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Appointing Amiria Tipoki Trustee under "The Maori Real Estate Management Act, 1867."

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this nineteenth day of March, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Maori Real Estate Management Act, 1867") hereinafter called "the said Act"), it is enacted that if any title to or interest in any hereditaments shall accrue to any Maoris, who or any of whom shall be infants, lunatics, or under legal disability, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, if he think fit, to order that such hereditaments, or any part thereof or interest therein as shall to the Governor in Council be shown to belong to such infant, or lunatic, or other person under legal disability, shall be vested in trustees, as the Governor in Council shall think fit:

And whereas by an order bearing date the twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, under the hand of John Rogan, Esquire, Judge of the Native Land Court, under the seal of the said Court, it was ordered that a memorial of the ownership of Ereatara Rangiwhaitiri (or Whaitiri), Keita Rangiwhaitiri (or Whaitiri), Pukepuke Rangiwhaitiri (or Whaitiri), Hemi te Aitu and others to the land and hereditaments described in the Schedule hereto be inscribed on the Court rolls:

And whereas the said Ereatara Rangiwhaitiri, Keita Rangiwhaitiri, Pukepuke Rangiwhaitiri, and Hemi te Aitu are infants under the age of twenty-one years, and it is expedient that Amiria Tipoki be appointed trustee under the said Act, on behalf of the said Ereatara Rangiwhaitiri, Keita Rangiwhaitiri, Pukepuke Rangiwhaitiri, and Hemi te Aitu:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by the said Act, doth hereby order that the interest

and share of the said Ereatara Rangiwhaitiri, Keita Rangiwhaitiri, Pukepuke Rangiwhaitiri, and Hemi te Aitu in the land described in the Schedule hereto shall be and remain vested in

AMIRIA TIPOKI,

as Trustee, within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act, for the said Ereatara Rangiwhaitiri, Keita Rangiwhaitiri, Pukepuke Rangiwhaitiri, and Hemi te Aitu during their minority.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement thirty-one thousand three hundred and thirty (31,330) acres, more or less, situate at Poverty Bay, in the District of Hawke's Bay, being called or known by the name of Okahuatui. Bounded on the North by the Tangihangi Block; on the East by the Repongaere Block; on the West and South-west by the Hihiroa Stream, survey lines, and the Wharekopae Stream; on the South by the Okahuatui No. 2 or Te Aroha Block, and Waikakariki Stream.

IRWIN C. MALING,

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Extending Time for Appointment of Valuers, &c., for Coromandel Highway District Board.

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this first day of April, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Rating Act, 1876," it is enacted that if the local body or Assessment Court fails through misadventure or accident to do anything which by that Act is required to be done in a fixed time, the Governor may, by an Order in Council, published in the Government Gazette and publicly notified, extend the time for doing such thing, and may by any such order validate anything

which may have been irregularly done in matter of form, so that the intent and purpose of the said Act may have effect: And whereas the Coromandel District Board, being the local body of the Coromandel Highway District, constituted under an Act of the Province of Auckland intituled "The Highways Act, 1874," have failed by misadventure to appoint a Valuer or Valuers as provided by the sixth section of "The Rating Act, 1876," and no valuation list for that district, as by that Act prescribed, has been prepared, signed, and transmitted:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Rating Act, 1876," and of every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, extend the time for the appointment of a Valuer or Valuers, and for preparing, signing, and transmitting the valuation list for the said district, until not later than the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; and with the like advice and consent do hereby order that such valuation list shall be deposited, lie open for inspection, public notice be given, ratepayers and others may inspect such valuation list and take copies thereof, and make objections thereto, as provided by the said Act, from the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, to the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; and I do hereby, with the like advice and consent, extend the time accordingly.

IRWIN C. MALING,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Extending Time for Appointment of Valuers, &c., for Whangapoua Highway District.

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this first day of April, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Rating Act, 1876," it is enacted that if the local body or the Assessment Court fails through misadventure or accident to do anything which by that Act is required to be done in a fixed time, the Governor may, by an Order in Council, published in the *Government Gazette* and publicly notified, extend the time for doing such thing; and may by any such order validate anything which may have been irregularly done in matter of form, so that the intent and purpose of the said Act may have effect: And whereas the Whangapoua District Board, being the local body of the Whangapoua Highway District, constituted under an Act of the Province of Auckland intituled "The Highways Act, 1874," have failed by misadventure to appoint a Valuer or Valuers as provided by the sixth section of "The Rating Act, 1876," and no valuation list for that district, as by that Act prescribed, has been prepared, signed, and transmitted:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Rating Act, 1876," and every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, extend the time for the appointment of a Valuer or Valuers, and for preparing, signing, and transmitting the valuation lists for the said district, until not later than the first day of June one thousand eight hun-

dred and seventy-eight; and with the like advice and consent do hereby order that such valuation list shall be deposited, lie open for inspection, public notice be given, ratepayers and others may inspect such valuation list and take copies thereof, and make objections thereto, as provided by the said Act, from the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, to the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; and I do hereby, with the like advice and consent, extend the time accordingly.

IRWIN C. MALING,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Commissioner under "The Tauranga District Lands Act, 1867," appointed.

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this eighth day of April, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Tauranga District Lands Act, 1867," and "The Tauranga District Lands Act, 1868," after reciting that by an Order in Council made the eighteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and therein referred to as a Proclamation, it was declared that all the lands of the tribe Ngaiterangi, described in the Schedule to the now reciting Acts, should be a district within the provisions of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and should be designated by the name "Tauranga District," therein mentioned or referred to, and it was declared that the said lands were required for the purposes of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," aforesaid, and ordered that the said lands should be and were thereby set apart as sites for settlement and colonization, agreeably to the provisions of the said Act; and that it was expressed to be ordered that, in accordance with the promise made by His Excellency the Governor at Tauranga, on the sixth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, three-fourths in quantity of the said lands should be set apart for such persons of the tribe Ngaiterangi as should be determined by the Governor after due inquiry should have been made; it is enacted and declared, amongst other things, that the whole of the lands specified in the Schedule to the Act now in recital were, by the said Order in Council, duly and effectually declared to be a district within the provisions of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and that the whole of the said land was duly and effectually set apart, reserved, and taken under the said Act as sites for settlement for colonization, and was duly and effectually declared to be required for the purposes of the said "New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and to be subject to the provisions thereof, and that, for the purposes of the Act now in recital, the words "due inquiry" in the said Order in Council should be deemed and taken to extend to inquiries made and carried through by persons thereunto appointed by the Governor: And whereas by "The Commissioners Powers Act, 1867," provision is made for enabling Boards or Commissioners, appointed by the Governor in Council, to examine witnesses on oath, to require the production of books, papers, writings, deeds, and other documents, and to exercise the powers and authorities in the said last-named Act mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me as aforesaid,

do hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, appoint

HERBERT WILLIAM BRABANT,

of Tauranga, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to make the inquiry required by the said Order in Council, and by "The Tauranga District Lands Act, 1867," and "The Tauranga District Lands Act, 1868," for the purpose of determining for what persons of the tribe Ngaiterangi three-fourths in quantity of the lands in the said Order in Council and in the Acts last aforesaid shall be set apart, in pursuance of the said Order in Council and "The Tauranga District Lands Act, 1867," with all the powers and authorities by "The Commissioners Powers Act, 1867," provided, in the case of any Board or Commission appointed or issued, or to be appointed or issued, by the Governor in Council.

IRWIN C. MALING,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Powers delegated to the Hororata Domain Board under "The Public Domains Act, 1860."

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this eighth day of April, 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, 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, pursuant to "The Public Reserves Act, 1877," by an Order in Council dated the eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, the land described in the Schedule thereto is declared to be brought under and to be subject to the said "Public Domains Act, 1860:"

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand, doth, by this present order, delegate all the powers conferred by the Act first above mentioned, except the powers under or conferred by subsections five and ten of section five and section eleven, to the under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Hororata Domain Board:—

HONORABLE JOHN HALL,
JOHN EDWIN FOUNTAINE,
JAMES CORDY,
JAMES THWAITES, and
JOHN RICHARD BICKERTON DIGBY,

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Monday in each month, at seven o'clock in the evening, at the office of the Chairman, or at such other place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Monday, the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

2. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman, or by any two members of the Board, provided that two days' notice of such meeting be given to each member, 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 Board shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.

4. The members of the Board shall at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the first Monday in January 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 members 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 members may at any monthly or special meeting appoint a Chairman.

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

IRWIN C. MALING,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Hororata Recreation Grounds brought under "The Public Domains Act, 1860."

