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*Defining Limits of Land under "The Wanganui River
 Foreshore Grant Act, 1873."*

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this
 fourth day of March, 1874.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Wanganui River Foreshore Grant Act, 1873," it is, among other things, enacted that, within six months after the passing of the said Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to define the limits of the land to be included and set apart as the site of the Customs Examination Shed on Taupo Quay in the said Act mentioned; but the area to be so set apart shall not exceed one quarter of an acre, and shall extend to the water frontage to such depth as the Governor shall prescribe, not exceeding the limits by the said Act defined, and may extend in depth so as to have a frontage on Taupo Quay aforesaid:

Now, therefore, His Excellency Sir James Fergusson, Baronet, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in performance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, doth hereby define the limits of the land to be included and set apart as the site of the said Customs Examination Shed to be those set forth in the Schedule hereto: And in further pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, and by and with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, doth

hereby order and prescribe that the said land so defined shall extend to the water frontage to the depth in the said Schedule mentioned.

SCHEDULE.

A PIECE of land situate in the Town of Wanganui, in the Province of Wellington, being part of the foreshore of the Wanganui River, containing one rood, or a little less. Bounded by a line commencing at a point (125) one hundred and twenty-five links east-south-east from the south-west angle of Nixon Place and Taupo Quay; thence running in a north-north-easterly direction along the south-east side of Taupo Quay, (90) ninety links; thence in an east-south-easterly direction to a point in the river having a depth of (3) three feet of water at low water spring tides, (277 $\frac{1}{2}$) two hundred and seventy-seven and three-quarter links; thence in a south-south-westerly direction to another point in the river having a depth of (3) three feet of water at low water spring tides, (90) ninety links, thence in a north-north-westerly direction, (277 $\frac{1}{2}$) two hundred and seventy-seven and three-quarter links, to the place of commencing.

FORSTER GORING,
 Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Sittings of District Court at Napier and the East
 Coast District appointed.*

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The District Courts Act, 1858," it is provided that there shall be within the

Colony Courts of Record, to be called District Courts, and the Governor is empowered from time to time, by notification in the *New Zealand Gazette*, to fix the times and places within the district at which every such Court shall be held: And whereas by "The District Courts Act Amendment Act, 1865," it is provided that as to the times of the holding of such Courts it shall be sufficient for the Governor, if he shall so think fit, to fix the interval only within which such Courts shall be held at each place; and it shall in such case be lawful for the Judge of such Court to fix the particular times and days for the holding of such Courts in the manner and subject to the provisions therein contained:

And whereas by Warrant bearing date the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, certain intervals were fixed for Sessions of the East Coast District Court at Napier, Waipawa, and Gisborne, and it is expedient to make other arrangements in lieu thereof:

Now therefore, I, Sir James Fergusson, Baronet, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, in pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, fix that Sessions of the East Coast District Court for civil business only shall be held in every year in the Provincial Government Buildings at Napier, and at the Court Houses at Waipawa and Gisborne, in the East Coast District, at the intervals mentioned in the said Warrant of the seventeenth day of November last; and from and after the seventeenth day of March instant, for criminal business only, in the Provincial Buildings at Napier aforesaid, once in every two calendar months in every year, the first of such Sessions for criminal business being held on the sixteenth day of May now next ensuing.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

G. MAURICE O'ROBKE.

Rules and Regulations under which Rakaia Bridge will be open for Ordinary Traffic.

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities vested in me for that purpose, I, Sir James Fergusson, Baronet, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby make the following Regulations authorizing traffic on, along, or across the Rakaia Bridge, on the Great Southern Railway, in the Province of Canterbury, and fixing the times or occasions during or on which such traffic shall be allowed, and generally regulating such traffic, that is to say,—

1. All horses crossing the bridge should be driven in harness, or led by bridle or halter; and cattle and sheep, &c., must have a man behind and before them.

2. Horses or light-wheeled vehicles will not be allowed to enter upon the bridge within fifteen minutes, drays within thirty minutes, and cattle and sheep or pigs within one hour, of the advertised time of arrival and departure of any train from the Rakaia Railway Station.

3. Horsemen or wheeled vehicles will not be allowed to travel at a greater rate than six miles an hour across the bridge.

4. Traction engines, or engines employed in agriculture, flax-dressing, or any other purpose, will not

be permitted on the bridge otherwise than on the goods waggons in use on the Provincial Government Railways.

5. No greater weight than two tons gross on any one pair of wheels with tires less than five inches wide will be permitted to cross the bridge.

6. In the event of a special train, the Provincial Government shall have the power to put in force the same restrictions as described in clause 2 for advertised trains.

7. Any damage done to any part of the bridge by the contravention of any of the foregoing rules may be recovered by a summary process; and any person or persons entering upon the bridge within the prohibited hours, or resisting the gatekeepers in the execution of their duties, will be subject to a penalty hereinafter mentioned.

8. Any person in a state of intoxication will not be permitted to enter upon the bridge whilst in such condition.

9. Any person offending against any of these regulations will be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

EDWARD RICHARDSON.

Approved in Council, 2nd February, 1874.

FORSTER GORING,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

[See *New Zealand Gazette*, 4th December, 1873.]

Appointing Resident Magistrate for Matakoho, Mangawai, Port Albert, Mahurangi, Tokatoka, and Kaipara Districts, under "The Licensing Act, 1873."

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Licensing Act, 1873," it is enacted that the provisions of the said Act shall be carried into effect in every district by such Resident Magistrate as shall be appointed for the purpose by the Governor by Warrant notified in the *Government Gazette*, whether he be the Resident Magistrate acting within the district for other purposes or not: And whereas under the powers contained in the said Act certain districts have been proclaimed for the purposes thereof:

Now therefore, I, Sir James Fergusson, Baronet, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority vested in me in that behalf, do hereby appoint

HENRY TACY KEMP, Esq.,

to be the Resident Magistrate for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act within the Districts of Matakoho, Mangawai, Port Albert, Mahurangi, Tokatoka, and Kaipara, *vice* John Rogan, Esq.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir James Fergusson, Baronet, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

G. MAURICE O'ROBKE.

Licensing Commissioners appointed.

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Licensing Act, 1873," it is provided that the Licensing Courts for the granting of Licenses under the said Act shall consist of the Resident Magistrate or Chairman of Petty Sessions, having jurisdiction within any district proclaimed under clause three of the said Act, and any other persons to be nominated as Commissioners for the purpose by His Excellency the Governor:—

Now therefore, I, Sir James Fergusson, Baronet, the Governor of the said Colony, do hereby nominate the persons named in the second column of the Schedule hereto attached to be the Licensing Commissioners within the districts in the first column of the said Schedule, placed opposite their names.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

DANIEL POLLEN.

SCHEDULE.

| District. | Commissioners. |
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| 1. Mongonui | Alexander Anderson, J.P. Richard Henry Matthews, J.P. Thomas Hunt |
| 2. Hokianga | Wm. Webster, J.P. James Ogle Thomas Seon |
| 3. Bay of Islands | Henry Charles Burleigh, J.P. Samuel Haywood Ford, J.P. Henry Williams, J.P. |
| 4. Whangarei Heads | Sir Robert Douglas, Bart., J.P. William Bedlington, J.P. Taurau Kukupa |
| 5. Whangarei | Ditto |
| 6. Mangapai | Ditto |
| 7. Waipu | Ditto |
| 8. Matakoho | William Whitaker Ariell, J.P. Thomas Coates John Hurndall, J.P. |
| 9. Mangawai | William Bleckly Farrand, J.P. Charles Haselden, J.P. Francis Holmes Hull, J.P. |
| 10. Port Albert | Andrew Bonar, J.P. Joseph Hargreaves, J.P. Thomas Stirrup Webb, J.P. |
| 13. Kaipara | Ditto |
| 11. Mahurangi | Matthew Angove, J.P. Alexander Cruickshank, J.P. John Mitchell Murray, J.P. |
| 12. Tokatoka | William Whitaker Ariell, J.P. John Hurndall, J.P. Thomas Stirrup Webb, J.P. |
| 14. Takapuna | Thomas Cheeseman, J.P. Joseph May, J.P. George Mannors Mitford, J.P. |
| 15. Waitakerei | Ditto |
| 16. Newton | Ditto |
| 17. City of Auckland West | Ditto |
| 18. City of Auckland North | Ditto |
| 19. City of Auckland East | Ditto |
| 20. Parnell | Ditto |
| 21. Eden | Philip Aaron Philips, J.P. Thomas Paton, J.P. Allan Kerr Taylor, J.P. |
| 22. Town of Onehunga... .. | John Jermyn Symonds, J.P. Ebenezer Gibbons John George Hutchison |
| 23. Tamaki | Every McLean, J.P. William Innes Taylor, J.P. George Edward Ireland |
| 24. Pakuranga | James Robertson, J.P. Albin Martin Ponsonby John Raleigh Peacocke |
| 25. Papakura | Horatio De Courcy Martelli, J.P. Robert James Hale William Hay |
| 26. Ramarama | Joseph Crispe, J.P. Thomas Jackson, J.P. Robert Proude, J.P. |

