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*"The Customs Duties Reciprocity Act, 1895," assented to by Her Majesty in Council.*

(L.S.) GLASGOW, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, amongst other things, enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said colony shall signify, by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said colony, entitled "An Act respecting Reciprocity as to Customs Duties," was presented to the Governor of the said colony for Her Majesty's assent, and the said Bill was reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

Now, therefore, I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the provisions of the said in part recited Act, do, by this Proclamation, signify and proclaim to all whom it may concern that the said Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable David, Earl of Glasgow; 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 issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Auckland, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

W. C. WALKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Woodville Police Gaol ceased to be a Police Gaol.*

(L.S.) GLASGOW, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Prisons Act, 1882," it is enacted that the Governor may, by Proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*, declare that any prison or police gaol shall no longer be a prison or police gaol; and upon the gazetted of such Proclamation, or from and after any later date fixed in such Proclamation for the purpose, such prison or police gaol shall cease to be a prison or police gaol:

Now, therefore, I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the above-recited power and authority, do hereby declare that, from and after the gazetted of this Proclamation, the police gaol at Woodville, in the Provincial District of Wellington, shall cease to be a police gaol.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable David, Earl of Glasgow; 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 issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Auckland, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

T. THOMPSON.

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**ERRATUM.**—In *New Zealand Gazette* No. 15, of the 5th March, 1896, page 398, in clause 1 of the Regulations for the Examination of Surveyors, made by warrant of the 26th February, 1896, for "the Inspector of Mines" read "the Inspecting Engineer, Mines Department."

in such Proclamation for the purpose, such prison or police gaol shall cease to be a prison or police gaol:

Now, therefore, I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the above-recited power and authority, do hereby declare that, from and after the gazettement of this Proclamation, the police gaol at Greymouth, in the Provincial District of Westland, shall cease to be a police gaol.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable David, Earl of Glasgow; 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 issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Auckland, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

T. THOMPSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Vaccination Districts constituted.*

GLASGOW, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Public Health Act, 1876," I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing vaccination district known as the Hutt District, and do declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said district is hereby divided anew into two vaccination districts, the names whereof shall be the Petone and Hutt Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the registration districts bearing the same names as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1875."

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eighteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Registrars of Births and Deaths appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 18th May, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Registrars of Births and Deaths and also to be Vaccination Inspectors for the districts set respectively opposite their names, viz.:-

Name	District.
CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN .. .. .	Petone.
ISAAC GEORGE PRICE .. .. .	Hutt.

Appointments to date from 1st June, 1896.

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 18th May, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

GEORGE ALFRED CHARLES ROBIESON

to be the Deputy of the Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Petone.

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 21st May, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM PERKIN WILLIAMS

to be the Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages and of Births and Deaths for the District of Huntly.

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Inspector of Abattoirs, &c., Ridings of Hawksbury and Merton, County of Waikouaiti, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 21st May, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable WILLIAM WARRING

to be an Inspector of Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses and of Cattle intended for Slaughter, under "The Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses Act, 1894," within the Ridings of Hawksbury and Merton, in the County of Waikouaiti.

J. CARROLL  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Officer under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," Canterbury, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 19th May, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by section 9 of "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884,"

GEORGE ARTHUR LEWIN

has been appointed an officer for the purposes of that Act for that part of the Provincial District of Canterbury to the north of and including the Rakaia River, and for the waters of the Clarence River which are within the County of Marlborough.

W. C. WALKER,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Cadet in Labour Department appointed.*

Department of Labour,  
Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

FREDERICK ARCHIBALD DE LA MARE

to be a cadet in the Department of Labour as from the 1st May, 1896.

R. J. SEDDON,  
Minister of Labour.

*Special Order made by the Manganui Road Board, County of Stratford.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 27th May, 1896.

THE following special order, made by the Manganui Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

WM. HALL-JONES,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*MANGANUI ROAD BOARD.*

NOTICE is hereby given that the following special order was made on Saturday, 11th April, 1896, and confirmed on Saturday, 16th May, 1896:—

"That, to secure the repayment of a loan of £175, raised under 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,' for the purpose of forming and culverting Standish Street from the Beaconsfield Road as far as Gambria Street, and of forming Gambria Street from Standish Street to the Beaconsfield Road, and to gravel the above-mentioned streets as far as the money will go, commencing at the end of Standish Street next the Beaconsfield Road; to pay out of such loan the cost of raising it; to strike as security on this loan a special rate of 4d. in the pound over the following lands—namely, Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, Block VII.; 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, Block VIII.; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Block IX.; 1, 2, 4, 5, Block X.; 5, 6, 12, 13, Block XI.; 9, Block XII., Midhirst East. Such rate to be an annually-recurring rate for twenty-six years, and shall be payable in two half-yearly instalments on the 1st of January and the 1st of July in each year."

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly made in accordance with "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

HENRY WATSON,  
Clerk.

*By-laws regulating Traffic on the Alfredton-Weber Road.*

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 130 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and every Act amending the same, I, John McKenzie, Minister of Lands, do, in respect of the Government road known as the Alfredton-Weber Road, extending from the Deep, or Falls, Creek, to the Pongaroa River, hereby make the following by-laws:—

1. The use of bullocks as traction animals on the said road is prohibited for the period from 1st May to 1st November in any year.

2. The haulage or transportation on the said road of any engine or machine coming under the definition of "heavy traffic," within the meaning of clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 130 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," during the months of May, June, July, August, and September in any year shall cease.

3. The width of tires of all vehicles upon the said road, whether plying for hire or not, shall bear the following proportion to the number of animals employed to draw the same, that is to say:—

If the Number of Animals used to draw a Vehicle having Two Wheels be	Then the Minimum Width of Tire of any such Vehicle	
	If without Springs shall be	If with Springs shall be
1 .. ..	2½ inches	1½ inches.
2 .. ..	3 " "	2 " "
3 .. ..	4 " "	2½ " "
4 .. ..	5 " "	3 " "
6 .. ..	6 " "	3½ " "

If the Number of Animals used to draw a Vehicle having Four Wheels be	Then the Minimum Width of Tire of any such Vehicle	
	If without Springs shall be	If with Springs shall be
2 .. ..	2½ inches	1½ inches.
3 .. ..	3 " "	2 " "
5 .. ..	4 " "	2½ " "
7 .. ..	5 " "	3 " "
10 .. ..	6 " "	3½ " "

4. If any person shall commit a breach of any of the foregoing by-laws, he shall be liable, upon conviction for such breach, to a penalty of £5: Provided that the Court before which proceedings may be taken in respect of such breach may, if it think fit, impose such lower penalty as it may think adequate to the particular case.

As witness my hand, this twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

JOHN McKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

*Notice to Mariners, No. 12 of 1896.*

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 16th May, 1896.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Portmaster, Brisbane, Queensland, are published for general information.

J. G. WARD.

REPORTED SHOAL OFF SANDY CAPE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a small shoal, with about 3 fathoms over it at low-water spring tides, is reported to exist approximately N. 53° E., twenty-two miles from Sandy Cape Lighthouse. An examination of the locality will be made at an early date.

Marine Department,  
Brisbane, 2nd April, 1896.

T. M. ALMOND,  
Portmaster.

KEPPEL BAY.—GAS-BUOY AT TIMANDRA BANK.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is intended, on or about the 15th July, 1896, to replace the buoy now marking the Timandra Bank by an illuminated gas-buoy carrying a fixed white light.

The superstructure of the gas-buoy will be 10ft. above the level of the sea, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of about three miles.

A further notice will be issued giving the precise date on which this buoy will be placed in position.

Marine Department,  
Brisbane, 1st April, 1896.

T. M. ALMOND,  
Portmaster.

NORTH-WEST CHANNEL, MORETON BAY.—NEW LIGHTHOUSE, LIGHT TOWERS, ILLUMINATED AND OTHER BUOYS.

*Caloundra Lighthouse.*

NOTICE is hereby given that it is intended, on or about the 15th July, 1896, to exhibit from a new circular tower, painted white, a fixed light of the fourth order dioptric, showing a white light between the bearings of south through west to north 60° west, red from north 60° west to north 29° west, and white between north 29° west and north 22° west. The two latter sectors are intensified.

This lighthouse is situated about 8 cables to the westward of Caloundra Head. The focal plane is 170ft. above high water, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of sixteen miles.

*Leading-lights, Bribie Island.*

The leading-lights on Bribie Island will be exhibited from skeleton towers, painted white.

From the back tower (high light) a powerful biform holo-photal light will be shown between the bearings of south 67° west and south 45° west. The tower is 95ft. above high water, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of fourteen miles.

From the front tower (low light) a fixed light of the fourth order dioptric will be exhibited, and will be shown between the bearings of south 14° west and south 77° west and between north 46° west and north 40° west. The tower is 56ft. above high water, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of twelve miles.

Both sectors of this light are intensified.

*Buoys.*

The black buoys now marking the south-western extreme of the Spitfire and the eastern extreme of the Salamander Banks will be replaced by illuminated gas-buoys with a fixed white light.

The red buoy now marking the northern extreme of the Western Banks will also be replaced by an illuminated gas-buoy carrying an occulting white light.

The superstructures of the gas-buoys will be 10ft. above the level of the sea, and the lights will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of about three miles.

On a line north-west ½ north from Spitfire Bank Buoy, on the following bearings, three black buoys will be placed to mark the eastern side of the North-west Channel:—

Northern Buoy (in 8 fathoms of water)—  
Caloundra Light, N.W. by N. ¼ W.  
Mount Beerwah, W. ¼ S.

Middle Buoy (in 7 fathoms of water)—  
Caloundra Light, N.W. by N.  
Mount Beerwah, W. ¼ N.

Southern Buoy (in 10 fathoms of water)—  
Caloundra Light, N.W. ¼ N.  
Mount Beerwah, W. ¾ N.

A further notice with regard to these lights and buoys, with directions for their use, will be issued when the channel is available for navigation by night.

T. M. ALMOND,  
Marine Department,  
Brisbane, 1st April, 1896. Portmaster.

*Tonnage Measurement of German Ships.*

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 19th May, 1896.

THE following despatch and its enclosure, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, are published for general information.

T. THOMPSON,  
For Minister of Marine.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 11th March, 1896.

SIR,—With reference to Lord Knutsford's circular despatch of the 13th August, 1889, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information and publication in the colony under your government, copies of an Order of the Queen in Council, dated the 22nd February last, respecting the tonnage measurement of ships of the German Empire.

I have, &c.,  
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government  
of New Zealand.

At the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of February, 1896.

Present:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the 23rd day of July, 1889, made by Her Majesty in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," Her Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, to direct as follows:—

1. As regards sailing-ships, that merchant sailing-ships of the German Empire the measurement whereof after the 1st day of January, 1873, has been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such sailing-ships, testified by the date thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers and other national papers, in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British sailing-ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships.

2. As regards steamships, that merchant ships belonging to the said German Empire which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine room, the measurement whereof shall, after the said 1st day of January, 1873, have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such steamships, testified by the dates thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted on such registers or other national papers, in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships. Provided, nevertheless, that if the owner or master of any such German steamship desires the deduction for engine room in his ship to be estimated under the rules for engine-room measurement and deduction applicable to British ships instead of under the German rule, the engine room shall be measured and the deduction calculated according to the British rules; and that, in the event of any such steamship possessing a certificate of tonnage or other national paper issued as aforesaid on or after the 20th day of June, 1888, denoting the net registered tonnage of such ship under the British rules, the ship shall be deemed to be of the tonnage so denoted thereon.

And whereas by section 84 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," it is enacted that, whenever it appears to Her Majesty the Queen in Council that the tonnage regulations of that Act have been adopted by any foreign country, and are in force there, Her Majesty in Council may order that the ships of that country shall, without being remeasured in Her Majesty's dominions, be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in their certificates of registry or other national papers, in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same purposes as the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of a British ship is deemed to be the tonnage of that ship:

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty in Council that the tonnage regulations of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," have been adopted by the Government of His Majesty the German Emperor, and such regulations are now in force in the German Empire, having come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1895:

And whereas there still are or may be ships belonging to the German Empire to which the hereinbefore-recited Order of the 23rd July, 1889, may apply, and it is expedient not to revoke the same, but to let the said recited Order remain in force so long as there are any ships to which the same may so apply:

And whereas the provisions of section one of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," have been complied with:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance and exercise of the powers hereinbefore mentioned, is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, to direct that the merchant ships of the German Empire the measurement whereof shall, after the 1st day of July, 1895, have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such ships, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in their certificates of registry or other national papers, in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same purposes as the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of a British ship is deemed to be the tonnage of that ship.

C. L. PEEL.

*By-laws for the Control of Traffic over the Brunner Railway-bridge, on the Brunner-Greymouth Railway (in Substitution of Regulations previously issued).*

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers conferred by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and "The Public Works and Government Railways Act Amendment Act, 1895," I, Alfred Jerome Cadman, the Minister for Railways, do hereby make the following by-laws for regulating the traffic on and over the Brunner Railway-bridge, which said bridge forms part of the railway between Greymouth and Brunner, and is used both for ordinary and railway traffic; and, in further exercise and pursuance of the said powers, do revoke all by-laws and regulations in force at the date hereof authorising or regulating traffic on and over the said bridge.

#### SCHEDULE.

1. No foot-passenger shall cross, or attempt or commence to cross, the Brunner Railway-bridge at Brunner, except on the footway provided for the purpose above the railroad.

2. No person shall at any time drive or take across the said bridge any horses, sheep, pigs, or cattle, without first obtaining the consent of the Stationmaster at Brunner, who shall at all times regulate such traffic.

3. No person shall have any right to drive or take on or across such bridge, at any time, any vehicles, horses, or live animals; but he may be permitted by the Stationmaster to do so at such times as the bridge is unoccupied for railway traffic; provided such permission will not interfere with the apparatus or appliances for working the bridge, or injure or interfere with the structure of the said bridge, or interfere with the railway traffic in any way.