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Auckland, this eighth day of April, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

BY virtue of the powers and authorities vested in me by the eleventh section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1877," I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby order and declare that the reserve made for public recreation in the Provincial District of Canterbury, and known as the Hororata Recreation Grounds, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same is hereby brought under the operation of and declared to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1860," and its amending Acts; and such Domain shall hereafter be managed, administered, and dealt with in manner directed by the said Acts.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Canterbury, situate in the Hororata District, being Sections numbered respectively one thousand five hundred and eighty-nine (1589) and two thousand two hundred and seventeen (2217) (in red), known as the Hororata Recreation Grounds, containing by admeasurement two hundred and twenty-seven (227) acres, more or less, the boundary whereof commences at the north-west corner of Section numbered 18164; thence north-westerly along a road line a distance of about forty-two (42) chains; thence south-easterly along another road line a distance of about ninety-four (94) chains ten (10) links; thence north-easterly along Section numbered 12591 a distance of twenty-two (22) chains twenty-eight (28) links; thence north-westerly along Sections numbered 12576 and 18164 distances respectively of about twenty-seven (27) chains sixty (60) links, and five (5) chains; and from thence returning north-easterly along the latter section a distance of about forty-one (41) chains, to the commencing point;

as the same is delineated on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Provincial District of Canterbury, setting out and describing the rural land in the Hororata District aforesaid: save and excepting Section numbered 1074 (in red), situate in the above-described Sections.

IRWIN C. MALING,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Order in Council, and the appointment of H. T. Clarke, Esq., a Commissioner thereunder, revoked.

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House; at Auckland, this eighth day of April, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council bearing date the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, Henry Tacy Clarke, of Auckland, Esquire, was appointed a Commissioner to make a certain inquiry, and with certain powers in the said Order in Council mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that the appointment of the said Henry Tacy Clarke should be revoked:

Now, therefore, I, George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of all powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, revoke the said recited Order in Council, and the appointment of the said Henry Tacy Clarke to be a Commissioner thereunder.

IRWIN C. MALING,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Wardens for Taratahi-Carterton Highway District elected.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 12th April, 1878.

NOTICE has been received at this office, under the hand of the Returning Officer, Mr. E. R. Jones, that the under-mentioned gentlemen have been duly elected Wardens of the Taratahi-Carterton Highway District, for the wards placed opposite to their respective names:—

- No. 1 Ward—Mr. John Reynolds.
- No. 2 Ward—Mr. Andrew McKenzie.
- No. 3 Ward—Mr. Lewis Nix.
- No. 4 Ward—Mr. Eli Strawbridge.
- No. 5 Ward—Mr. Robert Welch.
- No. 6 Ward—Mr. William Booth, jun.
- No. 7 Ward—Mr. William Corpe.

G. S. WHITMORE.

Wardens elected for Masterton Highway District.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th April, 1878.

NOTICE has been received at this office, under the hand of Mr. R. Wilson, the Returning Officer, that the under-mentioned persons have been elected Wardens for the Wards of Masterton Highway District placed opposite their respective names:—

- No. 1 Ward—Mr. CHARLES MINCHIN.
- No. 2 Ward—Mr. JOSEPH BENNETT.
- No. 3 Ward—Mr. THOMAS E. CHAMBERLAIN.
- No. 4 Ward—Mr. NORMAN BEETHAM.
- No. 5 Ward—Mr. WALTER CLERK BUCHANAN.
- No. 6 Ward—Mr. F. G. MOORE.

G. S. WHITMORE.

Certificated Accountant in Bankruptcy appointed.

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

IT is hereby notified that Mr. District Judge Harvey has appointed

HENRY JOHN COPE, Esq.,

of Arrowtown, to be a Certificated Accountant in Bankruptcy under "The Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876."

J. BALLANCE,
(for the Minister of Justice.)

Receivers of Land Revenue resigned and appointed.

Treasury,
Wellington, 15th April, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Receivers of Land Revenue, to act within the Land Districts set opposite their names, as from the 1st instant:—

Thomas Hill, Esq. ...	... Auckland.
John Barleyman, Esq. ...	... Taranaki.
Edward William Pasley, Esq. ...	... Marlborough.
Henry Scott McKellar, Esq. ...	... Wellington.
Joseph Molière Tabuteau, Esq. ...	... Hawke's Bay.
James Hackworth, Esq. ...	... Otago.

Vice—

E. L. Green, Esq. ...	... Auckland.
W. Watkins, Esq. ...	... Taranaki.
J. T. Robinson, Esq. ...	... Marlborough.
William Holmes, Esq. ...	... Wellington.
J. T. Tylee, Esq. ...	... Hawke's Bay.
H. Livingston, Esq. ...	... Otago.

—who have ceased to act.

J. BALLANCE,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Authority to Frank.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 16th April, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR GOLD FIELDS to frank, free from the prepayment of postage, letters and parcels posted on the public service.

J. BALLANCE,
(for the Postmaster-General.)

Authority to Frank.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 16th April, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS to frank and receive, free from the prepayment of postage, letters and parcels posted on the public service.

J. BALLANCE,
(for the Postmaster-General.)

Officers in Public Works Department promoted.

Public Works Office,
Wellington, 12th April, 1878.

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

Edward Cecil Hullett, Clerk. Promoted from Extra Clerk.

William Stonham Short, Clerk. Promoted from Extra Clerk.
Philip Copeman Willson, Clerk. Promoted from Extra Clerk.

J. MACANDREW.

Draftsman appointed.

General Survey Office,
Wellington, 9th April, 1878.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN KELLY

to be a Draftsman in the Surveyor-General's Department at Christchurch. The appointment dates from the 23rd March, 1878.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister for Lands.

Gold-Mining Lease to be granted.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

IN conformity with the thirty-seventh section of "The Mines Act, 1877," and with the regulations made under that Act for the granting of leases for gold-mining purposes, it is hereby notified that it is intended to grant a lease for gold-mining purposes of Crown lands to the applicants specified in the annexed Schedule, unless there shall be valid objections against such lease.

Objections to granting such lease, stating the grounds of objection, must be made in writing, and lodged with the Warden at Stafford, on or before the 22nd day of May, 1878.

Copy of the application made and plan annexed may be seen at the Warden's Office at Stafford.

SCHEDULE.

HENRY THOMAS and PARTY. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "Prince of Wales Quartz-Mining Company." Four hundred by two hundred yards, in the Westland Mining District.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister of Lands.

Gold-Mining Leases to be granted.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

IN conformity with the thirty-seventh section of "The Mines Act, 1877," and with the regulations made under that Act for the granting of leases for gold-mining purposes, it is hereby notified that it is intended to grant leases for gold-mining purposes of Crown lands to the applicants specified in the annexed Schedule, unless there shall be valid objections against such leases.

Objections to granting such leases, stating the grounds of objection, must be made in writing, and lodged with the Warden at Reefton, on or before the 28th day of May, 1878.

Copies of the applications made and plans annexed may be seen at the Warden's Office at Reefton.

SCHEDULE.

JAMES M. BEECHE. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "Sanguine Gold-Mining Company." Sixteen acres two roods, in the Nelson South-West Mining District.

PATRICK BRENNAN. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "Hopeful Gold-Mining Company." Sixteen acres two roods, in the Nelson South-West Mining District.

LOUIS DAVIES. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "Flora Gold-Mining Company." Sixteen acres two roods, in the Nelson South-West Mining District.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister of Lands.

Gold-Mining Lease to be granted.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

IN conformity with the thirty-seventh section of "The Mines Act, 1877," and with the regulations made under that Act for the granting of leases for gold-mining purposes, it is hereby notified that it is intended to grant a lease for gold-mining purposes of Crown lands to the applicants specified in the annexed Schedule, unless there shall be valid objections against such lease.

Objections to granting such lease, stating the grounds of objection, must be made in writing, and lodged with the Warden at Kanieri, on or before the 18th day of May, 1878.

Copy of the application made and plan annexed may be seen at the Warden's Office at Kanieri.

SCHEDULE.

AUGUST BERNARD and PARTY. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "Homeward Bound Quartz Gold-Mining Company." Four hundred by two hundred yards, in the Westland Mining District.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister of Lands.

Gold-Mining Lease to be granted.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

IN conformity with the thirty-seventh section of "The Mines Act, 1877," and with the regulations made under that Act for the granting of leases for gold-mining purposes, it is hereby notified that it is intended to grant a lease for gold-mining purposes of Crown lands to the applicants specified in the annexed Schedule, unless there shall be valid objections against such lease.

Objections to the granting of such lease, stating the grounds of objection, must be made in writing, and lodged with the Warden at Greymouth, on or before the 6th day of May, 1878.

Copy of the application made and plan annexed may be seen at the Warden's Office at Greymouth.

SCHEDULE.

WILLIAM H. BOASE and PARTY. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "Lizzie Esther Quartz-Mining Company." Four hundred by two hundred yards, in the Westland Mining District.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister of Lands.

Gold-Mining Lease to be granted.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

IN conformity with the thirty-seventh section of "The Mines Act, 1877," and with the regulations made under that Act for the granting of leases for gold-mining purposes, it is hereby notified that it is intended to grant a lease for gold-mining purposes of Crown lands to the applicants specified in the annexed Schedule, unless there shall be valid objections against such lease.

Objections to granting such lease, stating the grounds of objection, must be made in writing, and lodged with the Warden at Kanieri, on or before the 25th day of May, 1878.

Copy of the application made and plan annexed may be seen at the Warden's Office at Kanieri.

SCHEDULE.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS and PARTY. Style under which it is intended to conduct the business: "United Quartz Gold-Mining Company." Four hundred by two hundred yards, in the Westland Mining District.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister of Lands.

Change of Purpose of Reserve at Ashburton, Canterbury.

