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Rules for the Remission of Sentences of Prisoners confined in Public Prisons in New Zealand.

(L.S.) NORMANBY, Governor.
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the rules for the remission of sentences of prisoners confined in public prisons in New Zealand should be altered and amended, and others substituted in lieu thereof:

Now therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of all powers and authorities vested in me in that behalf, do hereby make the following Rules, and do order and direct that the same shall be in force in all the public prisons in New Zealand on and after the first day of August, 1875.

RULES.

1. All former rules on this subject are hereby repealed.
2. The time which every prisoner must pass in prison shall be represented by a certain number of marks, which he must earn by actual labour performed to entitle him to any remission of sentence.
3. No remission will be granted for conduct. It is only on condition of good conduct and strict obedience that prisoners will be allowed to earn by their industry a remission of a portion of their sentences.
4. If, therefore, their conduct is indifferent or bad, they will be liable to be fined a certain number of marks, according to the nature and degree of the offence, and will thus forfeit by misconduct the remission they may have gained by their industry.
5. The scale of marks shall be,—
Eight marks per diem for steady hard labour, and the full performance of the allotted task.
Seven marks per diem for a less degree of industry.
Six marks per diem for a fair but moderate day's work.
6. No remission will be granted for the first three months of a sentence, which shall be looked upon

as a period of probation; a prisoner's marks are therefore to be calculated at the rate of six per diem, as commencing three months from the date of conviction: Provided that no prisoner whose conduct has not been good and industrious during the first three months of his imprisonment shall be entitled to marks until he has passed a further period of three months' probation. Should his conduct during this second period of probation be good and industrious, his marks shall be calculated as commencing six months from the date of conviction; but if not, the prisoner shall not be entitled to marks until his conduct has been reported good and industrious for a period of three months prior to the date from which they are calculated.

7. If by his industry the prisoner gains eight marks per diem, and does not forfeit any for misconduct, he will earn the full remission of one-fourth of the time for which his marks were calculated.

8. When a prisoner is sentenced to forfeiture of time, a number of marks equal to the number of days forfeited, multiplied by six, is to be added to the whole number of marks he has to earn; as he can by his industry earn eight, he may thereby gain a remission of one-fourth of such forfeiture.

9. Prisoners sentenced to separate confinement shall be credited with only six marks per diem during that period.

10. Prisoners in hospital shall be credited with only six marks per diem, which may be increased by special recommendation of the Gaoler to the Visiting Justices.

11. On Sunday marks must be allotted for conduct only on that day.

12. Any prisoner reported for idleness or misconduct at school will be liable, in addition to any other punishment, to be fined a number of marks proportionate to his offence.

13. The time which prisoners sentenced prior to the first day of August, 1875, must pass in prison shall be represented by marks calculated at six per diem, as commencing three months from the date of conviction. And the Visiting Justices shall, on the coming in force of these rules, determine, on the Gaoler's reports of his conduct up to that time, how

ERRATUM.—In *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 32, of 10th June, 1875, page 395, for "John Memyn," read "John McMyn."

many marks each such prisoner is entitled to, and he shall be credited with that number of marks accordingly.

14. As no remission will be granted for conduct only, prisoners who have not been sentenced to hard labour can earn no remission unless they voluntarily undergo hard labour.

15. Gaolers shall report to the Minister of Justice in sufficient time to allow the necessary instrument authorizing the release of the prisoner to reach the Gaoler by the time the prisoner shall have earned the remission provided for by these rules; and such report shall specify in full the name of the prisoner, his crime, his sentence, the date of his trial, the Court at which the trial was held, his conduct and marks while in prison, and the date on which the remission will be earned if the prisoner continue his current rate and does not forfeit any marks for misconduct in the meantime. Should any shortcoming or forfeiture take place between the despatch of the Gaoler's report and the receipt of the instrument authorizing the release of the prisoner, the Gaoler shall telegraph immediately to the Minister of Justice.

16. There shall be hung up in each ward a copy of these Rules, and also a list of all the prisoners belonging to it, on which shall be recorded the sentence and date of sentence of each prisoner, together with a note of the number of marks earned by each prisoner respectively; such note to be corrected weekly. (This rule shall supersede regulation 20 of Regulations for the Public Prisons of the Colony proclaimed on the 17th day of March, 1875.)

17. No rule for the remission of life sentences will be laid down. Such sentences are passed on persons guilty of the very gravest offences; and the Governor will only extend the Royal prerogative of mercy to such persons in exceptional cases.

18. In these rules the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine.

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; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Belgian Consul recognized.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 12th June, 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 appointment of

CHARLES JOHN JOHNSTON, Esq.,

as Consular Agent for Belgium at Wellington.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages &c. appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 12th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be the Deputies of the Registrars of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the Districts set opposite their names, as the same are defined in Proclamation of the 8th day of May, 1873, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 28, of the 9th day of May, 1873.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Name.	District.
FREDERICK DE CARTERET MALET...	Christchurch.
FRANCIS MORRIS DEIGHTON ...	Wanganui.

Letters of Naturalization issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalization, under "The Aliens Act, 1866," in favour of the under-mentioned persons, viz.,—

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Gottherd Cederman ...	Settler ...	Collingwood.
Peter Andrew Lyders ...	Master Mariner	Dunedin.
Alexander Helmbrecht ...	Engineer ...	Auckland.
John Mary Eucher		
Grange ...	Catholic Priest	Tauranga.
Heinrich Carl Adolf		
Wundram ...	Gold Miner ...	Charleston.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Member of Licensing Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 10th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ADOLPHUS FREDERICK HARDY, Esq.,

to be a Member of the Licensing Court for the District of Poverty Bay, *vice* J. W. Johnson, Esq., J.P.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Clerk of Resident Magistrate's Court and Licensing Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 11th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM STEPHENSON

to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court at Charleston, and Clerk of the Licensing Court for the District of Charleston, *vice* William Mayberry.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Appointment of Volunteer Officers.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 16th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the under-mentioned promotion and appointments, viz.,—

In the *Alfred Troop, Rangitikei Cavalry Volunteers*. Lieutenant John Stevens to be Captain. Date of commission, 7th April, 1875.

