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Despatch from the Secretary of State.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 6th November, 1875.

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

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Acting Postmaster-General.

[CIRCULAR.]

Downing Street, 1st June, 1875.

SIR,—With reference to my circular despatch of the 11th December last, forwarding copies of a Treaty signed at Berne on the 9th October, concerning the formation of a General Postal Union, and of the detailed regulations for its execution, I have now the honor to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from the Postmaster-General announcing the ratification of the Treaty at Berne on the 3rd ultimo, and I have to request that the Treaty as laid before the Imperial Parliament, copies of which are herewith enclosed, may be published in the usual manner in the colony under your government.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

The Officer Administering
the Government of New Zealand.

The Treasury to the Colonial Office.

Treasury Chambers,
25th May, 1875.

SIR,—I am desired by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, copy of a communication from the Postmaster-General, announcing that the General Postal Union Treaty was duly ratified at Berne on the 3rd instant; and I am to state that copies of the Treaty were laid before Parliament on the 21st instant.

I am, &c.,
WILLIAM LAW.

R. G. W. Herbert, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

The General Post Office to the Treasury.

General Post Office, 14th May, 1875.

MY LORDS,—I have the honor to inform your Lordships that the contemplated meeting for the exchange of ratifications of the General Postal Union Treaty took place at Berne on the 3rd instant, and, in accordance with the authority conveyed in your letter of the 10th March last, No. 3953-75, I deputed Mr. Maclean, of the Secretary's Office of this department, to attend it on behalf of the British Post Office.

I transmit herewith copy of the *Procès-Verbal* which was drawn up on the occasion, and was signed by all the delegates present, from which you will see that the ratifications were found to be in good and due form; and further, that the French Government has, subject to the approval of the National Assembly, declared its intention to adhere to the Treaty on the 1st January, 1876.

The Treaty having been duly ratified, I presume that your Lordships will now think it well to lay it before Parliament.

I have, &c.,
JOHN MANNEBS.

The Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

TREATY concerning the formation of a General Postal Union, concluded between Germany, Austro-Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, the United States of America, France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey.

The undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the countries above enumerated, have by common consent, and subject to ratification, agreed upon the following Convention:—

ARTICLE I.

The countries between which the present Treaty is concluded shall form, under the title of "General Postal Union," a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence between their Post Offices.

ARTICLE II.

The stipulations of this Treaty shall extend to letters, post cards, books, newspapers, and other printed papers, patterns of merchandise, and legal and commercial documents originating in one of the countries of the Union and intended for another of those countries. They shall also apply to the exchange by post of the articles above mentioned between the countries of the Union and countries foreign to the Union whenever such exchange takes place over the territory of two at least of the contracting parties.

ARTICLE III.

The general Union rate of postage is fixed at 25 centimes for the single prepaid letter.

Nevertheless, as a measure of conversion, the option is reserved to each country, in order to suit its monetary or other requirements, of levying a rate higher or lower than this charge, provided that it does not exceed 32 centimes or go below 20 centimes.

Every letter which does not exceed 15 grammes in weight shall be considered a single letter. The charge upon letters exceeding that weight shall be a single rate for every 15 grammes or fraction of 15 grammes.*

The charge on unpaid letters shall be double the rate levied in the country of destination on prepaid letters.

The pre-payment of post cards is compulsory. The postage to be charged upon them is fixed at one-half of that on paid letters, with power to round off the fractions.

For all conveyance by sea of more than 800 nautical miles within the district of the Union, there may be joined to the ordinary postage an additional charge which shall not exceed the half of the general Union rate fixed for a paid letter.

ARTICLE IV.

The general Union rate for legal and commercial documents, patterns of merchandise, newspapers, stitched or bound books, pamphlets, music, visiting cards, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements and notices of various kinds, whether printed, engraved, or lithographed, as well as for photographs, is fixed at 7 centimes for each single packet.

Nevertheless, as a measure of conversion, the option is reserved to each country, in order to suit its monetary or other requirements, of levying a rate higher or lower than this charge, provided that it does not exceed 11 centimes or go below 5 centimes.

Every packet which does not exceed 50 grammes in weight shall be considered a single packet. The charge upon packets exceeding that weight shall be a single rate for every 50 grammes or fraction of 50 grammes.†

For all conveyance by sea of more than 300 nautical miles within the district of the Union, there may be joined to the ordinary postage an additional charge which shall not exceed the half of the general Union rate fixed for articles of this class.

The maximum weight of the articles mentioned above is fixed at 250 grammes for patterns of merchandise, and at 1,000 grammes for all the others.

There is reserved to the Government of each

* By Article 24 of the Detailed Regulations for carrying this Treaty into effect, any country which has not adopted the decimal metrical system of weight may substitute half an ounce for 15 grammes.

† By Article 24 of the Detailed Regulations for carrying this Treaty into effect, any country which has not adopted the decimal metrical system of weight may substitute two ounces for 50 grammes, and may raise to four ounces the weight to be allowed for a single newspaper.

country of the Union the right to refuse to convey over its territory or to deliver articles specified in the present Article with regard to which the laws, orders, and decrees which regulate the conditions of their publication and circulation have not been observed.

ARTICLE V.

The articles specified in Article II. may be registered.

Every registered packet must be prepaid.

The postage payable on registered articles is the same as that on articles not registered.

The charge to be made for registration and for acknowledgments of receipt must not exceed that made in the inland service of the country of origin.

In case of the loss of a registered article, and except in the case of force majeure, there shall be paid an indemnity of 50 francs to the sender, or, at his request, to the addressee, by the office of the country in the territory or in the maritime service of which the loss has occurred—that is to say, where the trace of the article has been lost—unless, according to the legislation of such country, the office is not responsible for the loss of registered articles sent through its inland post.

The payment of this indemnity shall be effected with the least possible delay, and, at the latest, within a year dating from the date of application.

All claim for an indemnity is excluded if it be not made within one year, counting from the date on which the registered article was posted.

ARTICLE VI.

Prepayment of postage on every description of article can be effected only by means of postage stamps or stamped envelopes valid in the country of origin.

Newspapers and other printed papers unpaid or insufficiently paid shall not be forwarded. Other articles when unpaid or insufficiently paid shall be charged as unpaid letters, after deducting the value of the stamped envelopes or postage stamps (if any) employed.

ARTICLE VII.

No additional postage shall be charged for the retransmission of postal articles within the interior of the Union.

But in case an article which has only passed through the inland service of one of the countries of the Union should, by being re-directed, enter into the inland service of another country of the Union, the Post Office of the country of destination shall add its inland rate.

ARTICLE VIII.

Official correspondence relative to the Postal Service is exempt from postage. With this exception, no franking or reduction of postage is allowed.

ARTICLE IX.

Each Office shall keep the whole of the sums which it collects by virtue of the foregoing Articles III., IV., V., VI., and VII. Consequently there will be no necessity on this head for any accounts between the several Offices of the Union.

Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the country of origin or in that of destination, any tax or duty other than those contemplated by the Articles above mentioned.

ARTICLE X.

The right of transit is guaranteed throughout the entire territory of the Union.

Consequently, there shall be full and entire liberty

of exchange, the several Post Offices of the Union being able to send reciprocally, in transit through intermediate countries, closed mails as well as correspondence in open mails, according to the wants of the traffic and the exigencies of the Postal Service.

Closed mails and correspondence sent in open mails must always be forwarded by the most rapid routes at the command of the Post Offices concerned.

When several routes offer the same advantages of speed, the despatching Office shall have the right of choosing the route to be adopted.

It is obligatory to make up closed mails whenever the number of letters and other postal packets is of a nature to hinder the operations of the transit Office, according to the declaration of the Office interested.

The despatching Office shall pay to the Office of the territory providing the transit the sum of two francs per kilogramme for letters and 25 centimes per kilogramme for the several articles specified in Article IV., net weight, whether the transit takes place in closed mails or in open mails.

This payment may be increased to 4 francs for letters and to 50 centimes for the articles specified in Article IV. when a transit is provided of more than 750 kilometres in length over the territory of one Office.

It is understood, however, that in any case in which the transit is already actually gratuitous or subject to lower rates, those conditions shall be maintained.

Whenever a transit shall take place by sea over a distance exceeding 300 nautical miles within the district of the Union, the office by or at the expense of which this sea service is performed shall have the right to a payment of the expenses attending this transport.

The members of the Union engage to reduce those expenses as much as possible. The payment which the Office providing the sea conveyance may claim on this account from the despatching Office shall not exceed 6 francs 50 centimes per kilogramme for letters, and 50 centimes per kilogramme for the articles specified in Article IV. (net weight.)

In no case shall these expenses be higher than those now paid. Consequently, no payment shall be made upon the sea routes on which nothing is paid at the present time.

In order to ascertain the weight of the correspondence forwarded in transit, whether in closed mails or in open mails, there shall be taken, at periods which shall be determined upon by common consent, an account of such correspondence during two weeks. Until revised, the result of that account shall serve as the basis of the accounts of the Post Offices between themselves.

Each Office may demand a revision,—

1. In case of any important modification in the direction of the correspondence :
2. At the expiration of a year after the date of the last account.

The provisions of the present article are not applicable to the Indian Mail, nor to the mails conveyed across the territory of the United States of America by the railways between New York and San Francisco. Those services shall continue to form the object of special arrangements between the Post Offices concerned.

ARTICLE XI.

The relations of the countries of the Union with countries foreign to the Union shall be regulated by the separate conventions which now exist or which may be concluded between them.

The rates of postage chargeable for the conveyance beyond the limits of the Union shall be determined

by those conventions; they shall be added, in such case, to the Union rate.