4. No person shall take any load upon any cart or other vehicle upon the bridge which exceeds in the gross weight one ton upon any one wheel.

5. Any person who commits a breach of any of these by-laws shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding £10 for each such breach.

6. So far as applicable, and except as modified by these by-laws, the General By-laws and Regulations for the time being respectively in force and affecting the traffic on the New Zealand Government railways shall extend and apply to the said Brunner Bridge, and to traffic on and over the same.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1896.

A. J. CADMAN,  
Minister for Railways.

*Notice under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Act, 1895," appointing an Hour for closing on Saturday Night.*

Department of Labour,  
Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

IN exercise of the power in this behalf conferred upon me by "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Act, 1895," and in accordance with a requisition signed by a three-fifths majority of the shopkeepers in the Borough of Hamilton, I, Richard John Seddon, Minister of Labour, hereby intimate that, from and after the 6th day of June, 1896, all the shops in the said Borough of Hamilton shall be closed on the evening of Saturday in each week at the hour of nine of the clock.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Labour.

*Bonus for Destruction of Rabbits.—Notice No. 436.*

Department of Agriculture (Live-stock Branch),  
Wellington, N.Z., 14th December, 1895.

A BONUS of £1,000 is offered for a practical scheme for the destruction of rabbits.

The following are the conditions:—

1. All applications for the bonus must be sent addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, Wellington, New Zealand, and must reach him not later than 31st May, 1896. Each application must be accompanied by a full description of the means proposed to be adopted.

2. The Government shall appoint a committee of three or more experts, to whom all applications shall be submitted. Such committee shall, after perusal, state what schemes they deem worthy of further consideration, and are satisfied may be used with absolute safety.

On completion of the committee's preliminary investigations each applicant will be notified of the decision arrived at, and whether or not his individual scheme will be further inquired into.

The committee may afterwards inspect the whole or any of the schemes at any place or places within the colony, or may direct that the whole or any of them be submitted for trial at such time and place as they may think fit.

The following shall be a basis of the trial:—

1. A suitable piece of rabbit-infested land shall be allowed to each applicant (of whose scheme the committee have approved), and on which he will have full power to carry out a trial of his scheme for a period not exceeding two years.

2. Each applicant on expiry of the period named shall submit a detailed and accurate statement of the actual cost incurred in testing his scheme.

On the expiry of the period named the committee shall as soon as convenient thereafter (should they deem it necessary) make a personal inspection of each applicant's allotment, and shall take into consideration—

1. The actual cost incurred by each applicant in testing his scheme for the period above mentioned.

2. The result of the work done on each allotment.

On completion of the tests the committee shall furnish a report to the Minister on all the schemes which they have examined or tested, and shall state—

1. The scheme which they consider on the whole the most practical, efficient, and economic; and if they consider such scheme worthy of the bonus.

2. Whether, in the event of no one scheme being entitled to the whole bonus, they deem any one worthy of a part, and, if so, how much.

The committee has power to withhold all awards if they think none of the schemes submitted of sufficient importance to merit a bonus.

A sum not exceeding 6d. per acre may be paid to each competitor whose scheme is accepted for test by the committee, and who, in the opinion of the committee, has done work deserving of recognition.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister for Agriculture.

*Bonus for the Manufacture of Potassium Cyanide.*

Department of Industries and Commerce,  
Wellington, 17th January, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of £1,000 will be paid for the erection of a plant and the manufacture in New Zealand of the first 200 tons of crude cyanide of potassium from colonial produce.

1. The plant must be capable of producing at least 70 tons of crude cyanide of potassium annually.

2. The crude cyanide of potassium so manufactured shall contain at least 70 per cent. of *potassium cyanide*.

3. The bonus will be paid in two equal instalments, the first instalment being payable on the production of the first 100 tons, and the second instalment on the production of the second 100 tons, of crude cyanide of potassium containing the required percentage of *potassium cyanide*.

4. On the completion of the plant, notice in writing must be sent to the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Wellington, who will appoint an officer to inspect the same, together with the raw material then available from which the cyanide of potassium is proposed to be manufactured.

5. The officer so appointed shall from time to time inspect the process of manufacture, in order that he may satisfy himself that the whole of the cyanide of potassium is being manufactured from material of New Zealand production; and before any bonus is paid such officer will be required to certify that he is satisfied the crude cyanide of potassium is the product of New Zealand material only, and that it contains the required percentage of *potassium cyanide*.

6. The bonus must be claimed for the first 100 tons on or before the 31st March, 1897, and for the second 100 tons on or before the 30th September, 1898.

J. G. WARD.

*Bonuses for Encouragement of New Zealand Hemp (Phormium tenax) Industry.—Notice No. 430.*

Department of Agriculture,  
Wellington, 1st November, 1895.

Bonus No. 1.

A BONUS of £1,750 is offered for a machine or process for dressing New Zealand hemp (*Phormium tenax*) which shall be an improvement on the machines or processes now in use, and which shall, after trial, be found to materially reduce the cost of production, improve the product, or increase the quantity of dressed fibre.

The following are the conditions:—

1. All applications for the bonus must be sent addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, Wellington, and must reach him not later than the 31st March, 1897. Each application must be accompanied by a description of the machine or process, particularly stating improvements on present machines or processes, and also the cost at which the machine or process can be supplied.

2. The applicants must be prepared to submit their machines or processes to examination at such time and place as the Government may direct.

3. The Government shall appoint a committee of three or more experts, to whom all applications shall be submitted. Such committee shall, after perusal, state what machines or processes they deem worthy of consideration, and may inspect the same at any place within the colony; and, having so inspected the whole or any of them, may direct that the whole or any of them be brought for further trial to such place as they may think fit.

The cost of bringing the machines or appliances on to the ground, from within the colony, supplying the necessary shafting, motive-power, and buildings, to be defrayed by the Government. If any machine sent from beyond the colony is awarded the bonus or part thereof, then the cost of bringing such machine shall be borne by the Government.

The following shall be the basis of the test:—

The committee shall supply a sufficient and equal quantity of green hemp to each machine or process as a test.

The committee shall take into consideration—

The time occupied by each machine or process in the operation;

The cost of labour and time required after the fibre has left the machine or process before it is ready for baling;

The percentage of dressed fibre and tow produced by each machine or process;

The cost of producing the same;

The cost of the machine, and the simplicity and durability of the working parts.

On completion of the tests the committee shall furnish a report to the Minister on all the machines or processes which they have examined or tested, and shall state,—

(1.) The machine or process which they consider on the whole the most efficient and economic.

(2.) Whether they consider that any machine or process tested so materially reduces the cost of production, or improves the product, as to be worthy of the whole bonus or of a part only.

(3.) Whether, in the event of no one machine or process being entitled to the whole bonus, they deem any machine or process worthy of a part of the bonus, and, if so, how much.

Bonus No. 2.

A bonus of £250 is offered for a process of utilising the waste products of the hemp.

The first three conditions of Bonus No. 1 to apply to this also.

The committee shall supply a sufficient and equal quantity of the waste products to each process as a test.

On completion of the tests the committee shall report to the Minister, and shall give the following particulars of each process: (a.) The nature of the article made. (b.) The quantity produced, and the cost of production. (c.) The value of the product. (d.) Whether any of the processes are of sufficient importance to warrant the Minister in giving (1) the whole, or (2) any part, of the bonus; (3) if a part only, how much.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister for Agriculture.

*Bonus for the Production of Quicksilver.*

Mines Office,  
Wellington, 19th September, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of fourpence (4d.) per pound will be paid on the production of the first one hundred thousand pounds weight (100,000lb.) of good marketable retorted quicksilver, free from all impurities, from any mine in New Zealand, on the following conditions, that is to say:—

1. That at least one-third of the quantity is produced on or before the 31st March, 1897, and the remaining two-thirds on or before the 31st March, 1899.

2. No bonus will be payable until the whole of the one hundred thousand pounds (100,000lb.) of quicksilver has been produced as stipulated to the satisfaction of an officer to be appointed by the Minister of Mines, and on whose certificate alone the bonus will be paid.

3. In the event of more than one person producing the required quantities of quicksilver before the dates named, inquiry will be made by the officer above referred to, when, if it is found that each applicant is equally entitled to a bonus, the amount will be divided in proportion to the quantities produced by each applicant, but in no case shall any bonus be paid until at least one hundred thousand pounds (100,000lb.) of quicksilver has been produced in the aggregate.

A. J. CADMAN,  
Minister of Mines.

*Notice by the Public Trustee under "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894."*

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 16 perches, more or less, being Allotment 5, Block IV., Township of Mornington, on the plan of subdivision of Section 92, Block VI., Town District, bounded towards the east by McCrae Street, 60.6 links; towards the south by Allotment VI., Block IV., on said plan, 168.2 links; towards the west by Section 91, Block VI., Town District, 60.6 links; and towards the north by Allotment 4, Block IV., on said plan, 169.7 links: also of a parcel of land, containing 32 perches, more or less, being Allotments 9 and 10, Block I., on the said plan, bounded towards the east by Allotment 11, Block I., on said plan, 119.7 links; towards the south by Allotments 7 and 8, Block I., on said plan, 185.6 links; towards the west by Section 91, Block VI., Town District, 95.5 links; and towards the north-north-west by a road, 194 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less. The last registered owner is David Mailer, formerly of Dunedin, but now supposed to be in Melbourne, and cannot be found. It is, however, believed he caused these lots to be sold to purchasers who never obtained, or, if so, never registered, their titles, and whose names even cannot be discovered.

WHEREAS the Public Trustee has instituted inquiries, and has not thereby ascertained who the owner or owners of the above-described land is or are, and believes that such owner is, or owners are, not in the colony:

Now, this notice calls upon such owner or owners, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice in this *Gazette*, to establish to the satisfaction of the Public Trustee his or their title to the land specified in this notice; and if such owner does or owners do not, within the time limited, so establish his or their title, the Public Trustee will exercise the powers and authorities granted to him in and by "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894."

Dated this 20th day of May, 1896.

J. K. WARBURTON,  
Public Trustee.

*Notice published pursuant to the Provisions of Section 15 of "The Public Trust Office Consolidation Act, 1894."*

Public Trust Office,  
Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that, no person having taken out administration, the Public Trustee has filed in the office of the Supreme Court at Wellington an election to administer the several intestate estates of the persons deceased whose names, residences, and occupations, so far as known, are hereunder respectively set forth, their gross properties being estimated not to exceed £250 in each case.

Isabella O'Rourke, late of New Plymouth, in the Provincial District of Taranaki, widow. Filed on the 21st day of May, 1896.

Alexander Robertson, late of Auckland, in the Provincial District of Auckland, carter. Filed on the 21st day of May, 1896.

J. K. WARBURTON,  
Public Trustee.

*Branch of Friendly Society registered.*

Friendly Societies' Registry Office,  
Wellington, 23rd May, 1896.

THE St. Albans Lodge, No. 17, situated at Auckland, is registered as a branch of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia, under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," this 23rd day of May, 1896.

EDMUND MASON,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

**Crown Lands Notices.**

*First-class Agricultural Land, Cheviot Estate, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 25th April, 1896.

THE under-mentioned lands in the Cheviot Estate will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, and the Land Office, Cheviot, on Wednesday, the 24th June, 1896.

If more than one application be received for the same section on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on Friday, the 26th June, at 11 a.m., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch.

**SCHEDULE.**

CHEVIOT COUNTY.  
*First-class Land.*

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
				Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Lowry Peaks	27	XII.	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
	28		90 2 37	12 0	27 4 5
Cheviot	71	VII.	39 2 34	12 0	11 18 4
	72		99 2 28	12 0	29 18 1
"	73	"	82 0 8	12 0	24 12 4
	73		25 3 0	12 0	7 14 6

These sections are situated on the north-west side of the Homestead Road, adjacent to the Mackenzie Township, the village settlement, and the properties of Messrs. Gick, Houghy, and Lewis, and comprise generally rich agricultural land, in English grass, with a good deal of rushes in places, due to portions of the land being low-lying and subject to being covered with flood-water after heavy rains.

Owing to the elevation of these sections being only about 200ft. above sea-level, the proved excellent productiveness and carrying-capacity of the land, the fact that their position is equal to any on Cheviot, that the Cheviot Cheese-factory is only distant from one to three miles, and that the shipping-place at Port Robinson—between which and Wellington and Lyttelton there is constant communication—is

distant about seven miles, these sections are admirably adapted for occupation by gardeners, small farmers, and dairymen.

The sections will be disposed of subject to the right of the Crown to cut the new channels for facilitating the discharge of the Jed and branch streams. Full particulars relating to the character and extent of this work may be obtained on application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and leases for the occupation of the lands will issue subject to the condition that the licensees shall make no claim, and that the Land Board and Government will not allow any claim, in connection with the execution or effect of these works, and that licensees must provide crossings or bridges over the said channels if necessary or required by them for the better occupation or use of the lands.

The successful applicants shall be responsible for and shall refund to the adjacent owners half the cost of all boundary-fences not previously paid for.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OCCUPATION OF LANDS ON LEASE IN PERPETUITY IN THE CHEVIOT ESTATE.**

1. The lease shall be for a term of 999 years, to be reckoned from the next 1st day of January or July following the date thereof, and shall in addition include the period between the date of lease and such day.

2. The yearly rental in respect of such lease shall be the amount equal to 5 per cent. on the capital value of such land, and shall be payable in equal parts, half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st day of January and 1st day of July in each year, to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Christchurch.

3. Every applicant shall make the declaration prescribed, and shall, immediately after the application has been approved, deposit a sum equal to one half-year's rent of the land applied for. Such payment shall be in discharge of the half-year's rent due on the 1st day of January or July following the date of application. He shall also pay the sum of £1 1s. for the preparation of the lease and the registration thereof.

