



THE  
**NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.**

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WELLINGTON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1874.

*Westland Provincial Council elected.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 Wellington, 30th January, 1874.

**I**T is hereby notified, that Writs issued for the election of Members of the Provincial Council of Westland have been returned with certificates to the effect that,—

- For the District of Hokitika:  
 Francis Christopher Tabart, William Todd,  
 and John White;
- For the District of Greymouth:  
 Herman Henry Lahman, Charles Woolcock,  
 and Edmund Wickes;
- For the District of Paroa:  
 Peter Dungan and Arthur Robert Guinness;
- For the District of Totara:  
 Hamilton Cuming and John McGaffin;
- For the District of Arahura:  
 Richard John Seddon and Michael Houlahan;
- For the District of Kanieri:  
 Samuel Mitchell and Edward Terry Robinson;
- For the District of Okarito:  
 Richard Canavan;

have been duly elected.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,  
 (in absence of the Colonial Secretary).

*Clerk in Registrar-General's Office appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 Wellington, 4th February, 1874.

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

FREDERIC K. WILLIAMS

to be a Clerk in the office of the Registrar-General. This appointment dates from the 6th November last.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,  
 (in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

*Enquiry for Missing Person.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 Wellington, 31st January, 1874.

**E**NQUIRIES having been made respecting a person named James Leach, who sailed from the Cove of Cork in the "Marlborough" (date not stated), and who joined the Auckland Militia in 1864, and who is also stated to have been engaged on board the "Novelty" or "Kate," any one who can give any information respecting him is requested to communicate with this office.

By command.

G. S. COOPER,  
 Under Secretary.

*Fixing Date for Colonial Firing.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
 Wellington, 3rd February, 1874.

**I**T is notified for general information, that the Competition for the Colonial Prizes will commence at Napier, on Tuesday, 10th March next.

DONALD McLEAN.

*Appointments.*

Government Annuities Office,  
 Wellington, 3rd February, 1874.

**T**HE following appointments have been made in the Government Annuities Department:—

- WILLIAM WEST KNOWLES, Clerk;
- JOHN HOLMES DEAN, Cadet;
- JOSEPHUS HARGREAVES RICHARDSON, Cadet;
- SOMERSET W. D'ARCY IRVINE, Cadet.

W. GIBBORNE,  
 Commissioner.

Office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies,  
 Dunedin, 27th January, 1874.

**I**, ALFRED WILLIAM SMITH, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for the Province of Otago, do hereby certify that I have registered a

Memorandum of Association (with Articles of Association annexed), establishing a Company intituled "The Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company of New Zealand."

The objects for which the said Company is established being—"To undertake and effect Insurances against loss, destruction or damage by fire upon or in respect of dwelling-houses, warehouses, shops, and all other kinds of buildings and erections whatsoever, situate in any part of the Colony of New Zealand, or in any other part of the world, or the rents thereof, or the mortgages thereon, or any interest whatsoever therein respectively; and also upon or in respect of all kinds of goods, wares, merchandise, household, and other furniture and effects, farming produce, live stock and chattels, in the said Colony of New Zealand, or in any other part of the world, and any interest whatsoever therein respectively; and also to undertake and effect Insurances upon marine risks or upon ships or vessels in harbour, or to sail from and to, or from or to, any port or ports in the world, and either for a particular voyage or particular voyages, whether coasting or otherwise, or for and during a certain time, or upon any other marine risks whatsoever, which, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company for the time being, shall be of an insurable character; and also to undertake, carry out, and effect, in the said Colony of New Zealand, or in any other part of the world, all the objects of a General Guaranty Company, whereby compensation for all or any loss or damage arising from the dishonesty, culpable negligence, or misconduct of persons employed in situations of trust in any part of New Zealand, or in any other part of the world, is guaranteed or insured to their employers; and generally to effect and carry out all and singular the objects and purposes usually considered to be embraced in and by the several kinds of Insurance business aforesaid. It shall also be within the scope and objects of the Company to purchase the goodwill and business in New Zealand or elsewhere, and undertake or take over all the liabilities in New Zealand or elsewhere, of any other Fire or Marine Insurance or General Guarantee Company or Companies, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed between the Company and such other Company or Companies as aforesaid."