In conformity with the stipulations of Article IX., the Union rate shall be appropriated in the following manner:—

1. The despatching office of the Union shall keep the whole of the Union rate for the prepaid correspondence addressed to foreign countries.
2. The receiving office of the Union shall keep the whole of the Union rate for the unpaid correspondence originating in foreign countries.
3. The office of the Union which exchanges closed mails with foreign countries shall keep the whole of the Union rate for the paid correspondence originating in foreign countries and for the unpaid correspondence addressed to foreign countries.

In the cases mentioned under the numbers 1, 2, and 3, the Office which exchanges the mails is not entitled to any payment for transit. In all the other cases, the transit rates shall be paid according to the stipulations of Article X.

ARTICLE XII.

The exchange of letters with value declared and of Post Office money orders shall form the subject of ulterior arrangements between the various countries or groups of countries composing the Union.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Post Offices of the various countries composing the Union are competent to draw up, by common consent, in the form of detailed regulations, all the measures of order and detail necessary with a view to the execution of the present Treaty. It is understood that the stipulations of these detailed regulations may always be modified by the common consent of the Offices of the Union.

The several Offices may make amongst themselves the necessary arrangements on the subject of questions which do not concern the Union generally; such as the regulations of exchange at the frontier, the determination of radii in adjacent countries within which a lower rate of postage may be taken, the conditions of the exchange of Post Office money orders, and of letters with declared value, &c., &c.

ARTICLE XIV.

The stipulations of the present Treaty do not involve any alteration in the inland postal legislation of any country, nor any restriction on the right of the contracting parties to maintain and to conclude treaties, as well as to maintain and establish more restricted unions with a view to a progressive improvement of postal relations.

ARTICLE XV.

There shall be organized, under the name of the International Office of the General Postal Union, a central office, which shall be conducted under the surveillance of a Postal Administration to be chosen by the Congress, and the expenses of which shall be borne by all the Offices of the contracting States.

This Office shall be charged with the duty of collecting, publishing, and distributing information of every kind which concerns the International Postal Service; of giving, at the request of the parties concerned, an opinion upon questions in dispute; of making known proposals for modifying the detailed regulations; of notifying alterations adopted; of facilitating operations relating to international accounts, especially in the cases referred to in Article X. foregoing; and in general of considering and working out all questions in the interest of the Postal Union.

ARTICLE XVI.

In case of disagreement between two or more members of the Union as to the interpretation of the present Treaty, the question in dispute shall be decided by arbitration. To that end, each of the offices concerned shall choose another member of the Union not interested in the affair.

The decision of the arbitrators shall be given by an absolute majority of votes.

In case of an equality of votes the arbitrators shall choose, with the view of settling the difference, another Administration equally uninterested in the question in dispute.

ARTICLE XVII.

The entry into the Union of countries beyond sea not yet forming part of it, shall be effected on the following conditions:—

1. They shall make their application to the Administration charged with the management of the International Office of the Union.
2. They shall submit to the stipulations of the Treaty of the Union, subject to an ulterior understanding on the subject of the cost of sea conveyance.
3. Their adhesion to the Union must be preceded by an understanding between the Administrations having postal conventions or direct relations with them.
4. In order to bring about this understanding, the Administration charged with the management of the International Office of the Union shall convene, if there be occasion, a meeting of the Administrations interested, and of the Administration desiring admission.
5. When the understanding has been arrived at, the Administration charged with the management of the International Office of the Union shall give notice of the same to all the members of the General Postal Union.
6. If in a period of six weeks, counting from the date of that communication, no objections are presented, the adhesion shall be considered as accomplished, and notice thereof shall be given by the managing Administration to the Administration joining the Union. The definitive adhesion shall be completed by a diplomatic act between the Government of the managing Administration and the Government of the Administration admitted into the Union.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Every three years at least, a Congress of Plenipotentiaries of the Countries participating in the Treaty shall be held with a view of perfecting the system of the Union, of introducing into it improvements found necessary, and of discussing common affairs.

Each country has one vote.

Each country may be represented either by one or several delegates, or by the delegation of another country.

Nevertheless, it is understood that the delegate or delegates of one country can be charged with the representation of two countries only; including the one they represent.

The next meeting shall take place at Paris, in 1877.

Nevertheless, the period of this meeting may be advanced, if a demand to that effect be made by one-third at least of the members of the Union.

ARTICLE XIX.

The present Treaty shall come into force on the 1st July, 1875.

It is concluded for three years from that date.

When that term is passed, it shall be considered as indefinitely prolonged; but each contracting party will have the right to withdraw from the Union on giving notice one year in advance.

ARTICLE XX.

After the date on which the present Treaty comes into effect, all the stipulations of the special Treaties concluded between the various Countries and Administrations, in so far as they may be at variance with the terms of the present Treaty, and without prejudice to the stipulations of Article XIV., are abrogated.

The present Treaty shall be ratified as soon as possible, and, at the least, three months previous to the date on which it is to come into force. The acts of ratification shall be exchanged at Berne.

In faith of which the Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the Countries above enumerated have signed it at Berne, the 9th October, 1874.

For Great Britain Wm. Jas. Page.

„ Germany ... { Stephan,
Günther.

„ Austria ... { Le Baron de Kolbensteiner,
Pilhal.

„ Hungary ... { M. Gervay,
P. Heim.

„ Belgium ... { Fassiaux,
Vincent,
J. Gife.

„ Denmark ... Fenger.

„ Egypt ... Muzzi Bey.

„ Spain ... { Angel Mansi,
Emilio C. de Navascües.

„ United States of America ... { Joseph H. Blackfan.

„ France ... B. d'Harcourt.

(May 3, 1875.)

„ Greece ... { A. Mansolas,
Alb. Bétant.

„ Italy ... Tantesio.

„ Luxemburg ... Von Roëbe.

„ Norway ... C. Oppen.

„ the Netherlands { Hofstede,
B. Sweerts de Landas Wyborgh.

„ Portugal ... Eduardo Lessa.

„ Roumania ... George F. Lahovari.

„ Russia... { Baron Velho,
Georges Poggenpohl.

„ Servia ... Mladen Z. Radojkovitsch.

„ Sweden ... W. Roos.

„ Switzerland ... { Eugène Borel,
Næff,
Dr. J. Heer.

„ Turkey ... Yanco Macridi.

FINAL CLAUSE.

The undersigned Plenipotentiaries of those Governments which have this day signed the Treaty regarding the establishment of a General Postal Union have agreed to the following:—

In case the French Government (which has reserved the right of an open clause, and belongs consequently to those parties contracting the Treaty without having as yet declared their willingness to adhere to it) should not decide to sign it, this Treaty shall be no less definite and binding for all the other contracting parties whose representatives have signed it this day.

In faith of which the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have drawn up the present clause, which shall have the same value and power as if the dispositions which

it contains had been included in the Treaty itself, and they have signed a document which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Swiss Confederation, and a copy of which will be handed to each party.

Here follow the signatures of the Delegates of the several Governments.

Berne, 9th October, 1874.

Letters of Naturalization issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th November, 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.
Louis Clifford Goffe	Storekeeper	Bay of Islands.
Jacob Selig Caro	Doctor of Medicine	Havelock, Marlborough.

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

"STAMP ACT, 1875."

BILLS OF LADING AND RECEIPTS IN LIEU THEREOF.

IT is hereby notified, that, after the 1st of January next, the use of Impressed Stamps on Bills of Lading is compulsory. Such documents must, after that date, be written upon paper previously impressed at the Head Office, and cannot be stamped after the execution thereof.

It is requested, therefore, that Merchants, Shipping Agents, and others concerned, will, without delay, forward to this office such forms as they may require to be impressed, accompanied by the usual requisition and receipt of the Bank of New Zealand for the amount, less the authorized discount.

Information may be obtained at any Stamp Office. The provisions of the Act bearing on this point are as follow:—

"47. Except where express provision is made to the contrary, all duties are to be denoted by impressed stamps only."

"62. (1.) A Bill of Lading includes also any receipt given in lieu thereof from the master, mate, owner, or agent of any vessel, and is not to be stamped after the execution thereof. (2.) Every person who makes or executes any Bill of Lading not duly stamped shall forfeit a sum not exceeding £50."

SCHEDULE.

BILL of Lading for any goods, merchandise, or effects to be carried to any place beyond the boundaries of the colony: For every such Bill of Lading or copy thereof, 1s.

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Head Office, Stamp Department,
Wellington, 29th October, 1875.

"STAMP ACT, 1875."

TRANSFERS OF SHARES.

IT is hereby notified, that, after the 1st of January next, the use of Impressed Stamps upon Transfers of Shares is compulsory, but transfers of shares may be stamped at a Stamp Office by the Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner within one month after execution without a fine.

Managers and Secretaries of Companies, Share-brokers, and others interested, are recommended to forward, without delay, such forms of transfer as they may require to be impressed, accompanied by the usual requisition and receipt from the Bank of New Zealand for amount thereof, less the authorized discount.

Information may be obtained at any Stamp Office. The provisions of the Act relating hereto are as follow:—

"47. (1.) Except where express provision is made to the contrary, all duties are to be denoted by impressed stamps only."

"102. No transfer of any share or shares of or in the stock or funds of any corporation, company, or society whatever in New Zealand shall be registered, recorded, or entered in the books of such corporation, company, or society unless such transfer is duly stamped.

"103. No instrument of sale or transfer of any share or shares shall be valid, either at law or in equity, unless the name of the purchaser or transferee is inserted therein at the time of or before the execution of the instrument of sale or transfer; and, if any person executes a sale-note, transfer, contract-note, or other instrument of sale or transfer, in any manner or for any purpose whatsoever, unless the name of the purchaser is inserted therein at the time or before the execution thereof, he shall forfeit a sum of not less than £20 or more than £100; and, if any such instrument is so made or signed, it shall be wholly and absolutely void and inoperative, and shall in no case be made available by the insertion of a name or any other particulars afterwards; and the person selling or transferring such share shall not be divested of his interest therein, but shall remain liable thereon as if he had never sold or disposed of the same. And if such person is a licensed sharebroker, his license shall, on any conviction under this section, be absolutely forfeited, and he shall not thereafter be qualified to act as a broker, or to have a fresh license issued to him.

