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Provincial Engineer, Wellington, authorized to lay down Road, &c.

NORMANBY, Governor.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly, intituled "The Native Land Act, 1873," it is enacted that from and out of any land which may have heretofore been or may be granted under the provisions of any of the Acts thereby repealed, or of that Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor at any time thereafter to take and lay off for public purposes one or more line or lines of road or railway through the said lands: Provided that the total quantity of land which may be taken for such line or lines of road shall not be more than after the rate of five acres in every one hundred acres: Provided always that this power shall cease and determine at the expiration of ten years from the date of the Crown grant:

And whereas it is expedient that a fit and proper person should be authorized to take and lay down the road described in the Schedule hereto on the lands specified in the Crown grant mentioned in the said Schedule:

Now therefore, I, the Marquis of Normanby, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, do hereby authorize James Daniel Baird, Provincial Engineer, Wellington, to take and lay down the road specified in the Schedule hereto on the lands specified in the Crown grant mentioned in the Schedule, and for that purpose to exercise all such powers as by the said Act may be exercised by a person legally authorized in that behalf under the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Road, with Width, Length, Boundaries, and other Particulars.	Date of Crown Grant, and Description of Lands granted, showing Province and Locality.
<p>DESCRIPTION OF TE ORE ORE ROAD.</p> <p><i>Province of Wellington.</i></p> <p>100 links wide, and commencing at a point 60 links from the dividing line between Sections Nos. 8 and 9, Taueru Block, and in centre of Taueru Road; following the dividing lines between Te Ore Ore 72N, and Te Ore Ore No. 3, with the respective bearings and distances following:— 289° 17', 1555 links; 292° 16', 4556 links; 284° 56', 2581 links to eastern boundary of Te Ore Ore No. 2; thence through Te Ore Ore No. 2, 186° 05', 1150 links; 261° 20', 3096 links; 249° 08', 2000 links to eastern boundary of Te Ore Ore No. 1; thence through Te Ore Ore No. 1, 249° 08', 398 links; 258° 44', 368 links to eastern approach, Ruamahanga Bridge, Te Ore Ore.</p>	<p>PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.</p> <p><i>Wairarapa District.</i></p> <p>Te Ore Ore Block, No. 72N. Grant dated 4th December, 1868.</p> <p>Te Ore Ore No. 1 Block. Grant dated 31st July, 1871.</p> <p>Te Ore Ore No. 2 Block. Grant dated 31st July, 1871.</p> <p>Te Ore Ore No. 3 Block. Grant dated 25th April, 1871.</p>

Land reserved for Cemetery in Town of Ross, Westland.

NORMANBY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in me vested in this behalf by "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870," I hereby reserve the

ERRATA.—In *Gazette* of 1875, No. 6, page 86, for "William Cochrane" read "Robert Cochrane." In *Gazette* No. 12 page 163, for "Edward Smyth Wilcox" read "Edward Smyth Willcocks." In *Gazette* No. 13, page 169, appointment of Receiver of Gold Revenue at Ohinemuri, for "Albert Allom" read "Albert James Allom."

lands in the Province of Westland, the boundaries whereof are described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, for the uses of the Colonial Government, and the public purpose which in the said Schedule is more particularly specified.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Earl of Mulgrave, Viscount Normanby, and Baron Mulgrave of Mulgrave, all in the County of York, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; and Baron Mulgrave of New Ross, in the County of Wexford, in the Peerage of Ireland; a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; at Wellington, this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,

(in absence of the Secretary for Crown Lands).

SCHEDULE.

SITUATE in the Town of Ross, and numbered One (in red). Bounded on the West by Hampton Street for a distance of five chains bearing $45^{\circ} 01'$ magnetic; on the North by Church of England Reserve No. 3, and south end of Duff Street for a distance of five chains bearing $135^{\circ} 01'$; on the East by a straight line for a distance of five chains bearing $225^{\circ} 01'$; on the South by a straight line for a distance of five chains bearing $315^{\circ} 01'$, and containing within those boundaries two acres and two roods or thereabouts:—
For a cemetery.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Wellington District assigned to the Chief Justice.

NORMANBY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this first day of April, 1875.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Supreme Court Act, 1860," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, to divide the colony into judicial districts for the purposes of the said Act, and the limits of such districts from time to time to alter as occasion may require, and that the Governor in Council shall assign every such district to a Judge or Judges of the Court, who shall have, within the same, all the powers and jurisdiction thereby given to the Court:

And whereas on the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in exercise and pursuance of the powers conferred by the said recited provisions of the said Act, a district called "The Middle District" was formed and constituted by the Governor in Council:

And whereas on the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, the said Middle District was divided into two districts, called respectively the "Wellington District" and the "Nelson District:"

And whereas it is expedient that the said Wellington District should be assigned to James Prendergast, Esquire, the Chief Justice of the said Court:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in

exercise and pursuance of all powers enabling him in this behalf, doth hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, assign the said Wellington District unto

JAMES PRENDERGAST, Esquire,
the Chief Justice of the said Court.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Chief Justice resigned.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st April, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by

Sir GEORGE ALFRED ARNEY, Knight,
of his appointment of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Chief Justice appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st April, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES PRENDERGAST, Esq.,
Barrister-at-Law, to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Judges resigned.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st April, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignations by

HENRY BARNES GRESSON, Esq., and
HENRY SAMUEL CHAPMAN, Esq.,

of their appointments as Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Resignation of Patent Officer.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by

JAMES PRENDERGAST, Esq.,
of his appointment as Patent Officer.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Italian Consular Agents recognized.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

IT is hereby notified, that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has instructed His Excellency the Governor to recognize the appointments of

Dr. FRANCESCO ROSSETTI,
as Italian Consular Agent at Hokitika; and

EDWARD BOWES CARGILL, Esq.,
as Italian Consular Agent at Dunedin.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Registrars of Marriages appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Registrars of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and also Vaccination Inspectors, for the districts set opposite their names, as the same are defined in Proclamation of the 23rd day of March, 1875, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 18, of the 25th day of March, 1875. These appointments to take effect on and from the 15th day of April, 1875.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Name.	District.
Arthur Brown... ..	Reefton.
Peter Stephen Dempsey ...	Lyell.

Revising Officers appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

IT is hereby notified that His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston has reported that he has appointed

GEORGE A. OLLIVER, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Clive and Napier, in the Province of Hawke's Bay;

EDWARD JAMES LEE, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Grey Valley, Hokitika, and Totara, in the Province of Westland; and

WILLIAM SEFTON MOORHOUSE, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of City of Wellington, Wellington Country Districts, Manawatu, Rangitikei, Wairarapa, the Hutt, and Wanganui, in the Province of Wellington.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Revising Officers appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st April, 1875.