And I hereby further notify, that, in pursuance of "The Joint Stock Companies Act, 1860," and "The Joint Stock Companies Amendment Act, 1862," I have issued a Certificate of Incorporation of the said Company, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

A. W. SMITH,

101 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Enterprise Water Race Company, Registered," for the half-year ended December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The Enterprise Water Race Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: Formed, 14th September, 1863; Registered, 7th February, 1867.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Mount Ida; William Newman.  
Nominal capital: £4,800.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,800.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 16.  
Number of shares taken:  
Amount of calls made: Nil.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £4,800.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 16.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: £275 2s. 6d.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

WILLIAM NEWMAN,  
Manager.

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**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Alpine Quartz Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 20th December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The Alpine Quartz Mining Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: 1871; 15th April, 1871.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Westport; Edward Ings.  
Nominal capital: £20,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,000.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 20,000.  
Number of shares taken: 19,894.  
Amount of calls made: £1,472 5s. 10d.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £688 11s. 3d.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 45.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: 106.

EDWARD INGS,  
Manager.

Westport, 20th December, 1873.

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**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Otago Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The Otago Gold Mining Company, Registered."  
When formed, and date of registration: 17th August, 1869; 4th October, 1869.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Tuapeka; James Campbell.  
Nominal capital: £4,800.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,800.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 8.  
Number of shares taken:  
Amount of calls made: None.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £4,800.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 8.  
Amount of cash in hand: None.  
Whether in operation or not: In constant operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: None.  
Number of shares unallotted: None.

JAMES CAMPBELL,  
Manager.

Tuapeka, 31st December, 1873.

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**S** STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The New River Water Race Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The New River Water Race Company, Registered."  
When formed and date of registration: Formed, 21st September, 1872; Registered, 13th October, 1872.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hamilton and Co.'s Offices, Mawhera Quay, Greymouth; James Hamilton, Legal Manager.  
Nominal capital: £10,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: Nil.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 10,000.  
Number of shares taken: 10,000.  
Amount of calls made: £4,000.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £6,592 14s. 6d.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 9.  
Amount of cash in hand: £1 17s. 7d.  
Whether in operation or not: Under construction.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

20th January, 1874.

JAS. HAMILTON,  
Manager.

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GENERAL STATEMENT of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the under-mentioned BANKS in the Colony of NEW ZEALAND, for the Quarter ended 31st DECEMBER, 1873.

LIABILITIES.

BANKS.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Government.	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand ... ..	390,380 7 1	35,423 10 8	5,520 2 7	1,115,428 12 5	1,188,632 11 7	512,166 7 10	3,247,551 12 2
Union Bank of Australia ... ..	123,425 1 1	14,550 17 10	63 7 9	263 1 6	517,831 19 10	358,450 15 5	1,014,590 3 5
Bank of New South Wales ... ..	104,849 17 6	564 8 10	16,127 19 10	...	297,756 13 1	265,624 10 6	684,923 9 9
Bank of Australasia ... ..	38,962 3 1	3,236 9 7	...	...	121,600 3 6	71,074 5 1	234,873 1 3
National Bank of New Zealand (Limited) ... ..	51,687 12 3-	47,793 4 11	42,660 11 4	...	353,359 11 6	204,883 12 3	700,384 12 3
Totals ... ..	709,305 1 0	101,568 11 10	64,372 1 6	1,115,696 13 11	2,479,180 19 6	1,412,199 11 1	5,882,322 18 10

ASSETS.