| District. | Commissioners. |
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| 27. Waiuku | Ebenezer Hamlin Walter John Harris, J.P. Jeremiah Keleher |
| 28. Raglan | Charles Edwin Savage William Henry Wallis Thomas Wilson |
| 29. Kawhia | Ditto |
| 30. Mangapiko | Daniel Bocket, J.P. Henry Byron Samuel Sargant Graham |
| 31. Rangiaohia | Ditto |
| 32. Cambridge | Ditto |
| 33. Kirikiriroa | Ditto |
| 34. Hamilton | Ditto |
| 35. Newcastle | Ditto |
| 36. Whangape | Ditto |
| 37. Rangiriri | Ditto |
| 38. Coromandel | Alexander Aitken Robert Kelly James Thomas John Brown (of Tararu) Richard Kimran Robert Workman |
| 39. Hauraki | Ditto |
| 40. Thames | Edward Mortimer Edgecumbe, J.P. |
| 41. Tauranga | Samuel Ludbrook Clarke, J.P. Alexander Charles Hughes Tovey, J.P. |
| 42. Te Papa | Ditto |
| 43. Maketu | Rotohiko Haupapa Wiremu Matene Te Huake Te Wikiriwhi Te Taulu Hira Te Popo |
| 44. Opotiki | Francis Simpson Thomas Edward Wyatt Tatana Ngatawa |
| 45. Cape Runaway | Te Hata Wiremu Kingi Tutahuangi |
| 46. East Cape | Mokena Kohere Wikiriwhi Ropata Wahawaha |
| 47. Poverty Bay | James Woodbine Johnson, J.P. James Benjamin Poynter, J.P. Charles Westrup, J.P. |
| 48. Wairua | Henry Cable Edwin Carter Alexander R. Duff |
| 49. Taupo | Frederick John William Gascoigne Walter Edward Gudgeon Frederick Charles Smith |
| 50. Petane | Bingham Arthur Ferard, J.P. Robert Henry McGregor, J.P. Robert Stuart, J.P. |
| 51. The Town of Napier | Ditto |
| 52. Ngaruroro | Ditto |
| 53. Waipua | Donald Gollan, J.P. Charles James Nairn, J.P. Jasper Lucas Herrick, J.P. |
| 54. Porangahau | Ditto |
| 55. Whareama | John Chapman Andrew, J.P. Robert Maunsell, J.P. John Morrison William Henry Beetham, J.P. John Valentine Smith, J.P. Charles Augustus Vallance, J.P. |
| 56. Upper Wairarapa | Ditto |
| 57. Town of Masterton... .. | Ditto |
| 58. Lower Wairarapa | Charles Robert Bidwell, J.P. Charles Pharazyn, J.P. Samuel Revans, J.P. |
| 59. Town of Greytown... .. | Ditto |
| 60. Town of Featherston | Ditto |
| 61. Hutt | Thomas Kebbell, J.P. Charles Sharp, J.P. James Paul, J.P. |
| 62. City of Wellington, Thorndon | Ditto |
| 63. City of Wellington, Lambton | Ditto |
| 64. City of Wellington, Te Aro | Ditto |
| 65. Karori-Makara | Ditto |
| 66. Porirua | Ditto |
| 67. Otaki | Charles George Hewson, J.P. Rev. James McWilliam Hon. Wi Parata |

| District. | Commissioners. | District. | Commissioners. |
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| 68. Palmerston | John Taylor Dalrymple, J.P. John Tiffen Stewart, J.P. Ernest Stephen Thynne, J.P. Ditto | 112. Greenstone | Caleb Whitefoord, J.P. John Greenwood David London |
| 69. Foxton | Arthur Follett Halcombe, J.P. | 113. Waimea | FitzHerbert Dermott, J.P. Edward Patten, J.P. William Charles Roberts, J.P. Ditto |
| 70. Rangitikei | George Yates Lethbridge, J.P. Alfred Ross, J.P. Ditto | 114. Kanieri | Ditto |
| 71. Wangaehu | John Nixon, J.P. | 115. Town of Hokitika | Ditto |
| 72. Kai Iwi | Robert Pharazyn, J.P. Thomas Waters, J.P. Ditto | 116. Totara | Alexander Groves Duff, J.P. FitzHerbert Dermott, J.P. Edward Patten, J.P. Ditto |
| 73. Town of Wanganui | John Turnbull, J.P. | 117. Town of Ross | Ditto |
| 74. Waitotara | Charles Allen Wray, J.P. Arthur Charles Croft Ditto | 118. Waitaha | Ditto |
| 75. Patea | William Morgan Crompton, J.P. | 119. Wataroa | Robert Joseph Lanauze, J.P. Frank Bird Joseph Burroughs |
| 76. Egmont | Henry John Honeyfield William Northeroft Ditto | 120. Town of Okarito | Ditto |
| 77. Waiongona | Ditto | 121. Weheka | Ditto |
| 78. Town of New Plymouth | Ditto | 122. Haast | Ditto |
| 79. Waitara | Norman Abercromby Campbell, J.P. | 123. Waipara | Charles Dudley, J.P. Robert Luke Higgins, J.P. Hugh Culverden McIlraith, J.P. Ditto |
| 80. Pelorus | William Douslin, J.P. Clarence Hooper Ditto | 124. Oxford | Ditto |
| 81. Town of Havelock ... | William Douglas Hall Baillie, J.P. | 125. Sefton | Ditto |
| 82. Queen Charlotte Sound | Arthur Penrose Seymour, J.P. Richard Western Ditto | 126. Rangiora | Ditto |
| 83. Town of Picton | James Edmund Hodson, J.P. | 127. Mandeville | Ditto |
| 84. Wairau | John Mack Hutcheson, J.P. Thomas Redwood Ditto | 128. Town of Kaiapoi ... | Ditto |
| 85. Town of Blenheim ... | George Ruck Keene, J.P. | 88. Amuri | Ditto |
| 86. Awatere | William Smith, J.P. George Francis Bullen Ditto | 129. Avon | Richard James Strachan Harman, J.P. George Leslie Lee, J.P. Henry John Tancred, J.P. Ditto |
| 87. Kaikoura | John Wallis Barnicoat, J.P. | 130. Riccarton | Ditto |
| 89. Waimea South | John Fedor Auguste Kelling, J.P. Hugh Martin, junior, J.P. Ditto | 131. City of Christchurch, North-west | Ditto |
| 90. Waimea East | Ditto | 132. City of Christchurch, South-west | Ditto |
| 93. Waimea West | Arthur Shuckburgh Collins, J.P. | 133. City of Christchurch, North-east | Ditto |
| 91. Suburban North | William Wells, J.P. William Oldham John Wallis Barnicoat, J.P. | 134. City of Christchurch, South-east | Ditto |
| 92. City of Nelson | William Wells, J.P. David Rough, J.P. | 135. Heathcote | Ditto |
| 94. Motueka | Bernard Macmahon, J.P. Charles Parker, J.P. Henry Alexander Tarrant, J.P. | 143. Springs | Ditto |
| 95. Takaka | George James Sparrow, J.P. George Canning Gilbert Henry Lewis | 144. Lincoln | Ditto |
| 96. Aorero | Edward Davidson, J.P. William Martin, J.P. Horace Octavius Ledger Ditto | 145. Halswell | Ditto |
| 97. Town of Collingwood | Samuel Thorpe, J.P. | 146. Spreydon | Ditto |
| 98. Buller | Thomas Field Robert Whyte Ditto | 147. Templeton | Ditto |
| 99. Town of Westport ... | William Burns | 148. Courtenay | Ditto |
| 100. Lyell... .. | David Leslie James Graham Niven Patrick Brennan Murray Richard Gissinge George Bull Ditto | 149. South Malvern | Ditto |
| 101. Inangahua | William Horton Revell, J.P. David London William Simpson Smith Ditto | 150. East Malvern | Ditto |
| 102. Town of Reefton ... | Graham Lord Greenwood, J.P. | 151. Malvern | Ditto |
| 103. Grey... .. | Robert Alcorn William Edward Phillips George Donne, J.P. Joseph Henry, J.P. Henry Masters | 152. Upper Waimakariri ... | Ditto |
| 106. Cobden | Caleb Whitefoord, J.P. | 153. Lake Coleridge | Ditto |
| 104. Town of Ahaura ... | John Greenwood David London Ditto | 154. Rakaia | Ditto |
| 105. Charleston | Ditto | 155. Ellesmere | Ditto |
| 107. Town of Greymouth | Ditto | 156. Ashburton | Ditto |
| 108. Coaldale | Ditto | 157. Town of Lyttelton ... | John Thomas Rouse, J.P. Mark Pringle Stoddart, J.P. Henry Richard Webb, J.P. Ditto |
| 109. Paroa | Ditto | 137. Port Victoria | Ditto |
| 110. Arnold | Ditto | 138. Port Levy | Ditto |
| 111. Clifton | Ditto | 139. Pigeon Bay | Edward Circuit Latter, J.P. Robert Townsends, J.P. William Gibson Ditto |
| | | 140. Okain's Bay | Ditto |
| | | 141. Town of Akaroa and Wainui | Ditto |
| | | 142. Little River | Ditto |
| | | 157. Mount Somers | Thomas Williamson Hall, J.P. Edward Elworthy Robert George Davis Toswill Ditto |
| | | 158. Mount Peel | Ditto |
| | | 159. Geraldine | Ditto |
| | | 160. Temuka | Ditto |
| | | 161. Levels | Ditto |
| | | 162. Town of Timaru | Ditto |
| | | 163. Waimate | Ditto |
| | | 164. Waitaki | Ditto |
| | | 165. Mount Cook | Ditto |
| | | 166. Papakaio | John Mains, J.P. Henry John Miller, J.P. George Murray Webster, J.P. Ditto |
| | | 167. Town of Oamaru | Ditto |
| | | 168. Kakanui | Ditto |
| | | 169. Maerewhenua | Ditto |
| | | 180. Otepopo | Ditto |
| | | 181. Hampden | Ditto |