4. A selector may apply for any number of sections, whether contiguous or not, up to the limit of 640 acres; but he can become the owner or occupier of 640 acres only in contiguous sections, including the land already owned by him. Sections on both sides of a road are considered contiguous or touching each other.

5. A married woman may become the owner of 320 acres of land in contiguous sections, notwithstanding any land that her husband may be entitled to acquire or may hold, and a married woman may also become a lessee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy.

6. When applications are made on the same day for the same land, or part of the same land, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot.

7. The lessee must reside on the land selected within one year from the date of selection, and thereafter such residence shall be continuous for a period of ten years. The Land Board may dispense with residence if the lessee reside and continue to reside on lands contiguous to the lands held under lease.

8. The lessee shall put on the land comprised in his lease substantial improvements as under:—

- (a.) Within one year from the date of his lease to a value equal to 2½ per cent. of the price of the land;
- (b.) Within two years from the date of his lease to a value equal to another 2½ per cent. of the price of the land;
- (c.) And within six years from the date of his lease to a value equal to another 2½ per cent. of the price of the land;

and in addition thereto shall, within six years from the date of his lease, put substantial improvements of a permanent character to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land, and 10s. per acre on second-class land.

Improvements existing on the land at the time of lease shall be deemed to be improvements made under this clause.

Substantial improvements of a permanent character mean and include reclamation from swamps, clearing of gorse, broom, sweetbriar, or scrub, cultivation, planting gardens, fencing, draining, making roads, sinking wells or water-tanks, constructing water-races, sheep-dips, making embankments or protective works of any kind, or in any way improving the character or fertility of the soil, and include the erection of any building.

9. The lessee must once a year properly cut and trim all live fences now on the land, or which may be planted upon the land during the term, and stub all gorse not growing as fences, and also stub all broom, sweetbriar, and other noxious plants.

10. The lessee must take alternately white crops and green or root crops; and on the removal of the third crop the land must be sown down with good permanent cultivated grasses and clovers, and be allowed to remain as pasture for at least two years from the harvesting of last crop before being again cropped.

11. The lessee must not cut the cultivated grass for hay or seed the first year of the course.

12. At all times during the lease the land must be so farmed that not less than one-third of the farm shall be maintained in permanent pasture.

13. The lessee must not burn any straw grown upon the land.

14. The lessee must once a year properly clean, clear from weeds, and keep open all creeks, drains, ditches, and water-courses which now are or may be upon the land, and the Land Board shall have the power at any time to enter upon and make any drain through the land that it may deem necessary.

15. In the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the covenants hereinbefore mentioned relating to the trimming of live fences, and stubbing gorse, broom, and sweetbriar, and to the cleaning, clearing from weeds, and keeping open all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to have such work done, and to recover the cost of the same from the lessee.

16. All buildings erected upon the land shall be kept in good order and repair.

17. The lessee shall be liable for all rates, taxes, and assessments during the term.

18. The Government reserves a right of ingress and egress to the telegraph-line which passes through some of the lands to be disposed of.

19. A right to search for and take gravel for making or maintaining roads from any of the lands disposed of is reserved. Payment to be made for surface damage only.

20. The lease shall contain a clause providing that the lessee shall hold the land comprised in his lease subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1893," unless otherwise provided by these regulations.

DECLARATION ON APPLYING FOR A LEASE UNDER "THE LAND ACT, 1892," AND "THE CHEVIOT ESTATE DISPOSITION ACT, 1893."

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.

2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am applying for a lease of land forming part of the Cheviot Estate.

3. That I am acquiring such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever.

4. That, including the lands now applied for, I am not the owner, tenant, or occupier, directly or indirectly, either by myself or jointly with any other person or persons, of any lands anywhere in the colony exceeding in the whole 640\* acres of first-class land.

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, 1882." A.B.

Declared at this day of 189, before me—C.D., a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

\* 320 acres in the case of a married woman.

J. W. A. MARCHANT,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Land, Canterbury, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 25th April, 1896.

THE under-mentioned land will be open for selection, in terms of sections 107 and 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," upon lease in perpetuity, on and after Wednesday, 24th June, 1896.

If more than one application be received upon the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—SELWYN COUNTY.—HALSWELL SURVEY DISTRICT.

First-class Surveyed Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.		
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	
		A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.	
29 Reserve 959	IX.	300 0 0	1 1 2	8 5 0	

This section is situated on the northern shore of Lake Ellesmere, about two miles and a quarter to the south-westward of the Greenpark Railway-station on the Little River branch line of railway, and comprises areas both above and below the flood-level. The portion above flood-level consists generally of light sandy soil carrying medium pasture, chiefly rye-grass and clover. The area below flood-level comprises light sandy soil with inferior pasture.

It must be distinctly understood that when the lake and rivers are in flood all the contiguous low-lying lands are subject to inundation, and liable to be under water for long periods. When the lake is low cattle and sheep graze on the low-lying areas, and apparently thrive thereon, provided they have access also to dry pasture. It must be borne in mind that, owing to the fact that the lake fluctuates about 6ft. in level, the area of dry land is very limited as compared with the area liable to flood. With due regard to these facts the land is, in the main, well adapted for grazing. The Taitapu Dairy Factory is about three miles and a half from Greenpark.

J. W. A. MARCHANT,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run, Southland, open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 24th April, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application, at this office, on and after the 17th June, 1896, at the half-yearly rental noted opposite the run. In case of more than one application for the run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.—SMALL GRAZING-RUN No. 39.

First-class Pastoral Country.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
				s. d.	£ s. d.		
Centre Hill	1	IV.	A. R. P. 261 3 5	0 3	11 4 9		
	2	"	298 2 29				
	3	"	295 2 15				
	4	"	246 2 19				
	5	"	249 2 16				
	6	"	249 0 31				
	11	"	196 2 33				
			1,798 0 28				

Vegetation, red tussock; low parts of land subject to be flooded; distance about two miles from Mossburn Railway-station. Burdened with valuation for improvements, consisting of fencing, £150.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of lease is twenty-one years, with the option of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed by valuation, and improvements being secured to lessee as provided by "The Land Act, 1892," section 182. Each lessee is required to make the declaration as per form printed below.

2. No person can lease more than one run.

3. Residence on the run is compulsory; and commences within three years in bush or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, unless the lessee obtain the consent of the Land Board to reside on other land in his occupation.

4. Permanent improvements must be effected equal to one year's rental by the end of the first year, two years' rental by the end of the second year, and four years' rental at the end of the sixth year; and on bush land, in addition thereto, improvements must be made to the value of 10s. an acre if first-class land, or of 5s. an acre if second-class land.

5. One half-year's rent and £1 ls. for the lease must be paid immediately the application is declared successful; the rent to be paid half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease. The next payment of rent will become due on the 1st March, 1897.

6. The lessee has no right to purchase any part of the land; but he can select 150 acres around the homestead through which no road can be taken or other public privilege exercised without compensation.

NOTE.—One-fourth of the rent paid during the first fifteen years is returned to the local body, to be spent in improving the access to the land.

DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of\* \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare—  
 1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.  
 2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No.†  
 3. That I am purchasing such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use of any other person or persons whatever.  
 4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.  
 5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.  
 6. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now purchasing the lease of, will exceed in area 1,000 acres.

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, 1882."

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_, before me—  
 a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

\* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.  
 G. W. WILLIAMS,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Allotments open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

Crown Lands Office,  
 Dunedin, 9th April, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned village-homestead allotments will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on and after Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1896, upon the terms and conditions stated hereunder.

SCHEDULE.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per cent. Half-yearly Rent.
CLUTHA COUNTY.				
Woodland	1	VII.	25 2 0	£ s. d. 0 10 5
"	2	"	23 3 0	0 12 0
"	3	"	24 0 0	0 9 8
"	4	"	25 3 0	0 13 0
"	5	"	25 1 0	0 10 0
"	6	"	31 2 0	0 12 10
"	7	"	21 3 0	0 8 10
"	8	"	39 1 0	0 15 8
"	48	"	28 1 0	0 14 0
"	49	"	16 1 0	0 8 0
"	50	"	27 3 0	0 14 0
"	51	"	29 2 0	0 15 0

Generally speaking, this is fairly good agricultural land, with tops of spurs even. The quality of the soil varies from poor mossy to very good. The land carries heavy timber—kamai, red-pine, silver-birch, &c.—and is well watered. Altitude, 300ft. to 500ft. above the sea-level. Owaka lies within ten miles and Glenomaru Railway-station seventeen miles of these sections.

Woodland	5	X.	21 2 0	0 11 0
"	6	"	20 3 0	0 10 6
"	8	"	28 2 0	0 14 6
"	9	"	17 3 0	0 9 0
"	10	"	21 0 0	0 10 6

Undulating agricultural land; all bush, consisting of kamai, red-pine, broadleaf, and ribbonwood; soil, a heavy loam, well watered. Situated five miles from Ratanui Post-office by a good summer road, and twenty-three miles from Glenomaru Railway-station. Altitude, 300ft.

MANIOTOTO COUNTY.

Maniototo .. | 17 | XVI. | 18 2 5 | 0 10 6  
 Fairly good land, ploughable, adjoining the Otago Central Railway; about seven miles from Hyde and twenty-seven miles from Middlemarch.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The lands enumerated above are first-class lands, and are divided into village-homestead allotments, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The

Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").

- The day on which the lands shall be open for selection shall be Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1896.
- The rental stated hereon shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.
- Applications for leases shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act; and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin; and leases will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.
- Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single), and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C of the said Act.
- Each applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease- and registration-fee, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.
- All rents must be paid half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided. The next payment will become due on the 1st July, 1897.
- Improvements and residence on the land comprised in each lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations.
- No lessee shall subdivide, sublet, or transfer the land held by him under these regulations, except under and subject to the provisions of Part I. of the said Act.
- No lessee shall hold more than one allotment, and such allotment shall be held for his or her sole use and benefit, and not for the use or benefit of any other person whomsoever. No married woman shall be eligible as a selector; but this provision shall not apply to any married woman who may become a transferee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy.
- All the provisions of the said Act, so far as applicable, shall extend and apply to the lands affected by these regulations, and to the applications and leases to be made and issued thereunder, and generally to the interests created, and the persons whose rights, liabilities, or interests are thereby affected; and the mention of any particular provision of the said Act shall not be deemed to exclude any other provision of the said Act applicable to the particular case.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Second-class Pastoral Country, Canterbury, open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
 Christchurch, 16th May, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on and after Wednesday, the 8th July, 1896, at the yearly rental noted below. In case of more than one application being received on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

ASHLEY COUNTY, WAITOHI AND WAIPARA SURVEY DISTRICTS.—PART OF PATAO SETTLEMENT.

Second-class Pastoral Country.

Sections 36577, 36579, 36580, and 36581: 3,846 acres 3 roods; annual rent, £133 11s. 4d.

Locality and Description of Run.

These sections are situated between the Hurunui and Waitohi Rivers, to the west of the Northern Railway, near Medbury Station, and comprise open plain light stony land, partly covered with stunted manuka scrub. The elevation is from 850ft. to 950ft. above sea-level, and, except where covered with manuka, the country is fairly well grassed with tussock.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of lease is twenty-one years, with the option of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed by valuation, and improvements being secured to lessee as provided by "The Land Act, 1892," section 182. Each lessee is required to make the declaration as per form printed below.



2. No person can lease more than one run.
3. Residence on the run is compulsory, and commences within three years in bush or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, unless the lessee obtain the consent of the Land Board to reside on other land in his occupation.
4. Permanent improvements must be effected equal to one year's rental by the end of the first year, two years' rental by the end of the second year, and four years' rental at the end of the sixth year; and on bush land, in addition thereto, improvements must be made to the value of 10s. an acre if first-class land, or of 5s. an acre if second-class land.
5. One half-year's rent and £1 1s. for the lease must be paid immediately the application is declared successful; the rent to be paid half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease. The next payment of rent will become due on the 1st March, 1897.
6. The lessee has no right to purchase any part of the land; but he can select, with approval of the Land Board, 150 acres around the homestead through which no road can be taken or other public privilege exercised without compensation.

DECLARATION.

- I, \_\_\_\_\_, of\* \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare—
1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.
  2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No. †
  3. That I am purchasing such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not, directly or indirectly, for the use of any other person or persons whatever.
  4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.

\* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.

6. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now purchasing the lease of, will exceed in area 1,000 acres.

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, 1882." (Signature.)

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_, before me— \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

J. W. A. MARCHANT,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Kauri and Totara Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 20th April, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kauri and totara timber, situated in Block XIV., Purua Survey District, and Block V., Tangihua Survey District, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 12th June, 1896:—

- 317 kauri-trees, containing 900,000ft. : Upset price, £350.
- 55 totara-trees, containing 62,000ft. : Upset price, £40.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Officers appointed.*

Post and Telegraph Department,  
General Post Office, Wellington, 15th May, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Post and Telegraph Department.  
J. G. WARD,  
Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Date.
Butler, Anastasia .. .. .	Cadette, Telephone Exchange	Christchurch .. .. .	19 Oct., 1895.
Hunter, Jeannie .. .. .	" Telegraph Office ..	Auckland .. .. .	1 May, "
Moore, Josephine Agnes ..	" Telephone Exchange	New Plymouth .. ..	1 Dec., "
Parker, William Alexander ..	Letter-carrier .. .. .	Dunedin .. .. .	1 April, 1896.

NON-PERMANENT.