BANKS.	Coined Gold and Silver and other Coined Metals.	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills Discounted.	Colonial Government Securities.	Other Funded Securities.	Debts due to the Bank, exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad.	Securities not included under other heads.	Total Assets.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand ... ..	462,914 15 10	186,956 16 0	9,558 2 11	11,353 6 5	24,110 9 11	1,067,716 5 6	157,600 0 0	3,175 1 6	1,575,999 2 11	351,341 11 1	3,850,725 12 1
Union Bank of Australia ... ..	296,284 3 11	16,689 3 10	1,811 12 10	8,682 2 8	45,000 0 0	439,189 0 5	...	...	701,471 16 11	17,197 18 6	1,526,325 19 1
Bank of New South Wales ... ..	274,820 18 1	78,737 2 3	1,754 5 11	13,894 1 6	22,196 14 7	444,667 18 2	...	...	506,364 2 0	132,281 14 8	1,474,716 17 2
Bank of Australasia ... ..	93,183 19 3	4,057 8 10	233 2 1	...	31,086 4 7	328,249 1 5	...	...	146,019 15 3	9,028 4 4	611,857 15 9
National Bank of New Zealand (Limited) ... ..	198,594 1 0	26,416 16 1	17,029 5 9	18,661 16 8	23,003 18 5	317,653 15 9	...	...	377,747 10 8	16,259 19 0	995,367 3 4
Totals ... ..	1,325,797 18 1	312,857 7 0	30,386 9 6	52,591 7 3	145,397 7 6	2,597,476 1 3	157,600 0 0	3,175 1 6	3,307,602 7 9	526,169 7 7	8,458,993 7 5

CAPITAL AND PROFITS.

BANKS.	Capital paid up.	Rate per Annum of last Dividend.				Amount of last Dividend declared.	Amount of Reserved Fund at the time of declaring such Dividend.
	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand ... ..	600,000 0 0	Twelve and a half per cent.	...	...	...	37,500 0 0	226,392 0 9
Union Bank of Australia ... ..	1,250,000 0 0	Thirteen per cent.	...	...	...	81,250 0 0	488,550 12 8
Bank of New South Wales ... ..	1,000,000 0 0	Fifteen per cent.	...	...	...	75,000 0 0	336,556 16 5
Bank of Australasia ... ..	1,200,000 0 0	Ten per cent.	...	...	...	60,000 0 0	330,908 10 7
National Bank of New Zealand (Limited) ... ..	300,000 10 0	Nil	...	...	...	...	1,102 5 9
Totals ... ..	4,350,000 10 0					253,750 0 0	1,383,510 6 2

Treasury, Wellington, 3rd February, 1874.

C. T. BATKIN, Secretary to the Treasury.

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Independent Gold Mining Company, Limited."
2. The place of operations is on Adam Smith's line of Reef, near Murray Creek, on the Inangahua River, in the Province of Nelson.
3. The Registered Office of the Company will be situated at Broadway, Reefton, in the Province of Nelson.
4. The nominal capital of the Company is £12,000, in 24,000 shares of 10s. each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is 24,000, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid up is £6,000, representing the value of claim and the work done thereon.
8. The name of the Manager is Patrick Brennan.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Nichol Ramsay, Blacks Point, Storekeeper ...	3,789
Patrick Kelly, Reefton, Hotel Keeper ...	632
William Lynch, Reefton, Miner ...	1,895
Raymond Fitzmaurice, Blacks Point, Miner ...	2,526
Patrick Monaghan, Reefton, Hotel Keeper ...	2,526
Donald Ross, Reefton, Miner ...	1,263
Thomas Meldrum, Reefton, Blacksmith ...	2,526
Arthur Clark, Reefton, Miner ...	632
James Stephenson, Blacks Point, Miner ...	1,263
Christopher Moncrieff, Blacks Point, Miner ...	632
Georges Caisley, Blacks Point, Miner ...	632
Thomas Cato, Reefton, Butcher ...	1,263
John Byrne, Reefton, Miner ...	632
Daniel Sheedy, Greymouth, Hotel Keeper ...	1,263
Francis Tabart, Hokitika, Auctioneer ...	1,263
Charles R. Nelson, Murray Creek, Storekeeper ...	1,263

24,000

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1874.

