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*Local Land Officer at Poverty Bay appointed.*

(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
Administrator of the Government.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the twenty-third section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, may from time to time establish and define, abolish, alter, or reconstitute local districts for the sale or disposal of land, and in like manner from time to time may appoint Land Officers or other persons for conducting sales of land in such local districts, and for receiving applications for the sale, letting, disposal, or occupation of Crown lands, and for generally carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

LLEWELLYN SMITH

to be the Land Officer, in the place of Eric Charles Gold Smith, from the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, for conducting sales of land and for receiving applications for the sale, letting, and disposal or occupation of Crown lands, and for generally carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act within the Poverty Bay Local Land District, as established by Proclamation dated the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, at the Government House, at Wellington; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS by the two hundred and thirty-fifth section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time, either by general or particular description, and whether the same has been surveyed

or not, reserve from sale temporarily, notwithstanding that the same may be then held under pastoral license, any Crown lands which in his opinion are required for any of the purposes in the said section mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the lands in the Land District of Otago described in the Schedule hereto for the purpose of a recreation-ground.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Town of Cromwell, containing by admeasurement 4 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north by Horace Street; towards the east by a right line being the production in a southerly direction of the eastern side of Sonora Street; towards the south by a right line being the production in an easterly direction of the northern side of Cromwell Street; and towards the west by Gay Street.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, this fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

*Officers under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," Otago District, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th April, 1897.

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

- JOHN MATHESON, of Hawea Flat;
- DOUGALD BELL, of Hawea Flat;
- THOMAS McWHIRTER, of Morven Hills;
- SAMUEL ANDREWS, of Kyeburn;
- GEORGE WELLES WILLIAMS, of Dunedin and
- DOUGLAS HARRIS HASTINGS, of Dunedin,

have been appointed officers for the purposes of that Act within all that area in the Provincial District of Otago bounded on the east and south by the ocean from Shag Point to the mouth of the Mataura River; on the north-west by Lake County; on the west and south-west by the Mataura River; and on the north, north-west, and north-east by the Counties of Westland and Waitaki.

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Officer under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884,"  
Wellington District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th April, 1897.

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

WILLIAM ALFRED COLLIER, of Wainui-o-mata, has been appointed an officer for the purposes of that Act for the Counties of Hutt, Horowhenua, Wairarapa North, Wairarapa South, Pahiatua, Oroua, Manawatu, Kiwitea, and Pohangina, and for all the town districts and boroughs situated within the said counties.

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts, Auckland, Wellington, Otago, and Whangarei Districts, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th April, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Rangers, under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, for the districts set opposite their names.

| Name.                           | District.   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| JAMES HUNTER .. .. .            | Auckland.   |
| WILLIAM ALFRED COLLIER .. .. .  | Wellington. |
| JOHN MATHESON .. .. .           |             |
| DOUGALD BELL .. .. .            |             |
| THOMAS McWEIRTER .. .. .        | Otago.      |
| SAMUEL ANDREWS .. .. .          |             |
| GEORGE WELLER WILLIAMS .. .. .  |             |
| DOUGLAS HARRIS HASTINGS .. .. . |             |
| RICHARD BRASSINGTON .. .. .     | Whangarei.  |

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Appointment of Chairmen of Licensing Committees.

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 15th April, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

SAMUEL ERNEST MCCARTHY, Esq., S.M., to be Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the District of Tuapeka, vice R. S. Hawkins, Esq., S.M.; and

ROBERT SAMUEL HAWKINS, Esq., S.M., to be Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the District of Mataura, vice J. W. Poynton, Esq., S.M.

W. C. WALKER,  
For Minister of Justice.

Deeds Registry Officer appointed.

Head Office, Stamp Department,  
Wellington, 15th April, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

MARTIN JAMES KILGOUR, Esq., to be Deputy Registrar of Deeds at Wellington as from the 7th instant.

J. CARROLL.

Land Transfer and Stamp Officer appointed.

Head Office, Stamp Department,  
Wellington, 14th April, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM STUART, Esq., as District Land Registrar, Registrar of Deeds, Examiner of Titles at Wellington, and Examiner of Titles for the Marlborough District; the appointment to take effect from the 15th instant. And

JAMES MEACHAM BATHAM as Deputy Commissioner of Stamps at Gisborne; the appointment to take effect from the 12th instant.

J. CARROLL.

Appointment of Chairman, Railway Board of Appeal, North Island.

Railway Department,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

HARRY EYRE KENNY, of Wellington, Stipendiary Magistrate, to act as a member of the North Island Railway Board of Appeal, and to be the Chairman of the said Board, vice James Crosby Martin, resigned.

A. J. CADMAN,  
Minister for Railways.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Aka Aka Drainage District, County of Manukau.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

AKA AKA DRAINAGE BOARD.

THE following is the result of the poll taken on the 19th October, 1896, on a proposal to borrow £600, under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," for the purpose of completing the drain known as the Eastern Drain, and deepening the present main drain known as Caseby's:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 43; number of votes exercisable, 45; Number of ratepayers who voted in favour of loan, 30; number of votes recorded in favour of loan, 31; number of ratepayers who voted against the proposal, 5; number of votes recorded against the proposal, 5.

There being a majority of votes and voters in favour of the proposal, I therefore declare it carried.

Waiuku, 24th October, 1896. CALEB HOSKING,  
Chairman.

Special Orders made by the Otaki Road Board, County of Horowhenua.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

OTAKI ROAD BOARD.

SPECIAL ORDER, confirmed by the Otaki Road Board at a Special Meeting held on the 17th April, 1897.

THAT this Board intends, by special order, to form a special district, to be called Special District No. 7, comprising the following properties: Nos. 1 to 95, Rangiuru-by-the-Sea Township; Native reserves, Parimata 15B and Waiariki 1B, Waitohu Survey District, VIII. The said special district being formed for the purpose of raising a loan of £350, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and its amendments, for the construction of the district roads within the special district, and for the striking of a special rate to pay for interest on the said loan.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing special order was duly made on the above date, as required by "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

Otaki, 17th April, 1897. H. F. EAGAR,  
Clerk, Otaki Road Board.

SPECIAL ORDER, confirmed by the Otaki Road Board at a Special Meeting held on the 17th April, 1897.

THAT this Board proposes to borrow from the Colonial Treasurer, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and its amendments, the sum of £350 for the construction of the district roads within Special District No. 7. (First) To make a special rate of ¼d. in the pound on the rateable value of all rateable properties within the boundaries of the Special District No. 7 (exclusive of Crown and Native lands within the meaning of "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882"), to pay for interest on the said loan. (Second) That the cost of raising the loan and the first year's interest be paid out of loan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order was duly made on the above date, as required by "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

Otaki, 17th April, 1897. H. F. EAGAR,  
Clerk, Otaki Road Board.

## Customs Appointments, &amp;c.

Department of Trade and Customs, Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

THE following appointments and promotions have been made in this department since 1st January, 1896.

W. T. GLASGOW,

Secretary and Inspector.

| Date.    | Name.            | Office and Station.          | Previous Office and Station.            |
|----------|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1896—    |                  |                              |   |
| Sept. 1  | Adams, W. H.     | Landing-waiter, Christchurch | Shipping clerk, Auckland,               |
| April 28 | Campbell, James  | Cadet, Auckland              | .. ..                                   |
| July 1   | Davies, Frank    | Cadet, Auckland              | .. ..                                   |
| March 1  | Howarth, W.      | Landing-waiter, Wellington   | Cadet, Treasury Department, Wellington. |
| March 1  | Jackman, H. A.   | Landing-waiter, Wellington   | Clerk, Wellington.                      |
| April 20 | Manson, C. H.    | Cadet, Christchurch          | Clerk, Wellington.                      |
| Dec. 1   | Marsh, H. J.     | Landing-waiter, Dunedin      | .. ..                                   |
| April 21 | Paul, Alexander  | Cadet, Dunedin               | .. ..                                   |
| April 25 | Stevenson, W. J. | Cadet, Wellington            | .. ..                                   |

## Notice to Local Authorities under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 2nd April, 1897.

PURSUANT to section 16 of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," the Colonial Treasurer hereby gives notice that on Wednesday, the 26th May, 1897, he will be prepared to consider applications from local authorities for loans under the Act.

Applications should be addressed to the Colonial Treasurer, and must be posted so as to arrive at the Treasury on or before the 25th May, 1897.

Applications received between the present date and the 25th May next will be considered on the 26th May, 1897.

R. J. SEDDON,  
Colonial Treasurer.

## New Zealand Hemp.—Notice No. 478.

Department of Agriculture,  
Wellington, 30th March, 1897.

THE time for receiving applications for the bonuses mentioned in Notice No. 430 has been extended to 31st December, 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 December, 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 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.

Officiating Ministers for 1897.—Notice No. 8.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1897.

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 names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

*Wesleyan Methodist Church.*

The Reverend E. H. Buckingham.  
The Reverend John W. Burton.  
The Reverend H. A. F. Eden.  
The Reverend John Martyn.  
The Reverend William B. Scott.  
The Reverend A. Frank Smith.  
The Reverend E. C. Somerville.  
The Reverend W. Sussex.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

Governor, Auckland College and Grammar School, elected.

Education Board,  
Auckland, 13th April, 1897.

IN pursuance of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1877," and of the regulations thereunder for the election of governors by the Education Board of the District of Auckland, it is hereby notified that

SAMUEL LUKE

has been duly re-elected a Governor of the Board of Governors constituted by the said Act.

SAMUEL LUKE,  
Chairman of Meeting.

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 Aute 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, Otawahou 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.

Public Notice under "The Stock Act, 1893," re *Liver-fluke*.—  
Notice No. 470.

Department of Agriculture (Live-stock Branch),  
Wellington, 5th January, 1897.

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 or parcel of land, known as the Te Aute Run, situated in the Waipawa, Hawke's Bay, and Patangata Counties, bounded as follows: Commencing at the Te Aute Railway-station, thence in a northerly direction along the boundary of the Te Hauke Proclaimed District to the point where the prolongation of the boundary between Lots 1 and 2 of the Ngawhakatara Block continued across the Poukawa Lake would strike it; thence easterly along the said line and boundary to the Tukituki River; thence up that river to the south boundary of Patangata No. 2; thence westerly along the southern boundary of that block to the Papanui Stream; thence up that stream and the eastern boundary of Patangata No. 3 to the southern boundary of that block; thence westerly along the southern boundaries of Patangata No. 3 and the Otane Block to the south-east corner of the land granted to the Bishop of Wellington; thence westerly along the southern boundary of the aforesaid land to the southern boundary of Sebastopol No. 3 Paddock; thence westerly along that boundary to the south-west corner of that paddock; thence northerly along the western boundaries of the aforesaid paddock and of the land granted to the Bishop of Wellington to the north-west corner of the said land; thence easterly along the northern boundary of the aforesaid land to the main Kaikora North and Te Aute Road; thence northerly along that road to a road running through the Pouputahi Block; thence easterly along that road to where it crosses the railway-line; thence northerly along the railway-line to the point of commencement.

All that piece or parcel of land, called or known as the "Flukey Paddock," containing about 74 acres, situated in the Te Mahanga Run, Te Mata Survey District, Hawke's Bay County.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,  
Chief Inspector of Stock.

**Crown Lands Notices.**

Reserves in Wellington Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 23rd February, 1897.