"104. No sharebroker, auctioneer, commission agent, or any other person shall be entitled to any brokerage, commission, or any other fee or reward in respect of the sale or transfer of any such share, unless the instrument of sale or transfer is filled up with all necessary particulars to make it a complete instrument and is duly stamped."

SCHEDULE.

TRANSFER except by way of mortgage—

(2.) Upon the sale of any share or shares in the stock and funds of any corporation, company, or society whatever in New Zealand:

Where the purchase or consideration money,—	£	s.	d.
Does not exceed £20	0	1	0
Exceeds £20, and does not exceed £50	0	2	6
For every additional £50, or part of £50	0	2	6

CHARLES C. BOWEN.

Head Office, Stamp Department,
Wellington, 27th October, 1875.

Washdyke Telegraph Station closed to the Public.

New Zealand Telegraph, Head Office,
Wellington, 12th November, 1875.

FROM and after the 1st December, 1875, at the request of the Guarantors, the Telegraph Station at Washdyke, Province of Canterbury, will be closed to the public.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
(in absence of Telegraph Commissioner).

Payment under "The Public Payments without Probate Act, 1869."

CHARLES HUNTER MCINTOSH, formerly an officer of the New Zealand Government, residing at Parnell, Auckland, deceased intestate.

UNDER the provisions of "The Public Payments without Probate Act, 1869," and the Regulations made thereunder, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 1870, page 212, the Colonial Treasurer intends to make a payment of money due to the above-named deceased to a person not being his legal representative. All persons objecting to such payment being made must give notice to the Colonial Treasurer, at Wellington, within one calendar month from the date of the *Gazette* bearing this notice, when their objections will be considered.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
(for the Colonial Treasurer).

Treasury,
Wellington, 17th November, 1875.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th November, 1875.

THE following notice, received from the Agent-General in London, is published for general information.

AMELIUS M. SMITH,
(for the Under Secretary).

(Extract from London *Times* of 16th September, 1875.)

Reports from nearly all parts of the country continue to show an increase in the foot-and-mouth disease. In Kent the cases, as at present reported, are as follow:—Ashford division, 149; Bearsted, 34; Bromley, 529; Cranbrook, 210; Dartford, 316; Elham, 31; Faversham, 245; Sittingbourne, 425; Home, 660; Maidstone, 425; Margate, 25; Rochester, 12; Sevenoaks, 371; Tonbridge, 299; Tunbridge Wells, 198; Wingham, 721: total, 4,426. A week ago, 3,735 cases were reported.

The week's returns for Dorsetshire give the following figures:—Diseased cattle, 3,463; sheep, 11,974; swine, 643: total, 16,080 animals, against 15,445 in the preceding week. In Dorchester division there were 25 fresh outbreaks, 125 affected farms, 1,238 diseased cattle, 6,045 sheep, 313 swine. Blandford division: 4 fresh outbreaks, 7 farms, 64 cattle, 49 swine. Bridport division: 20 fresh outbreaks, 37 farms, 475 cattle, 615 sheep, 79 swine. Cerne Abbas division: 10 fresh outbreaks, 37 farms, 439 cattle, 2,261 sheep, 60 swine. Shaftesbury division: 11 fresh outbreaks, 40 farms, 289 cattle, 70 sheep, 26 swine. Sherborne division: 20 fresh outbreaks, 85 farms, 671 cattle, 1,069 sheep, 89 swine. Sturminster division: 5 fresh outbreaks, 21 farms, 96 cattle, 71 sheep, 14 swine. Wimborne division: 12 fresh outbreaks, 43 farms, 191 cattle, 1,843 sheep, 13 swine. Shaftesbury cattle market has been closed in consequence of the prevalence of the disease. The malady is also largely prevalent in the adjoining county of Somerset. Nearly 1,300 head of stock are suffering in the district extending from Nether Stowey to Halse in the Western division of the county.

In Wiltshire, the police divisions of Bradford and Trowbridge, Chippenham, Devizes, Hindon, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Salisbury and Amesbury, Swindon and Warminster, representing 169 parishes, are still proclaimed infected places, and the epidemic has considerably extended since the previous weekly return.

In Gloucestershire, according to last week's returns, 11,095 animals are suffering, the following being the numbers in each police district:—Bristol, 87 cattle; Campden, 523 cattle, 962 sheep, and 6 pigs; Cheltenham, 782 cattle, 206 sheep, and 65 pigs; Cirencester, 76 cattle; Dursley, 1,368 cattle, 401 sheep, and 648 pigs; Forest, 299 cattle, 688 sheep, and 39 pigs; Gloucester, 789 cattle, 69 sheep, and 80 pigs; Sodbury, 275 cattle, 106 sheep, and 52 pigs; Stow, 1,591 cattle, 1,239 sheep, and 119 pigs; Stroud, 659 cattle, 485 sheep, and 81 pigs: total, 6,449 cattle, 4,156 sheep, and 490 pigs. There were 5,772 fresh attacks during the week, and 2,104 animals recovered. About 30 animals died. Among the remedies tried is that of feeding the stock on cabbage leaves. Several local farmers speak of its succeeding admirably. The leaves are cool and refreshing, and

the cattle eat them with avidity. At Cheltenham, on Thursday, two farmers were fined 40s. each for moving animals suffering from the disease along a public road.

At Oxford the weekly return to the Local Authority up to the 11th instant shows that, during the past week, the fresh attacks numbered 2,277 cattle, 2,403 sheep, and 358 pigs. One cow has died, and another and a pig were killed; 899 baasts, 1,190 sheep, and 121 pigs had recovered. There still exist in the whole county 405 infected farms, including 140 fresh outbreaks, comprising 4,693 cattle, 4,833 sheep, and 471 pigs diseased, against the previous weekly return of 3,328 cattle, 3,682 sheep, and 457 pigs, on 314 infected farms. The Bullingdon division still comes first, the fresh attacks being 431 cattle, 662 sheep, and 102 pigs, on 94 infected farms (an increase of six); one cow and 43 pigs had died in the week; 811 cattle, 915 sheep, and 55 pigs had recovered, but 26 fresh outbreaks were reported, the number of diseased animals now being 886 cattle, 1,587 sheep, and 62 pigs, against the last return of 767 cattle, 1,840 sheep, and 158 pigs. In the other petty sessional divisions, Bampton East had 71 farms, comprising 775 cattle, 240 sheep, and 49 pigs infected; Bampton West, 166 cattle, 102 sheep, and 20 pigs diseased on 18 farms; Banbury, 44 farms, with 539 cattle, 5,848 sheep, and 81 pigs diseased; Cheddington, 453 cattle, 411 sheep, and 51 pigs, on 54 infected farms; Henley, 26 farms, with 156 cattle and 105 sheep affected (five with scab); Ploughley, 621 cattle and 1,286 sheep, on 14 infected farms; Watlington, 52 cattle and 220 sheep, on eight infected farms; Wootton N., on seven infected farms, 122 cattle, 224 sheep, and 39 pigs; Wootton S., 933 cattle, 124 sheep, and 169 pigs, on 59 infected farms.

The disease is rapidly spreading in the agricultural districts of Staffordshire. The number of localities in which the disease has made its appearance is 350, and the number of animals afflicted is roughly estimated, in the absence of any official return, at 1,500. There have been 83 fresh outbreaks within the last seven days.

On Monday, before the borough magistrates at Stockton, a cattle dealer was charged with exposing a pig for sale in Stockton market on the 8th of September, the animal being affected with foot-and-mouth disease. Mr. Hall, veterinary surgeon, and Mr. Garry, inspector, said that the pig in question was evidently in great pain, and had been brought to market with eleven others. Its hoofs were beginning to come off. The defendant pleaded he bought the twelve pigs together at Newcastle, and had not noticed the condition of this particular one. The witnesses had been sold to different persons. The Bench said that foot-and-mouth disease might thus be sent to eleven different localities. They fined the defendant 40s., including costs.

This disease still continues to rage, with an increased number of attacks, in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire. This week's returns from the Deputy Chief Constable give the following particulars:—Cambridgeshire division: Arrington, upon 11 farms, 57 head of cattle, 367 sheep, and 36 swine diseased; Bottisham, upon seven farms, 36 cattle and 76 sheep; Cambridge, upon 108 farms, 832 cattle, 546 sheep, and 19 swine; Caxton, upon 18 farms, 171 cattle, 12 sheep, and 124 swine; Linton, upon three farms, 18 sheep; Newmarket, upon 56 farms, 348 cattle, and 33 swine. This gives a total of 208 farms, 1,444 cattle, 1,039 sheep, and 212 swine, showing an increase of 44 farms, 573 cattle, 86 sheep, and 18 pigs in the Cambridgeshire division of the county. At Linton, however, there is a decrease of 42 sheep upon the three farms attacked. The deaths have also decreased by three. Huntingdonshire: Leightonstone, upon 42 farms, 280 cattle, 96 sheep, and 31 swine are attacked; Hurstingstone, upon 16 farms, 135 cattle, 21 sheep, and 50 swine; Toseland, upon 54 farms, 178 cattle, 61 sheep; Normancross, 34 farms, 274 cattle, and 619 sheep; Ramsay, upon 37 farms, 191 cattle, 206 sheep, and 4 swine. This shows, as compared with the previous week, an increase of 45 farms, 61 cattle, a decrease of sheep by 109, and of swine by 37. There has been one deathless. There has been a case of pleuro-pneumonia in the Leightonstone and Thurstingstone divisions, and the diseased animals were at once slaughtered.

