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Rural Lands in the Auckland Land District open for Sale or Selection.

GLASGOW, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on and after the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase or on lease in perpetuity, or, in respect of any lands containing or supposed to contain any metal, mineral, or valuable stone, be selected on lease in perpetuity only; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Mangonui County.—Unsurveyed Second-class Land.

ALL that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, situate in Block I., Herekino Survey District, and containing approximately 440 acres. Bounded towards the north generally by the Waitahi Native Reserve, 4048 and 2075 links; towards the north-east by a right line bearing 142° 13'; towards the south-east by unadjudicated Native land; and towards the south-west by a road, 100 links wide, running along the sea-coast to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid measurements more or less.

Description of land: Broken, poor land, covered with stunted fern and tea-tree; situated on the coast, about seven miles from Herekino and eight miles from Ahipara.

Cash price, 10s. per acre; occupation with right of purchase, rent, 6d. per acre per annum; lease in perpetuity, rent, 4-8d. per acre per annum.

East Taupo County.—Unsurveyed Second-class Land.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, situate in Block XIV., Tatua Survey District, and containing approximately 2,475 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the east by the western boundary of Block XV., Tatua Survey District; towards the south by the northern boundary of Block II., Tauhara Survey District; towards the south-west by the Patuiwi Native Reserve; and towards the north-west generally by a road, 100 links wide, running along the bank of the Waikato River, to the point of commencement: save and except from the area hereinbefore described Section No. 1 of Block XIV., Tatua Survey District.

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Description of land: Open land of poor quality, fronting the Waikato River at the Huka Falls; situate from two to four miles from Taupo Township.

Cash price, 7s. 6d. per acre; occupation with right of purchase, rent, 4-5d. per acre per annum; lease in perpetuity, rent, 3-6d. per acre per annum.

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

W. C. WALKER,

For Minister of Lands.

Rural Lands in the Auckland Land District open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

GLASGOW, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and the one hundred and thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said one hundred and thirty-sixth section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on and after the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven; and that the said lands may be selected on lease in perpetuity, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892"; and I do hereby declare that the rentals at which the said lands shall be leased shall be those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto opposite the description of such lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WHAKATANE COUNTY.—WHAKATANE SURVEY DISTRICT.—OPOURILO ESTATE.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	IX.	159	3	15	0	2	0	8	0	0
2	"	190	3	24	0	3	0	14	6	6
13	"	116	1	14	0	2	4	6	15	9
10	XIII.	105	0	0	0	7	4-3	19	6	4
11	"	97	0	0	0	6	8-4	16	7	6

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

W. C. WALKER,

For Minister of Lands.

Fixing Sittings, District Court.

GLASGOW, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in this behalf enabling me, I, David, Earl of Glasgow, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby fix and appoint that sittings of the District Court of Taranaki for civil and criminal business shall be held in the Courthouse at Hawera on the second Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November in every year:

Provided that, in case any of the days so fixed as aforesaid shall happen to be a holiday, then the Court appointed for that day shall be holden on the first day thereafter not being a holiday.

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

T. THOMPSON.

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1896.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES PETER McWILLIAM

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

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Special Order made by the Piako County Council, dissolving Matamata Road Board and making Provision for Election of Board for new Matamata Road District.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 2nd December, 1896.

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

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

PIAKO COUNTY COUNCIL.

Special Order.

DECLARED by the Piako County Council, That the Matamata Road Board as now constituted be dissolved, and that the following provisions be made for the election of a new Board for the new Matamata Road District (gazetted 10th September, 1896, *New Zealand Gazette* No. 70, page 1519): viz.,—(1.) That Mr. Charles John William Barton be appointed Clerk to hold office until a Chairman or Clerk is appointed by the new Board. (2.) That Mr. Benjamin Browne, of Matamata, be Returning Officer to hold the first election of members for the new Board; and that the election of the said new Board be held on Tuesday, the 15th December next. (3.) That the first meeting of the said new Board be held at the Tower, Matamata, on Friday, the 18th December next, at 7 p.m. (4.) That this special order shall take effect from the date of its insertion in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

I hereby certify that the above special order has been duly passed.

P. GILCHRIST,
Clerk, Piako County Council.
Morrinsville, 26th November, 1896.

Special Orders made by the Moa Road Board, County of Taranaki.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1896.

THE following special orders, made by the Moa Road Board, are published in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

MOA ROAD BOARD.

Special Order.

THAT, to secure the repayment of a loan of £400, raised under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of metalling a portion of the Durham Road East from Section 30, Moa, eastwards, a special rate of 3d. in the pound be made and levied over the following lands, which are hereby constituted the Durham Road East Special Rating District: Sections part 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, part 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and part 51, Moa. Such rate to be an annual recurring rate for twenty-

six years, and to be payable, in two half-yearly instalments, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year.

Special Order.

That, to secure the repayment of a loan of £300, raised under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and metalling a portion of the Norfolk Road East from Section 56, Moa, eastwards, a special rate of 3d. in the pound be made and levied over the following lands, which are hereby constituted the Norfolk Road East Special Rating District: Sections 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 (in two subdivisions), 65, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 (in two subdivisions), 77, Moa. Such rate to be an annual recurring rate for twenty-six years, and to be payable, in two half-yearly instalments, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year.

Special Order.

That, to secure the repayment of a loan of £200, raised under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and metalling a portion of the Upland Road North from Section 78, Taruratangi, northwards, a special rate of 3d. in the pound be made and levied over the following lands, which are hereby constituted the Upland Road North Special Rating District: Sections 28, 33, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 74, 75, 76, 77, Taruratangi. Such rate to be an annual recurring rate for twenty-six years, and to be payable, in two half-yearly instalments, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year.

J. BROWN,
Chairman.

I hereby certify that the above special orders have been made by the Moa Road Board in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

A. E. ATKINSON,
Clerk.

Moa Road Board, 2nd December, 1896.

Special Order made by the Rangitikei County Council, constituting Hunterville Road District.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1896.

THE following special order, made by the Rangitikei County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1886."

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL.

Special Order constituting a new Road District.

RESOLVED, "That the Council of the County of Rangitikei, in answer to the prayer of a duly-signed petition dated 3rd August, 1896, and in exercise of the powers vested in it by 'The Road Boards Act, 1882,' do hereby declare that the portions of the Paraekaretu, Otairi, and Ohingaiti Ridings of the Rangitikei County (outlying), comprising one continuous area, and described in the Schedule hereunder written, shall constitute a new road district, to be called the Hunterville Road District, and that the number of the members of the Board thereof shall be five. This special order shall take effect from the date of its publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*."

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Rangitikei County Council held on the 5th day of September, 1896, and confirmed at a special meeting held on the 10th day of October, 1896.

HAROLD H. RICHARDSON,
Clerk, Rangitikei County Council.

Schedule.

All that area comprised in the Town and Suburbs of Hunterville, as shown on plan, numbered 48, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Wellington, and in the Hunterville Township Extension, as shown on a plan, numbered 297, deposited in the office of the District Land Registrar at Wellington, being also the areas contained in the Hunterville Township Special Rating District and the Hunterville Extension Township Special Rating District. Beginning from the north-western angle of Section 203; thence by a straight line eastwards across all roads to the north-east angle of Section 197; thence across a road to the north-east corner of Section 198; thence by the eastern boundaries of Sections 198, 199, 200, 201, the south-east boundary of Sections 201 and 202, and by the east boundary of Section 269, all of the Town of Hunterville, by the side of a road, the crossing of the railway-line and of a road, to the north-western corner of Section 86 of the Hunterville Township Extension; thence by a straight line to the north-east corner of Section 89, by the east boundary of Section 89,

the crossing of a road, by the east boundary of Section 90, by the south boundary of Sections 90, 91, 92, and 93, by the east boundary of Sections 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, by the production of this east boundary southwards to its intersection with the production eastwards of the northern boundary of Section 106; thence by a straight line westwards across all roads and railway to the south-west angle of Section 22, all of the Hunterville Township Extension; thence by a straight line westwards across all roads to the south-west corner of Section 264 of the Town of Hunterville; thence by a straight line to the north-west corner of Section 100, and by its production northwards to an intersection with the production westwards of the north boundary of Section 203 aforesaid; and thence to the point of commencement.

I certify that this description is sufficient to identify the boundaries of the Hunterville Road District, proposed to be constituted by a special order of the Rangitikei County Council, made on the 5th day of September, 1896, and confirmed on 10th October, 1896.

J. MCKENZIE,
Acting Chief Surveyor.

Special Order made by the Piako County Council, merging Taotaoroa Road District in the Piako County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1896.

THE following special order, made by the Piako County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Counties Act, 1886."

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER.

DECLARED that the Taotaoroa Road Board be dissolved, and that the Taotaoroa Road District be merged in the Piako County, and abolished; further, that this special order shall take effect as from and after 1st January, 1897.

I hereby certify that the above special order has been duly passed.

P. GILCHRIST,
Clerk, Piako County Council.

Morrinsville, 28th November, 1896.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Parihaka Road Board, County of Taranaki.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1896.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Parihaka Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886."

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

PARIHAKA ROAD BOARD.

RESULT of poll taken at Mr. J. J. Rickard's house, Waiteika Road, on Saturday, 7th November, 1896, re proposal to raise a loan of £400 under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and metalling a portion of the Upper Waiteika Road:—

Number on special roll, 12, representing 12 votes: For the proposal, 9; against the proposal, 0.

I therefore declare the above proposal carried.

M. FLEMING,
Chairman.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Rangitikei County Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1896.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Rangitikei County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886."

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COUNTY OF RANGITIKEI.—NGARURU ROAD SPECIAL RATING DISTRICT.

THE following is the result of a poll taken on Saturday, 28th November, 1896, on a proposal of the Rangitikei County Council to raise the sum of £250 by way of loan, under the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," for the purpose of constructing about 77 chains of the Ngaruru Road; and to levy a special rate on the value of the several properties within the above special district:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 5; number of votes exercisable, 16: Number of ratepayers who voted for the proposal, 4; number of votes recorded for the proposal, 15; number of votes recorded against the proposal, nil.

A majority of the ratepayers, exercising more than one-

half of the total number of votes exercisable, having voted for the proposal, I therefore declare it to be carried.

J. W. MARSHALL,
Chairman, Rangitikei County Council.
Marton, 30th November, 1896.

Notice to Mariners, No. 34 of 1896.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 5th December, 1896.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Department of Ports and Harbours, Melbourne, is published for general information.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Marine.

PORT OF PORT PHILLIP.—WEST CHANNEL.

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners, published 10th August, 1894, masters of vessels, pilots, and others are hereby informed that a survey of the West Channel, made September, 1896, discloses that certain changes have taken place in such channel since the previous survey in 1891, which will necessitate a rearrangement of the Swanspit Gas Buoy, No. 4 Channel Buoy, and the Swash-way Buoy; and notice is hereby given that on and after the 30th day of November, 1896, the following changes will be made:—

Swanspit Gas Buoy will be removed from its present position, and moored four and a half (4½) cables south eighteen (18) degrees west therefrom.

No. 4 Red Buoy will be removed from its present position, and moored one and a half (1½) cables east therefrom.

Swash-way Buoy, which marks the north-east end of the Royal George Bank, will be removed from its present position, and moored one (1) cable north seventy (70) degrees west therefrom.

Caution.

Until such changes have been made, mariners are advised, when navigating in the vicinity of the Swanspit, to keep on the southward edge of the red sector shown from Queenscliff low light.

ALEXR. WILSON,
Port Officer.
Harbour Office, Customs,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1896.

Notice to Mariners, No. 36 of 1896.

FAREWELL SPIT LIGHTHOUSE, WESTERN ENTRANCE TO COOK STRAIT.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 4th December, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that a new tower for the light at Farewell Spit has been erected 176ft. eastward of the present tower, and that, in consequence of the removal of the apparatus from the old to the new tower, no light will be exhibited on the nights of the 17th and 18th January, 1897.

On and after the night of the 19th January, 1897, the light will be exhibited from the new tower, which is in lat. 40° 33' S. and long. 173° 2' E., as measured from the Admiralty chart.

The light (which is a revolving white light of the second order dioptric, attaining its greatest brilliancy once a minute) will show all round, except on the outer side of the western portion of the Spit from the lighthouse, where it is shut in by sandhills.

Over the Spit end the light will be red, in order to warn mariners of their approach to that danger.

The light will be elevated 97ft. above the sea-level, and, allowing 15ft. for the height of the observer's eye, it will be visible 15½ nautical miles in clear weather.

The tower is an open-framed iron structure, painted in alternate bands of red and white; and is 88ft. in height from the ground to the top of the lantern. The old tower will be taken down as soon as possible after the exhibition of the light from the new tower.

It is anticipated that the various magnetic bearings of the light in the new tower will correspond with those already published in regard to the old tower—that is, over the Spit end (that is, between the bearings of N.W. ¼ N. to W. by ¼ N.) the light will be red, in order to caution mariners of their approach to that danger; but, should it be found that there is any alteration, due notice will be given as soon as the exact bearings have been ascertained.

From soundings recently taken by Captain Allman, of this department, it has been found that the water has shoaled 2 fathoms in the vicinity of the Spit end as compared with the soundings shown on the Admiralty chart. These changes in the soundings extend from the Spit end, in a S.E. by E. direction, nearly two miles.

CAUTION.—Vessels should not enter the sector of red light within a distance of six miles from the lighthouse.

All bearings are magnetic.
Chart affected—No. 2616, Sheet VII., N.Z.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Marine.

Notice to Mariners, No. 35 of 1896.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 7th December, 1896.

THE following Hydrographic Notices, received from His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Australian Station, are published for general information.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Marine.

AUSTRALIAN STATION.

"Orlando," at Port Melbourne,
26th October, 1896.

(Hydrographic Notice No. 29.)

Shoals inside Barrier Reefs.

1. INFORMATION has been received from H.M.S. "Dart" that Tanadice Rock is situated in latitude $12^{\circ} 39' 52''$ S., longitude $143^{\circ} 31' 18''$ E., and from it the summit of Restoration Rock bears N. 59° W., 4.3 miles. The rock is situated on the N.W. corner of a shoal about $6\frac{1}{2}$ cables long in a N.W. and S.E. direction, and is about 4 cables broad. There is 5ft. of water on the rock at low water ordinary springs, and 3 to 7 fathoms, coral, on the shoal. It is steep to on its north side, and 10 to 16 fathoms close round the remainder.