THE under-mentioned reserves will be offered for lease by public auction at Palmerston North on Wednesday, the 12th May, 1897:—

| Section.    | Block. | Locality.           | Area.   | Upset Annual Rent. | Term of Lease. |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| 51          | VII.   | Mount Robinson S.D. | 9 1 0   | £ s. d.<br>5 15 8  | 14 years.      |
| 192 and 193 | ..     | Linton Township     | 1 3 1/2 | 1 0 0              | 7 years.       |
| 1260        | ..     | Bunnythorpe         | 1 0 24  | 0 10 0             | Year to year.  |
| 1357, 1359  | ..     | "                   | 1 0 0   | 0 12 0             | 7 years.       |

*Terms of Sale.*

A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 ls. lease-fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer. No allowance whatsoever shall be payable on account of improvements effected by the lessees.

Full particulars may be ascertained and plans obtained at this office.

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

*Lands in Wellington forfeited or surrendered.*

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 20th April, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that, the leases and licenses of the under-mentioned Crown lands having been voluntarily surrendered by the lessees and licensees, or forfeited by resolution of the Wellington Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

| Section. | Block. | Locality.                        | Lessee or Licensee.    | Tenure.                                |
|----------|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 10       | II.    | Makotuku Survey District ..      | M. R. Pearce ..        | Occupation with right of purchase.     |
| 15       | XVIII. | Mangahao Survey District ..      | August Wegner ..       | Village-homestead special settlement.  |
| 14       | III.   | Tiriraukawa Survey District ..   | Ernest Rowling ..      | Occupation with right of purchase.     |
| 5        | X.     | Mt. Cerberus Survey District ..  | Alfred Bowden ..       | Special-settlement association.        |
| 8        | ..     | Rewa Village Settlement ..       | George Webb ..         | Village-homestead lease in perpetuity. |
| 16       | XIV.   | Manganui Survey District ..      | J. J. Pilkington ..    | Special-settlement association.        |
| 18       | VI.    | Makuri Survey District ..        | Leopold Simmons ..     | Occupation with right of purchase.     |
| 2        | X.     | Mt. Cerberus Survey District ..  | Robert Parker ..       | Special-settlement association.        |
| 10       | ..     | Rakaunui Village Settlement ..   | C. Hartshorn ..        | Village-homestead lease in perpetuity. |
| 29       | ..     | Pongaroa Village Settlement ..   | Henry Falls ..         | "                                      |
| 7        | ..     | Rakaunui Village Settlement ..   | Edward Lewis ..        | "                                      |
| 4        | XIII.  | Maungakaretu Survey District ..  | Patrick Ryan ..        | Special-settlement association.        |
| 21       | VI.    | Makotuku Survey District ..      | James Guilford ..      | "                                      |
| 4        | ..     | Pakihikura Village Settlement .. | William Prew ..        | Village-homestead lease in perpetuity. |
| 10       | XI.    | Makuri Survey District ..        | Charles Henry Payne .. | Special-settlement association.        |
| 5        | V.     | Mt. Cerberus Survey District ..  | George Matthews ..     | "                                      |
| 6        | XII.   | Kopuaranga Survey District ..    | John C. Wrigley ..     | Occupation with right of purchase.     |
| 44       | X.     | Pohangina Survey District ..     | John Edward Brown ..   | Deferred payment.                      |
| 24       | II.    | Mt. Cerberus Survey District ..  | Frank R. Carter ..     | Special-settlement association.        |
| 1        | IV.    | Umutoi Survey District ..        | Frederick W. Miers ..  | "                                      |
| 6        | VIII.  | Tiriraukawa Survey District ..   | Philip Brady ..        | "                                      |

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

*Rural Lands in Southland open for Sale or Selection.*

District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, 12th April, 1897.

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 Thursday, the 3rd June, 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.

SOUTHLAND 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. |

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

|           |                   | A. | R.   | P.  | s. | d. | £  | s. | d.  | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |    |   |   |    |   |   |    |
|-----------|-------------------|----|------|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| Southland | New River Hundred | 15 | XIX. | 121 | 2  | 20 | 25 | 0  | 152 | 0  | 8  | 1 | 3  | 3  | 16 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 10 |

This section is situated in the Waimatuku Bush, about five miles from Woodfield; land flat, and abutting on partly-formed road.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

|           |            |     |    |     |   |    |    |   |     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-----------|------------|-----|----|-----|---|----|----|---|-----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Southland | Hokonui .. | 580 | .. | 199 | 2 | 19 | 12 | 6 | 124 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 11 |
|-----------|------------|-----|----|-----|---|----|----|---|-----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|

Open hilly land, chiefly tussock; distance from Caroline Railway-station, about a mile and a half by road. Burdened with valuation for fencing, £14.

|           |            |     |    |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|------------|-----|----|----|---|---|----|---|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southland | Hokonui .. | 811 | .. | 71 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 53 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 6  | 10 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|           | ..         | 812 | .. | 82 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 61 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 |

These sections are mostly covered with mixed bush of no commercial value; are hilly and broken, soil fair. Height above sea-level, from 400 ft. to 600 ft. Distance from Centre Bush Railway-station, about seven miles. Section 812 is burdened with valuation for clearing, £5.

|           |            |    |    |     |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |
|-----------|------------|----|----|-----|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| Southland | Waikawa .. | 10 | I. | 106 | 2 | 4  | 15 | 0 | 79 | 17 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 19 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| "         | " ..       | 11 | "  | 122 | 3 | 37 | 15 | 0 | 92 | 5  | 0  | 0 | 9 | 2 | 6  | 2  | 0 | 7 | 1 | 18 | 10 |
| "         | " ..       | 19 | "  | 95  | 2 | 16 | 15 | 0 | 71 | 14 | 0  | 0 | 9 | 1 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 8  | 8  |

These sections are in the Waikawa Forest, on the eastern side of Waikawa Harbour, and are covered with mixed bush. There are sawmills in the vicinity.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Runs in the Nokomai District, Southland, to be offered for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 10th March, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that leases of the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction, on Thursday, the 13th day of May, 1897, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, at 11 a.m.

PASTORAL LANDS UNDER PART VI. OF "THE LAND ACT, 1892."

| County.        | Run No. | Survey District. | Area.        | Upset Rental.   | Term.     |
|----------------|---------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Lake & South'd | 523     | Nokomai          | Acres. 1,001 | £ s. d. 16 13 8 | 10 years. |
| "              | 524     | "                | 990          | 16 10 0         | 10 years. |

Land hilly. Vegetation, silver-tussock, fern, and native grasses. Height above sea-level, 850 ft. to 1,500 ft. Distance from Athol, about two miles.

Possession will be given on the day of sale. Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration, as 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.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Rural Lands, Southland, open for Selection.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 20th March, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection, in terms of sections 121 and 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," for lease in perpetuity, on and after Thursday, the 13th May, 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., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—NOKOMAI SURVEY DISTRICT.

*First-class Land.*

| Section. | Block. | Area.            | Lease in Perpetuity: Rent 4 per Cent. |                   |  |
|----------|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
|          |        |                  | Rent per Acre.                        | Half-yearly Rent. |  |
| 8        | III.   | A. R. P. 356 0 0 | s. d. 0 10 8                          | £ s. d. 8 0 2     |  |
| 9        | "      | 213 0 0          | 1 0                                   | 5 6 6             |  |
| 10       | "      | 147 0 0          | 1 2 4                                 | 4 8 2             |  |
| 11       | "      | 164 0 0          | 1 2 4                                 | 4 18 5            |  |
| 12       | "      | 89 0 0           | 1 4 8                                 | 3 2 4             |  |
| 10       | IV.    | 48 0 0           | 1 2 4                                 | 1 8 10            |  |

Sections 8 and 9, Block III., undulating; Sections 10, 11, and 12, Block III., and 10, Block IV., level; soil good, but poorly watered; height above sea-level, from 900 ft. to 1,500 ft.; distance from Athol, from half a mile to three miles.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Land in the Town of Palmerston North for Sale by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 9th February, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned sections in the Town of Palmerston North will be offered for sale by public auction at Palmerston North on Wednesday, the 12th May, 1897:—

Section 822, Palmerston North: Area, 1 acre 1 rood; upset price, £200.

Section 1086, Palmerston North: Area, 1 acre 2 roods 6 perches; upset price, £100.

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

Mr. H. Martin, of Palmerston North, holds a lease of Section 1086 for twenty-one years from the 18th August, 1890. The annual rent payable under the lease is £4 4s. for the first seven years of the term, £5 5s. for the next seven years, and £6 6s. for the remaining seven years. This section is therefore offered subject to his lease, a copy of which may be inspected by intending purchasers.

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

*Small Grazing-runs, Marlborough, for Lease on Application.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Blenheim, 6th April, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on and after Wednesday, the 9th June, 1897, at the annual rentals noted below. In case of more than one application for a run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.

| Number of Run. | Section. | Block. | Survey District. | Area.            | Annual Rental. |
|----------------|----------|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| S.G. Run 80    | 7        | V.     | Linkwater        | A. R. P. 367 0 0 | £ s. d. 4 11 9 |
| " 83           | 7        | XIII.  | Arapawa ..       | 540 0 0          | 6 15 0         |
| " 84           | 1        | XV.    | " ..             | 724 0 0          | 6 15 9         |

*Description of Land.*

Run No. 80: Pastoral country, fair soil, well watered; 100 acres broken, remainder moderate slopes; 280 acres mixed bush, balance fern and scrub. Accessible by water, four miles from Havelock; and by bridle-track, eight miles from Havelock.

Run No. 83: Broken country, fit for pastoral purposes only; small grass flat adjoining Section 1; south-west corner partly grassed, north and east portions poor soil. About thirteen miles from Picton by bridle-track.

Run No. 84: Broken country with steep slopes, covered generally with stunted manuka and fern, mixed bush in gullies, birch on higher slopes; well watered. Distant from Blenheim about seventeen miles; accessible by road for eleven miles, remainder bridle-track.

C. W. ADAMS,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Reserve for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 6th April, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that a lease for a term of seven years of the under-mentioned land will be submitted at public auction under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," at this office, on Friday, the 18th day of June, 1897, at 11 a.m.:

Section No. 9, Parish of Awahitu: 200 acres; upset annual rental, £4.

Terms.—Rent is payable half-yearly in advance. No compensation will be allowed for improvements during the currency or at the termination of lease, but the lessee may remove any buildings erected by him before the termination of the lease.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Reserve for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 2nd April, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that a lease for a term of seven (7) years of the under-mentioned land will be submitted at public auction, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," at this office, on Friday, the 11th day of June, 1897, at 11 a.m.

MANUKAU COUNTY.—PARISH OF MANUREWA.

Section 199A (Canal Reserve): Area, 5 acres 2 roods 10 perches; upset annual rent, £5. This lot is part of the Canal Reserve at Otahuhu, nine miles from Auckland.