Name.	Place.	District.	Date.
POSTMASTERS AND TELEGRAPHISTS.			
Ayre, George (Railway officer) ..	Normanby .. .. .	Wanganui .. .. .	28 Mar., 1896.
Taylor, Alexander Robert (Railway officer) ..	Ellesmere .. .. .	Christchurch .. .. .	25 Mar., "
POSTMASTERS.			
Aicken, Jessie .. .. .	Aicken's .. .. .	Hokitika .. .. .	1 April, 1896.
Bird, Eva Smith .. .. .	Lismore .. .. .	Christchurch .. .. .	1 April, "
Gills, John .. .. .	Spotswood .. .. .	Christchurch .. .. .	1 April, "
Hilliari, Mary Ann .. .. .	Wangaehu .. .. .	Wanganui .. .. .	10 April, "
Mabbett, Herbert William ..	Weber .. .. .	Napier .. .. .	1 April, "
Scott, George .. .. .	Papatowai .. .. .	Dunedin .. .. .	21 Mar., "
Williams, Richard .. .. .	Kaiwairai .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	1 Jan., "
Young, George .. .. .	Rongahere .. .. .	Dunedin .. .. .	1 April, "
POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.			
Friar, William Ashwood .. .. .	Ormond .. .. .	Gisborne .. .. .	1 April, 1896.
Robertson, John .. .. .	Otamita .. .. .	Invercargill .. .. .	10 April, "
TELEPHONISTS.			
Aldridge, John .. .. .	Ocean Bay .. .. .	Blenheim .. .. .	30 Mar., 1896.
Chalmers, Marguerite Eleanor ..	Mount Linton .. .. .	Invercargill .. .. .	7 Feb., "
Stace, Henry Joseph .. .. .	Robin Hood Bay .. .. .	Blenheim .. .. .	25 Mar., "
Stephenson, Alice Elizabeth ..	Skipper's .. .. .	Invercargill .. .. .	21 Mar., "
Watson, Thomas Cameron .. .. .	Island Bay .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	19 Mar., "

## Native Land Court Notices.

## "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 20th May, 1896.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Gisborne on the 15th day of June, 1896, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

[Gisborne, 96-17.]

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer .. ..	29th April, 1896 ..	Kaiti Nos. 91 and 92	Ellen Keefer to John Alfred Harding.
2	Mortgage .. ..	30th April, 1896 ..	Lot No. 2, part of Sub-division A, Whataupoko	Arapera Pere to William Oswald Skeet.
3	Mortgage .. ..	18th May, 1896 ..	Matawhero No. 1 ..	Peti Kupa or Elizabeth Cooper to Isabella McNair.
4	Mortgage .. ..	30th April, 1896 ..	Okahuatui No. 2c, No. 3, and Okahuatui	Euphemia Mills (formerly Pimia Aata) to Ida Eleanor Lysnar.
5	Transfer .. ..	6th August, 1895 ..	Puhatikotiko No. 1B..	Ka Pahoho to Frederick John Tiffen.
6	Mortgage .. ..	19th May, 1896 ..	Lot 3, part of Makauri	Heni te Auraki to Catherine Bertha Gosset.

## "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 23rd May, 1896.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Hastings on the 29th day of June, 1896, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE,  
Deputy Registrar.

[Wellington, 96-44.]

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
353	Conveyance (95-253) ..	25th May, 1894	Patangata No. 1, part of	Raniera Putauhinu to Patrick Cosgrove.
354	Lease (96-158) .. ..	22nd November, 1895	Te Aute No. 3 ..	Ekengarangi Hapuku and others to William Robinson.
355	Conveyance (96-175) ..	19th March, 1896	Kaitoki .. ..	Karaitiana Wirihana to W. F. Knight and another.
356	Lease (96-179) .. ..	22nd October, 1894	Piripiri, or Manawatu No. 2	Manahi Paewai and others to William Rathbone and another.
357	Transfer (96-184) .. ..	13th March, 1896	Whenuahou D, E No. 2	Irimana Patu and another to William Nelson.
358	Conveyance (96-193) ..	10th April, 1896	Mangatoro No. 2 ..	Hoani te Kuru to Bank of New Zealand Estates Company.
359	Lease (96-194) .. ..	1st November, 1895	Te Aute No. 3 ..	Arihi te Nahu and others to George Priest.
360	Memorandum of transfer (96-209)	4th March, 1896	Waihuahua No. 4 ..	Renata te Nii and others to Alfred Pilcher.
361	Lease (96-216) .. ..	23rd March, 1895	Owhaoko C .. ..	Wi Paraotene and others to John Studholme.
362	Lease (96-217) .. ..	23rd March, 1895	Owhaoko C .. ..	Keita Ruta and others to John Studholme.
363	Lease (96-218) .. ..	9th April, 1895	Omahu No. 3 .. ..	Te Urihe to William Muhunga Broughton.
364	Lease (96-219) .. ..	9th April, 1895	Omahu No. 1 .. ..	Wiremu Ngahuka and others to William Muhunga Broughton.
365	Lease (96-220) .. ..	4th April, 1895	Omahu No. 3 .. ..	Otene Meihana to William Muhunga Broughton.
366	Lease (96-221) .. ..	24th September, 1894	Owhaoko D No. 6 ..	Pura Rora to John Studholme.
367	Lease (96-222) .. ..	21st February, 1895	Mangaohane No. 1 ..	Karaitiana te Rango and others to John Studholme, jun.
368	Lease (96-188) .. ..	13th April, 1896	Kaokaoroa, part of ..	Hone Rautahi to William Douglas.

## PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
369	Maipera Maku (Na. 15-1, 6/187) .. ..	Te Aute No. 2.
370	William Nelson (by his solicitor, C. A. Loughnan), (Na. 361-7, 6/186)	Whenuahou B.
371	Hera te Upokoiri and another (Na. 142-9, 6/185) .. ..	Ngatarawa No. 2.
372	George Priest (by his solicitor, W. Dinwiddie), (Na. 16-1, 6/184) ..	Te Aute No. 3.
373	Tamati Tautuhi, for Rora Hokowaka (Na. 96-1, 6/188) .. ..	Mangaorapa.

*Lands referred to the Native Land Court for Inquiry under Section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."*

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 23rd May, 1896.

IN pursuance of Orders in Council, dated the 27th day of April, 1896, declaring that it shall be within the jurisdiction of the Native Land Court to determine whether or not the lands set forth in the Schedule hereto, or any part thereof, were, on the investigation of title thereto, intended by the Native Land Court, or by the nominal owner or owners of such lands, to be held by such nominal owner or owners in trust for Natives not named in the title, and to determine who are the Natives (if any) entitled beneficially to such lands, and to order the inclusion of such Natives in the title, either together with or in lieu of the nominal owners or any of them; and for the purpose aforesaid to order the cancellation or amendment of any existing instrument of title, and the issue of such new Crown grants or other instruments of title as may be necessary, and generally to exercise in respect of the said lands all the jurisdiction and powers conferred on the Native Land Court by subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," it is hereby notified that at a sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Hastings on the 29th June, 1896, and succeeding days, the Court will proceed to inquire into the above cases, in accordance with the terms of the said Order in Council.

EDWARD BUCKLE,  
Deputy Registrar.

## SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Land.	District.	Area.
483	Waipapa (Na. 301-11, O. of Ref. 2/98) ..	Hawke's Bay .. .. .	1,290 acres, more or less.
484	Te Whitiatara (Na. 109-9, O. of Ref. 2/97) ..	Hawke's Bay .. .. .	1,370 acres, more or less.

*Native Land Acts, 1873, 1874, and 1878.—Adjourned Rehearing.*

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Whanganui, on Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1896, to continue and complete the rehearing set forth in the Schedule hereto, which said rehearing was commenced at Whanganui in the month of July, 1881.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Deputy Registrar.

[Wellington, 96-46.]

## SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Land.	Decision in respect of which Rehearing was ordered.
1	Puketotara (80-5848) .. .. .	Decision, dated the 5th day of August, 1880, upon the investigation of the title to the land.

*Notice appointing Court for holding Inquiry under "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893."*

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

In the matter of "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893," and of the application under the said Act, numbered 1, particulars of which are set forth in the Schedule hereto.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Validation Court will be held at Otaki, in the Provincial District of Wellington, on Friday, the 26th day of June, 1896, for the purpose of hearing the said application, and of making such investigation and inquiry with regard to the claim, matter, and things therein set forth as is directed and authorised by the said Act. Duplicates of the said application may be seen and inspected at this office.

EDWARD BUCKLE,  
Deputy Registrar.

## SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land affected.	Nature of Claim.
1	Archibald Paisley Stuart and John Davies (O. 164-1, Val. Reg. 1/115)	Manawatu - Kukutauaki No. 7D, Section 3	Applicants claim to have acquired the interest in the said land of Kereama Pita, sometimes called Kereama Kaiaho.

*"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."*

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 19th day of June, 1896, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE,  
Deputy Registrar.

[Wellington, 96-45.]

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
126	Mortgage (96-227) ..	7th December, 1895 ..	Subdivision No. 4, Waitarere	Kapa te Karaha to James Eastwood.
127	Transfer (96-229) ..	18th May, 1896 ..	Waitohu No. 11c ..	Hakaraia te Whena to Edmond Tudor Atkinson.

*Application to the Validation Court under "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893."*

IN THE VALIDATION COURT, HOLDEN  
AT WELLINGTON.

In the matter of "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893"; and in the matter of the Manawatu-Kukutauaki No. 7D Block, Section 3.

A. WE, Archibald Paisley Stuart, of Wellington, Merchant, and John Davies, of Whirokino, in the Provincial District of Wellington, Sheep-farmer, hereby apply to the Validation Court for validation of an agreement bearing date the 30th day of November, 1881, made between the said applicants and Mihipeka Tatana, Raniwahaio Hakaraia, Kereama Pita, Wireti Riunui, and Kireona Tuhera.

B. We desire to appear before the Validation Court on Friday, the 26th day of June, 1896, at 10.30 in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

C. The nature of the transaction proposed for validation is an agreement made between us, the said applicants, and Mihipeka Tatana, Raniwahaio Hakaraia, Kereama Pita, Wireti Riunui, and Kireona Tuhera, for the sale by them the said Mihipeka Tatana, Raniwahaio Hakaraia, Kereama Pita,

Wireti Riunui, and Kireona Tuhera, to us, the said applicants, of all their interests in the above-mentioned block, which said agreement bears date the 30th day of November, 1881.

D. The title to the above block is Crown grant.

E. The estate or interest in the said land which the said applicants seek to obtain is an estate in fee-simple of Kereama Pita's (sometimes called Kereama Kaiaho) interest.

F. The place in the City of Wellington for service of notices, orders, or other documents upon us, the applicants, is at the office of Messrs. Bell, Gully, and Izard, solicitors, Panama Street, Wellington.

G. The applicants desire that the estate and interest of the said Kereama Pita be bound by the decree of this Court, and for that purpose require that copies of this application shall be served upon him or his representative. The address of the said Kereama Pita is Poroutawhao.

Dated at Wellington, this 1st day of May, 1896.

ARCHIBALD PAISLEY STUART and  
JOHN DAVIES

(By their Solicitors and Agents,  
BELL, GULLY, AND IZARD).

To the Registrar of the Validation Court,  
Wellington.

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RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of APRIL, 1896, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom .. ..	60	20	2	5	87	102	61	17	14	194
Queensland .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New South Wales .. ..	425	195	48	54	722	610	286	40	35	971
Victoria .. ..	110	76	15	16	217	192	132	14	24	362
South Australia .. ..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania .. ..	36	12	1	..	49	29	8	1	1	39
Fiji .. ..	7	2	..	..	9	4	12	4	3	23
Other British possessions .. ..	8	..	..	..	8*	4	..	..	..	4†
Pacific Islands .. ..	20	6	..	1	27‡	13	4	2	..	19§
Other foreign ports .. ..	14	1	..	..	15	37	29	1	1	68¶
Totals .. ..	680	313	67	76	1,136	991	532	79	78	1,680

\* From Cook Islands, 4; from Cape Colony, 4. † For Cook Island. ‡ Eighteen from Society, 5 from Friendly, 3 from Sandwich, and 1 from Navigator Islands. § Eighteen for Friendly, 1 for Savage Island. || From San Francisco. ¶ For San Francisco.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.\*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Kaipara .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	2
Auckland .. ..	368	42	291	119	410	607	55	436	226	662
Wellington .. ..	391	68	295	164	459	402	30	286	146	432
Lyttelton .. ..	1	1	1	1	2	137	31	104	64	168
Timaru .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2
Dunedin .. ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bluff .. ..	232	32	160	104	264	374	40	244	170	414
Totals .. ..	993	143	747	389	1,136	1,523	157	1,070	610	1,680

CHINESE.—Arrivals, at Auckland, 1; at Wellington, 35 (including 2 women). Departures, from Wellington, 8.

\* It is important to mention that, in the returns from which this table is made up, immigrants to the colony are all counted at the first port of arrival, and emigrants at the final port of departure.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 27th April, 1896,

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

Vital Statistics, April, 1896.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of April, 1896:—

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the month of April, 1896.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1891.	POPULATION, APRIL, 1896 (SUBJECT TO REVISION).	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1896.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 1896.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1896.
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Auckland ..	51,287	31,575	80	10	2	13	14	3	13	55	1.74	14.87		
Birkenhead ..		690	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1.45	4.48		
Devonport ..		3,016	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	0.66	7.40		
Newmarket ..		1,995	3	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	2.01	11.71		
Newton ..		2,385	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.65		
Parnell ..		4,902	8	2	1	2	1	..	1	7	1.43	11.03		
Other suburbs ..		*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	44,563	100	13	3	16	17	3	17	69	1.55	13.30		
Wellington ..	34,190	37,442	78	4	..	13	5	1	6	29	0.77	13.07		
Karori ..		1,024	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.77		
Melrose ..		2,043	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.49	8.83		
Onslow ..		1,249	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.89		
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	41,758	87	4	1	13	5	1	6	30	0.72	12.50		
Christchurch ..	47,846	17,215	31	3	1	5	..	..	4	13	0.76	10.83		
Linwood ..		6,113	17	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.33	9.19		
St. Albans ..		5,780	17	..	..	5	..	..	1	6	1.04	9.70		
Sydenham ..		10,309	26	3	..	3	3	..	5	14	1.36	10.73		
Woolston ..		2,060	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.22		
Other suburbs ..		*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	41,477	94	6	1	15	3	..	10	35	0.84	10.54		
Dunedin ..	45,981	23,082	43	2	..	4	5	..	5	16	0.69	10.21		
Caversham ..		4,764	4	1	..	5	1	..	2	9	1.89	15.50		
Maori Hill ..		1,483	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.84		
Mornington ..		3,582	4	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	0.84	7.05		
North-east Valley ..		3,374	10	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	0.89	5.79		
Roslyn ..		4,114	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.24	7.17		
St. Kilda ..		1,185	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.39		
South Dunedin ..		4,592	18	1	..	..	..	..	4	5	1.09	6.58		
West Harbour ..	1,366	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.73	5.51			
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	47,542	96	5	1	12	7	1	12	38	0.80	9.15		

\* The remaining suburbs do not lie within borough boundaries, and particulars respecting them have not been obtained for the Vital Statistics.