IT is hereby notified, that His Honor Mr. Justice Chapman has reported that he has appointed

WILLIAM MATHEW HODGKINS, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Dunedin, Waitaki, Dunstan, Mount Ida, Waikouaiti, Port Chalmers, Roslyn, Caversham, Taieri, Bruce or Tokomairiro, Tuaepeka, Clutha, Wakatipu, and Wakaia; also

JOHN TURNBULL, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Invercargill, Riverton, Maitauru, and Wallace.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Provincial Ordinance left to its operation.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

THE following Ordinance, passed by the Provincial Council, and assented to by the Superintendent of Taranaki on behalf of the Governor, intitled

"The Appropriation Ordinance, 1875,"

having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance in respect of the same.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Superintendent of Auckland elected.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

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

Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., Freeholder,
has been duly elected.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Clerk of District Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 30th March, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD CHARLES MEREDITH

to be Clerk at Carlyle of the District Court of Taranaki. This appointment dates from the 28th January last.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Attorney-General resigned.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by

JAMES PRENDERGAST, Esq.,

of his appointment as Attorney-General for New Zealand.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Solicitor-General appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WALTER SCOTT REID, Esq.,

Barrister, to be Solicitor-General of the Colony.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Member of House of Representatives elected.

Clerk of the Writs' Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

THE Clerk of the Writs has received a Return to the Writ issued by him on the 8th day of March, 1875, for the election of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives of New Zealand for the Electoral District hereinafter specified; and by the indorsement on such Writ it appears that the under-mentioned gentleman has been duly elected Member for such District:—

For the District of Auckland City West:

Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

G. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Writs.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 7 of 1875.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 23rd March, 1875.

THE following Hydrographical information, received from the Commodore Commanding the Australian Station, is published for general information.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

HYDROGRAPHICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO VARIOUS PLACES ON THE AUSTRALIAN STATION, RECEIVED FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES. (Enclosure in Hydrographical Memo. No. 7.)

AUSTRALIA, EAST COAST.

Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Suckling, H.M.S. "Renard," 20th December, 1874.

Encountered very heavy weather for a day off Port Stephens on the way up, and very strong southerly current, setting the ship on an average of nearly 40' a day.

AUSTRALIA, NORTH-WEST COAST.

Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Rendell, Commanding H.M.S. "Beagle."

Broadhurst Bay.—No fresh water on east side of Dolphin Island. We obtained 3 hds. of brackish water from pools in the rocks a little further north. After passing through Flying Foam Passage, found sufficient water in the pools to complete, but it was brackish.

Hampton Harbour is the only fair one on the coast, and is only suitable for vessels of light draught. No fresh water obtainable.

Port Weld.—The deepest water is 2 fathoms. It is surrounded by reefs and sandbanks, which render it difficult of access.

Beadon Bay.—Fresh water, very good, obtainable from wells dug in the soft sand at 100 yards from high watermark. The anchorage is shoal. The "Beagle" was obliged to lie about 1½' from the mouth of the creek in 2½ fathoms.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Notice to Mariners, 30th September, 1874.

Port Wakefield Light.—On and after 1st November, 1874, a red light will be exhibited at Port Wakefield, instead of the present white light.

NEW ZEALAND.

Extract from Remark Book of Nav. Lieut. Mourilyan, of H.M.S. "Basilisk."

At Cardwell there is now a red buoy placed on the edge of the extensive mud flats off the township of Cardwell, which marks the deep water. This buoy is in about 2 fathoms.

Ahuriri Roadstead, Napier.—There is now a light fixed close to the mouth of the Iron Pot, to clear the Pania Rock. In clear weather it can be seen 8' to 9'. It shows red when in line with the rock. White clears the danger.

Auckland Rock.—The buoy on the Auckland Rock has been washed away, and has not been replaced. The least depth of water on the rock is 18 feet at low water springs. It being found impossible to keep the buoy in its position, it is to be discontinued.

Poverty Bay.—The river marked to the right of Young Nick's Head does not exist. The mouth of it has been filled up with sand and driftwood during the heavy weather and S.E. winds.

The town is situated on the N.E. part of the bay, on the Turanganui River, and is called Gisborne. The entrance to this river is marked by two beacons, and a black buoy is placed outside to show a rock with 2½ to 3 fathoms on it.

Extract from Report of Lieut. Sanders, Commanding H.M.S. "Alacrity," 10th May, 1874.

Whangarei Harbour.—The inner anchorage is very good. The directions in "New Zealand Pilot" are so clear as to make it easy of access by night as well as by day. Although there are large shoals on either hand, I did not get less than 5 fathoms going to the anchorage at night.

I think that Passage Island makes a better leading mark than either of those laid down in the "New Zealand Pilot" for altering course from N.W. by N. to W. by N., rounding the Mares Bank. It is clear of the land when necessary to alter course, and is therefore more easily distinguished at night than High Islet, which is under the land. I could not easily distinguish Sandy Point.

Passage Island.—W. by N. ¼ N., and almost clear of Lost Point, forms a very good guide at night for hauling up to W., proceeding to the inner anchorage.

Tutukaka Harbour.—The entrance is very narrow; faces the eastward. There is generally a heavy swell setting in, which, combined with baffling winds, makes it very difficult and even dangerous to clear the harbour, except with a fair wind. The swell sets on to the rocks forming the south side of the entrance, and the tide is very treacherous round these rocks.

Whangaruru Harbour is very snug, and a pretty harbour, and easy of access. There is very good fishing off Hayes Island.

Whangaroa Harbour is snug, with good anchorage for a large vessel as far as Peter and Sawyer's Points. There is a good watering place in the bay, of which Sawyer's Point forms the N.W. extreme.

Monganui Harbour.—A small, snug harbour, easy of access.

Parenga-renga Harbour.—The bar renders the entrance to this harbour often dangerous. I found it difficult to make out the inner N. entrance point, which is given as a leading mark for crossing the bar, as it is low and sandy, and the high ground from it stands back in a line with the rest of the high ground of the coast, while the beach behind the point is all sandy; so it is only when aloft that the point is made out.

The point is a little inside of Otehe Point (which cannot be mistaken) on a W. bearing. The point between Inner North Entrance Point and Coal Point is bold, clearly defined, and is liable to be mistaken for the former.

I found the leading mark given in the "New Zealand Pilot" leads fair in the channel over the bar.

Manukau Harbour.—The only channels now used (except by small coasters) are the South and Fanny Channels. The latter is a narrow one, just to the southward of the South Channel, close in shore. The sand shoals between the South and Main Channels have shifted to the northward, making the South Channel a good broad one. The Signal Station is now on the South Head instead of on Paratutai Island.

The two beacons on the South Head, for leading through the South Channel, are fitted on traversing slides, so that when the channel shifts they can alter the beacons so as to lead through. There are four small beacons just to the left of the two large ones, which, when in line, lead through the Fanny Channel. From the Signal Station, vessels are guided in by the semaphore arms, keeping to the northward or southward according as the north or south arm is raised, steadying directly the arm drops. I beat in H.M.S. "Alacrity" through the Fanny Channel, being guided entirely from the Signal Station.

The channel from the Manukau Heads to Onehunga is very well buoyed.

Extract of Letter from Captain Simpson, H.M.S. "Blanche," 3rd November, 1874.

Freshwater Basin, Milford Sound.—The plan of this anchorage in Chart No. 2589, Sheet 12, is, in the main, correct, except that the available space for anchorage is decidedly less than shown on the chart, and the entrance is shoaler, 3½ fathoms at half-tide being the greatest depth of water in the channel, which is very narrow. It is, however, the best anchorage to be obtained in the Sound.

Thompson's Sound.—Anchorage inside McDermot's Island, in Bradshaw Sound, in 15 fathoms.

This is a good and well-sheltered anchorage, but not nearly so large as the charts and directory would lead one to suppose.

Notes by Navigating Lieutenant Campion, H.M.S. "Blanche."