2. Foul ground extends off the western edge of Bih (b) Reef for half a mile, and it is not safe to approach.

3. The north point of Lansdown Reef has 2 fathoms on it, and 9 to 10 fathoms close to the northward. It is situated in latitude $12^{\circ} 48' 10''$ S., longitude $143^{\circ} 33' 30''$ E. From the north point the reef trends S. 43° E. 6 cables, then S. 31° E. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Southward of this the reef is correctly charted.

Charts affected: 2920, 2921, 2764.

Sailing directions: Australia, Vol. ii., pages 374 and 376.

(H.M.S. "Dart," Note No. 4, 11th September, 1896: Office No. 837.)

CYPRIAN A. G. BRIDGE,
Rear-Admiral.

To the respective captains, commanders, and officers commanding Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the Australian Station.

AUSTRALIAN STATION.

"Orlando," at Port Melbourne, 29th October, 1896.

(Hydrographic Notice No. 30.)

1.—*Rock off Ovalau, Fiji.*

INFORMATION has been received of a small coral head about 30ft. in diameter, with 5ft. of water over it at low water springs, and 6 to 7 fathoms around it. It lies in latitude $17^{\circ} 36' 32''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 43' 23''$ E., or W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Tumana Peak, Ovalau Island.

Charts affected: 905, 1249.

Sailing directions: Pacific, Vol. ii., page 124.

("Waterwitch," Note No. 3, 14th September, 1896: Office No. 837.)

2.—*Gavutu Harbour, Solomon Islands.*

Information has been received of the following additions at Gavutu:—

South Beacon: A beacon 5ft. high, with a pole in the centre, the whole being about 18ft. above low water, has been erected in the following position: Eastern extremity of Ghaomi Island 13° Pier, $32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ south extremity of Gavutu Island.

North Beacon: Another beacon about 6ft. high, with a pole in the centre, has been erected with eastern extremity Ghaomi Island $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Pier, 84° south extremity of Gavutu Island. A small buoy lies in $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms N. 58° E., 80 yards from the North Beacon, to mark the elbow of the reef. The causeway joining Gavutu and Tanambogho Islands is now completed.

Chart affected: 2658.

Sailing directions: Pacific, Vol. i., page 378.

3.—*Ulawa, Solomon Islands.*

Information has been received that the Mission-station is situated half-way down the west coast of Ulawa Island, and not on the N.W. corner as shown in Chart 214. Deep water was found by H.M.S. "Pylades" half a mile from the shore off the Mission-station.

Chart affected: 214.

Sailing directions: Pacific, Vol. i., page 369.

("Pylades," Notes Nos. 7 and 8, 20th and 24th September, 1896: Office Nos. 837.)

4.—*Santa Cruz.*

The following information has been received from H.M.S. "Pylades," and agrees entirely with the observations taken by H.M.S. "Orlando" during the visit to this island in July, 1895:—

A very strong tide-rip extends across the entrance to Graciosa Bay.

The remark shown on plan of Graciosa Bay, "Greatest depth about 27 fathoms," is quite incorrect: 70 to 40 fathoms were obtained by both the above-named ships when running into the anchorage.

Tinakula Island, N.W. of Santa Cruz, is certainly incorrectly charted, and appears to be three to five miles S.E. of the position shown on chart. A great many of the positions about this neighbourhood appear to be incorrectly charted.

Chart affected: 17.

Sailing directions: Pacific Islands, Vol. i., Part i., page 349; Part ii., page 277.

("Pylades," Note No. 6, 15th September, 1896: Office No. 837.)

5.—*Rotumah Island.*

Information has been received from H.M.S. "Penguin" that the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -fathom patch shown as P.D. on Chart 987 is situated with summit of Emery Island N. 16° W. $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and has 3 fathoms on it with deep water all round. It breaks in heavy weather.

Chart affected: 987.

Sailing directions: Pacific Islands, Vol. ii., page 219.

("Penguin," 6th October, 1896: Office No. 837.)

6.—*Tongatabu.*

With reference to Hydrographic Notice No. 21, of 29th June, 1896, information has now been received that all the buoys therein mentioned have been placed in their proper positions, that on Campbell Rock being painted "white." Two conical iron buoys painted "red" have (in addition) been placed in the northern passage, one on Augusta Rock, the other on Juno Reef.

Charts affected: 1385, 2363.

Sailing directions: Pacific Islands, Vol. ii., pages 31-36.

(Vice-Consul, Tonga, 8th October, 1896: Office No. 835.)

CYPRIAN A. G. BRIDGE,
Rear-Admiral.

To the respective captains, commanders, and officers commanding Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the Australian Station.

AUSTRALIAN STATION.

"Orlando," at Port Melbourne,
10th November, 1896.

(Hydrographic Notice No. 32.)

Shoals on N.W. Coast of Ovalau Island, Fiji.

INFORMATION has been received from H.M.S. "Waterwitch" of the following dangers off the N.W. coast of Ovalau Island.

(1.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 36' 53''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 43' 17''$ E. This is the position of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -fathom patch S.E. of Naingani Island.

(2.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 36' 55''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 43' 8''$ E.: 4ft. rock close to (1).

(3.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 36' 9''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 44' 38''$ E.: 6-fathoms coral patch.

(4.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 37' 52''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 44' 38''$ E.: $2\frac{1}{2}$ -fathoms patch.

(5.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 37' 58''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 44' 38''$ E.: 4-fathoms patch.

(6.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 37' 42''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 44' 9''$ E.: Coral patch awash.

(7.) Latitude $17^{\circ} 37' 40''$ S., longitude $178^{\circ} 44' 13''$ E.: 4ft. coral patch.

(8.) 23 fathoms were obtained on position of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -fathom shoal, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.W. of Ovalau. The buoy does not exist.

(9.) Naingani Island appears to be to the eastward of position now shown on chart.

(10.) The Harbourmaster at Levuka reports a 3-fathom shoal $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile N.N.E. from the rock reported in Australian Station Hydrographic Notice No. 30 (1) of 29th October, 1896.

Charts affected: 1249, 905.

Sailing directions: Pacific Islands, Vol. ii., page 124.

("Waterwitch," Note 4, 21st October, 1896: Office No. 837.)

CYPRIAN A. G. BRIDGE,
Rear-Admiral.

To the respective captains, commanders, and officers commanding Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the Australian Station,

Notice of Intention to take Lands for Roads through Wai-iti Survey District.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute certain public works, to wit, the construction of roads through Square 4, Wai-iti Survey District, and for the purposes of such public works the lands described in the Schedule hereto are required to be taken; and notice is further given that the plans of the said roads and of the lands so required to be taken are deposited in the Post-office at Bell Grove, and are there open for inspection. And notice is hereby given that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said lands shall, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such lands, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

Area.	Part of Section No.	In Square No.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P.					
0 2 8	83	4	Wai-iti	S.G. 29039	Red.
0 1 4	"	"	"	"	"
1 0 22	"	"	"	"	"
1 1 12	"	"	"	"	"
1 0 0	"	"	"	"	"
1 0 0	"	"	"	"	"
2 2 26	84	"	"	S.G. 29039A	"
0 0 20	"	"	"	"	"

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 8th December, 1896.

IT is hereby notified for general information that Friday, the 25th, Saturday, the 26th, and Monday, the 28th, of December, 1896, and Friday, the 1st, and Saturday, the 2nd, of January, 1897, will be observed as holidays in the public offices of the Government of New Zealand.

By order,
HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Election of Trustees of Wainono Land Drainage District, County of Waimate.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1896.

THE following result of the election of Trustees of the Wainono Land Drainage District has been received from the Returning Officer, and is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893."

HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Wainono Land Drainage District:
Edward H. Cameron.
Alexander Copeland.
Michael McGoverin.
Nicholas Quinn.
Thomas Smith.

Road Board Elections.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th December, 1896.

THE following notice of election of a member of a Road Board has been received at this office, and is published in accordance with "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Okato Road District, County of Taranaki:
Charles Andrews.

Bonus for Production of Mineral Manure.—Notice No. 454.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 25th July, 1896.

A BONUS of £200 is hereby offered for the discovery and working within the colony of a deposit or deposits of marketable mineral manure.

The following are the conditions under which the bonus is offered and will be paid:—

1. That the raw material be easily accessible, and within reasonable distance of a road or railway.
2. That the person appointed by the Minister for Agriculture to examine the deposit is satisfied that there is sufficient to meet all ordinary demands for five years.
3. That at least 200 tons of such manure have been disposed of at a price which will allow of its being remuneratively used for agricultural purposes, and that a further supply can be placed on the market at the same price.
4. That, if the deposit be mineral coprolites, it shall contain by analysis at least 20 per cent. of phosphoric acid.
5. That, if the deposit be mineral apatites, it shall contain by analysis at least 25 per cent. of phosphoric acid.

Applications addressed to "The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, Wellington," will be received up to and including the 1st day of August, 1897.

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister for Agriculture.

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 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.

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.

Civil Service Senior Examination.

Education Department,
Wellington, 3rd October, 1896.

IN pursuance of regulations under "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886," notice is hereby given that for the Senior Examination of January, 1898, the period of literature will be the period from 1625 to 1688, and the special books will be Macaulay's Essays on Bacon and Walpole, and Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

W. C. WALKER,
Minister of Education.

Commissioner's Decisions under Tariff Acts.

Department of Trade and Customs,
Wellington, 8th December, 1896.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Commissioner of Trade and Customs has decided to interpret the Customs and Excise Duties Acts in relation to the under-mentioned articles as follows:—

NOTE.—"Not otherwise enumerated" appears as n.o.e.; "other kinds" as o.k.; "articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the colony" as a. & m.s. Articles marked thus * are revised decisions.

Articles, and how classed.	Rate of Duty.
96/1083. Aluminium mud-guards for bicycles; as partly-finished parts of bicycles	20 per cent.
96/1273. Aseptolin, "Edson"; as n.o.e.	Free.
*96/1449. Bottles, empty, plain glass, fitted with plain stopper or cover; as bottles, empty [NOTE.—This cancels decision on page 4 of Decision-book.]	Free.
96/947. Blanketing cut into shape and bound with rubber, for quartz-crushing plant; as machinery for mining purposes	5 per cent.
*96/1226. Braids, except tailors' braid and braid for military clothing; as haberdashery n.o.e. [NOTE.—This decision cancels Featherstitch braid, page 5 of Decision-book.]	20 per cent.
96/1083. Canvas for lining bicycle-tires, waterproofed or otherwise; as canvas, or waterproof material in the piece	Free.
96/1118. Circular brass brushes, leather and felt bobs, and calico "mops" for electro-plating; as artificers' tools	Free.
96/1435. "Incanto" acetylene gas generator, when imported with a magic lantern; as magic lanterns when imported separately; as apparatus for producing gas	10 per cent.
96/1199. Liq. Euonymin et Pepsin (Oppenheimer), for dispensing purposes only; as drugs	20 per cent.
96/1350. Machine for book-folding; as machinery n.o.e.	20 per cent.
96/947. Mercury-troughs; as machinery for mining purposes	5 per cent.
96/1343. Nickel anodes for galvanic battery; as n.o.e.	Free.
96/1345. Spun silk on bobbins, used in manufacturing tweeds; as a. and m.s.	Free.
96/1201. Screw tops and wire spring fasteners for jam-jars; as a. and m.s.	Free.
*96/880. Test-bottles, test-glasses, acid-measures, pipettes of glass, for milk-testing; as machinery for dairying purposes	5 per cent.
96/1260. Veneered cardboard; as n.o.e.	Free.

W. T. GLASGOW,

Secretary and Inspector.

Commissioner's Order No. 557.]

Officiating Ministers for 1896.—Notice No. 36.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 7th December, 1896.

PURSUANT to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand passed in the forty-fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and intitled "The Marriage Act, 1880," the following name of an Officiating Minister within the meaning of the said Act is published for general information:—

Roman Catholic Church.

The Reverend Celestine Lacroix.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,

Registrar-General.

New Zealand Institute.

Wellington, 7th December, 1896.

THE under-mentioned members have been duly elected Governors of the New Zealand Institute to represent the incorporated societies for the ensuing year:—

Major-General SCHAW, C.B., R.E.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., F.R.G.S.

JAMES MCKERROW, Esq., F.R.A.S.

JAMES HECTOR,

Manager.

Government Observatory.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations, Wellington, for the month of November, 1896. Altitude above the sea, 140ft. Observations taken at 9.30 a.m.

Date.	Barometer reduced and corrected, in Inches.	From Self-registering Instruments, for Twenty-four Hours previously.					Solar Radiation.	Terrestrial Radiation.	Rainfall, in Inches.	Veloc. Wind, in Miles.	Amount of Cloud, 0 to 10.	Direction of Wind.
		Max. Temp. in Shade.	Min. Temp. in Shade.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Fah.	Fah.						
1	29.490	59.5	50.3	54.9	111	42	.460	390	5	W.		
2	29.790	61.1	39.0	50.0	118	33	.750	200	5	S.W.		
3	29.608	56.0	41.0	48.5	120	30	.015	200	5	N.W.		
4	29.663	58.0	40.0	49.0	112	33	.480	210	3	S.		
5	29.724	58.0	44.0	51.0	121	35	..	210	4	N.W.		
6	29.801	62.0	51.0	56.5	124	40	..	230	4	N.W.		
7	29.869	63.0	49.5	56.2	139	40	.110	210	6	S.E.		
8	30.000	63.0	44.0	53.5	122	36	..	110	3	N.W.		
9	29.918	66.3	50.0	58.1	125	40	..	190	5	N.W.		
10	29.943	61.2	52.0	56.6	132	37	..	200	3	S.		
11	29.819	62.0	52.0	57.0	125	43	..	120	7	S.		
12	29.764	61.8	48.0	54.9	118	38	.370	50	5	E.		
13	29.806	62.0	50.5	56.2	118	38	..	130	4	N.W.		
14	29.861	65.0	56.0	60.5	126	39	..	360	5	N.W.		
15	29.850	60.3	53.5	56.9	97	39	.060	300	7	N.W.		
16	29.883	61.2	52.0	56.6	132	37	.370	100	3	S.		
17	30.223	57.5	46.0	51.7	126	36	.019	230	4	S.		
18	30.094	58.5	43.0	50.7	131	36	..	280	5	N.W.		
19	30.060	65.0	50.0	57.5	130	39	.020	220	3	N.		
20	29.910	67.5	54.5	61.0	127	45	..	340	4	N.W.		
21	29.990	62.5	49.0	55.7	118	41	.080	340	3	N.W.		
22	30.250	65.0	49.0	57.0	120	38	..	170	4	S.E.		
23	30.171	60.0	43.0	51.5	120	35	..	130	5	N.W.		
24	30.134	64.3	49.5	56.9	125	39	..	120	3	N.W.		
25	30.121	69.0	49.0	59.0	135	40	..	150	5	S.E.		
26	30.057	66.0	49.0	57.5	94	39	..	180	3	S.E.		
27	30.118	61.5	49.0	55.2	118	39	..	220	4	S.E.		
28	30.066	63.3	42.0	52.5	135	35	..	140	4	N.W.		
29	29.980	64.0	53.5	58.7	135	42	..	300	4	N.W.		
30	30.008	62.5	53.0	57.7	118	45	.090	160	6	S.E.		
*	29.932	62.2	48.4	55.3	119.0	38.3	2.824	206	4.3	..		
†	29.836	..	..	56.5	..	..	4.166	..	..	..