Terms of Lease.—Lease for term of seven years, without any right of renewal. Rent payable half-yearly in advance. No compensation allowed for improvements during either the currency or at the termination of lease, but the lessee may remove any buildings erected by him before the termination of the lease.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rainfall for March, 1897.

| Station.   | Observer.                        | Total Fall, in Inches. | Days of Rain. | Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours). |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>NORTH ISLAND.</b>   |                                  |                        |               |  |
| <b>(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.</b>               |                                  |                        |               |  |
| Parengarenga .. .. .   | A. R. Crane .. .. .              | 3.08                   | 10            | 1.02 on 12th.  |
| Pakaraka .. .. .   | Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. .. .. . | 2.80                   | 10            | 1.18 on 25th.  |
| Parua Bay .. .. .  | D. Davidson .. .. .              | 4.84                   | 18            | 1.64 on 13th.  |
| Auckland .. .. .   | Government Observer .. .. .      | 3.29                   | 12            | 1.66 on 13th.  |
| Cuvier Island .. .. .  | Lightkeeper .. .. .              | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| Te Aroha .. .. .   | P. Snewin .. .. .                | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| Katikati .. .. .   | L. A. Shadwell .. .. .           | 3.93                   | 10            | 1.39 on 12th.  |
| Rotorua .. .. .  | Dr. Ginders .. .. .              | 6.21                   | 16            | 1.05 on 1st.   |
| <b>(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGDMONT.</b> |                                  |                        |               |  |
| Kaitaia .. .. .  | W. G. Puckey .. .. .             | 1.18                   | 7             | 1.11 on 24th.  |
| Okaihau* .. .. .   | H. C. Burleigh .. .. .           | 2.95                   | 13            | 1.32 on 25th.  |
| Awakino .. .. .  | N. A. Robison .. .. .            | 5.28                   | 11            | 1.50 on 7th.   |
| Raglan .. .. .   | H. V. Rutherford .. .. .         | 3.33                   | 6             | 0.86 on 25th.  |
| Te Kopua (Waikato) .. .. .   | Rev. H. Young .. .. .            | 2.92                   | 11            | 0.45 on 5th.   |
| New Plymouth .. .. .   | E. Veale .. .. .                 | 6.40                   | 14            | 1.81 on 25th.  |
| Inglewood .. .. .  | Miss E. Trimble .. .. .          | 12.02                  | 13            | 4.83 on 25th.  |
| Ngatimaru .. .. .  | Miss A. Hutchinson .. .. .       | 8.33                   | 13            | 2.80 on 27th.  |
| <b>(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGDMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.</b>        |                                  |                        |               |  |
| Opuhi .. .. .  | D. Wilkie .. .. .                | 3.86                   | 12            | 1.32 on 27th.  |
| Upper Waitotara .. .. .  | E. F. Liffiton .. .. .           | 4.97                   | 13            | 1.14 on 25th.  |
| Omata Valley .. .. .   | C. Forde .. .. .                 | 4.01                   | 12            | 1.40 on 25th.  |
| Stratford .. .. .  | Miss Bobin .. .. .               | 8.73                   | 14            | 2.38 on 25th.  |
| Opunake .. .. .  | A. H. Moore .. .. .              | 4.31                   | 16            | 1.23 on 27th.  |
| Manaia .. .. .   | G. A. Hurley .. .. .             | 3.48                   | 11            | 1.15 on 27th.  |
| Hawera .. .. .   | J. Livingston .. .. .            | 3.63                   | 10            | 0.80 on 27th.  |
| Kaponga .. .. .  | C. Maclean .. .. .               | 6.18                   | 11            | 2.70 on 27th.  |
| Wanganui .. .. .   | H. S. Seager .. .. .             | 3.69                   | 8             | 0.98 on 11th.  |
| Kaitoke .. .. .  | A. Wychodil .. .. .              | 3.52                   | 11            | 0.93 on 2nd.   |
| No. 2 Line (Wanganui) .. .. .  | H. I. Jones .. .. .              | 3.95                   | 12            | 0.80 on 25th.  |
| Raetihi (Wanganui) .. .. .   | G. T. Murray .. .. .             | 7.62                   | 15            | 1.97 on 25th.  |
| Parapara School (Wanganui) .. .. .                                   | J. Katters Manning .. .. .       | 5.66                   | 13            | 1.53 on 27th.  |
| Campbelltown .. .. .   | H. Sanson .. .. .                | 3.59                   | 5             | 1.44 on 10th.  |
| Feilding .. .. .   | S. Goodbehere .. .. .            | 2.81                   | 13            | 0.80 on 25th.  |
| Erehwon .. .. .  | W. J. Birch .. .. .              | 4.94                   | 11            | 0.98 on 2nd.   |
| Ruanui .. .. .   | J. F. Studholme .. .. .          | 3.03                   | 11            | 1.00 on 27th.  |
| Colyton .. .. .  | R. L. Pudney .. .. .             | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| West Waitapu .. .. .   | J. Gurfee .. .. .                | 3.65                   | 15            | 0.86 on 27th.  |
| Ashurst .. .. .  | H. Barnes .. .. .                | 3.80                   | 13            | 0.80 on 11th.  |
| Bull's .. .. .   | Miss M. E. C. Keiller .. .. .    | 3.03                   | 12            | 0.81 on 11th.  |
| Palmerston North .. .. .   | Captain Brown .. .. .            | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| State Farm (Levin) .. .. .   | O. J. Blaine .. .. .             | 5.18                   | 13            | 2.53 on 25th.  |
| Otaki .. .. .  | M. H. Ayre .. .. .               | 2.83                   | 14            | 1.34 on 24th.  |
| Kereru .. .. .   | C. A. Muggleton .. .. .          | 4.26                   | 11            | 1.03 on 25th.  |
| Pukerua .. .. .  | W. Bell .. .. .                  | 2.32                   | 11            | 0.60 on 25th.  |
| <b>(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.</b>            |                                  |                        |               |  |
| Waipiro .. .. .  | J. S. Dodgshun .. .. .           | 5.28                   | 15            | 1.12 on 21st.  |
| Tolago Bay .. .. .   | A. Reeves .. .. .                | 8.65                   | 5             | 6.40 on 28th.  |
| Gisborne .. .. .   | Rev. H. W. Williams .. .. .      | 8.36                   | 15            | 5.78 on 28th.  |
| Matahira .. .. .   | F. J. Kemp .. .. .               | 5.79                   | 20            | 1.36 on 21st.  |
| Whakawhitira .. .. .   | H. W. Guthrie-Smith .. .. .      | 8.56                   | 11            | 6.15 on 28th.  |
| Patutahi .. .. .   | H. N. Watson .. .. .             | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| Maraetaha .. .. .  | J. Woodbine Johnson .. .. .      | 5.20                   | 15            | 3.24 on 28th.  |
| Waikaremoana .. .. .   | Fenton Lambert .. .. .           | 7.24                   | 15            | 3.16 on 27th.  |
| Rakamoana .. .. .  | J. Moore .. .. .                 | 15.50                  | 17            | 8.46 on 28th.  |
| Tiniroto .. .. .   | J. Cook .. .. .                  | 9.14                   | 16            | 2.30 on 28th.  |
| Petane .. .. .   | W. H. Smith .. .. .              | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| Napier .. .. .   | E. Lyndon .. .. .                | 3.82                   | 5             | 2.76 on 27th.  |
| Hastings .. .. .   | J. N. Williams .. .. .           | 3.58                   | 11            | 2.13 on 28th.  |
| Te Aute .. .. .  | S. B. Ludbrook .. .. .           | 5.74                   | 8             | 3.64 on 28th.  |
| Maraekakaho .. .. .  | A. Lockie .. .. .                | 3.81                   | 8             | 1.50 on 28th.  |
| Te Kowhai .. .. .  | J. H. Absalom .. .. .            | 14.33                  | 10            | 6.25 on 28th.  |
| Mangakuri .. .. .  | G. C. Williams .. .. .           | 4.02                   | 8             | 2.55 on 28th.  |
| Tutira Lake .. .. .  | H. Guthrie-Smith .. .. .         | 9.67                   | 6             | 6.89 on 28th.  |
| Gwavas .. .. .   | J. Nicoll .. .. .                | 5.56                   | 11            | 2.26 on 28th.  |
| Mount Vernon .. .. .   | R. Harding .. .. .               | 4.98                   | 9             | 1.95 on 29th.  |
| Waimarama .. .. .  | Thomas R. Moore .. .. .          | 4.31                   | 6             | 1.72 on 27th.  |
| Ormondville† .. .. .   | J. D. Watson .. .. .             | 4.70                   | 13            | 1.64 on 27th.  |
| Woodville .. .. .  | J. Leithead .. .. .              | 4.13                   | 13            | 0.77 on 11th.  |
| Pahiatua .. .. .   | W. Tosswill .. .. .              | 2.66                   | 9             | 1.02 on 11th.  |
| Newman .. .. .   | W. H. Herbert .. .. .            | 4.03                   | 15            | 0.85 on 27th.  |
| Tane .. .. .   | H. A. Lambert .. .. .            | 3.71                   | 13            | 0.63 on 2nd.   |
| Otahuao .. .. .  | Miss E. A. D. Bennett .. .. .    | 1.75                   | 9             | 0.65 on 2nd.   |
| Masterton .. .. .  | B. Couborne .. .. .              | 1.32                   | 5             | 0.41 on 10th.  |
| Carterton .. .. .  | H. Braithwaite .. .. .           | 1.10                   | 7             | 0.34 on 2nd.   |
| Featherston .. .. .  | G. G. Wellsted .. .. .           | 0.25                   | 1             | 0.25 on 26th.  |
| Summit .. .. .   | M. Cronin .. .. .                | 3.73                   | 13            | 0.70 on 25th.  |
| Upper Hutt .. .. .   | M. Maher .. .. .                 | 3.00                   | 3             | 1.50 on 24th.  |
| Taita .. .. .  | T. Mason .. .. .                 | 2.86                   | 12            | 0.97 on 25th.  |
| Wainuiomata .. .. .  | J. Quaintance .. .. .            | 3.27                   | 10            | 0.76 on 25th.  |
| Petone .. .. .   | Sir J. Hector .. .. .            | 2.62                   | 11            | 0.58 on 25th.  |
| Wellington .. .. .   | Government Observer .. .. .      | 2.06                   | 16            | 0.53 on 25th.  |
| Karori .. .. .   | W. Edmonds .. .. .               | 1.61                   | 16            | 0.36 on 8th.   |
| <b>Late returns—</b>   |                                  |                        |               |  |
| * January .. .. .  | .. .. .                          | 7.80                   | 14            | 1.81 on 15th.  |
| February .. .. .   | .. .. .                          | 13.95                  | 14            | 4.60 on 12th.  |
| † February .. .. .   | .. .. .                          | 6.89                   | 5             | 3.19 on 13th.  |