In East Sussex, the weekly report issued on Monday by the Chief Constable, Colonel Mackay, shows a large decrease in the number of animals affected, as compared with that of last week. The disease is still very prevalent in the Hailsham division, which has shown the largest figures throughout, the present return giving 1,866 cattle, 2,033 sheep, and 22 swine as being affected therein. The totals for the 11 divisions of East Sussex in which the disease now prevails are—cattle, 2,939; sheep, 3,492; swine, 75. In the previous week they were—cattle, 3,282; sheep, 4,811; swine, 32—showing a total decrease of 1,626. Cattle only are affected in three divisions—viz., Burwash, 279; Hastings, 50; Preston, 2. In the East Grinstead division, 16 sheep only are returned. The most noticeable decrease is that among sheep in the Lewes district—viz., from 2,214 to 1,320.

In Norfolk the disease is still committing great ravages. In the week ending the 4th September the number of attacks recorded in the county was 3,295, as compared with 3,242 in the week ending the 28th August, 1,884 in the week ending the 21st August, and 2,456 in the week ending the 14th August. The number of cases of sheep scab reported in Norfolk in the week ending the 4th September was 420, as compared with 510, 18, and *nil* in the three previous weeks respectively. There were seven cases of pleuro-pneumonia in the week ending the 4th of September, as compared with 13, 4, and 6 in the three previous weeks respectively.

At a meeting of the Local Authority for the County of Aberdeen, held on Tuesday, Sheriff Comrie Thomson presiding, it was reported that since the middle of July there had been six new outbreaks of pleuro-pneumonia within the county, and that 30 cattle had been slaughtered. At the date of the meeting there were four centres of disease. Foot-and-mouth disease had been unusually prevalent throughout the entire county, there having been no fewer than 561 centres reported to the police within the past two months. The total number of cattle kept at these centres is 14,000, and of that number about three-fourths were affected. The disease is still spreading, 166 centres having been reported during the month. A conversation arose as to the propriety of memorializing the Privy Council to grant powers to the Local Authority to keep Irish cattle out of the county, but the matter was left over. A complaint was made by a farmer that infection was spread by means of hunting dogs going over infected farms and thence to farms on which no disease existed. After deliberation it was resolved to abide by the rule now in force in regard to dogs—namely, that dogs on infected farms shall be chained or otherwise prevented from straying. It was unanimously agreed again to memorialize the Privy Council to extend the period intervening between the last case of pleuro-pneumonia and the removing of the restrictions, from 30 days to 60 days.

Depository of Duty Stamps appointed.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamps,
Wellington, 15th November, 1875.

IT is hereby notified for public information, that
MR. W. WILKIE,
Postmaster at Port Ahuriri, in the Province of Hawke's Bay, has been appointed a Depository of Duty Stamps.

R. C. HAMMERTON.

Medical Referee appointed.

Government Insurance Office,
Wellington, 15th November, 1875.

THE under-mentioned gentleman has been appointed additional Medical Referee under "The Government Insurance and Annuities Act, 1874," for the District of Oamaru, Province of Otago:—

HARRY A. DE LANTOUR, Esq., M.R.C.S.E.

W. GISBORNE,
Commissioner.

"Marriage Act, 1854."

OFFICIATING MINISTER FOR 1875.—NOTICE No. 28.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 17th November, 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 name of an Officiating Minister within the meaning of the said Act is published for general information:—

Baptist.

The Reverend **JOSIAH TAYLOR HINTON.**

WM. E. TEAGUE,
(for the Registrar-General).

Sitting of Royal Commission for investigating claims re Westport Colliery Reserve.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons having or alleging that they have a claim to occupy the said reserve or any part thereof, or claiming compensation for any interest therein or in any part thereof, taken or proposed to be taken for the purposes of the Railway from Mount Rochfort Coal Fields to Westport or otherwise in respect thereof, must prepare their claims in duplicate, and leave them with us the undersigned Commissioners, appointed by His Excellency the Governor to receive, investigate, and report upon the same, at the office of C. Webb Bowen, Esq., in the Court House, town of Westport, on or before the 24th day of November instant. And notice is also given, that evidence in support of such claims as may be preferred in manner aforesaid will be taken by us on Saturday, the 27th day of November instant, at the hour of 10 of the clock in the forenoon, at the said Court House, in the town of Westport aforesaid.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1875.

THOMAS S. WESTON,
District Judge, }
RICHMOND BEETHAM, } Commissioners.
R.M., }

Traffic Returns.

NEW PLYMOUTH AND WAITARA RAILWAY.

RETURN of Traffic for nine days ending 23rd October, 1875.

	PASSENGERS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
	No.					
Passengers	419		38	10	3	
Parcels, &c.			0	7	11	.
Season Tickets						38 18 2
GOODS.						
Tons.						
Freight	36		18	11	5	18 11 5
Total						£57 9 7

F. B. PASSMORE,
Superintending Engineer.

NAPIER AND WAIPUKURAU RAILWAY.

RETURN of Traffic for four weeks ending 23rd October, 1875.

	PASSENGERS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
	No.					
Passengers	5,426		432	11	11	
Parcels, &c.			9	7	8	
Season Tickets			8	16	0	450 15 7
GOODS.						
Tons.						
Freight	959½		346	8	4	
Carriage	1					
Cow	1					
Sheep	65					
Pigs	20					
Wool	27 bls.					
Timber	123,062 feet					346 8 4
Total						£797 3 11

F. B. PASSMORE,
Superintending Engineer.

NEW ZEALAND TELEGRAPH.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded, the REVENUE received, and the VALUE of GENERAL GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS transmitted, for the QUARTERS ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1874, and 25th SEPTEMBER, 1875.

MONTH.	NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS FORWARDED.		CASH REVENUE RECEIVED.		VALUE OF GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS.		DECREASE.	REMARKS.
	From 1 July to 30 September 1874.	From 1 July to 25 September 1875.	From 1 July to 30 September 1874.	From 1 July to 25 September 1875.	From 1 July to 30 September 1874.	From 1 July to 25 September 1875.		
July ...	71,004	80,539	£ 4,444 10 3	£ 4,931 15 7	£ 1,051 14 1	£ 1,278 13 3	£ s. d. 226 19 2	
August ...	69,797	74,071	4,513 2 0	4,961 11 9	957 6 2	1,088 8 9	... ..
September	68,448	76,324	4,075 6 4	4,804 1 8	1,042 16 8	1,027 11 8	0 15 5	
	209,249	280,934	13,032 16 7	14,697 9 0	3,051 16 11	3,394 13 8	358 1 9	0 15 5

New Zealand Telegraph, Head Office, Wellington, 12th November, 1875.

C. LEMON, General Manager.

HALF-YEARLY Return of the aggregate average amount of the Weekly Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Colony of New Zealand, from the 13th day of April, 1875, to the 11th day of October, 1875, inclusive. Published pursuant to the Royal Charter of Incorporation.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Bills in Circulation not bearing Interest	...	5,575	8	4
Notes in Circulation not bearing Interest	...	45,837	10	8
Bills and Notes in Circulation bearing Interest	...	...	...	...
Balances due to other Banks	...	...	...	...
Cash deposited not bearing Interest	...	127,718	3	9
Cash deposited bearing Interest	...	118,817	10	6
Total Liabilities within the Colony	...	£297,948	13	3

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coin and Bullion	...	79,132	8	9
Landed Property (Bank premises)	...	30,534	0	9
Notes and Bills of other Banks	...	1,007	18	5
Balances due from other Banks	...	...	...	...
Debts due to the Corporation, including Notes, Bills, and other Securities	...	691,234	12	3
Total Assets within the Colony	...	£801,909	0	2

Wellington, 12th November, 1875.

J. SAWERS, p. Manager.
E. TURNER, p. Accountant.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that WILLIAM HENNING MANSFORD, Gentleman; ROBERT WILSON, Merchant; and ROBERT BURNS, Surgeon, all of Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, have made application to the District Land Registrar of the District of Otago to be registered as Proprietors of Sections numbered respectively 56, 58, 60, and 62, North East Valley District; also, of part of application numbered 1335, Block IX, North Harbour and Blueskin District; and also of Sections numbered 31, 33, and 35, Block XI., of the said last-mentioned District, as Devises under the Will of JAMES FORRESTER, late of Dunedin aforesaid, Gentleman, deceased; and that the said William Henning Mansford, Robert Wilson, and Robert Burns will be so registered as such Proprietors unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within six calendar months from the date of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

D. F. MAIN,
District Land Registrar.

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LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that JOHN McNEIL, of Balclutha, Justice of the Peace, and WILLIAM WATSON, of Dunedin, Coal Merchant, have made application to the District Land Registrar of the District of Otago to be registered as Proprietors of Section numbered 14, Block IV., on the Map of the Town of Balclutha, as Devises under the Will of WILLIAM RALSTON, late of Balclutha, Settler, deceased; and that the said John McNeil and William Watson will be so registered as such Proprietors unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within six calendar months from the date of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

D. F. MAIN,
District Land Registrar.

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REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Boroughs of Auckland, Thames, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Hokitika, during the Month of October, 1875.

TABLE showing the Number of Births, the actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the Boroughs of Auckland, Thames, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Hokitika, during the Month of October, 1875.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, Oct. 1, 1875.	TOTAL BIRTHS.	DEATHS IN THE BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1875.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population.
			Males.			Females.					
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Auckland ...	13,105	43	1	1	16	...	2	8	28	2.13	
Thames ...	8,295	22	2	1	1	...	1	2	7	0.84	
Wellington ...	11,066	67	3	1	2	2	...	2	10	0.90	
Nelson ...	5,822	21	1	1	4	...	...	2	8	1.37
Christchurch ...	10,677	38	4	1	9	3	1	3	21	1.96	
Dunedin ...	19,327	82	6	2	27	3	3	10	51	2.63	
Hokitika ...	3,468	15	...	...	2	...	...	2	4	1.15
Total ...	...	288	17	7	61	8	7	29	129	...

