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*Boundaries of Collingwood Road District altered.*

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

WHEREAS by the third section of the Act of the Provincial Council of Nelson intituled "The Nelson Highways Act, 1872," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent from time to time to constitute and appoint certain districts in which the Act now in recital should come into operation, and the limits of such districts from time to time to alter as occasion might require, and also, if he should see fit, to revoke the Proclamation by which such districts shall have been constituted, and to make such other provisions as he should think necessary for carrying into effect the said Act:

And whereas by "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875," all powers, duties, and functions by the said "Nelson Highways Act, 1872," vested in or to be exercised or performed by the Superintendent are now vested in and are to be exercised by the Governor: And whereas it is expedient to alter the limits of the Collingwood Road District so as to include therein other land as well as the land already included therein:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of all the powers and authorities by the said recited Acts vested in me, do hereby proclaim and declare that from and after the date hereof the limits of the said Collingwood Road District shall be and the same are hereby altered, so that the boundaries thereof shall be those set forth in the Schedule hereto, and the said Collingwood Road District shall henceforth comprise the area contained within such boundaries.

SCHEDULE.

COLLINGWOOD ROAD DISTRICT.

BOUNDED towards the North by the ocean from Kahurangi Point to the Spit End; towards the East by Golden Bay to the mouth of the River Parihakaho, thence by a line drawn to the summit of Slate River Peak, and thence by the watershed to the summit of Mount Snowden; towards the South by the watershed from Mount Snowden to Mount Domett, and thence by a right line to Kahurangi Point, the starting point.

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 Grand Cross 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 the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

G. S. WHITMORE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Establishment of Local Districts and Land Officers,  
Provincial District of Otago.*

(L.S.) NORMANBY, GOVERNOR.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the twenty-fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877," it is enacted, that the Governor, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, may from time to time establish and define, abolish, alter, or reconstitute local districts for the sale or disposal of land, and in like manner from time to time may appoint Land Officers or other persons for conducting sales of land in such local districts, and for receiving applications for the sale, letting, disposal, or occupation of Crown lands, and for generally carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that the several districts enumerated and described in the First Schedule hereto are established, defined, and constituted local districts for the sale and disposal of land under the said Act; and that the several Land Offices the names of which are in the said Schedule set opposite the names of the said local districts are appointed the Land Offices for the said local districts respectively; and that the persons named in the Second Schedule hereto are appointed Land Officers for conducting sales of land in such local districts, and for receiving applications for the sale, letting, disposal, or occupation of Crown land, and for generally carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act in and for the several districts the names of which are in the said Second Schedule set opposite the names of such persons respectively.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Name and Description of Local District.	Name of Land Office.	Name and Description of Local District.	Name of Land Office.
<p>1.—LAWRENCE LOCAL DISTRICT.</p> <p>All that area in the Provincial District of Otago bounded by a line proceeding from Whitecoomb in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the Clyde Land District to the Lammerlaw; thence south-easterly along the ranges and Lee Stream to a point north of Maungatua Hill; thence southerly to Maungatua Hill; thence south-westerly along the boundary of the hundreds to the east branch of the Tokomairiro River; thence by the said river until it intersects a direct line from Trigonometrical Station F to Trigonometrical Station E, Table Hill Survey District; thence to Trigonometrical Station E aforesaid, thence to Trigonometrical Station D, thence to Trigonometrical Station C, thence to Trigonometrical Station K, all in the Table Hill District aforesaid; thence to Trigonometrical Station L, thence to Trigonometrical Station W, both in the Tokomairiro Survey District; thence to Trigonometrical Station V, Hillend District; thence in a direct line towards Trigonometrical Station Z, in the same district, to the boundary of the hundreds; thence in a south-westerly direction to the south-eastern corner of the Waitahuna Hundred; thence north-westerly along the boundary of the said hundred to Scrub Burn; thence south-westerly across the Clutha River, and by a direct line to the Pomahaka River, and along the said river to the junction of the Waipahee; thence northerly to the junction of the Waikoikoi Stream; thence north-westerly along the Waikoikoi Stream to its source; and thence in a northerly direction along the western watershed of the Pomohaka River, over the Wendon Hill and the Black Umbrella Mountain, to Whitecoomb, the starting point.</p>	<p>The Land Office at Lawrence.</p>	<p>2.—NASEBY LOCAL DISTRICT.</p> <p>All that area in the Provincial District of Otago bounded by a line proceeding from Lammerlaw along the eastern boundary of Clyde Land District to Mount St. Bathans; thence easterly to Hawkdun Mountains; thence southerly along the Hawkdun Mountains to a point due west of Domet Mountain; thence easterly to Domet Mountain; thence north-westerly to Kurow Mountain; thence north-easterly to and along Little Awahemo Creek to the Waitaki River; thence south-easterly along the Waitaki River to the Maruwhenua Hundred; thence southerly along the western boundary of the said hundred to the south-western corner thereof; thence westerly to the south branch of the Maruwhenua River; thence southerly to the northern branch of the Kakanui River; thence south-westerly to the Kakanui Mountains; thence south-easterly along the Kakanui Mountains to the Moeraki Hundred; thence in a south-westerly direction along the boundary of the said hundred and the boundary of Hawksbury Hundred to the south-western corner of Section No. 11, Block I., Dunback Survey District; thence along the southern boundaries of the said Section No. 11 and Section No. 6 of the same Block to Moeraki Survey District; thence along the said survey district to Section No. 3, Block I., Dunback Survey District aforesaid; thence along the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5, and the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 5 and 8 of the same block and district to the northern branch of the Waikouaiti River; thence north-westerly along the boundaries of Ruus numbered respectively 80 and 109 to the ranges; thence south-easterly to the Silver Peak Hills, and along Silver Peak Hills to the north-eastern corner of Hindon Land District; thence westerly along the northern boundary of the said Hindon Land District to Lammerlaw, the starting point.</p>	<p>The Land Office at Naseby.</p>
		<p>3.—CLYDE LOCAL DISTRICT.</p> <p>All that area in the Provincial District of Otago bounded by a line proceeding from Fox Peak in a north-easterly direction to the boundary of the provincial district; thence easterly along the said boundary to a point due north of Longslip Mountain; thence southerly over Longslip Mountain and along the eastern watershed of Lindsburn to Mount St. Bathans; thence along the Dunstan Mountains and Lauder Creek to the Manuherikia River; thence north-easterly along the Manuherikia River to the junction of Poolburn; thence south-easterly along Poolburn and the north-eastern boundary of Run 261 to Roughridge; thence southerly over North Roughridge Hill to South Roughridge Hill; thence along the ranges to Lammerlaw; thence westerly by the ranges and across the Clutha River to Mount Benger; thence to Whitecoomb; thence north-westerly over the Titan Rocks to Garvie Mountains; thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of Queenstown Land District to Fox Peak, the starting point.</p>	<p>The Land Office at Clyde.</p>
		<p>4.—QUEENSTOWN LOCAL DISTRICT.</p> <p>All that area in the Provincial District of Otago bounded by a line from East Dome due west to the Mataura River; thence northerly along the Mataura River to Eyre Peak; thence westerly to the western watershed of the Wakatipu Lake, and along the western and northern watersheds of the said lake and the ranges to Fox Peak; thence southerly over Black Peak to Treble Peak; thence along the watershed of the Motatapu River to Cardrona Mountain; thence north-easterly to Middle Peak; thence easterly and</p>	<p>The Land Office at Queenstown.</p>

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.