PATRICK BRENNAN,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—Hy. Poingdestre.

I, PATRICK BRENNAN, 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."

PATRICK BRENNAN.

Taken before me, at Reefton, this 23rd day of January, 1874—Charles Broad, J.P. 102

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Alexandra Gold Mining Company, Limited."
2. The place of operations is at Boatmans Creek, in the Inangahua District, in the Province of Nelson.
3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Broadway, Reefton, Inangahua District, Province of Nelson.
4. The nominal capital of the Company is £13,000, in 13,000 shares of £1 each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is 13,000, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid up is £6,500, representing the estimated value of the claim at the present time.
8. The name of the Manager is Patrick Brennan.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
John Stitt, Westport, Merchant ...	500
Mathew Byrne, Reefton, Miner ...	1,000
Thomas Brown, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	250
Robert Cassels, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	1,000
Henry Heath, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	125
Daniel Lightfoot, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	875
John McQuillan, Reefton, Miner ...	250
E. S. Lapham, Bank of New Zealand, Greymouth, Banker ...	250
John Alexander, Reefton, Miner ...	250
E. Masters, Greymouth, Ironmonger ...	250
Patrick Kelly, Reefton, Hotel Keeper ...	250
Timothy Gallagher, Cronadun, Storekeeper ...	250
John Irvin Beck, Reefton, Miner ...	250
John Gardner, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	750
Patrick Butler, Reefton, Miner ...	250
F. J. Gleeson, Greymouth, Carpenter ...	250
John Dowling, Hokitika, Fellmonger ...	250
Gilmer Brothers, Greymouth, Hotel Keepers ...	500
J. S. M. Thompson, Greymouth, Draper ...	500
David Wilson, Hokitika, Gentleman ...	250
John Corr, Westport, Merchant ...	500
Patrick Brennan, Reefton, Mining Agent ...	750
R. E. Gulline, Reefton, Miner ...	250
George Glenn, Greymouth, Merchant ...	250
John Trennery, Reefton, Architect ...	500
Joseph Kilgour, Greymouth, Tramway Proprietor ...	250
James McDonough, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	750
Robert Tapley, Reefton, Mining Agent ...	250
Patrick Brennan, in trust for "The Alexandra Gold Mining Company, Limited," Reefton, Mining Agent ...	250
Patrick Brennan, in trust for the Company (reserved for the erection of machinery), Reefton, Mining Agent ...	1,000

13,000

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1874.

PATRICK BRENNAN,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—Hy. Poingdestre.

I, PATRICK BRENNAN, 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."

PATRICK BRENNAN.

Taken before me, at Reefton, this 23rd day of January, 1874—Charles Broad, J.P. 103

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Hopeful Gold Mining Company, Limited."
2. The place of operations is at Boatmans Creek, in the Inangahua District, in the Province of Nelson.
3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Broadway, Reefton, Inangahua District, Province of Nelson.
4. The nominal capital of the Company is £16,500, in 8,250 shares of £2 each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is 8,250, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid up is £8,250, representing the estimated value of the claim at the present time.
8. The name of the Manager is Patrick Brennan.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Morris Levy, Greymouth, Merchant ...	750
Mathew Byrne, Reefton, Miner ...	250
Maurice Fitzgerald, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	313
Robert Whitem, Reefton, Miner ...	250
Frank Mathias, Reefton, Mining Agent ...	250
John Williams, Fern Flat, Farmer ...	500
Dennis Healy, Boatmans Creek, Miner ...	250
Patrick Butler, Reefton, Miner ...	250
Gerald Perotti, Greymouth, Hotel Keeper ...	250