N.B.—Although the Auckland and Hokitika Hospitals are situated outside the boundaries of the respective boroughs, yet the deaths in them have, for the sake of uniformity, been included in this Report.
 The population has been estimated by adding the excess of births over deaths since the 1st March, 1874, to the then census population. It is impossible to estimate the increase from immigration.
 The births were 14 more than in September.
 The deaths were 3 more in number than the deaths in September.
 Of the deaths, males contributed 85; females, 44: 39 of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 30.23 per cent. of the whole number; 25 of these were of children under 1 year of age.
 There were 7 deaths of persons of 65 years of age and over, namely, 5 males and 2 females. The oldest male was 79; he died at Auckland. Both females were 70; one died in Auckland, the other in Dunedin.

THE following Table shows the Causes of the Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 years of age and 5 years and upwards, and the Proportions per Cent. of Deaths from each cause in the Boroughs named, and that were registered, during the Month of October, 1875.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND.		THAMES.		WELLINGTON.		NELSON.		CHRISTCH'CH.		DUNEDIN.		HOKITIKA.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Zymotic Diseases ...	2	1	1	...	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	...	...	16	12.40
II.	Constitutional Diseases ...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	6	...	...	14	10.85
III.	Local Diseases ...	...	16	2	...	2	...	1	3	4	9	4	18	...	2	61	47.29
IV.	Developmental Diseases ...	2	1	1	1	2	1	...	1	4	...	4	1	...	...	18	13.95
V.	Violent Deaths ...	...	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	2	17	13.18
	Unspecified ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	3	2.33
	Total ...	4	24	4	3	6	4	2	6	9	12	13	38	...	4	129	100.00

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

- ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases*.—Scarlet Fever, 1; Diphtheria, 1; Croup, 3; Typhoid Fever, 1; Erysipelas, 1; Puerperal Fever, 2; Diarrhoea, 2; Rheumatism, 1.
- ORDER 2.—*Enthetic Diseases*.—Stricture of Urethra, 1.
- ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases*.—Inanition, 2; Alcoholism, 1.

CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

- ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases*.—Dropsy, 1.
- ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases*.—Scrofula, 1; Phthisis, 11; Hydrocephalus, 1.

CLASS III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

- ORDER 1.—*Diseases of Nervous System*.—Paralysis, 6; Cephalitis, 6; Apoplexy, 2; Mania, 1; Convulsions, 3; Brain Disease, 1.
- ORDER 2.—*Diseases of Organs of Circulation*.—Carditis, 1; Heart Disease, &c., 6; Aneurism, 1.
- ORDER 3.—*Diseases of Respiratory Organs*.—Bronchitis, 5; Pneumonia, 12; Congestion of Lungs, 3; Laryngismus, 1; Empyema, 1.
- ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Digestive Organs*.—Enteritis, 1; Peritonitis, 2; Stomach Disease, 1; Hepatitis, 1; Liver Disease, 2; Intussusception, 1.
- ORDER 5.—*Diseases of Urinary Organs*.—Albuminuria, 4.

CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

- ORDER 1.—*Developmental Diseases of Children*.—Premature Birth, 1; Teething, 2.
- ORDER 2.—*Developmental Diseases of Adults*.—Childbirth, 4; Amenorrhoea, 1.
- ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition*.—Atrophy, 10.

CLASS V.—VIOLENT DISEASES OR DEATHS.

- ORDER 1.—*Accident or Negligence*.—Fracture, 5; Wound of Abdomen, 1; Burnt, 2; Drowning, 2; Suffocation, 1.
- ORDER 3.—*Homicide*.—Justifiable Homicide, 1; Murder, 2.
- ORDER 4.—*Suicide*.—Hanging, 1; Shooting, 1; Cut Throat, 1.

Ill defined, 3.

The number of deaths for the month of October compared with September showed a slight increase. While the deaths from Zymotic diseases showed a decrease of 9, and those from Constitutional diseases a decrease of 10, the violent deaths increased in number from 7 to 17. Of the Miasmatic diseases, there was only 1 death from typhoid fever, against 8 in September; and none from measles, against 3 in September.

Of the deaths from local diseases, the number from diseases of the respiratory organs was the same as in September.

Ten out of 18 deaths from developmental diseases were from atrophy and debility.

Of violent deaths, one was that of a child accidentally run over. The case of "justifiable homicide" was that of a convict shot by a gaol warder.

Eleven deaths were caused by accident or negligence.

In October, 1874, the deaths for the 7 boroughs amounted to 130. There were 30 deaths from Zymotic disease against 25 in October of this year. The large number in October, 1874, was principally owing to the prevalence of measles at that time.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 17th November, 1875.

WM. R. E. BROWN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1875.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	NELSON.	CHRIST-CHURCH.	HOKITIKA.	DUNEDIN.
Average Temperature in Shade ...	57.0	54.0	54.0	52.1	51.0	49.2
Ditto for same month previous years ...	57.7	54.1	54.9	53.3	52.1	50.8
Highest Temperature in Shade ...	70.0 on 19th	71.5 on 23rd	70.0 on 20th	72.0 on 17th	68.5 on 24th	65.0 on 21st
Lowest Temperature in Shade ...	43.0 on 7th	36.5 on 4th	35.0 on 10th	31.8 on 10th	34.8 on 12th	32.0 on 3rd
Highest Temperature in Sun ...	145.2 on 19th	138.0 on 16th	...	142.0 on 27th	...	136.0 on 28th
Lowest Temperature on Grass ...	82.3 on 2nd	30.0 on 4th	21.0 on 11th, 27th, & 30th	15.9 on 10th	30.5 on 3rd	29.0 on 3rd and 5th
Average Moisture of Air (Saturation=100)	81	78	79	78	84	76
Ditto for same month previous years ...	78	73	75	78	87	70
Rainfall in inches ...	8.470	6.490	5.780	0.780	9.990	3.088
Ditto for same month previous years ...	2.997	4.810	4.587	3.590	11.907	2.305
Number of Days on which Rain fell ...	20	20	12	11	18	14
Ditto for same month previous years ...	16	13	8	9	19	15

NOTE.—This Table is prepared from unchecked averages, transmitted by telegraph in anticipation of the full Returns, and must not be entirely relied on for compiling Meteorological Statistics.

3rd November, 1875.

W. B. D. MANTELL.

I, DAVID LEWIS, a Commissioner duly appointed by virtue of the Ordinance No. 15, Session XI, of the Legislative Council of the Islands of New Zealand, to hear and decide Claims to Land by persons claiming title thereto from, through, or under the New Zealand Company, report that, the Claims of the under-mentioned persons having been duly referred to me for investigation, I do hereby decide that the said persons are respectively entitled to Crown Grants of the land set against their names in the annexed Schedule.

New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Office,
Wellington, 11th November, 1875.

DAVID LEWIS,
Commissioner.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Report.	No. of Claim.	Name of Claimant.	Commissioner's Decision.
1589	842	George Moore ...	Entitled to a Crown Grant of a part of the Section No. 7, Hutt District, containing about ten acres, more or less, having a frontage to "Petoni Beach," being the portion of the Section not included in a Grant issued to William Buick, dated the 18th January, 1853. Excepting always a right of way 50 links wide leading from the Beach into W. Buick's land. The legal estate to be antevested in the Grantee as from the 11th day of August, 1851.
1590	1075	Charles Townsend ...	Entitled to a Crown Grant of 50 acres, more or less, part of Section No. 169, on the plan of the Hutt District. The legal estate to be antevested in the Grantee as from the 11th of November, 1844.

ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, New Zealand, for the Month of SEPTEMBER, 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 Amount for Month (0 to 10).
	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.	
MONGONUI ...	29-964	710	56.2	14.2	33.3	134.0	...	.391	87	6.700	18	197	483, 23rd	5.7
Same month previous 9 years	29-988	...	55.9	...	...	...	...	.357	76	4.518	17	...	...	...
AUCKLAND ...	29-982	751	53.1	16.1	27.5	126.0	29.2	.318	79	3.890	19	262	515, 15th	5.4
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-932	...	54.8	...	...	...	...	.346	78	3.620	17	...	...	...
TARANAKI ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-903	...	53.1	...	...	...	...	.316	75	4.703	14	...	...	...
NAPIER ...	30-000	842	50.9	17.9	32.0	122.0	29.0	.330	88	2.330	14	182	448, 1st	4.0
Same month previous 8 years	29-912	...	54.2	...	...	...	...	.330	77	1.444	9	...	...	...
WELLINGTON ...	29-986	767	49.2	12.2	28.0	127.0	30.0	.280	80	4.183	14	225	485, 23rd	5.5
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-905	...	51.2	...	...	...	...	.282	74	4.452	15	...	...	...
*WANGANUI ...	30-090	600	48.6	22.7	35.0	80.0	30.0	.245	71	2.310	8	237	380, 15th	4.0
Same month previous 3 years	29-980	...	52.2	...	...	...	...	.289	74	4.280	14	...	...	...
NELSON ...	29-894	1.150	50.0	19.7	30.0	...	18.0	.286	80	7.600	15	131	224, 15th	5.7
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-861	...	51.4	...	...	...	...	.314	76	6.831	8	...	...	...
CAPE CAMPBELL ...	30-050	570	53.0	12.6	26.2	...	...	.299	74	1.070	7	...	...	7.0
Same month previous year	29-690	...	53.0	...	...	...	...	.299	74	5.070	17	...	...	...
CHRISTCHURCH ...	29-938	1.071	47.8	13.8	37.0	125.0	17.4	.260	79	1.570	11	140	299, 3rd	6.1
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-878	...	48.7	...	...	...	...	.276	78	1.659	10	...	...	...
*BEALEY ...	29-980	900	40.8	14.9	32.0	107.0	21.0	.210	83	7.640	15	142	304, 3rd	5.6
Same month previous 7 years	29-816	...	41.7	...	...	...	...	.221	84	8.799	16	...	...	...
HOKITIKA ...	29-957	931	48.4	15.8	29.0	...	...	.274	81	7.980	9	...	...	4.0
Same month previous 9 years	29-946	...	49.2	...	...	...	...	.307	84	7.286	15	...	...	...
DUNEDIN ...	29-730	1.061	45.9	14.4	30.0	140.0	31.0	.240	78	2.200	13	174	350, 12th	6.3
Same month previous 11 yrs.	29-859	...	47.4	...	...	...	...	.245	74	2.396	12	...	...	...
*QUEENSTOWN ...	29-800	1.010	44.4	15.9	30.4	...	...	.205	71	2.960	8	117	193, 1st	5.8
Same month previous 3 years	29-877	...	45.0	...	...	...	...	.211	70	3.390	14	...	...	...
SOUTHLAND ...	29-860	1.070	...	...	...	123.0	...	...	...	2.530	16	165	355, 22nd	7.0
Same month previous 9 yrs.	29-810	...	47.1	...	...	...	...	.235	71	2.468	10	...	...	...