Charles Bull to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th April, 1875.

David Scott to be Sub-Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th April, 1875.

In the No. 5 Company, Canterbury Rifle Volunteers.

John Perrin to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th August, 1874.

DONALD McLEAN.

Resignation of Militia and Volunteer Officers.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 16th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the commissions held by

Captain C. D. de Castro, New Zealand Militia.
From the 27th May, 1875.

Sub-Lieutenant H. A. Moore, Alfred Cavalry
Volunteers. From the 2nd April, 1875.

DONALD McLEAN.

Commission cancelled.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 16th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to cancel the commission held by

Captain Francis Charles Leggett, New Zealand
Militia.

DONALD McLEAN.

Addenda to Report on Colonial Prize Firing.

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, 16th June, 1875.

THE following Correspondence, referred to by Lieut.-Colonel Lyon in his report on the recent Colonial Prize Firing at the Thames, is published for general information.

DONALD McLEAN.

Waiuku, 13th February, 1875.

SIR,—At a meeting of the Colonial Representatives, held in the Naval Hall, Thames, on the 8th instant, I was requested to forward to you the following suggestion for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister.

I find that there is one slight omission in the suggestions which I annex, viz., "That the annual contest should be held at an earlier or later period, as the latter end of January and the month of February are busy times with those who follow agricultural pursuits. The meeting suggest either November or March as being the more suitable, and the heat of the sun would not be so great."

I have, &c.,

E. HAMLIN,

Captain. No. 1 Company, W.R.V.,
Chairman of Meeting.

Colonel Lyon,
Commanding Colonial Representatives.

Thames, 9th February, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that, at the conclusion of the Colonial Prize Firing, a meeting of the Representatives was held on the 8th instant, for the purpose of considering any suggestions they might wish to lay before the Government tending to increase the success of these annual contests. By request of the meeting, I beg to lay before you the following recommendations:—

1. That Government be respectfully requested to increase the number of aggregate prizes.

2. The ammunition supplied at the late contest was stamped as Eley's, without any special brand;

and as numerous complaints were made throughout the firing of its irregularity, the enclosed test of weight of eighteen Eley's bullets and thirteen of Government ammunition, year 1870, was made by Mr. H. A. Severn, Grahamstown. The shooting for the Infantry Belt was inferior to former years, and the large and frequent difference in the weight of Eley's bullets is mainly accountable for it. Eley's branded ammunition is considered good, but an unbranded and inferior article found its way into Australia a few years ago. That in the event of Government compelling each man to use the ammunition which is issued to him on the ground, as at the recent meeting, each competitor shall load in front of his squad officer, as during the late firing it was proved that unprincipled competitors used ammunition other than Eley's, and were thus firing at a great advantage over their more honest comrades.

3. That Sniders be issued to efficient Volunteer Companies throughout the colony as soon as possible, and that District Representatives receive them in time for practice before the next annual meeting.

4. That in order to facilitate the firing, the number of targets be increased, or that competitors fire in smaller squads, as at Victoria and other Rifle Association gatherings—say, eight men at one time on each target.

5. That the All-comers' Match be confined to large-bore rifles, and to any ranges up to 600 yards; but that a small-bore match be put on the programme; any ranges up to 1,000 yards.

6. That the qualification of Representatives should be by the aggregate of two or more matches, and not of one, as at present.

7. While not expressing a decided opinion, the Representatives appeared generally to think that the time had now come when the Colonial Prize Firing might be held at a central place, say somewhere in the neighbourhood of Cook Strait, and convenient to competitors from all parts of the colony.

E. HAMLIN, Capt. No. 1 W.R.V.,
Chairman.

The Hon. the Defence Minister,
Wellington.

Grahamstown, 8th February, 1875.

Comparative weight of Eley's and 1870 Government ammunition rifle ball:—

Eley's. Troy grains.	Government clay plug 1870. Troy grains.
543	540
516	537
533	536
530	537
536	537
523	537
522	537
533	537
533	537
515	537
536	537
527	536
527	537
526	
527	
530	
506	
530	

18)9493(527·4
Mean weight of ball,
527·4

13)6982(537
Mean weight of ball,
537·

Difference in the mean weights, 9·7 grains.

Greatest difference between
two balls, 37 grains.

Greatest difference between
two balls, 4 grains.

H. A. SEVERN.

17th February, 1875.

COLONEL MOULE,—At the late competition for the colonial prizes at the Thames, great complaints were made by nearly every competitor of the quality of the ammunition supplied to them; it was "Eley's 1874." I saw scores of defective cartridges, some only half (or three-quarter) full of powder, others entirely empty. The bullets were in many cases split, without plugs, and the base cut off at an angle of about 45°.

The ammunition ordered from this office was "21,000 rounds muzzle-loading Enfield ammunition, 1870."

FRAS. STEVENS.

Memo. No. 177.

LIEUT.-COLONEL MOULE,—The first ammunition ordered up for the Prize Firing was that of 1870, being the then newest in the colony; but in the meantime, as reported to Defence Office, ammunition dated 1874 arrived, and was sent instead of 1870, it being considered desirable that the Volunteers should have the latest and best ammunition.

The new ammunition was tried before being sent, and no complaint was made of it. If it is as bad as Mr. Stevens reports (which I very much doubt), I can only attribute it to the Agent-General getting it from Messrs. Bond and James, instead of the War Department, as formerly.

I have examined some; it appears to me perfectly good; and as regards weight, equal quantities of 1870 and this ammunition were weighed and compared this morning by Captain Crowe, and I am informed, if anything, the 1874 was the heavier of the two.

EDWARD GORTON,
Inspector of Stores.

Wellington, 18th February, 1875.

Memo. for the Hon. Sir D. McLean.