General Crown Lands Office,
Wellington, 9th April, 1878.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor intends, under the provisions of the 148th section of "The Land Act, 1877," to change the specific purpose of the land described in the second column of the Schedule hereto for which the land was heretofore set apart as a reserve, as specified in the first column of the said Schedule, to the specific purposes specified in the third column of the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Description and Purpose of Reserve.	Area for which the Purpose is intended to be Changed.	Intended Purpose.
Sections marked O and P, two (2) roods, Town of Ashburton, Provincial District of Canterbury. For municipal purposes. Provincial Government Gazette, No. xx., Vol. xi., 1864, p. 85	All that piece or parcel of land in the Town of Ashburton, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing two (2) roods, more or less, being Section No. 769 (in red). Bounded towards the North-east by Section No. 238 for a distance of two (2) chains; towards the North-west by Baring Square for a distance of two (2) chains fifty (50) links; towards the South-east by Section No. 228 for a distance of two (2) chains fifty (50) links; and towards the South-west by Havelock Street for a distance of two (2) chains: as the same is delineated on the plans deposited in the Provincial District Survey Office, Christchurch.	As a site for Ashburton County Council Offices.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister for Lands.

Gold-Mining Leases cancelled.

General Crown Lands Office,
(Gold Fields Branch),
Wellington, 15th April, 1878.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to pronounce the under-mentioned gold-mining leases cancelled:—

- No. 171. "The Culliford Gold-Mining Company," 4 acres 1 rood, in the District of Wangapeka.
- No. 188. "The Doran's Reef Gold-Mining Company," 5 acres 1 rood 30 perches, in the District of Wangapeka.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister of Lands.

Alterations and Additions to the Rates for the 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 to the rates for the 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 from the 1st day of May, 1878:—

Previous rates relative to empties are hereby cancelled.

RETURNED EMPTIES CERTIFIED BY CONSIGNORS TO HAVE PASSED OVER THE LINE FULL.

Carriage must be prepaid unless there be an arrangement with the consignee to the contrary.

The following is the scale of charges for the conveyance of empties to and from all stations:—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 50 miles,	0	6 per cwt.
51 to 100 "	0	9 "
101 to 150 "	1	0 "
151 to 200 "	1	3 "
201 to 250 "	1	6 "
251 to 300 "	1	9 "
301 to 400 "	2	0 "
401 to 500 "	2	6 "

The minimum weight charged for, half ($\frac{1}{2}$) a cwt. Minimum charge, three pence (3d.) in each case.

EMPTIES.

Empties which have not passed over the line full, Class A.

SEEDS.

Previous rates relative to the conveyance of seeds are hereby cancelled, and following classification substituted:—

Hemp and mustard will be carried as Class A; clover, grass, and other agricultural seeds not specified, as Class B; canary, carraway, coriander, and turnip, as Class C; flax, linseed, and rape, as Class E.

SUNDRIES.

Previous rates relative to conveyance of several packages of different classes forwarded by one consignor to same consignee are hereby cancelled, and the following will be adopted in substitution thereof:—

When a consignor sends to the same consignee several packages of different classes, A, B, C, D, E, which may each be below the minimum quantity of 2 cwt., the whole may be sent as one consignment, carried as Class A.

PASSENGERS.

Return tickets are available, for distances of 25 miles and under, on the day of issue only; for each additional 25 miles, or fraction thereof, one day's extension of time will be allowed for the return journey.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1878.

J. MACANDREW,
Minister for Public Works.

Native Title extinguished.

Native Office,
Wellington, 5th April, 1878.

IT is hereby notified that the Native title has been extinguished over the block of land whereof the boundaries are mentioned or described in the Schedule hereunto annexed.

J. BALLANCE,
(in the absence of the Native Minister.)

SCHEDULE.

PROVINCIAL DISTRICT OF AUCKLAND, MATAPOURI BLOCK.

ALL the parcel of land in the Opuawhanga and Whangarei Districts, known as the Matapouri Block, containing 4,707 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the North and East by the sea; towards the South by the Tutukaka Harbour and by a line, 5800 links; towards the South-west and West by lines, 35043 links, and by the Opuawhanga No. 3 Block, 230 links; and towards the North-west by the Opuawhanga No. 3 Block aforesaid, 12700 links, to the sea, the point of commencement. Excluding therefrom the two Native reserves "Parangarau" and "Otito," respectively 800 acres and 62 acres.

In re "The Public Payments without Probate Act, 1869."

BENJAMIN BORD LEATHWICK, late Magazine Keeper, Lyttelton.

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.

J. BALLANCE,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Member of House of Representatives elected.

Clerk of the Writs' Office,
Wellington, 12th April, 1878.

THE Clerk of the Writs has received a Return to the Writ issued by him on the 14th day of March, 1878, for the election of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives of New Zealand, for the electoral district hereinafter specified; and by the indorsement on such Writ it appears that the under-mentioned gentleman has been duly elected Member for such district, viz.:—

For the District of Timaru:
Mr. RICHARD TURNBULL.

G. S. COOPER,
Clerk of the Writs.

OFFICIATING MINISTERS FOR 1878.—NOTICE No. 8.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 15th April, 1878.

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:—

Church of Christ.
The Reverend JESSE JAMES HALEY.
WM. R. E. BROWN,
Registrar-General.

Notification of Resignation of Seat in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Grey Valley.

IN compliance with the provisions of the thirteenth section of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870," I hereby notify that Martin Kennedy, Esquire, has resigned his seat in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Grey Valley, and that his resignation was received by me on the 16th day of April, 1878; and that the said seat is vacant by reason of such resignation.

Dated at Wellington, the 16th day of April, 1878.
WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Speaker.

Sheep Inspector's Notice.

Crown Lands Office,
Wellington, 15th April, 1878.

NOTICE has been received from the Inspector of Sheep for the Wairarapa District that he has granted clean certificates for the following flocks:—
Messrs. Wall, Brothers, Huangarua; dated 2nd April, 1878.

Mr. Duncan Morrison, Glenmorven, dry flock; dated 4th April, 1878.

Jos. G. HOLDSWORTH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Governors of Auckland College elected.

Board of Education,
Auckland, 5th April, 1878.

NOTICE.—In accordance with "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1877," and the regulations thereunder for the election of Governors by the Board of Education for the District of Auckland, I hereby notify that

HIS HONOR THOMAS BANNATYNE GILLIES,
THE HON. THEODORE MINET HAULTAIN, and
JOHN LOGAN CAMPBELL,

were, at a meeting of the said Board, held this day, duly elected Governors of the Board of Governors constituted by the said Act.

J. LOGAN CAMPBELL,
Chairman of Meeting.

Governors of Auckland College elected.

Auckland, 5th April, 1878.

IN pursuance of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1877," and of the regulations thereunder for conducting the election of Governors by the persons authorized to do so by subsection 2 of section 2 of that Act, I hereby notify that

DAVID LIMOND MURDOCH,
GEORGE MAURICE O'ROKKE, and
THEOPHILUS HEALE,

have been this day duly elected Governors of the Board of Governors constituted by the said Act.

VINCENT E. RICE,
Returning Officer.

University of New Zealand.—Bowen Prize Competition, 1877.

THE Examiners appointed by the Senate have reported that the essay sent in under the motto "Rule Britannia," written by John Innes, of the Canterbury College, Christchurch, is entitled to receive the Bowen Prize for 1877, and the Senate have awarded the prize accordingly to John Innes.

W. M. MASKELL,
Registrar.

10th April, 1878.

Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the Four Weeks ending 9th March, 1878:—
KAIPARA SECTION.

	1878.	Corresponding Four Weeks 1877.
PASSENGERS,—	No.	No.
1st Class ...	221	214
2nd Class ...	863	408
Total...	1,084	622
GOODS,—	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool ...	79 0 0	34 0 0
Timber ...	3 0 0	...
Grain ...	300 0 0	296 0 0
Merchandise ...	9 0 0	...
Minerals ...	4 0 0	...
Firewood ...	...	...
Total	395 0 0	330 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.	No.
Horses and Cattle ...	...	...
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	3	63
Total...	3	63
RECEIPTS,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	131 3 0	106 8 3
Goods and Live Stock ...	123 14 11	114 14 3
Total...	£254 17 11	£221 2 6
Wharf Dues...	46 19 10	46 16 6
Total Revenue ...	£301 17 9	£267 19 0

AUCKLAND SECTION.

	No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—	No.	No.
1st Class ...	1,430	1,437
2nd Class ...	8,510	5,985
Total...	9,940	7,422
GOODS,—	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool ...	14 0 0	...
Timber ...	425 0 0	235 0 0
Grain ...	298 0 0	...
Merchandise ...	1,199 0 0	1,210 0 0
Minerals ...	505 0 0	...
Firewood ...	4 0 0	...
Total...	2,445 0 0	1,445 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.	No.
Horses and Cattle ...	133	44
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	3,239	1,299
Total...	3,372	1,343
RECEIPTS,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	1,775 13 0	968 2 8
Goods and Live Stock ...	1,488 18 10	657 1 10
Total...	£3,264 11 10	£1,625 4 6
Wharf Dues ...	100 17 6	...
Total Revenue ...	£3,365 9 4	£1,625 4 6

NAPIER SECTION.