Alexander McRae, Hokitika, Gentleman	No. of Shares	750
John Corr, Westport, Merchant	...	500
John Grant, Reefton, Shoemaker	...	250
Henry Caplin, Blacks Point, Miner	...	750
Francis Walker, Boatmans Creek, Miner	...	312
George Glenn, Greymouth, Merchant	...	625
John Trennery, Reefton, Architect	...	250
George Woolley, Reefton, Surveyor	...	500
Patrick Brennan, Reefton, Mining Agent	...	250
Patrick Brennan, in trust for the Company, Reefton, Mining Agent	...	1,000
		8,250

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1874.

PATRICK BRENNAN,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—Hy. Poingdestre.

I, PATRICK BRENNAN, 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."

PATRICK BRENNAN.

Taken before me, at Reefton, this 23rd day of January, 1874—Charles Broad, J.P. 104

OFFICIAL AGENCY.

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

IN the matter of "The Star of Fermanagh Gold Mining Company, Registered."

Assets	£	s.	d.
Liabilities, including costs	96	19	7

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a final payment of ten shillings in the pound (10s. already paid) to all Creditors proved in the above-named Company, payable on and after the 19th day of February, 1874.

HORATIO NELSON WARNER,  
Official Agent.

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IN the matter of "The Full Moon Gold Mining Company, Registered."

Assets	£	s.	d.
Liabilities, including costs	173	19	0
	174	10	6

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a final payment of ten shillings in the pound (5s. already paid) to all Creditors proved in the above-named Company, in accordance with the conditions of the 10th clause of "The Limited Liability Companies Winding-up Act Amendment Act, 1871," payable on and after the 19th day of February, 1874.

HORATIO NELSON WARNER,  
Official Agent.

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IN the matter of "The Christmas Box Gold Mining Company, Registered."

Assets	£	s.	d.
Liabilities, including costs	81	6	7
	179	17	6

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a first and final payment of six shillings in the pound to all Creditors proved and not paid in the above-named Company, in accordance with the conditions of the 10th clause of "The Limited Liability Companies Winding-up Act

Amendment Act, 1871," payable on and after the 19th day of February, 1874.

HORATIO NELSON WARNER,  
Official Agent.

Insurance Buildings, 19th January, 1874. 100

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Messenger's Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The Messenger's Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 25th May, 1871.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Albert Street, Grahamstown; Alexander Hume.

Nominal capital: £3,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £1,500.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 3,000.

Number of shares taken: 3,000.

Amount of calls made: £412 10s.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £1,912 10s.

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

Amount of cash in hand: £90 18s. 5d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

31st December, 1873.

ALEXR. HUME,

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Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The Bendigo Independent Gold Mining Company, Registered," for the half-year ended 31st December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The Bendigo Independent Gold Mining Company, Registered."

When formed, and date of registration: 8th June, 1869.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Albert Street, Grahamstown; Alexander Hume.

Nominal capital: £5,400.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £4,860.

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 540.

Number of shares taken: 540.

Amount of calls made: £540.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £5,400.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 9.

Amount of cash in hand: £58 15s. 3d.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: £654 15s.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

31st December, 1873.

ALEXR. HUME,

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Manager.

STATEMENT of the Affairs of "The City of York Gold Mining Company, Limited," for the half-year ended 1st December, 1873, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: "The City of York Gold Mining Company, Limited."

When formed, and date of registration: 3rd July, 1873; 2nd September, 1873.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Thames; Walter Dowden.

Nominal capital: £10,000.

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

Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,000.

Number of shares taken: 4,000.

Amount of calls made: £375.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £375.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 31.

Amount of cash in hand: £5 12s. 6d.

Whether in operation or not: Not in operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: 1,000.

WALTER DOWDEN,

Manager.

30th December, 1873.