I issued instructions for the ammunition of 1870 to be sent to the Thames, it being then the latest received in the colony, but shortly after a supply of 1874 ammunition arrived from England, and this being the newest was sent to the Thames; the object of the Inspector of Stores and myself being that the Representatives should have the very latest ammunition.

It is a well-known fact that the very best shots occasionally fall off in their shooting, and it is usual on such occasion to lay the blame on the rifle or ammunition, and I fancy there was something of this sort at the Thames, as, in addition to the test mentioned by Colonel Gorton, I have carefully compared the shooting with the Enfield rifle at the Thames with that at Napier last year, and the result is very much in favour of the new ammunition, as the following table clearly demonstrates. The range and number of shots were the same both years, and the rifles have certainly not improved.

	1875.	1874.
2nd Infantry Match, 400, 500, and 600 yds. Scores of the 10 prize takers...	637	597
3rd Infantry Match, 200 yds. Scores of the 5 prize takers	175	174
4th Infantry Match, 300 yds. Scores of the 5 prize takers	151	155
6th Infantry Match, 200, 500, and 600 yds. Scores of the eight prize takers. The match is same as fifth match last year	488	504
Staff Match, 200 and 500 yds. Scores of the four prize takers	174	154

	1875.	1874.
North and South Match. Scores of all the competitors	1029	998
Total	2,654	2,582
Points in favour of the new ammunition	72	

W. MOULE,
Lieut.-Colonel.

18th February, 1875.

Militia and Volunteer Office,
Auckland, 1st March, 1875.

SIR,—In compliance with your memorandum of this date, requiring me to report upon the ammunition used in the recent rifle competition, I beg to make the following remarks on the subject, and on the correspondence which is attached to your memorandum.

The so-called complaints respecting the ammunition would appear to have been brought to notice by Mr. F. Stevens, the clerk of the Militia and Volunteer Office, who, as regards the arrangements and conduct of the actual firing, was only a spectator; his specific duty being to record, in general returns, the various scores recorded on the field by the squad officers in their squad-books, after each day's firing was completed; so that, if it is his duty to report upon occurrences at these meetings, statements from so irresponsible a source should be received with some degree of circumspection.

If the competitors had been compelled to use the ammunition in question, complaints would, no doubt, have been numerous; but Colonel Lyon's orders with respect to it were, that whenever a representative found himself about to load with a defective cartridge, he should go at once to the squad officer stationed at the firing point, and obtain from him a perfect cartridge, the squad officers being provided with a reserve supply. Many men did bring to Colonel Lyon, to myself, and to their squad officers, cartridges (which were exchanged) in a defective condition, some only partially filled; and I think I am within the mark in saying that in the whole quantity used—many thousand rounds—perhaps twelve had no powder in them at all. Some bullets were shown to Colonel Lyon, into the cavity of which the plug had penetrated beyond the base of the bullet, but this would not, I imagine, interfere with the accurate flight of the bullet.

The day appointed for the commencement of the firing was Monday, the 25th January, and on that day the infantry (while the cavalry were proceeding with the programme) were provided with ten rounds per man of the 1874 ammunition, to take to the range of the Thames Volunteers, in order that they might discover the peculiarity, if it had any, of this new and hitherto unused ammunition, and, on their return, no complaint whatever was made of it.

Notwithstanding the order that every man who found he had a defective cartridge should go to his squad officer for a complete one, a few fired with defective cartridges, and consequently their shots fell short. In such cases the ammunition was complained of, but no one could well sympathize with so careless a competitor. The best and most conclusive test of the good quality of the ammunition in question is, that the firing at the last annual meeting was superior to that of previous contests; and I feel very much inclined to believe that if this 1874 ammunition now remaining in store was opened out, every cartridge examined, and short-weighted ones refilled with powder of precisely similar quality, it would become the ammunition most in request by the Volunteer force. The favourite ammunition now, is that of 1870; but in it also there are many defective cartridges, defective both in quantity and

quality of powder; but I am convinced that the later manufacture of 1874, if treated as I have suggested, will supersede in its use, generally, that of 1870, or of any previous brand.

I have, &c.,

WM. GORDON, Major,
Assistant to Commanding Officer at the
Prize Firing, 1875.
Lieut.-Colonel St. John, Auckland.

12th March, 1875.

COLONEL LYON,—In reference to Major Gordon's remarks on my memorandum of the 17th ultimo, it is necessary that I should state that it was written after private conversation I had with Colonel Moule on the colonial firing generally, and, I might almost say, at his own request.

I am well aware that it formed no part of my duties, as Staff Secretary, to furnish a report on any matter connected with the firing voluntarily, and, if I did exceed my duty, Colonel Moule, as the head of my department, would not, of course, have received or taken action in it.

I am glad Major Gordon bears out my statement as to the ammunition; but I saw a large number of cartridges thrown away as defective, without their being shown to the staff officers at all.

FRAS. STEVENS.

Receiver of Gold Revenue at Charleston appointed.

Treasury,
Wellington, 16th June, 1875.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM STEPHENSON

to be Receiver of Gold Revenue at Charleston, Nelson South-West Gold Fields, as on the 11th instant, *vice* William Mayberry, dismissed.

DANIEL POLLEN,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Notice under Section 12 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1872."

Treasury,
Wellington, 10th May, 1875.

OFFICERS holding advances of Public Money are hereby required to pay to the Public Account, at the nearest branch of the Bank of New Zealand, the total unexpended balances in their hands, on or before Saturday, the 26th day of June proximo, so as to close absolutely all Advance Accounts on that date, and forthwith to transmit the Bank Receipt for such repayments to the Treasury at Wellington.

As respects disbursements which officers may require to make between the date of refund of their balances and the 30th June, *special* requisitions for the amount required are to be made by telegram, but such requisitions are not to include provisions for expenditure of the financial year 1875-76. Sums required for the service of that year are to be applied for by post in the usual form.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
(in the absence of the Colonial Treasurer).

Transmission of Official Packets through Post Office.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 15th June, 1875.