Cook Strait, No. 2, Chart No. 2685.

The rock awash in the Kakaho Channel has a small iron beacon, with a ball erected upon it.

Nelson Harbour, Chart No. 2185.

The lighthouse is not on the Boulder Bank, as shown in the chart, but on the bank or island always 3 to 6 feet above high water on the same line of bearing as the chart shows.

The light also shows red between the bearing of E. by N.—the south limit of white light—to N.E. by N., the approximate position of the outer white buoy.

The two beacons on shore for entering the inner harbour are—upper one white, and lower one red; and they show similar lights at night.

The light on Pilot-house is discontinued.

A white light is shown at night on the beacon off Haul-ashore Point, on its being known a vessel is coming in.

The clump of trees on with a ravine in the mountains S. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. does not exist, the trees having disappeared, but a large white house stands where the trees were. It is a difficult mark for a stranger.

The Pilot reports that the Waimea River is rapidly closing up, the south bank silting up to the northward.

FIJI ISLANDS.

LEVUKA.

Lighthouses.—An improvement has been made in the shape of the two lighthouses, which are used as leading marks for the entrance. They have been increased in height, and made of a pyramidal shape. They are whitewashed, and can now be seen well from seaward. The lights have not been altered.

Beacon.—A cask beacon, chequered black and white, has been erected on the centre of the reef which fronts the entrance.

Buoys.—The following buoys have been placed in Levuka Harbour, north entrance:—

One chequered buoy on a patch having 9 feet over it at low water, S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S., $1\frac{3}{4}$ cable from the S.W. extreme of the reef on the N. side of the north entrance.

One red buoy on a patch having 7 feet over it at low water S.E. by S., 4 cables from the S.W. extreme of the reef on the N. side of the north entrance.

The best passage is north of chequered buoy.

One chequered buoy has been placed on a patch having 10 feet over it at low water, S.E. by E., $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables from Observation Point.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Note by Lieutenant Nowell, of H.M.S. "Sandfly."

Savo Island.—The best anchorage is about 60 yards from a large conspicuous stone on the beach; but you must be careful not to let her have too little cable, as the patch is small, and you drag off without warning.

Extract from Log of H.M.S. "Conflict."

Mortlock Islands.—Passed between the assigned position of Mortlock Islands, without seeing them.

PACIFIC ISLANDS.

Extracts from Letter of Commander Dupuis, dated 31st October, 1874.

Onaseuse, or Hunter Island.—About noon on 26th July, 1874, we passed over the position of Hunter Island, as laid down on the chart. Clear weather, no signs of land.

Rotumah Island.—(Lee Bay, Lat. $12^{\circ} 29'$ S., Long. $176^{\circ} 59'$ E.) Population last census three years ago 2,700, decreasing; 14 white people. Two hurricanes were experienced in January and February; great damage done, causing a scarcity of food.

Ellice Island.—(Mission House, Lat. $8^{\circ} 31'$ S., Long. $179^{\circ} 10'$ E.) Population 130, slowly increasing; 2 whites. Steamed along the reef looking for the passage as marked in the chart; being unable to make it, anchored outside in 8 fathoms. When canoes came out an intelligent half-caste pointed out the passage. Passed through without difficulty (5 fathoms), and anchored off the principal village ($6\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms).

Nukujutan, or De Peyster's Island.—(West Islet, Lat. Long. $178^{\circ} 18'$ E.) There is a good ship channel into the lagoon. Population 260, 3 whites. Strong W.S.W. current off the island.

Rotcher Island.—On the 9th August, 1874, at 8 a.m., the "Rosario" passed close to the position of Rotcher Island, as marked in the chart. There were no signs of land.

Gilbert Island—Tapoutoucea, or Drummond Island.—(Anchorage, Lat. $1^{\circ} 10'$ S., Long. $174^{\circ} 38'$ E.) Population between 6,000 and 7,000, 3 whites. The islands seem to be badly off for supplies, the natives being short of necessary food, and the islands over-populated. The natives should not be trusted too implicitly.

Noncuti, or Sydenham Island.—(South Point, Lat. $0^{\circ} 51'$ S., Long. $174^{\circ} 29'$ E.) Population about 3,500, 1 white man. Island seems to be over-populated; the natives being short of necessary food, few supplies to be obtained; natives not to be trusted. Wind being fresh from the eastward, a heavy surf was breaking on the reefs. Landing by boats appeared impracticable.

Marakie, or Mathew Island.—An unusually strong N.W. current. Population about 1,800, a few (4) white men. Natives in an unsettled state, no chief or king; constantly quarrelling and fighting. Seems to be over-populated. No anchorage.

Apaiang, or Charlotte Island.—(Anchorage, Lat. $1^{\circ} 46'$ N., Long. $173^{\circ} 0'$ E.) Experienced a tremendous current west, before making this island. Passage into the lagoon shallow, least water $2\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms, strong tide running. Population nearly 3,000, 7 whites; over-populated. No supplies can be obtained. Natives untrustworthy.

Tarawa, or Cook's Island.—(Anchorage, Lat. $1^{\circ} 22'$ N., Long. $172^{\circ} 56'$ E.) Population 3,000, 1 white; over-populated. Natives not to be trusted, constantly fighting, have lately elected a chief (October, 1874).

Taritari, or Touching Island.—(Anchorage, Lat. $3^{\circ} 3'$ N., Long. $172^{\circ} 47'$ E.) Strong N.W. set. Entered the lagoon without difficulty; uneven bottom, 3 fathoms on one side of the ship, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ on the other. Anchored off a village on south side. Population about 1,500; no whites. Natives understand but little English. Very few supplies could be obtained. Natives well-disposed, civil, and more settled among themselves than at other islands of this group; chief or king living at Pitt's Island.

Marshall Islands—Mille, or Musgrave Island.—(Observation Point, Lat. $6^{\circ} 14'$ N., Long. $171^{\circ} 46'$ E.) Sighted it on the 26th August. Passed through the reef entrance into the lagoon, entrance on north side very deep, about two cables wide, anchorage 19 fathoms; weather for the last two days unfavourable,

light variable winds from N.E. to S., with heavy rain squalls. Population 800 to 900, 3 whites. A chief or king rules. The island quiet. Natives civil and inoffensive. A few supplies were obtained from the natives, who flocked on board in great numbers.

Arhno, or Pedder Island.—(Lat. 6° 59' N., Long. 171° 43' E.) Population 1,000 to 1,200, 3 whites. Natives civil and inoffensive. A chief or king. No supplies to be obtained. No man-of-war ever called before. Before arriving at Pedder Island experienced a strong easterly set of 35' in 18 hours. Entered by the east passage into the lagoon; least water 4½ fathoms. Left the lagoon by another passage about 1' N. of the one we entered by, called on plan "Boat Passage;" least water 6 fathoms.

Ebon, or Boston Island.—(Lat. 4° 35' N., Long. 168° 42' E.) Passed through the reef entrance about 5 p.m., which is deep, very narrow, with strong irregular eddies; anchored off Missionary Station. Population 800, 5 whites. A good supply of necessaries were obtained; pigs, poultry, and vegetables being abundant.