| District. | Commissioners. | District. | Commissioners. |
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| 170. Ahuriri | William Grumitt, J.P. Adam Rolland, J.P. Cecil Albert Delantour | 225. Balmoral | John Lillie Gillies, J.P. Frederick Wayne, J.P. Thomas Murray |
| 178. St. Bathans's | Ditto | 226. Town of Balclutha | Ditto |
| 179. Naseby | Ditto | 227. South Molyneux | Ditto |
| 185. Macrae's | Ditto | 228. Clutha | Ditto |
| 186. Hyde | Ditto | 229. Clinton | Ditto |
| 194. Hindon | Ditto | 230. Popotuna | Ditto |
| 171. Cardrona | Thomas Allen Henry Campbell Duncan McKellar | 231. Clydevale | Ditto |
| 175. Cromwell | Ignatius Hamilton Loughnan, J.P. William Bennett John Allen Freshaw | 232. Wendon | Ditto |
| 176. Town of Cromwell | Ditto | 233. Catlin's | Ditto |
| 177. Blacks | William Ulick Burke William Greenbank Donald Stronach | 234. Mataura | George Meredith Bell, J.P. Alfred Douglas, J.P. James Alexander Robertson Menzies, J.P. |
| 187. Teviot | John Fry Kitching, J.P. George Ireland David Hunter Mervyn | 235. South Mataura | Ditto |
| 188. Alexandra | William Beresford John Ussill Cambridge Henry Conway Jones | 237. Lothian | Ditto |
| 189. Clyde | Ditto | 240. Waimumu | Ditto |
| 190. Town of Clyde | Ditto | 236. Onetree Point | John Robert Cuthbertson, J.P. William Wood, J.P. George Lumsden |
| 172. Queenstown | James Douglas, J.P. James William Robertson, J.P. Frank Campbell Boyes | 238. Myross | Ditto |
| 173. Town of Queenstown | Ditto | 239. Mabel | Ditto |
| 174. Arrow | Archibald Haddow Douglass, J.P. Peter Butell William Patterson | 252. New River | Ditto |
| 182. Palmerston | Blair Fullarton, J.P. Henry Orbell, J.P. John Orbell, J.P. | 254. Winton | Ditto |
| 183. Hawksbury | Ditto | 255. Wallace Town | Ditto |
| 184. Town of West Hawksbury | Ditto | 256. Waikewi | Ditto |
| 191. Switzers | George Meredith Bell, J.P. Alexander McNeil, J.P. David McKellar | 257. Waihopai | Ditto |
| 192. Lawrence | Alexander Stuart, J.P. William Edward Farrer Michael Fyær | 258. Town of Invercargill | Ditto |
| 193. Town of Lawrence | Ditto | 259. Appleby | Ditto |
| 195. Taieri | Donald Reid, J.P. Andrew Todd, J.P. James Allan | 260. Campbelltown | Ditto |
| 196. North Taieri | Ditto | 261. Township of Campbelltown | Ditto |
| 212. Seaside | Ditto | 241. Taringatura | Cuthbert Cowan, J.P. Alexander McNeil, J.P. Joseph Rogers, J.P. |
| 213. Grey | Ditto | 242. Wakatipu | Ditto |
| 214. Kuri Bush | Ditto | 243. Te Anau | Ditto |
| 215. Outram | Ditto | 244. Waiau | Samuel Hodgkinson, J.P. John Henry Menzies, J.P. William Hugh Nurse, J.P. |
| 216. Waipori | Ditto | 245. Mount Pleasant | Ditto |
| 197. Halfway Bush | Alfred Rowland Chetham-Strode, J.P. James Fulton, J.P. William Mason, J.P. | 248. Jacob's River | Ditto |
| 198. North-East Valley | Ditto | 249. Town of Riverton | Ditto |
| 199. Town of Port Chalmers | Ditto | 250. South Riverton Town | Ditto |
| 200. Blueskin | Ditto | 251. Waimatuku | Ditto |
| 201. Portobello | Ditto | 253. Heddon Bush | Ditto |
| 202. Peninsula | Ditto | 246. Orepuki | Ditto |
| 203. Caversham | Ditto | 247. Longwood | Ditto |
| 204. Mornington | Ditto | 262. Stewart's Island | John Loutit John McLean Charles Trail |
| 205. City of Dunedin, South Ward | Ditto | 263. Chatham Islands | Edward Reginald Chudleigh, J.P. Felix Arthur Douglas Cox, J.P. Hoel Thornthwaite Pattison, J.P. |
| 206. City of Dunedin, High Ward | Ditto | | |
| 207. City of Dunedin, Bell Ward | Ditto | | |
| 208. City of Dunedin, Leith Ward | Ditto | | |
| 209. Roslyn | Ditto | | |
| 210. Kaikorai | Ditto | | |
| 211. Suburban | Ditto | | |
| 217. Waihola | John Lillie Gillies, J.P. Frederick Wayne, J.P. Thomas Murray | | |
| 218. Glenledi | Ditto | | |
| 219. Town of Milton | Ditto | | |
| 220. Kaitangata | Ditto | | |
| 221. Crichton | Ditto | | |
| 222. Matau | Ditto | | |
| 223. Tokomairiro | Ditto | | |
| 224. Mount Stuart | Ditto | | |

Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th March, 1874.

THE following Despatch, with Enclosures, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

DANIEL POLLEN.

[CIRCULAR.]

Downing Street, 3rd December, 1873.

SIR,—I transmit herewith, for your information and guidance, and for general publication in the Colony under your Government, a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing a copy of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873," and of instructions issued by that Department to Registrars and other officers in the British Possessions abroad.

With regard to the 12th and 13th sections relating to the survey of unseaworthy ships, I have to request that you will point out to your Responsible Advisers that it is desirable that steps should be taken at an early period to cause a law to be passed in the Colony under your Government giving similar power to the

proper authority within the Colony to that which is by these sections given to the Board of Trade.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

The Officer Administering
the Government of New Zealand.

Board of Trade to the Colonial Office.

M. 10,893. Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, 8th September, 1873.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1873.—REGISTRY.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit a copy of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873," and to request that you will call the attention of the Earl of Kimberley to the 3rd section, by which every British ship is required to be marked to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade with certain particulars, including a scale of feet denoting her draft of water.

An offence against this section is punishable by a penalty of £100.

I am also to call attention to sections 16 and 17, relating to the duties of Masters in cases of collision, and to state that the Board of Trade, being strongly impressed with the importance of carrying into effect these provisions as far as possible at home and abroad, direct me to request that you will move his Lordship to bring them to the notice of the Governors or Administrators of the various British Possessions, with instructions to take such steps as may be practicable for their general publication, and for the detection and punishment of offences against them.

With regard to the 12th and 13th sections, relating to the survey of unseaworthy ships, I am to request you to suggest to his Lordship that it is very advisable that Acts or Ordinances should be passed in the various Colonies giving similar power to the Governors, Administrators, or other authorities, to that which is by these sections given to the Board of Trade.

A draft Circular to Registrars and other officers in the British Possessions abroad is enclosed for the approval of Earl Kimberley, and the Board of Trade would be glad to know the number which will be required for distribution.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS GRAY.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS AND OTHER OFFICERS IN BRITISH INDIA AND THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS ABROAD.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1873.

A copy of this Act is annexed.

Registry.

The officer should report at once to the Board of Trade any case in which there is reason to suppose that a British ship which has sailed from a port in the United Kingdom since the passing of this Act is insufficiently or inaccurately marked, with information as to the destination of the vessel, and her next probable arrival at a port in the United Kingdom.

Foreign ships which become British ships, and have not at any previous time been registered as British ships, should not be registered by any other name than that which they bore as foreign ships immediately before becoming British ships, without the written permission of the Board of Trade.

No ship which has ceased to be registered as a British ship by reason of having been wrecked or abandoned, or for any other reason than those men-

tioned in the 6th section, should be re-registered until she has been surveyed and certified as seaworthy by a Surveyor appointed in accordance with the law of the possession, or, in the absence of any such law, by the Governor or Administrator of the possession; and in all cases of re-registry under such circumstances the officer should write at the top of the transcript of the register to be forwarded to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen the words "Certificate of Seaworthiness granted."

Masters and Seamen.

The attention of the officer is called to the 9th section, which gives a Court power to award compensation to seamen who are detained on a charge of desertion, or a kindred offence, where the ship is proved by a survey under section 7 of the Act of 1871 to be unfit to proceed to sea, or to have insufficient accommodation.

Unseaworthy Ships.

By "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1871," any person who knowingly sends a ship to sea in an unseaworthy state is guilty of a misdemeanour.

By the 13th section of the present Act the Board of Trade may order a survey of any British ship which they have reason to believe to be unseaworthy. In order that the Board of Trade may carry this clause into effect, the officer should report to the Board of Trade at once any case in which he has reason to believe that a British ship is unseaworthy, with particulars of the voyage on which she is engaged, and her probable return to the United Kingdom.

Collisions.

The officer should report at once to the Board of Trade any case in which he has reason to believe that the master of a ship which has been in collision with another (one of the ships being British) has neglected to stay by her until he has ascertained that she has no need of assistance, or has failed to render proper assistance, or to give to the master of the other vessel the names of his own vessel, and of her port of registry, or of the port or place to which she belongs, and also the names of the ports or places from which and to which she is bound.

The report should be accompanied by all the information which the officer is able to obtain, and should be forwarded as soon as possible, whether or not the case is to be investigated by a Court of Inquiry or other tribunal.

Signals.

The officer should take every opportunity of giving information of the signals of distress and for pilots, now sanctioned by the British Parliament, to Masters who may be ignorant of them.

Placards describing them accompany this circular, and should be exhibited in the shipping office.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1873.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts.

[5th August, 1873.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873."

2. This Act shall be construed as one with "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and the Acts amend-

ing the same; and the said Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1873."

Registry (Part II. of Merchant Shipping Act, 1854).

3. Every British ship registered after the passing of this Act shall, before registry, and every British ship registered before the passing of this Act shall, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, be permanently and conspicuously marked to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade as follows:—

Her name shall be marked on each of her bows, and her name and the name of her port of registry shall be marked on her stern, on a dark ground in white or yellow letters, or on a light ground in black letters, such letters to be of a length not less than four inches, and of proportionate breadth:

Her official number and the number denoting her registered tonnage shall be cut in on her main beam:

A scale of feet denoting her draught of water shall be marked on each side of her stem and of her stern post, in Roman capital letters or in figures not less than six inches in length, the lower line of such letters or figures to coincide with the draught line denoted thereby. Such letters or figures shall be marked by being cut in and painted white or yellow on a dark ground, or in such other way as the Board of Trade may from time to time approve.

The Board of Trade may, however, exempt any class of ships from the requirements of this section, or any of them.

If the scale of feet showing the ship's draught of water is in any respect inaccurate, so as to be likely to mislead, the owner of the ship shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

The marks required by this section shall be permanently continued, and no alteration shall be made therein, except in the event of any of the particulars thereby denoted being altered in the manner provided by "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1873."