AS much inconvenience is occasioned the Post Office through the practice of the several Government Departments forwarding through the Post Office packets of inconvenient size and weight, it is hereby notified that for the future only official packets not exceeding 2 feet in length, 1 foot in

width or depth, or twenty pounds in weight, will be received for transmission through the Post Office.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Acting Postmaster-General.

Cancelling Notice of Intention to withdraw Reservation from Section in Confiscated Land, Wellington Province.

Secretary for Crown Lands Office,
Wellington, 15th June, 1875.

IT is hereby notified, that the notification under the New Zealand Settlements Acts, of the intention to withdraw from reservation, on the expiration of three calendar months, Section No. 326, Okotuku District, Province of Wellington, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 11th day of March, 1875, is this day cancelled.

H. A. ATKINSON,
Secretary for Crown Lands.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 10 of 1875.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 7th June, 1875.

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

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

NEW HEBRIDES, BANKS, AND LOYALTY GROUPS.

Her Majesty's Ship "Pearl,"

At Sea, lat. 27° 23' S., long. 159° 12' E.,
18th May, 1875.

Hydrographical Memorandum No. 15.

THE following Hydrographical information relative to the New Hebrides, Banks, and Loyalty Groups of Islands, extracted from the remark book of Navigating Lieutenant Henry Hosker, of H.M.S. "Pearl," is promulgated for general information.

JAMES G. GOODENOUGH,
Captain and Commodore (Second Class),
Commanding Australian Station.

To the respective Captains and Officers
Commanding Her Majesty's Ships, &c.

NEW HEBRIDES.

TANNA.

Port Resolution.—The Mission House shown on Plan 1508 no longer exists. A new one has been built on the bluff of Point Resolution.

Cook's Pyramid, which should have been seen from the anchorage, must have been worn away by the action of the water, for all the rocks now off the north-west point of the entrance are barely above high watermark, and are awash. The small islet shown on the Plan 1508, west of Cook's Pyramid, is shut in when the ship is to the southward of a N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. bearing, from her, to the north-west point. It is of a pyramidal shape.

East Coast.—The west point of Tanna was found to extend 3.1 miles further to the westward than shown upon the chart.

Sangalie Anchorage.—The houses of the plantation on Sangalie Hill were seen when about 2' to the southward of West Point, at a distance of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ '. To make the anchorage, run down the coast at half a mile's distance, till the large house is brought to bear E. by N. northerly, then steer for it; soundings will be first picked up in 18 to 20 fathoms; anchor in not less than 14 fathoms; 16 fathoms will be two cables from the break on shore reef. Bearings for anchorage: Plantation House, N. 78° E.; south extreme of Tanna visible, S. 43° E.; north extreme

of Tanna visible, N. 43° W. From this position the Boat Cove will be open N.E. by E., where there is a good landing, protected by the reefs from winds from west round by north, to S.S.W.

Approximate position of the beach in Boat Cove, lat. 19° 34' S., long. 169° 14½' E. Assumed variation, 10° 30' E.

Havannah Harbour, Vaté or Sandwich Island.—Leading Marks: The leading mark given, namely, "Distant Peak and Green Head in line," was difficult to make out; the former being clouded, and the latter, being backed by high land, did not show out till the ship was well up with White Sand Point.

Bluff Point kept open of White Sand Point clears the rocky patches.

Missionary Point of the chart opened out clear of White Sand Point, on a N.E. by E. ½ E. line of bearing; the Mission Station is now on White Sand Point, and is known to the planters by the name of Missionary Point, instead of White Sand Point.

NGUNA OR MONTAGUE ISLAND.

Na-ora-matua Harbour.—Approximate position by bearings lat. 17° 27' 30" S., long. 168° 17' E. for the anchorage; variation allowed 10° E.

Montague Island should extend 1½' further to the westward than shown. This would make the island 5½' long east and west.

The Harbour of Na-ora-matua is not generally known; it lies between the two westernmost points of Montague Island, and can easily be found by bringing the highest peak of Montague Island, Tavanakie, to bear S. 60° E. The anchorage is well sheltered from winds from N.N.E. round through E. to S. by E. A partial shelter is afforded by Deception Island, as far round as S.S.W. ¾ W.

With the prevailing south-east wind, it would afford a fair temporary anchorage, but as it is open to the westward, a ship should be ready to leave if the wind were likely to blow hard from that direction. The bottom is chiefly foul ground, coral and volcanic rock, with sand patches between. The south-east corner of the bay should be avoided, as it shoals quickly from 13 to 5 fathoms, but N.N.E. of the anchorage that the "Pearl" picked up, plenty of available space for anchoring will be found, with tolerably level bottom, 12 to 9 fathoms.

Bearings for anchorage: Tavanakie Peak, S. 60° E.; south point of bay, S. 11° E.; Deception Island, S. 32° W.; north point of bay, N. 19° E.; Three Hill Island, N. 5° W. A shore reef stretches out from all parts of the beach, which renders landing difficult in ships' boats, except within about two hours of high water. At low tide many parts of the reef are dry.

TONGARIKI ISLAND.

This island is placed 3' too far to the westward on the Chart No. 1380.

The Shepherd Islands appear to be correctly placed in bearing one from another.

Information obtained from Mr. Leeman, master of the schooner "Leonie":—

Api Island.—There is an anchorage in the bight on the north-east side of this island, in lat. 16° 39' S.

La Menu Island.—Dangerous patch. About 3' to the westward of this island there is a patch, of small extent, with only 6 feet water over it. Approximate position, lat. 16° 33' S., long. 168° 4' E.

Pavua Island.—There is an anchorage on the west side in 12 fathoms, just to the northward of the reef shown on chart, in about lat. 16° 26' 30" S.

Ambrym Island.—There is a good anchorage just to the northward of Dip Point, in 8 fathoms, about half a mile off shore. A temporary anchorage may

also be obtained off the south-east shore, from a quarter to half a mile from the beach.

Mallicollo Island.—The reef reported off the East Coast has 2 fathoms of water or less over it, and extends to a distance of 3' off shore. I sailed over it in my schooner.