Deaths occurring at hospitals, of persons not residents of the borough wherein the hospital is situated, have been allotted in each case to the borough where the disease was contracted, and not to that in which the death actually took place.

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 377, against 350 in March, an increase of 27. The deaths in April were 172, an increase of 7 on the number in March. Of the total deaths, males contributed 90; females, 82. Seventy-one of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 41.28 per cent. of the whole number; 60 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 29 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: three men, 65, 73, 78, and seven women, 65, 70, 71, 75 (two), 77, 78, died at Auckland; three men, 73, 74, 79, and one woman, 70, at Wellington; five men, 75, 78, 82, 84, 90, and one woman, 75, at Christchurch; five men, 70, 71, 72, 83, 85, and four women, 67 (two), 80, 81, 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 above given, registered during the Month of April, 1896.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	14	7	4	4	2	3	4	4	42	24.42
II.	Parasitic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1.16
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	1	9	1	4	..	6	..	10	31	18.02
V.	Developmental Diseases	2	2	4	..	1	3	1	..	13	7.56
VI.	Local Diseases ..	11	13	2	10	1	10	4	9	60	34.88
VII.	Violence ..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	6	3.49
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	6	1	..	..	6	..	5	..	18	10.47
	Totals ..	36	33	11	19	10	25	14	24	172	100.00



	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL	
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
<b>ORDER 7:—</b>										
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>										
Nephritis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bright's Disease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kidney-disease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
<b>ORDER 8:—</b>										
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>										
Entro-fixation of the Uterus (operation)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Perimetritis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Abortion .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hæmorrhage of Placenta .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
<b>CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.</b>										
<b>ORDER 1:—</b>										
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>										
Run over by Cab .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Crushed in a Lift .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fall from House .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ruptured Urethra .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Burns (through clothes catching fire)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Chloroform (misadventure) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
<b>CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.</b>										
Marasmus, &c. .. .. .	6	..	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	17
Found Dead .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals .. .. .	36	33	11	19	10	25	14	24	..	172

In the first table are given the deaths and death-rates for each of the four cities, for the suburban boroughs severally, and for each city with its suburban towns. As regards Auckland and Christchurch, the whole of the area usually recognised as suburban has not yet been brought under municipal government, and the vital statistics do not deal with such portions as still remain in road districts. But the omission is not very important, for there are in either case quite enough suburbs included within borough boundaries to give a fair idea of the death-rate of Greater Auckland and Greater Christchurch. As further boroughs are formed the vital statistics will be made to include them.

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the death-rate for last month at Auckland and Wellington, but raises it at Christchurch and Dunedin. The rates for April are,—

	Death-rate per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City .. .. .	1.74
" and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	1.55
Wellington City .. .. .	0.77
" and three suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.72
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.76
" and four suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.84
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.69
" and eight suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.80

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest and at Wellington the lowest. Compared with April, 1895, the results are,—

	April, 1895.	April, 1896.
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	1.24	1.55
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.67	0.72
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	1.09	0.84
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0.82	0.80

*Specific Febrile and Zymotic Diseases.*—The deaths at the four centres and suburbs from this class of diseases were 42 in April, against 40 in March. The mortality from diarrhoeal complaints was 21 deaths, against 29 in the previous month. Of these 21 deaths from cholera, diarrhoea, and dysentery, 12 were at Auckland, 3 at Wellington, 2 at Christchurch, and 4 at Dunedin.

Miasmatic diseases caused 19 deaths, against 9 in March. Diphtheria is found at Auckland (3 deaths) and at Wellington (2 deaths); and there were 6 deaths from typhoid fever at Auckland, 3 at Wellington, 1 at Christchurch, and 1 at Dunedin. The above, with 3 deaths from influenza, 1 from syphilis, and 1 from septicæmia, complete the total of the class.

*Constitutional Diseases.*—There were 31 deaths in April, against 33 in March. Cancer caused 13 deaths, the seat of the disease being the breast, uterus, stomach, liver, tongue, kidney, neck, mouth, and abdomen. There were 13 deaths from phthisis.

*Local Diseases.*—The total deaths was 60: 19 were from diseases of the nervous system, 11 from diseases of the circulatory system, 10 from diseases of the respiratory system, 13 from diseases of the digestive system, 3 from disease of the urinary system, and 4 from disease of the reproductive system.

*Violent Deaths.*—These number 6, all accidental. A man whose occupation is not stated was killed by being run over by a cab, a porter was crushed in a lift, a painter died after a fall from a house, a labourer from rupture of the urethra, a girl of four years was burned to death in consequence of her clothes catching fire, and a female domestic servant lost her life by a misadventure from the use of chloroform.

The subjoined table shows the mortality for the last two months at each of the four centres from six principal specific febrile or zymotic diseases, 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.

Towns.	SIX PRINCIPAL SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG-DISEASES.							
	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Typhoid and Other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping-cough.		Diarrhoeal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.	Apl.	Mar.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	6	3	3	1	..	..	12	13	1	2	..	..	1	2	..	1
Wellington and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	10	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	..	..	..	..	11	6	5	1	..	..	21	29	4	3	1	..	3	2	..	2

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR APRIL, 1896.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month*	61.6	55.8	52.8	48.9
Average same month previous years* ...	61.7	57.0	53.8	51.9
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	78.0 on 1st	69.0 on 16th	75.0 on 14th	63.0 on 10th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	47.0 on 18th	40.0 on 19th	31.4 on 19th	35.0 on 22nd
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	131.0 on 5th	127.0 on 9th and 10th	124.0 on 14th	115.0 on 10th
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	38.0 on 18th	28.0 on 19th	26.4 on 19th	30.0 on 29th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	70	76	72	79
Average same month previous years ...	76	76	77	75
Total Rainfall, in inches .. ..	7.200	12.153	5.056	4.186
Average same month previous years ...	2.828	3.525	1.803	2.194
Number of Days of Rain .. ..	20	24	16	19
Average same month previous years ...	12	10	7	12

\* Fahrenheit.

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.

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1896.

JAMES HECTOR,  
Director.

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the Month of April, 1896.

BOROUGHS.	POPULATION, 1896 (SUBJECT TO REVISION).	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHES.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHES REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1896.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 1896.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1895.
			Males.			Females.					
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Thames .. ..	4,225	14	1	1	1	..	1	..	4	0.95	12.16
New Plymouth .. ..	3,825	20	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	0.78	15.55
Napier .. ..	9,232	21	..	1	2	..	1	1	5	0.54	12.54
Wanganui .. ..	5,943	16	1	..	1	1	2	2	7	1.18	13.26
Palmerston North .. ..	5,886	13	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	0.34	8.14
Blenheim .. ..	3,018	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.91
Nelson .. ..	6,660	18	1	..	..	..	..	1	6	0.90	12.29
Grey mouth .. ..	3,099	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.32	9.71
Hokitika .. ..	2,059	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.49	12.31
Lyttelton .. ..	3,889	12	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	0.77	9.65
Timaru .. ..	3,613	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.28	11.04
Oamaru .. ..	5,226	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.92
Invercargill .. ..	5,630*	9	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	0.53	8.64

\* At the census taken in April last the population of Invercargill and suburbs was, roughly, 9,995 persons.





NAPIER-TARANAKI SECTION.

Table for Napier-Taranaki Section showing passenger statistics for 1896 and 1895, including 1st and 2nd class counts, season tickets, parcels, goods, chaff, wool, firewood, timber, grain, merchandise, and minerals, along with revenue details.

WELLINGTON SECTION.

Table for Wellington Section showing passenger statistics for 1896 and 1895, including 1st and 2nd class counts, season tickets, parcels, goods, chaff, wool, firewood, timber, grain, merchandise, and minerals, along with revenue details.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

Table for Hurunui-Bluff Section showing passenger statistics for 1896 and 1895, including 1st and 2nd class counts, season tickets, parcels, goods, chaff, wool, firewood, timber, grain, merchandise, and minerals, along with revenue details.

GREYMOOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

Table for Greymouth-Brunner Section showing passenger statistics for 1896 and 1895, including 1st and 2nd class counts, season tickets, parcels, goods, chaff, wool, firewood, timber, grain, merchandise, and minerals, along with revenue details.



N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1895-96.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 25th April, 1896.

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE		FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.		
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.
<b>NORTH ISLAND,—</b>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kawakawa ..	8	187 13 8	187 13 8	248 9 0	248 9 0	132.38	304 19 8	403 14 8
Whangarei ..	15	614 2 3	614 2 3	397 10 9	397 10 9	64.73	532 4 7	344 10 8
Kaihu ..	17	656 18 4	656 18 4	318 6 8	318 6 8	48.46	502 6 11	243 8 7
Auckland ..	309	10,047 0 3	10,047 0 3	6,218 2 8	6,218 2 8	61.89	422 13 9	261 12 1
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	14,918 12 9	14,918 12 9	9,300 14 7	9,300 14 7	62.34	584 3 3	364 3 8
Wellington ..	94	6,336 17 9	6,336 17 9	3,442 18 1	3,442 18 1	54.33	876 7 7	476 2 11
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>32,761 5 0</b>	<b>32,761 5 0</b>	<b>19,926 1 9</b>	<b>19,926 1 9</b>	<b>60.82</b>		
<b>MIDDLE ISLAND,—</b>								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,132	59,541 11 7	59,541 11 7	30,211 3 0	30,211 3 0	50.74	683 15 7	346 18 11
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,571 11 11	1,571 11 11	769 2 4	769 2 4	48.94	2,553 16 10	1,249 16 4
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	644 3 8	644 3 8	255 7 3	255 7 3	39.64	348 18 8	138 6 5
Westport ..	31	3,031 12 7	3,031 12 7	1,095 10 0	1,095 10 0	36.14	1,271 6 7	459 8 1
Nelson ..	23	861 11 11	861 11 11	545 8 3	545 8 3	63.30	486 19 9	308 5 6
Picton ..	21	632 13 7	632 13 7	495 6 0	495 6 0	78.29	391 13 2	306 12 3
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>66,288 5 3</b>	<b>66,288 5 3</b>	<b>33,371 16 10</b>	<b>33,371 16 10</b>	<b>50.35</b>		
<b>Grand total ..</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>99,044 10 3</b>	<b>99,044 10 3</b>	<b>53,297 18 7</b>	<b>53,297 18 7</b>	<b>53.81</b>		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR (27 DAYS).

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE		Per Cent. of Revenue.	REVENUE PER MILE OF RAILWAY.		EXPENDITURE PER MILE OF RAILWAY.	
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.		Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.		
<b>NORTH ISLAND,—</b>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Kawakawa ..	8	148 3 4	148 3 4	140 3 4	140 3 4	94.60	240 15 5	227 15 5		
Whangarei ..	15	404 19 10	404 19 10	362 17 0	362 17 0	89.59	350 19 10	314 9 5		
Kaihu ..	17	561 17 9	561 17 9	176 10 0	176 10 0	31.41	429 13 7	134 19 5		
Auckland ..	296	10,089 0 2	10,089 0 2	6,760 9 1	6,760 9 1	67.01	443 1 11	296 18 4		
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	16,420 8 1	16,420 8 1	9,531 15 8	9,531 15 8	58.05	642 19 4	373 4 8		
Wellington ..	92	6,341 14 11	6,341 14 11	4,200 5 8	4,200 5 8	66.23	896 2 4	593 10 4		
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>33,966 4 1</b>	<b>33,966 4 1</b>	<b>21,172 0 9</b>	<b>21,172 0 9</b>	<b>62.33</b>				
<b>MIDDLE ISLAND,—</b>										
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,126	62,152 13 2	62,152 13 2	31,083 9 1	31,083 9 1	50.01	717 11 5	358 17 4		
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,802 9 2	1,802 9 2	896 16 5	896 16 5	49.76	2,928 19 10	1,457 6 8		
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	652 19 4	652 19 4	301 18 3	301 18 3	46.24	353 13 10	163 10 9		
Westport ..	31	2,728 18 1	2,728 18 1	1,155 1 4	1,155 1 4	42.33	1,144 7 7	484 7 8		
Nelson ..	23	783 7 8	783 7 8	466 15 0	466 15 0	59.58	442 15 7	263 16 4		
Picton ..	21	782 6 4	782 6 4	605 5 1	605 5 1	77.37	484 5 10	374 13 6		
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>68,902 13 9</b>	<b>68,902 13 9</b>	<b>34,509 5 2</b>	<b>34,509 5 2</b>	<b>50.08</b>				
<b>Grand total ..</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>102,868 17 10</b>	<b>102,868 17 10</b>	<b>55,681 5 11</b>	<b>55,681 5 11</b>	<b>54.13</b>				

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Railway Department, 26th May, 1896.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1896, to 25th April, 1896.