## Rainfall for March—continued.

| Station.  | Observer.                          | Total Fall, in Inches. | Days of Rain. | Maximum Fall, and Date (for previous Twenty-four Hours). |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>SOUTH ISLAND.</b>                                      |                                    |                        |               |  |
| <b>(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.</b>       |                                    |                        |               |  |
| Nelson .. .. .  | Dr. Hudson .. .. .                 | 4.89                   | 15            | 1.77 on 7th.   |
| Stephens Island* .. .. .                                  | Lightkeeper .. .. .                | 0.90                   | 7             | 0.42 on 8th.   |
| The Brothers† .. .. .                                     | Lightkeeper .. .. .                | 0.75                   | 6             | 0.22 on 23th.  |
| Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds) .. .. .                          | W. B. Tosswill .. .. .             | 2.77                   | 13            | 1.22 on 10th.  |
| Blenheim .. .. .  | N. Prichard .. .. .                | 2.25                   | 9             | 0.86 on 10th.  |
| Cape Campbell .. .. .                                     | Lightkeeper .. .. .                | 0.45                   | 2             | 0.30 on 10th.  |
| Flaxbourne .. .. .  | W. Tatchell .. .. .                | 0.91                   | 7             | 0.33 on 22nd.  |
| Kekerangu .. .. .   | W. J. White .. .. .                | 1.81                   | 9             | 0.98 on 22nd.  |
| Kaikoura .. .. .  | Miss H. Collins .. .. .            | 1.94                   | 7             | 0.72 on 10th.  |
| <b>(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.</b>  |                                    |                        |               |  |
| Farewell Spit .. .. .                                     | Lightkeeper .. .. .                | 1.16                   | 8             | 0.45 on 25th.  |
| Pakawau .. .. .   | T. C. V. Field .. .. .             | 2.78                   | 19            | 0.81 on 25th.  |
| Westport .. .. .  | H. S. Ewan .. .. .                 | 9.07                   | 16            | 1.96 on 10th.  |
| Ngahere .. .. .   | J. Scott .. .. .                   | 17.22                  | 16            | 6.76 on 9th.   |
| Greymouth .. .. .   | J. Conner .. .. .                  | 14.44                  | 18            | 4.28 on 10th.  |
| Hokitika .. .. .  | A. D. Macfarlane .. .. .           | 17.20                  | 18            | 3.10 on 20th.  |
| Bealey .. .. .  | C. White .. .. .                   | 8.56                   | 14            | 3.50 on 10th.  |
| Dusky Sound .. .. .                                       | R. Henry .. .. .                   | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| <b>(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.</b>        |                                    |                        |               |  |
| Waiou .. .. .   | J. A. Northcote .. .. .            | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| Cheviot .. .. .   | W. Anderson .. .. .                | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| Akaroa .. .. .  | Miss Jacobson .. .. .              | 0.80                   | 9             | 0.24 on 30th.  |
| Port Hills (Christchurch) .. .. .                         | Miss M. L. Higgins .. .. .         | 1.53                   | 9             | 0.35 on 1st.   |
| Christchurch .. .. .                                      | A. L. Taylor .. .. .               | 1.35                   | 9             | 0.54 on 10th.  |
| Linwood .. .. .   | J. A. Biltcliff .. .. .            | 1.54                   | 9             | 0.53 on 10th.  |
| Lincoln .. .. .   | C. O. Lillie .. .. .               | 1.88                   | 10            | 0.71 on 26th.  |
| Southbridge .. .. .                                       | J. McMillan .. .. .                | 1.48                   | 10            | 0.94 on 26th.  |
| Hororata .. .. .  | Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G. .. .. . | 2.80                   | 10            | 1.12 on 26th.  |
| Kapunatiki .. .. .  | Hon. W. Rolleston .. .. .          | 1.65                   | 11            | 0.90 on 21st.  |
| Mt. Peel .. .. .  | Miss L. A. D. Acland .. .. .       | 2.14                   | 10            | 0.48 on 2nd.   |
| Peel Forest .. .. .                                       | W. E. Barker .. .. .               | 2.34                   | 9             | 0.74 on 2nd.   |
| Methven .. .. .   | H. G. Baker .. .. .                | 5.27                   | 14            | 2.39 on 1st.   |
| Drayton (Methven) .. .. .                                 | E. Chapman .. .. .                 | 3.41                   | 13            | 1.00 on 26th.  |
| Ashburton .. .. .   | A. E. Hart .. .. .                 | 1.50                   | 6             | 0.46 on 26th.  |
| Timaru .. .. .  | C. H. Inglis .. .. .               | 1.16                   | 8             | 0.36 on 20th.  |
| Fairlie .. .. .   | D. H. Gillingham .. .. .           | 1.27                   | 9             | 0.47 on 20th.  |
| Geraldine .. .. .   | Captain E. F. Temple .. .. .       | 1.38                   | 7             | 0.48 on 2nd.   |
| Oamaru .. .. .  | E. Menlove .. .. .                 | 1.86                   | 11            | 0.77 on 20th.  |
| Maheno‡ .. .. .   | R. A. Chaffey .. .. .              | 1.26                   | 6             | 0.63 on 21st.  |
| <b>(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.</b> |                                    |                        |               |  |
| Macetown .. .. .  | W. J. Stanford .. .. .             | 3.91                   | 15            | 1.05 on 21st.  |
| Queenstown .. .. .  | L. Hotop .. .. .                   | ..                     | ..            | ..   |
| St. Bathans .. .. .                                       | J. Ewing .. .. .                   | 3.00                   | 12            | 0.98 on 21st.  |
| Middlemarch .. .. .                                       | D. Crawford .. .. .                | 2.05                   | 9             | 0.44 on 19th.  |
| Gladbrook Station .. .. .                                 | D. Crawford .. .. .                | 2.38                   | 11            | 0.71 on 21st.  |
| Kokonga .. .. .   | R. W. Glendinning .. .. .          | 2.29                   | 11            | 1.07 on 21st.  |
| Dunedin .. .. .   | Government Observer .. .. .        | 4.17                   | 13            | 1.05 on 21st.  |
| Eweburn§ .. .. .  | H. J. Mathews .. .. .              | 2.01                   | 6             | 0.96 on 21st.  |
| Kaitangata .. .. .  | W. M. Shore .. .. .                | 4.27                   | 13            | 1.62 on 21st.  |
| Balclutha .. .. .   | C. C. Halliday .. .. .             | 3.34                   | 9             | 1.31 on 21st.  |
| Naseby .. .. .  | G. L. Stewart .. .. .              | 2.72                   | 8             | 0.86 on 21st.  |
| Clyde .. .. .   | L. D. MacGeorge .. .. .            | 1.34                   | 7             | 0.56 on 20th.  |
| Wyndham .. .. .   | W. H. Rodney .. .. .               | 7.81                   | 9             | 3.35 on 21st.  |
| Dipton .. .. .  | R. D. MacLachlan .. .. .           | 4.28                   | 12            | 1.15 on 20th.  |
| Ratanui .. .. .   | G. M. Draper .. .. .               | 9.53                   | 16            | 5.38 on 21st.  |
| Invercargill .. .. .                                      | J. L. Bush .. .. .                 | 4.32                   | 13            | 0.95 on 20th.  |
| Otautau .. .. .   | N. A. McLaren .. .. .              | 5.37                   | 14            | 1.37 on 20th.  |
| Nightcaps .. .. .   | J. Ritchie .. .. .                 | 4.89                   | 15            | 1.99 on 20th.  |
| Puysegur Point .. .. .                                    | Lightkeeper .. .. .                | 25.40                  | 22            | 4.40 on 20th.  |
| Chatham Islands   .. .. .                                 | A. Shand .. .. .                   | 2.68                   | 13            | 1.50 on 21st.  |
| <b>Late returns—</b>                                      |                                    |                        |               |  |
| * February .. .. .  | .. .. .                            | 6.47                   | 11            | 1.65 on 9th.   |
| † January .. .. .   | .. .. .                            | 4.10                   | 5             | 2.75 on 15th.  |
| February .. .. .  | .. .. .                            | 4.72                   | 9             | 1.30 on 12th.  |
| ‡ February .. .. .  | .. .. .                            | 0.90                   | 8             | 0.20 on 4th.   |
| § February .. .. .  | .. .. .                            | 0.58                   | 3             | 0.38 on 3rd.   |
| February .. .. .  | .. .. .                            | 1.67                   | 9             | 0.84 on 16th.  |

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RETURN of REVENUE collected at the GENERAL POST OFFICE and in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

|                             | POSTAL REVENUE.            |                         |  |                |                         |                                  |               | TELEGRAPH REVENUE. |                      |                          |                  | Total Post and Telegraph Revenue. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                             | Private Box and Bag Rents. | Money-order Commission. | Stamps sold and credited to Stamp Revenue. | Postal Guides. | Postal-note Commission. | Miscellaneous Receipts (Postal). | Total Postal. | Telegrams.*        | Telephone Exchanges. | Miscellaneous Telegraph. | Total Telegraph. |                                   |
|                             | £ s. d.                    | £ s. d.                 | £ s. d.                                    | £ s. d.        | £ s. d.                 | £ s. d.                          | £ s. d.       | £ s. d.            | £ s. d.              | £ s. d.                  | £ s. d.          | £ s. d.                           |
| General Post Office ..      | ..                         | 42 15 0                 | ..   | 7 10 0         | ..                      | 15,226 8 6                       | 15,276 13 6   | ..                 | 1,357 15 1           | 39 13 2                  | 1,397 8 3        | 16,674 1 9                        |
| Auckland .. ..              | 305 0 0                    | 665 7 6                 | 7,236 6 7½                                 | 8 8 0          | 109 1 4                 | 0 3 7                            | 8,324 7 0½    | 4,721 8 5½         | 125 1 11             | 64 0 2                   | 4,910 10 6½      | 13,234 17 7                       |
| Blenheim .. ..              | 87 0 0                     | 54 18 6                 | 863 8 8                                    | 1 12 6         | 11 19 3                 | ..                               | 1,018 18 11   | 446 5 10           | 43 19 4              | ..                       | 490 5 2          | 1,509 4 1                         |
| Christchurch .. ..          | 429 10 0                   | 324 9 0                 | 5,579 16 11                                | 11 14 0        | 64 4 4                  | 4 3 0                            | 6,413 17 3    | 2,887 15 6½        | 267 2 3              | 124 0 0                  | 3,278 17 9½      | 9,692 15 0½                       |
| Dunedin .. ..               | 316 0 0                    | 327 5 3                 | 4,927 16 1                                 | 7 2 6          | 77 6 7½                 | 0 8 6                            | 5,655 18 11½  | 3,214 7 6½         | 215 10 2             | 86 0 0                   | 3,515 17 8½      | 9,171 16 8                        |
| Gisborne .. ..              | 81 10 0                    | 46 7 0                  | 1,165 18 0½                                | 0 18 0         | 5 11 2½                 | 0 0 6                            | 1,300 4 9     | 514 13 11          | 182 18 4             | 6 10 0                   | 704 2 3          | 2,004 7 0                         |
| Greymouth .. ..             | 77 10 0                    | 82 17 3                 | 1,144 2 7½                                 | 1 16 0         | 12 2 11½                | ..                               | 1,318 8 10    | 672 9 1            | 23 14 0              | 5 0 0                    | 701 3 1          | 2,019 11 11                       |
| Hokitika .. ..              | 43 10 0                    | 33 2 9                  | 431 16 3                                   | 1 10 6         | 6 12 9½                 | ..                               | 516 12 3½     | 303 2 11½          | ..                   | 6 0 0                    | 309 2 11½        | 825 15 3                          |
| Invercargill .. ..          | 285 0 0                    | 126 11 6                | 3,022 9 4                                  | 1 4 0          | 41 13 10                | 0 3 0                            | 3,477 1 8     | 1,294 18 3         | 31 6 3               | 64 10 0                  | 1,390 14 6       | 4,867 16 2                        |
| Napier .. ..                | 320 10 0                   | 199 3 6                 | 2,766 13 4½                                | 2 2 6          | 42 14 8½                | ..                               | 3,331 4 1     | 1,507 9 5          | 87 2 9               | 29 10 0                  | 1,624 2 2        | 4,955 6 3                         |
| Nelson .. ..                | 68 0 0                     | 69 3 0                  | 1,347 17 10½                               | 2 3 6          | 14 10 1½                | 0 4 0                            | 1,501 18 6    | 428 11 2½          | 4 14 8               | 4 0 0                    | 437 5 10½        | 1,939 4 4½                        |
| New Plymouth .. ..          | 81 10 0                    | 89 14 3                 | 1,183 3 2½                                 | 1 8 6          | 23 12 10                | ..                               | 1,379 8 9½    | 621 15 10          | 7 19 11              | 5 0 0                    | 634 15 9         | 2,014 4 6½                        |
| Oamaru .. ..                | 88 0 0                     | 44 16 9                 | 1,360 19 7½                                | 3 4 6          | 13 12 6                 | ..                               | 1,510 13 4½   | 415 10 0           | 12 4 2               | 0 10 0                   | 428 4 2          | 1,938 17 6½                       |
| Thames.. ..                 | 54 10 0                    | 206 13 9                | 2,350 5 11                                 | 1 18 0         | 32 15 6                 | 0 5 0                            | 2,646 8 2     | 1,278 7 1          | 4 6 1                | 3 0 0                    | 1,285 13 2       | 3,932 1 4                         |
| Timaru .. ..                | 147 0 0                    | 70 7 6                  | 2,504 17 3½                                | 2 9 6          | 20 9 3                  | ..                               | 2,745 3 6½    | 581 17 3½          | 12 4 4               | 5 0 0                    | 599 1 7½         | 3,344 5 2                         |
| Wanganui .. ..              | 181 10 0                   | 179 3 3                 | 4,793 13 3                                 | 1 12 0         | 46 1 1                  | 0 1 0                            | 5,207 0 7     | 1,234 6 9          | 19 11 3              | 5 12 0                   | 1,259 10 0       | 6,466 10 7                        |
| Wellington .. ..            | 544 0 0                    | 590 18 9                | 8,032 17 4½                                | 5 17 0         | 104 13 11               | 50 10 0                          | 9,328 17 0½   | 4,192 9 8          | 207 5 10             | 524 7 6                  | 4,924 3 0        | 14,253 0 0½                       |
| Westport .. ..              | 38 10 0                    | 64 15 3                 | 622 4 3½                                   | 0 3 0          | 11 5 10                 | ..                               | 736 18 4½     | 389 19 6           | ..                   | 14 0 0                   | 403 19 6         | 1,140 17 10½                      |
| Total first quarter in 1897 | 3,148 10 0                 | 3,218 9 9               | 49,339 6 9                                 | 62 14 0        | 638 8 1                 | 15,282 7 1                       | 71,689 15 8   | 24,705 8 4         | 2,602 16 4           | 986 12 10                | 28,294 17 6      | 99,984 13 2                       |
| Total first quarter in 1896 | 3,178 0 0                  | 2,929 8 7               | 48,083 7 10                                | 56 5 0         | 607 4 8½                | 7,384 18 6                       | 62,244 4 7½   | 25,315 6 7½        | 2,255 8 1            | 2,168 2 7                | 29,738 17 3½     | 91,983 1 11                       |