Name and Description of Local District.	Name of Land Office.
southerly by the ranges, the Cardrona River, Boundary Creek, and Kirtleburn, to the Kawarau River; thence south-westerly along the Kawarau River and the western watershed of Nevisburn to Ben Nevis; thence south-westerly along the Hector Mountains to the south-western corner of Rum 339; thence south-easterly to the Garvie Mountains at Remarkable Gap; thence south-westerly along the Garvie Mountains to East Dome, the starting point.	
<p>5.—INVERCARGILL LOCAL DISTRICT.</p> <p>All that area in the Provincial District of Otago bounded by a line proceeding from Chasland's Mistake to Black Horn Hill; thence by the watershed line to Bleak Hill; thence by a line to a hill about three miles west-north-west of Catlin's Cone; thence north-westerly to the northern source of the Mokoreta River; thence to and along the Kaiwera Stream to the Waipahee Stream; thence by the Waipahee Stream and the Pomahaka River to the junction of the Waikoikoi Stream; thence along the said stream to its source; thence along the watershed of the Pomahaka River to Whitecomb; thence north-westerly over Titan Rocks to the Garvie Mountains; thence south-westerly along the said Garvie Mountains to East Dome; thence due west to the Mataura River; thence along the Mataura River to Eyre Peak; thence westerly to the western watershed of the Wakatipu Lake; thence in a northerly direction along the said watershed to a point due east of Moffat Peak; thence due west over Moffat Peak to a point north-west of Barrier Peaks; thence by a line due south to the ocean at Rowallanburn; thence by the ocean to the Waiau River; thence by the Waiau River and the eastern shore of the Manipori Lake to a point due west of the confluence of the Windley and Oreti Rivers; thence due east to the confluence of the said rivers; thence by a line to Eyre Peak; thence by a line to the source of the Mataura River, by the Mataura River to the ocean, and by the ocean to Chasland's Mistake, the starting point.</p>	The Land Offices at Invercargill and Switzer's.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Name of Land Officer.	Name of Local District.
Edgar Hall Carew ... ..	Lawrence.
Henry Wirgman Robinson ... ..	Naseby.
William Lawrence Simpson ... ..	Clyde.
Henry Aldborough Stratford ... ..	Queenstown.
Walter Henry Pearson ... ..	Invercargill.
John Nugent Wood ... ..	Do. (Switzer's).

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 Grand Cross 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 the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. T. FISHER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Delegation of Powers under "The Public Domains Act, 1860."

NORMANBY, Governor.  
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eleventh day of January, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the eleventh section of "The Public Domains Act, 1860," it is enacted that the Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time delegate all or any of the powers by the said Act conferred upon any person for any period and subject to such stipulations as may be specified in such Order, and that every such delegation may from time to time in like manner be altered or revoked: And whereas it is enacted by "The Public Domains Act Amendment Act, 1865," that the word "person" in the hereinbefore recited section of "The Public Domains Act, 1860," shall be deemed to include more persons than one: And whereas by "The Lyttelton Public Domain Act, 1877," all the land described in the Schedule to the said Act is declared to be Crown land, and to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1860," as amended by "The Public Domains Act Amendment Act, 1865:"

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby delegate, but only with respect to the parcels of land described in the Schedule to the said "Lyttelton Public Domain Act, 1877," all the powers conferred by "The Public Domains Act, 1860," except the powers under or conferred by subsections five and ten of section five and by section eleven, to the under-mentioned persons, viz.,—

- THOMAS HENRY POTTS, Esq.,  
The MAYOR of LYTTELTON for the time being,
- WILLIAM DONALD, Esq.,
- PETER CUNNINGHAM, Esq.,
- JOHN THOMAS ROUSE, Esq.,
- HENRY RICHARD WEBB, Esq.,
- HARVEY HAWKINS, Esq.,

(herein referred to as "the Delegates"), subject to the stipulations hereinafter contained, that is to say,—

1. The Delegates shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Monday in each month, at eleven o'clock in the morning, at the office of the Mayor, or at such other place as may from time to time be fixed by the Delegates. The first meeting shall be held on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

2. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman or by any two of the Delegates, provided that two days' notice of such meeting be given to each Delegate, specifying the business to be transacted at such special meeting; and no other business than that so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

3. Any three of the said Delegates shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.

4. The Delegates shall at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the

first Monday in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

5. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the Delegates present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

6. If by resignation, death, or incapacity, or otherwise, the office of Chairman shall be or become vacant, the Delegates may at any monthly or special meeting appoint a Chairman.

7. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the Delegates present at a meeting.

FORSTER GORING,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Extending Time for the Preparation, &c., of Sydenham Borough Valuation List.*

NORMANBY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of January, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the sixth section of "The Rating Act, 1876," it is, amongst other things, enacted that the valuer or valuers for each district shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and upon or before the same day in every year thereafter, prepare, sign, and transmit, to the local body of the district a valuation list:

And whereas, in consequence of the recent constitution of the Borough of Sydenham to be a borough under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," the valuation list aforesaid cannot be so prepared, signed, and transmitted, and it is expedient to extend the time for so doing:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Rating Act, 1876," and "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," extend the time for the preparation, signing, and transmitting of the valuation list for the said borough until the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

FORSTER GORING,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Postponing First Election of certain Education Boards under "The Education Act, 1877."*

NORMANBY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of January, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

BY virtue of the powers and authorities vested in me by the eighteenth section of "The Education Act, 1877," I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, postpone the first elections under the said Act of the

several Education Boards of the several education districts specified in the Schedule hereto, until not later than the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; and, with the like advice and consent, I do order and declare that the members of such Boards shall take office on the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

SCHEDULE.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS of Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Westland, Otago, and Southland.

FORSTER GORING,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Approving Times of Meeting of the Land Boards.*

NORMANBY, Governor.

WHEREAS by the first subsection of the twenty-fifth section of "The Land Act, 1877," it is enacted that the Board shall sit at such Land Office within the district as the Governor shall appoint (which shall be called the Principal Land Office), at certain times to be determined by the Board, and approved of by the Governor, and published in the *Gazette*:

And whereas by a warrant under my hand, dated the second of January instant, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the third of January instant, I did appoint certain Land Offices to be the Principal Land Offices for the several districts constituted under the said Act:

And whereas the several Land Boards hereunder mentioned have determined the times which are hereunder set against their names respectively as the times at which the said Boards shall sit at the said Principal Land Offices:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in further pursuance of the hereinbefore recited powers, do hereby approve of the times so determined by the said Land Boards and hereunder set against their names respectively; and I declare that this approval shall operate and take effect as and from the respective times at which the respective Land Boards so determined the times or sitting as aforesaid:—

Auckland—Tuesday, the 8th of January, and every alternate Tuesday thereafter, at two o'clock p.m.

Taranaki—Each Monday; the first Monday in the month at eleven o'clock a.m., and on other Mondays at two o'clock p.m.

Hawke's Bay—Thursday, the 3rd January, and every alternate Thursday thereafter, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Wellington—Thursday, the 10th January, and on every alternate Thursday thereafter, at 12.30 p.m.

Nelson—The second and fourth Thursday in each month, at ten o'clock a.m.

Marlborough—First Monday in every month, at ten o'clock a.m.

Canterbury—Monday and Thursday in each week, at noon.

Otago—Each Wednesday in every week, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Southland—Each Thursday in every week, at 12.30 p.m.

Westland—First and third Wednesday in each month, at two o'clock p.m.

As witness the hand of his Excellency the Governor, this fifteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. T. FISHER.

*Land temporarily reserved in the Provincial District of Otago.*

NORMANBY, Governor.

WHEREAS by the one hundred and forty-fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877," it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time, either by a general or particular description, and whether the same has been surveyed or not, reserve from sale temporarily, notwithstanding that the same may be then held under pastoral license, any Crown lands which in his opinion are required for any of the purposes in the said section mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the lands in the Provincial District of Otago described in the Schedule hereunder written for the respective purposes in the said Schedule specified.

## SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago being Sections numbered six (6) and nineteen (19) of Block eighteen (XVIII.), of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Grange Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. 7 and 18 of said Block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Home Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. 5 and 20 of said Block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Sections numbered six (6) and nineteen (19) of Block seventeen (XVII.) of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Home Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. 7 and 18 of said Block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Albert Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. 5 and 20 of the said Block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Sections numbered six (6) and eighteen (18) of Block sixteen (XVI.) of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Albert Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. 7 and 17 of said Block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Prince Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. 5 and 19 of said block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Sections numbered six (6) and sixteen (16) of Block fifteen (XV.) of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Prince Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. 7 and 15 of said Block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Queen Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. 5 and 17 of said Block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Section numbered six (6) of Block fourteen (XIV.), of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement one (1) rood, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Queen Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Section No. seven (7) of the said Block, two hundred and fifty (250) links; towards the South by Section No. thirteen (13) of the said Block, one hun-

dred (100) links; and towards the West by Section No. five (5) of said Block, two hundred and fifty (250) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Sections numbered six (6) and twenty-two (22) of Block twelve (XII.) of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Arthur Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. seven (7) and twenty-one (21) of said Block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Mary Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. five (5) and twenty-three (23) of said Block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Sections numbered six (6) and twenty-seven (27) of Block eleven (XI.) of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Mary Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. 7 and 26 of the said block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by John Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. five (5) and twenty-eight (28) of said block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being sections numbered six (6) and twenty-four (24) of Block ten (X.) of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by John Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. 7 and 23 of said block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Essex Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. five (5) and twenty-five (25) of the said block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

Also all that parcel of land being Sections numbered six (6) and twenty-three (23), of Block nine (IX.), of the Town of Winton, containing by admeasurement two (2) roods, more or less. Bounded towards the North by Essex Street, one hundred (100) links; towards the East by Sections Nos. seven (7) and twenty-two (22) of said block, five hundred (500) links; towards the South by Eglinton Street, one hundred (100) links; and towards the West by Sections Nos. five (5) and twenty-four (24) of said block, five hundred (500) links. For a street or public highway.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this sixteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. T. FISHER.