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

NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1875.

Mongonui.—Unpleasant wet weather, large rainfall, the maximum recorded on 21st, 1.88 inch; prevailing southerly wind; strong wind on 3rd and 4th from N.W.; N.E. gales on 9th and 11th, with thunder; also strong on 22nd and 23rd, same quarter; thunder again on 21st and 30th. A few fine days occurred. Maximum temperature in shade, 73.3°; minimum, 40.0°.

Auckland.—Showery weather, occurring chiefly during nights; pleasant days generally; prevailing S.W. winds, strong on 12th, 13th, and 16th; maximum rain recorded on 10th, 1.065 inch. Maximum temperature in shade, 66.1°; minimum, 38.6°.

Taranaki.—

Napier.—Early part fine; on 6th unsettled weather set in, and continued showery, with occasional fine days; wind prevailed from N. and N.E., and moderate; no heavy falls of rain; the maximum recorded on 7th and 16th, .46 inch. Maximum temperature in shade, 68°; minimum, 36°.

Wellington.—Fine during 1st and 2nd; N.W. wind on night of 3rd, heavy rain and wind; on 4th slight rain, strong wind, and thunder and lightning, barometer falling, rain in night, and changed to S.E., and continued wet and unpleasant to 6th; fine to 11th, wind N.W.; changed in afternoon of 11th to S.E., and brought rain; fine on 13th and 14th from N.W.; in night of 14th sudden change to S.E., and rained heavily; 2.200 inches recorded on 15th, the maximum for month; continued wet and squally and cold to 16th; from 17th to 26th changeable weather, frequent showers, but at times pleasant; storm on night of 22nd from N.W.; from 27th to 30th fine and bright, though fresh breezes from S.E. and N.W. Wind prevailed throughout the month from N.W. and S.E.; on the whole a showery, squally month. Maximum temperature in shade, 63°; minimum, 35°.

Wanganui.—Generally fine weather, with N.W. winds, and moderate; small rainfall; the maximum recorded on 15th, 1.00 inch. Maximum temperature in shade, 67°; minimum, 32°.

Nelson.—Very wet, with prevailing N.E. winds; no strong gale occurred at station, although rough weather was experienced around the district; thunder on 4th; maximum rainfall registered on 15th, 2.21 inches. Maximum temperature in shade, 64°; minimum, 34°.

Cape Campbell.—Dry, but dull weather, with strong breezes prevailing from N.W.; maximum rain recorded on 15th, .74 inch. Maximum temperature in shade, 66.2°; minimum, 40°.

Christchurch.—Showery in middle and end of month; but otherwise fine, with prevailing N.E. and S.W. winds, and moderate; maximum rainfall recorded on 17th, .54 inch; hail on 16th and 17th. Maximum temperature in shade, 68°; minimum, 31°.

Bealey.—Wet early and middle portion of month, the remainder very fine; prevailing N.W. wind, and generally strong; gales on eight days; thunder on 23rd; snow 15th, 16th, and 26th; fog on 19th. Maximum temperature in shade, 57°; minimum, 25°.

Hokitika.—Few days of rain, but heavy total fall; usually fine and bright, with prevailing easterly winds and moderate; thunder on 14th; maximum rain on 3rd. Maximum temperature in shade, 59.9°; minimum, 30.9°.

Dunedin.—Very changeable weather, except from 5th to 13th, when it was fine; rain about the average; maximum recorded on 14th, .600 inch; winds N.E. and S.W., and moderate. Maximum temperature in shade, 64°; minimum, 34°.

Queenstown.—Fine bright weather generally; maximum rain recorded on 14th, 1.34 inch; N.W. winds prevailed; frequent calms. Maximum temperature in shade, 61.7°; minimum, 31.3°.

Southland.—Middle of month wet and cold from S.W., otherwise tolerably fine; strong wind on 1st and 22nd from N.W., and on 23rd from S.W.; maximum rain recorded on 11th and 15th, .27 inch; prevailing westerly winds; hail on 15th, 16th, and 24th.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Rainfall in the North was in excess of the average for same month in previous years; but in the South it was generally less than usual. The temperature was throughout below the average. Westerly winds prevailed generally, and on the whole moderate. Earthquakes were reported by Observers at Napier, Wellington, and Queenstown on 5th, at 11.15 p.m., slight; at Nelson on 18th, in forenoon, smart; at Nelson and Wellington on 25th, at about 6 p.m., smart, with noise; also at Blenheim and Havelock, same date and time, by telegram; at Wellington, by Observer, and at Blenheim and Havelock on 28th, at about 1.30 a.m., sharp, with noise; two sharp shocks also reported by telegram at Havelock on 21st, at 6.28 and 6.52 p.m., with noise. The Observer at Cape Campbell reports shocks occurring on 19th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, and 28th.

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

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 the calendar month from the date of gazetting this notice.

PETER DINWIDDIE, Applicant.—2 roods 18 perches, part of Subdivisions 46 and 47 of (*inter alia*) Suburban Sections 63 and 65, Napier. Bounded on South-west by Milton Road, 95 links and 125 links; on North-west by Subdivision 45, 199 links, and by other part of said Subdivision 46, 210 links; on North-east by other part of said Subdivision 46, 125 links; and by a right of road, 99 links; and towards the South-east by other part of said Subdivision 47, 366 links.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

HANSON TURTON,
District Land Registrar.

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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 the 26th day of December, 1875.

2387. FREDERIC LE CREN, JOHN WILLIAMS, and FREDERICK WILLIAM TESCHMAKER.—District of Timaru, 1 rood, Section No. 18; Timaru Town, 30 acres Rural Section 1846, 80 acres Rural Section 10870, and 10 acres parts of Rural Section 1529. In occupation of William Jones and Frederic Le Cren.

2416. JONATHAN HASTINGS HARDSON.—District of Christchurch, 3 acres 11 perches, part of Rural Section No. 125. In occupation of Applicant.

2449. JAMES McLEWICK.—District of Timaru, 80 acres, Rural Sections 10893 and 10894. In occupation of Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

GEO. B. DAVE,
District Land Registrar.

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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 on or before the 21st day of December, 1875.

JAMES BRAUND and ROBERT HORNE.—Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 of Section A of subdivision of Allotment 83, Manurewa farms, County of Eden, containing 30 acres 26 perches. In occupation of John Scott. 850.

JAMES BRAUND and ROBERT HORNE.—Lots 1 and 2 of subdivision of Allotment 29, Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 3 roods and 20 perches. In occupation of William Pemberton. 855.

CHARLES FIELD GOLDSBRO, JAMES HOLT, and HENRY COLIN BALNEAVIS.—Part of Allotment 13, Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 1 rood 19½ perches. In occupation of — Hastie. 880.

THOMAS MORRIN, SAMUEL JACKSON, and

SEANNUS JONES.—Part of Allotment 16, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 7 acres 1 rood 32 perches. Unoccupied. 893.

CHARLES MAJOR.—Allotment 295, Parish of Hautapu, Banks County, Waikato, containing 50 acres. Unoccupied. 895.

EDWIN MITCHELSON.—Allotment 15, Section 25, City of Auckland, containing 1 rood and 2 perches. In occupation of — Butterworth. 892.

CHARLES JOHN TAYLOR.—Allotments 17, 28, and part of Allotment 30, Section 14, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 14 acres 38 perches. In Applicant's occupation. 896.

RICHARD JEREMIAH MIDDLETON.—Allotment 199, Parish of Hunua, County of Eden, containing 123 acres. Unoccupied. 899.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

THEO. KISSLING,
District Land Registrar.

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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.

EDWARD CRESSWELL, of the District of Suburban South, Farmer, Applicant.—1 acre 2 roods 18 perches, being Sections "20 and 21" on the Plan of the Village of Thorpe. Also, 95 acres in the District of Dovedale, being Section "72 on square 2" of the Plan of the Province of Nelson. (R. Richardson, Solicitor.)

ALFRED BRUCE, of the City of Nelson, Mariner, Applicant.—14 perches, being part of Section "94" on the Plan of the said City. Bounded—North (115 feet) by a public road; East (85 feet) by a Native Reserve; South (115 feet) by other part of same section; West (85 feet) by Bentoul Street. (W. Rout, Broker.)

GEORGE MARSHALL, of the City of Nelson, Labourer, Applicant.—13 perches, being part of Section "718" on the Plan of the said City. Bounded—Northward (90 feet) by Section 716; Eastward (40 feet) by Vanguard Street; Southward (90 feet), Westward (40 feet), by other parts of same Section "718." (W. Rout, Broker.)

Caveat in above cases must be lodged within one calendar month after publication of this notice.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 10th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

SAMUEL KINGDON,
District Land Registrar.

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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 the 18th day of December, 1875.