Odia, or Elmore Island.—(Lat. 7° 17' N., Long. 168° 47' E.) Entrance marked by a village with two remarkable cocoa-nut trees on the east shore, 8 fathoms least water. Entered the lagoon without difficulty, through a deep but narrow channel; anchored off a small village on the south side. Population probably 150, no whites. Natives civil and honest, had never seen a man-of-war; they have a king, who also rules over Jabuit or Bonham Island, Ebon, Lib, and others. Very few supplies obtainable.

Alecifos, or Providence Island.—(Lat. 9° 47' N., Long. 160° 56' E.) The passage to this island took six days, light easterly winds, with frequent tremendous rain squalls lasting several hours. On the evening of the 18th September, being 12' off the position of the island as shown in the chart, and seeing no signs of land, hove to till daylight 19th; made sail standing to the northward, at 9 a.m. observed the island ahead, its real position being considerably north of that shown on the chart. It is an outlying island of the Marshall Group; same language as in that group; population 21; no supplies obtainable. By the Native account this island was almost totally destroyed by a tidal wave and hurricane about thirty years ago, and nearly the entire population were swept away.

Strong Island.—Between the 19th and 24th September, unfavourable weather, constant rain, with furious squalls, was experienced from N.E. to S.E. Is an independent island. Population about 500, with a king, 7 whites. Small quantities of supplies procurable, and in season plenty of yams and other vegetables.

Information furnished by Roger Turpin, Master of L.M.S. Barque "John Williams."

Whilst beating up from the Ellice Group, bound to the Samoan Group, at 10 a.m., 25th July, saw bottom under the ship, got soundings in 16 fathoms sand and coral; vessel was on a wind, all sail set to a light E.S.E. breeze, heading N.E., speed 3 knots. Position, worked back from noon observations:—Lat. 12° 18' S., Long. 174° 38' W., ship sailed at least five miles on a N.E. course with the bottom distinctly visible, immense quantities of fish; a confused and irregular sea; bottom appeared to be regular, no less than 16 fathoms having been obtained (3 chrs.).

PACIFIC ISLANDS.

Her Majesty's Ship "Pearl,"
Sydney, 25th February, 1875.

Hydrographical Memorandum No. 9.

THE accompanying Hydrographic information relating to the Solomon and Admiralty Groups,

and adjacent islands, is promulgated for general information and guidance.

JAMES G. GOODENOUGH,
Captain and Commodore, 2nd Class,
Commanding Australian Station.

To the respective Captains
and Officers Commanding &c. &c.

ENCLOSURE IN HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO. NO. 9.

Extract from Letter of Proceedings of Lieutenant Sanders, Commanding H.M. Schooner "Alacrity," 12th September, 1874.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Oas, Sta. Anna.—Good anchorage open to the N.W., but protected by the reef, which stretches across from each end of the harbour. There is a patch off the south reef in the passage, which makes it rather narrow, but still leaves plenty of room for any vessel to pass through.

Three Sisters Islands.—"Alacrity" anchored in a small anchorage outside at southernmost island formed by the points of land and spurs of the reef in 25 fathoms, but found no passage into the lagoon, a bar of sand and coral running across the entrance, with less than a fathom of water on the boulders which stretch right across. (There appears to be a passage laid down in the chart.) Inside is a fine land-locked lagoon about 3' by ½', with 9½ and 10 fathoms near the entrance, shoaling to 2½ and 3 fathoms. Islands flat, inclined to marshy; are uninhabited. The natives of San Christoval come across to catch fish, which abound here. Westerly winds expected to set in in September.

Extract from Letter of Proceedings of Lieutenant Sanders, Commanding H.M. Schooner "Alacrity," 11th January, 1875.

SIMBO ISLAND TO NEW IRELAND, DUKE OF YORK, AND ADMIRALTY ISLANDS.

Simbo Island.—I found the natives very off-hand in their manners. On passage to Sydney I passed close to Simbo, but did not see anything over the 5-fathom shoal laid down. A white man who lives at Rubiana, however, informed me that it does exist (This shoal is not shown on new issue of chart.) On passage from Simbo to Port Praslin, New Island, I encountered a very strong current, always to the southward, in the passage, and, losing the wind, I was compelled to anchor.

Mocoda Harbour is an excellent harbour for small vessels. It is formed by Duke of York Island and Mocoda Island, which is to the westward of the former. There are two entrances; the one from the north is about a mile from Port Hunter, passing between Bradley Island and Duke of York Island. It is narrow, with 18 feet of water, increasing from 2½ to 7 fathoms inside. Strong tide in passage setting on to Bradley Island. Keep close to the corner of Duke of York Island, almost touching the trees. Water not good and difficult to obtain.

Jesu Maria Island.—Coasted along the east side to look for a harbour. On seeing a narrow entrance through the reef, which extended ¾' from the shore, I ran in and anchored. Holding-ground good, 10 fathoms, just to the northward of a small islet on the reef about 100 yards from the shore; barely room to swing, faces the eastward. Sailing vessels find a difficulty in getting out against trade wind. Natives came alongside without any fear; seem to have seen few white men before. A fair anchorage is also to be found on the south coast. The reef has to be crossed to get to it, 2½ fathoms water in the passage, which can be made out from the fact of the sea not breaking over it. It is about 1½' to the eastward of

a small islet off the S.W. end of Jesu Maria. Anchorage 14 fathoms, protected to the southward by the reef; anchorage also in 32 fathoms on edge of reef on its west coast. Proceeded along a string of small islands which extend in a westerly direction from the N.W. end of Jesu Maria, all connected by reefs. Seeing a small bay at the west end of the westernmost one, I ran in and anchored in 27 fathoms close to the reef. Completed with water hardly fit for drinking, but good for washing.

Admiralty Island.—On the east coast of this island there is a fair anchorage, close to a small islet, in 24 fathoms, but it is small (room for a large ship); anchorage also on south coast protected by reef (room for large ship).

Up to this position the navigation had been clear, but continuing along the south coast it became intricate, shoals and reefs extending some distance from the land, rendering it necessary to pilot ship from the mast-head, keeping as close to the shore as practicable, so as to be able to anchor at any time should the weather become thick, or bad for seeing the reefs (there would appear to be a deep channel if passage were known). Good anchorage on the S.W. coast of this island, where I was detained for sixteen days by a heavy N.W. gale; the anchorage was open to the westward, but fortunately protected by shoals and reefs in that direction, which prevented a heavy sea getting up; part of the time I lay with three anchors down. The holding-ground was admirable, and I do not think that the "Alacrity" moved her anchors the whole time. (First of the monsoon.)

On leaving the Admiralty Island I passed out through some small islands to the westward, there being a broad clear passage; but between them and the Admiralty Island the shoals are so numerous that even in a small vessel I found some difficulty in picking my way.

From Admiralty Island shaped course for the Hermit Islands, but, owing to a strong northerly set of 26', made the Anchorite Islands.

Monks Islands.—I am of opinion that Monks Islands do not exist, or rather that the person who discovered them made the Anchorites to be in a different position. I must have passed almost over their position as shown on the chart, and that too at the very time I was keeping a sharp look-out for land. In this opinion I am borne out by Captain Hersheim, of the German brigantine "Coeran," who informed me that he also, coming down from the N.E., passed over the position of the Monks Islands without seeing anything of them. I came from S.E.; therefore I think they are identical with the Anchorites.

Coumerson.—Appears to be correctly placed; is uninhabited.