*Rangers of Crown Lands appointed, Otago.*

NORMANBY, Governor.

WHEREAS by the seventeenth section of "The Land Act, 1877," it is provided that the Governor may from time to time, as he shall think fit, appoint one or more persons within each district to be Rangers of Crown Lands, whose duties shall be to observe and take care that the provisions of the said Act are complied with within the district for which they shall be appointed, and to lay informations against such persons as may offend against the same, and otherwise to discharge such duties as the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall appoint:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said Act, do hereby appoint the persons in the Schedule hereto mentioned to be Rangers of Crown Lands for the Otago Land District.

## SCHEDULE.

ROBERT FITZROY BOLTON.  
WILLIAM HENRY VALPY.  
THOMAS HUGHAN.  
THOMAS GEORGE HUNGERFORD.  
JAMES CAMPBELL.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this sixteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. T. FISHER.

*Authority to kill Male Pheasants in Taranaki.*

NORMANBY, Governor.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-fourth section of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873," I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby authorize and license

ARTHUR TUKE, Esq.,

his servants or others, by his direction or permission, to kill or destroy any male pheasants which shall be on property situate in the Provincial District of Taranaki; and I declare this authority shall continue in force until the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, unless previously revoked.

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

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Regulations respecting the Pay of Officers in the Armed Constabulary.*

NORMANBY, Governor.

WHEREAS by the fifth section of "The Armed Constabulary Act Amendment Act, 1869," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may from time to time make and alter regulations respecting the clothing, equipment, and pay of the Armed Constabulary; and all such regulations shall have the same force as though they formed a part of the now reciting Act: And whereas it is expedient to revoke certain of the existing regulations, bearing date the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, do hereby revoke such of the Regulations dated the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, being that portion of number two hundred and eighty-two as relates to the pay of officers; and in lieu thereof do hereby make the Regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto, and do direct that they shall be read with and as part of the existing Regulations.

## SCHEDULE.

The following will be the rates of pay and allowances of the officers of the force:—

Inspector and 1st Class Superintendent	£500
"    2nd    "    "	400
Inspectors	350
Sub-Inspectors	250
Surgeons	250

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 Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; at the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

G. S. WHITMORE.

Approved in Council.

FORSTER GORING,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Appointment of Commissioner, Armed Constabulary.*

Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to appoint

The Hon. GEORGE STODDART WHITMORE, C.M.G., a Member of the Executive Council, and Colonial Secretary of the Colony of New Zealand, to be Commissioner of Armed Constabulary.

The said office to be held by him so long only as he shall be and remain such Member of the Executive Council; and to be so held and exercised without receiving or being entitled to any salary, fees, wages, allowance, emolument, or profit of any kind in respect thereof.

G. GREY.

*Queensland Act re Chinese Immigration.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

THE following Act passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Queensland is published for general information.

G. S. WHITMORE.

## QUEENSLAND.

(No. 8).

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE IMMIGRATION OF CHINESE, AND TO MAKE PROVISION AGAINST THEIR BECOMING A CHARGE UPON THE COLONY. [Assented to 20th August, 1877.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate the immigration of Chinese into the Colony of Queensland, and to obtain security for the payment of any expenses that may be incurred in respect of such immigrants, and of any fines or penalties imposed upon them: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. For the purpose of this Act the following words in inverted commas shall, unless the context otherwise indicate, bear the meanings set against them respectively—

"Chinese"—Any native of the Chinese Empire or its dependencies not born of British parents.

"Vessel"—Any ship or other sea-going vessel of whatsoever kind or description.

"Master"—The person, other than a pilot, for the time being in actual command of any such vessel.

2. The master of every vessel having Chinese on board shall, immediately on his arrival from beyond the colony in any port of the colony, and before making any entry at the Customs, deliver to the Collector or other principal officer of Customs a list of such Chinese, specifying the name, the place of birth, the apparent age, the ordinary place of residence, the place and date of shipment, and the calling or occupation of each such Chinese. And for each default herein such master shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred pounds.

3. If any vessel shall arrive in any port in Queensland having on board a greater number of Chinese passengers than in the proportion of one to every ten tons of the tonnage of such vessel according to the registry thereof if British, and if not, then according to the measurement defined by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," the owner, charterer, or master of such vessel shall be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for each Chinese passenger so carried in excess.

4. Before any Chinese arriving from beyond the colony shall be permitted to land from any vessel, and before making any entry at the Customs, the master of the vessel shall pay to such Collector or other principal officer the sum of ten pounds for every such Chinese, to be applied in manner hereinafter provided, and no entry shall be deemed to have been legally made or to have any legal effect until such payment shall have been made.

And if any master shall neglect to pay any such sum, or shall land or permit to land any Chinese at any place in the colony before such sum shall have been paid for or by him, or before such list shall have been delivered, such master shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds for each Chinese so landed or permitted to land in addition to the amount of such sum.

And in every such case, in addition to any such penalty, the vessel shall be forfeited, and may be seized, condemned, and disposed of in like manner as ships forfeited for a breach of any law relating to the Customs.

5. Every Chinese arriving in the colony after the passing of this Act, otherwise than by any vessel, shall pay or have paid for him to some officer whom the Governor in Council may appoint, at any places on or near the borders of the colony or otherwise conveniently situate for that purpose, a like sum of ten pounds.

6. The Collector or other officer receiving such sum from or for any Chinese shall, without demand, forthwith give him a certificate in writing under his hand of the payment of such sum, which certificate shall be in a form to be prescribed by the Governor in Council. And such certificate, whensoever and wheresoever produced by such Chinese, shall be conclusive evidence on behalf of himself and of any other person who may have paid such sum for him that such sum has been duly paid.

7. All sums so paid by or on behalf of any Chinese shall be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer, and be by him applied in manner following, that is to say,—

If at any time within three years from the date of the landing or arrival of any Chinese in respect of whom such sums shall have been paid, such Chinese shall depart from the colony to parts beyond the seas, and shall before his departure prove to the satisfaction of the Colonial Treasurer that during his residence in the colony he has not been confined in any gaol or lock-up after conviction of any offence, and that he has paid all fines and penalties imposed

upon him under the provisions of any Act in force in the colony, and that he has paid all expenses incurred in respect of his confinement or medical treatment in any public hospital, benevolent asylum, lunatic asylum, or other place for the care, treatment, or cure of the sick, poor, or insane, and that no expense or charge has fallen upon the revenue for his support, then upon production to the Collector or other principal officer of Customs at the port of embarkation of the certificate given to such Chinese on his arrival, the amount so paid in respect of such Chinese shall be repaid to him on board of the ship by which he shall so depart. But if he shall fail to make such proof within the period aforesaid the amount shall be paid into the consolidated revenue.

8. If any Chinese shall enter or attempt to enter the colony, without paying or having paid for him the sum of ten pounds aforesaid, he shall, besides such sum, be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and may be apprehended and taken before any Justice of the Peace, who may take sufficient bail for his appearance at the next Court of Petty Sessions or remand him to such Court as to such Justice shall seem fit, unless and until such Chinese shall produce a certificate of payment as aforesaid.

9. At the hearing of any prosecution under this Act, the Justices may decide upon their own view and judgment whether any person charged or produced before them is a Chinese within the meaning of this Act.

10. It shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer or any person authorized by him, upon the application of any Chinese, and upon being satisfied that such Chinese was at the time of the passing of this Act a *bonâ fide* resident of the colony, and that he desires to be absent therefrom for a temporary purpose only, to grant to such Chinese a certificate that he is exempt from the provisions of this Act for a time to be specified in such certificate. And during the time so specified the holder of such certificate shall be exempt from all payments under this Act.

11. The sum of ten pounds aforesaid shall not be payable by or in respect of any Chinese who is one of the crew of any vessel, unless he shall land from such vessel.

12. All penalties and forfeitures imposed by this Act shall be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered in the name of some officer of Customs or other person thereunto authorized by the Governor in Council.

13. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as "The Chinese Immigrants Regulation Act of 1877."

*Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES EDWARD COOPER

to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births and Deaths, and also Vaccination Inspector, for the District of Timaru.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN CAMPBELL MACKENZIE

to be the Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages, and of Births and Deaths, for the District of West Taieri.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Returning Officer for Rangiora Riding appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

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

EDWARD O'HARA CANAVAN

Returning Officer for the Election of Members of the Collingwood County Council, within the Riding of Rangiora.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Health Officer, Port Chalmers, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

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

DANIEL MCCALLUM

(Piermaster at Port Chalmers) to be a Health Officer at Port Chalmers, under section 105 of "The Public Health Act, 1876."

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Letters of Naturalization issued.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

**H**IS 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.
Anders Mattisen	Settler	Tokatoka, Kai-para.
Thomas Frederick Geertsen	Gardener	Hutt.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Member of Licensing Courts appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 18th December, 1877.

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

PHILLIP THRELKELD, Esq.,

to be a Member of the Licensing Courts for the Districts of Mandeville and Town of Kaiapoi, *vice* James Freeman Fletcher, Esq., resigned.

JOHN SHEEHAN.

*Certificated Accountant in Bankruptcy appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 28th December, 1877.

**I**T is hereby notified that His Honor Mr. Justice Gillies has been pleased to appoint

PETER MCTAVISH, Esq.,

of Auckland, to be a Certificated Accountant in Bankruptcy for the Northern Judicial District.

J. T. FISHER,

(in absence of the Minister of Justice).

NOTE.—This notice is inserted in lieu of that published in page 29 of this year's *Gazette*.

*Justices of the Peace appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 10th January, 1878.

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

ROBERT WHYTE, Esq., Mayor of Westport, and

ROBERT CAMPBELL FERGUSON, Esq., Mayor of Tapanui,  
to be Justices of the Peace under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876."

J. T. FISHER,

(in absence of the Minister of Justice).

*Visiting Justices appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 10th January, 1878.

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

WILLIAM MASON, Esq., J.P., and

HENRY ALDBOROUGH STRATFORD, Esq., R.M.,

to be Visiting Justices of the Prison at Queenstown.

G. S. WHITMORE,

(in absence of the Minister of Justice).

*Clerk of Licensing Court appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1878.

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

HERBERT CROSS, Esq.,

to be Clerk of the Licensing Court for the District of Charleston, *vice* C. H. W. Bowen, Esq., resigned.

G. S. WHITMORE,

(in absence of the Minister of Justice).

*Assistant Land Registrar appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1878.

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

AUGUSTUS PHILIP MASON, Esq.,

to be Assistant Land Registrar under "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," for the District of Wellington.

JOHN SHEEHAN.

*Appointment of Constabulary Officers.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the under-mentioned appointments, viz.,—

*In the Armed Constabulary Force.*

Robert Clarke Shearman, to be Inspector and First-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 1st November, 1867.

Thomas King Weldon to be Inspector, and First-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 1st November, 1867.

Thomas Broham to be Inspector, and First-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 16th April, 1870.

Frederick Atcheson to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 2nd November, 1867.

William Charles Lyon to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 4th November, 1867.

John McIntosh Roberts to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 15th November, 1868.

Arthur Tuke to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 7th June, 1869.

William Henry James to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 1st July, 1870.



David Scannell to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 1st December, 1871.

John Bell Thomson to be Inspector, and Second-class Superintendent. Date of commission, 17th August, 1874.

Thomas Scully to be Inspector. Date of commission, 4th November, 1867.

John Emerson to be Inspector. Date of commission, 1st July, 1868.

William Griffin Stack to be Inspector. Date of commission, 1st February, 1871.

James Hickson to be Inspector. Date of commission, 20th August, 1872.

Samuel Moore to be Inspector. Date of commission, 1st July, 1873.

Andrew Thompson to be Inspector. Date of commission, 1st July, 1873.

William Graham Fox to be Inspector. Date of commission, 1st July, 1873.

Peter Pender to be Inspector. Date of commission, 24th April, 1874.

Forster Yelverton Goring to be Inspector. Date of commission, 17th August, 1874.

Frederick Mallard to be Inspector. Date of commission, 23rd January, 1875.

William Avention Kiely to be Inspector. Date of commission, 7th May, 1875.

Alfred Buckley to be Inspector. Date of commission, 28th June, 1875.

Harry Feast to be Inspector. Date of commission, 28th June, 1875.

Walter Edward Gudgeon to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 17th October, 1868.

Frederick John William Gascoigne to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 27th November, 1868.

Henry William Northcroft to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 7th June, 1869.

Henry Charles Morrison to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 1st June, 1870.

Thomas Nepean Edward Kenny to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 1st June, 1870.

Robert Bullen to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 1st January, 1872.

Charles O'Donnell to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 2nd September, 1872.

Samuel Goodall to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 18th June, 1873.

Stuart Newall to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 17th August, 1874.

William Stone Pardy to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 17th November, 1875.

William Meredith Smith to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 1st May, 1877.

John Taylor Marshall to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 1st December, 1877.

William Bazire Messenger to be Sub-Inspector. Date of commission, 1st December, 1877.

Patrick Joseph O'Carroll to be Surgeon. Date of commission, 31st December, 1869.

Samuel Walker to be Surgeon. Date of commission, 1st July, 1872.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Resignation of Volunteer Officers.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

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

Lieut. J. B. SADD, Nelson Artillery Volunteers.  
Lieut. G. HODGSON, Nelson (City) Rifle Volunteers.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Volunteer Corps disbanded.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to disband

The Marton Rifle Volunteer Cadets.

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Member of Medical Board appointed.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

FREDERICK IRVING DE LISLE, Esq.,

to be a Member of the Medical Board constituted 12th November, 1866, under "The Military Pensions Act, 1866."

G. S. WHITMORE.

*Services of Constabulary Officer dispensed with.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to dispense with the services of First-class Inspector

WILLIAM AIREY RICHARDSON,

of the New Zealand Armed Constabulary, from the 15th instant, on the reduction of the Force.

G. S. WHITMORE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 1 of 1878.

EXHIBITION OF REVOLVING WHITE LIGHT ON PORTLAND ISLAND, HAWKE'S BAY.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),  
Wellington, 10th January, 1878.

WITH reference to the preliminary notice issued by this department, dated the 22nd of October, 1877, it is hereby notified that on and after the 10th day of February next a Light will be exhibited from the Lighthouse which has been erected on Portland Island, the position and characteristics of which are as follow:—

The Portland Island Lighthouse is situated on the southern extremity of Portland Island, which lies off the southern end of the Mahia Peninsula, Hawke's Bay, on the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand.

The tower is 28 feet in height, is built of timber, and painted white. The light will be a second order REVOLVING WHITE LIGHT, visible all round the horizon as far as the land will allow. It will attain its greatest brilliance every THIRTY SECONDS. The light is elevated 300 feet above the sea, and, allowing 15 feet for the height of the eye, will be seen at a distance of about 24 nautic miles in clear weather, and at lesser distances according to the state of the atmosphere.

From the lower part of the tower a *Fixed Red Light*, having an arc of about six degrees, will be shown in the direction of Bull Rock, which bears N.E. from the Lighthouse, distant four miles.

G. GREY.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 2 of 1878.

Customs Department (Marine Branch),  
Wellington, 15th January, 1878.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Portmaster, Brisbane, is published for general information.

J. BALLANCE.

## ALTERATION OF YELLOW PATCH LIGHT, MORETON ISLAND.

ON after this date, the Fifth Order Light at the Yellow Patch will be replaced by one of the Fourth Order, intensified by vertical condensing prisms. It will be visible as a white light from between the bearings of S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. and S.E. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E.; red, from S.E. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. to the Perch Buoy; and white thence to E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N.

While the white light is kept in sight, a vessel will be clear, on the one hand, of Hutchinson Shoal, and, on the other, of the shoal water off the North Banks.

When the light changes from red to white on the south-western edge of the red sector, she will be in line with the Yellow Patch Light and the Perch Buoy.

*Directions.*—Vessels from the northwards—in fine weather and smooth water—entering Moreton Bay by night, by the North Channel, should, after making out the white light on Comboyuro Point, be careful not to enter the red sector of the Yellow Patch Light until the former light is obscured on a S. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. bearing.

On the Comboyuro Light being obscured, a vessel should haul up gradually to the southward, enter the red sector of the Yellow Patch Light, and again open out the white light at Comboyuro Point, and steer for it, keeping on the edge of the white light. When the Yellow Patch Light is brought nearly into line with Cape Moreton Light, she must be hauled further to the westward, and the Cowan Cowan Light opened out, which, if kept in sight, will lead in clear of the Venus Bank.