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

\* The telegraph rates were altered as from 1st June, 1896.

W. GRAY,  
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &amp;c., of POSTAL-NOTE TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

| POSTAL DISTRICTS.         | No. of Postal-note Offices open at the End of the Quarter. | NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD. |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        | Total Amount of Postal Notes sold. | Commission on Postal Notes sold. | NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES PAID. |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |        |        |        | Total Amount of Postal Notes paid. |       |     |        |         |      |      |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|---------|------|------|
|                           |  | At 1/0                       | At 1/6 | At 2/6 | At 5/0 | At 7/6 | At 10/0 | At 12/6 | At 15/0 | At 17/6 | At £1. | At £5. | Total. |                                    |                                  | At 1/0                       | At 1/6 | At 2/6 | At 5/0 | At 7/6 | At 10/0 | At 12/6 | At 15/0 | At 17/6 | At £1. | At £5. | Total. |                                    |       |     |        |         |      |      |
| Auckland ..               | 92   | 3,355                        | 2,950  | 1,876  | 2,539  | 1,021  | 2,169   | 630     | 697     | 275     | 1,240  | 44     | 16,796 | £ 5,451                            | s. 16                            | d. 4                         | 109    | 1      | 4      | 4,013  | 3,771   | 2,327   | 3,124   | 1,340   | 2,773  | 835    | 927    | 338                                | 1,536 | 49  | 21,033 | £ 6,738 | s. 4 | d. 6 |
| Blenheim ..               | 9  | 419                          | 296    | 142    | 265    | 135    | 264     | 47      | 74      | 37      | 142    | 2      | 1,823  | 590                                | 19                               | 9                            | 11     | 19     | 3      | 183    | 100     | 74      | 127     | 61      | 128    | 36     | 54     | 27                                 | 79    | 3   | 872    | 325     | 3    | 0    |
| Christchurch ..           | 54   | 1,579                        | 1,391  | 775    | 1,360  | 600    | 1,370   | 377     | 429     | 197     | 889    | 21     | 8,988  | 3,318                              | 2                                | 4                            | 64     | 4      | 4      | 2,944  | 2,285   | 1,279   | 1,911   | 946     | 1,854  | 600    | 633    | 291                                | 1,238 | 22  | 13,903 | 4,685   | 6    | 6    |
| Dunedin ..                | 52   | 2,158                        | 1,988  | 955    | 1,515  | 769    | 1,538   | 507     | 521     | 259     | 1,024  | 29     | 11,263 | 3,993                              | 1                                | 7½                           | 77     | 6      | 7½     | 2,677  | 2,500   | 1,289   | 2,214   | 981     | 1,925  | 624    | 648    | 328                                | 1,244 | 30  | 14,460 | 4,923   | 7    | 0    |
| Gisborne ..               | 4  | 167                          | 185    | 72     | 105    | 46     | 115     | 30      | 30      | 14      | 78     | 6      | 848    | 299                                | 5                                | 8½                           | 5      | 11     | 2½     | 73     | 36      | 25      | 50      | 16      | 58     | 7      | 19     | 6                                  | 40    | 2   | 332    | 130     | 17   | 0    |
| Greymouth ..              | 10   | 345                          | 251    | 144    | 191    | 93     | 274     | 51      | 60      | 30      | 220    | 16     | 1,675  | 688                                | 19                               | 5½                           | 12     | 2      | 11½    | 159    | 129     | 99      | 96      | 57      | 150    | 29     | 48     | 18                                 | 105   | 8   | 898    | 365     | 5    | 0    |
| Hokitika ..               | 8  | 174                          | 126    | 88     | 103    | 80     | 146     | 47      | 41      | 20      | 89     | 2      | 916    | 341                                | 3                                | 3½                           | 6      | 12     | 9½     | 77     | 56      | 33      | 67      | 28      | 94     | 19     | 22     | 8                                  | 75    | 6   | 485    | 226     | 16   | 0    |
| Invercargill ..           | 32   | 1,108                        | 960    | 487    | 858    | 431    | 831     | 272     | 322     | 148     | 515    | 12     | 5,944  | 2,137                              | 11                               | 10                           | 41     | 13     | 10     | 812    | 646     | 346     | 576     | 303     | 609    | 204    | 263    | 106                                | 413   | 14  | 4,292  | 1,594   | 18   | 6    |
| Napier ..                 | 28   | 1,284                        | 1,246  | 617    | 987    | 462    | 808     | 247     | 330     | 127     | 426    | 26     | 6,560  | 2,170                              | 10                               | 2½                           | 42     | 14     | 8½     | 908    | 796     | 445     | 660     | 285     | 543    | 159    | 195    | 77                                 | 305   | 14  | 4,382  | 1,391   | 17   | 0    |
| Nelson ..                 | 15   | 516                          | 331    | 202    | 352    | 150    | 279     | 105     | 78      | 31      | 175    | 4      | 2,223  | 720                                | 7                                | 7½                           | 14     | 10     | 1½     | 425    | 300     | 193     | 342     | 123     | 314    | 80     | 96     | 41                                 | 186   | 4   | 2,104  | 720     | 7    | 6    |
| New Plymouth ..           | 11   | 845                          | 598    | 322    | 503    | 237    | 450     | 143     | 187     | 83      | 269    | 1      | 3,638  | 1,166                              | 17                               | 4                            | 23     | 12     | 10     | 522    | 382     | 192     | 276     | 141     | 302    | 100    | 157    | 64                                 | 193   | 4   | 2,333  | 800     | 17   | 6    |
| Oamaru ..                 | 9  | 397                          | 346    | 175    | 317    | 125    | 262     | 98      | 113     | 35      | 154    | 2      | 2,024  | 679                                | 1                                | 0                            | 13     | 12     | 6      | 212    | 184     | 96      | 158     | 77      | 182    | 50     | 53     | 34                                 | 106   | 3   | 1,155  | 417     | 10   | 6    |
| Thames ..                 | 16   | 847                          | 824    | 503    | 757    | 344    | 698     | 185     | 256     | 61      | 358    | 5      | 4,838  | 1,611                              | 1                                | 0                            | 32     | 15     | 6      | 298    | 257     | 151     | 260     | 109     | 295    | 48     | 85     | 20                                 | 151   | 4   | 1,678  | 588     | 13   | 6    |
| Timaru ..                 | 12   | 595                          | 413    | 259    | 430    | 193    | 451     | 126     | 142     | 60      | 250    | 5      | 2,924  | 1,031                              | 13                               | 9                            | 20     | 9      | 3      | 321    | 193     | 140     | 224     | 104     | 272    | 66     | 89     | 28                                 | 174   | 4   | 1,620  | 605     | 18   | 0    |
| Wanganui ..               | 23   | 1,442                        | 1,278  | 813    | 1,008  | 501    | 867     | 276     | 306     | 149     | 506    | 9      | 7,155  | 2,272                              | 7                                | 7                            | 46     | 1      | 1      | 850    | 730     | 397     | 655     | 298     | 537    | 164    | 188    | 97                                 | 309   | 10  | 4,235  | 1,378   | 5    | 0    |
| Wellington ..             | 50   | 3,024                        | 2,513  | 1,470  | 2,389  | 923    | 2,129   | 570     | 744     | 295     | 1,361  | 27     | 15,445 | 5,304                              | 7                                | 5                            | 104    | 13     | 11     | 4,037  | 3,102   | 1,796   | 3,032   | 1,299   | 2,739  | 686    | 848    | 327                                | 1,607 | 34  | 19,507 | 6,401   | 10   |      |
| Westport ..               | 15   | 298                          | 223    | 170    | 245    | 140    | 216     | 63      | 80      | 37      | 144    | 2      | 1,618  | 571                                | 13                               | 4                            | 11     | 5      | 10     | 107    | 92      | 48      | 91      | 43      | 78     | 23     | 39     | 9                                  | 57    | 2   | 589    | 214     | 12   |      |
| Total 1st quarter in 1897 | 440  | 18,553                       | 15,919 | 9,070  | 13,924 | 6,250  | 12,867  | 3,774   | 4,410   | 1,858   | 7,840  | 213    | 94,678 | 32,348                             | 19                               | 7                            | 638    | 8      | 1      | 18,513 | 15,564  | 8,930   | 13,863  | 6,211   | 12,853 | 3,730  | 4,364  | 1,819                              | 7,818 | 213 | 93,878 | 31,509  | 9    | 0    |
| Total 1st quarter in 1896 | 418  | 17,293                       | 14,580 | 8,157  | 12,658 | 5,782  | 12,180  | 3,490   | 4,284   | 1,769   | 3,051  | 295    | 88,539 | 31,475                             | 17                               | 8½                           | 607    | 4      | 8½     | 17,030 | 14,170  | 8,088   | 12,516  | 5,667   | 12,066 | 3,496  | 4,264  | 1,770                              | 8,067 | 317 | 87,451 | 30,796  | 2    | 6    |