* Means. † Same month previous years.

NOTE.—Showery in early part of month, with intervals of fine—0.75in. rain recorded on 2nd, the maximum for the month; then fine until the middle of month, when it was rather showery, wind chiefly south; latter part very fine, with moderate and variable winds. Slight thunder on 1st and 11th; snow on near hills on 1st and 2nd; hail on 1st and 2nd. Maximum temperature in shade 69°, minimum 39°; mean temperature of dew-point, 45°·4; mean humidity, 70. Slight earthquake on 27th, at 3 p.m.

R. B. GORE, Observer.

Examination for Mine-managers' and Battery-superintendents' Certificates.

Mines Department, Wellington, 7th December, 1896.

AN examination of candidates for certificates as First- and Second-class Mine-managers and Battery-superintendents under "The Mining Act, 1891," and Amendment Act, 1894, and First- and Second-class Mine-managers under "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," will be held on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1897, and three following days, at places to be hereafter named. All applications, with necessary certificates, and fee of £1, must be addressed to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act or Coal-mines Act, Wellington," and must be received before the 20th January, or they will not be dealt with until the following examination.

T. H. HAMER, Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

Notice No. 461, substituted for Public Notice under "The Stock Act, 1893," re *Liver-fluke*.—Notice No. 449.

Department of Agriculture (Live-stock Branch), Wellington, 7th September, 1896.

IT having been reported to me that the disease known as "liver-fluke" exists amongst sheep running on certain

lands in the Hawke's Bay Land District, I therefore, in accordance with section 14, subsection (4), of "The Stock Act, 1893," hereby declare the under-mentioned lands to be an infected place, from which no sheep, carcase, or any portion thereof, shall be removed, except under the direction of an Inspector of Stock:—

All that piece of land, situated in the Hawke's Bay Land District, called Te Hauke, and containing about 9,000 acres, being parts of Blocks XII. and XVI., Maraekakahu Survey District, and Blocks IX. and XIII., Te Mata Survey District, in the Hawke's Bay County. Bounded by a line starting at the north-eastern corner of Block 13, in Block XVI., Maraekakahu Survey District; thence in a north-east direction by a right line to Trig. Station N; thence northerly by a right line to the south-west corner of the Waikareao Block; thence generally north-easterly by the north-western boundaries of the Raukawa Nos. 3 and 2 Blocks, the Pukehou No. 1, and the Poukawa Native Reserve, and Koparakore A to the north-western corner of the last-named block; thence south-easterly by the north-eastern boundary A and B to its intersection with the railway-line; thence south-westerly by a right line to Te Ante Railway-station; thence south-west by the railway-line to its intersection with the Hawke's Bay County boundary; thence generally north-westerly by the aforesaid boundary to the starting-point.

All that parcel of land in the Land District of Hawke's Bay, being called or known by the name of the "Ram Paddock," containing about 80 acres, being a portion of Whenuahou C Nos. 1 and 2 North, in Block III., Tahoraite Survey District, Waipawa County. Bounded on the north-west by the Porongahau Stream; on the north and east by Blocks 120 and 69; and on the south generally by other portion of Whenuahou C Nos. 1 and 2 North, aforesaid.

All that piece or parcel of land in the Land District of Hawke's Bay, being called or known by the name of "Takapau Paddock," containing about 190 acres, being portion of Subdivision No. 3, Otawhao Block, in Block III., Takapau Survey District, Waipawa County. Bounded on the north by Blocks 234 and 120; on the south generally by the Porongahau Stream and a public road; and on the west by the railway-line.

All that piece or parcel of land in the Land District of Hawke's Bay, called or known as "Rees Davis Paddock," containing 110 acres, being Section 7 of Whenuahou D.E. No. 1 Block, in VI. and VII., Takapau Survey District, Waipawa County. Bounded on the south-east by a public road; on the south-west by a public road; on the north-west by Section 6; and on the north-east by Section 8.

All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, called or known by the name of "Sebastopol 3 Paddock," containing about 530 acres, situated in Block III., Waipukurau Survey District, Waipawa County, being part of the land granted to the Bishop of Wellington, and situated in the south-west corner of the aforesaid land.

JOHN D. RITCHIE, Chief Inspector of Stock.

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

Public Trust Office, Wellington, 8th December, 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. John Doherty, late of Seacliff, in the Provincial District of Otago, labourer. Filed on the 26th day of November, 1896.

Sarah Henderson, late of Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, widow. Filed on the 26th day of November, 1896.

Thomas William Braggins, late of Greytown, in the Provincial District of Wellington, settler. Filed on the 26th day of November, 1896.

John Currie, late of Riversdale, in the Provincial District of Otago, labourer. Filed on the 26th day of November, 1896.

Vance Mason, late of Waituna West, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 26th day of November, 1896.

Richard Thompson, late of Ryal Bush, in the Provincial District of Otago, farmer. Filed on the 26th day of November, 1896.

Arthur Stanley Goodall, late of Coromandel, in the Provincial District of Auckland, labourer. Filed on the 28th day of November, 1896.

JAMES C. MARTIN, Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 10 acres, more or less, being Allotment 4 of Suburban Section 3, Block XII., Parish of Waipipi and County of Eden, the grantee of which land is James Waring, of Shortland, miner, and of whom nothing can be traced; also, to the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 10 acres, more or less, being Allotment 5 of Section 3, Parish of Waipipi and County of Eden, the grantee of which land is John Barker Mell, of Shortland, miner, and of whom nothing can be traced.

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

Now, this notice calls upon such owners respectively, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice in this Gazette, to establish to the satisfaction of the Public Trustee their titles respectively to the lands respectively specified in this notice; and, if such owners do not, within the time limited, so establish their or either of their titles, the Public Trustee will exercise the powers and authorities granted to him in and by "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894," in respect of such one or both of the said allotments as the owner shall not have so established his title to as aforesaid.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1896.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Crown Lands Notices.

Village-homestead Allotments, Southland, open for Lease upon Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 8th December, 1896.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, on Thursday, 11th February, 1897.

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 the following day, at 11 a.m., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill.

SCHEDULE.
SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.
Village-homestead Allotments.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
				Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
FIRST-CLASS LAND.					
<i>Southland County.</i>					
Seaward Bush ..	34	III.	A. R. P. 5 0 0	s. d. 4 0	£ s. d. 0 10 0
" ..	35	"	5 0 0	4 0	0 10 0
Bush land, nearly level, low-lying in places; capable of yielding good crops when cleared, and good grass even when surface-sown. Distance, one mile from Clifton Railway-station. Limit of holdings in this village, 10 acres.					
<i>Wallace County.</i>					
Longwood ..	8	VII.	31 0 24	1 7-2	1 5 0
Bush land, adjacent to Wakapatu Railway-station, on the Riverton-Orepuki line; land is of fair quality. Limit of holdings in this village, 50 acres.					
<i>Southland County.</i>					
Hokonui (Centre Bush Village)	728	..	28 3 26	1 2-4	0 17 4
Bush land, flat, soil fair. It is situated about one mile and a half from Centre Bush Railway-station, on the Invercargill-Kingston line. Limit of holdings in this village, one section.					
Invercargill Hundred (Loanend Village)	74	VIII.	18 3 3	2 0	0 18 9
Open flat land, fair soil. Distance from Woodlands, about three miles. Limit of holdings in this village, 20 acres.					
Invercargill Hundred (Ackers Village)	114	XX.	15 3 1	2 1	0 16 7
Ditto ..	115	"	15 3 1	2 1	0 16 7
" ..	116	"	15 3 1	2 1	0 16 7
Ackers Village is situated in Otatara Bush, some seven miles from Invercargill by road; land flat and of fair quality, covered with mixed bush; tapped for most part by gravelled road. Limit of holdings in this village, 50 acres.					

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. The lands enumerated above are first-class lands, and are 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").

2. The day on which the lands shall be open for selection shall be Thursday, the 11th February, 1897.

3. The rental stated above shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.

4. 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, Invercargill; and leases will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.

5. 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 to the said Act.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. No lessee shall hold more than the limit stated above, including that already held, and all allotments 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.

11. 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.

DAVID BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Licenses in the County of Mackenzie for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 27th October, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction, for lease, on Wednesday, the 16th December, 1896, at the Local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.
Pastoral Licenses (under "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Public Reserves Act 1881").

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
215	Cook and Mueller	Acres. 14,000	£ 50	Years. 21
216	Cass	4,550	20	21

Run 215, Birch Hill Station: This run is situated on the west side of the Tasman River, in the Mackenzie country, and adjoins the Mount Cook Hermitage Reserve. The land between the coach-road and the river consists of fairly well-grassed flats, much broken into by large patches of bare gravel; there is also a small flat near the Tasman Glacier, which is covered with tussock, and, in some places, with cocksfoot grass; the remainder of the run consists of mountainous country and steep and rough hill-faces, having generally a good aspect; the lower portions of the spurs are well covered with tussock and native grasses, the upper portions are bare and mountainous. Falls of snow and bad weather late in the season make successful rearing of lambs very difficult, but the country is fairly well adapted for carrying a dry flock of merinos. Mr. Sutherland, the late licensee of Birch Hill, states that he will be prepared to negotiate with the purchaser of the new lease of the run for

the sale of the 20 acres of freehold, and improvements, comprising, according to his statement, a cottage, woolshed, two huts, sheepyards, and about two miles and three-quarters of fencing.

Run 216: This run is situated on the eastern side of the Tasman River, and lies north-west of and adjacent to the Mount Cook Run No. 83, M. A. Burnett, licensee, and comprises high mountainous country on the Liebig Range, the lower slopes of which are fairly well grassed.

CONDITIONS.

1. Possession of the runs will be given to the purchasers of the license on the day of sale.

2. No person or company may become the holder of more than one run under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892": Provided that the holder of any run under the said Act of a carrying-capacity of less than ten thousand sheep or two thousand head of cattle may become the lessee of an aggregate area sufficient to carry such a number of sheep or cattle. The holder of any small grazing-run under Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," shall not be the holder of any run under Part VI. of the said Act.

3. The licenses shall be dated on the 1st March, 1897, and shall include, in addition, the whole period between the date of possession and the said 1st March, 1897.

4. The licenses shall be subject to the following conditions amongst others:—

(1.) That, if the licensee, or any person claiming an interest through or under him, shall make or cause to be made any agreement or contract, or shall give or cause to be given or taken any negotiable security, for the purpose of defeating or evading the provisions of, or shall in any way whatsoever directly or indirectly commit or be privy to a fraud upon, "The Land Act, 1892," the license shall be liable to be forfeited and revoked;

(2.) That the licensee shall prevent the destruction or burning of timber or bush on the land comprised in the license;

(3.) That the licensee shall prevent the growth or spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the license, and shall with all reasonable speed remove or cause to be removed all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner; and

(4.) That the licensee shall destroy all rabbits on the land comprised in the license, and shall prevent their increase or spread, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or an officer appointed by him to inspect the ground.

5. The licensee shall have the exclusive right of pasturage over the lands specified in his license, but shall have no right to the soil or timber or minerals thereon or therein.

6. One half-year's rent and a license-fee of £1 ls. shall be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser shall make a declaration in terms of section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892." The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in each year during the term of the license. Should the half-yearly rental at any period not be paid within thirty days, a penalty of 10 per cent. in addition will be enforced.

7. No liability is accepted by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of any fencing existing upon the Crown lands offered for license.

DECLARATION.

I, _____, of _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease or license of pastoral lands.

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

3. That I am not the holder of any lease or license in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any lease or license in contravention of section 193 of the said Act.

4. That I am not the holder of a small grazing-run in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such run.

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.)

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Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18 _____, before me— _____, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

Full particulars, plans, forms of declaration, &c., may be obtained on application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch.

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

Small Grazing-runs, Otago, open for Lease on Application.

District Land Office,
Dunedin, 8th December, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, at the Land Office, Dunedin, on and after Wednesday, the 10th February, 1897, at the half-yearly rental noted below. If more than one application be received for the same run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Small Grazing-runs.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rental.
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FIRST-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Tuapeka County.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Benger ..	7, 10, and 11	XIII.	809	3	16	0	7	11 16 3

Good land, fairly well watered; situated about ten miles from Miller's Flat Post-office. About 120 acres have been cultivated, and the remainder is in tussock. Valuation for improvements, to be lodged with application or paid immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £235 5s. Valuation is also to be allowed for 14 acres of oat-crop at present on the run. The crop to be valued fourteen days prior to date of sale. Possession 1st March, 1897.

Waitaki County.

Maerewhen'a	Run 17D	..	711	3	0	0	6-06	9 0 0
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One of the subdivisions of Run 17 (portion of the Otekaikae Station). This run consists of light pastoral land, well watered, and sloping toward the Maerewhenua River. Distance from Livingstone by road, seven miles. Altitude averages 2,400ft. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £93. Possession on day of sale.

Maerewhen'a	1	XVI.	398	1	9	0	10	8 5 10
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Partly grazing and partly agricultural land; soil fair; well watered; situated about one mile from the Town of Livingstone. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £205 9s. Possession 1st March, 1897.

Vincent County.

Tiger Hill ..	220E, 220F	..	3,903	0	0	0	3	24 7 10
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Undulating to broken pastoral country, situated about eight miles from Alexandra and adjoining the Galloway Station. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £260. Possession 1st March, 1897.

Waitaki County.

Domet ..	1	XI.	865	0	0	0	8	14 8 4
Maerewhen'a	5	XVI.						