Any owner or master of a British ship who neglects to cause his ship to be marked as aforesaid, or to keep her so marked, and any person who conceals, removes, alters, defaces, or obliterates, or suffers any person under his control to conceal, remove, alter, deface, or obliterate, any of the said marks, except in the event aforesaid, or except for the purpose of escaping capture by an enemy, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds; and any officer of Customs, on receipt of a certificate from a surveyor or inspector of the Board of Trade that a ship is insufficiently or inaccurately marked, may detain the same until the insufficiency or inaccuracy has been remedied:

Provided that no fishing vessel duly registered, lettered, and numbered, in pursuance of "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," shall be required to have her name and port of registry marked under this section:

Provided also, that if any registered British ship is not within a port of the United Kingdom at any time before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, she shall be marked, as by this section required, within one month after her next return to a British port of registry subsequent to that date.

4. The record of the draught of water of any sea-going ship required under section five of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1871," shall, in addition to the particulars thereby required, specify the extent of her clear side in feet and inches.

The term "clear side" means the height from the water to the upper side of the plank of the deck

from which the depth of hold as stated in the register is measured, and the measurement of the clear side is to be taken at the lowest part of the side.

Every master of a sea-going ship shall, upon the request of any person appointed to record the ship's draught of water, permit such person to enter the ship, and to make such inspections and take such measurements as may be requisite for the purpose of such record, and any master who fails so to do, or impedes, or suffers any one under his control to impede, any person so appointed in the execution of his duty, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

5. Where a foreign ship, not having at any previous time been registered as a British ship, becomes a British ship, no person shall apply to register, and no Registrar shall knowingly register such ship, except by the name which she bore as a foreign ship immediately before becoming a British ship, unless with the permission of the Board of Trade granted in manner directed by section six of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1871."

Any person who acts or suffers any person under his control to act in contravention of this section, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

6. Where a ship has ceased to be registered as a British ship by reason of having been wrecked or abandoned, or for any reason other than capture by the enemy or transfer to a person not qualified to own a British ship, such ship shall not be re-registered until she has, at the expense of the applicant for registration, been surveyed by one of the surveyors appointed by the Board of Trade and certified by him to be sea-worthy.

Masters and Seamen (Part III. of Merchant Shipping Act, 1854).

7. Any agreement with a seaman made under section one hundred and forty-nine of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," may, instead of stating the nature and duration of the intended voyage or engagement as by that section required, state the maximum period of the voyage or engagement, and the places or parts of the world (if any) to which the voyage or engagement is not to extend.

8. The owner or master of any British vessel engaged in fishing off the coast of the United Kingdom may enter into an agreement with any person employed on such vessel that such person shall be remunerated wholly by a share in the profit of the fishing adventure.

Every such agreement shall be in writing or in print, or partly in writing and partly in print, and shall be signed by the contracting parties in the presence of a superintendent or deputy superintendent of a mercantile marine office.

The superintendent or deputy superintendent shall, before such agreement is signed, read and (if necessary) explain the same to the contracting parties, and shall attest the signature of the agreement, and certify that it has been read to and agreed to by the contracting parties.

Any such agreement, if made in the manner by this section required, shall be valid and binding on all the contracting parties, notwithstanding anything contained in section one hundred and eighty-two of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

9. If a seaman or apprentice belonging to any ship is detained on a charge of desertion or any kindred offence, and if upon a survey of the ship being made under section seven of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1871," it is proved that she is not in a fit condition to proceed to sea, or that her accommodation is insufficient, the owner or master of the ship shall be liable to pay to such seaman or apprentice

such compensation for his detention as the Court having cognizance of the proceedings may award.

10. In any case where the business of a mercantile marine office is conducted otherwise than under a local Marine Board, the Board of Trade may, if they think fit, instead of conducting such business at a Custom House or otherwise, establish a mercantile marine office, and for that purpose procure the requisite buildings and property, and from time to time appoint and remove all the requisite superintendents, deputies, clerks, and servants. They may also, in the like case, make all such provisions and exercise all such powers with respect to the holding of examinations for the purpose of granting certificates of competency as masters, mates, or engineers, to persons desirous of obtaining the same, as might have been made or exercised by a local Marine Board.

11. Whenever it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the Government of any foreign State is desirous that any of the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854, to 1873, relating to the engagement and discharge of seamen, shall apply to the ships of such State, Her Majesty may by Order in Council declare that such of the said provisions as are in such order specified shall, subject to the limitations, if any, contained in the order, apply, and thereupon, so long as the order remains in force, such provisions shall apply, subject to the said limitations, to the ships of such State, and to the owners, masters, officers, and crews of such ships, when not within the jurisdiction of such State, in the same manner in all respects as if such ships were British ships.

It shall be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time by Order in Council to add to, alter, or repeal any order made under this section.

Safety and Prevention of Accidents (Part IV. of Merchant Shipping Act, 1854).

12. Where the Board of Trade have received a complaint, or have reason to believe that any British ship is, by reason of the defective condition of her hull, equipments, or machinery, or by reason of overloading or improper loading, unfit to proceed to sea without serious danger to human life, they may, if they think fit, appoint some competent person or persons to survey such ship, and the equipments, machinery, and cargo thereof, and to report thereon to the Board.

Any person so appointed may, for the purposes of such survey, require the unloading or removal of any cargo, ballast, or tackle, and shall have all the powers of an Inspector appointed under "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

Any person who (having notice of the intention to hold such survey) wilfully does or causes to be done any act by which the person appointed to make such survey is prevented from or obstructed in ascertaining the condition of the ship, her equipments, machinery, and cargo, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

The Board of Trade may, if they think fit, order that any ship be detained for the purpose of being surveyed under this section, and thereupon any officer of Customs may detain such ship until her release be ordered either by the Board of Trade or by any Court to which an appeal is given under this Act.

Upon the receipt of the report of the person making any such survey, the Board may, if in their opinion the ship cannot proceed to sea without serious danger to human life, make such further order as they may think requisite as to the detention of the ship or as to her release, either absolutely or upon the performance of such conditions with respect to the execution of repairs or alterations, or the unloading or reloading of cargo, as the Board may impose. They may also from time to time vary or add to such order.

A copy of any such order, and of the report upon which it was founded, and also of any variation of or addition to such order, shall be delivered as soon as possible to the owner or master of the ship to which it relates.

When a ship has been detained under this section, she shall not be released by reason of her British register having been closed.

13. If upon the survey of a ship under this Act she is reported to have been at the time of the survey, having regard to the nature of the service for which she was then intended, unfit to proceed to sea without serious danger to human life, the expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in respect of the survey shall be paid by the owner of the ship to the Board of Trade, and shall, without prejudice to any other remedy, be recoverable by them in the same manner as salvage is recoverable.

If upon such survey the ship is not reported to have been unfit to proceed to sea, having regard to the nature of the service for which she was intended, the Board of Trade shall be liable to pay compensation to any person for any loss or damage which he may have sustained by reason of the detention of the ship for the purpose of survey, or otherwise in respect of such survey.

Where a complaint has been made to the Board of Trade that a ship is not fit to proceed to sea, they may, if they think fit, before ordering a survey of the ship, require the complainant to give or provide such security as they may think sufficient for the payment of the costs and expenses which they may incur in respect of the survey of the ship, and of the compensation which they may be rendered liable to pay for loss or damage caused by her detention for the purpose of such survey, or otherwise in respect of such survey.

Where a ship has been surveyed under this Act in consequence of a complaint made to the Board of Trade, if, upon such survey being made, it appear that such complaint was made without reasonable cause, the expenses incurred by the Board in respect of the survey of the ship, and the amount, if any, which the Board may have been rendered liable to pay in respect of any loss or damage caused by her detention, shall be recoverable by the Board from such complainant.

All moneys payable by the Board of Trade in respect or by reason of the survey or detention of a ship under this Act shall, subject to the right by this section provided of recovering such moneys from the complainant, be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

14. If the owner of any ship surveyed under this Act is dissatisfied with any order of the Board of Trade made upon such survey, he may apply to any of the following Courts having jurisdiction in the place where such ship was surveyed, that is to say,—

In England, to any Court having Admiralty jurisdiction:

In Ireland, to any Court having jurisdiction under "The Court of Admiralty (Ireland) Act, 1867:"

In Scotland, to the Court of the Sheriff of the County.

The Court may, upon such application, if they think fit, appoint one or more competent persons to survey the ship anew, and any surveyor so appointed shall have all the powers of the person by whom the original survey was made. Such survey anew shall, if so required by the Board of Trade or the shipowner, be made in the presence of any person or persons appointed by them respectively to attend at the survey.

The Court to which such application is made may

make such order as to the detention or release of the ship, as to the payment of any costs and damages which may have been occasioned by her detention, as to the payment of the expenses of the original survey, and of the survey anew, and otherwise as to the payment of any costs of and incident to the application, as to the Court may seem just.

Where an application is made under this section to a County Court, or in Ireland to a local Court, the matter of the application shall be deemed to be an Admiralty cause within the meaning of "The County Courts Admiralty Jurisdiction Act, 1868," and "The Court of Admiralty (Ireland) Act, 1867."

15. In the case of any ship surveyed under the Fourth Part of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," the Board of Trade may at the request of the owner authorize the reduction of the number and the variation of the dimensions of the boats required for the ship by section two hundred and ninety-two of that Act, and also the substitution of rafts or other appliances for saving life for any such boats, so nevertheless that the boats so reduced or varied, and the rafts or other appliances so substituted, be sufficient for the persons carried on board the ship.

Section two hundred and ninety-three of the said Act shall extend to any such rafts or appliances in the same manner as if they were boats.

16. In every case of collision between two vessels it shall be the duty of the master or person in charge of each vessel, if and so far as he can do so without danger to his own vessel, crew, and passengers (if any), to stay by the other vessel until he has ascertained that she has no need of further assistance, and to render to the other vessel, her master, crew, and passengers (if any), such assistance as may be practicable and as may be necessary in order to save them from any danger caused by the collision; and also to give to the master or person in charge of the other vessel the name of his own vessel, and of her port of registry, or of the port or place to which she belongs, and also the names of the ports and places from which and to which she is bound.

If he fails so to do, and no reasonable cause for such failure is shown, the collision shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be deemed to have been caused by his wrongful act, neglect, or default.