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.W. GRAY,  
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STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of MONEY-ORDER and SAVINGS-BANK TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

| POSTAL DISTRICTS.         | Money-order<br>Offices open at End<br>of Quarter. | MONEY-ORDERS. |                        |         |                        |           |         | Savings-Bank<br>Offices open at End<br>of Quarter. | SAVINGS-BANKS.            |                                |                        |                           |  |   |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|---------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|                           |   | Issued.       |                        | Paid.   |                        | Accounts. |         |  | Number<br>of<br>Deposits. | Number of<br>With-<br>drawals. | Amount of<br>Deposits. | Amount of<br>Withdrawals. | Excess of<br>Deposits over<br>Withdrawals. | Excess of<br>Withdrawals<br>over<br>Deposits. |  |  |
|                           |   | Number.       | Amount.                | Number. | Amount.                | Opened.   | Closed. |  |                           |                                |                        |                           |  |   |  |  |
| Auckland .. ..            | 88  | 12,806        | £ s. d.<br>43,504 19 8 | 12,361  | £ s. d.<br>45,593 4 10 | 83        | 1,452   | 949  | 8,988                     | 6,255                          | 129,234 17 10          | 105,859 14 0              | 23,375 3 10                                | ..  |  |  |
| Blenheim .. ..            | 8   | 1,337         | 4,128 12 8             | 586     | 1,939 12 8             | 8         | 152     | 127  | 1,065                     | 738                            | 12,292 3 4             | 14,404 2 1                | ..   | 2,111 18 9                                    |  |  |
| Christchurch .. ..        | 48  | 7,065         | 23,395 1 5             | 6,777   | 28,534 12 0            | 48        | 1,536   | 919  | 13,440                    | 8,348                          | 144,076 0 7            | 136,185 11 1              | 7,890 9 6                                  | ..  |  |  |
| Dunedin .. ..             | 45  | 8,062         | 26,201 18 2            | 8,500   | 33,744 16 5            | 42        | 1,253   | 859  | 10,503                    | 6,154                          | 119,551 5 8            | 104,859 10 8              | 14,691 15 0                                | ..  |  |  |
| Gisborne .. ..            | 3   | 779           | 2,630 18 1             | 312     | 1,298 18 4             | 3         | 159     | 137  | 898                       | 681                            | 9,181 17 2             | 9,621 12 7                | ..   | 439 15 5                                      |  |  |
| Greymouth .. ..           | 10  | 1,716         | 5,694 16 5             | 829     | 2,984 9 2              | 10        | 149     | 98   | 827                       | 627                            | 12,066 4 7             | 10,602 5 11               | 1,463 18 8                                 | ..  |  |  |
| Hokitika .. ..            | 6   | 784           | 2,149 5 6              | 415     | 1,595 11 11            | 6         | 77      | 50   | 393                       | 333                            | 8,121 9 5              | 6,225 7 0                 | 1,896 2 5                                  | ..  |  |  |
| Invercargill .. ..        | 26  | 3,364         | 10,163 12 6            | 2,037   | 7,328 4 4              | 26        | 337     | 236  | 2,236                     | 1,293                          | 26,575 15 6            | 23,293 8 1                | 3,282 7 5                                  | ..  |  |  |
| Napier .. ..              | 21  | 4,092         | 13,592 11 3            | 2,572   | 9,188 12 0             | 21        | 439     | 362  | 2,844                     | 2,034                          | 33,118 7 2             | 31,320 13 9               | 1,797 13 5                                 | ..  |  |  |
| Nelson .. ..              | 12  | 1,627         | 5,298 7 10             | 1,495   | 5,608 0 9              | 12        | 187     | 137  | 1,382                     | 965                            | 22,590 18 3            | 21,418 3 7                | 1,172 14 8                                 | ..  |  |  |
| New Plymouth .. ..        | 7   | 2,209         | 6,920 7 7              | 1,504   | 6,104 17 2             | 7         | 271     | 200  | 1,631                     | 951                            | 22,466 12 8            | 20,529 7 9                | 1,937 4 11                                 | ..  |  |  |
| Oamaru .. ..              | 9   | 1,331         | 5,739 4 9              | 699     | 2,718 10 1             | 9         | 199     | 136  | 1,160                     | 637                            | 15,159 14 1            | 13,762 7 8                | 1,397 6 5                                  | ..  |  |  |
| Thames .. ..              | 16  | 4,419         | 15,302 10 7            | 1,496   | 6,488 4 1              | 14        | 608     | 266  | 2,721                     | 1,647                          | 31,436 5 6             | 26,289 0 2                | 5,197 5 4                                  | ..  |  |  |
| Timaru .. ..              | 12  | 2,076         | 10,126 6 11            | 811     | 2,868 5 10             | 12        | 287     | 201  | 1,814                     | 1,028                          | 24,187 9 5             | 21,249 4 3                | 2,938 5 2                                  | ..  |  |  |
| Wanganui .. ..            | 22  | 4,125         | 15,181 11 9            | 2,375   | 8,598 10 8             | 21        | 573     | 386  | 3,203                     | 1,837                          | 41,148 4 10            | 38,581 10 11              | 2,566 13 11                                | ..  |  |  |
| Wellington .. ..          | 43  | 11,360        | 37,796 16 8            | 10,413  | 42,306 6 9             | 41        | 1,959   | 1,351  | 14,144                    | 9,053                          | 157,665 8 2            | 147,293 7 1               | 10,372 1 1                                 | ..  |  |  |
| Westport .. ..            | 12  | 1,425         | 4,333 9 9              | 492     | 1,768 8 3              | 12        | 126     | 62   | 760                       | 443                            | 13,474 6 10            | 7,376 7 8                 | 6,097 19 2                                 | ..  |  |  |
| Total 1st quarter in 1897 | 383   | 68,577        | 232,210 11 6           | 53,674  | 208,669 5 3            | 375       | 9,764   | 6,476  | 68,009                    | 43,024                         | 822,397 1 0            | 738,371 14 3              | 83,525 6 9                                 | ..  |  |  |
| Total 1st quarter in 1896 | 369   | 62,526        | 211,046 18 2           | 50,059  | 192,202 6 4            | 361       | 9,005   | 6,067  | 61,643                    | 40,176                         | 732,934 12 0           | 671,213 7 6               | 61,721 4 6                                 | ..  |  |  |

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

W. GRAY,  
Secretary.

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

| POSTAL DISTRICTS.                   | Number of Offices open at End of Quarter. | Ordinary Telegrams. |                       | Urgent Ordinary Telegrams. |                     | Press Telegrams.* |                     | Bureau Communications. |                     | Total.  |                       | Government Telegrams. |                    |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                                     |   | Number.             | Amount.               | Number.                    | Amount.             | Number.           | Amount.             | Number.                | Amount.             | Number. | Amount.               | Number.               | Value.             |
| Auckland .. .. .                    | 163                                       | 98,087              | £ s. d.<br>3,801 8 2½ | 5,807                      | £ s. d.<br>521 18 0 | 6,337             | £ s. d.<br>284 7 10 | 5,946                  | £ s. d.<br>113 14 5 | 116,127 | £ s. d.<br>4,721 8 5½ | 9,958                 | £ s. d.<br>865 6 8 |
| Blenheim .. .. .                    | 19  | 9,134               | 337 5 0               | 526                        | 46 7 1              | 121               | 48 12 3             | 496                    | 14 1 6              | 10,277  | 446 5 10              | 1,375                 | 111 13 11          |
| Christchurch .. .. .                | 76  | 55,709              | 2,177 15 1½           | 2,633                      | 293 17 7            | 3,164             | 360 5 7             | 2,584                  | 55 17 3             | 64,090  | 2,887 15 6½           | 4,790                 | 399 11 4           |
| Dunedin .. .. .                     | 121                                       | 65,881              | 2,618 18 1½           | 2,557                      | 259 3 5             | 3,126             | 215 11 8            | 5,394                  | 120 14 4            | 76,958  | 3,214 7 6½            | 4,582                 | 412 18 1           |
| Gisborne .. .. .                    | 15  | 10,154              | 407 13 6              | 561                        | 46 18 2             | 310               | 60 2 3              | ..                     | ..                  | 11,025  | 514 13 11             | 1,142                 | 100 17 2           |
| Greymouth .. .. .                   | 10  | 13,370              | 521 7 5               | 659                        | 60 2 4              | 520               | 90 19 4             | ..                     | ..                  | 14,549  | 672 9 1               | 1,308                 | 136 1 6            |
| Hokitika .. .. .                    | 19  | 6,174               | 235 2 9½              | 203                        | 17 8 9              | 218               | 50 11 5             | ..                     | ..                  | 6,595   | 303 2 11½             | 601                   | 71 1 7             |
| Invercargill .. .. .                | 61  | 25,103              | 937 15 9              | 576                        | 56 16 3             | 631               | 82 18 0             | 8,541                  | 217 8 3             | 34,851  | 1,294 18 3            | 2,105                 | 184 1 8            |
| Napier .. .. .                      | 41  | 29,658              | 1,144 16 0            | 2,308                      | 175 8 0             | 2,055             | 153 16 11           | 1,224                  | 33 8 6              | 35,245  | 1,507 9 5             | 2,716                 | 230 3 1            |
| Nelson .. .. .                      | 32  | 14,156              | 314 13 2½             | 539                        | 39 1 5              | 16,873            | 74 7 10             | 19                     | 0 8 9               | 31,587  | 423 11 2½             | 2,125                 | 158 4 5            |
| New Plymouth .. .. .                | 16  | 13,230              | 482 9 8               | 1,191                      | 78 7 5              | 695               | 55 3 3              | 223                    | 5 15 6              | 15,339  | 621 15 10             | 1,800                 | 167 18 11          |
| Oamaru .. .. .                      | 19  | 7,724               | 281 15 6              | 448                        | 26 7 8              | 168               | 85 7 10             | 829                    | 21 19 0             | 9,169   | 415 10 0              | 562                   | 46 16 5            |
| Thames .. .. .                      | 23  | 28,628              | 1,047 11 9            | 1,876                      | 137 6 6             | 480               | 83 7 1              | 322                    | 10 1 9              | 31,306  | 1,278 7 1             | 2,240                 | 198 5 5            |
| Timaru .. .. .                      | 20  | 12,525              | 461 4 4½              | 457                        | 43 6 1              | 313               | 77 6 10             | ..                     | ..                  | 13,295  | 581 17 3½             | 905                   | 78 8 7             |
| Wanganui .. .. .                    | 33  | 27,915              | 983 14 1              | 2,093                      | 133 19 3            | 1,107             | 111 11 5            | 216                    | 5 2 0               | 31,331  | 1,234 6 9             | 2,270                 | 185 10 10          |
| Wellington .. .. .                  | 92  | 91,318              | 3,313 9 2             | 6,151                      | 535 1 3             | 16,440            | 214 11 2            | 2,896                  | 79 8 1              | 116,805 | 4,192 9 8             | 20,024                | 2,007 2 8          |
| Westport .. .. .                    | 20  | 9,525               | 297 18 6              | 417                        | 49 16 2             | 260               | 42 4 10             | ..                     | ..                  | 10,202  | 389 19 6              | 1,179                 | 91 6 11            |
| Total first quarter in 1897 .. .. . | 780                                       | 518,241             | 19,364 18 2           | 29,002                     | 2,571 5 4           | 52,313            | 2,091 5 6           | 28,690                 | 677 19 4            | 623,751 | 24,705 8 4            | 59,682                | 5,445 9 2          |
| Total first quarter in 1896 .. .. . | 743                                       | 408,309             | 20,165 16 7½          | 17,565                     | 2,227 17 9          | 49,931            | 2,317 6 6           | 25,593                 | 604 5 9             | 501,398 | 25,315 6 7            | 57,770                | 6,632 1 3          |

\*The bulk of Press telegrams are forwarded as "Collect" on delivery.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1897.