All Sections.	Passengers.					Season Tickets.	Number.					Number.					
	First Class.		Second Class.		Total.		Total.	Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
1896	S. 9,502	R. 57,114	S. 44,941	R. 247,670	359,227	3,212	33,847	1,259	52	2,017	37,175	66	2,173	103	202,614	8,415	213,971
1895	10,091	69,230	43,629	246,788	369,738	2,902	35,419	1,287	48	2,085	38,839	39	2,594	363	191,884	6,269	201,149
Inc.	..	..	1,312	882	..	310	..	..	4	..	..	27	..	..	10,730	2,146	12,222
Dec.	589	12,116	..	..	10,511	..	1,572	28	..	68	1,664	..	421	260	..	..	..

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
1896	Tons 3,502	c. qr. 0 0	Tons 2,923	c. qr. 0 0	Tons 5,916	c. qr. 0 0	Tons 15,373	c. qr. 18 0	Tons 44,087	c. qr. 8 0	Tons 30,228	c. qr. 13 0	Tons 69,296	c. qr. 16 0	Tons 171,327	c. qr. 15 0
1895	4,026	0 0	3,390	12 0	7,320	0 0	15,721	6 0	51,875	1 0	35,071	16 0	70,056	9 0	187,461	4 0
Increase	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease	524	0 0	467	12 0	1,404	0 0	347	8 0	7,787	13 0	4,843	3 0	579	13 0	16,133	9 0

## ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL LINES, to 31st March, 1895, as furnished by Public Works Department, including Public Works Loan Expenditure on Harbour-works forming Part of the Railway System.

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.		Cost of Unopened Lines.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Kawakawa	90,337	0 0	..	..
Whangarei-Kamo	115,834	0 0	3,046	0 0
Kaihu	51,138	0 0	..	..
Marion-Te Awamutu (north end)	184,584	0 0	94,064	0 0
Auckland	1,922,810	0 0	128,690	0 0
Napier	862,737	0 0	..	..
Marion-Te Awamutu (south end)	143,527	0 0	62,173	0 0
Wanganui	1,432,849	0 0	..	..
Wellington-Foxton (private line)	..	..	42,117	0 0
Wellington	1,073,440	0 0	69,082	0 0
Surveys	..	..	27,502	0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	5,169	0 0
Hurunui-Bluff	8,465,620	0 0	61,813	0 0
Greymouth	200,283	0 0	15,959	0 0
Greymouth Harbour Works	..	..	127,234	0 0
Greymouth-Hokitika	186,083	0 0	..	..
Westport	227,494	0 0	..	..
Westport Harbour Works	..	..	14,111	0 0
Nelson	165,641	0 0	12,537	0 0
Picton	205,231	0 0	58,347	0 0
Stock	..	..	25,359	0 0
Stock in suspense	25,000	0 0	..	..
Surveys	..	..	37,678	0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	5,168	0 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,352,613</b>	<b>0 0</b>	<b>790,054</b>	<b>0 0</b>

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Rainfall for April, 1896.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
<b>NORTH ISLAND.</b>				
<b>(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.</b>				
Parengarenga .. .. .	A. R. Crane .. .. .	1.35	11	0.22 on 12th and 26th.
Pakaraka .. .. .	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. .. .. .	3.17	13	0.79 on 17th.
Auckland .. .. .	Government Observer .. .. .	7.20	20	2.56 on 27th.
Cuvier Island .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
Te Aroha .. .. .	P. Snewin .. .. .	8.44	16	1.70 on 27th.
Katikati .. .. .	L. A. Shadwell .. .. .	6.75	15	2.13 on 2nd.
Rotorua .. .. .	Dr. Ginders .. .. .	6.93	19	1.42 on 27th.
<b>(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT.</b>				
Kaitiā .. .. .	W. G. Puckey .. .. .	3.45	15	0.98 on 27th.
Okaihau .. .. .	H. C. Burleigh .. .. .	3.96	18	0.74 on 27th.
Raglan .. .. .	H. V. Rutherford .. .. .	12.23	16	4.12 on 25th.
New Plymouth .. .. .	E. Veale .. .. .	12.97	26	1.31 on 13th.
Inglewood .. .. .	Miss E. Trimble .. .. .	16.21	25	2.73 on 26th.
Ngatimaru .. .. .	Miss A. Hutchinson .. .. .	14.86	23	2.08 on 16th.
<b>(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.</b>				
Opuhi .. .. .	D. Wilkie .. .. .	13.13	26	3.34 on 3rd.
Upper Waitotara .. .. .	E. F. Liffiton .. .. .	8.82	24	2.30 on 27th.
Stratford .. .. .	Miss Bobin .. .. .	10.99	24	2.00 on 26th.
Opunake .. .. .	A. H. Moore .. .. .	11.12	29	3.19 on 27th.
Manaia .. .. .	G. A. Hurley .. .. .	9.60	23	1.50 on 1st.
Hawera .. .. .	J. Livingston .. .. .	8.88	26	2.75 on 27th.
Kaponga .. .. .	C. Maclean .. .. .	8.48	20	1.45 on 26th.
Wanganui .. .. .	H. S. Seager .. .. .	9.34	19	2.65 on 27th.
Kaitoke .. .. .	A. Wychodil .. .. .	7.32	18	2.10 on 27th.
No. 2 Line (Wanganui) .. .. .	H. I. Jones .. .. .	8.85	18	1.95 on 27th.
Raetihi (Wanganui) .. .. .	G. T. Murray .. .. .	9.64	24	1.73 on 27th.
Campbelltown .. .. .	H. Sanson .. .. .	5.39	15	1.32 on 26th.
Feilding .. .. .	S. Goodbehere .. .. .	5.75	22	1.04 on 27th.
Erehwon .. .. .	W. J. Birch .. .. .	5.04	19	1.46 on 27th.
Ruanui .. .. .	J. F. Studholme .. .. .	8.17	20	1.68 on 28th.
Colyton .. .. .	R. L. Pudney .. .. .	5.84	19	1.35 on 27th.
West Waitapu .. .. .	J. Gurflee .. .. .	7.86	26	1.41 on 27th.
Ashurst .. .. .	H. Barnes .. .. .	5.47	18	1.22 on 28th.
Bull's .. .. .	Miss M. E. C. Keiller .. .. .	5.71	17	1.29 on 27th.
Palmerston North .. .. .	Captain Brown .. .. .	5.16	19	0.80 on 27th.
State Farm (Levin) .. .. .	O. J. Blaine .. .. .	7.93	21	1.97 on 27th.
Otaki .. .. .	M. H. Ayre .. .. .	6.85	21	2.18 on 26th.
Kereru .. .. .	C. A. Muggleton .. .. .	7.10	17	1.22 on 9th.
Pukerua .. .. .	W. Bell .. .. .	9.24	23	2.75 on 27th.
<b>(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.</b>				
Waipiro .. .. .	S. Dodgshun .. .. .	3.12	12	1.07 on 17th.
Tolago Bay .. .. .	A. Reeves .. .. .	2.92	4	1.15 on 17th.
Gisborne .. .. .	W. H. Williams .. .. .	4.04	18	1.13 on 28th.
Matahiia .. .. .	F. J. Kemp .. .. .	4.45	14	1.14 on 17th.
Whakawhitira .. .. .	H. W. Guthrie-Smith .. .. .	3.12	11	1.01 on 28th.
Patutahi .. .. .	H. N. Watson .. .. .	3.09	11	0.80 on 17th.
Maraetaha* .. .. .	J. Woodbine Johnson .. .. .	3.57	11	1.30 on 28th.
Waikaremoana .. .. .	A. Mills .. .. .	4.98	12	1.37 on 27th.
Rakamoana .. .. .	J. Moore .. .. .	5.39	21	1.05 on 27th.
Mahia .. .. .	G. C. Ormond .. .. .	..	..	..
Petane .. .. .	W. H. Smith .. .. .	5.90	12	1.68 on 28th.
Napier† .. .. .	E. Lyndon .. .. .	3.66	6	1.39 on 26th.
Hastings .. .. .	J. N. Williams .. .. .	4.77	14	1.50 on 27th.
Te Aute .. .. .	R. Tacou .. .. .	5.94	15	1.80 on 27th.
Maraekakaho .. .. .	A. Lockie .. .. .	5.33	15	1.30 on 27th.
Te Kowhai .. .. .	J. H. Absolom .. .. .	5.96	13	2.35 on 28th.
Mangakuri .. .. .	G. C. Williams .. .. .	4.08	11	1.42 on 27th.
Tutira Lake .. .. .	H. Guthrie-Smith .. .. .	5.74	14	1.57 on 28th.
Gwavas .. .. .	J. Nicoll .. .. .	5.13	18	1.45 on 27th.
Mount Vernon .. .. .	R. Harding .. .. .	3.44	15	1.65 on 27th.
Waimarama .. .. .	Thomas R. Moore .. .. .	4.01	14	1.28 on 27th.
Ormondville .. .. .	J. C. Westall .. .. .	6.86	15	2.02 on 28th.
Pahiatus .. .. .	W. Tosswill .. .. .	6.40	16	1.23 on 1st.
Newman .. .. .	W. H. Herbert .. .. .	8.05	20	2.32 on 10th.
Otahuao .. .. .	E. Bennett .. .. .	5.69	13	1.03 on 27th.
Masterton .. .. .	B. Couborne .. .. .	4.19	15	0.72 on 18th.
Carterton .. .. .	H. Braithwaite .. .. .	5.42	15	0.87 on 18th.
Featherston .. .. .	H. C. Smith .. .. .	4.11	16	0.66 on 29th.
Summit .. .. .	J. Quinn .. .. .	14.46	25	2.63 on 27th.
Upper Hutt .. .. .	M. Maher .. .. .	12.00	12	3.00 on 26th.
Taita .. .. .	T. Mason .. .. .	10.79	21	2.76 on 27th.
Wainuiomata .. .. .	J. Quaintance .. .. .	12.32	18	2.65 on 27th.
Petone .. .. .	Sir J. Hector .. .. .	10.94	24	3.41 on 26th.
Wellington .. .. .	Government Observer .. .. .	12.15	24	2.03 on 27th.
Karori .. .. .	W. Edmonds .. .. .	10.58	23	1.69 on 27th.
<b>Late returns—</b>				
* } January .. .. .	.. .. .	0.51	4	0.30 on 31st.
* } February .. .. .	.. .. .	1.08	6	0.50 on 25th.
† } March .. .. .	.. .. .	2.65	11	0.48 on 4th and 28th.
† } March .. .. .	.. .. .	2.14	5	1.18 on 25th.

## Rainfall for April—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for previous Twenty-four Hours).
SOUTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.				
Nelson .. .. .	Dr. Hudson .. .. .	5.16	21	1.90 on 1st.
Stephens Island .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	6.55	13	1.25 on 18th.
The Brothers .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
Blenheim .. .. .	N. Pritchard .. .. .	3.01	15	0.73 on 1st.
Cape Campbell .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	1.65	6	0.53 on 1st.
Flaxbourne .. .. .	W. Tatchell .. .. .	2.26	12	0.52 on 5th.
Kekerangu .. .. .	W. J. White .. .. .	2.36	14	0.70 on 5th.
Kaikoura .. .. .	Miss G. Collins .. .. .	4.40	13	0.70 on 3rd.
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Farewell Spit .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	7.65	18	1.66 on 2nd.
Pakawau .. .. .	T. C. V. Field .. .. .	14.64	21	2.25 on 2nd.
Westport .. .. .	S. A. Leach .. .. .	15.17	22	1.63 on 1st.
Greymouth .. .. .	J. Conner .. .. .	15.81	16	3.92 on 16th.
Hokitika .. .. .	A. D. Macfarlane .. .. .	14.06	15	..
Bealey .. .. .	C. White .. .. .	6.75	15	1.38 on 10th.
Dusky Sound .. .. .	R. Henry .. .. .	..	..	..
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.				
Highfield .. .. .	J. A. Northcote .. .. .	5.94	14	0.95 on 27th.
Akaroa .. .. .	Miss Jacobson .. .. .	4.67	16	1.12 on 18th.
Port Hills (Christchurch) .. .. .	Miss Turner .. .. .	4.36	12	1.00 on 18th.
Christchurch .. .. .	A. L. Taylor .. .. .	4.24	15	1.00 on 18th.
Linwood .. .. .	J. A. Biltcliff .. .. .	4.16	18	1.15 on 18th.
Lincoln .. .. .	P. Marshall .. .. .	5.05	16	0.82 on 5th.
Hororata .. .. .	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G. .. .. .	4.92	19	0.79 on 29th.
Kapunatiki .. .. .	Hon. W. Rolleston .. .. .	5.57	14	1.20 on 2nd.
Peel Forest .. .. .	W. E. Barker .. .. .	8.85	17	1.53 on 27th.
Methven .. .. .	H. G. Baker .. .. .	7.76	17	1.12 on 27th.
Drayton (Methven) .. .. .	E. Chapman .. .. .	7.01	20	1.02 on 2nd.
Ashburton .. .. .	A. E. Hart .. .. .	5.94	13	0.87 on 2nd.
Fairlie .. .. .	D. H. Gillingham .. .. .	6.32	15	1.60 on 2nd.
Geraldine .. .. .	Captain E. F. Temple, J.P. .. .. .	6.50	16	1.55 on 2nd.
Oamaru .. .. .	E. Menlove .. .. .	2.43	15	0.38 on 9th and 25th.
Maheno .. .. .	R. A. Chaffey .. .. .	2.35	9	0.88 on 10th.
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Macetown .. .. .	W. J. Stanford .. .. .	3.59	10	0.85 on 26th.
Queenstown .. .. .	L. Hotop .. .. .	2.60	8	1.02 on 25th.
St. Bathans* .. .. .	J. Ewing .. .. .	3.37	13	0.62 on 3rd.
Middlemarch .. .. .	D. Crawford .. .. .	3.10	..	..
Kokonga .. .. .	R. W. Glendinning .. .. .	1.75	10	0.31 on 17th.
Dunedin .. .. .	Government Observer .. .. .	4.18	19	1.29 on 2nd.
Kaitangata .. .. .	W. M. Shore .. .. .	2.40	11	0.37 on 2nd.
Balclutha .. .. .	C. C. Halliday .. .. .	1.94	10	0.39 on 16th and 29th.
Naseby .. .. .	G. L. Stuart .. .. .	1.75	9	0.46 on 26th.
Wyndham .. .. .	W. H. Rodney .. .. .	2.55	7	0.59 on 26th.
Dipton .. .. .	R. D. MacLachlan .. .. .	2.56	10	0.81 on 28th.
Ratani .. .. .	G. M. Draper .. .. .	3.24	20	0.43 on 29th.
Invercargill .. .. .	J. L. Bush .. .. .	4.14	10	0.89 on 29th.
Otautau .. .. .	N. A. McLaren .. .. .	3.47	14	1.03 on 29th.
Nightcaps .. .. .	J. Ritchie .. .. .	2.09	14	0.51 on 26th.
Puysegur Point .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	24.14	19	3.80 on 15th.
Chatham Islands .. .. .	A. Shand .. .. .	..	..	..
* Late return— March .. .. .	.. .. .	1.50	10	0.39 on 4th.