Hermit Islands.—Sparsely inhabited; anchorage a very good one; the entrance is on the eastern side of the group: the passage generally used is on the N.W. side; then vessels lay off the town. We anchored 3½' from it (anchorage for large ships, 2 cables passage, kind of lagoon, strong tide in passage).

Anchorite Islands.—These islands are surrounded by a reef, through which, as far as I could see, there is no passage; inside the reef it is all shoal water; the canoes watch their opportunity and come out through the surf. There are five islands, three from a half to a quarter of a mile in length, and two islets. They appear to be thickly inhabited, and build most of their huts on piles in the shoal water on the reef.

Westernmost Islet of the Admiralty Islands.—Seems correctly placed on chart. About 8' East there is a reef three miles long, and as it was to the northward

of me, and night was coming on, I was obliged to haul to the northward to get an offing before dark.

Los Reyes.—Consist of three small islands; as far as I could see neither island had a reef extending more than a hundred yards from it. Their position appeared to be quite correct, as also that of Vendala.

Port Praslin, New Ireland.—Seems best adapted for watering and refitting of any harbour hereabouts; the water is excellent and easily obtained. No natives to interfere.

I experienced very dirty weather passing between the New Hebrides and Banks Groups, 26th December. (Change of monsoon.)

Accepted Tender for Bookbinding.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

THE following Tender for Bookbinding has been accepted by the General Government for the twelve months commencing the 1st April, 1875.

G. S. COOPER,
Under Secretary.

Messrs. LYON and BLAIR, at the following rates:—

ACCOUNT BOOKS, REGISTERS, &c.

	£	s.	d.
1. Super Royal:—Full calf, extra, titled and paged, eight quires or under ...	1	3	6
For every additional quire ...	0	0	9
2. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, single Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under ...	1	10	0
For every additional quire ...	0	0	9
3. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, double Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under ...	2	5	0
For every additional quire ...	0	0	9
4. Royal:—Full calf, extra, titled and paged, eight quires or under ...	1	0	6
For every additional quire ...	0	0	8
5. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, single Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under ...	1	7	0
For every additional quire ...	0	0	8
6. Ditto:—Full calf, extra, double Russia bands, titled and paged, eight quires or under ...	2	1	0
For every additional quire ...	0	0	8
7. Demy folio, five quires or under:—Full calf, extra, titled and paged ...	0	10	0
For every additional quire ...	0	0	8
8. Ditto, ditto:—Half-bound, rough calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back ...	0	5	2
For every additional quire ...	0	0	8
9. Foolscap folio, ditto:—Half-bound, calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back ...	0	4	3
For every additional quire ...	0	0	4
10. Ditto, ditto:—Half-bound, calf, marble paper sides, gilt lettered on back ...	0	3	0
For every additional quire ...	0	0	4
11. Demy 4to, four quires or under:—Ditto, ditto ...	0	1	4
For every additional quire ...	0	0	2
PRINTED BOOKS.			
12. Foolscap folio:—Cold pressing, and binding in half-calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, at per volume of four quires ...	0	4	9
For every additional quire ...	0	0	6
13. Ditto:—Cold pressing, and binding in blue paper covers, cloth backs, at per quire ...	0	0	3

- 14. Demy 8vo :—In half-bound calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, at per volume of four quires ... 0 2 0
- For every additional quire ... 0 0 2
- 15. Ditto :—Full bound, cloth boards, at per volume of four quires ... 0 1 2
- For every additional quire ... 0 0 2
- 16. Royal 8vo :—Cold pressing, and binding in half-calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, at per volume of four quires ... 0 3 10
- For every additional quire ... 0 0 4
- 17. Ditto :—Cold pressing, and binding in cloth, at per volume of four quires 0 2 8
- For every additional quire ... 0 0 3

GUARD BOOKS.

- 18. Foolscap folio, half-calf, made of fine cartridge, thickness of back 3, 3½, and 4 inches ... 0 5 9
- 19. Demy folio, ditto, ditto, 3½, 4, 4½, and 5 inches ... 0 7 0
- 20. Royal folio, ditto, ditto, 4 and 5 inches 0 8 6

BINDING REQUIRED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY.

The letterings and binding for the Library will be required to correspond with patterns to be supplied to the Contractor.

	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 4	4 1	6 3	7 0	7 3
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

G. S. COOPER,
Under Secretary.

Money Order Offices.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

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

By order.
W. GRAY,
Secretary.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES.
ENGLAND.

On the 1st of February the following alterations will be made in the designation of certain offices in the suburbs of London, viz.,—

1. The Offices at No. 100, Blackfriars Roads, S.E., and No. 166, Fulham Road, S.W., will be removed respectively to No. 165, Blackfriars Road, and No. 176, Fulham Road.

2. The Office at Old Brompton, S.W., will henceforth be designated Old Brompton Road, S.W.

3. Money Order Offices will be opened in the country at—

	Head Office.	County.
Bishop's Teignton ...	Teignmouth ...	Devon.
Blackmill ...	Bridgend ...	Glamorgan.
Bursledon ...	Southampton ...	Hants.
Eastbank Street, R.O.	Southport ...	Lancaster.

	Head Office.	County.
Ferryhill Village ...	Ferryhill ...	Durham.
Gilmorton ...	Lutterworth ...	Leicester.
Hainton ...	Wragby ...	Lincoln.
Halton, R.O. ...	Hastings ...	Sussex.
Hambleton ...	Henley-on-Thames ...	Oxford.
High Easter ...	Chelmsford ...	Essex.
Leavening ...	York ...	York.
Mareham-le-Fen ...	Boston ...	Lincoln.
Mundesley ...	Norwich ...	Norfolk.
Nantymoel ...	Bridgend ...	Glamorgan.
Rillington ...	York ...	York.
Shrewton ...	Devizes ...	Wilts.
Townsend Place, R.O.	Cheltenham ...	Gloucester

4. During the past month the Head Office at Wirksworth was reduced to the rank of a Money Order Sub-Office under Derby. The Sub-Offices of Cromford and Winster are now also served from Derby instead of from Matlock Bath.

SCOTLAND.

5. A Money Order Office will be opened at—

	Head Office.	County.
Cowdenbeath ...	Kirkcaldy ...	Fife.
Kelvinbridge, R.O. ...	Glasgow ...	Lanark.
Scone ...	Perth ...	Perth.
Torryburn ...	Dunfermline ...	Fife.

IRELAND.

6. A Money Order Office will be opened at—

	Head Office.	County.
Toomevara ...	Nenagh ...	Tipperary.

7. The Head Office at Ballyragget will be reduced to the rank of a Sub-Office, and, along with the Sub-Office at Castlecomer, be served from Thurles.

General Post Office, London,
25th January, 1875.

Medical Referees appointed.

Government Insurance Office,
(Industrial Branch),
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

THE under-mentioned persons have been appointed Medical Referees for the Industrial Branch of this Department, under "The Government Insurance and Annuities Act, 1874," for the Lodges and Division, and at the places set opposite their respective names :—

Medical Referee.	For what Lodge or Division.	Place.
Francis Thomas Bayntun, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng.	Excelsior Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Auckland.
Robert Harding, Esq., L.A.H. Dub., L.R.C.S. Irel., L.R.C.P. Edin.	Pearl of Peace Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Wellington.
William Deamer, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond., M.D. Univ. K. Coll. Aberd.	Southern Cross Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Christchurch.
James Freeman Fletcher, Esq., L.S.A. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.	Onward Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Waikuku.
Donald Campbell, Esq., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S. Edin., L. Midw. Edin.	Perseverance Division, Sons and Daughters of Temperance	Christchurch.