W. GRAY,  
Secretary.

## Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 13th April, 1897.

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 26th day of April, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 97-24.]

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

| No. | Nature of Alienation.      | Date.                | Name of Land.   | Names of Parties.   |
|-----|----------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| 143 | Lease (C.A. 97-18) ..      | 19th October, 1889   | Wharekawa No. 1 ..  | Hamiora Mawae, Hariata Puao, Rihi Paerau, Maihi te Kapua, Eru Maibi, Te Manu Maihi, Maihi te Kapua (as trustee for Pani te Aopau Maihi and Hera Maihi), Ema te Aouru, Ema te Aouru (as trustee for Pera Whakarua and Tereha Kahutopuni), Hera Maihi, Hori Pokai, Tereha Tairiri, Harata Mihimate, Harata Mihimate (as trustee for Pera Whakarua and Tereha Kahutopuni), Wiremu te Aromoana, Haki Tukaramaene, Tamihana Tukere, Pera Whakarua, Wiremu Maka te Tarapa, and Rhipeti Pokai, all of Hauraki, to Robert Turbitt Douglas, of Thames. |
| 144 | Lease (C.A. 97-29) ..      | 28th September, 1896 | Section 30, Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District  | Ruta Ngakuru (as trustee for Takoare Ngakuru and Wharepapa Ngakuru, of Te Aroha), to Duncan McNicol and James McNicol, both of Waiorongomai, Te Aroha.  |
| 145 | Lease (C.A. 97-30) ..      | 1st June, 1896       | Section 30, Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District  | Meke Ngakuru, Meke Ngakuru (as successor to Takutai te Arero), Ahiwera te Arero, Ahiwera te Arero (as successor to Takutai te Arero), Te Ruta Ngakuru, Arani Kahu Ngakuru, Hutana Karapuha, Riripeti Takutai, Harete te Wharau, and Karapuha te Arero, all of Te Aroha, to Duncan McNicol and James McNicol, both of Waiorongomai, Te Aroha.  |
| 146 | Lease (C.A. 97-31) ..      | 1st June, 1896       | Section 41, Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District  | Tapata Titipa, Tarai Titipa, and Timi Te Rua, all of Thames, to Duncan McNicol and James McNicol, both of Waiorongomai, Te Aroha.   |
| 147 | Transfer (C.A. 97-32) ..   | 24th March, 1897     | Section 43, Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District  | Aihe Pepene, of Kirikiri, Thames, to Ernest James Napier Miller, of Thames.   |
| 148 | Lease (C.A. 97-33) ..      | 26th August, 1896    | Section 46, Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District; Section 69, Block II., Wairere Survey District    | Mei Hou and Piahana Kau, both of Te Aroha, to Duncan McNicol and James McNicol, both of Waiorongomai, Te Aroha.   |
| 149 | Lease (C.A. 97-34) ..      | 4th September, 1896  | Section 47, Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District  | Erueti Ngakoki, of Te Aroha, to Duncan McNicol and James McNicol, both of Waiorongomai, Te Aroha.   |
| 150 | Lease (C.A. 97-35) ..      | 22nd June, 1896      | Lot 2a of Section 23, Block IX., Te Aroha Survey District   | Kau Hou and Mei Hou, both of Te Aroha, to James Lavery, of Te Aroha.  |
| 151 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-36) .. | 14th August, 1896    | Hatemo No. 2 ..   | Haora Tareranui, of Thames, to Thomas Mitchell and William Mitchell, both of Te Puru, Thames.   |
| 152 | Lease (C.A. 97-37) ..      | 11th July, 1896      | Hautamirua ..   | Morehu te Putu, of Ohinemuri, to John Kennedy, of Paeroa.   |
| 153 | Transfer (C.A. 97-38) ..   | 8th June, 1896       | Kotukuwhakatoro No. 1   | Pani Paura and Mere Raiha, both of Ohinemuri, to Daniel McAulfield, of Ohinemuri.   |
| 154 | Transfer (C.A. 97-39) ..   | 25th August, 1896    | Kareremokai ..  | Aihe Pepene, Reha Aperahama, and Meha te Moananui, all of Thames, to William Davies, of Parawai, Thames.  |
| 155 | Lease (C.A. 97-40) ..      | 18th November, 1896  | Lot 45 of Block Kauaranga S., No. 28B, Township of Shortland  | Wiropo Hotereni Taipari, of Thames, to Henry Driver and James Driver, both of Thames.   |
| 156 | Transfer (C.A. 97-41) ..   | 19th February, 1897  | Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 70, 423, 424, 425, and 470 of Block Kauaranga No. 14, Township Grahamstown | Poata Makuini, of Paeroa, to John William Poulgrain, of Thames.   |
| 157 | Transfer (C.A. 97-42) ..   | 22nd April, 1896     | Ngaruawahia ..  | Rina Haira and Merea Wikiriwhi, both of Ohinemuri, to Asher Cassrels and Phillip Bennett, both of Paeroa.   |

| No. | Nature of Alienation.          | Date.                | Name of Land.                              | Names of Parties.  |
|-----|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 158 | Transfer (C.A. 97-43) ..       | 29th April, 1896     | Ngahinapouri C ..                          | Takerai te Putu, Petiwai Warana, Tamara Takuna, Arihia Ngatara, Hera Hopihona, Mere Kuru, Hone Ngatara, and Morehu te Putu, all of Ohinemuri, to Thomas Chalton, of Ohinemuri. |
| 159 | Transfer (C.A. 97-44) ..       | 17th November, 1896  | Ngahinapouri C ..                          | Papu Takitahi and Haora Tupaea, both of Ohinemuri, to Thomas Chalton, of Ohinemuri.  |
| 160 | Transfer (C.A. 97-45) ..       | 3rd November, 1896   | Ohaupo No. 2B ..                           | Heta Rewiti Stewart, of Thames, to John Causley, of Thames.  |
| 161 | Transfer (C.A. 97-46) ..       | 29th August, 1879    | Parareka No. 2 ..                          | Piniha Marutuahu and Te Kemara Tiraruahine to Miriama Kiritahanga.   |
| 162 | Transfer (C.A. 97-47) ..       | 23rd April, 1896     | Papaturua ..                               | Tera te Teira, of Paeroa, to William Grey Nicholls, of Paeroa.   |
| 163 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-48) ..     | 12th January, 1897   | Portion of Church Mission land, Parawai .. | Ripeka Turipona, of Parawai, Thames, to Charles James Winder, of Thames.   |
| 164 | Lease (C.A. 97-49) ..          | 26th January, 1897   | Raupa ..                                   | Mere Kuru and Tamara Takuna and Mere Kuru (as trustee for Papaka Ngatete), all of Paeroa, to Thomas Nepean Edward Kenny, of Paeroa.  |
| 165 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-50) ..     | 22nd March, 1897     | Te Rata ..                                 | Wikitoria te Ngahue and Mita Watene, both of Kirikiri, Thames, to George Wood, of Puriri, Thames.  |
| 166 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-51) ..     | 1st June, 1896       | Te Rata ..                                 | Wiropo Hotereni Taipari, Wiremu Tukumana te Taniwha, Wikitoria te Ngahue, and Kapihana te Tuhi, all of Hauraki, to George Wood, of Puriri, Thames.                             |
| 167 | Lease (C.A. 97-52) ..          | 6th July, 1896       | Wharekawa East No. 4B                      | Hori More and Matene te Nga, both of Hauraki, to Paratene Ngata, of Hauraki.   |
| 168 | Lease (C.A. 97-53) ..          | 6th July, 1896       | Wharekawa East No. 5                       | Kapihana te Tuhi, Hori More, and Wiremu Tukumana te Taniwha, all of Hauraki, to Renata Ngata, of Hauraki.  |
| 169 | Transfer (C.A. 97-54) ..       | 14th August, 1896    | Whitimarumaru No. 1                        | Taiwiwi te Taniwha alias Wiremu Tukumana te Taniwha, and Te Kiwi Watene, both of Thames, to George Thomas Reid, of Kopu, Thames.   |
| 170 | Transfer of lease (C.A. 97-55) | 24th October, 1896   | Pukemako No. 3c ..                         | Haora Tareranui, of Paeroa, to Robert Alexander Wight, of Manaia, Coromandel.  |
| 171 | Lease (C.A. 97-56) ..          | 22nd September, 1896 | Pukemako No. 3c ..                         | Wiremu Ututangata, of Hauraki, to Haora Tareranui, of Paeroa.  |
| 172 | Lease (C.A. 97-57) ..          | 22nd October, 1896   | Pukemako No. 3D ..                         | Rawiri Hautaku, of Piako, to William Sylvester Styak, of Thames.   |
| 173 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-58) ..     | 5th March, 1897      | Te Komato North No. 1B, No. 5              | Raiha Tinipoaka, of Ohinemuri, to Arthur Allan Wight, of Paeroa.   |
| 174 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-59) ..     | 18th August, 1896    | Part of Te Ngorongoro                      | Hiria Hoete and Hemopo, both of Kaipara, to James Wathen Alfred Preece, of Coromandel.   |
| 175 | Conveyance (C.A. 97-61) ..     | 5th April, 1897      | Lot 284, Parish of Whangamarino            | Ruki te Naihi and Henare te Naihi to Eliza Smithes.  |
| 176 | Mortgage (C.A. 97-62) ..       | 26th March, 1897     | Omaro ..                                   | Peneamine Tanui and Hamiora Mangakahia, both of Whangapoua, to Edmund Thomas Dufaur, of Auckland, solicitor.   |
| 177 | Mortgage (C.A. 97-63) ..       | 7th April, 1897      | Omaro ..                                   | Hamiora Mangakahia, of Whangapoua, to Edmund Thomas Dufaur, of Auckland, solicitor.  |

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

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 9th April, 1897.

IN pursuance of an Order in Council, dated the 22nd day of March, 1897, authorising the Native Land Court to exercise its jurisdiction under subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," in respect of the land described in the Schedule hereto, and to determine whether the said land, or any part thereof, was, on the investigation of title thereto, intended by the Native Land Court, or by the nominal owner or owners of such land, to be held by such nominal owner or owners in trust for Natives not named in the title, and to determine who are the Natives (if any) entitled beneficially to such land, and to order the inclusion of such Natives in the title, either together with or in lieu of the nominal owners or any of them, and for the purpose aforesaid to order the cancellation or amendment of any existing instrument of title, and the issue of such new Crown grants or other instruments of title as may be necessary, and generally to exercise in respect of the said land all the jurisdiction and powers conferred on the Native Land Court by subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," it is hereby notified that at a sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Tapuaeharuru, Taupo, on the 21st day of April, 1897, and succeeding days, the Court will proceed to inquire into the above case, in accordance with the terms of the said Order in Council.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 97-23.]