2306. WILLIAM HENRY BUTLER.—District of Christchurch, 10 perches, part of Rural Section No. 311. In occupation of Applicant.

2850. CHARLES HENRY BRIANT.—District of Timaru, 2 acres 1 rood 10 perches, part of Rural Section No. 1297. In occupation of Applicant.

2890. GEORGE COOK.—District of Upper Christchurch, 285 acres, Rural Sections 8995, 9135, 10181, 10200, 12787. In occupation of Applicant.

2397. JOHN CRUMP.—District of Lincoln, 100

acres, Rural Section No. 9166. In occupation of Applicant.

2399. SAMUEL TRELFOED. — District of Timaru, 1 acre, Lot 4, Plan No. 12, part of Rural Section 1959. In occupation of Applicant.

2400. ROBERT STANSELL. — District of Timaru, 1 rood, Lot No. 357, Rhodestown. In occupation of Applicant.

2402. HARRISON HALL. — District of Timaru, 1 rood 22 perches, Lot No. 235, Rhodestown. In occupation of Arthur Gabites.

2408. RICHARD JAMES STRACHAN HARMAN, as Attorney for Sarah Jane Simeon. — District of Christchurch, 3 acres 26 perches, part of Rural Section No. 154. Unoccupied.

2409. THOMAS RODGER. — District of Christchurch, 3 acres, part of Rural Section No. 154. In occupation of Applicant.

2410. MICHAEL MURPHY. — District of Christchurch, 3 acres 1 rood 10 perches, part of Rural Section No. 154. In occupation of Applicant.

2411. WILLIAM JAMES MULHOLLAND. — District of Christchurch, 5 acres, part of Rural Section No. 154. In occupation of Applicant.

2413. WILLIAM BELL. — District of Mandeville, 1 acre, part of Rural Section No. 370. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

EDWARD DENHAM,
Deputy District Land Registrar.

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Timaru Borough Council.

Town Clerk's Office, Timaru,
10th November, 1875.

IN pursuance of the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," "The Municipal Corporations Acts Amendment Acts," and "The Municipal Corporations Waterworks Act, 1872," a Special Meeting of the Timaru Borough Council will be held at the Town Clerk's Office, Timaru, on the 27th day of December, 1875, to take into consideration the advisability of borrowing the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds (£15,000) sterling, for the purpose of constructing works for supplying the Town of Timaru with water, by Debentures of Fifty Pounds (£50) sterling each, at fifteen years, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable at any of the authorized agencies of the banking establishment appointed by the Timaru Borough Council, upon security of an annual special rate of ninepence in the pound sterling on all assessed property within the Borough of Timaru; such rate to be collected at intervals of six months.

EDWIN HY. LOUGH,
Town Clerk of Timaru.

To the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of Napier, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

I, JOHN THOMAS DALE, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, and Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, now residing at Porangahau, in the Province of Hawke's Bay, do hereby give notice that I intend to apply to you, on the ninth day of December, 1875, to have my name placed on the Register of Medical Practitioners in the Colony of New Zealand; and have deposited the evidence of my qualifications, along with this, in your office, for public inspection, in terms of "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869."

JOHN THOMAS DALE.

Dated 6th November, 1875.

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I, JOHANN PETER ERNST FERDINAND JOHANSEN, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Berlin, and admitted for practice as a Physician in the German Empire by the Berlin Upper Examination Commission, now residing at Motueka, give notice that I intend to apply to the Registrar-General in Wellington, on 17th December next, to be registered in accordance with the provisions of "The Medical Practitioner's Registration Act, 1869," and that Certificates of my qualifications as aforesaid are deposited for public inspection in the office of the Registrar-General.

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ERNST F. JOHANSEN, Dr. Med.

PATENT for "The Making and Using a Flux for Smelting Titaniferous-iron Ore (commonly called iron-sand)."

This is to notify, that EDWIN WISE HOLLIS, of Grahamstown, Thames, in the Province of Auckland, did, on the eleventh day of June last, deposit at the office of the Patent Officer, in the Colonial Secretary's office, at Wellington, a specification or instrument in writing, under his hand and seal, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed; and that by reason of such deposit the said Invention is protected and secured to him exclusively for the term of six calendar months thence next ensuing.

And I do further notify, that the said Edwin Wise Hollis has given notice in writing, at my office, of his intention to proceed with his application for his Letters Patent for the said invention, and that I have appointed Friday, the third day of December next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at my office, to hear and consider the said application and all objections thereto; and I do hereby require all persons having an interest in opposing the grant of such Letters Patent to leave, on or before the twenty-ninth day of November next, at my office in Wellington, particulars in writing of their objections to the said application, otherwise they will be precluded from urging the same.

Given under my hand this seventh day of
September, 1875.

W. S. REID,
Patent Officer,

Hart and Buckley,
Solicitors for Applicant.

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PONSONBY HALL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.—At a Special Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company, held on Friday, 3rd September, 1875, it was resolved that the Company be wound-up voluntarily, and that Mr. JAMES STODART be appointed Liquidator.

D. A. TOLE,
Chairman.

Auckland, 11th September, 1875.

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THE Partnership hitherto existing between William George Winder and Alexander Turner as Painters has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will in future be carried on by Alexander Turner, who will liquidate all claims against the firm, and to whom alone all debts due to the said firm must be paid.

Dated at Wellington, this 15th day of November, 1875.

W. G. WINDER.
ALEX. TURNER.

Witness—Robert Orr, Clerk to Hart and Buckley,
Solicitors, Wellington.

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Imperial German Consulate,
Dunedin, 28th October, 1875.

DER am 2 Maerz, 1872, geborene Oeconom Christian Ferdinand Scheel, ein Sohn des am 21 October, 1867, verstorbenen Bentiers Paul Ferdinand Scheel hieselbst und der Ehefrau desselben Christiane, geborenen Ravoth, hielt sich in den Jahren 1866, bis 1869, unter dem Namen Charles Scheel, in Neu-Seeland, auf und zeigte durch ein aus Port Lyttelton vom 9 Mai, 1869, datirtes Schreiben seinen hiesigen Angehörigen an, dass er am 11 desselben Monats von dort mit dem Schiffe "Matoaka" nach London segeln werde. In den in das Schiffsfahrts-Register des Hafens von Lyttelton eingetragenen Artikeln, betreffend das Schiff "Matoaka," ist auch Charles Scheel als zur Mannschaft dieses Schiffes gehörig angeführt. Dieses vom Capitain Alfred Stevens geführte, zum Hafen von London gehörige Schiff ist am 13 Mai, 1869, von Port Lyttelton nach London abgesehelt, hat jedoch seinen Bestimmungsort nicht erreicht, sondern ist mit seiner ganzen Besatzung und den an Bord gewesenen Passagieren verschollen. Es wird deshalb nimmehr beim Vorhandensein der Erfordernisse der Landesherrlichen Verordnung vom 5 Februar, 1855, der verschollene Christian Ferdinand Scheel, genannt Charles Scheel, auf den Antrag seiner Mutter Christiane Scheel, geborenen Ravoth, seiner Schwester Emma Radatz, geborenen Scheel, und seines Bruders, des Dr. Med. Ludwig Scheel, sowie des für ihn als Abwesenheits-Curator bestellten Kaufmanns C. H. Knitschky, sämmtlich hieselbst, edictaliter, geladen, binnen zwei Fahren a dato sich hier persönlich zu stellen oder von seinem Leben und Aufenthalte Kunde hierher gelangen zu lassen, unter dem ein für allemal angedroheten Rechtsnachtheile, dass er für todt wird erklärt und über sein Vermögenden Rechten gemäss wird verfügt werden.

Vom Obergerichte, Rostock, den 11 August, 1875.

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ADV. ZIEGFRIED, P.G.R.

THE VESUVIUS GOLD MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

To L. O'Brien, Esq., Registrar of the Supreme Court,
Auckland.

TAKE Notice, that the Registered Office of "The Vesuvius Gold Mining Company, Limited," is the office of Mr. Edward Thomas Wildman, situated at Brown Street, Thames, in the Province of Auckland, and Colony of New Zealand. And further take notice, that the said EDWARD THOMAS WILDMAN has been duly appointed the first Manager of the said Company.

Dated this fifth day of November, 1875.

The seal of the said "Vesuvius Gold Mining Company, Limited," affixed hereto in the presence of

SAMUEL YOUNG, } Two of the Directors of
WILLIAM SEAGAR, } the said Company.

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Cornelian Gold Mining Company, Limited."

2. The place of operations is at Pakirarahi Block, Tairua, District of Hauraki South, in the Province of Auckland, and Colony of New Zealand.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at the office of Thomas Horsbrugh, Brown Street, Thames.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is seven thousand five hundred pounds, in fifteen thousand shares of ten shillings each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is fourteen thousand four hundred and thirty-eight, being more than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.