On leaving the port at night by the North Channel, a vessel after passing the line of leading lights for the Middle Channel should keep on the eastern edge of the white light at Comboyuro Point until the white light at the Yellow Patch changes to red, when she will be within a cable to the north-westward of the Perch Buoy, and can then steer out to sea at once.

These directions will take a vessel through the North Channel with not less than 16 feet at low water; while, by similarly keeping the eastern edge of the white light on Cowan Cowan Point just open, a vessel leaving the port will cross the banks in 19 feet. This light, however, being at a considerably greater distance, is not so good a guide as that on Comboyuro Point.

G. P. HEATH, Commander R.N.,  
Portmaster.

Department of Ports and Harbours,  
Brisbane, 20th December, 1877.

Authority to Frank.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE TRAVELLING INSPECTORS OF THE AUDIT  
DEPARTMENT

to frank, free from the prepayment of postage, letters and parcels posted on the public service.

J. T. FISHER,  
Postmaster-General.

*Alterations and Additions to the Rates for the Conveyance of Passengers, and Conveyance, Delivery, and Storage of Goods, Parcels, &c., on all the New Zealand Railways.*

IN accordance with the By-laws for the New Zealand Railways, fixed by Order in Council, dated the 17th day of April, 1877, the following alterations and additions to the rates for the conveyance of passengers, and conveyance, delivery, and storage of goods, parcels, &c., on all the New Zealand Railways, are hereby declared to be fixed, and shall come into force on and from the 11th day of January, 1878:—

## SCHOLARS.

Season Tickets at half ordinary fares will be issued to students whose age does not exceed nineteen (19) years, upon the production of satisfactory certificates from the schoolmaster that the applicants are *bonâ fide* scholars in attendance at school, and that their age does not exceed the prescribed limits. Tickets available only for travelling to and from school.

## NEWS BOYS.

Season Tickets at half ordinary fares will be issued to news boys for use in travelling on the railways for the purpose of selling newspapers only, upon the production of a certificate from the proprietor of the newspaper that the tickets are required and will be used for that purpose only, and that the person who makes the application is engaged in his service.

## AUCKLAND SECTION.

Passenger fares from Auckland to and from Penrose Junction and Onehunga to be—for first-class single, one and sixpence (1s. 6d.); for second-class single, one shilling (1s.); for first-class return, two shillings (2s.); for second-class return, one shilling and threepence (1s. 3d.)

Children under fourteen (14) years of age half price.

## TIMBER—SMALL LOTS.

Small lots of timber which can be conveyed in one truck may be carried at double rates. Minimum quantity, one hundred (100) superficial feet; minimum charge, one shilling and twopence (1s. 2d.) per hundred superficial feet.

## STORAGE.

Two shillings (2s.) per ton per week, or fraction of a week, will be charged on all goods at country stations not removed within twelve (12) working hours of arrival.

## CLASS E.

Seeds, grass and other, in casks or cases carried as Class E.

Dated at Wellington, this 11th day of January, 1878.

G. S. WHITMORE,  
Minister acting for Minister for  
Public Works.

*Rewards offered to Discoverers of Payable Gold Fields, and Payments for the Aid of Prospecting.*

THE following terms and conditions on which rewards will be paid for the discovery of new gold fields, and payments made for the aid of prospecting, are issued in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives passed on the 4th October, 1877:—

## CONDITIONS—GENERAL.

1. That person will be deemed the discoverer who shall first find gold and notify the same in writing to the nearest Warden or Resident Magistrate. In

such notification the discoverer shall state as nearly as practicable the exact locality, the distance from the nearest gold workings, and the number of persons engaged at that date in mining for gold thereon.

2. If two or more persons simultaneously discover gold in the same locality, or in places immediately adjacent, and each severally complies with the conditions above mentioned, the sum proper to be awarded will be divided amongst the several persons who have discovered the gold field, in such manner as shall be determined after due investigation by the Secretary for Crown Lands or his appointee.

3. Rewards will only be given for discoveries made public subsequently to the publication of this notice.

4. The words "nearest gold workings" shall mean gold workings recognized as such, and on which twelve miners are actually employed in searching for gold.

5. In any proclaimed mining district the newly-discovered gold field must be not less than five miles from the nearest gold workings, but such distance may be varied either generally or for particular localities in any subsequent Proclamation.

6. Within eighteen months after the date of the notification of discovery the claimant shall prove to the satisfaction of the Minister for Lands, or his appointee, the number of persons (not being necessarily the same persons continuously) who have been engaged in mining with reasonable diligence on the new field for twelve months from the date of notification of discovery.

7. Rewards, not exceeding in the whole five thousand (£5,000) pounds in each Island, will be given on the following scale:—

A population of not less than fifty (50) persons (not necessarily the same persons) engaged in *bona fide* gold mining with reasonable diligence on the new field for twelve months, £50.

A population of not less than one hundred (100) persons (not necessarily the same persons) engaged in *bona fide* gold mining with reasonable diligence on the new field for twelve months, £500.

A population of not less than three hundred (300) persons (not necessarily the same persons) engaged in *bona fide* gold mining with reasonable diligence on the new field for twelve months, £1,000.

8. If the gold workings for the discovery of which reward is claimed contain auriferous deposits of an entirely new character (such as quartz lodes in, or in the vicinity of, alluvial workings), or existing under previously undeveloped conditions, rewards may be granted in the discretion of the Government, subject generally to these conditions, but without reference to the condition of distance imposed thereby.

9. Chinese shall not be included in the estimate of resident population as the basis of rewards.

CONDITIONS—NORTH ISLAND.

No prospecting to be allowed on Native land, without the consent of the Native owners previously obtained, and the approval of the Native Minister.

Prospectors going on Native land without consent of the owners are liable to the penalties imposed by the Acts relating to Gold Fields, and will forfeit all claim to the reward.

Native owners will be entitled to rewards provided that, if the discovery be made on their own land, they enter into arrangements with the Government for throwing such land open for mining purposes to the public.

AIDS TO PROSPECTING FOR GOLD OR OTHER PRECIOUS MINERALS.

1. Five thousand (£5,000) pounds will be given to associations or local bodies in aid of prospecting

for gold or other precious minerals, or in construction of prospecting tracks cut solely for the purposes of such prospecting, by way of subsidy, cent. per cent. upon a wage considerably below the market value of labour paid per head on the number of men actually employed.

2. No more than two hundred (£200) pounds shall be granted to any one local association or local body for any one prospecting expedition.

3. No sum shall be paid in excess of such sum as may be calculated upon a wage of five shillings per day on the number of men actually engaged in any prospecting party.

4. The association or local body shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the Minister for Lands, or his appointee, the time during which prospecting was carried on, and the number of men from time to time employed.

5. No prospecting to be allowed on Native land, without the consent of the Native owners previously obtained, and the approval of the Native Minister.

Prospectors going on Native land without consent of the owners are liable to the penalties imposed by the Acts relating to Gold Fields, and will forfeit all claim to the reward.

J. MACANDREW,  
Minister for Lands.

General Crown Lands Office,  
Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

*Gold Mining Lease to be granted.*

IT is hereby notified that it is intended to grant a Gold Mining Lease to the under-mentioned person at the place and for the area set opposite his name:—

CHARLES VINCENT { Brandy Jack's Creek, Grey Valley, Nelson South-West Mining District; 10 acres.

J. T. FISHER,  
for Minister for Lands.  
General Crown Lands Office,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

*Sheep Inspector's Notice.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Wellington, 9th January, 1878.

NOTICE has been received from the Inspector of Sheep for the Wanganui District that he has cancelled the clean certificate of Mr. Isaac Sargeant, of No. 2 Line, for a separate flock of sheep of 300, dated the 3rd instant.

JOS. G. HOLDSWORTH,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Sheep Inspector's Report.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Wellington, 8th January, 1878.

THE Inspector of Sheep for the East Coast District (John Drummond) reports that the sheep within his district on which assessment has been paid for the year ending 31st December, 1877, number 250,514, being an increase of 45,394 over last year. The assessment paid amounts to £521 18s. 1d., being an excess of £94 11s. 5d. over last year's receipts. The flocks reported scabby are fewer than last year, and he hopes to be able to report these clean shortly

JOS. G. HOLDSWORTH,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Grants.

Crown Lands Office,  
Wellington, 10th January, 1878.

THE under-mentioned Deeds of Grant, having been duly executed, are now ready for delivery at this office, under the authority of "The Crown Grants Act, 1866," and "The Crown Grants Amendment Act, 1867."

A fee of sixpence is chargeable on each Crown Grant for every month during which it shall remain in this office after the expiration of three months from the date of this notice.