SCHEDULE.

| No.  | Name of Land.   | District.                             | Area.                 |
|------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1674 | Eastern portion of Tauhara North Block (119-1, 1/108) | Tatua and Tauhara Survey Districts .. | A. R. P.<br>3,891 0 0 |

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

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 13th April, 1897.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Commissioner 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.  
 JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

| No. | Nature of Alienation.      | Date.                 | Name of Land.              | Names of Parties.   |
|-----|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1   | Conveyance (C.A. 97-26) .. | 5th February, 1896 .. | Lot 151, Parish of Waioeka | Fanny Warren, wife of Christy Warren, of Opotiki, to Andrew Steele, of Opotiki. |

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

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 12th April, 1897.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of the Native Land Court which was notified to be held at Otorohanga on the 27th day of April, 1897, has been adjourned to the 26th day of May, 1897.  
 [Auckland, 97-25.] JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

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

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 6th April, 1897.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Gisborne on the 21st day of April, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.  
 [Gisborne, 97-16.] JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.  
 APPLICATION FOR PARTITION.

| No. | Name of Applicant.            | Name of Land.   |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 249 | Charles Gray (16-362) .. .. . | Waihora No. 2B. |

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 21st April, 1897.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Whanganui on the 13th day of May, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.  
 [Wellington, 97-80.] EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.  
 APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 122 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR INCORPORATION.

| No. | Names of Applicants.  | Name of Land.               | Boundaries.   |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 279 | Reneti te Kaponga, Wineti Nopera, Eruini te Wiki, Maihi Aperaniko, Makere Rangiropi, Peeti Parae, Kaiwhare Tarepe, Animata Retihia, Retihia Tukua, Te Ture Reneti, Rewi Reneti, and Maraea Kurahoro | Wharepu (250 acres) .. .. . | Bounded on the north by the Parapara Block, on the east and south by the Maraetaua No. 1 Block, and on the west by the Manga-where River. |

*"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."*—Notice under Rule 133.

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 21st April, 1897.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that applications have been made to Judges of the Court for certificates under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienations hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificates must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice in the *New Zealand Gazette*.  
 [Sec. 55, 97-7.] EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

| No. | Nature of Alienation.     | Date.                        | Name of Land.                    | Names of Parties.  |
|-----|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1   | Transfer (97-44) .. .. .  | 4th March, 1897 .. .. .      | Subdivision 12, Wairaka, part of | Hira Pene Koti and another to the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company. |
| 2   | Transfer (97-112) .. .. . | (?) 14th April, 1897 .. .. . | Maputahi No. 1D, part of         | Aperahama Tahuniarangi to Gifford Marshall.                                |
| 3   | Transfer (97-113) .. .. . | .. .. .                      | Horowhenua 3E No. 2              | Iritana to Christina Prouse.   |
| 4   | Mortgage (97-65) .. .. .  | .. .. .                      | Section 6K, Kai-Iwi .. .. .      | Aropeta Tamumu to Government Advances to Settlers Office Superintendent.   |

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

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 Monday, the 26th day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1897.

Watson, Robert, of Gisborne, Solicitor.  
Warner, Robert, of Karaka, Storekeeper.  
Vosper, Samuel, of Ormond, Storekeeper.  
Jackson, William Graham, of Tuparoa, Farmer.  
Heremaia Taurewa, of Tolago Bay, Aboriginal Native.

JOHN COLEMAN,  
Deputy Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES SIMMONS, of Toko, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Stratford, on the 27th day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

C. A. BUDGE,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Hawera, 13th April, 1897.

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

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 Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1897, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1897.

C. Ashwin, Draper, Wanganui.  
L. L. Carolan, Livery-stable Keeper, Hunterville.  
Jas. Cattell, jun., Publican, Marton.  
C. A. Whale, Farmer, Marton.  
S. Whale, Widow, Marton.  
S. M. Baker, Studmaster, Wanganui.  
T. W. Ferry, Tobacconist, Wanganui.  
G. W. Allen, Fish-dealer, Wanganui.  
M. Lee, Labourer, Mangaweka.  
E. G. Child, Labourer, Ohingaiti.  
E. Ansley, Boardinghouse-keeper, Wanganui.  
J. F. Hathaway, Trainer, Bull's.

JOHN NOTMAN,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES BROWN WIRK, of Martinborough, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Featherston, on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1897, at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

W. B. CHENNELLS,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Masterton, 15th April, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES WRIGHT SAWLE, of Hinds, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 23rd day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN DAVISON,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

14th April, 1897.

*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court of Timaru and Oamaru, holden at Oamaru.*

No. 57.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALBERT BARTLEY, of Oamaru, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 20th day of April, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

E. A. ATKINSON,  
Deputy Assignee.

Oamaru, 12th April, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM TAYLOR, of Dunedin, Watchmaker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 20th day of April, 1897, at 3 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,  
Dunedin, 14th April, 1897. Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN STEVENSON, of Gore, Drover, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Gore, on the 21st day of April, 1897, at 2.15 o'clock p.m.

CHARLES ROUT,  
Dunedin, 12th April, 1897. Deputy Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ALEXANDER JAMES RANKIN, of Invercargill, Watchmaker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 23rd day of April, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CHARLES ROUT,  
Dunedin, 13th April, 1897. Deputy Official Assignee.

**Mining Notices.****STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.**

Name of company: Crystal Gold-mining Company (No Liability).

When formed, and date of registration: November, 1895; December, 1895.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: High Street, Dunedin; F. Proctor.

Nominal capital: £4,800.

Amount of capital subscribed: £4,800.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £637 10s.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 4,800.

Number of shares allotted: 4,800.

Amount paid per share: 2s. 9d.

Amount called up per share: 2s. 9d.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: £22 10s.

Number of shares forfeited: Nil.

Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 8.

Present number of shareholders: 11.

Number of men employed by company: 2.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £181 4s. 11d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £603 19s. 11d.

Total expenditure since registration: £819 4s. 2d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.

Amount of debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £121 14s. 1d.

I, F. Proctor, of Dunedin, the Manager of the Crystal Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of March, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

F. PROCTOR,  
Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 2nd day of April, 1897, before me—William Wright, J.P. 814



**STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.**

Name of company: Nevis Gold-dredging Company (Limited).  
 When formed, and date of registration: October, 1896; 10th November, 1896.  
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: High Street, Dunedin; F. Proctor.  
 Nominal capital: £2,000.  
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.  
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £780.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £300.  
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 2,000.  
 Number of shares allotted: 2,000.  
 Amount paid per share: 11s.  
 Amount called up per share: 11s.  
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: £155.  
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.  
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 16.  
 Present number of shareholders: 20.  
 Number of men employed by company: 8.  
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.  
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.  
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,035 9s. 3d.  
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,035 9s. 3d.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.  
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.  
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.  
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.  
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £353 17s. 2d.

I, F. Proctor, of Dunedin, the Manager of the Nevis Gold-dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of March, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

F. PROCTOR,  
 Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 3rd day of April, 1897, before me—William Wright, J.P. 815

**IN LIQUIDATION.**

**TALISMAN GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).**

AS the affairs of the above-named company are now fully wound up, a Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the office of the undersigned on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1897, at the hour of 3 p.m.

Business: To receive the Liquidator's report and statement of accounts.

D. G. MACDONNELL,  
 Liquidator. 816

Auckland, 12th April, 1897.

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Golden Falls 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 Golden Falls Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
2. The place of operations (or intended operations) is at Whangamata.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Victoria Street, Paeroa.
4. The value of the company's property, including claim or lease ground and machinery, is four 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 Arthur Sandys Brooke Forster.
8. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as below:—

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|  | No. of Shares. |
|--|----------------|
| Millett, Richard Sheridan, Waitekauri, Assayer ..        | 10,000         |
| Purchas, George Henry, Waitekauri, Mining Engineer ..    | 10,000         |
| Haszard, Norman Frederick Johnston, Paeroa, Surveyor ..  | 6,000          |
| Partington, Charles Frederick, Waitekauri, Engineer ..   | 10,000         |
| Moore, Henry William, Waihi, Mine-manager ..             | 10,000         |
| Purchas, Charles Edward, Auckland, Solicitor ..          | 5,000          |
| Purchas, Arthur Challinor, Auckland, Surgeon ..          | 500            |
| George, Seymour Thorne, Auckland, Mining Agent           | 2,000          |
| Curtis, Alfred Harper, Auckland, Mining Engineer         | 5,000          |
| Mercer, William Alexander, Auckland, Mining Engineer ..  | 9,000          |
| Alison, Ewen William, Devonport, Manager ..              | 1,000          |
| Peel, Arthur, Auckland, Gentleman ..                     | 500            |
| Haszard, Henry Douglas Morpeth, Thames, Surveyor ..      | 1,000          |
| Gooch, Grace, Paeroa, Domestic Duties ..                 | 1,000          |
| Davey, James, Auckland, Tailor ..                        | 500            |
| Smith, William Marmaduke, Marton, Banker ..              | 1,000          |
| Studholme, Joseph Francis, Ruanui, Napier, Run-holder .. | 5,500          |
| Callaway, Walter, Thames, Miner ..                       | 1,500          |
| Swanson, Charles, Auckland, Agent ..                     | 500            |
| <b>Total ..</b>  | <b>80,000</b>  |

Dated this 12th day of April, 1897.

ARTHUR S. B. FORSTER,  
 Manager.

Witness to signature—Charles E. Purchas.

I, Arthur Sandys Brooke Forster, 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."

ARTHUR S. B. FORSTER.

Declared at Auckland, this 12th day of April, 1897, before me—Charles E. Purchas, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 817

**THE MARIPOSA GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).**

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company is situate at the office of Henry Gillan, Esq., jun., Nos. 39, 40, and 41, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1897.

SAM. JACKSON,  
 JAMES RUSSELL,  
 Attorneys for the said Company  
 in New Zealand.

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**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 calendar month from the date of publication hereof.

Allotment 1, Block II., Township of Roslyn.—JAMES CRAWFORD, Applicant. Occupied by Applicant. No. 4195.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.  
 Dated this 12th day of April, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

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H. TURTON,  
 District Land Registrar.

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

Section 17, Block XI., Town of Dunedin.—THOMAS HASTIE, Applicant. Occupied by Applicant. No. 4197.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.  
 Dated this 12th day of April, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

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H. TURTON,  
 District Land Registrar.

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

3342. ROSEINA HAND.—Lots 7 and 8 of Allotment 1, Section 17, of the Suburbs of Auckland, containing 7 acres and 17 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3343. ROBERT PRATER.—Allotment 7 and part of Allotment 8, Section 18, of the City of Auckland, containing 29½ perches. Occupied by a weekly tenant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.  
Dated this 15th day of April, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,  
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 month from date of *Gazette* containing this notice.

8037. GEORGE TALBOT.—178 acres 1 rood 10 perches, part of Rural Section 3753, Patiti Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8040. GEORGE HENRY WRIGHT.—2 roods 37 perches, part of Rural Section 33, now in the City of Christchurch. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.  
Dated this 15th day of April, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,  
District Land Registrar.

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#### Private Advertisements.

I, ALEXANDER JOSEPH McILROY, Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery, Edinburgh (M.B., C.M.), now residing in Dunedin, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 12th day of May, 1897, 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 Dunedin.

A. J. McILROY, M.B., C.M.

Dated at Dunedin, 12th April, 1897. 818

I, HOWARD SLATER, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London, now residing in Oxford, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 13th May 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 Christchurch.

HOWARD SLATER.

Dated at Christchurch, 13th April, 1897. 825

#### AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

IN accordance with the provisions of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1880," it is hereby notified that on the 27th day of February last the Honourable Colonel HAULTAIN was re-elected a member of the Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School.

W. WALLACE KIDD,  
Returning Officer.

Auckland,  
14th April, 1897. 823

#### AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

IN accordance with the provisions of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1877," it is hereby notified that on the 5th day of April instant Professor F. B. BROWN, M.A., B.Sc., was re-elected a member of the Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School.

W. WALLACE KIDD,  
Returning Officer.

Auckland,  
14th April, 1897. 824

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. JOHN KINGDON ANDERSON, hitherto a member of the firm of A. S. Paterson and Co., of Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland, and London, has this day retired from the said firm by effluxion of time.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1897.

J. K. ANDERSON,  
A. S. PATERSON AND CO.

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