W. GISBORNE,
Commissioner.

Insurance Agents appointed.

Government Insurance Office,
(Industrial Branch.)
Wellington, 31st March, 1875.

THE under-mentioned persons have been appointed Agents for the Industrial Branch of this Department, under "The Government Insurance and Annuities Act, 1874," for the Lodges and Division and at the places set opposite their respective names:—

Name of Agent.	For what Lodge or Division.	Place.
William Gavin ...	Southern Cross Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Christchurch.
Thomas Wilson...	Onward Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Waikuku.
Samuel Worms...	Excelsior Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Auckland.
Robert Aitken ...	Pearl of Peace Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars	Wellington.
Ernest Charles Hutton	Perseverance Division, Sons and Daughters of Temperance	Christchurch.

W. GISBORNE,
Commissioner.

Invercargill Savings Bank Return.

BALANCE Sheet of the Invercargill Savings Bank, for the Year ending 31st December, 1874.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st December, 1873 ...	7,723	19	9			
Amount deposited, 1874 ...	4,726	9	11			
Interest paid on accounts closed ...	79	5	10			
Interest credited depositors ...	297	7	2			
Amount withdrawn during 1874 ...				5,605	8	0
Balance at credit of depositors ...				7,221	14	8
	£12,827	2	8	£12,827	2	8

INTEREST ACCOUNTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1873 ...		21	5	8			
Amount of interest received ...	526	3	2				
Interest paid on accounts closed ...				79	5	10	
Interest paid on Depositors' Account ...				297	7	2	
Charges ...				128	6	9	
Balance ...				42	9	1	
	£547	8	10	£547	8	10	

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount at credit of depositors...	7,221	14	8				
Interest Account balance ...	42	9	1				
Money advanced on mortgage ...				4,680	0	0	
Cash in National Bank...				2,584	3	9	
	£7,264	3	9	£7,264	3	9	

We, the undersigned Trustees and Auditor, have, to the best of our belief, ascertained the correctness of the said Accounts and Balance Sheet.

JAMES HARVEY, Vice-Pres. I.S.B.
JAS. BLACKLOCK, Trustee and Auditor.
D. L. MATHESON, Trustee.
JOHN HARE, "
JOSEPH STOCK, "
WM. COCHRAN, "

"Marriage Act, 1854."

OFFICIATING MINISTERS FOR 1875.—NOTICE No. 11.
Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 30th March, 1875.

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

Free Church of Scotland.
The Reverend James McKee.
Wesleyan Methodist Society.
The Reverend William Worker.
WM. R. E. BROWN,
Registrar-General.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND.

DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES JURISDICTION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that three or more of the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand will sit at the Supreme Court House, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 19th day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to hear and determine petitions for the dissolution or for a sentence of nullity of marriage, under section 60 of "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," and also for the despatch of all other business accruing under the said Act.

Dated at Auckland, this twentieth day of March, 1875.

GEORGE ALFRED ARNEY,
Chief Justice.

NOTICE.

"Provincial Compulsory Lands Taking Act, 1866."

NOTICE is hereby given, that it is intended to introduce a Bill into the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago at its next Session, authorizing the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to take compulsorily, for the purpose of making roads in the District of Portobello, parts of Sections numbered respectively twenty-two (22) and twenty-eight (28), Block numbered five (V.), Portobello District, and in the District of Papakaio part of Land sold under application numbered 2229, Block numbered IV. on the map of the Papakaio District. And notice is hereby further given, that a copy of the Bill so intended to be introduced as aforesaid may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the Provincial Council, on and after the seventeenth day of April next.

Dated at Dunedin, this eleventh day of March, 1875.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk to the Executive Council.

NOTICE.

"Provincial Compulsory Lands Taking Act, 1866."

NOTICE is hereby given, that it is intended to introduce a Bill into the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, at its next Session, authorizing the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to take compulsorily, for the purpose of making roads in the District of Portobello, parts of Sections numbered respectively twenty-two (22) and twenty-

eight (28), block numbered five (V.), Portobello District; in the District of Papakaio, part of land sold under application, numbered 2229, Block numbered IV. on the map of the Papakaio District; and in the Wyndham District parts of Sections numbered respectively five (5), twenty-eight (28), and thirty-three (33), block numbered two (II.), on the map of the Wyndham District. And notice is hereby further given that a copy of the Bill so intended to be introduced as aforesaid, may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the Provincial Council, on and after the seventeenth day of April next.

Dated at Dunedin, this twenty-second day of March, 1875.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk to the Executive Council.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one calendar month from the date of publication of this notice in the *Gazette*.

LEOPOLD DENTICE, of the City of Nelson, Cook, Applicant.—1 rood 25 perches, being part of the Section "746," on the plan of the City of Nelson. Bounded—North-eastward (297 feet) by Section 745 on the said plan; South-eastward (60 feet) by Saint Vincent Street; South-westward (297 feet) by other part of same Section "746;" North-westward (60 feet) by Section 1, Block F, on the same plan. (W. Rout, Broker.)

JAMES WATKINS, of the City of Nelson, Bank Manager, Applicant.—2 acres, being Sections "476 and 477," on the plan of the City of Nelson. (Henry Adams and Son, Solicitors.)

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

172 SAMUEL KINGDON,
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one calendar month from date of gazetting this notice.

DAVID BALHARRY and EDMUND SUTTON (Attorneys of Archibald Anderson Watt and James Watt), Applicants.—210 acres, Agricultural Section 36, Turiroa. (E. Lyndon, Broker.)

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

168 HANSON TURTON,
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same in each case on or before 1st May, 1875.

HARRIET ELIZABETH BEX WILLIAMSON.—Lots 1, 2, 35, 48, 49, of subdivision of Allotments 4 and 5, Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland. No. 823.

WILLIAM OSBORNE HAMLIN.—23 acres 13 perches, in the Parish of Papakura, County of

Eden, in occupation of Alfred Buckland, part of the land known as Hamlin's Grant. No. 824.

ANNE FRANCES JONES.—Lots 3 and 4 of subdivision of Allotment 45, Section 16, Suburbs of Auckland. No. 825.

WILLIAM ASHBY.—Part of Allotment 56, Section 36, Town of Auckland. No. 826.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

167 GEO. B. DAVY,
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.

KENNETH FINLAYSON, Applicant.—1 rood, more or less, being Section 7, Block LXXIII., Invercargill. 707.

SAMUEL ELLIOTT, Applicant.—6 poles, more or less, being Allotment 13 of subdivision of Section 12, Block LXII., Invercargill. 709.

JOHN RICHTER, Applicant.—4 acres 1 rood 15 poles, more or less, being that part of Section 1, Block XV., Invercargill Hundred, lying north of the road connecting the Main North Road with the Oreti Railway. 750.

ROBERT WALTER AITKIN, Applicant.—1 rood and 7 poles, more or less, being Allotments 7, 8, and 9 of Cannon's subdivision in Section 1, Block I., Invercargill Hundred. 754.

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 22nd day of March, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

174 W. STUART,
Deputy District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one calendar month after the publication of this notice.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, Applicant.—1 rood, Section 492, in the Town of Picton. Also 1 rood, Section 493, in said town.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Blenheim.