In cases where it is impossible for the party entitled to receive the Grant to attend in person, it will be delivered to the bearer of an authority according to the subjoined form, certified by a Magistrate or by a Solicitor of the Supreme Court.

FORM OF AUTHORITY REFERRED TO.

To the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington.

I HEREBY authorize A.B., of \_\_\_\_\_, to receive the Deed of Grant in my favour for \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature.)

Witness—(Signature of a Magistrate or of a Solicitor of the Supreme Court.)

LAND DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON.

No. of Grant.	Grantee.	Locality.	Contents.		
			A.	R.	P.
5035	Henry Jackson ...	Featherston...	400	0	0
5036	Samuel White ...	" ...	20	0	0
5037	Matthew Beck Cave ...	" ...	10	0	0
5038	George Underwood ...	" ...	2	0	0
5039	Joseph Hodder ...	" ...	10	0	0
5040	Walter Hodder ...	" ...	3	0	0
5041	" ...	" ...	5	0	0
5042	" ...	" ...	10	0	0
5043	" ...	" ...	35	0	0
5044	Joseph Henry Hodder ...	" ...	1	0	0
5045	Frederick W. Hodder ...	" ...	5	0	0
5046	Herbert Samuel Wardell ...	" ...	24	1	38
5047	" ...	" ...	10	0	0
5048	John Murphy ...	" ...	20	0	0
5049	George Potts ...	" ...	1	0	0
5050	" ...	" ...	3	0	0
5051	James Donald ...	" ...	19	2	38
5052	" ...	" ...	26	3	35
5053	" ...	" ...	5	0	0
5054	" ...	" ...	14	2	0
5055	Henry White ...	" ...	15	0	0
5056	Samuel White ...	" ...	37	3	26
5058	Thomas McCartney ...	Rangitikei ...	63	0	0
5083	Henry Shafto Harrison ...	Wanganui RB	423	2	0

JOS. G. HOLDSWORTH,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ARTHUR SCULLAR, of Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, Furniture Importer, and DAVID FERGUSON, of the same place, Cabinetmaker, claiming as devisees under the Will of HUGH McLEOD, late of Melrose, near Dunedin aforesaid, Tailor, deceased, have made application to the District Land Registrar of the District of Otago, to be registered as Proprietors of Allotment No. 4, on the plan of the said Township of Melrose; and that the said Arthur Scullar and David Ferguson will be so registered as such proprietors unless caveat be lodged at this office within one month from the date of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

A. W. SMITH,  
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

WHEREAS a declaration has been lodged with me of the loss of the Crown Grant to JOSE DA SILVA, late of Moa Flat, Miner, deceased, of Section 10, Block IV., on the map of the Town of Ettrick, in the Provincial District of Otago, bearing date the sixth day of November, 1872, and entered in the Register Book of the said District, Volume vi., folio 31: I hereby give notice that I intend to issue a provisional certificate of title to the said section in the name of the said Jose Da Silva, unless caveat be lodged within fourteen days from the day of the publication hereof.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

A. W. SMITH,  
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

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

2600. JAMES GABY.—20 acres, Rural Section 6447, Timaru District. Occupied by Peter Anderson and Hans Gripp.

3217. HARVEY HAWKINS.—13 perches, part of Section 7, Town of Lyttelton. Occupied by Applicant.

3358. EDWARD HENRY TATE and DAVID MITCHELL ROSS.—2 acres 8 perches, part of Rural Section 1606, Timaru District. Occupied by James Shears.

3365. WILLIAM DOUGLAS CARRUTHERS.—1 rood 18 perches, part of Lot 87, Christchurch Town Reserves. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

R. W. D'O'LY,  
District Land Registrar.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALEXANDER SHEPHERD, of Havelock, Hawke's Bay, Presbyterian Minister, claiming as Remainderman upon the death of ELIZABETH MARY SPIERS SHEPHERD, his Wife, has applied to be registered as Proprietor in fee-simple of Suburban Sections Nos. 10 and 11, Township of Havelock aforesaid, containing 83 acres 1 rood 34 perches, more or less; and that he will be so registered unless caveat forbidding the same be lodged at this office within one calendar month after the date of the Gazette containing this notice.

Dated the 10th day of January, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

J. M. BATHAM,  
District Land Registrar.

HOKITIKA AND GREYMOUTH TRAMWAY COMPANY (LIMITED).

At a Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company, held on Thursday, 3rd January, 1878, it was resolved,—

"That the Company be voluntarily wound up."

J. BEVAN,  
Liquidator.

Hokitika, 10th January, 1878.

RETURN of the CUSTOMS REVENUE at the several Ports of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1877.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	Rates of Duty.	HEADS OF REVENUE.																							TOTALS.		Corresponding Quarter, 1876.	HEADS OF REVENUE.					
		Auckland.	Thames.	Russell.	Mongonui.	Hokianga.	Kaipara.	Tauranga.	Poverty Bay.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Napier.	Wairau.	Picton.	Havelock.	Kaikoura.	Nelson.	Westport.	Greymouth.	Hokitika.	Lyttelton.	Akaroa.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.			Invercargill.	Riverton.	Chathams.	Quantities.	Revenue.
Spirits, P gal.	12s.	13136	1132	168	37	180	...	212	1542	1042	2716	11840	3760	721	95	111	148	2031	1691	3864	2945	14638	...	1608	1772	22060	3954	578	...	153302 gals.	£ 91981	£ 89165	Spirits, P gal.
„ New Zealand, P gal.	6s.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	66	17	5	68	...	36	45	754	8	...	...	3393	1018	1772	„ New Zealand, P gal.
Cigars and Snuff, P lb.	5s.	655	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	75	730	151	...	...	...	...	129	54	236	96	695	...	23	62	1710	88	...	...	18908 lbs.	4727	4773	Cigars and Snuff, P lb.
Tobacco, P lb.	2s. 6d.	6379	156	82	47	122	63	15	397	245	620	3852	1342	244	39	35	27	973	436	1262	1091	4679	...	462	338	9301	1214	111	1	268264	33533	30396	Tobacco, P lb.
„ (Sheepwash), P lb.	3d.	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5120	64	14	„ (Sheepwash), P lb.
Wine, P gal.	4s.	1400	77	28	...	...	...	24	95	80	188	1833	563	37	11	...	...	253	167	407	283	2105	...	256	138	2932	271	41	...	55945 gals.	11189	11044	Wine, P gal.
Ale, Beer, &c. in Bottle, P gal.	1s. 3d.	507	19	1	...	6	...	...	45	52	...	1746	337	4	...	...	...	101	85	203	132	711	...	26	29	1237	114	4	...	85744	5359	5101	Ale, Beer, &c. in Bottle, P gal.
„ in Wood, „	1s.	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	248	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	30	9	239	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19060	953	853	„ in Wood, „
Tea, P lb.	6d.	4348	54	2	7	...	...	105	121	383	3639	594	119	40	15	10	1254	190	568	572	3387	...	387	289	6445	837	53	...	937000 lbs.	23425	21140	Tea, P lb.	
Coffee, Cocoa, &c., P lb.	3d.	370	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	298	23	...	9	...	...	61	11	36	102	355	...	...	...	2	570	198	...	162720	2034	2574	Coffee, Cocoa, &c., P lb.	
„ Roasted, P lb.	5d.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	3	15	„ Roasted, P lb.	
Sugar and Molasses, P lb.	1d.	6136	66	...	14	...	47	10	196	274	435	5025	1109	211	56	19	19	1751	321	987	857	7339	...	332	250	9580	1489	126	...	8795760	36649	34537	Sugar and Molasses, P lb.
Opium, P lb.	20s.	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	680	...	683	Opium, P lb.
Goods by Weight	...	2872	75	...	...	6	...	35	129	189	4262	591	94	9	...	...	537	170	832	615	2594	...	62	53	5528	715	39	...	...	19407	18049	Goods by Weight.	
Ad valorem, 10 P cent.	...	8518	148	16	...	1	2	14	67	155	660	10596	2198	82	7	...	2090	363	1395	1232	10637	19	406	347	21992	1283	28	...	...	62196	65572	Ad valorem, 10 P cent.	
Other Duties not specified above	...	1129	53	...	...	4	...	...	2	49	118	1467	219	13	6	...	221	200	192	142	2867	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9571	8394	Other Duties not specified above.	
Totals	...	45531	1780	298	105	309	128	275	2487	2170	5411	45586	10898	1535	272	180	205	9413	3694	10029	8081	50314	19	3598	3336	85817	10334	981	*1	...	302792	...	Totals.
Corresponding Qr., 1876	...	45438	2195	357	66	566	...	292	2535	2014	5320	36440	9421	961	226	215	306	9183	3374	11521	13668	47619	45	4778	3081	84777	8747	983	...	...	294128	...	Corresponding Qr., 1876.