	1878.	1877.
PASSENGERS,—	No.	No.
1st Class ...	1,602	1,597
2nd Class ...	3,789	3,793
Total...	5,391	5,390
GOODS,—	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool ...	261 0 0	...
Timber ...	473 0 0	342 0 0
Grain ...	180 0 0	...
Merchandise ...	428 0 0	1,331 0 0
Minerals ...	157 0 0	...
Firewood ...	524 0 0	...
Total...	2,023 0 0	1,673 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.	No.
Horses and Cattle ...	57	16
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	2,023	1,810
Total...	2,080	1,826
RECEIPTS,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	1,047 11 10	896 10 8
Goods and Live Stock ...	1,081 6 2	841 7 7
Total Revenue ...	£2,128 18 0	£1,737 18 3

WELLINGTON SECTION.

	No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—	No.	No.
1st Class ...	1,994	1,910
2nd Class ...	6,094	5,181
Total...	8,088	7,091
GOODS,—	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool ...	68 0 0	...
Timber ...	408 0 0	257 0 0
Grain ...	...	...
Merchandise ...	620 0 0	520 0 0
Minerals ...	240 0 0	...
Firewood ...	548 0 0	...
Total...	1,884 0 0	777 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.	No.
Horses and Cattle ...	19	28
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	163	238
Total...	182	266
RECEIPTS,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	878 11 7	729 18 5
Goods and Live Stock ...	563 11 2	225 9 3
Total Revenue ...	£1,442 2 9	£955 7 8

FOXTON SECTION.

	No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—	No.	No.
1st Class ...	255	279
2nd Class ...	884	940
Total...	1,139	1,219
GOODS,—	Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool ...	13 0 0	...
Timber ...	303 0 0	382 0 0
Grain ...	...	...
Merchandise ...	194 0 0	177 0 0
Minerals ...	...	...
Firewood ...	84 0 0	...
Total...	594 0 0	559 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.	No.
Horses and Cattle ...	6	...
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	2	1
Total...	8	1
RECEIPTS,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	210 2 2	254 4 9
Goods and Live Stock ...	339 17 5	336 7 6
Total...	599 19 7	590 12 3
Wharf Dues...	83 11 4	58 18 1
Total Revenue ...	£683 10 11	£649 10 4

WANGANUI SECTION.

		1878.	1877.
PASSENGERS,—		No.	No.
1st Class	...	536	...
2nd Class	...	1,445	...
Total...	...	1,981	...
GOODS,—		Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool	...	36 0 0	...
Timber	...	65 0 0	...
Grain	...	...	...
Merchandise	...	175 0 0	...
Minerals	...	9 0 0	...
Firewood	...	92 0 0	...
Total...	...	377 0 0	...
LIVE STOCK,—		No.	No.
Horses and Cattle	...	14	...
Sheep, Pigs, &c.	...	60	...
Total...	...	74	...
RECEIPTS,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	...	457 12 4	...
Goods and Live Stock	...	194 5 4	...
Total Revenue	...	£651 17 8	...

NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION.

		No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—			
1st Class	...	114	89
2nd Class	...	2,182	884
Total...	...	2,296	973
GOODS,—		Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool	...	...	...
Timber	...	188 0 0	20 0 0
Grain	...	48 0 0	...
Merchandise	...	171 0 0	247 0 0
Minerals	...	4 0 0	...
Firewood	...	128 0 0	...
Total...	...	539 0 0	267 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—		No.	No.
Horses and Cattle	...	...	...
Sheep, Pigs, &c.	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...
RECEIPTS,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	...	217 2 10	117 5 0
Goods and Live Stock	...	173 2 0	76 16 10
Total...	...	£390 4 10	£194 1 10
Wharf Dues...	...	3 9 8	7 6 7
Total Revenue	...	£393 14 6	£201 8 5

GREYMOUTH SECTION.

		No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—			
1st Class	...	349	1,353
2nd Class	...	1,487	1,263
Total...	...	1,836	2,616
GOODS,—		Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool	...	...	...
Timber	...	145 0 0	47 0 0
Grain	...	53 0 0	...
Merchandise	...	141 0 0	2,492 0 0
Minerals	...	2,766 0 0	...
Firewood	...	...	...
Total...	...	3,105 0 0	2,539 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—		No.	No.
Horses and Cattle	...	2	...
Sheep, Pigs, &c.	...	...	...
Total...	...	2	...
RECEIPTS,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	...	108 2 4	241 11 2
Goods and Live Stock	...	379 18 0	296 5 8
Total...	...	£488 0 4	£537 16 10
Wharf Dues...	...	168 12 8	197 14 7
Total Revenue	...	£656 13 0	£735 11 5

WESTPORT SECTION.

		1878.	1877.
PASSENGERS,—		No.	No.
1st Class	...	36	...
2nd Class	...	324	225
Total	...	360	225
GOODS,—		Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool	...	...	...
Timber	...	8 0 0	4 0 0
Grain	...	...	...
Merchandise	...	29 0 0	14 0 0
Minerals	...	493 0 0	...
Firewood	...	20 0 0	...
Total...	...	550 0 0	18 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—		No.	No.
Horses and Cattle	...	...	1
Sheep, Pigs, &c.	...	12	...
Total...	...	12	1
RECEIPTS,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	...	33 14 3	33 11 3
Goods and Live Stock	...	37 18 2	13 16 0
Total...	...	£71 12 5	£47 7 3
Wharf Dues...	...	45 8 4	...
Total Revenue	...	£117 0 9	£47 7 3

NELSON SECTION.

		No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—			
1st Class	...	458	574
2nd Class	...	2,336	2,278
Total...	...	2,794	2,852
GOODS,—		Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool	...	14 0 0	...
Timber	...	179 0 0	97 0 0
Grain	...	34 0 0	...
Merchandise	...	167 0 0	421 0 0
Minerals	...	10 0 0	...
Firewood	...	220 0 0	...
Total...	...	624 0 0	518 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—		No.	No.
Horses and Cattle	...	2	3
Sheep, Pigs, &c.	...	6	3
Total...	...	8	6
RECEIPTS,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	...	292 4 5	402 18 8
Goods and Live Stock	...	153 12 10	168 7 1
Total Revenue	...	£445 17 3	£571 5 9

PICTON SECTION.

		No.	No.
PASSENGERS,—			
1st Class	...	344	274
2nd Class	...	1,025	889
Total...	...	1,369	1,163
GOODS,—		Tons cwt. qr.	Tons cwt. qr.
Wool	...	...	...
Timber	...	377 0 0	891 0 0
Grain	...	11 0 0	...
Merchandise	...	34 0 0	382 0 0
Minerals	...	10 0 0	...
Firewood	...	352 0 0	...
Total...	...	784 0 0	1,273 0 0
LIVE STOCK,—		No.	No.
Horses and Cattle	...	3	1
Sheep, Pigs, &c.	...	36	82
Total...	...	39	83
RECEIPTS,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	...	167 2 3	157 0 5
Goods and Live Stock	...	121 19 0	326 14 5
Total...	...	£289 1 3	£483 14 10
Wharf Dues...	...	28 1 5	69 7 5
Total Revenue	...	£317 2 8	£553 2 3

CHRISTCHURCH SECTION.*

	1878.			1877.		
PASSENGERS,—	No.			No.		
1st Class ...	11,851			17,026		
2nd Class ...	35,496			55,158		
Total...	47,347			72,184†		
GOODS,—	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Wool ...	1,475	0	0	1,829	0	0
Timber ...	5,423	0	0	3,972	0	0
Grain ...	15,708	0	0	10,195	0	0
Merchandise ...	11,164	0	0	10,415	0	0
Minerals ...	6,298	0	0	4,403	0	0
Firewood ...	820	0	0	...		
Total...	40,888	0	0	30,814	0	0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.			No.		
Horses and Cattle ...	417			...		
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	5,481			...		
Total	5,898			...		
RECEIPTS,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	9,352	0	0	8,759	14	6
Goods and Live Stock ...	15,142	17	6	11,968	15	10
Total Revenue	£24,494	17	6	£20,728	10	4

DUNEDIN SECTION.*

	1878.			1877.		
PASSENGERS,—	No.			No.		
1st Class ...	7,916			...		
2nd Class ...	25,058			...		
Total...	32,974			23,096		
GOODS,—	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Wool ...	1,231	0	0	...		
Timber ...	635	0	0	...		
Grain ...	1,058	0	0	...		
Merchandise ...	5,645	0	0	...		
Minerals ...	6,092	0	0	...		
Firewood ...	48	0	0	...		
Total...	14,759	0	0	9,840	0	0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.			No.		
Horses and Cattle ...	237			...		
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	1,837			...		
Total	2,074			...		

DUNEDIN SECTION—continued.