One of the subdivisions of Tapui and Tokarahi Stations. This run contains good grazing-land, several portions of which are fit for cultivation; well watered; situated from five to six miles from Livingstone. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £376 14s. 6d. Possession, 1st March, 1897.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
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SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Waitaki County.

		A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Kurow	..	3 of 23, 4 of 23	..	9,400	0	0	0	2	39	3	4

Hilly pastoral land of fair quality; well watered; situated about eight miles from Kurow Township. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £624 3s. Possession 1st March, 1897.

Vincent County.

Tiger Hill..	220	..	7,323	0	0	0	2	30	10	3
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Subdivisions of Pastoral Runs 220b and 220c, part of Gallop Station. Undulating to broken country, containing good pastoral land. The run has frontage to the main Alexandra-Ida Valley Road; it fronts the Manuherikia River, and is traversed by the proposed Otago Central Railway. Its distance from Alexandra is about eight miles. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £217 7s. Possession 1st March, 1897.

Waitaki County.

Kakanui	..	2	II.	10,376	0	0	0	2	43	4	8
"	..	1	III.								
"	..	3	"								
"	..	1	VII.								
"	..	2	VIII.								
Kyeburn	..	2	XIV.								

With the exception of 2,000 acres on the south-west end, this run is well grassed throughout, and is watered by a number of small streams; the north-east portion contains some arable land. Distance from Livingstone by formed road, four miles, and from Tokarahi Railway-station, ten miles. The average altitude of this country is 2,600ft. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £544 12s.

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 September, 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.

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 intitled "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.

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Southland District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 9th December, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that, the leases of the under-mentioned Crown lands having been forfeited by resolutions of the Southland Land Board, the said lands have reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land Act, 1885."

SCHEDULE.

Section.	Block.	Locality.	Held by	Tenure.
8	VII.	Longwood	Francis Corkin, jun. ..	Lease in perpetuity.
43, 44	III.	Campbelltown Hundred	Catherine McKenzie ..	"
13, 14	X.	Toetoes District	John Mitchell	"
46	VI.	Otara District	Reginald Day	"
116	..	Waiau District	Edward Davis	"
115	..	"	John Davis	Occupation with right of purchase.
26	XI.	Campbelltown Hundred	James T. Cross	"
27	X.	New River Hundred	Maria T. Almao	"
34	..	Waimumu	William Smith	"
7	VII.	Makarewa Township	Robert Waldron	Perpetual lease.
7	VII.	Waikawa	John Jackson	Lease in perpetuity.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Village Homesteads in Horowhenua County open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 1st December, 1896.

THE under-mentioned lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 27th January, 1897.

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 the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

HOROWHENUA VILLAGE-HOMESTEAD SETTLEMENT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
		Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
16	A. R. P. 5 0 0	s. d. 5 2·4	£ s. d. 0 13 0
Weighted with £10 for improvements.			
20	5 0 0	5 2·4	0 13 0
Weighted with £5 for improvements.			
53	25 0 0	4 2·4	2 12 6
Weighted with £2 10s. for improvements.			
55	25 0 0	4 2·4	2 12 6
Weighted with £2 10s. for improvements.			
47	10 0 0	4 4·8	1 2 0

Section 16 is situated on the main road near Levin. The land is level, the soil good, on a shingle formation, and is more or less covered with mixed timber. There is a small house on the section.

Section 20 is situated on the main road near Levin. The land is level, and the soil is good on a shingle formation. All the bush has been felled but not burnt.

Section 53.—This section is situated about a mile and a half from Levin Railway-station, and is approached by a formed road. The soil is good, on a gravel formation. The land is perfectly level, timbered with rimu, matai, miro, &c., and well suited for dairying or gardening purposes. An area of 2 acres has been felled and burned.

Section 55 is situated about a mile and a half from Levin Railway-station, and is approached by a formed road. The soil is good, on a gravel formation. The land is perfectly level, timbered with rimu, matai, miro, &c., and is well suited for dairying or gardening purposes. An area of 2½ acres has been felled.

Section 47.—This section is within five minutes' walk of Levin Railway-station. The land is level, with good soil on a shingle formation. The milling timber has been cut out, and no improvements have been effected.

[NOTE.—Section No. 47 is offered subject to the right of allowing the existing tramway to be used through and over it, and also for the free ingress and egress of all persons, animals, and conveyances in any way connected therewith, together with full permission to repair, maintain, and keep in working-order such line of tramway for a period of one year from the 1st January, 1897, after which time all rights thereto shall cease.]

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").

2. The day on which the lands shall be open for selection shall be Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

3. The rental stated above shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.

4. 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, Wellington; and leases will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.

5. 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 hereby prescribed.

6. Each applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, the lease- and registration-fee, and the amount with which the section is weighted for improvements, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.

7. 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 of rent will become due on 1st January, 1898.

8. No lessee shall hold more than one allotment, and such allotment shall be held for his 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.

9. The lessee must reside on the land leased within one year from the date of lease, and thereafter such residence shall be continuous.

10. Improvements and residence on the land comprised in each lease shall, subject to clause No. 9, 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, subject to clause No. 9, apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations.

Substantial improvements of a permanent character mean and include reclamation from swamps, clearing of bush, 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, in any way improving the character or fertility of the soil, or the erection of any non-movable building.

11. 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.

12. 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.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT.

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 the purchase of a lease of Section , Block , District.

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 I am not the owner, or lessee, 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 one acre.

5. That I have not, within one year from the date hereof, surrendered a lease with perpetual right of renewal or lease in perpetuity of the lands for a lease whereof I am now applying.

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— , a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

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

Pastoral Runs, Canterbury, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 1st December, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases of the under-mentioned pastoral runs will be offered for sale by public auction, at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1897, at noon.

SCHEDULE.

WAIMATE COUNTY.

Run No.	Survey District.	Block.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of Lease.
217	Waihao	VII., XI.	A. R. P. 283 0 35	d. £ s. d. 4·8 5 13 2	21	
218	Waihao	III., VII., VIII.	140 0 0	2·4 1 8 0	21	

These runs are situated in the Pentland Hills district, adjacent to the Pentland Hills Road, from twelve to sixteen miles north-west from the Waihao Forks Railway-station, and comprise rough, hilly, tussock land, adapted for pastoral purposes.

CONDITIONS.

1. Possession of the run will be given to the purchaser of the license on the day of sale.

2. No person or company may become the holder of more than one run under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892": Provided that the holder of any run under the said Act of a carrying-capacity of less than ten thousand sheep or two thousand head of cattle may become the lessee of an aggregate area sufficient to carry such a number of sheep or cattle. The holder of any small grazing-run under Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," shall not be the holder of any run under Part VI. of the said Act.

3. The license shall be dated on the 1st March, 1897, and shall include, in addition, the whole period between the date of possession and the said 1st March, 1897.

4. The license shall be subject to the following conditions amongst others:—

- (1.) That if the licensee or any person claiming an interest through or under him shall make or cause to be made any agreement or contract, or shall give or cause to be given or taken any negotiable security, for the purpose of defeating or evading the provisions of, or shall in any way whatsoever directly or indirectly commit or be privy to a fraud upon, "The Land Act, 1892," the license shall be liable to be forfeited and revoked;
- (2.) That the licensee shall prevent the destruction or burning of timber or bush on the land comprised in the license;
- (3.) That the licensee shall prevent the growth or spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the license, and shall with all reasonable speed remove or cause to be removed all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner; and
- (4.) That the licensee shall destroy all rabbits on the land comprised in the license, and shall prevent their increase or spread, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or an officer appointed by him to inspect the ground.

5. The licensee shall have the exclusive right of pasturage over the lands specified in his license, but shall have no right to the soil or timber or minerals thereon or therein.

6. One half-year's rent and a license-fee of £1 1s. shall be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser shall make a declaration in terms of section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892." The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in each year during the term of the license. Should the half-yearly rental at any period not be paid within thirty days, a penalty of 10 per cent. in addition will be enforced.

7. No liability is accepted by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of any fencing existing upon the Crown lands offered for license.

DECLARATION.

I, _____, of _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease or license of pastoral lands.

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

3. That I am not the holder of any lease or license in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any lease or license in contravention of section 193 of the said Act.

4. That I am not the holder of a small grazing-run in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such run.

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 _____, 18____, before me— _____, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

Full particulars, plans, forms of declaration, &c., may be obtained on application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch.

C. B. SHANKS,
Acting Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Patutahi Township for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 1st December, 1896.

THE under-mentioned sections in the Township of Patutahi will be offered for lease by public auction for a term of seven years, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Gisborne, on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

TOWNSHIP OF PATUTAHI.

Sections.	Area.	Term.	Upset Annual Rental.
34 to 42	A. R. P. 2 1 0	7 years ..	£ s. d. 2 5 0
43 to 48	2 1 0	7 " ..	2 5 0

Conditions of Lease.—The leases shall be for a term of seven years, commencing from the 1st day of January or July following the date of auction. The successful bidder at the auction shall pay one year's rent on the fall of the hammer. No compensation shall be allowed, nor shall any be claimed, at the termination of the lease, for any improvements effected on the land during the term of lease.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 1st December, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned kauri timber, standing upon Section 31, Parish of Oruru, Mangonui County, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 22nd January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

103 kauri-trees, containing 510,612 superficial feet approximately. Upset price, £255 6s.

Conditions of Sale.—One-half the purchase-money to be paid in cash or marked cheque on the fall of the hammer, the balance within twelve months thereafter. Two years from date of sale allowed for removal of timber.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Run, Southland, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 1st December, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral land will be submitted to public auction, for lease, on Thursday, the 23rd January, 1897, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, at 11 a.m.

Run No. 149: 8575 acres; term, 10 years; upset annual rental, £71 9s. 2d.

The run will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

Possession will be given on 1st March, 1897. The purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent and license-fee on fall of the hammer.

Valuations for improvements must be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill, before the licensee will be let into possession. The amount of such valuations shall, exclusive of the value of a rabbit-proof fence, in no case exceed three times the amount of the average annual rental paid under the expiring lease or license during the term thereof, or five times such amount in cases where the annual rent does not exceed £50.

DAVID BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Auckland for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 10th November, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned lands will be submitted for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at 11 a.m.:

HOBSON COUNTY, PARISH OF OKAHI.

Sections N.E. 149, S.W. 155, and Section 154: Total area, 128 acres 2 roods; total upset price, £311.

Contains about 500,000ft. kauri timber, which can be easily put into the Mangonui River. About ten miles from Mititai Post-office.

WAIPA COUNTY, PARISH OF MANGAPIKO.

Section 310: 40 acres; total upset price, £49. (Offered under section 243, subsection (3), "Land Act, 1892.")

Terms of Sale.—One-fifth of the purchase-money on fall of the hammer, and the balance, with grant-fee, within thirty days thereafter, otherwise the one-fifth paid by way of deposit will be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Southland, for Lease by Public Auction.

Department of Lands and Survey,
District Office, Invercargill, 24th October, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted, as temporary licenses under section 219 of "The Land Act, 1892," to public auction, at this office, on Thursday, the 24th day of December, 1896, at 11 a.m.

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Term.	Upset Rental.
517	Monowai and Lillburn	Acres. 3,280	Years. 3	Per Annum. £27 6s. 8d.
518	Ditto ..	2,800	3	£17 10s.
519	Lillburn ..	3,400	3	£21 5s.

DESCRIPTION.

Run 517: Soil light, with shingle bottom; good sprinkling of English grasses, the remainder red tussock; well watered; height above sea-level, from 200ft. to 400ft.; distance from Otautau, about thirty miles.

Run 518: Broken pastoral country; well watered; covered with good native grasses; height above sea-level, from 400ft. to 600ft.; distance from Otautau, about thirty-three miles.

Run 519: Broken pastoral country; soil heavy, with clay bottom; well watered, and covered with good native grasses; height above sea-level, from 350ft. to 800ft.; distance from Otautau, about thirty miles.

Possession will be given on the day of sale.

Purchasers must deposit the statutory declaration required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the first half-year's rent and license-fee on the fall of the hammer.

G. W. WILLIAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in the Town of Cambridge for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 27th October, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned reserves in Cambridge West Town will be submitted at auction, for leasing under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," for a term of fourteen years, at the Crown Lands Office, Auckland, on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at 11 a.m.

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE WEST.

Lots 69 and 70: 5 acres 1 rood 27 perches; upset annual rent, 16s. 6d.

Lots 148, 150: 2 acres 1 rood 20 perches; upset annual rent, 9s.

Lot 198: 3 acres; annual rent, 9s.

Lot 570: 8 acres; annual rent, £1 4s.

Lot 569: 17 acres; upset annual rent, £2 11s.

Term of lease, fourteen years, without right of renewal. No compensation will be allowed for improvements during either the currency or at the termination of the lease. Lessees will have the right to remove all fences or buildings erected during tenancy.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run, Auckland, open for Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 10th November, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application on and after Wednesday, the 23rd day of December, 1896, at the rental noted. In the event 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.

SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

All that parcel of land in the Land District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 2,769 acres, more or less, situate in Blocks I., II., and V., Whangarei Survey District, and bounded towards the north by Forest Reserve, 15750 links; towards the east by the Kopuatoetoe Block, 2654 links, and the Waitangi River; towards the south generally by the Te Maruata Block, 11150 links and 648 links, the Putanui River, and the Reretiti Block, 1522 links and 4590 links; towards the west by the Mangakino River and the Kahakaharoa No. 2 Block, 384 links, 4024 links, and 2050

links: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Auckland. Annual rent, £25.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Run, Southland, for Lease by Public Auction under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

Department of Lands and Survey,
District Office, Invercargill, 19th October, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned pastoral land will be submitted to public auction, at this office, on Thursday, the 24th day of December, 1896, at 11 a.m.

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Term.	Upset Rental.
214A	Blocks I., III., and IV., Noko-mai	A. 4,818 R. 0 P. 0	10 years	£ 20 s. 0 d.

Valuation for fencing, 180 chains, £27.

This run is situated about one mile and a half from Athol Township by main road. The country is high and broken, of slate formation, and fairly grassed with white tussock, mostly well watered. Height above sea-level ranges from 900ft. to 3,300ft.

Possession will be given on the day of sale.

Purchasers must deposit the statutory declaration required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the first half-year's rent and license-fee on the fall of the hammer. The valuation for improvements must be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill, before the licensee will be let into possession.