## Bankruptcy Notices.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Auckland.*

NOTICE is hereby given that SAMUEL HENRY WORTH, of Auckland, Grocer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 28th day of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,  
21st May, 1896. Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Auckland.*

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES FELTON, of Morrinsville, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 29th day of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,  
22nd May, 1896. Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.*

In the estate of HENRY JOHN ANDREW, of Gisborne, Boot-maker.

A FIRST dividend, of 2s. 6d. in the pound, is now payable at my office, Gladstone Road.

JOHN COLEMAN,  
Gisborne, 12th May, 1896. Deputy Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Gisborne.*

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT WARNER, of Karaka, Storekeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 26th day of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

JOHN COLEMAN,  
Gisborne, 14th May, 1896. Deputy Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Napier.*

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE HENRY ARBUTHNOT ROSE, of Napier, Clerk, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on the 3rd day of June, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,  
Napier, 23rd May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Napier.*

NOTICE is hereby given that FREDERICK BRADSHAW, of Napier, Agent, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on the 3rd day of June, 1896, at 12 o'clock.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,  
Napier, 22nd May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Wanganui.*

NOTICE is hereby given that LUKE LYNCH CAROLAN, of Hunterville, Livery-stable Keeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Public Hall, Hunterville, on the 1st day of June, 1896, at 2 o'clock p.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,  
Wanganui, 26th May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court of Wairarapa, holden at Masterton.*

NOTICE is hereby given that RICHARD MATTHEW LAWRENCE, of Rakanui, Sawmiller, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Masterton, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. B. CHENNELLS,  
Masterton, 27th May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.*

NOTICE is hereby given that the following dividends are now payable at my office on all proved and admitted claims in the under-mentioned estates, viz.:—

Smallwood and Gilchrist, first dividend, of 1s. 6d. in the pound.  
Chu Queen, first and final, of 1s. 11½d. in the pound.  
D. Johnston, third and final, of 3s. in the pound.  
C. S. Greaves, first and final, of 3s. 4d. in the pound.  
James Turner, first and final, of 17s. 7d. in the pound.  
E. C. Polkinghorn, first and final, of 20s. in the pound.  
Charles Walton, first and final, of 4s. 10½d. in the pound.

JAMES ASHCROFT,  
Wellington, 27th May, 1896. Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Wellington.*

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM ELLIOT TYSON, of Harper Street, Wellington, Laundryman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 29th day of May, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,  
Wellington, 23rd May, 1896. Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Wellington District.*

In the matter of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1892"; and in the matter of MARY ANN BOWEN, of Levin, Storekeeper, a Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that an order was this day made by his Honour the Chief Justice appointing the Official Assignee, Wellington, to be the receiver and manager of the estate of the said Mary Ann Bowen, and directing him to take immediate possession of the property and business of the said debtor.

JAMES ASHCROFT,  
Wellington, 23rd May, 1896. Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Blenheim.*

NOTICE is hereby given that LOUIS ADAMS, of Grove-town, Hotelkeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Blenheim, on the 2nd day of June, 1896, at 3 o'clock.

R. W. H. D. DUNN,  
Blenheim, 26th May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Dunedin.*

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES GALLAND, of Dunedin, Hawker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 29th day of May, 1896, at 3 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,  
Dunedin, 23rd May, 1896. Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Queenstown.*

No. 2/96.

NOTICE is hereby given that HELEN PERRELLE, of Arrowtown, Widow, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Arrowtown, on the 5th day of June, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

F. W. F. GEISOW,  
Queenstown, 23rd May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Invercargill.*

NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLES HANSEN, of Invercargill, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 26th day of May, 1896, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CHARLES ROUT,  
Invercargill, 21st May, 1896. Deputy Official Assignee.



**Mining Notices.**

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Esperanza Gold-mining Company as a no-liability company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Esperanza Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Waihi.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Nos. 28 and 29, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or lease ground and machinery, is eight hundred pounds.
5. The number of shares in the company is eighty thousand, of three shillings each.
6. The number of shares subscribed for is eighty thousand.
7. The name of the Manager is William Clarke.
8. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as below:—

	No. of Shares.
Ahlgren, John Frederick, Wellington, Watchmaker	500
Antill, Henry William, Napier, Banker	1,000
Boyd, George Henry, Reefton, Financial Agent	500
Bruges, Francis Henry, Christchurch, Solicitor	1,000
Clark, William, Wellington, Clerk	500
Day, William Alexander, Christchurch, Accountant	2,000
Downes, Arthur, Wellington, Hotel Proprietor	500
Frühauf, Norris, Wellington, Broker	250
Gore, Henry Morland, Wellington, Clerk	500
Hall, John William, Auckland, Merchant	1,000
Harman, Thos. de Renzy, Christchurch, Solicitors	1,000
Mande, Thomas,	
Kirkpatrick, Charles, Greymouth, Banker	500
Knight, James, Christchurch, Butcher	2,000
Knight, Willoughby, Wellington, Settler	250
Levoi, Ralph, Wellington, Insurance Manager	250
Longden, Arthur, Christchurch, Banker	2,000
Longden, Arthur, Christchurch, Banker	1,000
Bruges, Francis Henry, Christchurch, Solicitor	500
Newton, George Percival, Wellington, Clerk	1,000
Newton, William Joseph, Onehunga, Captain	1,000
Nicoll, Herbert George, Wellington, Banker	1,000
Ross, George, Wellington, Insurance Manager	500
Roth, Herman, Wellington, Masseur	1,000
Russell, William Henry, Wellington, Clerk	1,000
Secretan, Henry Howell, Christchurch, Gentleman	1,000
Shimmon, William Herbert, Christchurch, Banker	1,000
Simons, William Thomas Henry, Wellington, Clerk	500
Skeet, Herbert Cotterell, Wellington, Banker	1,250
Smith, Amelius Morland, Wellington, Secretary	500
Spackman, William Henry, Christchurch, Gentleman	2,000
Warren, Frederick Maurice, Christchurch, Accountant	1,000
Webb, Edward Rogers, Christchurch, Journalist	1,000
Whitelaw, Thomas, Napier, Merchant	1,000
Williams, Edward Heathcote, Napier, Solicitor	1,000
Fraser, Charles, Wellington, Gentleman (in trust)	4,000
Joll, Richard W., Waihi, Miner	4,000
Joll, Edward M., Waihi, Storekeeper	2,500
Delany, James, Waihi, Miner	2,500
Hollis, Frederick James, Waitekauri, Mine-manager	1,000
Clarke, Joseph Friar, Auckland, Broker	1,000
Greenway, H. Howard, Auckland, Manager (in trust)	9,800
Foster, Arnold E., Auckland, Clerk	100
Burton, Colonel Henry, Auckland, Gentleman	1,000
Bloomfield, William Read, Auckland, Solicitor	1,000
Carr, Robert Charles, Auckland, Auctioneer	1,000
Stone, Charles B., Auckland, Agent	1,000
Morrison, W. B. A., Auckland, Agent	1,000
Clarke, William, Auckland, Legal Manager	100
Clarke, William, Auckland, Legal Manager (in trust for the company)	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,000</b>

Dated this 21st day of May, 1896.

WM. CLARKE,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—A. Foster.

I, William Clarke, 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, 1882."

WM. CLARKE.

Taken before me, this 21st day of May, 1896—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 576

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Star of Tokatea Gold-mining Company as a no-liability company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Star of Tokatea Gold-mining Company.
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Coromandel.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at 107, Victoria Arcade, Queen Street, Auckland.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or leased ground and machinery, is two thousand five hundred pounds.
5. The number of shares in the company is one hundred and fifteen thousand, of two shillings each.
6. The number of shares subscribed for is one hundred and six thousand.
7. The name of the Manager is William Richard Waters.
8. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as below:—

	No. of Shares.
Argall, A. E., Coromandel, Mine-manager	4,166
Alderson, J., Auckland, Settler	500
Bennett, W. H. J., Waipawa, Hotelkeeper	1,000
Bray, Thos., Clive, Sheep-farmer	500
Booth, F. F. B., Coromandel, Miner	4,168
Baume, F. E., Auckland, Solicitor	6,250
Blasch, C., Coromandel, Miner	4,168
Barber, Joseph, Auckland, Manager	1,000
Browne, E. J., Wellington, Settler	1,000
Caulton, H. O., Hastings, Hotelkeeper	1,000
Charlton, E., Hastings, Hotelkeeper	1,000
Churton, J. F., Auckland, Sharebroker (in trust)	5,000
Cahill, T. F., Auckland, Agent	1,500
Edwards, W., Hastings, Trainer	1,000
Edwards, E., Auckland, Journalist	2,000
Evans, Geo., Dunedin, Traveller	1,000
Gooseman, R., Hastings, Trainer	500
Gray, Wm., Auckland, Sharebroker	1,000
Hyde, D. D., Wellington, Tobacconist	1,000
Herman, Percy, Hastings, Agent	5,000
Humphreys, T. M., Tauranga, Solicitor	6,250
Kneebone, John, Auckland, Warehouseman	1,000
Linney, Wm., Hastings, Medical Practitioner	1,000
Lewis, T. W., Hastings, Solicitor	1,000
Loughman, C. A., Hastings, Solicitor	1,000
Loughman, F. O. B., Waipawa, Solicitor	1,000
Maddison and Co., Hastings, Merchants	1,000
McNiven, J., Hastings, Settler	1,000
McLean, C., Auckland, Mine-manager	1,000
Newman, B., Dunedin, Merchant	500
Neill, Robert, Auckland, Merchant	1,000
O'Brien, J. D., Auckland, Settler	6,250
O'Toole, T. D., Auckland, Settler	2,000
Ralph, J. G., Waitekauri, Mine-manager	2,500
Regan, J. D., Coromandel, Mine-manager	4,166
Robinson, R. C., Coromandel, Mine-manager	4,166
Rathbone, Wm., Waipawa, Sheep-farmer	1,000
Roach, G. T., Hastings, Grocer	500
Robertson, A., Hastings, Trainer	500
Smith, E. C., Auckland, Sharebroker	2,000
Spain, Henry, Auckland, Miner	6,250
Scannell, D., Hastings, Solicitor	500
Sharland, William, Auckland, Chemist	1,000
Smith, E. J., Auckland, Hotelkeeper	1,000
St. Clair, R. W., Auckland, Accountant (in trust)	1,500
Tyerman and Bishop, Hastings, Chemists	1,000
Thomas, William, Coromandel, Mine-manager	4,166
Ward, F. T., Auckland, Insurance Agent	2,000
Waters, M. A., Devonport, Settler	1,000
Waters, W. R., Devonport, Legal Manager (in trust)	12,500
Woollams, H., Auckland, Commercial Traveller	1,000
Wood, E., Auckland, Sharebroker	500
Wilkins, J. T., Auckland, Medical Practitioner	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,000</b>

Dated this 18th day of May, 1896.

W. R. WATERS,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—H. Y. Collins, Solicitor, Auckland.

I, the above-named William Richard Waters, 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, 1882."