BANKS GROUP.

VANUA LAVA ISLAND.

Port Patteson.—Inside the reef which surrounds Pakea and Niwala Islands there is a third small island; it bears about south from the latter. The three islands are covered with trees.

NEW HEBRIDES TO LOYALTY ISLANDS.

Tiga Island.—The position of this island on Chart No. 1380, corrected to June 1870, with respect to Maré Island, is six miles too far west.

LOYALTY ISLANDS.

Maré Island.—This island is placed 4·3 miles too far west on Chart No. 1,380.

Off the north shore there are a number of coral patches and knolls, with apparently from 2 to 5 fathoms water over them, N.E. by N. ¾ of a mile from the church.

Undine Cove is not known to the natives, and no anchorage or signs of one could be discovered by the "Pearl" anywhere on the west coast, till in the large south-west bay which runs in from Cape Castle. This is called by the natives Tandine Bay; it is from 5' to 6' across. When the bay is well open, a large white house can be seen just north of a grove of cocoa-nut trees.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 11 of 1875.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, 10th June, 1875.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Government of Hongkong, is published for general information.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

HONGKONG.

CAPE D'AGUILAR LIGHT

NOTICE is hereby given, that a light will be exhibited on Cape d'Aguilar on and after the 16th April next.

The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric of the first order, showing a white light on the following bearings, which are magnetic and taken from seaward.

1. From S. 45° ½ W. to N. 53° ½ W. Between these bearings the light is obscured by the islets of the Nine Pins, and the islet just south of Waglan. The light is then obscured by Soonkong Island.
2. From N. 21° ½ W. to N. 42° W. The light is then obscured by the Lema Islands, and the islands to the southward of them.
3. From N. 33° E. to N. 69° E. Between these bearings the light is obscured to vessels to the south-westward of Ling Ting Island, and the Islands of the Samoun Group.
4. The Tathong Channel, with the exception of a small portion obscured by Shicko Head.

The focal plane of the light is 200 feet above mean sea level, and in clear weather it should be seen at a distance of 23 nautical miles. The tower is round, of stone, 30 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 57 feet. The dwellings and boundary walls are painted white. The light-house is in lat. 22° 12' 14" N., long. 114° 15' 44" E.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,

Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1875.

Inquiry for a Missing Person.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th June, 1875.

INQUIRIES having been made respecting a person named

GEORGE SCOTT WHICHER,

any one who can give any information respecting the above-named person is requested to communicate with this office.

AMELIUS M. SMITH,
(in the absence of the Under Secretary).

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 date of publication of this notice.

ISAAC BRYAN.—Section 1687, Oxford District. (A. Thompson, Solicitor.) 2090.

GEORGE WHEELER.—Lot 34, Plan 13, Township of Wakefield, part of Section 2. (R. Wilkin, Broker.) 2139.

JAMES DOW.—Section 304, Town of Timaru. (Tate and Ross, Brokers.) 2142.

EDMOND SMART.—Section 2597, Christchurch District. (A. Thompson, Solicitor.) 2144.

JOHN WILKINSON.—1 rood, part of Section 26, District of Christchurch. 2145.

WILLIAM MULCASTER.—3 acres, part of Section 154, District of Christchurch. (R. J. S. Harman, Broker.) 2147.

GEORGE FROGGATT.—5 acres, part of Section 154, Christchurch District. (R. J. S. Harman, Broker.) 2149.

WILLIAM ROBINSON.—Section 10261, District of Timaru. (Perry and Perry, Solicitors.) 2151.

THOMAS SELBY TANCRED.—Sections 12839, 12840, 12841, District of Timaru. (R. W. Fereday, Solicitor.) 2152.

WILLIAM KERR.—1 rood, part of Section 6, Christchurch District. (C. Clark, Broker.) 2153.

DONALD CAMERON and DUNCAN CAMERON.—2 roods 13 perches, part of Section 1750, Oxford District, being Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and 9 on plan of Township of Oxford. (H. Wynn Williams, Solicitor.) 2154.

WILLIAM NEEVE.—Section 6, Town of Christchurch. (C. Clark, Broker.) 2156.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 9th day of June, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

GEO. B. DAVY,
District Land Registrar.