G. W. WILLIAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Leases of Building-sites for Sale by Public Tender in Terms of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that tenders for the leases of the under-mentioned allotments will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 21st of December, 1896. Plans and form of lease can be seen at this office. The term of the leases will be fourteen years. No allowance whatever shall be payable on account of improvements effected by the lessee. A deposit of a half-year's rent at the rate tendered, and £1 1s. lease-fee, must be enclosed with each tender. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

SCHEDULE.

ALLOTMENTS IN SECTION 268, BLOCK I., MOUTERE.

Allotment.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Allotment.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
1	A. R. P. 0 0 20	£ s. d. 0 10 0	17	A. R. P. 0 0 20	£ s. d. 0 10 0
2	0 0 20	0 10 0	18	0 0 20	0 10 0
3	0 1 0	1 0 0	19	0 2 0	2 0 0
4	0 0 20	0 10 0	21	0 1 0	1 0 0
5	0 0 20	0 10 0	22	0 1 0	1 0 0
6	0 0 20	0 10 0	23	0 0 20	0 10 0
7	0 0 20	0 10 0	24	0 0 20	0 10 0
8	0 2 0	2 0 0	25	0 0 20	0 10 0
10	0 1 0	1 0 0	26	0 0 20	0 10 0
11	0 1 0	1 0 0	27	0 0 20	0 10 0
12	0 1 0	1 0 0	28	0 1 0	1 0 0
13	0 0 20	0 10 0	29	0 1 0	1 0 0
14	0 0 20	0 10 0	30	0 0 20	0 10 0
15	0 0 20	0 10 0	31	0 0 20	0 10 0
16	0 0 20	0 10 0			

These allotments are situated at the mouth of the Manawatu River, about three miles from Foxton, and are known as the "Foxton Health Resort."

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

Rural Lands, Canterbury, open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, 8th December, 1896.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Wednesday, 10th February, 1897.

If more than one application be received for the same land or part of the same land on 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.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

SURVEYED FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Geraldine	Geraldine (Reserve 1650)	17	III., VII.	121 1 15	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
					1 5 0	151 13 7	1 3	3 15 10	1 0	3 0 8
	Ditto	19	VII.	109 3 11	1 5 0	137 5 6	1 3	3 8 8	1 0	2 14 11

These sections are situated on the south side of the main line of railway, about one mile and a quarter south-westward from the South Rangitata Railway-station, and comprise level, open land of light quality.

SURVEYED SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Geraldine	Geraldine	36371	VII., XI., XII.	518 0 0	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
					0 17 6	453 5 0	0 10 ½	11 6 8	0 8 4	9 1 4

This section is situated between the Rangitata and Orari Rivers, about five miles south-westward from the South Rangitata Railway-station, and comprises level, open land of light quality. The section is weighted with a sum of £132 15s., being valuation of boundary and subdivision fencing, which sum must be paid on allotment in addition to the usual deposit and fees.

C. B. SHANKS,
Acting Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 26th November, 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 Shortland, Thames, on the 7th day of December, 1896, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

Applications relating to lands in the District of Coromandel will be adjourned to Coromandel for hearing at the discretion of the Court.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 96-98.]

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
604	Haora Tareranui, Tukukino Hunia, and others (396c-11, 1/233) ..	Te Puru Reserve, Section 4, Block XIV., Hastings Survey District; 520 acres.
605	Meha te Moananui and Tihitapu te Moananui (400c-3, 1/234) ..	Waiomu No. 2B; 148 acres.
606	Haora Tareranui, Keremeneta Takaanini, and others (401c-7, 1/235)	Waiomu No. 3B.
607	Meha te Moananui, Haora Tareranui, and others (380c-23, 1/236)	Moehau No. 1H, Waiao East Reserve; 1,026 acres.
608	Karauria Paaka and others (393c-1, 1/237)	Te Mata South, Section 12, Block XI., Hastings Survey District.
609	Te Tanuku Hikaiti, Hera Hopihana, and others (1337H-4, 3/145)	Ngatitangata Reserve, Section 1, Block II., Waihi North Survey District, Houmanga; 632 acres.
610	Himi te Rapoutu and others (1834H-2, 3/146)	Uriwha Reserve, Section 1, Block XII.; Section 2, Block XIII., Ohinemuri Survey District.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 27th November, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Appellate Court will be held at Dargaville, Kaipara, on the 15th day of December, 1896, to hear and determine the appeal against the decision of the Native Land Court set forth in the Schedule hereto. All persons interested are hereby notified to attend at the time and place aforesaid.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 96-99.]

SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Appellant.	Name of Land.	Decision in respect of which Appeal is made.
1	Poata Uruamo and Hikiera Taierua (by their solicitor, Fred. Earl), (641-29, 1/21)	Opanake No. 1	Decision, dated the 10th day of December, 1895, granting certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," with respect to a lease from Te Rore Taoho to Richard Mitchelson, John Mitchelson, and John Dennin.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Application under Section 55.

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 2nd December, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Judge of the Court for a certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienation hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificate must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice.

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

[Gisborne, 96-59.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer	27th November, 1896	Lot 4 of Subdivision A, Pouawa, and Lots 1, 2, and 6 of the Pouawa No. 1 Block	Edward Francis Harris, otherwise Eruera Harete, to W. D. Lysnar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, WELLINGTON, 7th December, 1896.
 NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Hastings on the 18th day of December, 1896, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 96-112.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OF SECTION 14 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR EXCHANGE OF LANDS.

No.	Names of Applicants.	Names of Lands about to be exchanged.
876	{ Keita Ruta and { Porokoru Kaweka.. .. .	Part of Heretaunga No. 28N, being Town Section numbered 228, Hastings East, and Omaha No. 2 (part of).

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, WELLINGTON, 7th December, 1896.
 NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Hokitika on the 14th day of January, 1897, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 97-1.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1	Teoti Mutu.. .. .	Kotukuwhakaoho, Section 34.
2	Teoti Mutu.. .. .	Kaiata.
3	Henare Meihana and others	Arahura Native Reserve.
4	Henare Meihana (trustee)	Arahura No. 30.
5	Henare Meihana and others	Tuhua.
6	Henare Meihana and others	Kowhitirangi.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR LAND.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
71	Teoti Pita Mutu and others	Nga-moana-e-rua.

Application for Probate.

NATIVE LAND COURT OFFICE, WELLINGTON, 8th December, 1896.

In the matter of the will of WIRIHANA TE AWA AWA, of Waitara, deceased.

APPLICATION having been made by Robert Studholm Thompson that probate be granted of the aforesaid will: It is hereby notified that all persons opposing such application must lodge a caveat, in manner prescribed, within two calendar months after the date of the Gazette containing this notice.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Sitting of Court adjourned.

NATIVE LAND COURT OFFICE, WELLINGTON, 7th December, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of the Native Appellate Court advertised to take place at Wellington on the 8th December, 1896, has been adjourned to the 15th December, 1896, at the same place.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

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

IN THE VALIDATION COURT,
 AUCKLAND.

In the matter of the application of William James Butler for the validation of the interests claimed by him in Lots 287 and 288, Parish of Mangonui East and County of Mangonui, numbered 373Lc.

A. I WILLIAM JAMES BUTLER, of Wellington, Judge of the Native Land Court, apply, under "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893," for the validation of the purchase claimed by me in No. 373Lc, and being Lots numbered 287 and 288 in Parish of Mangonui East, County of Mangonui, containing 550 acres.

B. I desire to appear before the Validation Court on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, or at the first sitting of the Court thereafter.

C. The nature of the transaction proposed for validation is a deed of conveyance, dated 14th day of April, 1871, made by Rapihana and Mereana Rapihana, of Mangonui, to William Butler, of Mangonui, settler, in consideration of the

sum of £60 sterling, paid by the said William Butler to the said Rapihana and Mereana Rapihana.

D. The land which was by the said deed of conveyance intended to be alienated was the estate and interest of the vendors in No. 373Lc, situated in the County of Mangonui, the title to which was Crown grant.

E. The estate or interest which I seek to obtain in the said land through the aid of the Court is freehold.

F. The manner in which I came to be invested with the title or rights which I now claim to hold is as follows: Conveyance as aforesaid by the vendors.

G. My address for service is the office of Messrs. Beale and Beale, Solicitors, Auckland.

H. I desire the estate and interest of the person who executed the said deed of conveyance referred to in paragraph c hereof bound by the decree of the Court, and for that purpose require that copies of this application be served on Mereana Rapihana or her representatives.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1896.

BEALE AND BEALE,
 Solicitors for W. J. Butler.

To the Registrar of the Validation Court,
 Auckland.

Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 7th November, 1896, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1895.

KAWAKAWA SECTION.

	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	31	30	61	45	34	79
2nd Class	98	146	244	121	138	259
Total	129	176	305	166	172	338
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	87	..	..	92
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	5
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dogs	..	..	4	..	..	4
Total	..	..	91	..	..	103
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	200	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	200	..	..	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	..	..	..	..
Timber	..	..	13	..	..	23
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	111	..	..	133
Minerals	..	..	1,092	..	..	773
Total	..	..	1,216	..	..	929
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	17 2 10	..	..	18 18 10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	5 15 9	..	..	5 18 8
Goods	..	..	167 8 7	..	..	136 6 5
Miscellaneous	..	..	2 15 10	..	..	1 15 7
Rents and Commission	..	..	3 12 4	..	..	2 10 4
Total	..	..	£196 15 4	..	..	£165 9 10

WHANGAREI SECTION.

	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	489	..	489	476	..	476
2nd Class	3,343	..	3,343	2,830	..	2,830
Total	3,832	..	3,832	3,306	..	3,306
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	1
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	3	..	..	1
Cattle	..	..	20	..	..	14
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	32	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	55	..	..	15
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	1
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	18
Timber	..	..	10	..	..	2
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	351	..	..	552
Minerals	..	..	3,041	..	..	2,727
Total	..	..	4,008	..	..	3,300
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	69 18 2	..	..	59 7 4
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	4 19 2	..	..	0 1 0
Goods	..	..	553 5 7	..	..	480 7 5
Miscellaneous	..	..	33 6 4	..	..	2 11 0
Rents and Commission	..	..	2 14 5	..	..	1 13 7
Total	..	..	£664 3 8	..	..	£544 0 4

KAIHU SECTION.

	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	24	38	122	18	78	96
2nd Class	211	1,424	1,635	225	924	1,149
Total	235	1,522	1,757	243	1,002	1,245
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	90	..	..	97
Horses	..	..	4	..	..	2
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	7	..	..	2
Total	..	..	101	..	..	101
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	3	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	4	..	..	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	12	..	..	12
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	4,059	..	..	570
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	143	..	..	119
Minerals	..	..	35	..	..	81
Total	..	..	4,255	..	..	788
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	101 17 7	..	..	67 13 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	11 0 11	..	..	4 4 2
Goods	..	..	849 7 11	..	..	183 7 7
Miscellaneous	..	..	78 12 11	..	..	5 4 0
Rents and Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	£1,040 19 4	..	..	£260 8 11

AUCKLAND SECTION.

	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	1,676	3,768	5,444	1,235	3,002	4,237
2nd Class	6,823	26,522	33,345	6,266	26,020	32,286
Total	8,499	30,290	38,789	7,501	29,022	36,523
Season Tickets	..	..	670	..	..	427
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	4,991	..	..	4,284
Horses	..	..	65	..	..	68
Carriages	..	..	14	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	179	..	..	135
Total	..	..	5,249	..	..	4,487
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	7	..	..	7
Cattle	..	..	1,255	..	..	982
Calves	..	..	70	..	..	43
Sheep	..	..	6,689	..	..	5,134
Pigs	..	..	113	..	..	111
Total	..	..	8,134	..	..	6,277
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	534	..	..	238
Firewood	..	..	261	..	..	149
Timber	..	..	246	..	..	222
Grain	..	..	1,668	..	..	1,479
Merchandise	..	..	806	..	..	811
Minerals	..	..	2,221	..	..	1,977
Total	..	..	7,782	..	..	6,411
Total	..	..	13,518	..	..	11,287
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	3,486 17 11	..	..	3,303 15 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	481 2 0	..	..	430 14 10
Goods	..	..	6,164 14 6	..	..	5,536 2 7
Miscellaneous	..	..	35 18 5	..	..	114 4 3
Rents and Commission	..	..	172 13 11	..	..	154 2 0
Total	..	..	£10,341 6 9	..	..	£9,538 18 10

NAPIER-TARANAKI SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	1,884	9,878	11,762	1,698	10,424	12,122
2nd Class	7,877	33,542	41,419	8,141	36,512	44,653
Total	9,761	43,420	53,181	9,839	46,936	56,775
Season Tickets	..	..	..176	..	..	..118
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	6,136	..	..	5,660
Horses	..	..	247	..	..	265
Carriages	..	..	23	..	..	33
Dogs	..	..	395	..	..	415
Total	..	..	6,801	..	..	6,373
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	13	..	..	11
Cattle	..	..	423	..	..	874
Calves	..	..	54	..	..	77
Sheep	..	..	7,645	..	..	6,074
Pigs	..	..	613	..	..	510
Total	..	..	8,748	..	..	7,546
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	132	..	..	276
Wool	..	..	1,922	..	..	1,535
Firewood	..	..	2,104	..	..	2,514
Timber	..	..	3,792	..	..	3,642
Grain	..	..	2,212	..	..	1,937
Merchandise	..	..	4,339	..	..	4,819
Minerals	..	..	1,417	..	..	1,391
Total	..	..	15,918	..	..	16,114
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	6,266	6	10	6,747	1	7
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	933	9	9	1,460	10	2
Goods	7,549	7	3	7,413	4	2
Miscellaneous	221	17	3	214	13	10
Rents and Commission	164	19	7	122	13	11
Total	£15,136	0	8	£15,958	3	8

WELLINGTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	748	6,050	6,798	741	5,790	6,531
2nd Class	3,471	20,268	23,739	3,200	17,684	20,884
Total	4,219	26,318	30,537	3,941	23,474	27,415
Season Tickets	..	..	..616	..	..	..440
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	4,949	..	..	4,368
Horses	..	..	24	..	..	30
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	133	..	..	138
Total	..	..	5,107	..	..	4,536
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	4	..	..	5
Cattle	..	..	23	..	..	62
Calves	..	..	36	..	..	23
Sheep	..	..	4,716	..	..	1,529
Pigs	..	..	74	..	..	98
Total	..	..	4,853	..	..	1,717
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	210	..	..	78
Wool	..	..	468	..	..	507
Firewood	..	..	612	..	..	364
Timber	..	..	2,351	..	..	1,395
Grain	..	..	377	..	..	334
Merchandise	..	..	1,208	..	..	1,194
Minerals	..	..	2,644	..	..	1,408
Total	..	..	7,870	..	..	5,280
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	2,243	15	1	2,185	17	1
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	373	6	6	397	19	11
Goods	3,569	13	5	2,676	8	8
Miscellaneous	37	5	0	22	19	0
Rents and Commission	77	12	10	49	8	1
Total	£6,801	12	10	£5,332	12	9

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	3,707	24,592	28,299	4,266	35,560	39,826
2nd Class	17,580	97,798	115,378	18,969	121,968	140,937
Total	21,287	122,390	143,677	23,235	157,528	180,763
Season Tickets	..	..	1,614	..	..	1,474
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	20,357	..	..	20,000
Horses	..	..	481	..	..	578
Carriages	..	..	28	..	..	27
Dogs	..	..	679	..	..	798
Total	..	..	21,545	..	..	21,403
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	40	..	..	29
Cattle	..	..	1,039	..	..	1,112
Calves	..	..	142	..	..	73
Sheep	..	..	35,871	..	..	42,271
Pigs	..	..	2,499	..	..	2,004
Total	..	..	39,591	..	..	45,439
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	3,342	..	..	3,648
Wool	..	..	2,520	..	..	2,675
Firewood	..	..	1,620	..	..	1,596
Timber	..	..	8,767	..	..	5,954
Grain	..	..	23,354	..	..	18,529
Merchandise	..	..	22,099	..	..	17,780
Minerals	..	..	28,779	..	..	26,892
Total	..	..	90,481	..	..	77,074
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	15,133	1	7	16,703	6	11
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	2,491	10	4	3,063	18	3
Goods	31,757	7	11	28,167	16	3
Miscellaneous	758	1	5	771	15	8
Rents and Commission	850	1	3	833	17	1
Total	£50,990	2	6	£49,540	14	2

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	97	352	449	101	446	547
2nd Class	965	3,886	4,851	938	3,478	4,416
Total	1,062	4,238	5,300	1,039	3,924	4,963
Season Tickets	..	..	18	..	..	15
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	536	..	..	430
Horses	..	..	2	..	..	2
Carriages	..	..	2	..	..	1
Dogs	..	..	11	..	..	16
Total	..	..	551	..	..	449
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	29	..	..	38
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	112	..	..	103
Pigs	..	..	9	..	..	13
Total	..	..	151	..	..	154
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	42	..	..	12
Wool	..	..	2	..	..	2
Firewood	..	..	30	..	..	18
Timber	..	..	2,097	..	..	1,222
Grain	..	..	163	..	..	123
Merchandise	..	..	352	..	..	386
Minerals	..	..	9,201	..	..	9,644
Total	..	..	11,887	..	..	11,412
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	162	19	11	219	3	9
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	16	4	2	18	8	7
Goods	1,443	0	2	1,293	3	2
Miscellaneous	185	1	8	139	17	5
Rents and Commission	7	14	0	7	18	0
Total	£1,814	19	11	£1,678	10	11

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	75	382	457	45	302	347
2nd Class	478	2,072	2,545	683	2,342	2,975
Total	548	2,454	3,002	678	2,644	3,322

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
Season Tickets	13	..	..	6

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Parcels	170	..	165	..
Horses	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..
Dogs	9	..	7	..
Total	179	..	172	..

GOODS,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Drays	..	..	2	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..
Sheep	120	..	189	..
Pigs	15	..	16	..
Total	135	..	207	..

	1896.		1895.	
	Tons.	..	Tons.	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	..	..
Wool	..	..	3	..
Firewood	36	..	54	..
Timber	855	..	622	..
Grain	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	648	..	417	..
Minerals	86	..	74	..
Total	1,625	..	1,170	..

REVENUE,—	1896.			1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	229	2	7	340	1	2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	22	9	1	34	11	9
Goods	430	5	3	300	13	11
Miscellaneous	3	9	3	0	15	6
Rents and Commission	5	12	0	5	16	0
Total	£690	18	2	£681	18	4

WESTPORT SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	6	32	38	4	14	18
2nd Class	423	2,352	2,775	488	2,000	2,488
Total	429	2,384	2,813	492	2,014	2,506

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
Season Tickets	3	..	..	6

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Parcels	200	..	246	..
Horses	..	..	1	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..
Dogs	6	..	2	..
Total	206	..	249	..

GOODS,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Drays	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	3	..
Calves	..	..	..	..
Sheep	24	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..
Total	27	..	..	..

	1896.		1895.	
	Tons.	..	Tons.	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	18	..
Wool	..	..	..	..
Firewood	174	..	264	..
Timber	181	..	275	..
Grain	7	..	..	..
Merchandise	221	..	170	..
Minerals	21,722	..	18,137	..
Total	22,305	..	18,864	..

REVENUE,—	1896.			1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	169	9	6	146	5	9
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	15	12	4	18	15	1
Goods	2,864	1	2	2,377	14	6
Miscellaneous	80	8	0	58	19	8
Rents and Commission	14	18	4	14	9	4
Total	£3,144	9	4	£2,611	4	4

NELSON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	48	168	216	38	212	250
2nd Class	563	2,378	2,941	659	3,864	4,023
Total	611	2,546	3,157	697	3,576	4,273

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
Season Tickets	34	..	..	36

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Parcels	252	..	213	..
Horses	..	..	..	..
Carriages	1	..	..	..
Dogs	18	..	17	..
Total	271	..	230	..

GOODS,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Drays	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..
Calves	1	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..
Total	1	..	..	..

	1896.		1895.	
	Tons.	..	Tons.	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	126	..	36	..
Wool	14	..	20	..
Firewood	96	..	300	..
Timber	127	..	96	..
Grain	172	..	104	..
Merchandise	150	..	145	..
Minerals	67	..	18	..
Total	752	..	719	..

REVENUE,—	1896.			1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	209	7	1	255	10	10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	28	19	0	21	8	9
Goods	309	19	8	353	13	6
Miscellaneous	18	10	1	40	8	11
Rents and Commission	19	8	0	19	8	0
Total	£586	3	10	£690	10	0

PICTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	101	228	329	88	302	390
2nd Class	352	1,174	1,526	324	1,880	2,204
Total	453	1,402	1,855	412	2,182	2,594

PASSENGERS,—	1896.			1895.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
Season Tickets	4	..	..	2

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Parcels	..	..	2	..
Horses	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..
Dogs	13	..	14	..
Total	15	..	16	..

GOODS,—	1896.		1895.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Drays	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	4	..
Calves	..	..	..	..
Sheep	265	..	673	..
Pigs	..	..	18	..
Total	269	..	691	..

	1896.		1895.	
	Tons.	..	Tons.	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	108	..	36	..
Wool	1	..	..	..
Firewood	228	..	114	..
Timber	..	..	..	..
Grain	197	..	103	..
Merchandise	89	..	113	..
Minerals	90	..	222	..
Total	713	..	588	..

REVENUE,—	1896.			1895.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	138	3	9	208	13	6
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	13	11	11	2	14	5
Goods	171	10	5	189	3	0
Miscellaneous	10	7	7	12	7	4
Rents and Commission	20	5	0	18	15	0
Total	£353	18	8	£481	13	3

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N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1896-97.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT. showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 7th November, 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.
NORTH ISLAND.—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 196 15 4	£ 1,576 1 7	£ 178 18 10	£ 1,690 10 11	107.26	£ 320 2 10	£ 343 7 10
Whangarei ..	15	664 3 8	5,003 3 5	798 10 11	4,679 10 3	93.53	542 0 2	506 18 11
Kaihu ..	17	1,040 19 4	4,307 13 6	323 18 1	2,049 15 11	47.58	411 15 3	195 18 9
Auckland ..	309	10,341 6 9	75,960 18 9	6,773 8 9	55,746 2 1	73.39	399 9 5	298 3 3
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	15,136 0 8	113,131 12 8	10,090 3 7	80,952 1 3	71.56	553 14 7	396 4 6
Wellington ..	94	6,301 12 10	46,901 15 8	3,888 0 5	30,904 10 10	65.89	810 16 0	534 5 1
Total ..	775	33,680 18 7	246,881 5 7	22,053 0 7	176,022 11 3	71.30		
MIDDLE ISLAND.—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	50,990 2 6	411,947 18 8	31,586 7 6	260,665 0 11	63.28	591 0 7	373 19 7
Greymouth-Brunner	8	1,814 19 11	15,207 2 0	1,062 13 7	8,522 10 0	56.04	3,088 18 10	1,731 2 8
Greymouth-Hokitika	24	690 18 2	5,406 13 11	313 1 9	2,532 12 0	46.84	366 1 7	171 9 7
Westport ..	31	3,144 9 4	26,235 1 8	1,400 17 0	11,503 7 5	43.85	1,375 4 6	603 0 0
Nelson ..	23	586 3 10	5,326 13 11	483 1 2	5,156 9 8	96.80	376 6 10	364 6 4
Pictou ..	21	353 18 8	4,115 18 6	470 3 4	4,342 4 3	105.50	318 9 10	336 0 1
Total ..	1,240	57,580 12 5	468,239 8 8	35,316 4 4	292,722 4 3	62.52		
Grand total ..	2,015	91,261 11 0	715,120 14 3	57,374 4 11	468,744 15 6	65.55		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

NORTH ISLAND.—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 165 9 10	£ 1,428 2 6	£ 107 13 5	£ 1,141 10 11	79.93	£ 290 1 9	£ 231 17 6
Whangarei ..	15	544 0 4	3,917 2 1	494 13 1	3,277 15 8	83.68	424 7 1	355 1 11
Kaihu ..	17	260 8 11	2,631 9 9	207 14 6	1,692 10 8	64.32	251 10 10	161 15 9
Auckland ..	296	9,538 18 10	73,021 13 1	7,221 12 4	54,064 2 3	74.04	400 17 7	296 16 1
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	15,958 3 8	112,282 19 1	9,331 13 1	79,028 19 10	71.23	549 11 7	386 16 4
Wellington ..	92	5,332 12 9	43,119 0 7	3,848 6 3	30,587 15 9	70.94	761 12 4	540 5 6
Total ..	760	31,799 14 4	236,400 7 1	21,211 12 8	169,792 15 1	71.82		
MIDDLE ISLAND.—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,126	49,540 14 2	376,364 12 6	31,359 6 1	254,209 9 0	67.54	543 3 1	366 17 4
Greymouth-Brunner	8	1,678 10 11	13,734 8 5	804 5 11	6,843 0 5	49.82	2,789 16 11	1,389 19 9
Greymouth-Hokitika	24	681 18 4	5,014 17 3	318 17 11	2,460 6 7	49.06	339 11 0	166 11 8
Westport ..	31	2,611 4 4	20,999 15 8	1,140 19 2	9,066 13 5	48.18	1,100 15 11	475 5 5
Nelson ..	23	690 10 0	5,112 13 11	566 18 4	4,954 10 3	96.91	361 4 6	350 1 0
Pictou ..	21	431 13 3	3,944 4 9	500 9 8	4,461 16 8	113.12	305 4 2	345 5 3
Total ..	1,233	55,634 11 0	425,170 12 6	34,690 17 1	281,995 16 4	66.33		
Grand total ..	1,993	87,434 5 4	661,570 19 7	55,902 9 9	451,788 11 5	68.29		

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1896, to 7th November, 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.	Total.
	S.	R.	S.	R.														
1896	67,578	351,902	337,760	1,484,514	2,241,754	25,698	279,770	6,184	424	14,066	300,444	433	21,282	1,937	946,384	38,694	1,008,780	
1895	66,510	366,250	335,578	1,431,350	2,199,688	21,417	263,806	6,070	890	13,591	283,857	370	23,063	2,411	884,873	34,706	945,423	
Inc.	1,068	..	2,182	53,164	42,066	4,281	15,964	114	34	475	16,587	63	..	..	61,511	3,988	63,357
Dec.	..	14,348	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,781	424	..	..	..

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.
1896	42,640	0 0	18,270	12 0	50,380	0 0	146,419	16 0	278,176	5 0	234,453	6 0	634,562	2 0	1,404,902	1 0
1895	36,766	0 0	20,585	16 0	52,000	0 0	123,907	19 0	244,647	2 0	224,873	17 0	557,798	15 0	1,260,579	9 0
Increase	5,874	0 0	..	..	..	..	22,511	17 0	33,529	3 0	9,579	9 0	76,763	7 0	144,322	12 0
Decrease	..	..	2,315	4 0	1,620	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL LINES, to 31st March, 1896, 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	90,638	0	0	..	..	..
Whangarei-Kamo	115,935	0	0	14,879	0	0
Kaihu	51,932	0	0	..	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (north end)	185,098	0	0	111,972	0	0
Auckland	1,970,655	0	0	99,122	0	0
Napier	866,268	0	0	..	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (south end)	143,117	0	0	77,268	0	0
Wanganui	1,441,569	0	0	..	..	..
Wellington-Foxton (private line)	..	..	..	42,117	0	0
Wellington	1,089,961	0	0	83,343	0	0
Surveys .. .. .	..	..	..	27,502	0	0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	5,169	0	0
Hurunui-Bluff	8,515,732	0	0	81,173	0	0
Greymouth	200,238	0	0	15,959	0	0
Greymouth Harbour Works	..	..	..	127,234	0	0
Greymouth-Hokitika	191,409	0	0	..	..	..
Westport	227,494	0	0	..	..	..
Westport Harbour Works	..	..	..	14,111	0	0
Nelson	166,562	0	0	12,537	0	0
Picton	205,511	0	0	58,361	0	0
Stock .. .. .	..	..	..	28,540	0	0
Stock in suspense	25,000	0	0
Surveys	37,890	0	0
Miscellaneous	5,168	0	0
Total	15,487,219	0	0	841,745	0	0

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THE accompanying tables, showing the results of the census taken in April last as regards grain-mills, flax-mills, and soap- and candle-works, are published for general information.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN, Registrar-General.

GRAIN-MILLS.

TABLE showing the Number of Mills for grinding and dressing Grain in Operation in April, 1896, the Hands and Power employed, the Amount paid in Wages, the Quantity and Value of Grain operated upon, the Quantity and Value of Flour and Meal produced during the Year 1895, and the Approximate Value of Land, Buildings, Machinery, and Plant.

