PROVINCIAL COMPULSORY LAND TAKING ACT, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is intended to introduce a Bill into the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, at its next Session, authorizing the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to take compulsorily, for the purpose of completing a road in the Walton Road District, parts of Sections numbered respectively forty-nine and fifty (49 and 50), Block seven (7), Dunedin and East Taieri Survey

District, of the Province of Otago aforesaid; also for the purpose of completing a road in the Portobello Road District, part of section numbered twenty-eight (28) block five (5), Portobello Survey District, of the Province of Otago aforesaid; also for the purpose of completing a road in the Portobello Road District, part of section numbered twenty-two (22), block five (5), of the Portobello Survey District, of the Province of Otago aforesaid; also for the purpose of completing a road in the Port Molyneux Road District, parts of sections numbered respectively eleven (11) and twelve (12), block two (2), South Molyneux Survey District, of the Province of Otago aforesaid; also, for the purpose of completing a road in the Port Molyneux Road District, part of section numbered fifteen (15), block two (2), Glenomaru Survey District, of the Province of Otago aforesaid; and for the purpose of completing a road in the Motupipi Road District, parts of sections numbered respectively five (5), and six (6), block thirty (30), Waiholo Survey District, of the said Province of Otago; and also for the purpose of completing a road in the Caversham and Mornington Road Districts, parts of sections numbered respectively five (5), six (6), and sixty-five (65), block six (6), Town District, Province of Otago aforesaid; and also for the purpose of completing a road in the Mornington Road District, parts of sections numbered respectively nine (9), block two (2), nine (9), and eight (8), block three (3), sections seven (7) and eight (8), block four (4), Township of Mornington, being part of section ninety-two, block six, Town District aforesaid; and part of section eleven (11), Township of Richmond Hill, being part of section ninety-one (91) block six (6), Town District aforesaid; and also for the purpose of completing a road in the Mornington Road District, part of allotment numbered one (1), block one (1), Township of Primrose Hill, being part of section numbered seventy-six (76), block six (6), Town District aforesaid, and part of allotment numbered thirty-six (36), block three (3), Township of Richmond Hill, being part of section numbered seventy-seven (77), block six (6), Town District aforesaid; also for completing a road in the North-east Valley Road District, parts of sections numbered one (1) and two (2), Upper Harbour West District, and parts of sections numbered thirty (30), thirty-one (31), and thirty-three (33), Sawyer's Bay District, Province of Otago aforesaid; also for the purpose of completing a road in the Breadalbane Road District, part of section numbered thirty-two (32), block one (1), Dunedin and East Taieri Survey District of the Province of Otago aforesaid; also for the purpose of completing a road in the North Taieri Road District, parts of sections numbered respectively forty-four (44), forty-five (45), and forty-six (46), irregular block, East Taieri District, five (5), six (6), and twelve (12), block thirteen (XIII.), and one (1), block five (V.), East Taieri District of the Province of Otago aforesaid; and also for the purpose of completing a road line in the Portobello Road District, part of sections numbered respectively four (4) and five (5), block three (III.), Otago Peninsula District: And notice is hereby further given, that a copy of the Bill so intended to be introduced as aforesaid may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the Provincial Council of Otago aforesaid, on and after the first day of June, 1873.

Dated at Dunedin, this twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Under Secretary.

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ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of MARCH, 1873.

STATIONS.	BAROMETER. Corrected and Reduced to Sea Level.		TEMPERATURE FROM SELF-REGISTERING INSTRUMENTS, READ IN MORNING FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PREVIOUSLY.					COMPUTED FROM OBSERVATIONS.		RAIN.		WIND.		LOUD.
	Mean Reading	Extr'me Range.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Mean Daily Range of Temp.	Extr'me Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in Sun's Rays.	Min. Temp. on Grass.	Mean Elastic Force of Vapour.	Mean Deg. of Moist. (Saturation =100.)	Total Fall in Month (inches)	No. of Days on which Rain fell.	Average Daily Force in Miles for Month.	Maximum Velocity in Miles in any 24 hours, and Date.	Mean Amount for Month (0 to 10).
MONGONUI ... Same month previous 6 years	30.037 30.048	.388 ...	69.0 65.8	15.8 ...	31.0 ...	145.0...	...	.551 .503	78 76	2.150 2.045	12 8	142	372, 19th	4.0
AUCKLAND ... Same month previous 9 years	30.012 29.989	.576 ...	65.1 65.5	15.2 ...	29.3 ...	139.4 ...	26.8...	.478 .488	78 75	2.780 3.212	13 10	250	775, 27th	7.2
TARANAKI ... Same month previous 9 years	30.026 30.044	.617 ...	65.1 62.3	20.2 ...	38.0 ...	...	42.0...	.391 .421	63 71	3.050 2.737	12 8	188	470, 17th	6.0
NAPIER ... Same month previous 6 years	30.021 29.930	1.056 ...	63.8 61.3	16.2 ...	30.0 ...	131.0...	...	.458 .440	78 75	1.900 2.191	12 6	183	500, 6th and 17th	2.0
WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 9 years	29.983 29.996	.755 ...	61.7 60.0	13.2 ...	33.0 ...	143.0 ...	39.0...	.397 .370	72 71	1.770 3.145	10 9	174	400, 29th	5.6
* WANGANUI ... Same month previous year	30.180 30.300	.690 ...	60.3 60.8	18.8 ...	39.0 ...	130.0...	...	.393 .361	76 67	1.510 .810	6 3	182	330, 1st	5.0
NELSON ... Same month previous 9 years	29.925 29.936	.786 ...	63.7 60.6	24.9 ...	42.0 ...	152.0 ...	34.0...	.431 .439	74 75	5.750 2.635	10 5	...	...	6.0
CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 9 years	30.011 29.979	.923 ...	58.7 57.7	12.8 ...	38.9 ...	142.4 ...	27.1...	.403 .391	82 77	1.850 2.000	10 8	142	275, 2nd	7.2
* BEALEY ... Same month previous 5 years	29.690 29.993	.730 ...	57.1 53.5	16.7 ...	49.1 ...	135.4 ...	8.0...	.374 .315	77 80	4.125 4.822	10 12	...	...	4.6
HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 7 years	30.029 30.051	.854 ...	59.9 57.4	13.2 ...	29.6 ...	92.3 ...	35.0...	.409 .423	81 87	5.370 7.970	11 13	157	318, 24th	4.0
DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 9 years	29.884 30.003	.887 ...	54.6 55.1	13.0 ...	32.0 ...	158.0 ...	22.0...	.366 .318	86 72	3.394 2.139	16 12	145	365, 16th	5.7
* QUEENSTOWN ... Same month previous year	30.160...	.880 ...	57.0 60.0	17.9 ...	42.9 ...	126.7...	...	.304 .299	65 53	2.390 .350	11 2	127	265, 16th	5.4
SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 8 years	29.970 29.912	.910 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.050 3.100	17 9	144	293, 16th	7.0