173 EDWIN BAMFORD,
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 publication of this notice.

GEORGE BEATTY.—1 rood 11 perches, part of Rural Section 26, Christchurch District, situate at junction of Avon Road and Hanmer Street, with frontage thereon of 248 links and 122 links respectively. (T. S. Duncan, Solicitor.) 1810.

EDWARD CEPHAS JOHN STEVENS, as Attorney for Henry Sewell.—4 acres 1 rood 39 perches, part of Rural Section 94, Christchurch District. (R. J. S. Harman, Broker.) 1988.

WILLIAM ELLEN.—38 perches, part of Rural

Section 311, Christchurch District, a rectangular block fronting 96 links on a right of way, with a depth west of 248 links, its south-east corner being 313 links and 530 links from the eastern and southern boundaries of the section respectively. (E. Mainwaring-Johnson, Broker.) 2006.

WILLIAM WILSON.—6 acres 22½ perches, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31, 32, and 33, Plan 44, Southbridge. (James S. Williams, Solicitor.) 2017.

Sir JOHN CRACROFT WILSON, K.C.S.I., C.B.—50 acres, Rural Section 1368, Timaru District. (Hanmer and Harper, Solicitors.) 2018.

WALTER HENRY DAVIE.—1 rood, Lot 42 on Plan of subdivision of western moiety of Rural Section 69, Christchurch District. (W. H. Wynn Williams, Solicitor.) 2019.

CHARLES JOSEPH BRIDGE.—1 acre, Lots 2 and 3, Plan 44, Southbridge. (H. A. Bamford, Solicitor.) 2020.

GEORGE CLIFF (as Mayor of Timaru).—10 acres 2 roods 17 perches, Sections 53, 59, 60, 74, 75, 82, 92, 167, 169, 171, 176, 243 to 246, 267, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 283, 287, 296, 315, 329, 364, 370, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 416, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, and 440, Town of Timaru. (Perry and Perry, Solicitors.) 2021.

SAMUEL ORCHARD.—2 acres 3 roods 22 perches, part of Rural Section 3, Christchurch District, being Lots 49, 50, and 51 on Plan of subdivision thereof. 2028.

ROBERT SMYTH.—20 acres, Rural Section 10568, Ashley District. (Hanmer and Harper, Solicitors.) 2030.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

EDWARD DENHAM,
Deputy District Land Registrar.

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THE THIRD NEW ZEALAND BUILDING AND
MUTUAL INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to a Resolution to that effect, passed at a Meeting of the Committee of the above Society, held on the 19th day of March instant, a General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Temperance Hall, at Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, on the 16th day of April next, at the hour of Eight in the Evening, for the following purpose, viz.,—

To alter the Constitution of the Society, by converting it into a Society on the permanent principle.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1875.

By order of the Committee.

JAMES WINTER,
Secretary.

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To the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the Colony of New Zealand.

I, BERNARD DOYLE, hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on the 6th day of May, 1875, to be registered as a Medical Practitioner under the provisions of "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869."

My qualifications are—Doctor of Medicine, Queen's University, Ireland; Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and Licentiate in Midwifery, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; and my Diplomas are deposited for public inspection in the Registrar-General's Office. My residence is in Wellington.

1st April, 1875.

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

I, FRANCIS THOMAS VAN HEMERT, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and Licentiate of Society of Apothecaries, London, now residing at Dunedin, in the said Province of Otago, do hereby give notice that I intend to apply to you the said Registrar for the District of Dunedin, on the thirtieth day of April, 1875, to have my name entered on the Medical Register of New Zealand; and I have deposited my diplomas and copies of same along with this notice in the office of you the said Registrar in Dunedin, for public inspection, pursuant to the provisions of "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869."

Dated at Dunedin aforesaid, the nineteenth day of March, 1875.

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FRANCIS THOMAS VAN HEMERT.

In the matter of "The Vulcan Gold Mining Company, Registered,"

NOTICE is hereby given, that by an Order of the District Court of Auckland, holden at Auckland, dated 22nd March, 1875, the Schedule and Plan of Distribution herein was approved, and the Schedule is now open for inspection of Contributors to and Creditors of the said Company, at my office, Supreme Court, Auckland; and that the claims mentioned in the Schedule will, after the lapse of 21 days from this date be paid at the said office.

Dated Auckland, 22nd March, 1875.

THO. MACFARLANE,
Liquidator of "The Vulcan Gold Mining Company, Registered."

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TURNER GOLD MINING COMPANY, REGISTERED.

IN accordance with Clause 45 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872," I, the undersigned Manager, hereby give notice, that at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the above-named Company, held at the Company's Office on the 27th day of March, 1875, at which Meeting more than two-thirds in number and value were represented, an increase in the Capital was resolved on. The mode adopted for the increase is by raising the amount of each of the 4,800 Shares existing in the Company from £5 (five pounds) to £6 (six pounds) each.

WM. CLARK,
Manager.

Picton, 27th March, 1875.

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Public Notice.

THE issuing, on payment, of Publications printed at the General Government Office, being now made only to the Trade throughout the Colony, purchasers are requested to make application to any of the under-mentioned Booksellers:—

Mr. E. Wayte, Auckland.
Messrs. Upton and Co., Auckland.
Mr. J. H. Jefferson, Grahamstown.
Mr. W. H. Seffern, New Plymouth.
Mr. H. I. Jones, Wanganui.
Mr. A. D. Willis, Wanganui.
Messrs. Dinwiddie, Morrison, and Co., Napier.
Mr. H. D. Jackson, Nelson.
Mr. A. T. Card, Picton.
Mr. J. L. Munson, Westport.

J. J. CHERBETT,
Storekeeper.

General Government Stationery Office,
Wellington, 29th December, 1874.

ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of JANUARY, 1875.