\* Return from Chatham Islands for month of December, 1877, not yet received.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of the CUSTOMS REVENUE for the Years 1877 and 1876.

Total Customs Revenue, 1877	196232	8477	1086	399	1527	128	1465	8922	7825	21500	176939	40257	5454	938	779	1023	32817	13297	41116	33808	200857	204	17844	11544	352223	33036	3763	*9	...	1213479	...	Total Cust. Revenue, 1877.
Total Customs Revenue, 1876	200491	9836	1622	428	1758	...	1749	9246	8590	24703	161969	39812	4761	1011	813	1055	39301	14101	39247	31694	189300	93	22630	11980	351999	33931	4670	1	...	1206791	...	Total Cust. Revenue, 1876.

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 16th January, 1878.

WILLIAM SEED,  
Secretary and Inspector.

## THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD ENTERED for DUTY for EXPORTATION from NEW ZEALAND, from 1st APRIL, 1857, to 31st DECEMBER, 1877.

ENTERED FOR DUTY AT	PRODUCE OF THE GOLD FIELDS OF	DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1877.		ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION PREVIOUS TO THE 30th SEPTEMBER, 1877.		TOTAL ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1877.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Auckland ...	Auckland ...	Oz. 18,499	£ 75,507	Oz. 1,133,179	£ 4,102,956	Oz. 1,151,678	£ 4,178,463
Wellington ...	Wellington ...	...	...	30	120	30	120
Picton ...	Marlborough ...	...	...	46,427	179,850	46,427	179,850
Nelson ...	Nelson ...	1,699	6,797	1,613,432	6,407,265	1,615,131	6,414,062
Nelson ...	West Coast ...	457	1,828	2,092,850	8,278,668	2,135,710	8,450,095
Westport ...		4,544	18,178				
Greymouth ...		23,283	93,131				
Hokitika ...		14,576	58,290				
		42,860	171,427				
Dunedin ...	Otago ...	19,405	77,575	3,676,357	14,447,183	3,697,347	14,531,098
Invercargill ...	" ...	1,585	6,340				
		20,990	83,915				
Totals ...	...	84,048	337,646	8,562,275	33,416,042	8,646,323	33,753,688

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

WILLIAM SEED,  
Secretary of Customs.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD ENTERED for DUTY for EXPORTATION from NEW ZEALAND, for the YEARS ended 31st DECEMBER, 1876 and 1877.

PORTS.	DURING THE QUARTER ENDED				TOTALS FOR THE YEAR 1877.		TOTALS FOR THE YEAR 1876.	
	31st March, 1877.	30th June, 1877.	30th September, 1877.	31st December, 1877.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Auckland ...	Oz. 10,067	Oz. 43,614	Oz. 24,930	Oz. 18,499	Oz. 97,010	£ 394,421	Oz. 70,075	£ 277,767
Picton ...	...	870	...	...	870	3,197	450	1,796
Nelson ...	1,230	1,727	250	2,156	5,363	21,182	6,812	26,387
Westport ...	6,622	2,884	4,900	4,544	18,950	75,841	21,774	87,175
Greymouth ...	17,493	19,935	19,535	23,283	80,246	320,997	68,941	275,765
Hokitika ...	13,848	12,817	12,163	14,576	53,404	213,595	35,487	141,947
Dunedin ...	31,288	15,482	38,907	19,405	105,082	422,857	108,953	435,273
Invercargill ...	1,693	1,796	3,013	1,585	8,087	32,484	9,524	38,213
Totals 1877 ...	82,241	99,025	103,698	84,048	369,012	1,484,574	...	...
Totals 1876 ...	83,276	69,958	77,048	91,734	...	...	322,016	1,284,328

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

WILLIAM SEED,  
Secretary of Customs.

**R**EGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Boroughs of Auckland, Thames, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Hokitika, during the Month of December, 1877.

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 December, 1877.

BOROUGH.	ESTI- MATED POPULA- TION, JAN. 1877.	TOTAL BIRTHS.	DEATHS IN THE BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN DECEMBER, 1877.							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 ...	12,024	44	6	...	2	2	1	7	18	1.50	
Thames ...	4,466	16	2	...	1	...	...	...	3	.67	
Wellington ...	16,130	69	13	6	11	19	3	7	59	3.66	
Nelson ...	5,554	21	1	...	3	1	1	3	9	1.62	
Christchurch ...	12,815	34	5	3	3	6	2	4	23	1.79	
Dunedin ...	23,365	56	3	...	8	1	1	4	17	.73	
Hokitika ...	2,905	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	247	30	9	28	29	8	25	129	...	

The deaths of persons not residents of the boroughs, occurring at hospitals, have been excluded in all cases.  
 The estimates of the population are calculated on the number of inhabited houses in each borough, as shown in returns supplied by the municipal authorities.  
 The births were 51 fewer than in November.  
 The deaths were 23 more in number than the deaths in November.  
 Of the deaths, males contributed 67; females, 62: 76 of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 58.91 per cent. of the whole number; 59 of these were of children under 1 year of age.  
 There were 6 deaths of persons of 65 years of age and over: 2 of these persons were males and 4 females; 2 females of 77 and 88 died at Auckland; 1 male of 70 at the Thames; 1 female of 67 at Nelson; 1 male of 83, and 1 female of 68, at Christchurch.

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 December, 1877.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND.		THAMES.		WELLINGTON.		NELSON.		CHRISTCH'CH.		DUNEDIN.		HOKITIKA.		TOTAL.	PROPOR- TIONS 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.				
I.	Zymotic Diseases ...	4	2	...	...	25	3	2	1	7	...	1	...	...	...	45	34.88
II.	Constitutional Diseases ...	1	3	...	...	4	2	...	3	1	3	...	6	...	...	23	17.83
III.	Local Diseases ...	2	4	2	1	2	13	...	2	6	4	...	6	...	...	44	34.11
IV.	Developmental Diseases ...	2	...	...	...	9	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	15	11.62
V.	Violent Deaths ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	.78
	Unspecified ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	.78
	Total ...	9	9	2	1	41	18	3	6	16	7	5	12	...	...	129	100.00

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases*.—Scarlatina, 1; Croup, 2; Whooping Cough, 16; Erysipelas, 1; Dysentery, 2; Diarrhoea, 17.  
 ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases*.—Inanition, 3; Alcoholism, 3.

CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases*.—Dropsy, 2; Cancer, 3.  
 ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases*.—Scrofula, 2; Tabes Mesenterica, 6; Phthisis, 10.

CLASS III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of Nervous System*.—Inflammation of Brain, 4; Apoplexy, 2; Paralysis, 3; Epilepsy, 1; Convulsions, 2; Brain Disease, 2.  
 ORDER 2.—*Diseases of Organs of Circulation*.—Heart Disease, 7.  
 ORDER 3.—*Diseases of Respiratory Organs*.—Bronchitis, 2; Pneumonia, 5.  
 ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Digestive Organs*.—Gastritis, 1; Enteritis, 3; Hernia, 2; Stomach Disease, 1; Hepatitis, 2; Gallstones, 1; Liver Disease, 2.  
 ORDER 5.—*Diseases of Urinary Organs*.—Nephritis, 1; Nephria, 2.  
 ORDER 6.—*Diseases of the Organs of Generation*.—Uterine Disease, 1.

CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Developmental Diseases of Children*.—Premature Birth, 6; Teething, 2.  
 ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition*.—Atrophy and Debility, 7.

CLASS V.—VIOLENT DEATHS.

ORDER 1.—*Accidental*.—Concussion of Brain, 1.  
*Unspecified Cause*, 1.

*Comparison with the previous Month.*—The death rates for December were higher at Auckland, Wellington, Nelson, and Christchurch than for November, but at Thames and Dunedin they were lower. There were no deaths at Hokitika. The increased mortality at Wellington for December, which is remarkable, is chiefly owing to the prevalence of Whooping Cough, Dysentery, and Diarrhoea, and to the large number (15) of deaths of children, from Inanition, Mesenteric Disease, Premature Births, Teething, and Debility. There were also, at the same town, 3 deaths from Alcoholism, and 1 violent death.