W. R. WATERS.

Declared at Auckland aforesaid, this 18th day of May, 1896, before me—H. Y. Collins, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 577

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Alpine Fluke Gold-mining Company as a no-liability company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Alpine Fluke Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Kuaotunu.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at 93, Queen Street, Auckland.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or leased ground and machinery, is ten thousand pounds.
5. The number of shares in the company is seventy-five thousand, of two shillings each.
6. The number of shares subscribed for is seventy thousand.
7. The name of the Manager is Adam Park Horne.
8. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as below:—

	No. of Shares.
Smith, Edward C., Auckland, Sharebroker	1,500
Carpenter, J. H. M., Auckland, Merchant	1,000
Horne, A. P., Auckland, Agent (in trust)	1,000
Buttle, G. A., Auckland, Sharebroker	1,000
Robertson, Jno., Auckland, Clerk	1,000
Lawry, Mary, Auckland, Domestic Duties	1,000
Fry, Robert, Auckland, Gentleman	1,000
Houghton, G. V., Auckland, Shipping Agent	1,000
Johnston, W. H. D., Auckland, Sharebroker (in trust)	1,000
Montgomery, T. E., Auckland, Gentleman	500
White, Arthur, Auckland, Architect (in trust)	500
Frick, William, Auckland, Nurseryman	250
McNeil, George, Kuaotunu, Mine-manager	1,120
Casey, Thomas, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Fuller, John, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Sustins, Margaret, Kuaotunu, Domestic Duties	1,120
McDonald, Neil, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Ryan, Bridget, Kuaotunu, Domestic	560
La Prelle, John, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Courtney, James, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Loram, George, Paeroa, Hotelkeeper	1,740
Ellings, William, Kuaotunu, Miner	2,240
Marshall, F., Kuaotunu, Storekeeper	2,240
Black, A. G. S., Auckland, Sharebroker	500
Lynch, James, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Meikle, D., Kuaotunu, Storekeeper	1,120
Hornbrook, H. P., Kuaotunu, Mine-manager	1,120
Richards, A. H., Kuaotunu, Mine-manager	1,120
Barrett, Thomas, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Horn, W. G., Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Keane, Charles, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Ainsley, C., Paeroa, Settler	1,120
Powell, George, Kuaotunu, Miner	1,120
Corrie, William, Auckland, Stationer	1,000
Stone, C. B., Auckland, Agent (in trust)	2,000
Whitehead, Mary Ann, Auckland, Domestic Duties	250
Wigmore, John, Auckland, Gentleman	250
Jones, T. W., Auckland, Dairyman	250
McLellan, James, Auckland, Timber Merchant	1,000
Gorrie, H. T., Auckland, Auctioneer	1,000
White, E. J., Auckland, Agent	500
Kronfeld, G., Auckland, Merchant	1,000
Edmiston, P. A., Auckland, Insurance Manager	1,000
McMillan, C. C., Auckland, Merchant	1,000
Smith, Marianne, Auckland, Domestic Duties	1,000
Carr, R. C., Auckland, Auctioneer	1,000
Perry, A., Inglewood, Commission Agent	250
Pacey, H. E., Auckland, Clerk	250
Meuller, Fred. H., Paeroa, Solicitor	500
Lindsay, P. A., M.D., Auckland, Surgeon	1,000
McDermott, T., Auckland, Settler	500
Pegler, L., Auckland, Clerk	250
Ormiston, J. N., Auckland, Clerk	250
Massey, W. H., Auckland, Manager	1,000
Aickin, Graves, Auckland, Chemist	1,000
Whitehead, Fredk., Auckland, Importer	250
Handley, William, Auckland, Manufacturer	1,000
Smith, Mary, Northcote, Domestic Duties	250
Ryan, D. F., Kuaotunu, Mine-manager	560
Harper, George, Auckland, Agent	1,500
Stone, C. B., and Horne, A. P., Auckland, Agents	3,490
Quinlan, P., Auckland, Hotelkeeper	4,250
Stone, C. B., Auckland, Agent (in trust)	4,250
Horne, A. Park, Auckland, Legal Manager (in trust for company)	7,250
Total	75,000

Dated this 8th day of May, 1896.

A. PARK HORNE,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—Alfred Woodroffe.

I, Adam Park Horne, 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, 1882."

A. PARK HORNE.

Taken before me, this 8th day of May, 1896—H. Brett, J.P. 578

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Humphreys Hydraulic Sluicing Company (Limited) as a limited company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Humphreys Hydraulic Sluicing Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is at Humphrey's Gully, near Hokitika, in the Provincial District of Westland, and such other places as the company may from time to time determine.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Reefton, in the County of Inangahua.
4. The nominal capital of the company is one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, in one hundred and fifty thousand shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is one hundred and forty-five thousand, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the company.
6. The number of shares issued as paid up is ninety-five thousand.
7. The amount already paid up is nil.
8. The name of the Manager is William Hindmarsh.
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 Contributing Shares.	No. of Paid-up Shares.
Ziman, David, Mine-owner, Reefton	48,000	60,000
Boyd, George Henry, Accountant, Reefton	1,000	..
Caples, Patrick Quirke, Mining Expert, Reefton	1,000	..
William Hindmarsh, Mining Agent, Reefton—in trust for the shareholders of the Humphrey's Gully United Gold-mining Company (Limited)	..	35,000
Totals	50,000	95,000

Dated this 16th day of May, 1896.

WILLIAM HINDMARSH,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—S. L. P. Free, Solicitor, Reefton.

I, William Hindmarsh, of Reefton, Mining Agent, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. I am the Manager of the said intended company.
  2. The foregoing 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, 1882."

WILLIAM HINDMARSH.

Taken before me, this 16th day of May, 1896—Chas. Cohen, J.P. 581

THE DILLON EXTENDED GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of this company is situated at Broadway, Reefton, County of Inangahua.

R. FITZMAURICE, } Directors.  
M. WALKER, }

Reefton, 18th May, 1896.

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In the matter of "The Mining Act, 1891," and of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of the Consolidated Gold Fields of New Zealand (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business in the Colony of New Zealand of the above-named company where legal proceedings of any kind may be served upon it, and to which notices of any kind may be addressed or given, is situated at the office of the said company in Smith Street, in the Town of Reefton.

Dated this 25th day of May, 1896.

DAVID ZIMAN,  
Attorney for the Company.

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT WATER-RACE.

Hauraki Mining District, 16th May, 1896.

To the Warden at Paeroa.

WE hereby give notice that we intend to construct a water-race to divert and use water for domestic purposes, commencing at a point at a proposed dam on the Tarariki Creek about a mile above the main road, and terminating at the Railway-station, Paeroa.

The length of such race is two miles and a half or thereabouts, and its intended course is westerly. The water will be conveyed in underground pipes, and it is proposed to divert twenty Government heads of water.

Cost of construction: £4,000.

Time required for construction: Twelve months.

Number and date of miner's right: No. 11962; 16th May, 1896.

## THE OHINEMURI COUNTY COUNCIL

(By their Solicitors, MILLER AND PORRITT),  
Applicants.

Any person objecting to the granting of this application must lodge his objection in writing at the Warden's Office at Paeroa within fourteen clear days from the date hereof.

Hearing at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 16th June, 1896.

H. EYRE KENNY,

Warden.

Warden's Office, Paeroa, 16th May, 1896 (10 a.m.). 575

## THE WAIHI MONUMENT GOLD-MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

## NOTICE OF INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

I, the undersigned Manager, hereby give notice that an increase in the capital of the above-named company was, on the 5th day of May, 1896, resolved on.

The mode adopted for the increase is by issuing twenty thousand (20,000) new shares of five shillings each, in addition to the eighty thousand (80,000) shares now existing in the company.

D. G. MACDONNELL,

Manager of the above-named Company.

19th May, 1896.

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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that the Offices or places of business in the colony of the Kathleen Crown (Limited) and the Southern Star Gold-mines (Limited), are at Halyday's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1896.

W. H. ARGALL,

536 Manager and Attorney of the said Companies.

## THE AFRICAN-AUSTRAL SYNDICATE (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given, under "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that LEOPOLD MEILZNER MYERS, of Johannesburg, in the South African Republic, and of Auckland, in New Zealand, is the duly-appointed Attorney of the African-Austral Syndicate (Limited), whose head office is at Barnato Buildings, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg; and that certified copies of his powers and of the company's certificate of incorporation have been duly deposited in the Supreme Court Office, at Auckland; and that the Office or place of business in New Zealand of the said company is at Colonial Bank Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1896.

WILLIAM COLEMAN,

553 Solicitor for the Company and their said Attorney.

In the matter of "The Mining Act, 1891," "The Mining Act, 1895," and "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of the Komata Reefs Gold-mining Company (Limited), and the Prece's Point Proprietary, Hauraki (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the respective Offices or places of business of the above-named companies have been changed from Ring's Road, Coromandel, to Halyday's Buildings, Shortland Street, in the City of Auckland, and that the Colonial Register of Shareholders is kept at the said office by Mr. GODFREY DREW INGALL, who has been appointed for that purpose.

Dated at Auckland, this 4th day of May, 1896.

W. H. ARGALL,

Attorney and Manager of the above-named Companies.

BUDDLE, BUTTON AND Co.,  
Solicitors, Auckland.

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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that the Offices or places of business of the Blagrove's Freehold Gold-mining Company (Limited), the Kapanga Gold-mining Company (Limited), and the Tararu Creek Gold-mining Company (Limited), have been changed from Ring's Road, Coromandel, to Halyday's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland.

The Colonial Registers of the said Companies will be kept at the last-mentioned address by Mr. GODFREY DREW INGALL, who has been appointed for that purpose.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1896.

W. H. ARGALL,

537 Attorney and Manager of the said Companies.

## HAURAKI GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that the Office or place of business of the above company has been changed from Ring's Road, Coromandel, to Halyday's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland.

The Colonial Register of the company will be kept at the said office by Mr. GODFREY DREW INGALL, who has been appointed for that purpose.

FRANCIS HODGE,

538 Attorney and Manager for the above Company.

## 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, 1885," unless caveat in the meantime be lodged forbidding the same.

637. Applicant: JOHN ELLIS, New Plymouth.—Area, 1 rood 3 perches. Section No. 730, Town of New Plymouth. Occupied by Applicant.

628. ARTHUR SAMUEL ATKINSON, Solicitor, Nelson.—Area, 250 acres. Section No. 68, Block X., Mimi Survey District. Now, or lately, occupied by John Willison.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 25th day of May, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

W. STUART,

580 District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 29th day of June, 1896.

2560. DAVID ROCHE LAWLOR.—30.5 perches, part Section 126, City of Wellington. Occupied by Applicant and his tenants.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

J. M. BATHAM,

583 District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one month from date of Gazette containing this notice.

7821. BENJAMIN ELLIS.—31 perches, part of Rural Section 320, Borough of Kaiapoi. Occupied by Applicant.

7838. SAMUEL BEALEY.—20 acres, Rural Section 4003, Hawkins Survey District. Occupied by Llewellyn Derrett.

7845. LILLIAN McCAHON.—1 acre 1 rood 8 perches, part of Rural Section 1547, Patiti Survey District. Occupied by Archibald Macdonald.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,

571 District Land Registrar.

A STATUTORY declaration of the loss of certificate of title, Vol. xxii., folio 245, comprising part of Rural Section 12591, whereof MORRIS FRUHAUF, of Wellington, formerly of Timaru, Pawnbroker and Jeweller, is the registered proprietor, having been lodged with me, and an application having been made for the issue of a provisional certificate of title, I hereby give notice that I will issue the provisional certificate, as requested, at the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the Gazette containing this notice.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch, this 22nd day of May, 1896.

G. G. BRIDGES,

572 District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one calendar month from the date of the gazetting of this notice.

WALTER DAY.—1 rood, being Section 11, Block II., Town of Invercargill. Occupied by William Moseley. No. 2632.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

F. G. MORGAN,  
District Land Registrar.

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### Private Advertisements.

In the matter of "The Mercantile Law Act, 1880"; and in the matter of a Partnership between Robert West England, John Waller, and Otto Peterson.

WE, the undersigned ROBERT WEST ENGLAND, JOHN WALLER, and OTTO PETERSON, do hereby certify that we have this day entered into a special Partnership under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, and that—

1. The style of the firm under which the Partnership is to be conducted is "Otto Peterson and Company."

2. The names and places of residence of all the partners are as follows:—

(a.) Robert West England, of Holly Road, near Christchurch, Timber Merchant, a special partner.

(b.) John Waller, of Papanui Road, near Christchurch, Timber Merchant, a special partner.

(c.) Otto Peterson, of Greymouth, Sawmiller, a general partner.

3. The amount of capital which each partner contributes to the common stock is four hundred pounds.

4. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the erection or acquisition of a sawmill or sawmills, and the conducting of sawmilling operations.

5. The principal place at which the business is to be transacted is Katuku, near Greymouth aforesaid.

6. The said Partnership is to commence on the twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and to terminate on the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three; but any two partners are to have the right to terminate the Partnership at any time by giving at least three months' notice in writing to the other of them if they consider the business is not paying.

Dated at Christchurch, this twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

R. W. ENGLAND.

JOHN WALLER.

OTTO PETERSON.

Witness to all signatures—W. J. Cresswell, Solicitor, Christchurch. 584

I, HENRY CLAYTON BREWER, Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand for the Northern District at Auckland, do hereby notify that an affidavit, a copy of which is hereunder given, by Hugh Falconer Anderson and Charles Burrell Stone, two Directors of the Auckland Fibre Manufacturing Company (Limited), has been lodged in the Magistrate's Court at Auckland, and forwarded to me, and that unless notice of objection be lodged with me within sixty days of this date, I shall proceed to declare the said company to be dissolved, in manner provided by "The Companies Act, 1882."

Signed this 7th day of May, 1896.

HENRY C. BREWER,  
Registrar.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of the Auckland Fibre Manufacturing Company (Limited).

WE, HUGH FALCONER ANDERSON, Ship-chandler, and CHARLES BURRELL STONE, Agent, both of Auckland, in New Zealand, two of the Directors of the Auckland Fibre Manufacturing Company (Limited), incorporated under "The Joint-stock Companies Act, 1860," severally make oath and say,—1. That the nominal capital of the said company is £25,000, in 25,000 shares of one pound (£1) each. 2. That the shares have been fully paid up. 3. That the company has no assets, and has ceased to carry on its operations. And we, the said Hugh Falconer Anderson and Charles Burrell Stone, do hereby apply for a declaration of dissolution of such company.

H. F. ANDERSON.  
C. B. STONE.

Severally sworn by the said Hugh Falconer Anderson and Charles Burrell Stone, at Auckland, this 30th day of April, 1896, before me—H. W. Northcroft Stipendiary Magistrate. 541

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and the amendments thereof; and in the matter of the Langstones Sheep-medicine Company (Limited).

THE creditors of the above-named company are required, on or before the 26th day of June, 1896, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to Robert Howe, of Greytown, Clerk, the Official Liquidator of the said company; and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Registrar's Office, in the Supreme Court House at Wellington, at such time as shall be specified in such notice; or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Monday, the 27th day of July, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Registrar's said office, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

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D. G. A. COOPER,  
Registrar.

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