STATIONS.	BAROMETER. Corrected and Reduced to Sea Level.		TEMPERATURE FROM SELF-REGISTERING INSTRUMENTS, READ IN MORNING FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PREVIOUSLY.					COMPUTED FROM OBSERVATIONS.		RAIN.		WIND.		LOUD.
	Mean Reading	Extr'me Range.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Mean Daily Range of Temp.	Extr'me Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in Sun's Rays.	Min. Temp. on Grass.	Mean Elastic Force of Vapour.	Mean Deg. of Moist. (Satur- ation =100.)	Total Fall in Month (inches)	No. of Days on which Rain fell.	Average Daily Force in Miles for Month.	Maximum Velocity in Miles in any 24 hours, and Date.	Mean Amount for Month (0to10).
MONGONUI ...	29-939	1-009	69-6	16-8	31-0	...	...	517	73	2-890	7	129	585, 2nd	5-0
Same month previous 3 years	29-972	...	68-0	...	...	...	...	523	75	3-720	10	...	...	...
AUCKLAND ...	29-858	792	67-1	17-1	34-7	152-2	...	491	74	2-315	9	324	734, 1st	6-7
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-905	...	68-4	...	...	...	...	515	72	2-474	9	...	...	...
TARANAKI ...	29-816	926	63-0	18-9	35-0	184-0	...	443	77	3-050	11	79	175, 4th	6-5
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-925	...	64-9	...	...	...	...	453	69	3-191	10	...	...	...
NAPIER ...	29-743	911	67-7	20-4	39-0	141-0	...	492	76	4-080	7	196	508, 2nd	2-0
Same month previous 8 years	29-853	...	66-8	...	...	...	...	480	72	3-278	7	...	...	...
WELLINGTON ...	29-785	1-018	64-9	14-7	30-0	155-0	38-0	461	77	3-540	6	239	450, 27th	4-6
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-859	...	62-9	...	...	...	...	409	70	3-585	10	...	...	...
*WANGANUI ...	30-001	700	64-9	22-0	40-0	135-0	43-0	447	73	3-490	7	330	520, 25th	5-0
Same month previous 3 years	30-094	...	62-8	...	...	...	...	400	69	2-808	7	...	...	...
NELSON ...	29-765	937	65-2	26-7	50-0	147-0	...	441	72	5-450	5	115	298, 4th	6-5
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-875	...	64-7	...	...	...	...	473	72	4-434	5	...	...	...
CAPE CAMPBELL ...	29-800	1-200	66-2	14-6	28-6	...	...	464	73	1-060	4	355	646, 9th	6-0
Same month previous year	29-970	...	64-8	...	...	...	...	418	68	3-70	3	...	...	...
CHRISTCHURCH ...	29-731	953	63-2	18-5	43-8	149-0	29-0	449	77	1-770	8	164	315, 10th	5-4
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-818	...	62-5	...	...	...	...	427	73	2-113	8	...	...	...
*BEALEY ...	29-860	760	57-1	19-8	44-0	...	11-0	346	74	9-130	14	197	399, 7th	5-5
Same month previous 7 years	29-746	...	57-4	...	...	...	...	341	72	6-882	13	...	...	...
HOKITIKA ...	29-879	1-482	60-4	11-5	26-6	98-2	42-5	431	81	10-770	18	123	296, 27th	5-6
Same month previous 9 years	29-916	...	60-4	...	...	...	...	442	83	8-683	15	...	...	...
DUNEDIN ...	29-533	921	58-3	16-0	30-0	159-0	33-0	385	89	3-790	14	116	345, 25th	6-0
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-806	...	57-6	...	...	...	...	352	72	4-083	16	...	...	...
*QUEENSTOWN ...	29-309	900	60-1	17-2	41-7	138-2	37-2	299	58	4-980	12	115	178, 4th	6-1
Same month previous 3 years	29-940	...	60-8	...	...	...	...	308	59	2-673	9	...	...	...
SOUTHLAND ...	29-660	1-000	58-0	22-0	46-0	157-0	...	342	71	6-170	18	201	413, 5th	8-0
Same month previous 10 yrs.	29-778	...	57-0	...	...	...	...	345	72	5-626	13	...	...	...

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

NOTES FOR JANUARY, 1875.

Mongonui.—Fine weather generally; heavy rain recorded on 1st, 2-08 inches; strong gale on 1st from N.E., and on the 2nd and 3rd stormy from N.W. to S.W.; otherwise wind moderate, and prevailed from N.W. and S.W.; fog on 16th. Maximum temperature in shade, 86°; minimum, 55°.

Auckland.—Strong gale on 1st and 2nd from N.E., shifting to W.; low barometer; heavy rain, 77 inch recorded on 1st; the maximum for month; remainder of month tolerably fine, though showery towards the end; prevailing S.W. wind, and strong generally; fog on 21st. Maximum temperature, 86-9°; minimum, 52-2°.

Taranaki.—Fine dry weather generally; the maximum rainfall registered on 2nd, 99 inch; pleasant showers; prevailing westerly winds and light; thunder on 29th. Maximum temperature, 79°; minimum, 44°.

Napier.—Weather fine, and at times very hot, with prevailing N.E. wind and light, except on 2nd and 3rd, when it blew strong from that quarter; on night of 28th wet set in and continued raining till end of month; light changeable wind; on 29th, 1-78 inch rain recorded, the maximum for the month. Maximum temperature, 91°; minimum, 52°.

Wellington.—Dull close wet weather on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, wind N.W. and strong, followed by a succession of bright, clear warm days, with prevailing N.W. winds and very dry, often stormy, especially on 6th, 7th, 8th, 23rd, 24th, and 26th, at times very hot and oppressive; fine nights; on 28th and 29th heavy rain from S.E. and cold, 1-06 inch recorded on the 30th, the maximum for the month; lightning on the night of 1st; fog bank on nights of 21st and 22nd to N.E., partially obscuring moon; on the whole very fine summer weather, though rather too dry. Maximum temperature in shade, 81°; minimum, 51°.

Wanganui.—Rain in beginning and end of month; the maximum fall occurring on 29th, 1-10 inch; otherwise fine bright weather, with N.W. winds generally strong, especially on 25th; thunder on 10th. Maximum temperature, 86°; minimum, 46°.

Nelson.—Fine weather with the exception of a few days at the beginning of month, when it rained heavily, also thunder on 3rd, wind N.E.; over 5 inches of rain in three days, 2-70 inches recorded on 2nd, the maximum; very warm at times; prevailing N.E. winds and light. Maximum temperature, 92°; minimum, 42°—the greatest range for many years.

Cape Campbell.—Very dry weather; strong dry westerly gale on 9th; prevailing W. and N.W. winds, and strong during latter part of month; maximum rain recorded on 2nd, 65 inch. Maximum temperature, 81-6°; minimum, 53-0°.

Christchurch.—Pleasant weather throughout, with light occasional showers; small rainfall, the maximum recorded on 2nd, 1-09 inch, nearly the total for month; prevailing N.E. wind and light; hail on 25th. Maximum temperature, 85-2°; minimum, 41-4°.

Bealey.—Very warm close weather; heavy rain, 2-18 inches recorded on 27th, the maximum for month; some bright pleasant days; prevailing N.W. wind and at times fresh; thunder on 14th. Maximum temperature, 82-4°; minimum, 38-4°.

Hokitika.—Wet weather generally and warm, at times bright; winds principally S.W., maximum rainfall registered on 27th, 2-74 inches; thunder on 3rd, 14th, 25th, 26th; fog on 22nd. Maximum temperature, 72-5°; minimum, 45-9°.

Dunedin.—Changeable weather throughout, with low atmospheric pressure; frequent showers, the maximum fall recorded on 2nd, 1 inch; winds moderate and generally from southward; thunder on 14th. Maximum temperature, 72°; minimum, 42°.

Queenstown.—Calm sultry weather with a good deal of rain, the maximum fall on 7th, 2-36 inches; winds N.W.; thunder on 7th and 16th; snow on hills on 24th and 26th; fog on 22nd. Maximum temperature, 84-9°; minimum, 43°.

Southland.—A wet month and generally oppressive; maximum rainfall occurred on 22nd, 1-20 inch; prevailing S.W. and W. winds, and strong at times; thunder on 4th, 5th, 14th, 18th, and 28th; hail on 5th. Maximum temperature, 84°; minimum, 38°.

GENERAL REMARKS.

On the whole, fine pleasant summer weather; the rainfall is over the average for the same period in previous years, but fell principally in the early and latter parts of month; wind prevailed from westward, and with few exceptions, was moderate; at times extremely warm weather experienced. Earthquakes reported at Napier on 18th, at 1 a.m., slight; and at Wellington on the 4th, at 6-30 p.m., also slight.

W. B. D. MANTELL (for Inspector).