Every master or person in charge of a British vessel who fails, without reasonable cause, to render such assistance or give such information as aforesaid shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour; and if he is a certificated officer, an inquiry into his conduct may be held, and his certificate may be cancelled or suspended.

17. If in any case of collision it is proved to the Court before which the case is tried that any of the regulations for preventing collision contained in or made under "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1873," has been infringed, the ship by which such regulation has been infringed shall be deemed to be in fault, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court that the circumstances of the case made departure from the regulation necessary.

18. The signals specified in the First Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to be signals of distress.

Any master of a vessel who uses or displays, or causes or permits any person under his authority to use or display, any of the said signals, except in the case of a vessel being in distress, shall be liable to pay compensation for any labour undertaken, risk incurred, or loss sustained in consequence of such signal having been supposed to be a signal of distress; and such compensation may, without prejudice to any other remedy, be recovered in the same manner in which salvage is recoverable.

19. If a vessel requires the services of a pilot, the signals to be used and displayed shall be those specified in the Second Schedule to this Act.

Any master of a vessel who uses or displays, or causes or permits any person under his authority to use or display, any of the said signals for any other purpose than that of summoning a pilot, or uses, or causes or permits any person under his authority to use, any other signal for a pilot, shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

20. Her Majesty may from time to time, by Order in Council, repeal or alter the rules as to signals contained in the Schedules to this Act, or make new rules in addition thereto or in substitution therefor; and any alterations in or additions to such rules made in manner aforesaid shall be of the same force as the rules in the said Schedules.

21. Any shipowner who is desirous of using, for the purposes of a private code, any rockets, lights, or other similar signals, may register such signals with the Board of Trade, and the Board shall give public notice of the signals so registered in such manner as they may think requisite for preventing such signals from being mistaken for signals of distress or signals for pilots.

The Board may refuse to register any signals which in their opinion cannot easily be distinguished from signals of distress or signals for pilots.

When any signal has been so registered, the use or display thereof by any person acting under the authority of the shipowner in whose name it is registered shall not subject any person to any of the penalties or liabilities by this Act imposed upon persons using or displaying signals improperly.

22. If the managing owner, or, in the event of there being no managing owner, the ship's husband of any British ship have reason, owing to the non-appearance of such ship, or to any other circumstance, to apprehend that such ship has been wholly lost, he shall, as soon as conveniently may be, send to the Board of Trade notice in writing of such loss and of the probable occasion thereof, stating the name of the ship and her official number (if any), and the port to which she belongs; and if he neglect to do so within a reasonable time, he shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

23. If any person sends or attempts to send by, or, not being the master or owner of the vessel, carries or attempts to carry in any vessel, British or foreign, any dangerous goods—that is to say, aquafortis, vitriol, naphtha, benzine, gunpowder, lucifer matches, nitro-glycerine, petroleum, or any other goods of a dangerous nature—without distinctly marking their nature on the outside of the package containing the same, and giving written notice of the nature of such goods and of the name and address of the sender or carrier thereof to the master or owner of the vessel at or before the time of sending the same to be shipped or taking the same on board the vessel, he shall for every such offence incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds: Provided that if such person show that he was merely an agent in the shipment of any such goods as aforesaid, and was not aware and did not suspect, and had no reason to suspect, that the goods shipped by him were of a dangerous nature, the penalty which he incurs shall not exceed ten pounds.

24. If any person knowingly sends or attempts to send by, or carries or attempts to carry in any vessel, British or foreign, any dangerous goods or goods of a dangerous nature, under a false description, or falsely describes the sender or carrier thereof, he shall incur a penalty not exceeding five hundred pounds.

25. The master or owner of any vessel, British or foreign, may refuse to take on board any package or parcel which he suspects to contain goods of a dangerous nature, and may require it to be opened to ascertain the fact.

26. Where any dangerous goods as defined in this Act, or any goods which in the judgment of the master or owner of the vessel are of a dangerous nature, have been sent or brought aboard any vessel, British or foreign, without being marked as aforesaid or without such notice having been given as aforesaid, the master or owner of the vessel may cause such goods to be thrown overboard, together with any package or receptacle in which they are contained; and neither the master nor the owner of the vessel shall, in respect of such throwing overboard, be subject to any liability, civil or criminal, in any Court.

27. Where any dangerous goods have been sent or carried, or attempted to be sent or carried, on board any vessel, British or foreign, without being marked as aforesaid, or without such notice having been given as aforesaid, and where any such goods have been sent or carried, or attempted to be sent or carried, under a false description, or the sender or carrier thereof has been falsely described, it shall be lawful for any Court having Admiralty jurisdiction to declare such goods, and any package or receptacle in which they are contained, to be and they shall thereupon be forfeited, and when forfeited shall be disposed of as the Court directs.

The Court shall have and may exercise the aforesaid powers of forfeiture and disposal, notwithstanding that the owner of the goods have not committed any offence under the provisions of this Act relating to dangerous goods, and be not before the Court, and have not notice of the proceedings, and notwithstanding that there be no evidence to show to whom the goods belong; nevertheless the Court may, in its discretion, require such notice as it may direct to be given to the owner or shipper of the goods before the same are forfeited.

28. The provisions of this Act relating to the carriage of dangerous goods shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in substitution for or in restraint of any other enactment for the like object, so nevertheless that nothing in the said provisions shall be deemed to authorize that any person be sued or prosecuted twice in the same matter.

Miscellaneous, and Repeal.

29. Where, in accordance with the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, Her Majesty exercises jurisdiction within any port out of Her Majesty's dominions, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to declare such port a port of registry (in this Act referred to as a foreign port of registry), and by the same or any subsequent Order in Council to declare the description of persons who are to be the Registrars of British ships at such foreign port of registry, and to make regulations with respect to the registry of British ships thereat.

Upon such order coming into operation it shall have effect as if it were enacted in the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1873, and shall, subject to any exceptions and regulations contained in the order, apply in the same manner, as near as may be, as if the port mentioned in the order were an ordinary port of registry.

30. There shall be paid in respect of the several measurements, inspections, and surveys mentioned in the Third Schedule hereto, such fees, not exceeding those specified in that behalf in the said Schedule, as the Board of Trade may from time to time determine.

31. In any legal proceedings under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1873, the Board of Trade may take proceedings in the name of any of their officers.

32. The following sections of this Act—that is to say, sections sixteen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight—

shall not come into operation until the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

33. Section twenty-nine of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and sections four and ten of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1871," are hereby repealed; and on and after the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, sections three hundred and twenty-seven and three hundred and twenty-nine of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," sections thirty-three and thirty-eight of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and section nine of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1871," shall be repealed; but this repeal shall not affect,—

- (1.) Anything duly done before this Act comes into operation;
- (2.) Any right acquired or liability accrued before this Act comes into operation;
- (3.) Any penalty, forfeiture, or other punishment incurred or to be incurred in respect of any offence committed before this Act comes into operation; or,
- (4.) The institution of any legal proceeding or any other remedy for ascertaining, enforcing, or recovering any such liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as aforesaid.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE I.

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS.

In the daytime.—The following signals, numbered 1, 2, and 3, when used or displayed together or separately, shall be deemed to be signals of distress in the daytime:—

1. A gun fired at intervals of about a minute;
2. The International Code signal of distress indicated by N C;
3. The distant signal, consisting of a square flag having either above or below it a ball, or anything resembling a ball.

At night.—The following signals, numbered 1, 2, and 3, when used or displayed together or separately, shall be deemed to be signals of distress at night:—

1. A gun fired at intervals of about a minute;
2. Flames on the ship (as from a burning tar barrel, oil barrel, &c.);
3. Rockets or shells, of any colour or description, fired one at a time, at short intervals.

SCHEDULE II.

SIGNALS TO BE MADE BY SHIPS WANTING A PILOT.

In the daytime.—The following signals, numbered 1 and 2, when used or displayed together or separately, shall be deemed to be signals for a pilot in the daytime, viz.,—

1. To be hoisted at the fore, the Jack or other national colour usually worn by merchant ships, having round it a white border, one-fifth of the breadth of the flag; or
2. The International Code pilotage signal indicated by P T.

At night.—The following signals, numbered 1 and 2, when used or displayed together or separately, shall be deemed to be signals for a pilot at night, viz.,—

1. The pyrotechnic light commonly known as a blue light every fifteen minutes; or
2. A bright white light, flashed or shown at short or frequent intervals just above the bulwarks, for about a minute at a time.

SCHEDULE III.

TABLE OF MAXIMUM FEES TO BE PAID FOR THE MEASUREMENT, SURVEY, AND INSPECTION OF MERCHANT SHIPS.

| 1. For Measurement of Tonnage. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|----|
| For a ship under 50 tons register tonnage | ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| " from 50 to 100 tons " | ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| " " 100 to 200 " " | ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 200 to 500 " " | ... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 500 to 800 " " | ... | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 800 to 1,200 " " | ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 1,200 to 2,200 " " | ... | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 2,000 to 3,000 " " | ... | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 3,000 to 4,000 " " | ... | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 4,000 to 5,000 " " | ... | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| " " 5,000 and upwards " | ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |

2. For the Inspection of the Berthing or Sleeping Accommodation of the Crew. £ s. d.

For each visit to the ship ... 0 10 0
Provided as follows:—

1. The aggregate amount of the fees for any such inspection shall not exceed one pound (£1) whatever be the number of separate visits.
2. When the accommodation is inspected at the same time with the measurement of the tonnage, no separate fee shall be charged for such inspection.

3. For the Survey of Emigrant Ships. £ s. d.

- a. For an ordinary survey of the ship, and of her equipments, accommodation, stores, light, ventilation, sanitary arrangements, and medical stores ... 10 0 0
- b. For a special survey ... 15 0 0
- c. In respect of the medical examination of passengers and crew, for every hundred persons or fraction of a hundred persons examined ... 1 0 0

4. For the Inspection of Lights and Fog Signals.

For each visit made to a ship on the application of the owner, and for each visit made where the lights or fittings are found defective ... £ s. d. 0 10 0

Provided that the aggregate amount of fees for any such inspection shall not exceed one pound (£1) whatever be the number of separate visits.