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ABSTRACT of METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of APRIL, 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.		CLOUD.
	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 ...	30.212	.571	67.8	14.9	25.0	...	...	.560	82	4.380	11	111	240, 19th	6.5
Same month previous 9 years	30.070	...	63.0	...	...	...	...	.466	77	5.630	11	...	...	...
AUCKLAND ...	30.239	.611	64.3	14.3	29.0	134.9	42.5	.454	75	2.150	10	197	395, 19th	6.7
Same month previous 11 yrs.	30.015	...	61.7	...	...	...	...	.439	72	3.337	14	...	...	...
TARANAKI ...	30.266	.677	62.6	20.5	33.0	160.0	...	.403	75	1.040	3	51	165, 9th	6.5
Same month previous 11 yrs.	30.031	...	58.6	...	...	...	...	.380	72	3.310	11	...	...	...
NAPIER ...	30.260	.825	60.1	18.5	32.0	131.0	...	.410	79	2.600	11	123	247, 14th	2.9
Same month previous 8 years	30.017	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	.386	75	2.436	9	...	...	...
WELLINGTON ...	30.258	.893	58.9	12.0	29.0	135.0	35.0	.400	81	1.951	9	202	400, 13th	5.3
Same month previous 11 yrs.	30.006	...	57.0	...	...	...	...	.350	74	3.716	13	...	23rd	...
* WANGANUI ...	30.350	.500	58.6	23.3	41.0	120.0	34.0	.345	70	.000	0	193	285, 19th	4.0
Same month previous 3 years	29.983	...	56.9	...	...	...	...	.336	73	1.863	9	...	...	...
NELSON ...	30.269	.828	58.4	24.1	37.0	134.6	28.0	.391	81	2.250	5	142	273, 9th	3.9
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29.978	...	57.0	...	...	...	...	.362	74	3.728	6	...	...	...
CAPE CAMPBELL ...	30.270	.800	60.9	12.6	26.1	...	...	.401	75	1.100	6	371	836, 23rd	6.9
Same month previous year	30.070	...	60.1	...	...	...	...	.344	66	.280	5	...	...	...
CHRISTCHURCH ...	30.237	1.042	55.1	13.1	35.0	126.0	24.2	.367	85	1.100	7	112	404, 17th	5.7
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29.990	...	53.5	...	...	...	...	.339	79	2.276	8	...	...	...
* BEALEY ...	30.270	.830	51.6	16.0	39.0	130.0	2.0	.318	83	4.570	9	136	301, 13th	6.1
Same month previous 7 years	29.871	...	48.1	...	...	...	...	.274	82	7.205	14	...	...	...
HOKITIKA ...	30.217	.784	57.9	12.2	27.6	85.0	...	.419	85	6.100	13	94	289, 30th	6.0
Same month previous 9 years	30.024	...	54.2	...	...	...	...	.374	86	7.968	14	...	...	...
DUNEDIN ...	29.996	.962	53.8	13.2	35.0	122.0	33.0	.342	82	1.910	8	143	370, 25th	5.6
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29.874	...	51.9	...	...	...	...	.290	75	2.342	14	...	...	...
* QUEENSTOWN ...	29.730	.910	54.0	15.3	35.9	107.2	32.5	.267	64	3.090	5	85	173, 18th	6.9
Same month previous 3 years	30.129	...	52.0	...	...	...	...	.263	70	1.880	8	...	...	...
SOUTHLAND ...	30.140	1.030	52.5	20.7	45.0	127.0	...	.310	80	1.250	13	143	298, 23rd	6.0
Same month previous 10 yrs.	29.942	...	50.9	...	...	...	...	.287	76	3.600	13	...	...	...

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

NOTES FOR APRIL, 1875.

Mongonui.—Fine with pleasant showers, maximum rainfall recorded on 18th, 1.95 inch; winds prevailed from eastward, and generally moderate; strong on 18th and 19th; fog on 30th; thunder on 19th and 25th, and lightning, without thunder, on evening of 29th. Maximum temperature in shade, 80°; minimum, 55°.

Auckland.—Fine weather generally, with showers towards end of month, maximum fall on 30th, 1.35 inch; prevailing easterly winds and moderate. Maximum temperature, 79.7°; minimum, 50.7°.

Taranaki.—Exceedingly fine weather; very little rain, the maximum fall recorded on 30th, .62 inch; prevailing S.E. winds, and light. Maximum temperature, 77°; minimum, 44°.

Napier.—Early part fine, but latter half of month cold and showery, with prevailing southerly winds, but light; maximum rain recorded on 26th, 1.69 inch. Maximum temperature, 76°; minimum, 44°.

Wellington.—Very small rainfall during this month; pleasant showers occasionally, the maximum fall recorded on 15th and 21st, .55 inch for previous 24 hours. Winds prevailed from N.W. and S.E., frequently changing; strong on 6th, 12th, and 22nd, N.W. High barometer on 8th, 30.547, weather wet and cold from S.E., and stormy at times; on the 9th the barometer reached 30.757, the highest reading yet recorded, fine and bright after rain, barometer fell during day slowly. Maximum temperature, 71.0°; minimum, 42°.

Wanganui.—Remarkably fine and pleasant weather prevailed, with light S.E. and N.W. winds; frequently calm; no rain recorded. Maximum temperature, 77°; minimum, 36°.

Nelson.—Generally fine weather throughout the month, maximum rain registered on 18th, 1.07 inch; prevailing N.E. and S.E. winds, at times strong. Maximum temperature, 73°; minimum, 36°.

Cape Campbell.—Cloudy weather, with fresh breezes from S.E. and N.W.; small rainfall, the maximum recorded on 18th, .39 inch. Frequent changes of temperature: maximum, 75°; minimum, 48.9°.

Christchurch.—Fine, with occasional showers, maximum fall on 24th, .38 inch; prevailing easterly winds, strong on 17th, otherwise moderate. Maximum temperature, 71.7°; minimum, 36.7°.

Bealey.—On the whole, fine weather; small rainfall, maximum recorded on 29th, 1.090 inch; prevailing N.W. winds; gale on 22nd from that quarter, with rain; eight days of fog. Maximum temperature, 68°; minimum 29°.

Hokitika.—Rather dull, close showery weather, at times pleasant; maximum rain on 14th, 1.77 inch; wind generally moderate, and prevailed from the eastward; fog on 6th. Maximum temperature, 67.9°; minimum, 40.3°.

Dunedin.—Fine, with occasional light showers; wind variable, and frequent calms; maximum rain on 23rd, .72 inch. Maximum temperature, 72°; minimum, 37°.

Queenstown.—Fine weather, except on 17th and 23rd, when heavy rain fell, 1.33 inch and 1.32 inch having been recorded; rather dull days, but pleasant; snow fell on hills on 29th and 30th; fog on 19th and 20th; light winds, chiefly from N.W. Maximum temperature, 72.1°; minimum, 36.2°.

Southland.—Very bright fine weather; warm days during early part and end of month, though frosty nights; little wind and variable; maximum rain recorded on 17th, .45 inch. Maximum temperature, 77°; minimum, 32°.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Very small rainfall for this period, at some stations considerably below the average. The temperature throughout was much higher than usual; and a high atmospheric pressure prevailed, on the 9th reaching to 30.77 inch at sea level, with fine bright pleasant weather. The winds were moderate, and generally easterly. Altogether remarkably fine and mild for time of year. Earthquakes:—Reported by Observers, Wellington, 19th, at 3 a.m., slight; through the Manager, Telegraph Department, at Opotiki and Maketu on 14th at about 2.30 a.m., strong; and on 17th at Wairoa, Hawke Bay, at 7.15 a.m., smart; also on 25th at Wanganui at 11.5 p.m., long and smart.