	1878.			1877.		
RECEIPTS,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	4,659	14	5	3,316	1	1
Goods and Live Stock ...	4,638	0	9	3,522	12	5
Total Revenue	£9,297	15	2	£6,838	13	6

INVERCARGILL SECTION.*

	1878.			1877.		
PASSENGERS,—	No.			No.		
1st Class ...	1,744			...		
2nd Class ...	7,323			...		
Total...	9,067			6,498		
GOODS,—	Tons	cwt.	qr.	Tons	cwt.	qr.
Wool ...	529	0	0	...		
Timber ...	1,807	0	0	...		
Grain ...	326	0	0	...		
Merchandise ...	1,232	0	0	...		
Minerals ...	1,663	0	0	...		
Firewood ...	360	0	0	...		
Total...	5,917	0	0	3,116	0	0
LIVE STOCK,—	No.			No.		
Horses and Cattle ...	63			...		
Sheep, Pigs, &c. ...	568			...		
Total...	631			...		
RECEIPTS,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers, Parcels, &c. ...	1,967	10	2	1,325	9	6
Goods and Live Stock ...	2,368	0	4	2,325	14	3
Total Revenue	£4,335	10	6	£3,651	3	9

R. WHITAKER,
Accountant, Constructed Railways.

April, 1878.

* Average taken for four weeks, 1877.
† The apparent excess in 1877 is due to the fact that return tickets and all Saturday tickets were counted as two passengers.

RAILWAYS WORKING ACCOUNT.

SHOWING the Total Revenue and Expenditure during the Financial Year 1877-78, to the termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 9th March.

RAILWAYS.

Section.	Length open for Traffic.	Total Revenue to Date.		Total Expenditure to Date.		Percentage of Expenditure to Revenue.	FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.					
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		Revenue per Mile of Railway open.		Expenditure per Mile of Railway open.			
Kaipara*	16	2,251	4 10	3,032	2 4	134.68	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland*	87	23,570	6 10	17,709	12 7	75.13	203	4	9	273	14	7
Napier	65	16,557	17 11	12,313	3 0	74.36	452	18	10	340	6	2
Wellington	28	10,431	1 8	7,699	1 3	73.80	398	12	3	296	8	6
Foxton*	40	5,754	17 2	5,694	15 2	98.95	678	0	5	500	8	10
Wanganui†	33	1,961	10 4	3,084	16 5	157.26	226	14	0	224	6	8
New Plymouth*	21	3,082	1 6	3,289	0 3	106.71	124	7	8	195	12	5
Greymouth*	8	4,221	2 5	3,516	18 2	83.31	278	4	10	296	18	5
Westport*†	19	826	15 1	920	12 7	111.35	762	2	11	634	19	11
Nelson	20	4,057	9 2	3,973	3 8	97.92	85	6	0	94	19	7
Pictou*	18	2,877	14 11	3,337	3 7	115.96	293	0	9	286	19	0
Christchurch	387	172,381	17 11	128,107	12 11	74.31	230	18	7	267	15	11
Dunedin	105	67,724	10 8	49,088	12 6	72.48	653	1	2	485	6	5
Invercargill	154	30,802	10 8	22,154	18 9	71.92	1,063	6	1	770	14	2
	1,001	346,501	1 1	263,921	13 2	76.16	322	18	6	232	5	4

* The revenue for wharves is not included.

† These results are abnormal. Neither of these lines is yet doing its proper traffic.

WHARVES.

Section.	Kaipara.	Auckland.	Foxton.	New Plymouth.	Greymouth.	Westport.	Picton.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Revenue ...	381 19 11	618 18 10	764 6 4	121 9 3	1,663 6 3	48 19 0	457 12 4
Expenditure ...	293 6 9	113 10 9	477 10 1	106 15 1	499 15 0	12 17 2	135 8 7

Public Works Office,
April, 1878.

R. WHITAKER,
Accountant, Constructed Railways.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of the PUBLIC TRUSTEE for management during the Month of February, 1878.

No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Rule or Order.	Value or Estimated Value of Personal Estate.	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
1	Hunter, Henry ...	Greymouth ...	...	Feb. 7, 1878	Under £400...	Nov. 20, 1877	
2	Richardson, P. J. ...	Rangitikei ...	...	Feb. 7, 1878	Under £400...	Oct. 28, 1877	
3	Disney, Patrick ...	Reefton ...	...	Feb. 7, 1878	Under £200...	Dec. 28, 1877	
4	Roos, A. J. ...	Napier ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Jan. 27, 1878	
5	Walker, George ...	Wakamarina ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Oct. 25, 1877	
6	Gildea, Mary ...	New Plymouth ...	...	None required	Under £20 ...	Jan. 19, 1878	
7	Browne, M. ...	Auckland ...	...	None required	Under £10 ...	...
8	Fickus, John ...	Lake Waiholā ...	...	None required	Under £5 ...	Dec. 26, 1877	

Dated the 10th day of April, 1878.

J. WOODWARD,
Public Trustee.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of the PUBLIC TRUSTEE for management during the Month of March, 1878.

No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Rule or Order.	Value or Estimated Value of Personal Estate.	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
1	Bower, William ...	Dunedin ...	...	Mar. 12, 1878	Under £1,100	Dec. 8, 1877	
2	Chamberlane, J. C.	Wanganui ...	...	Mar. 19, 1878	Under £200...	Sept. 11, 1877	Lost in "Avalanche."
3	Aubert, J. C. ...	Palmerston N. ...	...	Mar. 19, 1878	Under £100...	Dec. 16, 1877	
4	Johnson, John ...	Wellington ...	...	Mar. 19, 1878	Under £2,500	Dec. 12, 1877	
5	Hopwood, T. B. ...	Collingwood...	...	Mar. 22, 1878	Under £400...	Sept. 22, 1877	
6	Shanahan, Thomas	Charleston ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Mar. 9, 1878	
7	Short, Lucy ...	Christchurch ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Feb. 19, 1878	
8	Carnegie, G. R. ...	Christchurch ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Mar. 3, 1878	
9	Friel, Charles ...	Oamaru ...	...	None required	Under £5 ...	Jan. 30, 1878	
10	Merriman, H. G.	...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Dec. 5, 1877	Died on board "Ravenscrag" from England to Dunedin.
11	Cassidy, Francis ...	Kaiapoi ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Mar. 17, 1878	
12	Wallace, J. B. ...	Christchurch ...	...	None required	Under £1 ...	Mar. 24, 1878	
13	Cole, William ...	Christchurch ...	...	None required	Under £2 ...	Mar. 25, 1878	
14	Burley, George ...	Mataura ...	...	None required	Under £50 ...	Mar. 14, 1878	
15	Wood, Harriet ...	Kumara ...	...	None required	Under £20 ...	Feb. 28, 1878	
16	Thomasson, Henry	Christchurch ...	...	None required	Under £10 ...	Feb. 7, 1878	
17	Fray, John ...	Christchurch ...	...	None required	Under £10 ...	Mar. 8, 1878	

Dated the 10th day of April, 1878.

J. WOODWARD,
Public Trustee.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD ENTERED for DUTY for EXPORTATION from NEW ZEALAND, for the QUARTERS ended 31st MARCH, 1878, and 31st MARCH, 1877.

PRODUCE OF	QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1878.		QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1877.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Auckland	15,446	61,246	10,067	39,742
Nelson	1,139	4,276	18,215	72,665
West Coast	47,361	189,418	20,978	83,909
Otago	38,684	156,544	32,981	133,851
Totals	102,630	411,484	82,241	330,167

Customs Department,
Wellington, 16th April, 1878.

WILLIAM SEED,
Secretary of Customs.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD ENTERED for DUTY for EXPORTATION from NEW ZEALAND, from 1st APRIL, 1857, to 31st MARCH, 1878.

ENTERED FOR DUTY AT	PRODUCE OF THE GOLD FIELDS IN	DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1878.		ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1877.		TOTAL ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE 31st MARCH, 1878.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		Oz.	£	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Auckland	Auckland	15,446	61,246	1,155,221	4,193,166	1,170,667	4,254,412
Wellington	Wellington ... ..	...	...	30	120	30	120
Picton	Marlborough ... ..	...	...	46,427	179,850	46,427	179,850
Nelson	Nelson	1,139	4,276	1,615,131	6,414,062	1,616,270	6,418,338
Westport	West Coast	4,804	19,218	2,135,710	8,450,095	2,183,071	8,639,513
Nelson		465	1,838				
Greymouth		25,456	101,822				
Hokitika		16,636	66,540				
		47,361	189,418				
Dunedin	Otago	35,588	144,162	3,697,347	14,531,098	3,736,031	14,687,642
Invercargill	"	3,096	12,382				
		38,684	156,544				
Totals ... ..	...	102,630	411,484	8,649,866	33,768,391	8,752,496	34,179,875

NOTE.—3,543 oz. of gold, valued at £14,703, were omitted from the Gold Return received from Auckland for last quarter. The total for December quarter, 1877, should be 87,591 oz.; value, £352,349.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 16th April, 1878.

WILLIAM SEED,
Secretary of Customs

GENERAL BALANCE-SHEET and SUMMARY of TRANSACTIONS of the PUBLIC ACCOUNT for the QUARTER ended 31st MARCH, 1878.