Superintendent of Marlborough elected.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th March, 1874.

IT is hereby notified, that a Writ issued for the election of a Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough has been returned with a certificate to the effect that

ARTHUR PENROSE SEYMOUR,
of Picton, Freeholder, has been duly elected.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Mayor elected.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th March, 1874.

IT is hereby notified, that, in conformity with clause 133 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," the name of the under-mentioned person has been sent in to this office by the Town Clerk as having been elected Mayor of the Borough of Wanganui:—

ROBERT PHARAZYN.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Tenders for Bookbinding accepted.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th March, 1874.

THE following Tender for Bookbinding has been accepted by the General Government for the twelve months commencing the 1st April, 1874.

G. S. COOPER,
Under Secretary.

ROBERT BURRETT, at the following rates:—

ACCOUNT BOOKS, REGISTERS, &c.

1. Super Royal:—Full calf, extra, titled and paged, eight quires or under, £1 4s. (one pound four shillings).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).
2. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, single Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under, £1 10s. 6d. (one pound ten shillings and sixpence).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

3. Super Royal:—Full calf, extra, double Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under, £2 6s. (two pounds six shillings).

For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

4. Royal:—Full calf, extra, titled and paged, eight quires or under, £1 1s. (one pound one shilling).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

5. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, single Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under, £1 7s. 6d. (one pound seven shillings and sixpence).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

6. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, double Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under, £2 2s. (two pounds two shillings).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

7. Demy folio, five quires or under:—Full calf, extra, titled and paged, 10s. 6d. (ten shillings and sixpence).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

8. Ditto, ditto:—Half-bound, rough calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, 5s. 6d. (five shillings and sixpence).
For every additional quire, 9d. (ninepence).

9. Foolscap folio, ditto:—Half-bound, calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, 4s. 6d. (four shillings and sixpence).
For every additional quire, 4d. (fourpence).

10. Ditto, ditto:—Half-bound, calf, marble paper sides, gilt lettered on back, 3s. (three shillings).
For every additional quire, 4d. (fourpence).

11. Demy 4to, four quires or under:—Ditto, ditto, 1s. 4d. (one shilling and fourpence).
For every additional quire, 2d. (twopence).

PRINTED BOOKS.

12. Foolscap folio:—Cold pressing, and binding in half-calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, at per volume of four quires, 5s. (five shillings).
For every additional quire, 6d. (sixpence).

13. Ditto:—Cold pressing, and binding in half-calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, and paged throughout, at per volume of four quires, 5s. (five shillings).
For every additional quire, 6d. (sixpence).

14. Ditto:—Cold pressing, and binding in blue paper covers, cloth backs, at per quire, 4d. (fourpence).

15. Ditto:—Cold pressing, and binding in blue paper covers, cloth backs, paged throughout, at per volume of four quires, 1s. 8d. (one shilling and eightpence).
For every additional quire, 5d. (fivepence).

16. Demy 8vo:—In half-bound calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, at per volume of four quires, 2s. (two shillings).
For every additional quire, 2d. (twopence).

17. Ditto:—Full bound cloth, boards, at per volume of four quires, 1s. 3d. (one shilling and threepence).

18. Royal 8vo:—Cold pressing, and binding in half calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, at per volume of four quires, 4s. (four shillings).
For every additional quire, 4d. (fourpence).

19. Ditto:—Cold pressing, and binding in cloth, at per volume of four quires, 2s. 9d. (two shillings and ninepence).
For every additional quire, 3d. (threepence).

20. Foolscap folio, half-calf, made of fine cartridge, thickness of back 3, 3½, and 4 inches, 6s. (six shillings).

21. Demy folio, ditto, ditto, 3½, 4, 4½, and 5 inches, 7s. 6d. (seven shillings and sixpence).

22. Royal folio, ditto, ditto, 4 and 5 inches, 9s. (nine shillings).

GUARD BOOKS.

20. Foolscap folio, half-calf, made of fine cartridge, thickness of back 3, 3½, and 4 inches, 6s. (six shillings).

21. Demy folio, ditto, ditto, 3½, 4, 4½, and 5 inches, 7s. 6d. (seven shillings and sixpence).

22. Royal folio, ditto, ditto, 4 and 5 inches, 9s. (nine shillings).

BINDING REQUIRED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY.

| | Full Cloth, with three lettering pieces, sprinkled edges. | | Half Calf, cloth sides, three lettering pieces, sprinkled edges. | | Half Calf, cloth sides, gilt backs, three lettering pieces, marbled edges. | | Full Calf, bands, gilt backs, three lettering pieces, marbled edges. | | Half Morocco, cloth sides, gilt backs, three lettering pieces, marbled edges. | | Full Morocco, cloth sides, three lettering pieces, extra gilt edges. | |
|------------------|---|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|---|----|--|----|
| | s. | d. | s. | d. | s. | d. | s. | d. | s. | d. | s. | d. |
| Foolscap 8vo ... | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Crown 8vo ... | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| Post 8vo ... | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 0 |
| Demy 8vo ... | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Royal 8vo ... | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Imperial 8vo ... | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| Demy 4to ... | 2 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| Royal 4to ... | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Demy folio ... | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 15 | 0 |

Resident Magistrate appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 11th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY TACY KEMP, Esq., J.P.,

to be Resident Magistrate for the District of Kaipara, under "The Resident Magistrates Act, 1867," to act during the absence of John Rogan, Esq.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE,
Acting Minister of Justice.

Authority to Frank.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 17th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

VACCINATION INSPECTORS

to frank and receive, free from prepayment of postage, letters and packets posted on the Public Service, and marked "Vaccination Notice."

JULIUS VOGEL.

Authority to Frank.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 17th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE UNDER SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

JULIUS VOGEL.

Emigration Officer under "The Passengers Act, 1855," appointed.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES ELLIOTT, Esq.,

to be an Emigration Officer under "The Passengers Act, 1855," vice A. Greenfield, Esq., resigned.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Superintendents of Quarantine Stations appointed.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to

be Superintendents of the Quarantine Stations set opposite their names, in terms of "The Public Health Act, 1872 :—

Auckland.

Motu Ihi—HENRY ELLIS, Esq., vice Major E. L. Green, resigned.

Nelson.

CHARLES ELLIOTT, Esq.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Immigration Officer, Auckland, appointed.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to make the under-mentioned appointment in the Immigration Department, viz.,—

HENRY ELLIS, Esq.,

to be Immigration Officer at Auckland, from 1st March.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Emigration Officer under "The Passengers Act, 1855," appointed.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY ELLIS, Esq.,

to be an Emigration Officer, under "The Passengers Act, 1855."

JULIUS VOGEL.

Member of Immigration Commission appointed.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

IT is hereby notified for general information, that HENRY ELLIS, Esq.

has been appointed a Member of the Commission to inspect and report upon the State and Condition of Immigrants and Emigrant Ships upon their arrival at the Port of Auckland.

C. E. HAUGHTON,
Under Secretary for Immigration.

Appointments in Public Works Department.

Public Works Office,
Wellington, 16th March, 1874.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Public Works Department :—

ARTHUR ROBERT WILLIAM FULTON, Cadet, Wellington, from 1st September, 1873.

ALFRED WOOD, Surveyor, Taranaki, from 25th September.

CHARLES HENRY PEIRARD, Junior Draftsman, Wellington, from 20th November.

DONALD ARCHIBALD McLEOD, Resident Engineer, Oamaru, from 25th November.

GEORGE PHIPPS WILLIAMS, Resident Engineer, Timaru, from 16th December.

JOHN BREEN, Resident Engineer, Waikato, from 24th December.

RICHARD CARROW, Clerk, Christchurch, from 26th December.

RICHARD PELHAM ORME, Engineer, Wellington, from 29th December.

DUNCAN WILLIAM McARTHUR, Resident Engineer, Westland, from 1st January, 1874.

DANIEL MANDERS BEERE, Resident Engineer, Paki Paki, from 1st January.

HENRY THOMAS PYCROFT, Record Clerk in Draftsman's Office, Engineer-in-Chief's Department, from 1st February.

ALEXANDER AITKEN, Resident Engineer, Thames, from 24th February.

EDWARD RICHARDSON.

Tenders.

Public Works Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1874.

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

EDWARD RICHARDSON.

DUNEDIN AND MOERAKI RAILWAY.

DEBORAH BAY CONTRACT.

| | Accepted. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------|----|----|
| D. J. McKenzie, Dunedin | ... | 35,227 | 7 | 2 |
| <i>Declined.</i> | | | | |
| Rosbotham and Co., Dunedin (informal) | ... | 34,955 | 0 | 0 |
| W. D. Morrison, Dunedin | ... | 43,000 | 0 | 0 |
| C. McKirdy, Wellington | ... | 54,418 | 14 | 0 |
| Hawkins and Co., Dunedin | ... | 59,932 | 16 | 0 |
| Brogden and Sons, Wellington | ... | 70,023 | 8 | 11 |
| G. Proudfoot, Dunedin | ... | 81,613 | 10 | 6 |

RANGIORA TO KOWAI.

BRIDGES OVER THE NORTH AND SOUTH BRANCHES KOWAI RIVER.

| | Accepted. | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|----|----|
| E. G. Wright, Christchurch | ... | 13,065 | 0 | 0 |

The only tender received.

RANGIORA AND OXFORD RAILWAY.

OXFORD CONTRACT.

| | Accepted. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|----|----|
| Jos. Taylor, Christchurch | ... | 11,671 | 14 | 10 |
| <i>Declined.</i> | | | | |
| F. Pavitt, Christchurch | ... | 14,500 | 0 | 0 |

Distributor of Duty Stamps appointed.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamps,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

IT is notified for public information, that Mrs. C. BRADWELL, Stationer, of Christchurch, has been appointed a Licensed Distributor of Duty Stamps.

By order.

E. BRANDON.

Licensed Distributor of Duty Stamps appointed.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamps,
Wellington, 16th March, 1874.