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

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of the PUBLIC TRUSTEE during the Month of May, 1875.

No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Rule or Order.	Value or Estimated Value of Personal Estate.	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
1	Walsh, Theresa Clara	Hokitika	...	None required	Under £20	Mar. 31, 1875	
2	Pike, William ...	Auckland	...	None required	Under £50	Nov. 9, 1874	
3	Smith or Schmidt, William	Okarito	...	May 28, 1875	Under £100	May 8, 1875	Drowned.
4	Stratton, Elizabeth	Wellington	...	May 10, 1875	Under £200	Feb. 8, 1875	
5	MacBean, Thos. J.	New Plymouth	...	May 10, 1875	Under £100	Mar. 16, 1875	
6	Best, Wm. Grosvenor	Wellington	...	May 10, 1875	Under £100	Jan. 31, 1875	Drowned in Porirua Harbour.
7	Wallace, Thos. Wilson	Dunedin.	...	May 28, 1875	Under £300	Feb. 20, 1875	
8	Street, William ...	New Plymouth	Brighton, Sussex	May 10, 1875	Under £200	Feb. 7, 1875	
9	Stuart, Robert ...	Waikato	...	May 28, 1875	Under £100	July 23, 1872	
10	Gibson, William	Invercargill	...	May 14, 1875	Under £200	April 9, 1875	
11	Miller, William ...	Westport	...	...	Not ascertained	Jan. 17, 1875	Drowned.
12	Smith, Philip ...	Waitaki	...	None required	Under £5	Mar. 28, 1875	Drowned.
13	McKay, Donald ...	Dunedin	...	None required	Under £5	Feb. 28, 1875	Died in Hospital.
14	Spence, Thomas ...	"	...	...	Not ascertained	Feb. 18, 1875	
15	Black, John ...	Wangarei	...	None required	Under £25	Mar. 25, 1875	Died in Hospital.
16	Adam, Louis J. ...	Wellington	...	None required	Under £25	May 5, 1875	Died in Hospital.
17	Smith, Henry N.	"	...	None required	Under £25	April 1, 1875	Died in Hospital.
18	Sanger, Louisa ...	"	...	None required	Under £5	April 25, 1875	Died in Hospital.
19	Crooks, William ...	Christchurch	...	None required	Under £30	Mar. 23, 1875	Died in Hospital.
20	Hulme, Arthur ...	New Plymouth	Walsall, Staffordshire	None required	Under £20	May 8, 1875	Died in Hospital.
21	Highley, James Riley	Auckland	...	None required	Under £5	Feb. 9, 1875	Died in Hospital.
22	CConnell, John	Wellington	...	None required	Under £15	May 16, 1875	
23	Brown, James ...	Christchurch	...	None required	Under £5	April 26, 1875	Fracture of spine.
24	Haurahan, John...	"	...	None required	Under £5	May 7, 1875	Congestion and inflammation of lungs.
25	McDonald, Wm.	Dunedin	...	None required	Under £5	...	
26	Zedovio, —	"	...	None required	Under £5	May 10, 1875	Found dead in a quarry.
27	Kane, John ...	Auckland	...	None required	Under £50	Feb. 6, 1875	
28	Carter, Joseph ...	Wellington	...	None required	Under £50	May 3, 1875	
29	Moffat, Thomas ...	Timaru	...	None required	Under £25	...	Died in Hospital.
30	Swan, William Turnbull	Auckland	...	None required	Under £50	Mar. 15, 1875	

Dated the 11th day of June, 1875.

J. WOODWARD, Public Trustee.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 26th April, 1875.

AT the request of the Deputy Registrar-General of New South Wales, the following notice under the Real Property Act of that Colony is published for general information. For facility of reference a tracing of the sections mentioned in this notice is posted in the Government Printing Office at Wellington.
AMELIUS M. SMITH,
 (for the Under Secretary).

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue unless caveats be lodged in Form B of the said Act on or before the date named opposite each case respectively.

Property.	Names of Applicants.	Residence.	Dates up to and inclusive of which Caveats may be lodged.
<p>No. 3770. Paddington, near the City of Sydney, 57 acres: Commencing at the intersection of the Point Piper Road and Paddington Street, and bounded on the South-east by said road, bearing south 27 degrees 10 minutes west 720 links; South 17 degrees 20 minutes west 970 links to a road 50 feet wide; on the North-east by that road and a continued line bearing south 45 degrees east 2540 links; on the North by a line bearing north 89 degrees 2 minutes east 810 links; on the West by Cascade Street, being lines bearing north 3 degrees 45 minutes east 1475 links, and north 4 degrees 45 minutes west 705 links to Paddington Street; and on the South-west by that street bearing north 60 degrees west 2365 links, to commencing point. Also 1 acre 2 roods: Bounded on the South-east by the Point Piper Road, 280 links; North-east by Paddington Street, 550 links; North-west by land of Mrs. Davy, 280 links; and South-west by a line bearing north 60 degrees west, 525 links. Also 2 acres 3 roods 33 perches: Bounded on the North-west and North by William Street north-easterly 490 links, and easterly 230 links; South-east, North-east, and North-west by land of W. Taylor, being lines bearing south-westerly 305 links, south-easterly 200 links, and north-easterly 320 links; again North-east by Paddington Street, 200 links; again South-east by the premises of Messrs. Newell, King, and Taylor, 610 links; and on the South-west by Underwood Street, 612 links. Also 1 acre 32 perches: Bounded on the North-east by Underwood Street, 400 links; South-east by a line 300 links; South-west by the premises of Messrs. Eaden, Mitchell, Hall, O'Mara, and Owen, 400 links; and North-west by premises of Mr. Henderson, 300 links. Also 1 rood 19½ perches: Bounded on the South-east by William Street, 220 links; North by land of T. Broughton, 272 links; North-west by Union Street, 90 links; and South-west by land of Mr. Cowlshaw, 240 links. Also 16½ perches: Bounded on the South-east by Union Street, 69 links; North by land of T. Broughton, 145 links; and South-west by Mr. Cowlshaw's land, 131 links. Also 3 roods 17½ perches: Bounded on the South by Underwood Street, 313 links; East by Mr. Cowlshaw's land, 271 links; North by land of T. Broughton, 322 links; and West by land of Mr. Cooper, 271 links. Also 1 rood 12 perches: Bounded on the South by Underwood Street, 134 links; East by Mr. Johnson's premises, 269 links; North by land of T. Broughton, 110 links; and West by Mr. Challenor's premises, 269 links. The lands above described are all parts of 100 acres granted to Robert Cooper, James Underwood, and Francis Ewen Forbes, and known as "The Paddington Estate."</p>	<p>William Geo. Pennington, William Henry Mackenzie the elder, John Piper Mackenzie, Robert John King, Charles WyeWeekes</p>	<p>Sydney ...</p>	<p>2nd July, 1875.</p>