	CR. BALANCES ON 31st DEC., 1877.		TRANSACTIONS.						CR. BALANCES ON 31st MAR., 1878.		DR. BALANCES ON 31st MARCH, 1878.													
			Dr. Disbursements and Transfers (net).		Cr. Receipts and Transfers (net).		CASH IN THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT.				ADVANCES TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR.		TOTALS.											
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
REVENUE ACCOUNTS,—																								
Consolidated Fund	250,796	16	2	1,178,803	7	10	1,630,235	10	9	702,228	19	1	501,924	11	7	101,919	12	0	98,384	15	6	702,228	19	1
Land Fund	397,745	0	2	397,745	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gold Fields Revenue	1,366	13	7	1,366	13	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gold Duty	2,471	12	1	2,471	12	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SPECIAL FUNDS,—																								
Consolidated Loan Act, 1867	35,632	0	8	35,632	0	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870	33,641	17	3	33,641	17	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Works Account	Dr 173,163	2	4	347,824	3	11	175,911	10	1	Dr 345,075	16	2	Cr 554,716	9	4*	49,913	9	4	159,727	3	10	Cr 345,075	16	2
Wellington Debts Act, 1872, Redemption Account	5,444	1	9	5,444	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872	8,589	2	0	8,589	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Westland Loan Act, 1873, Redemption Account	478	18	3	478	18	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
State Forests Account	2,226	13	3	2,226	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand Loan Act, 1876	850	8	0	850	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Provincial Liabilities Account	22,033	1	4	22,033	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Counties Separate Accounts	45,226	16	4	45,226	16	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waitara Bridge Endowment Account	11	10	0	11	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Plymouth Harbour Board Endowment Account	935	15	7	935	15	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TRUST FUND	92,701	8	3	1,030,030	9	6	937,329	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS,—																								
Undistributed	20,171	18	7	18,269	13	9	...	...	...	1,902	4	10	1,902	4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,902	4	10
Bills Payable ... ..	...	...	...	100,000	0	0	...	...	...	Dr 100,000	0	0	Cr 100,000	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cr 100,000	0	0
BILLS RECEIVABLE	Dr 200,000	0	0	197,250	0	0	216,250	0	0	...	...	...	Dr 181,000	0	0	Cr 181,000	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
BILLS PAYABLE ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	550,000	0	0	...	...	...	550,000	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	550,000	0	0
Totals	547,160	10	11	3,428,831	5	3	3,509,726	2	1	628,055	7	9	218,110	7	1	151,833	1	4	258,111	19	4	628,055	7	9

* Covered by debentures of the Loan of 1870 guaranteed by the Imperial Government, and by bills drawn against the proceeds of the New Zealand Loan of 1877.

Treasury,
Wellington, 12th April, 1878.

JAMES C. GAVIN,
Accountant to the Treasury.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the PUBLIC

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...	...			...			1,630,235	10	9
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT,—												
	Advances on Guaranteed Debentures	...	...	...			175,000	0	0			
	Sales of Allotments	...	...	...			897	0	1			
	Receipts in Aid,—											
	Westport Colliery Reserve	...	...	...			14	10	0			
	Total Public Works Account	...	...	...						175,911	10	1
BILLS RECEIVABLE,—												
	Drafts of the Bank of New Zealand on London, matured	...	...	...			...			216,250	0	0
BILLS PAYABLE,—												
	Drafts of the Treasury on the Crown Agents, London	...	...	...			...			550,000	0	0
ACCOUNTS CLOSED BY THE OPERATION OF "THE PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1877."												
TRUST FUND,—												
	Foreign Telegrams Account	...	...	...			1,006	10	9			
Investment Accounts,—												
	General Account	...	...	...	695,922	10	6					
	Government Insurance Account	...	...	...	239,400	0	0					
	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund Account	...	...	...	1,000	0	0					
							936,322	10	6			
										937,329	1	3
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	...	...	...						3,509,726	2	1
Balance on 31st December, 1877,—												
Cash in the Public Account,—												
	In the Colony	...	...	...	431,347	18	11					
	Less nominal overdraft in London	...	...	...	272,400	15	8					
	Special Funds invested	...	...	...			158,947	3	3			
	Advances to be accounted for,—						1,639	12	10			
	Colonial	...	...	...	194,004	10	3					
	Foreign	...	...	...	192,569	4	7					
							386,573	14	10			
										547,160	10	11
	Total	...	...	...						£4,056,886	13	0

ACCOUNT for the QUARTER ended 31st MARCH, 1878—continued.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward							1,178,803	7	10
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT,—									
Appropriations,—									
Immigration				57,304	11	6			
Public Works Department				4,732	13	1			
Railways				198,377	7	4			
Roads				12,514	1	2			
Land Purchases				14,368	6	11			
Waterworks on Gold Fields				11,017	19	3			
Coal Mines				248	17	9			
Telegraph Extension				8,319	6	7			
Public Buildings				22,366	17	10			
Lighthouses				5,548	11	1			
Miscellaneous				6,933	12	11			
Services not provided for				2,628	2	0			
Charges and Expenses raising Loans				2,413	4	0			
Westport Colliery Reserve,—									
Transfer to Deposits, Consolidated Fund... ..				1,050	12	6			
Total Public Works Account							347,824	3	11
BILLS RECEIVABLE,—									
Drafts of the Bank of New Zealand on London, purchased							197,250	0	0
BILLS PAYABLE,—									
Nil.									
SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS,—									
Undistributed,—									
Transfers to credit of Accounts							18,269	13	9
Bills Payable							100,000	0	0
ACCOUNTS CLOSED BY THE OPERATION OF "THE PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1877."									
REVENUE ACCOUNTS,—									
Balances on 31st December, 1877, transferred to Consolidated Fund under section 9 of "The Appropriation Act, 1877,"—									
Land Fund Account							397,745	0	2
Gold Fields Revenue Account							1,366	13	7
Gold Duty Account							2,471	12	1
SPECIAL FUNDS,—									
Balances on 31st December, 1877, transferred to Consolidated Fund under section 9 of "The Appropriation Act, 1877,"—									
Consolidated Loan Act, 1867							35,632	0	8
Defence and Other Purposes Loan Act, 1870							33,641	17	3
State Forests Account							2,226	13	3
New Zealand Loan Act, 1876							850	8	0
Provincial Liabilities Account							22,033	1	4
Counties Separate Accounts							45,226	16	4
Waitara Bridge Endowment Account							11	10	0
New Plymouth Harbour Board Endowment Account							935	15	7
Balances on 31st December, 1877, paid over to the Commissioners of the Public Debts Sinking Funds, under section 8 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1877,—									
Wellington Debts Act, 1872							5,444	1	9
North Otago District Public Works Loan Act, 1872							8,589	2	0
Westland Loan Act 1873 Redemption Account							478	18	3
TRUST FUND,—									
Government Insurance Investment Account							15,000	0	0
Balances on 31st December, 1877, transferred or paid over to the under-mentioned Accounts :—									
Consolidated Fund,—									
Under section 9 of "The Appropriation Act, 1877"							35,673	9	4
Government Insurance Account,—									
Under section 5 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1877"							241,983	4	6
Public Trust Office,—									
Under section 6 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1877"							23,356	1	3
Post Office Account,—									
Under section 4 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1877"							714,017	14	5
TOTAL EXPENDITURE							1,030,030	9	6
Balance on 31st March, 1878,—									
Cash in the Public Account,—									
In the Colony	525,537	1	10						
Less nominal Overdraft in London	307,426	14	9						
Advances to be accounted for,—							218,110	7	1
Colonial	151,833	1	4						
Foreign	258,111	19	4						
Total							409,945	0	8
							628,055	7	9
Total							£4,056,886	13	0

JAMES C. GAVIN,
Accountant to the Treasury.