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## ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of NOVEMBER, 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.		RAIL.		WIND.		CLOUD.
	Mean Reading	Extr'me Range.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Mean Daily Range of Temp.	Extr'me Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in Sun's Rays.	Min. Temp. on Grass.	Mean Elastic Force of Vapour.	Mean Deg. of Moist. (Saturation =100.)	Total Fall in Month (inches)	No. of Days on which Rain fell.	Average Daily Force in Miles for Month.	Maximum Velocity in Miles in any 24 hours, and Date.	
MONGONUI ... Same month previous 7 years	29-949 29-969	.814 ...	61-9 61-7	18-9 ...	34-0 ...	151-0 ...	...	.427 .424	77 74	2-990 4-350	10 11	138	355, 26th	6-6
AUCKLAND ... Same month previous 9 years	29-986 29-922	.591 ...	60-6 61-5	15-8 ...	29-9 ...	157-5 ...	23-7 ...	.410 .413	77 75	2-090 2-987	8 13	335	520, 26th	7-0
TARANAKI ... Same month previous 9 years	29-958 29-916	.560 ...	58-3 59-0	16-6 ...	35-0 ...	168-0 ...	34-0 ...	.367 .385	76 72	3-260 3-392	14 12	229	460, 14th	6-9
NAPIER ... Same month previous 8 years	29-930 29-953	.690 ...	61-3 61-5	19-9 ...	36-0 ...	136-0 ...	...	.408 .410	77 75	4-330 2-333	15 6	212	387, 29th	3-0
WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 9 years	29-915 29-840	.768 ...	56-8 57-3	11-7 ...	29-0 ...	130-0 ...	34-0 ...	.361 .345	78 71	2-866 3-811	16 11	225	615, 2nd	5-8
*WANGANUI ... Same month previous year	30-030 30-301	.500 ...	57-8 59-0	19-8 ...	35-0 ...	136-0 ...	38-0 ...	.361 .378	75 75	2-120 .570	11 7	244	360, 5th	5-0
NELSON ... Same month previous 9 years	29-853 29-854	.900 ...	59-5 58-3	22-4 ...	36-0 ...	153-0 ...	...	.381 .400	75 75	5-100 4-553	10 6	116	253, 2nd	6-9
CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 9 years	29-905 29-788	.896 ...	56-3 56-9	15-2 ...	39-0 ...	147-5 ...	26-2 ...	.394 .348	84 71	1-750 1-807	15 9	132	281, 17th	6-7
*BEALEY ... Same month previous 5 years	29-680 29-768	.770 ...	50-2 51-6	17-1 ...	38-4 ...	130-6 ...	7-4 ...	.290 .316	80 79	9-180 5-434	13 14	106	377, 1st	6-0
HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 7 years	29-913 29-910	.798 ...	56-3 54-9	10-7 ...	28-8 ...	94-0 ...	32-2 ...	.369 .378	81 85	9-830 9-441	12 16	201	420, 2nd	5-0
DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 9 years	29-702 29-858	1-200 ...	52-3 53-2	15-9 ...	29-0 ...	150-0 ...	31-0 ...	.283 .291	74 70	3-469 2-321	13 14	169	435, 5th	6-0
*QUEENSTOWN ... Same month previous year	30-120 30-252	.650 ...	54-0 57-3	20-2 ...	33-9 ...	149-2 ...	34-2 ...	.267 .263	64 57	2-170 1-340	11 3	140	275, 19th	5-2
SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 8 years	29-850 29-663	.680 ...	51-0 53-1	19-0 ...	20-0 ...	156-0 ...	...	.323 .236	86 70	2-300 4-087	14 13	238	464, 2nd	7-0