IT is notified for public information, that Mr. DAVID WHITING, Grocer, of Nile Street East, in the Province of Nelson, has been appointed a Licensed Distributor of Duty Stamps.

By order.

E. BRANDON.

Board of Trade Certificates of Competency cancelled and suspended.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 17th March, 1874.

IT is hereby notified, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to confirm the sentence of the Court of Inquiry into the wreck of the "Surat," and that the Certificate of Competency as Master, issued by the Board of Trade, No. 12,735, held by

EDMUND JOSEPH JOHNSON,

and the Certificate of Competency as Master, issued by the Board of Trade, No. 24,799, held by

ABRAM FORSHAW,

are therefore cancelled; also, that the Certificate of Competency as Second Mate, issued by the Board of Trade, No. 95,797, held by

EDWARD HASELTON,

is suspended for a period of two years, from the 20th day of January last.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,

Commissioner of Customs.

Public Notification.

UNDER and in pursuance of the powers vested in me as Commissioner appointed by His Excellency the Governor to carry out the Regulations for the Sale of Lands taken for settlement under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," in the Province of Auckland, I do hereby notify that the Town, Suburban, and Rural Lands specified in the Schedule hereunder will be offered for sale by public auction, in accordance with the said Regulations, at the Waikato Lands Office, Auckland, at Noon, on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 1874.

DANIEL POLLEN,

Waikato Lands Office, Commissioner.
Auckland, 7th March, 1874.

SCHEDULE.

VILLAGE OF TE AWAMUTU.

| No. of Lot. | Area. | | | Upset Price. | | | No. of Lot. | Area. | | | Upset Price. | | |
|-------------|-------|----|----|--------------|----|----|-------------|-------|----|----|--------------|----|----|
| | A. | R. | P. | £ | s. | d. | | A. | R. | P. | £ | s. | d. |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS—TE AWAMUTU.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|---|----|----|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 30 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

TOWN OF RANGIRIRI.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|----|---|---|-----|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| 176 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 177 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 183 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 178 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 179 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE EAST.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 48 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 359 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 283 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 360 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 446 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 361 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 589 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 361A | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | 367 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |

SUBURBS OF OPOTIKI.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|---|---|----|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 18 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
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SETTLEMENT OF TAURANGARURU, PARISH OF WAIPUHI.

| No. of Lot. | Area. | | | Upset Price. | | | No. of Lot. | Area. | | | Upset Price. | | |
|-------------|-------|----|----|--------------|----|----|-------------|-------|----|----|--------------|----|----|
| | A. | R. | P. | £ | s. | d. | | A. | R. | P. | £ | s. | d. |
| 50 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 9 | 3 | 38 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 51 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 54 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 55 | 9 | 3 | 36 | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

SETTLEMENT OF MAKETU, GREAT SOUTH ROAD.

190 11 2 20 20 0 0

SETTLEMENT OF TUHIMATA.

22 3 1 7 7 0 0 | 25 5 0 0 10 0 0

PARISH OF OPAHEKE.

83 28 0 0 42 0 0

PARISH OF WHANGAMARINO.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---|----|----|---|---|-----|----|---|----|----|---|---|
| 2 | 49 | 2 | 23 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 49 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 49 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 49 | 2 | 30 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 111 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 49 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 49 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 49 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 49 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 58 | 2 | 10 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 49 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | 49 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 335 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

PARISH OF TAUPIRI.

208 205 0 0 205 0 0 | 258 50 0 0 50 0 0

256 47 0 0 47 0 0 | 270 48 0 0 48 0 0

PARISH OF TUHIKARAMEA.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 40 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 43 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 46 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 36 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 15 | 0 |
| 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 0 |
| 53 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 54 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 62 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 63 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 46 | 2 | 10 | 46 | 10 | 0 |
| 79 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 10 | 0 |
| 80 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 189 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 81 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 190 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 |
| 82 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 |
| 83 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

PARISH OF PUNIU.

353 81 0 0 60 15 0 | 355 16 2 0 12 7 6

354 11 0 0 8 5 0

PARISH OF NGAROTO.

49 50 0 0 50 0 0 | 150 50 0 0 50 0 0

PARISH OF TE PAPA, TAURANGA.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 152A | 26 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 263 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 253 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 267 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 254 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 270 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 |
| 257 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 283 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 258 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 285 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 259 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0 | 0 |
| 261 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 262 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 303 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |

PARISH OF TE PUNA.

58 17 0 0 17 0 0

WHAKATANE, PARISH OF WAIMANA.

10A 10 0 0 10 0 0 | 24 10 0 0 10 0 0

23 9 0 0 9 0 0

"MARRIAGE ACT, 1854."

OFFICIATING MINISTERS FOR 1874.—NOTICE No. 5.
Registrar-General's Office,

Wellington, 16th March, 1874.

THE following additional name of an Officiating Minister sent in to me for insertion in the list of Officiating Ministers for the year 1874, is published in pursuance of the provisions of the Marriage Act and Marriage Amendment Acts:—

United Church of England and Ireland.

The Reverend HENRY MORTIMER KENNEDY, B.A.

WM. R. E. BROWN,

Registrar-General.

Tenders.

Colonial Architect's Office,
Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

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

W. H. CLAYTON,
Colonial Architect.

BARREL DRAIN, SYDNEY STREET, WELLINGTON, CONTRACT.

Accepted. £ s. d.
C. McKirdy 321 0 0

Declined.
Scouler and Archibald 415 0 0
William Burton and Thomas Reading (informal) 245 0 0

Notice.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1874.

IT is hereby notified to all Holders of Policies of Life Assurance granted by any Company, carrying on business in New Zealand, that the right of registering their Policies in the Public Trust Office, in pursuance of "The Life Assurance Companies Act, 1873," is limited by the said Act to twelve months from the 1st day of November 1873, in respect of all Policies entered into or granted before that day, and to a period of six months from the said 1st day of November, 1873, in respect of all Policies granted or entered into on or after that day.

J. WOODWARD,
Public Trustee.

PATENT for "A New and Improved Method of Smelting Magnetic and other Iron and Steel Sands."

This is to notify, that THOMAS KENNEDY MACDONALD, of Wellington, Accountant, and EDWARD METCALF SMITH, of New Plymouth, Armourer and Artificer in Metals, did, on the ninth day of March instant, deposit at the office of the Patent Officer in the Colonial Secretary's Office, in Wellington, a specification or instrument in writing under their hands and seals, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed. And that by reason of such deposit the said Invention is protected and secured to them exclusively for the term of six calendar months thence next ensuing.

And I do further notify, that the said Thomas Kennedy Macdonald and Edward Metcalf Smith have given notice in writing at my office of their intention to proceed with their application for Letters Patent for the said Invention, and that I have appointed Friday, the twelfth day of June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at my office, to hear and consider the said application and all objections thereto. And I do hereby require all persons having an interest in opposing the grant of such Letters Patent to leave, on or before the eighth day of June next, at my office in Wellington, particulars in writing of their objections to the said application, otherwise they will be precluded from urging the same.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of March, 1874.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Patent Officer.

Hart and Buckley,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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.

Sections 1 and 2 of Block XII., and Section 12 of Block I., all in the Town of Invercargill.—Applicant, JOHN TURNBULL THOMSON, of Dunedin, Civil Engineer.

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 3rd day of March, 1874, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

174 W. STUART,
Deputy 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.

THOMAS PHILPOTTS.—1 rood, Section No. 833, Town of Picton. Also, 1 rood, Section No. 835, Town of Picton. (C. J. W. Griffiths, Broker.) 123 and 124.

JOHN CONNALL.—1 rood, Section No. 216, Town of Picton. (Edmund Eccles, Broker.) 137.

JAMES OSGOOD.—10 acres 6 perches, Allotment No. 16 on Myers' subdivision of Sections 33 and 34, Wairau West District. (E. Eccles, Broker.) 142.

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

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1874, at the Lands Registry Office, Blenheim.

177-8 ANDREW TURNBULL,
Deputy 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, within one calendar month after the date of publication of this notice.

GEORGE BUCKLEY.—49 acres, or thereabouts, part Sections 248A and 1319, Christchurch District. (Garrick and Cowlshaw, Solicitors.) 1302.

JOHN CUMBERWORTH.—19 perches, part Section 252, Christchurch District, fronting on the east side of a road running through the section, 55 links, and running back easterly 220 links, in a rectangular block to a creek, the south-west corner being 279 links from south boundary of section. (Garrick and Cowlshaw, Solicitors.) 1390.

DAVID ALEXANDER BORTHWICK.—23 perches, part Section 40, Lyttelton District, as occupied by the said D. A. Borthwick. 1398.

JAMES CARNEGIE LOCK.—50 acres, part Section 8471, Ashley District. Bounded—South, by a line parallel to and 20 chains distant from southern boundary of section, and on other sides by boundaries of section. (C. Clark, Broker.) 1400.

Richard James Strachan Harman, Attorney for LORD LYTTTELTON.—200 acres, Sections 10819, 10830, and 10848, Lincoln District. (R. J. S. Harman, Broker.) 1403.

WILLIAM GRAHAM.—2 roods 18½ perches,

part Sections 159, 160, and 161, Town of Lyttelton. 1404.

RICHARD MILSOM.—5 perches, part of Section 22, Town of Lyttelton. Bounded—North, by London Street, 25 feet; East, by boundary of section, 55 feet, forming a rectangular block. 1407.

JOHN HENRY.—20 acres, Section 2195, Timaru District. (E. H. Tate, Broker.) 1408.

GEORGE TICKNER.—22 acres, more or less, part Section 9, Christchurch District. Bounded—South, by a line making an angle of 83° 15' with the eastern boundary of the section, and on the other sides by the boundaries of the section, excepting thereout the land occupied by the Northern Railway. (W. H. Wynn Williams, Solicitor.) 1411.

THOMAS PASHBY.—148 acres, or thereabouts, Sections 297A and 362, Mandeville District, excepting the part sold for a road out of the latter section. (W. H. Wynn Williams, Solicitor.) 1413, 1414.