RETURN of the CUSTOMS REVENUE at the several Ports of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st MARCH, 1878.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	Rates of Duty.	PORTS																								TOTALS.		Corresponding Quarter, 1877.	HEADS OF REVENUE.				
		Auckland.	Thames.	Russell.	Mongonui.	Hokianga.	Kaipara.	Tauranga.	Poverty Bay.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Napier.	Wairau.	Pictou.	Havelock.	Kaikoura.	Nelson.	Westport.	Greymouth.	Hokitika.	Lyttelton.	Akaroa.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.			Riverton.	Chatham.	Quantities.	Revenue.
Spirits, P gal.	12s.	12867	1144	153	36	302	1	300	1552	1056	3420	10884	3304	880	89	136	146	1885	1326	2925	2399	15913	1786	1929	20835	3564	391	148705 gals.	89223	84568	Spirits, P gal.		
„ New Zealand, P gal.	6s.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	19	37	28	19	643	22	...	2860 „	858	1426	„ New Zealand, P gal.
Cigars and Snuff, P lb.	5s.	950	19	8	18	28	66	972	150	22	11	242	81	846	...	9	1591	130	...	20572 lbs.	5143	4237	Cigars and Snuff, P lb.	
Tobacco, P lb.	2s. 6d.	6707	223	66	32	129	7	31	342	332	503	4078	2044	97	64	67	27	926	317	1390	1090	4568	609	357	8604	1037	178	270600 „	33825	30190	Tobacco, P lb.		
„ (Sheepwash), P lb.	3d.	25	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	32	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	6320 „	79	35	„ (Sheepwash), P lb.
Wine, P gal.	4s.	1930	35	...	...	17	...	2	96	73	273	1494	423	44	8	...	3	234	132	321	189	2018	249	148	2159	320	18	47930 gals.	9586	8583	Wine, P gal.
Ale, Beer, &c. in Bottle, P gal.	1s. 3d.	916	48	2	...	...	...	66	2	96	96	1632	113	8	...	...	195	33	148	69	1065	4	17	1306	177	6	94448 „	5903	4966	Ale, Beer, &c. in Bottle, P gal.	
„ in Wood, „	1s.	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	377	...	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	447	...	...	...	...	...	33640 „	1632	1032	„ in Wood, „
Tea, P lb.	6d.	3468	55	2	...	...	...	172	197	220	2884	641	94	29	11	38	798	168	509	507	4097	304	204	6425	580	54	858280 lbs.	21457	18401	Tea, P lb.	
Coffee, Cocoa, &c., P lb.	3d.	659	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	8	270	33	...	...	...	...	78	...	...	36	58	374	1	6	535	69	...	170720 „	2134	1889	Coffee, Cocoa, &c., P lb.
„ Roasted, P lb.	5d.	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	912 „	19	14	„ Roasted, P lb.
Sugar and Molasses, P lb.	1d.	6147	105	12	14	5	2	41	257	340	697	5367	1157	157	39	38	12	1436	315	396	1083	6827	363	440	9288	1698	80	8837040 „	36821	34125	Sugar and Molasses, P lb.		
Opium, P lb.	20s.	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	728 „	728	748	Opium, P lb.
Goods by Weight	...	5088	46	...	...	...	...	2	144	97	194	3143	350	66	...	...	...	971	118	860	603	3618	112	102	5630	511	12	21667	16281	6000	Goods by Weight.
Ad valorem, 10 P cent.	...	19942	450	...	...	...	12	1	512	393	865	19140	2257	22	11	11	10	3659	222	1870	463	22864	1594	642	40231	2060	19	117255	81437	10000	Ad valorem, 10 P cent.
Other Duties not specified above	...	1839	133	...	...	5	...	25	67	96	103	2469	191	21	7	...	2	478	75	178	182	3160	61	117	3213	220	1	12643	10057	10000	Other Duties not specified above.
Totals	...	60098	2258	235	82	458	22	410	3239	2618	6463	52751	10678	1397	252	265	238	10684	2717	9479	6754	65846	Nil	5120	3990	101789	10421	759	...	359023	...	Totals.	
Corresponding Qr., 1877	...	49119	1540	289	140	516	...	217	2182	1976	5405	44886	10035	1491	251	179	340	8802	2811	9263	8158	49579	132	5063	2873	84600	7256	1026	Nil	...	298039	...	Corresponding Qr., 1877.

* Returns not yet received.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 15th April, 1878.

WILLIAM SEED,
Secretary and Inspector.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT on the Vital Statistics of the Boroughs of Auckland, Thames, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Hokitika, during the Month of March, 1878.

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 March, 1878.

BOROUGHES.	ESTI-MATED POPULA-TION.	TOTAL BIRTHS.	DEATHS IN THE BOROUGHES REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1878.						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 ...	13,732	38	3	1	5	2	1	1	13	.95
Thames ...	5,425	18	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	.55
Wellington ...	19,037	93	10	1	6	7	1	4	29	1.53
Nelson ...	6,603	22	4	2	8	3	...	3	20	3.03
Christchurch ...	13,402	55	3	...	6	5	1	3	18	1.34
Dunedin ...	22,491	63	6	2	8	5	...	7	28	1.24
Hokitika ...	3,244	8	1	1	...	...	...	3	5	1.54
Totals ...	...	297	27	8	34	23	3	21	116	...

The deaths of persons not residents of the boroughs, occurring at hospitals, have been excluded in all cases.

The births were 2 more than in February.

The deaths were 37 more in number than the deaths in February.

Of the deaths, males contributed 69; females, 47: 61 of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 52.59 per cent. of the whole number; 51 of these were of children under 1 year of age.

There were 5 deaths of persons over 65 years of age: 4 of these persons were males and 1 a female; 1 male of 72 died at Wellington; 1 male of 77 at Nelson; 1 male of 74 and 1 female of 70 at Christchurch; and 1 male of 68 at 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 March, 1878.

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.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Zymotic Diseases ...	1	1	...	...	11	2	8	2	5	1	...	1	1	...	33	28.45
II.	Constitutional Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	2	...	5	1	1	14	12.07
III.	Local Diseases ...	3	4	...	1	1	4	...	4	2	3	7	8	...	2	39	33.62
IV.	Developmental Diseases ...	3	...	1	...	4	2	...	1	2	...	6	...	...	...	19	16.38
V.	Violent Deaths ...	...	1	1	...	...	2	1	2	...	3	...	1	...	...	11	9.48
	Unspecified ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Totals ...	7	6	2	1	19	10	9	11	9	9	13	15	2	3	116	100.00

CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Miasmatic Diseases*.—Scarlet Fever, 1; Whooping Cough, 4; Typhoid Fever, 5; Erysipelas, 1; Dysentery, 1; Diarrhoea, 11; Cholera Anglicana, 1.

ORDER 3.—*Dietic Diseases*.—Inanition, 9.

CLASS II.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diathetic Diseases*.—Cancer, 2.

ORDER 2.—*Tubercular Diseases*.—Scrofula, 1; Tabes Mesenterica, 4; Phthisis, 6; Serous Apoplexy, 1.

CLASS III.—LOCAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Diseases of Nervous System*.—Inflammation of Brain, 3; Apoplexy, 2; Paralysis, 1; Convulsions, 2; Softening of Brain, 2.

ORDER 2.—*Diseases of Organs of Circulation*.—Pericarditis, 2; Heart Disease, 5; Hæmorrhage, 1.

ORDER 3.—*Diseases of Respiratory Organs*.—Bronchitis, 2; Pneumonia, 3; Congestion of Lungs, 1.

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Digestive Organs*.—Gastritis, 1; Enteritis, 2; Obstruction of Bowels, 2; Intussusception, 1; Dyspepsia, 1; Liver Disease, 4; Liver Abscess, 1.

ORDER 5.—*Diseases of Urinary Organs*.—Albumenuria, 1.

ORDER 6.—*Diseases of Organs of Generation*.—Uterine Tumor, 1.

ORDER 7.—*Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion*.—Arthritis, 1.

CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

ORDER 1.—*Developmental Diseases of Children*.—Teething, 3.

ORDER 2.—*Developmental Diseases of Adults*.—Childbirth, 1; Cyanosis, 1; Abscess, 1.

ORDER 3.—*Developmental Diseases of Old People*.—Old Age, 1.

ORDER 4.—*Diseases of Nutrition*.—Atrophy and Debility, 12.

CLASS V.—VIOLENT DEATHS.

ORDER 1.—*Accidental*.—Burns, 1; Drowning, 6; Suffocation, 1; Injury to Spinal Cord, 1; Fall, 1.

ORDER 4.—*Suicidal*.—Cut throat, 1.

Comparison with the previous Month.—There were more deaths at the Towns of Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Hokitika in March than in February. At Auckland the deaths fell from 19 in February to 13 last month. The subjoined table shows the mortality for the two months at each town from six principal Zymotic diseases of the Miasmatic order, and also the deaths from certain inflammatory diseases of the lungs. These causes of death have been distinguished from the others of the classes to which they belong, as being the most important special diseases which give rise to sudden increases in the death-rates of towns, and the prevalence of which is closely connected with sanitary condition and climatic influence of the season on health.

SEVEN TOWNS.	SIX PRINCIPAL ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG DISEASES.							
	Measles.		Scarlet Fever		Typhus and other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping Cough.		Dysentery and Diarrhoea.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
Auckland	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thames	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington	2	...	...	3	...	10	5	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1
Nelson	1	...	2	...	4	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christchurch	1	...	...	1	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Dunedin	2	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	...
Hokitika	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	1	...	5	...	...	8	4	25	12	...	2	1	...	3	3	...	1

Scarlet Fever reappeared as a cause of death at Nelson in March. Deaths from fever took place at Wellington, Nelson, and Christchurch in March, there having been none during the previous month. The mortality from Whooping Cough at all the towns decreased from 8 deaths in February to 4 in March. These 4 deaths were at Nelson.

The accidental deaths in March numbered 10. A death occurred from fall on to a billiard table, a child was killed by burns after her clothes catching fire, 6 persons were accidentally drowned, a warehouseman was killed by injury to his spine, a child was suffocated in bed.

In March, 1877, there were 125 deaths in the boroughs. Scarlatina caused 20 of these: 10 at Dunedin, and 10 at Hokitika. This caused a very high death-rate at those towns, as compared with the rate for March, 1878.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, April, 1878.