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

## NOTES FOR NOVEMBER, 1873.

- Mongonui.**—Fine weather, small rainfall, though pleasant showers; heavy on 17th, 1-59 inch, with thunder; prevailing wind from S.W. and N.W. and moderate; rather stormy on 26th from N.E. Maximum temperature in shade, 78°; minimum, 44°.
- Auckland.**—Usually fair and pleasant; stiff N.E. breeze on 18th, with .530 inch of rain, the maximum for month; violent N.E. gale on 26th, with heavy driving showers, 520 miles of wind registered; prevailing S.E. and S.W. wind. Maximum temperature, 74-3°; minimum, 44-4°.
- Taranaki.**—Fine, but very sultry; thunder on 15th, 26th, and 28th; prevailing S.W. and N.W. winds. Maximum rain recorded on 15th, .71 inch. Maximum temperature, 74°; minimum, 39°.
- Napier.**—Early part fine, remainder of month wet and disagreeable; maximum fall of rain on 12th, 1-09 inch; thunder on 6th and 11th; sharp hailstorm on 6th; prevailing winds N.E. Maximum temperature, 80°; minimum, 44°.
- Wellington.**—Generally fine and pleasant weather, though at times wet and cold. On 1st strong N.W. wind, 615 miles recorded on 2nd, and on 29th stormy from same quarter without rain; wet and unpleasant on 9th and 10th from S.E., and on 13th wet from N.W.; rainfall below average, maximum recorded on 10th, .930 inch for previous twenty-four hours; prevailing winds from N.W. and S.E., and on the whole moderate. Maximum temperature in shade, 70°; minimum, 41°.
- Wanganui.**—Fine genial weather with occasional showers of rain and N.W. breezes, but moderate; thunder-storm on 15th, clearing the atmosphere; maximum rain on 10th, .50 inch; hail on 4th. Maximum temperature, 74°; minimum, 39°.
- Nelson.**—Pleasant weather, but showery; maximum rainfall on 14th, 1-85 inch; wind generally southerly and moderate; thunder on 4th, and heavy squall from S.W. with rain; thunder also on 15th. Maximum temperature, 75°; minimum, 39°.
- Christchurch.**—Small rainfall, but frequent showers; pleasant weather on the whole; gale on night of 4th from S.W. with rain and hail; thunder on 18th; winds prevailed from S.W. and moderate; maximum rainfall on 28th, .67 inch. Maximum temperature, 78-5°; minimum, 39-5°.
- Bealey.**—Tolerably fine warm weather; heavy rain at times; the maximum recorded on 14th, 2-250 inches; prevailing N.W. wind; stormy on 1st and 2nd, with rain; thunder on 3rd, 22nd, and 28th; snow on 19th. Maximum temperature, 69°; minimum, 30-6° in shade.
- Hokitika.**—Tolerably fine; rainfall about the average; maximum on the 14th, 3-62 inches; prevailing S.W. wind, and at times stormy; thunder on 14th and 28th; some very pleasant weather. Maximum temperature, 72-6°; minimum, 43-8°.
- Dunedin.**—Weather changeable, showery, and cold; high winds from 1st to 5th, westerly; and on 19th, 20th, and 30th, strong from same quarter; thunder on 29th; maximum rainfall on 4th, 1-032 inch. Maximum temperature, 67°; minimum, 38°.
- Queenstown.**—Weather throughout pleasant, with occasional showers; during latter part, cold nights succeeded by warm days; maximum rain recorded on 30th, .41 inch; wind prevailed from N.W., very moderate. Maximum temperature, 72-6°; minimum, 38-7°.
- Southland.**—Fine generally, but cold and ungenial at times, with showers and wind prevailing from S.W.; on 2nd blew a gale from N.W., otherwise wind moderate; thunder on 3rd and 18th; hail on 4th and 30th; maximum rain on 20th, .66 inch. Maximum temperature, 72°; minimum, 52°.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Nothing remarkable occurred in the weather during this month; it has been generally fine, pleasant, and seasonable, with a fair amount of rain; no storms of any note took place; but thunder was in some parts frequent. Earthquakes reported at Wellington on 2nd, at 2-30 p.m., slight; and at Havelock on same date, at 2-10 p.m., slight; also at Havelock on 14th, at 9-50 a.m., slight.

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