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

NOTES FOR MARCH, 1873.

Mongonui.—Fine in early part, but showery and changeable during latter part of month; rainfall about the average, maximum on 18th, 0.47 inch; winds generally moderate and prevailed from N.W. Maximum temperature in shade, 85°; minimum, 54°.

Auckland.—Fine weather, though rather dull; small rainfall; maximum fall on 2nd, 0.68 inch; winds generally moderate, and prevailed from ...; strong on 26th from ... Maximum temperature, 78°7; minimum, 49°4.

Taranaki.—Generally fine and dry; greatest rainfall on 2nd, 0.60 inch; prevailing easterly winds, and moderate, though strong on 16th. Maximum temperature, 82°; minimum, 44°.

Napier.—Weather changeable; small rainfall, but frequent light showers during nights; maximum fall, 0.65 on 2nd; wind prevailed from N.E. and moderate; strong westerly winds on 5th and 6th, also on 16th. Maximum temperature, 77°; minimum, 47°.

Wellington.—Very fine bright weather during early part of month, moderate wind from N.W., very close and oppressive, especially at nights; showery from 13th to 17th from S.E., and cool; fine up to 27th, though dull and heavy at times, wind N.W.; showery and close for remainder of the month, and strong N.W. wind; maximum rainfall on 14th, 0.500 inch; prevailing wind, N.W. Vivid lightning on night of 30th, and rain.

Wanganui.—Excessively dry weather up to 26th, when it came on rain and continued for remainder of month; winds generally moderate, and prevailed from S.W. and N.W.; frequent calms, and sultry. Maximum rainfall on 29th, 0.45 for previous 24 hours. Maximum temperature, 75°; minimum, 36°.

Nelson.—Fine weather prevailed up to 25th, with moderate westerly winds; changed on that date to W., and brought rain, which continued to end of month; maximum fall recorded on 24th, 1.48 inch; strong N.W. gale on 24th. Maximum temperature, 82°; minimum, 40°.

Christchurch.—Fine and pleasant generally, with occasional showers; maximum rainfall recorded on 14th, 0.83 inch; winds light, and chiefly from N.E. and S.W.; strong N.E. winds on 1st and 10th, and on 16th stormy from S.W.; fog on 22nd. Maximum temperature, 80°3; minimum, 41°4.

Bealey.—Tolerably fine; moderate rainfall, maximum on 13th, 0.86 inch; winds prevailed from N.W., and at times strong, especially on 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 19th, and 20th; fog on 20th, 25th, and 26th. Maximum temperature, 81°6; minimum, 35°5.

Hokitika.—Fine on the whole, though heavy showers of rain at times; maximum on 24th, 1.56 inch; on 23rd and 24th, squalls of wind and rain from N.E., and hard squall from same quarter on 29th, with rain; fog on 1st and 3rd; wind prevailed from N.E. Maximum temperature, 71°; minimum, 41°4.

Dunedin.—Dull showery weather prevailed,—at times bright; light winds and variable; frequent calms; maximum rainfall on 13th, 1 inch for 24 hours previous. Maximum temperature, 72°; minimum, 40°.

Queenstown.—Generally fine, though rather changeable; occasionally cold days, with rain, but also splendid bright calm weather experienced; maximum rain recorded on 13th, 0.83 inch; very moderate winds prevailed from N.W.; snow fell on 29th. Maximum temperature, 82°6; minimum, 39°7.

Southland.—Dull showery weather, but no heavy falls of rain, maximum on 12th, 0.40 inch; winds moderate, and prevailed from S.W.; thunder on 16th, 28th, and 29th; hail on 16th.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The weather throughout was, on the whole, fine, with small rainfall and moderate winds; no storms of importance occurred at any of the stations; the average temperature for the month is higher in nearly every case. Earthquakes occurred at Wanganui, on 13th, 4.30 p.m.; 16th, 10.30 p.m.; 23rd, 0.30 a.m. and at 11.30 p.m.; 31st, 4.30 a.m., all slight: at Wellington on 17th, 12.5 a.m.; 18th, during night; and 22nd, 11.50 p.m.; all slight: at Greytown on 27th, at 5 p.m.: at Nelson on 24th, at 11.18 p.m., slight: at Mana Island on 16th, at 11.55 p.m., smart shock. Auroras observed at Hokitika and Dunedin on 9th; brilliant meteor at Wanganui on 24th.

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