Provincial Districts.	Number of Mills.	Hands employed.		Wages paid.	Machine-power used.				Amount of Horse-power.	Number of		Grain operated on in 1895.			Produce for 1895.		Total Value of Output.	Approximate Value of		
		M.	M.		Steam.	Water.	Gas.	Wind.		Pairs of Stones.	Sets of Rollers.	Wheat.	Other Grain.	Value.	Flour.	Meal.		Land.	Buildings.	Machinery and Plant.
				£	H.P.	No.	No.	Bushels.	Bushels.	£	Tons.	Tons.	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Auckland ⁽¹⁾	12	68	6,960	6	5	..	I	550	16	76	607,802	600	98,615	11,740	4,144	140,916	13,235	27,490	28,000	
Taranaki	5	9	505	2	3	..	..	90	11	11	28,142	14,829	6,081	467	151	8,572	1,244	3,230	4,050
Hawke's Bay	9	32	2,736	8	2	..	..	123	12	37	210,491	18,547	41,219	4,276	1,067	47,927	2,800	6,850	15,050
Wellington ⁽¹⁾	9	18	1,270	6	3	..	..	149	9	20	96,959	4,530	22,067	2,324	328	25,958	1,895	6,700	10,986
Marlborough	32	157	16,829	15	20	I	..	822	58	128	1,575,528	229,381	257,969	34,161	5,182*	351,159	14,825	54,244	65,594	
Nelson	23	135	12,590	14	12	..	..	599	38	134	1,296,511	463,561	227,268	28,065	5,610†	300,124	7,731	36,200	55,723
Canterbury ⁽¹⁾																				
Otago ⁽¹⁾																				
Totals, 1895	90	419	40,890	51	45	I	I	2,333	144	406	3,815,433	731,448	653,219	81,033	16,482	874,656	41,730	134,714	179,403	
Totals, 1890	129	499	52,384	63	77	..	..	2,906	274	273	4,406,350	694,945	739,590	95,133	27,776	991,812	77,237	148,410	166,181

* Includes 418 tons of oatmeal.

† Includes 3,596 tons of oatmeal.

(1) One mill not working in 1895.

FLAX-MILLS.

TABLE showing the Number of Flax-mills in Operation in April, 1896, the Number of Machines used, the Hands and Power employed, the Amount paid in Wages, the Quantity and Value of Fibre dressed in the Year 1895, and the Approximate Value of Land, Buildings, Machinery, and Plant.

Provincial Districts.	No. of Works.	Hands employed.		Wages paid.	Machine-power used.			Amount of Horse-power.	No. of Machines used.	Raw Material used in 1895.		Fibre dressed in 1895.		Tow produced.		Total Value of Manufactures.	Approximate Value of			
		Men.	Boys.		Steam.	Water.	Horse.			Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		Land.	Buildings.	Machinery and Plant.	
				£	H.P.	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Auckland ⁽¹⁾	15	56	21	1,713	2	13	..	100	15	2,828	1,559	428	4,785	66	244	5,029	1,843	1,191	1,935	
Taranaki	15	249	72	9,019	13	2	..	210	22	10,886	2,465	1,388	13,802	154	135	13,937	6,700	1,885	5,985	
Hawke's Bay	8	93	12	1,749	4	5	..	95	11	3,475	1,433	531	5,099	55	92	5,191	1,450	1,280	2,110	
Wellington ⁽¹⁾	7	38	27	2,020	..	6	..	59	9	1,902	1,141	300	3,657	47	108	3,765	1,975	1,675	1,370	
Marlborough ⁽²⁾	7	48	31	3,043	4	4	..	89	8	2,679	1,177	352	4,428	84	196	4,624	480	500	980	
Nelson																				
Canterbury																				
Otago ⁽³⁾																				
Totals, 1895	52	484	163*	17,544	23	30	..	553	65	21,770	7,775	2,999	31,771	406	775	32,546	12,448	6,531	12,380	
Totals, 1890	177	2,169	1,029	116,168	125	67	I	1,994	304	109,688	59,210	14,412	232,802	936	1,464	234,266	51,905	28,238	66,649	

(1) Three mills working part of year only.

(2) Five mills working part of year only.

(3) One mill not in operation in 1895; one working part of year only.

SOAP- AND CANDLE-WORKS.
TABLE showing the Number of Soap- and Candle-manufactories in Operation in April, 1896, the Hands and Power employed, the Amount paid in Wages, the Quantity and Value of Manufactures for the Year 1895, and the Approximate Value of Land, Buildings, Machinery, and Plant.

Provincial Districts.	Number of Works.	Hands employed.		Wages paid.		Machine-power used.		Amount of Horse-power.	Value of Materials used in 1895.	Manufactures for 1895.				Total Value of Manufactures.	Approximate Value of			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	Steam.	Water.			Soap.	Candles.		Value of other Manufactures.		Land.	Buildings.	Machinery and Plant.	
											Quantity.	Value.						Quantity.	Value.
Auckland	7	54	3	£ 5,095	£ 21	3	..	H.P. 108	£ 31,295	Cwt. 22,495	£ 17,793	£ 20,000	£ 8,200	£ 45,993	£ 2,020	£ 7,120	£ 10,500	
Hawke's Bay	7	53	..	4,411	..	7	..	84	23,221	26,634	21,650	18,261	3,716	43,627	2,274	5,790	8,193	
Wellington	8	80	..	7,376	..	7	..	60	41,678	36,508	31,939	20,251	10,488	62,678	5,590	7,200	10,209	
Nelson
Canterbury
Otago
Totals, 1895	22	187	3	16,882	21	17	..	252	98,194	85,637	71,382	58,512	22,404	152,298	9,884	20,110	28,832	
Totals, 1890	19	201	8	21,194	200	14	1	259	93,386	87,137	66,790	62,122	26,802	155,714	11,282	15,650	47,511	

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that STANLAKE HENRY BATSON, of Devonport, Gentleman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 10th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

3rd December, 1896.

In Bankruptcy.

In the estate of HEREMIA TAUREWA, of Tolago Bay, Aboriginal Native.

A FIRST and final dividend, of 4s. 6d. in the pound, is now payable at my office, Gladstone Road.

JOHN COLEMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Gisborne, 2nd December, 1896.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that PRIOR HORNE, of Hastings, Bootmaker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Hastings, on Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 1896, at 3.15 o'clock.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Napier, 5th December, 1896.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM WELLS, of Hastings, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Hastings, on Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 1895, at 2.30 o'clock.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Napier, 5th December, 1896.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ALEXANDER YULF, Butcher, of Carterton, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Masterton, on Wednesday, the 9th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. B. CHENNELLS,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Masterton, 3rd December, 1896.

In Bankruptcy.—In the Nelson District Court, holden at Nelson.

In the matter of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1892," and in the matter of STEPHEN LIMMER, of Motueka, Farmer, a bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given that a first and final dividend, of 7s. 6d. in the pound, is now payable on all proved claims against the above estate, at my office, Nelson. Creditors holding acceptances will be required to produce same for indorsement.

A. A. SCAIFE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Nelson, 3rd December, 1896.

In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Christchurch.

NOTICE is hereby given that FREDERICK JAMISON, of Leeston, Auctioneer and General Agent, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 17th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

G. L. GREENWOOD,
Official Assignee.

Christchurch, 8th December, 1896.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that RICHARD LOVEGROVE, of Thorndon Quay, Wellington, Dairyman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 9th December, 1896.

In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Christchurch.

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1896.

- G. P. Mutu, of Kaiapoi, Aboriginal Native.
- W. L. Fowler, of Aylesbury, Farmer.
- J. Percy, of Christchurch, Bootmaker.
- J. Munro, of Plumpton, Horse-trainer.
- A. Forbes, of Christchurch, Wife of R. Forbes.
- F. W. Hutton, of Christchurch, Gentleman.
- C. Hendricksen, of St. Albans, Dairy-farmer.

G. L. GREENWOOD,
Official Assignee.

In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Otago and Southland District.

In the matter of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1892," and in the matter of FRANCIS HERRIOT LAING, of Dunedin, Produce Merchant, a Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given that an order was this day made by the above honourable Court, appointing the Official Assignee, Dunedin, to be the receiver and manager of the estate of the said Francis Herriot Laing.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

Dunedin, 28th November, 1896.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that FRANCIS HERRIOT LAING, of Dunedin, Produce Merchant, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 14th day of December, 1896, at 3 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

Mining Notices.

TAITAPU GOLD ESTATES (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above company has been removed to Parkeston, West Wanganui, in the Provincial District of Nelson, which will in future be the place of business of the said company.

JAMES COUTTS,
Attorney, Taitapu Gold Estates (Limited).

Nelson, 27th November, 1896. 1266

I the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Irving 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 Irving Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Maritoto.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Hobson's Buildings, Auckland.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or lease ground and machinery, is one thousand five hundred pounds.
5. The number of shares in the company is one hundred and ten thousand, of two shillings each.
6. The number of shares subscribed for is ninety-nine thousand five hundred.
7. The name of the Manager is John Hunter Harrison.
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.
Shaw, Wm., Auckland, Mining Agent	10,200
Shaw, Joseph Wm., Auckland, Miner	6,250
Simms, Robert, Waihi, Architect	2,500
Tanner, Mrs. Annie, Waihi, Hotelkeeper	2,500
Wigg, James, Auckland, Commercial Traveller	2,500
Gray, William J., Katikati, Builder	2,500
Carnahan, William, Paeroa, Chainman	4,250
Carnahan, John, Ellerslie, Railway Cadet	1,000
Chapman, Rowley Wm. Hay, Paeroa, Clerk	1,000
Ewen, Herbert Frederick, Paeroa, Chainman	1,000
Palmer, Alfred Henry, Paeroa, Surveyor	500
Lonergan, William, Paeroa, Tailor	1,000
Fleming, J. H., Paeroa, Sharebroker	1,000
Gardner, Robert, Wellington, Sharebroker	3,200
Worthington, Fred. H., Auckland, Miner	1,000
Sergeant, Joseph, Paeroa, Surveyor	1,500
Johnson, Henry, Auckland, Retired Captain	1,000
Abbot, Cecil E., Auckland, Agent	750
Niccol, Malcolm, Auckland, Shipping Agent	250
Bewley, Walter, New Plymouth, Agent	1,350
Bayly, William, New Plymouth, Gentleman	1,000
Abbot, John, Auckland, Agent (in trust)	1,000
Chambers, John, Auckland, Merchant	2,000
Knight, H. F., New Plymouth, Dentist	1,000
Leatham, H. B., New Plymouth, Surgeon	1,500
Cave, Charles W., Auckland, Solicitor (in trust)	1,350
Cave, Ernest W., Devonport, Clerk	500
Campbell, James P., Wellington, Solicitor	1,000
Ritchie, Theo., Wellington, Insurance Agent	500
Wilson, James George, Waihi, Mine-manager	500
Savage, Henry Clinton, Waihi, Miner	500
Hewitt, David, Waihi, Miner	500
Cave, Emmeline Elizabeth, Devonport, Domestic Duties (in trust)	500
Thompson, Herbert, Auckland, Merchant	1,500
Varney, Joseph, Auckland, Sharebroker	500
Holohan, James, Avondale, Groom	250
Bruce, Linda Byron, Christchurch, Domestic Duties	250
Bruce, William J., Christchurch, Commercial Traveller	250
Anderson, Louis, Avondale, Settler	125
Anderson, Drummond, Avondale, Settler	125
Dix, Sidney, Wellington, Clerk	100
Hastings, William, Wellington, Waiter	100
Mellor, Elizabeth, Wellington, Domestic Duties	100
Barry, Miss A., Wellington, Domestic Duties	100
Bewley, Walter, New Plymouth, Agent (in trust)	500
George, J. C., New Plymouth, Merchant	500
Fridham, E., New Plymouth, School-teacher	500
Cook, R., New Plymouth, Surveyor	250
Cook, John, New Plymouth, Surveyor	250
Douglass, C. B., New Plymouth, Surveyor	500
Webster, W. D., New Plymouth, Shipping Agent	500
Webster, Z. W., New Plymouth, Clerk	250
Taunton, A. M., New Plymouth, Cycle Importer	250
Falkner, J. W., New Plymouth, Grain Merchant	250
West, J. W., New Plymouth, Livery-stable Proprietor	250
Jacob, E. Le Grand, New Plymouth, Hotelkeeper	500
Crockett, J., New Plymouth, Settler	1,000
Kemp, James Sawle, Christchurch	500
McClatchie, Thomas, Christchurch	1,000
Beverley, Frederick, Lyttelton	1,000
Manning, Samuel, Christchurch	1,000
Sinclair, James John, Christchurch	1,000
Rayward, Henri H., Christchurch	500
Soames, Henry Albert, Christchurch	500
Knight, James, Christchurch	1,000
Ledsham, Peter, Christchurch	500
Maude, Thomas, Christchurch	500
Barlow, Edwin, Christchurch	1,000
Candy, Artemas, Christchurch	500
Coop, William, Little River	1,000
Thomson, William, Christchurch, Merchant	400
Barlow, Fred. John, Christchurch	400
Moss, William Alfred, Christchurch	400
Simpson, John, Christchurch	400
Lighthand, Charles Davis, Christchurch	400
Lucena, C. H., Wellington, Bank of New Zealand	1,000
Gilmore, J., Petone	500
Young, Campbell, Wellington	1,000
Owen, J., Wellington	500
Curtis, J. J., Wellington, Agent	1,000
Martin, A., Wellington, M.D.	500
McKenzie, F. Wallace, Wellington, Surgeon	1,000
Grey, A., Wellington, Solicitor	500
Myers, Judah, Wellington, Merchant	1,000
Collins, W., Wellington, Surgeon	1,000
Bridge, J. W., Wellington, Dentist	500
Stringer, F. W., Christchurch, Solicitor	1,000
Crosby, A., Wellington	500
Duncan, R., Wellington, Engineer	500
Carman, P. J., Wellington, Engineer	500

	No. of Shares.
Mitchell, F. W., Wellington	500
Lindsay, A., Wellington, Boot-importer	500
Hurrell, H., Wellington, Coachbuilder	1,000
Sorensen, C., New Plymouth	1,000
Cameron, M. P., Wellington, Merchant	1,000
Krause, A. H., Wellington	500
Abbott, John, Auckland, Agent	1,000
Douglas, John, Auckland, Land Agent	1,000
Gillies, C. E. S., Auckland, Solicitor	1,000
Black, Alex. G. S., Auckland, Sharebroker (in trust)	1,000
Harrison, John Hunter, Auckland, Mining Agent ..	2,000
Harrison, John Hunter (in trust for company) ..	10,500
Total	110,000

Dated this 27th day of November, 1896.