*Zymotic Diseases.*—The number of deaths in the boroughs was 45, and bore the large proportion to the total mortality of 34·88 per cent. Of a total of 16 deaths from Whooping Cough, 15 occurred at Wellington and 1 at Dunedin. The 19 deaths from Dysentery and Diarrhoea were distributed as follows: Auckland, 4; Wellington, 7; Nelson, 1; Christchurch, 7. Croup caused 2 deaths at Nelson. The death from Scarlatina was at Auckland, this complaint causing no deaths at Dunedin, which is satisfactory to notice, as it has proved more or less fatal during each of the preceding 18 months at that town.

*Diseases of the Respiratory System.*—From Pneumonia and Bronchitis deaths were registered at Wellington (3), at Christchurch (2), and at Dunedin (2).

*Violent Death.*—A child died from concussion of the brain, but the cause of concussion is not stated.

*Comparison with the previous Year.*—The total number of deaths in the boroughs in December, 1876, was 138, or 9 in excess of the number for December, 1877. There were 50 deaths from Zymotic Diseases against 45 in December, 1877, and 48 from Local Diseases against 44 in December, 1877. Scarlatina and Diphtheria were more prevalent in December, 1876, than in December, 1877; Whooping Cough less so. The mortality from Dysentery and Diarrhoea was the same in the boroughs for December of each year. Diseases of the Respiratory Organs and Phthisis caused 26 deaths in December, 1876, but only 17 in December, 1877. At Wellington the deaths for December, 1876, were only 34, against 59 in December, 1877; but at Dunedin there were 44 deaths in December, 1876, against 17 in December last.

Registrar-General's Office,

Wellington, 17th January, 1878.

WM. R. E. BROWN,

Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR DECEMBER, 1877.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	NELSON.	CHRIST- CHURCH.	HOKITIKA.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in Shade ... ..	64·3	60·1	62·9	61·0	57·3	56·9
Average for same month previous years ...	65·5	61·0	62·2	61·1	58·5	56·6
Maximum Temperature in Shade, and date	80·8 on 20th	74·0 on 21st	83·0 on 17th	85·6 on 16th	69·1 on 26th	81·0 on 6th
Minimum Temperature in Shade, and date	50·3 on 30th	44·0 on 2nd	43·0 on 30th	41·3 on 18th	42·9 on 2nd	42·0 on 30th
Maximum Temperature in Sun, and date	152·0 on 23rd	139·0 on 21st	150·0 on 29th	156·3 on 12th	145·0 on 27th	125·0 on 8th
Minimum Temperature on Grass, and date	39·0 on 10th	40·0	...	29·6 on 18th	39·5 on 2nd	34·0 on 11th
Mean Humidity (Saturation=100) ... ..	70	76	65	67	87	71
Average for same month previous years ...	76	73	74	74	85	73
Total Rainfall in inches ... ..	2·945	4·401	1·860	2·090	11·900	2·773
Average for same month previous years ...	3·278	3·513	4·336	1·453	11·035	3·049
Number of Days on which Rain fell ... ..	10	12	6	6	20	13
Average for same month previous years ...	13	11	8	8	17	14

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.

January, 1878.

J. HECTOR, Inspector.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership between the undersigned JOHN SMYLLIE McDEWELL THOMPSON, GEORGE VANCE SHANNON, and RICHARD ROSSITER PALMER, in the trade or business of Warehousemen, at Wellington and elsewhere in New Zealand, under the firm of "Thompson, Shannon, and Co.," was this day dissolved by mutual consent; and in future the business will be carried on by the said John Smyllie McDewell Thompson and George Vance Shannon on their separate account, under the old firm of "Thompson, Shannon, and Co.," who will pay and receive all debts owing from and to the said partnership in the regular course of business.

As witness our hands this 12th day of January, 1878.

J. S. M. THOMPSON.

G. V. SHANNON.

R. R. PALMER.

Witnesses—P. A. Buckley, Solicitor, Wellington; Robert Orr, Articled Clerk, Wellington. 28

THE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND (LIMITED), IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Company will be held at the late registered office of the Company, Joynt's Buildings, Hereford Street, on Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1878, at 3 p.m.

Business: To consider the Statement of Accounts

of the Liquidation, and to pass the following Resolution:—

"That the meeting is of opinion that the Company has been fairly wound up."

By order of the Liquidators.

FRED. ED. GRAHAM.

Christchurch, 15th January, 1878.

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STATEMENT of the Affairs of the Scandinavian Water-race Company (Registered), for the half-year ended 1st December, 1877, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Scandinavian Water-race Company (Registered).

When formed, and date of registration: 1865; 6th May, 1868. Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: St. Bathans, Otago; George Purton.

Nominal capital: £12,000.

Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £50.

Number of shares taken: 240.

Amount of calls made: Nil.

Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £12,000.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 28.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Whether in operation or not: In operation.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

GEORGE PURTON,  
Manager.

St. Bathans, 7th January, 1878.

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**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of the Golden Fleece Extended Quartz Mining Company (Limited), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1877, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Golden Fleece Extended Quartz Mining Company (Limited).  
When formed, and date of registration: 21st October; 13th November, 1876.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Murray Creek, Inangahua; George William Moss, Greymouth.  
Nominal capital: £48,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £36,000.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 48,000.  
Number of shares taken: 48,000.  
Amount of calls made: Nil.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £36,000, being amount of paid up scrip given to shareholders.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 35.  
Amount of cash in hand: £1,431 13s. 10d.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: £30,000.  
Number of shares unallotted: None.

GEORGE WILLIAM Moss,  
Manager.

Greymouth, 31st December, 1877. 28

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of the Energetic Quartz Mining Company (Registered), for the half-year ended 31st December, 1877, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Energetic Quartz Mining Company (Registered).  
When formed, and date of registration: 27th April, 1872.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Nos. 1 and 2, North of Wealth of Nations Quartz Mining Company (Registered), Murray Creek, Inangahua; George William Moss, Greymouth.  
Nominal capital: £24,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £12,000.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 6,000.  
Number of shares taken: 6,000.  
Amount of calls made: £5,250.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £17,250; including paid-up scrip given to shareholders, £12,000.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 38.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: £19,200.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

GEORGE WILLIAM Moss,  
Manager.

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**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of the Dauntless Extended Gold Mining Company (Limited), for the half-year ended 31st December, 1877, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Dauntless Extended Gold Mining Company (Limited).  
When formed, and date of registration: 12th July; 21st August, 1877.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Murray Creek and Black's Point, Inangahua; George William Moss, Greymouth.  
Nominal capital: £24,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £19,200.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 24,000.  
Number of shares taken: 24,000.  
Amount of calls made: £1,200.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £20,400; including paid-up scrip given to shareholders, £19,200.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 8.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

GEORGE WILLIAM Moss,  
Manager.

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**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of the Napoleon Hill Gold Mining Company (Limited), for the half-year ended 31st December, 1877, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Napoleon Hill Gold Mining Company (Limited).  
When formed, and date of registration: 13th May; 10th June, 1876.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Orwell Creek Flat, Grey Valley; George William Moss, Greymouth.  
Nominal capital: £15,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £7,500.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 5,000.  
Number of shares taken: 5,000.  
Amount of calls made: £7,500.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £15,000; including paid-up scrip given to shareholders, £7,500.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 90.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

GEORGE WILLIAM Moss,  
Manager.

Greymouth, 31st December, 1877. 25

**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of the Argyle Gold Mining and Water Supply Company (Registered), for the half-year ended 31st December, 1877, in accordance with section 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Argyle Gold Mining and Water Supply Company (Limited).  
When formed, and date of registration: 4th February, 1873; 7th February, 1873.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Argyle Terrace, Charleston; Philip McCarthy.  
Nominal capital: £8,160.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: Nil.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 816.  
Number of shares taken: 816.  
Amount of calls made: Nil.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: £7,358 10s.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 6.  
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: £320.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

PHILIP MCCARTHY,  
Legal Manager.

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**S**TATEMENT of the Affairs of the Golden Ridge Quartz Mining Company (Limited), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1877, in accordance with clause 135 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

Name of Company: The Golden Ridge Quartz Mining Company (Limited).  
When formed, and date of registration: 21st December, 1874.  
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Collingwood; John Ross.  
Nominal capital: £11,000.  
Amount of paid-up scrip given to shareholders: £11,000.  
Number of shares in which capital is divided: 11,000.  
Number of shares taken: All.  
Amount of calls made: Nil.  
Total amount of subscribed capital paid up: Nil.  
Number of shareholders at time of registration of Company: 10.  
Amount of calls in hand: Nil.  
Whether in operation or not: In operation.  
Total amount of dividends declared: £1,925.  
Number of shares unallotted: Nil.

JOHN ROSS,  
Legal Manager.

Collingwood,  
31st December, 1877. 21