Rev. CHARLES FRASER.—4 acres, part Section 113, Christchurch District. A rectangular block, fronting the south-west and south-east boundaries of the sections, 8 chains and 5 chains respectively. (R. Wilkin, Broker.) 1415.

ANGUS MACDONALD.—60 acres, Section 11101, Timaru District. (Hammer and Harper, Solicitors.) 1416.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1874, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

173 JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS,
District Land Registrar.

OFFICIAL AGENCY.

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

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

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Assets | 106 | 13 | 6 |
| Liabilities, including costs | 106 | 5 | 11 |

Mode of Distribution.

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

176 HORATIO NELSON WARNER,
Official Agent.

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

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| | £ | s. | d. |
| Assets | 220 | 15 | 6 |
| Liabilities, including costs | 220 | 15 | 6 |

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a payment of eighteen shillings and sixpence in the pound to all Creditors proved and unpaid in the above-named Company, payable on and after the 10th day of April, 1874.

176 HORATIO NELSON WARNER,
Official Agent.

IN the matter of "The Lord Nelson Gold Mining Company, Registered."

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|--------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Assets | 105 | 19 | 0 |
| Reduced liabilities, including costs | 105 | 19 | 0 |

Mode of Distribution.

I hereby declare a final payment of one shilling and ninepence in the pound (1s. 3d. already paid) to all Creditors proved and unpaid 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 10th day of April, 1874.

176 HORATIO NELSON WARNER,
Official Agent.

ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of DECEMBER, 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 | Ext'r'me Range. | Mean Temp. in Shade. | Mean Daily Range of Temp. | Ext'r'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 7 years | 30-014 29-945 | ·548 | 68·3 65·2 | 16·4 | 34·0 | 149·0 | ... | ·569 ·478 | 83 72 | 4·880 2·202 | 9 10 | 131 | 316, 7th | 6·0 |
| AUCKLAND ... Same month previous 9 years | 30-043 29-918 | ·631 | 66·4 65·6 | 14·4 | 28·7 | 159·8 | 25·6 | ·503 ·471 | 78 74 | 1·180 3·140 | 8 13 | 298 | 570, 23rd | 7·4 |
| TARANAKI ... Same month previous 9 years | 30-027 29-931 | ·640 | 63·8 62·3 | 18·3 | 36·0 | 184·0 | ... | ·436 ·439 | 77 72 | 2·680 4·806 | 8 12 | 213 | 455, 21st | 5·8 |
| NAPIER ... Same month previous 6 years | 29-975 29-879 | ·828 | 66·2 65·8 | 19·4 | 36·0 | 140·0 | ... | ·474 ·493 | 74 75 | ·230 3·993 | 4 6 | 230 | 539, 23rd | 2·0 |
| WELLINGTON ... Same month previous 9 years | 29-963 29-850 | ·859 | 61·1 60·9 | 13·6 | 28·2 | 135·0 | 36·0 | ·410 ·385 | 77 71 | 3·693 3·195 | 9 11 | 287 | 845, 18th | 4·7 |
| *WANGANUI ... Same month previous year | 30-170 30-210 | ·750 | 62·0 65·8 | 25·0 | 43·0 | 140·0 | 40·0 | ·377 ·426 | 68 69 | 3·060 2·290 | 7 4 | 266 | 534, 17th | 4·0 |
| NELSON ... Same month previous 9 years | 29-901 29-858 | ·956 | 63·2 62·0 | 24·7 | 43·0 | 154·0 | ... | ·397 ·461 | 68 75 | 3·260 4·195 | 6 7 | 116 | 265, 28th | 4·9 |
| CHRISTCHURCH ... Same month previous 9 years | 29-888 29-818 | ·993 | 62·9 60·0 | 17·9 | 39·6 | 160·0 | 30·2 | ·409 ·403 | 71 72 | ·550 1·399 | 6 8 | 158 | 309, 21st | 5·0 |
| *BEALEY ... Same month previous 5 years | 29-720 29-707 | ·780 | 56·3 53·9 | 19·3 | 41·0 | ... | 13·0 | ·343 ·327 | 75 77 | 8·040 12·138 | 13 16 | 196 | 362, 26th | 5·0 |
| HOKITIKA ... Same month previous 7 years | 29-958 29-908 | ·863 | 58·8 58·1 | 12·2 | 29·0 | 98·3 | 30·4 | ·422 ·440 | 83 85 | 8·030 12·210 | 16 19 | 216 | 381, 1st | 2·0 |
| DUNEDIN ... Same month previous 9 years | 29-645 29-623 | 1·178 | 57·2 56·4 | 18·6 | 39·0 | 158·0 | 33·0 | ·324 ·334 | 69 72 | 1·294 2·966 | 10 13 | 178 | 565, 4th | 5·7 |
| *QUEENSTOWN ... Same month previous year | 30-030 29-707 | 1·250 | 59·2 62·5 | 19·7 | 40·9 | 155·7 | 33·2 | ·308 ·323 | 61 58 | 4·190 1·610 | 8 13 | 134 | 239, 2nd | 5·2 |
| SOUTHLAND ... Same month previous 8 years | 29-780 29-747 | 1·420 | 58·0 56·5 | 17·0 | 44·0 | 155·0 | ... | ·296 ·313 | 61 67 | 1·920 2·880 | 15 11 | 284 | 550, 27th | 7·0 |

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

NOTES FOR DECEMBER, 1873.

Mongonui.—Tolerably fine on the whole, but at times heavy rain; maximum fall on 9th, 1·82 inch; prevailing easterly wind and at times strong; thunder on 14th, 16th, 21st, and 22nd; fog on 11th; generally very oppressive. Maximum temperature, 88°; minimum, 54°.

Auckland.—Hot and sultry, with little rain; the maximum fall recorded on 2nd, ·51 inch; very pleasant at times, with light showers; stiff S.W. breeze on 23rd; winds prevailed from N.E. and N.W., and moderate. Maximum temperature, 80·6°; minimum, 51·9°.

Taranaki.—Fine month; maximum rainfall recorded on 23rd, 1·27 inch, otherwise little rain; prevailing westerly winds and moderate. Maximum temperature, 80°; minimum, 44°.

Napier.—Fine weather, but very hot; very slight rainfall, the maximum on 22nd, ·08 inch; prevailing wind N.E., strong on 22nd. Maximum temperature, 86°; minimum, 50°.

Wellington.—Very fine bright and pleasant weather up to 15th, with only a few light showers. Stormy weather commenced on the 16th from N.W., and the barometer fell; threatening rain and very stormy all day of 17th; at night heavy rain and very severe gale; ·83 inch recorded on 18th, and 845 miles of wind, the maximum force being 60 miles per hour, oppressive, and barometer down to 29·4; stormy on 18th, but abated during the day, still raining; in afternoon wind shifted to S.E., and heavy squall of wind and rain, barometer rose slightly, but fell again; rain ceased during night and wind fell, changing to N.W. and fine. Strong gale again on 20th from N.W. with rain, but of short duration; very stormy on morning of 21st but no rain; heavy rain on night of 22nd, ·70 inch recorded on 23rd, light N.W. wind; stormy on 27th, N.W., and at night heavy rain, ·90 inch falling, the maximum for month; changed to S.E. and moderated; stormy on night of 30th and 31st, but no rain; some very pleasant days during latter part of month; sheet lightning on 11th and 14th; twenty-three days of N.W. wind. Maximum temperature in shade, 75°; minimum, 46·8°.

Wanganui.—Excessively hot dry weather; a few showers during middle of month, 1·65 inch recorded on 23rd; several stiff gales from N.W. and S.W. occurred, especially on 16th. Maximum temperature, 83°; minimum, 40°.

Nelson.—Exceedingly fine, light westerly winds; pleasant showers of rain during latter part, 1·52 inch on the 18th, being the maximum; very hot at times. Maximum temperature, 86°; minimum, 43°.

Christchurch.—Fine weather, very hot at times; prevailing N.E. winds and light; on 21st strong N.W. wind; thunder on 14th; maximum rainfall recorded on 11th, ·31 inch. Maximum temperature, 83°; minimum, 43°.

Bealey.—Very fine, dry, warm, bright weather up to 15th; remainder of month wet, with occasional fine days; maximum rain registered on 21st, 2·82 inches; thunder-storm on 16th; twenty-five days of N.W. wind, and gales on eleven days. Maximum temperature, 78°; minimum, 37°.

Hokitika.—Rather finer than is usual at this time of year; rain below average; the maximum fall recorded on 17th, 1·82 inch; prevailing S.W. wind, and at times strong. Maximum temperature, 71·3°; minimum, 42·3°.

Dunedin.—Generally fine, but with high winds chiefly from W.; maximum rainfall on 15th, ·54 inch; atmospheric pressure low. Maximum temperature, 80°; minimum, 41°.

Queenstown.—Fine up to 13th, but very warm and oppressive, and light winds; remainder of month showery and cooler; maximum rainfall recorded on 27th, 1·48 inch for previous twenty-four hours; thunder on 16th and 20th. Maximum temperature, 80°; minimum, 39·1°.

Southland.—Very dry month, the greatest rainfall recorded being ·75 inch on 27th; very strong winds occurred, chiefly from N.W., very violent on 27th, with heavy rain; thunder on 17th. Maximum temperature, 79°; minimum, 35°.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Tolerably fine weather during this month; temperature rather above the average, rainfall on the whole less than usual; prevailing N.W. winds, and at some stations strong gales occurred; exceedingly hot and oppressive at times. Earthquakes reported on the 6th at Taranaki, 5.15 p.m., slight; on 8th, at Taranaki, 3.30 a.m.; Wanganui, 3.30 a.m.; Wellington, 2.23 a.m.; Hawera, 3.45 a.m.; Patea, 3.28 a.m.; Mana Island, 3.30 a.m.,—generally slight; on 16th at Wanganui, 12.10 p.m.; Foxton, 12.14 p.m.; Bull's, 12.15 p.m.; Hawera, at 12.14 p.m.; and Wellington, 12.15 p.m., described as sharp; on 29th a slight shock felt at Mana Island at 12.40 a.m. Brilliant meteor observed at Wanganui on 28th at 9.20 p.m., direction N. and S., and exploding like a rocket.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.