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

7. The amount already paid up is nil.

8. The name of the Manager is Thomas Horsbrugh.

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

	No. of Shares.
Robert Forbes Fincher, Tairua, Mine Manager	500
Matthew Vaughan, Thames, Hotelkeeper	500
George Cundy, Tairua, Miner	500
Richard Moore, Tairua, Miner	500
Robert Clever, Tairua, Miner	500
John K. Reed, Tairua, Miner	500
William Garland, Tairua, Miner	500
William Donaldson, Tairua, Miner	500
William Riley Garland, Tairua, Miner	500
James Stewart, Thames, Mine Owner	500
James Lavery, Thames, Builder	500
David Johnson, Auckland, Settler	500
Edward John Conroy, Auckland, Trader	500
Joseph Newman, Auckland, Land Agent	500
William Pickett, Auckland, Agent	500
Thomas Taylor Masefield, Auckland, Engineer	500
William Henry Cobley, Auckland, Gentleman	500
Thomas Horsbrugh (in trust), Thames, Mining Agent	500
Robert Forbes Fincher (in trust), Tairua, Mine Manager	500
George Isles Panter, Coromandel, Gentleman	250
W. R. Robinson, Auckland, Salesman	250
H. L. Poseenskie, Auckland, Clothier	250
George Williamson, Auckland, Tobacconist	250
John Ferguson, Auckland, Boot Factor	250
Walter Graham, Auckland, Merchant	250
Frederick Harvey Lumsden and John Gregory Harris, Auckland, Timber Merchants	500
Alexander Saunders, Auckland, Mining Agent	250
Edward Wood, Auckland, Commission Agent	250
Thomas Horsbrugh, Thames, Mining Agent	250
George Robert Morpeth, Auckland, Book-keeper	125
Adam Winder, Auckland, Contractor	125
John Connor, Thames, Cab Owner	125
William Roycroft, Thames, Miner	125
Samuel Henry Birmingham, Thames, Boat Owner	125
George O'Leary, Thames, Engineer	125
Samuel Henry Birmingham (in trust), Thames, Boat Owner	125
Eli Charles Morgan, Thames, Bootmaker	125
William Hewitt, Thames, Ironmonger	125
Anne Greenwood, Thames	125
Alfred Aubin, Auckland, Clerk	125
Henry Nelson Garland, Auckland, Mining Agent	125
David Stewart, Auckland, Settler	125
Lydia Grey, Thames	125
Frederick Robert Geo. Woodward, Thames, Clerk	125
Frederick Bates, Thames, Miner	62
Henry Partington, Auckland, House Agent	63
William John Patterson, Auckland, Storeman	63
Charles George Weston, Thames	62
John Coutts, Thames, Engineer	63
Manager, in trust for Cornelian Gold Mining Company, Limited	562
	15,000

THOMAS HORSBRUGH,
Manager.

Witness to signature—W. Davies, J.P.

I, Thomas Horsbrugh, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

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

THOMAS HORSBRUGH,
Manager.

Taken before me at Thames, this 6th day of November, 1875—W. Davies, J.P.

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Waimate Gold Mining Company, Limited."
2. The place of intended operations is at Orwell Creek, in the Grey Valley, Province of Nelson.
3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Camp Street, Ahaura.
4. The nominal capital of the Company is six thousand pounds, in six thousand shares of one pound sterling each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is four thousand, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is 1,200.
7. The amount already paid up is £1,200.
8. The name of the Manager is Horatio Agars Walmsley.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Samuel McNair, Orwell Creek, Mechanical Engineer ...	500
William Ferguson, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	250
Peter Henderson, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	450
David Henderson, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	450
Andrew Cowie, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	550
Alexander Calander, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	150
John Young, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	300
Malcolm Graham, Napoleon Hill, Miner ...	150
Joseph Roberts, Orwell Creek, Miner ...	150
Alexander McDonald, Half-Ounce, Hotelkeeper ...	150
Wallace Pitman, Half-Ounce, Miner ...	150
John S. H. Archer, Napoleon Hill, Miner ...	150
Antonio Mazza, Napoleon Hill, Miner ...	300
Joseph Inglis, Napoleon Hill, Miner ...	150
Paul De Carle, Napoleon Hill, Miner ...	150
Horatio A. Walmsley, in trust for Company ...	2,000
	<hr/> 6,000

Dated this 10th day of November, 1875.

H. WALMSLEY,
Manager.

Witness to signature—Charles BROAD, J.P.

I, Horatio A. Walmsley, do solemnly and sincerely declare—

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

H. WALMSLEY.

Taken before me at Ahaura, this 10th day of November, 1875—Charles Broad, J.P. 643

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Hochstetter Hydraulic Gold Mining Company, Limited."
2. The place of intended operations is at German Gully No. 3, Nelson Creek.
3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Clifton Street, Ahaura.
4. The nominal capital of the Company is eighteen hundred pounds, in eighteen hundred shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is eighteen hundred, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the Company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is five hundred.
7. The amount already paid up is five hundred pounds.
8. The name of the Manager is Michael Henry Hayden.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Michael Henry Hayden, Mining Agent, Ahaura ...	330
Colin Fisher Campbell Algie, Miner, Half-Ounce ...	200
Alexander Constantine, Carrier, Greymouth ...	100
Thomas Henry Garth, Merchant, Ahaura ...	55
William Sydney Staite, Solicitor, Ahaura ...	50
John Knox Hamilton, Hotelkeeper, Ahaura ...	50
Basil Bremond, Baker, Coaldale ...	50
Cheri Mars, Merchant, Gordon, Ballarat, Victoria ...	50
Arthur Robert Guinness, Solicitor, Greymouth ...	50
Abraham Jenkins, Hotelkeeper, Nelson Creek ...	50
John Morton Ollivier, Mine Manager, Orwell Creek ...	50
James Marshall, Farmer, Totara Flat ...	40
George Charles Bowman, Bank Manager, Greymouth ...	40
Enoch Orchar, Butcher, Ahaura ...	30
William Phillips, Surgeon, Ahaura ...	25
John Drummond Pinkerton, Hotelkeeper, Ahaura ...	25
Richard Reeves, Auctioneer, Ahaura ...	25
William Cochrane, Contractor, Ahaura ...	25
Peter Bjorklund, Miner, Callaghan Creek ...	25
Alexander Russell King, Farmer, Moonlight Creek ...	25
Thomas Bradshaw, Surveyor's Assistant, Ahaura ...	25
John Heyward, jun., Miner, Nelson Creek ...	25
James McLaughlin, Farmer, Totara Flat ...	25
Charles Anderson, Contractor, Nelson Creek ...	25
Mary Anne Mitchell, Hotelkeeper, Nelson Creek ...	25
Frederick Davis, Storekeeper, Nelson Creek ...	25
John Stephen, jun., Storekeeper, Nelson Creek ...	25
Edward Shaw Lapham, Bank Manager, Greymouth ...	25
James Hargreaves, Bootmaker, Ahaura ...	20
Joseph Frolii, Hotelkeeper, Orwell Creek ...	20
William Banks, Blacksmith, Ahaura ...	20
Frederick McLean, Carrier, Ahaura ...	20
Otho W. Anderson, Hotelkeeper, Half-Ounce ...	20
Michael Noonan, Storekeeper, Granville ...	20
John Joseph O'Dea, Painter, Ahaura ...	20
William Ah Hook, Cook, Ahaura ...	20
William Williams, Baker, Ahaura ...	20
Robert Wilson, News Agent, Greymouth ...	20
James Gillam Morton, Hotelkeeper, Greymouth ...	20
Alexander Reid, Journalist, Greymouth ...	20
James Kerr, Printer, Greymouth ...	20
Eliza Maria McIvor, Dressmaker, Ahaura ...	20
Michael Henry Hayden, in trust for the original shareholders ...	25
	<hr/> 1,800

Dated this 20th day of October, 1875.

M. H. HAYDEN,
Manager.

Witness to signature—J. Greenwood, J.P.

I, Michael Henry Hayden, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

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

M. H. HAYDEN.

Taken at Greymouth, this 20th day of October, 1875, before me—J. Greenwood, J.P. 629

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

THE Partnership between Thomas Adolphus Bowden and Ernest Somerset Bowden, of Christchurch, Canterbury, Booksellers and Stationers, has been dissolved by mutual consent, and the said business will be carried on by Mr. Ernest Somerset Bowden.

THOS. A. BOWDEN.
E. S. BOWDEN.

Christchurch, 17th November, 1875. 648

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 month after the gazetting of this notice.

PETER McEWAN, Applicant.—Part of Section 14, Block I., Invercargill Hundred. No. 826.
 THOMAS PATCHETT, Applicant.—Lots 1, 3, and 4, subdivision of Section 11, Block LXXII., Invercargill. No. 850.
 THOMAS PERKINS and JOSEPH EDWARD STEVENS, Applicants.—Sections 64, 66, and 67, Block II., Invercargill Hundred. No. 861.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office. Dated this 12th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

W. ROSSER,
 District Land Registrar.

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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.

HENRY RICHARD HOLDER, Applicant.—A road 17 square yards, part of Town Sections 545 and 546, Napier. Bounded on North by Town Section 547, 128 links; on East by the Beach Road, 143 links; on South by other part of said Section 546, 65 links; and by other part of said Section 545, 122 links; and on West by Byron Street, 196 links. (E. Lyndon, Broker.)

Diagrams may be inspected at this office. Dated this 13th day of November, 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

HANSON TURTON,
 District Land Registrar.

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

1. The name of the Company is to be "The Perseverance Gold Mining Company, Limited."

2. The place of intended operations is at Murray Creek, in the Province of Nelson.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated in Broadway, Reefton, in the Province of Nelson.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is twelve thousand pounds, in twelve thousand shares of one pound each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is twelve thousand, being the entire number of shares in the Company.

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

7. The amount of paid-up capital is six thousand pounds, representing the estimated value of the mine at the present time.

8. The name of the Manager is Patrick Brennan.

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

Name	No. of Shares
Matthew Byrne, Reefton, Sharebroker	250
A. D. Boydell, Reefton, Gentleman	1000
John Butler, Murray Creek, Miner	500
Hugh Brennan, Murray Creek, Miner	500
Johnelius Crowley, Black's Point, Miner	500
Joseph O'Hanlon, Murray Creek, Miner	500
Patrick Brennan, Reefton, Mining Agent	1,500
Alexander Ross, Murray Creek, Mining Manager	500
Morris Levy, Greymouth, Merchant	500
John Comerford, Murray Creek, Miner	250
Total	12,000

Dated this 8th day of November, 1875.
 Patrick Brennan,
 Manager.

Witness to signature—Charles Broad, J.P.

I, Patrick Brennan, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

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

PATRICK BRENNAN,
 Manager.

Taken before me at Reefton, this 8th day of November, 1875—Charles Broad, J.P. 647