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Registrar-General's Office, in Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1875, at the Registrar-General's Office, Sydney.

E. G. WARD, Registrar-General.

AUCKLAND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to the General Assembly, at the ensuing session thereof, for leave to introduce a Bill vesting the endowments of the City of Auckland, and of all unappropriated Reserves within the said City, in the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the said City: And notice is further given, that copies of the said Bill will be deposited in the Office of the Examiner of Standing Orders, at Wellington, within fourteen days after the meeting of Parliament.

Dated this 11th day of June, 1875.

P. A. PHILIPS,
 Town Clerk.

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

I, HENRY DONALDSON, hereby give notice, that it is my intention to apply, on the 14th day of July, 1875, to be registered as a Medical Practitioner, under the provisions of "The Medical Practitioners Act, 1869."

My qualifications are those of Member of Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall of London, and my diplomas are deposited at the office of the Registrar-General.

My residence is in Rangitikei (Bull's).

H. DONALDSON.

Wellington, 11th June, 1875.

In the matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, and of "The New Zealand Land and Coal Company, Limited."

THE Creditors of the above-named Company are required, on or before the first day of July, 1875, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and the addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the Liquidators of the said Company, at the offices of Messieurs Corser and Fowler, of Wolverhampton, in the County of Stafford, England, Solicitors; and if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidators or their Solicitors, are themselves, or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims, at such place and time as shall be specified in such notice; or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this tenth day of February, 1875.

CORSER AND FOWLER,
Solicitors to the Liquidators,
57, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton,
England.

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SOUTHLAND BUILDING, LAND, AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

To Mr. JAMES BROWN, the Secretary of the Southland Building, Land, and Investment Society.

WE, the undersigned, members of the Southland Building, Land, and Investment Society, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the members and shareholders of the said Society, for the purpose of considering the following alterations and amendments of the rules and constitution of the said Society, that is to say:—

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS OF THE RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE SAID SOCIETY.

Amendments of Rule V.

The second and fourth clauses of the Fifth Rule are hereby repealed.

For the purpose of receiving the subscriptions and all other payments due or payable under the rules of the said Society, attendance will be given in the Court House, Invercargill, or such other place as the Committee may from time to time lawfully appoint, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and also between the hours of seven o'clock and nine o'clock in the evening of every alternate Wednesday, upon which day the subscriptions shall be due and payable.

Payments of subscriptions may be made in advance, for which discount at the rate of two pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, or at such other rate as the Committee may from time to time in that behalf by resolution appoint, shall be allowed for periods of not less than six months.

Amendment of Rule VII.

The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held on the Wednesday next ensuing the first subscription night in May in each year, at 7.30 p.m., in lieu of the time fixed by the second clause of the Seventh Rule.

Amendment of Rule IX.

The second clause of the Ninth Rule is hereby repealed.

When a shareholder receives an advance he shall pay interest upon the full amount from the day of allotment thereof, at such rate of interest, not being less than eight pounds per centum per annum, nor more than ten pounds per centum per annum, as the Committee shall from time to time in that behalf by

resolution fix and appoint, and such interest shall be payable along with the said shareholder's subscriptions, and he shall be subject and bound to pay fines for arrears of interest at the same rate and in addition to the fines provided in the said rules with regard to arrears of subscriptions.

No resolution of the Committee fixing or altering the rate of interest shall come into force until ten days after the passing thereof, and until it shall have been published at least twice in some newspaper circulating in Invercargill.

Dated this 5th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

K. ROSE,
ROBT. TAPPER,
WILLIAM BARHAM,
WILLIAM SLOAN,
WM. BLACKWOOD,
PETER McEWAN,
GEORGE TREW,
R. BUCHANAN,
D. L. MATHESON,
FRANK A. COXHEAD,
Members of the said Society.

Pursuant to the above requisition, I hereby convene a Special Meeting of the Members and Shareholders of the said Southland Building, Land, and Investment Society, to be held in the Council Hall, Invercargill, on Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1875, at 9 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the above proposed amendments and alterations of the rules and constitution of the said Society.

Dated this 5th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

JAMES BROWN,
Secretary.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership Business of Shipowners and Saw-mill Proprietors, formerly carried on by the undersigned at Clova Bay, in the Province of Marlborough, under the style or firm of "Suisted, Smith, and Co," has been dissolved by mutual consent, as from the 15th day of January, 1875.

FREDK. A. S. SUISTED.
CLAUDE H. SMITH.
ERIC SUISTED.

Witness—R. B. Scott.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of "The Patea Flax-Dressing Company, Limited," will be held at the Taranaki Institute, Brougham Street, New Plymouth, on Thursday, the 29th July, 1875, at 7 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Liquidator's Final Report, and declaring that the affairs of the Company have been fairly wound up.

T. HIRST,
Liquidator.

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Notice to the Public.

ALL Sales of Acts and other Publications issued from the General Government Press will, after this date, be made only to the Trade throughout the Colony. Purchasers are therefore requested to make application to some Bookseller, instead of to the undersigned.

GEO. DIDSBURY,
Government Printer.