JOHN HUNTER HARRISON,
Manager.

Witness to signature—H. D. Morpeth.

I, John Hunter Harrison, 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."

J. H. HARRISON.

Taken before me, this 27th day of November, 1896—G. B. Morris, J.P. 1283

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the New Puhipuhi 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 New Puhipuhi Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Puhipuhi.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at 26, Shortland Street, Auckland.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or lease ground and machinery, is one thousand pounds.
5. The number of shares in the company is one hundred thousand, of one shilling each.
6. The number of shares subscribed for is one hundred thousand.
7. The name of the Manager is John Henry Porter.
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.
Coll, James, Coromandel, Mine-manager	6,000
McCullough, W., Auckland, Printer	6,000
Walker, A., Auckland, Sharebroker (in trust) ..	6,000
Daw, A. G., Auckland, Architect	6,000
O'Connor, T. B., Auckland, Contractor	6,000
Carruth, W., Whangarei, Solicitor	6,000
Lambe, W., Papatoitoti, Farmer	6,000
Patterson, W., Auckland, Merchant	6,000
Reid, J. R., Auckland, Solicitor	6,000
Armstrong, M. W., Whangarei, Farmer	5,000
Alderton, G. G., Whangarei, Newspaper-proprietor	4,500
Hall, G. A., Auckland, Clerk	4,000
McKenzie, —, Kawakawa, Settler	2,000
Hall, J. A. L., Kawakawa, Settler	2,000
Mansfield, —, Auckland, Settler	2,000
Hill, —, Auckland, Settler	1,000
Bray, W. J., Whangarei, Settler	2,000
Johnston, J. C., Whananaki, Gentleman	2,000
Plummer, H., Mangapai, Settler	2,000
Barr, Dr. V. H., Te Ahuahu, Medical Practitioner ..	2,000
Whiteley, W. E., Auckland, Insurance Agent ..	2,000
Killen, J. M., Whangarei, Solicitor	2,000
Moody, J. P., Hikurangi, Settler	2,000
Drummond, T. L., Whangarei, Ironmonger	2,000
Woodhouse, E., Auckland, Steward	2,000
Brewer, —, Auckland, Engineer	2,000
Reyburn, J. T., Whangarei, Settler	1,000
Reyburn, J. R., Whangarei, Settler	1,000
Twentyman, S. T., Auckland, Legal Manager ..	1,000
McKenzie, D., Auckland, Settler	1,000
Macken, T., Whangarei, Settler	500
Moore, P. W., Whangarei, Settler	500
Ryan, —, Whangarei, Settler	500
Total	100,000

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1896.

J. H. PORTER, Manager.

Witness to signature—George A. Hall.

I, John Henry Porter, 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."

J. H. PORTER.

Taken before me, this 2nd day of December, 1896—J. R. Reid, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 1277

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to register the Port Charles 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 Port Charles Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Port Charles.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at 26, Shortland Street, Auckland.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or lease ground and machinery, is one thousand pounds.
5. The number of shares in the company is eighty thousand, of one shilling each.
6. The number of shares subscribed for is eighty thousand.
7. The name of the Manager is John Henry Porter.
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.
McKerras, James, Auckland, Gentleman	500
Twentyman, S. T., Auckland, Legal Manager ..	500
Worsley, C. E., Auckland, Draper	1,000
Clarke, R. G., Auckland, Gentleman	1,000
Muir, James, Auckland, Gentleman	1,000
Barnes, Thomas, Auckland, Settler	1,000
Baume, F. E., Auckland, Solicitor	1,000
Taylor, H. W., Auckland, Settler	3,333
Buchanan, James, Auckland, Settler	3,333
Porter, J. H., Auckland, Legal Manager (in trust)	6,670
Seabrook, H. B., Auckland, Settler	6,666
Porter, J. H., Auckland, Legal Manager (in trust)	6,666
Walker, A., Auckland, Sharebroker	6,666
Walker, A., Auckland, Sharebroker (in trust)	3,500
Porter, Edwin, Auckland, Sharebroker	500
McIsaac, Allan J., Mercury Bay, Miner	11,000
Hankin, Joseph, Auckland, Warehouseman	6,666
Taylor, T., Port Charles, Settler	10,000
McManus, C., Kuaotunu, Settler	2,000
McCarty, —, Kuaotunu, Settler	2,000
McDonald, M., Kuaotunu, Blacksmith	1,000
Gibbs, H., Auckland, Traveller	1,000
Reid, J., Bush Manager	2,000
McIsaac, Alex., Whangapoua, Prospector	1,000
Total	80,000

Dated this 1st day of December, 1896.

J. H. PORTER,
Manager.

Witness to signature—Geo. A. Hall.

I, John Henry Porter, 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."

J. H. PORTER.

Taken before me, this 1st day of December, 1896—C. J. Tunks, a Solicitor, &c. 1276

**NIL DESPERANDUM GOLD-MINING COMPANY
(NO LIABILITY).**

I, JOHN HUNTER HARRISON, Manager, hereby give notice that an increase in the capital of the above-named company was, on the 1st day of December, 1896, resolved on.

The mode adopted for the increase is by issuing eighty thousand new shares of two shillings each, in addition to the eighty thousand shares already existing in the company.

J. H. HARRISON, Manager.
WM. JOHNSTON, }
JOHN R. GRAY, } Directors.

Auckland, 2nd December, 1896.

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In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and "The Mining Act, 1891."

NOTICE is hereby given that the office or place of business of the under-mentioned companies has been changed from Halliday's Buildings, Auckland, to a building further up on the same side of Shortland Street, Auckland:—

The New Hauraki Gold Properties (Limited).
The Success Gold-mines (Limited).

Dated this 4th day of December, 1896.

G. D. INGALL,
Registrar of the said Companies.

RUSSELL AND CAMPBELL, Solicitors, Auckland. 1284

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and "The Mining Act, 1891."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of each of the under-mentioned companies has been changed from Halliday's Buildings, Auckland, to a building further up on the same side of Shortland Street, Auckland:—

The Kathleen Gold-mine (Limited).
The Komata Reefs Gold-mining Company (Limited).
Preece's Point (Hauraki) Proprietary Gold-mining Company (Limited).

The Royal Oak of Hauraki (Limited).
Scotty's Hauraki Gold-mining Company (Limited).
The Tokatea of Hauraki (Limited).

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1896.

G. D. INGALL,
Registrar of the said Companies.

BUDDLE, BUTTON, AND CO.,
Solicitors, Auckland. 1278

In the matter of "The Mining Act, 1891," and of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and of the Mines Corporation of New Zealand (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of the above-named company has been changed from the Chamber of Mines Buildings, Shortland Street, in the City of Auckland, to the corner of Shortland and O'Connell Streets, in the same city.

Dated at Auckland, this 17th day of November, 1896.

HERBERT WHITE FLINT,
Attorney for the Company.

WYNYARD AND PURCHAS,
Solicitors for the Company, Queen Street,
Auckland. 1228

THE NEW ZEALAND MINERALS COMPANY
(LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company in New Zealand is in the premises known as the Colonial Bank Buildings, situated in Princes Street, Dunedin.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1896.

N. KENNEDY,
Attorney for the said Company.

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THE HAURAKI SOUTH GOLD-MINING COMPANY
(LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company is at the office of Messrs. Clarke and Fleming, Legal Chambers, Queen Street, in the City of Auckland, in New Zealand.

Dated the 21st day of November, 1896.

WM. McCULLOUGH,
Attorney for the said Company.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL,
Solicitors for the said Company, Auckland. 1246

Land Transfer Act Notices.

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 month from date of *Gazette* containing this notice.

7977. GEORGE COUP.—27 acres 2 roods, part of Rural Section 762, Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Robert Forsyth.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLOTTE ROBERTSON, of Riverton, Widow, claiming as sole devisee under the will of WILLIAM ROBERTSON, dated the 25th day of November, 1879, probate whereof has not been granted, has applied to be registered proprietor of Section 15, Block XII., Town of Riverton, being the land referred to in Register-book, Vol. ii., folio 30, and that she will be so registered unless a caveat forbidding the same be lodged within one calendar month from the date of the gazetting of this notice.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill, this 27th day of November, 1896.

F. G. MORGAN,
District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to register a dealing affecting Memorandum of Mortgage No. 19413, HORACE ARTHUR GATES to THOMAS BULLOCK, and a statutory declaration of the loss of the original mortgage having been lodged with me, I hereby give notice that I will dispense with the production of the said mortgage and register such dealing at the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch, this 7th day of December, 1896.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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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 calendar month from the date of publication hereof.

Allotments 9, 10, Block II.; 4, 12, Block V.; 5, Block X.; 8, Block XV.; 4, 5, 9, 10, Block XVI.; 3, Block XVIII.; 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Block XXII.; 11, 12, Block XXIV.; 3, 6, Block XXV.; 10, 11, 12, Block XXVI.; 1, 7, Block XXVII.; 3, Block XXXII.; 9, 10, Block XXXIII.; 5, 12, Block XXXVI.; 1, 7, 11, 12, Block XXXVII.; 5, Block XXXVIII.; 7, Block XLII.; 6, Block XLV.; 2, Block XLVI.; 8, Block LVII., Township of St. Kilda.—THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXES, Applicant. Occupied as to Allotment 11, Block XXII., by William Hurley; as to Allotment 7, Block XXVII., by Henry Berwick; the balance being unoccupied. No. 4175.

Sections 3, 4, 16, 17, Block XXIX., Town of Frankton.—JOHN JOHNSON, Applicant. Occupied by Francis McBride. No. 4176.

Part of Sections 61, 62, Block XXXII., Town of Dunedin.—WILLIAM SIM, Applicant. Occupied by — McKenzie and — Waters, tenants. No. 4177.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

J. WOOD,
Deputy District Land Registrar.

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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 11th day of January, 1897.

2629. JOHN BURROW.—386 acres 2 roods, part Sections 14, 19, and 92, Tupurupuru Block. Occupied by Robert Cooper.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1896, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

J. M. BATHAM,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

WILLIAM FINLAY, Licentiate in Midwifery and Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, Licentiate and Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, 1894, and Doctor of Medicine, Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1885, now residing in Auckland, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 12th day of December next to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Auckland.

WILLIAM FINLAY.

Dated at Auckland, 12th November, 1896.

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NEW ZEALAND TO WIT: In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and of the Apakura Syndicate (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given,—1. That the above-named company carry on business in New Zealand at Puriri, near Thames. 2. That the office of the company is at the offices of Mr. Edwin Clendon, Solicitor, Union Chambers, Albert Street, Thames. 3. That the attorney in New Zealand of the said company is William Edward Jourdain, whose address is at Union Chambers aforesaid.—Dated this 1st day of December, 1896. WILLIAM EDWARD JOURDAIN, Attorney in New Zealand for the Apakura Syndicate (Limited).

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DEVONPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LAND FOR A PUBLIC STREET.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Devonport, called "the local authority," that the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act, 1894," for the purpose of a public street.

And notice is hereby further given that a plan showing the area of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the office of the Town Clerk, Devonport Borough Council Building, Devonport, and is there open for inspection by all persons daily during office-hours; and that all persons affected by the taking of the said land shall, if they have any well-grounded objections to the taking of such land for a public street, set forth such objections in writing, and send such writing within forty days from the first publication of this notice to the local authority, addressed to the Town Clerk, Devonport, at the address aforesaid.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.	Being Subdivision	Parish.
A. R. P. 0 1 35 Owned by James Edwin Hall.	Part of Lot 2 of a subdivision of Allotment 10, Section 2	Takapuna.
0 2 8 Portion owned by Annie Elizabeth Gilbert and Minnie Elizabeth Gilbert, and portion owned by George Maurice O'Rorke and Thomas V. Shepherd (trustees of will of Jane Shepherd, deceased).	Part of Allotment 10, Section 2	Takapuna.

in the Provincial District of Auckland, New Zealand; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan deposited at the Town Clerk's Office, Devonport.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1896.

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J. DINSDALE,
Town Clerk, Devonport.

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and of the Allgemeines Explorations Unternehmen (Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung) Behrenstrasse (General Exploration Company, Limited, under German law).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above named company for the purposes of the above-mentioned Act is situated in Palmerston Street, Westport. Westport, 2nd December, 1896.

C. M. PIELSTICKER,
Attorney of and for the said Company.

Witness—C. E. Harden, Solicitor, Westport. 1274

In the matter of the Southern Investment Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company, held at its registered office, 171, Hereford Street, Christchurch, on the 16th day of November, 1896, the following special resolutions were passed, and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the said company, held at its registered office on the 2nd day of December, 1896, the said resolutions were duly confirmed: viz.,—

"That the company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of 'The Companies Act, 1882.'"

"That Mr. William Miller Lewis be appointed Liquidator."

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F. WILDING,
Secretary.

REYNOLDS AND COMPANY (LIMITED).

"THE COMPANIES ACT, 1882."

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the shareholders in the above-named company will be held at 117, Queen Street, in the City of Auckland, on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1897, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having laid before them the account of the Liquidator of the said company, and hearing any explanation that may be given by the said Liquidator.

Dated at Auckland, this 3rd day of December, 1896.

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CHAS. T. D. FARLEY,
Liquidator.

REYNOLDS AND COMPANY (LIMITED).

PASSED, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1896; CONFIRMED, 2ND DECEMBER, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of Reynolds and Company (Limited), duly convened, and held at 117, Queen Street, in the City of Auckland, on the 13th day of November, 1896, the subjoined special resolutions were duly passed, and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the said company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on the 2nd day of December, 1896, the subjoined special resolutions were duly confirmed:—

1. "That the company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of 'The Companies Act, 1882.'"

2. "That Charles Thomas Dale Farley be and is hereby appointed Liquidator of the said company."

Dated at Auckland, this 3rd day of December, 1896.

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CHAS. T. D. FARLEY,
Secretary.

NELSON SAVINGS-BANK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the rate of interest upon deposits with this bank will be reduced to three and one-half per centum on and after the 1st day of January, 1897.

Dated at Nelson, this 11th day of September, 1896.

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H. EDWARDS,
Vice-President.

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