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

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR MARCH, 1878.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	NELSON.	CHRIST- CHURCH.	HOKITIKA.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in Shade ...	64.3	61.1	58.5	57.7	56.4	55.0
Average for same month previous years ...	65.6	62.6	60.6	58.1	57.9	55.4
Maximum Temperature in Shade, and date	79.2 on 1st	75.0 on 3rd	77.0 on 21st	84.0 on 29th	67.1 on 15th and 29th	80.0 on 29th
Minimum Temperature in Shade, and date	49.3 on 5th	41.5 on 6th	37.0 on 6th	33.1 on 19th	40.4 on 23rd	39.0 on 5th
Maximum Temperature in Sun, and date	141.9 on 1st	137.0 on 6th	135.0 on 4th, 21st, and 30th	148.0 on 30th	132.0 on 1st, 2nd, 11th, and 15th	115.0 on 31st
Minimum Temperature on Grass, and date	29.0 on 6th	36.0 on 6th	...	21.3 on 19th	34.0 on 5th	33.0 on 19th
Mean Humidity (Saturation=100) ...	72	77	76	70	87	70
Average for same month previous years ...	74	72	76	78	85	73
Total Rainfall in inches ...	0.530	1.193	1.140	0.660	11.810	4.854
Average for same month previous years ...	2.815	2.831	3.510	2.006	8.177	2.409
Number of Days on which Rain fell ...	10	8	4	6	22	13
Average for same month previous years ...	10	10	6	9	14	12

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.

April, 1878.

J. HECTOR, Inspector.

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 25th day of May next.

874. WILLIAM ROUTLEDGE and ALEXANDER KENNEDY.—51 acres 1 rood and 12 perches, Rural Allotment 78, Okotuku District. Occupied by David Fleming.

886. WILLIAM THOMAS OWEN.—1147 acres 2 roods, Sections 167, 168, 170, 171, 172, 173, 282, and parts of 174 and 175, left bank Wanganui River. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

GEO. B. DAVY,
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 within one calendar month from date of publication of this notice.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, Block I., Section 4, Block XX., District of Shotover; Sections 11, 12, 14, Block I., Section 1, Block II, Section 4, Block XIII., Sections 1, 2, 20, 21, 22, Block XXIX., Town of Frankton; Section 8, part of 43, Block I., Sections 3, 4, 39, Block VII., Section 2, Block VIII., Sections 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, Block XV., Section 1, Block XVII., Section 8, Block XVIII., Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, Block XXVI., Sections 4, 14, 16, 17, Block XXVII., Sections 2, 4, Block XXVIII., Sections 1, 2, 4, Block XXIX., Town of Queenstown. — THOMAS HICKS, FRANCIS McBRIDE, JOHN COCHRANE PATTERSON, and JAMES WHITBOURN, Applicants. No. 2428.

Sections 23, 24, 28, 29, Block VII., Town of Dunedin; part of Section 17, Block I., Otago Peninsula District.—WILLIAM BUSKIN, Applicant. No. 2540.

Part of Section 28, Block XXII., Town of Dunedin.—ELSDEN OSBORN COOPER, Applicant. No. 2542.

Sections 190, 191, 192, 193, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, Block IV., Papakaio District; part of Application 2229, situate on Run 16, North-Eastern District of Otago.—DONALD BORRIE, Applicant. No. 2544.

Sections 1, 2, Block IV., Sections 1, 2, Block V., District of Anderson's Bay.—WILLIAM JAMES MUDIE LARNACH, Applicant. No. 2546.

Section 247, Town of Port Chalmers.—JOHN WATSON, Applicant. No. 2547.

Section 5, Block I., Coast District.—JAMES GRAY and ALEXANDER GRAY, Applicants. No. 2550.

Section 5, Block X., Hawksbury District.—JAMES BRUCE, Applicant. No. 2555.

Section 4, Block X., Hawksbury District.—WALTER MACKELDEN, Applicant. No. 2556.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

A. W. SMITH,
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 within one month after the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

3457. JOHN SHIER.—19 perches, part of Lot 139, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by Applicant.

3458. WILLIAM GEORGE JENNINGS.—1 rood, part of Rural Section 1880, Lincoln District. Unoccupied.

3460. LUDOVIC HENRY MEYER.—1 acre 3 roods 33 perches, part of Rural Section 997, Waitangi District (Lots 31, 32, and 42, Plan 6). Occupied by Applicant.

3467. ROBERT WILKIN.—50 acres, Rural Section 4391, Ashburton District. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1878, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

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

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WAIKOUAITI COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING A CERTAIN ROAD TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

I HEREBY proclaim, in accordance with section 88 of "The Public Works Act, 1876," the following road to be a County Road:—

The road from the Main North Road at the Waikouaiti Toll-bar to the Waikouaiti Harbour.

JAMES GREEN,
Chairman, Waikouaiti County Council.
Waikouaiti, 3rd April, 1878. 221

WAIMATE GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the Waimate Gold-Mining Company (Limited) has been removed from Camp Street to Clifton Road, Ahaura; and that JOHN McMAYN has been appointed Manager, in the room of James Clark, resigned.

MALCOLM GRAHAM }
WILLIAM FERGESON, } Directors.
Ahaura, 8th April, 1878. 227

NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto subsisting between PRINS and SYMES, as Medical Practitioners at Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1878.

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H. H. PRINS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership formerly existing between THOMAS MILNER and JEROME CALAN, both of the City of Christchurch, Horse-dealers, has been dissolved by mutual consent, as from the 1st day of April, 1878.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1878.

JEROME CALAN.
his
THOMAS x MILNER.
mark.

Witness to both signatures—Richard D. Thomas,
Solicitor, Christchurch.

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NELSON SOUTH-WEST GOLD FIELDS.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE.

To the Warden at Ahaura.

I HEREBY apply for a Gold-Mining Lease of the lands hereinafter described, in accordance with the Gold-Mining Leases Regulations of New Zealand; and I agree, upon the approval of this application, to execute a lease upon the basis therein stated, if the Governor shall think fit to grant the same.

Name and address in full of applicant: Samuel Samuels, Moonlight Creek.

Extent of land applied for: 10 acres.

Proposed mode of working the land: Quartz-reefing.

Precise locality: Moonlight Ranges, on the south boundary, or near about Allan Macdonald's prospecting claim.

Term for which lease required: 15 years.

Time of commencing operations: June, 1878.

SAMUEL SAMUELS,
Applicant.

Ahaura, 3rd April, 1878.

The above application, and any objection thereto, will be heard at the Warden's Office at Ahaura, on the 16th May, 1878.

Any person desiring to object to the issue of a mining lease upon the above application must, within twenty-eight clear days from the date of such application, enter his objection at the Warden's Office at Ahaura.

ERNEST C. KELLING,
Clerk of Warden's Court, Ahaura.

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I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Hit or Miss Quartz Reef Company as a Limited Company, under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872."

1. The name of the Company is to be the Hit or Miss Quartz Reef Company (Limited).

2. The place of operations is at Bendigo, in Vincent County.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Melmore Terrace, Cromwell.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is three thousand five hundred pounds, in one hundred and forty shares of twenty-five pounds each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is one hundred and eight, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number in the Company.

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

7. The amount already paid up is one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds.

8. The name of the Manager is Charles Colclough.

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.
Thomas Rooney, Bendigo, Mine Manager ...	32
William Rooney, Bendigo, Miner ...	18
James Mitchell, Bendigo, Miner ...	12
Jesse Eastwood, Bendigo, Miner ...	12
John Reid, Bannockburn, Miner ...	18
Reginald A. Snook, England, Gentleman ...	4
John Stewart, Bendigo, Mill Manager ...	12
Charles Colclough (in trust for the Company), Auctioneer, Cromwell ...	32
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Dated this 28th day of March, 1878.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH.

Witness to signature—Stephen N. Brown, J.P.

I, Charles Colclough, 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."

CHARLES COLCLOUGH.

Taken before me, at Cromwell, in the Provincial District of Otago, this 28th day of March, 1878—
Stephen N. Brown, J.P. 220

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Walhalla Quartz-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 Walhalla Quartz-Mining Company (Limited).

2. The place of operations is at Boatman's, County of Inangahua.

3. The registered office of the Company will be situated at Reefton.

4. The nominal capital of the Company is six thousand pounds, in six thousand shares of one pound each, upon which ten shillings is considered as paid up.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is six thousand, being not less 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 three thousand pounds.

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

	No. of Shares.
John Devereux, Reefton, Miner ...	250
Thomas Rowlandson, Reefton, Speculator ...	250
Charles Brunn, Reefton, Miner ...	1000
George Wise, Reefton, Mining Agent ...	750
James S. Wilson, Boatman's, Mine Manager	500
E. S. Lapham, Greymouth, Bank Manager ...	250
F. A. Learmonth, Hokitika, Auctioneer ...	250
Charles Purson, Stafford, Cordial Manufacturer	500
J. Watkins, Larry's, Miner ...	250
P. Q. Caples, Reefton, Speculator ...	250
W. E. McLever, Hokitika, Hotelkeeper ...	250
James Holmes, Hokitika, Painter ...	250
R. C. Reed, Hokitika, Journalist ...	750
R. Gross, Larry's, Miner... ..	500

Dated this 9th day of April, 1878.

GEORGE WISE,
Manager.

Witness to signature—Hugh C. Boyd.

I, George Wise, 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."

GEORGE WISE.

Taken before me, this 10th day of April, 1878—
Edward Shaw, R.M., a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand. 224