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Proclaiming Roads as closed through Lands in Mackenzie County.

(L.S.)

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.
A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section eleven of "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1895," I, James Prendergast, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do by this notice, with the consent of the Mackenzie County Council, hereby proclaim as closed the roads in the Mackenzie County hereinafter described, that is to say:—

Area of each of the Roads closed.	Being Road from	Situating in Block No.	Situating in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 16 2 0	Its junction with the Mackenzie-Burke's Pass Road, within Section 28453, to the north-western corner of Section 28674; also the road branching from same within Section 11591, and passing through that section	XIII. and XIV.	Tengawai ..	S.G. 18987A	Green.
19 1 16	The north-eastern boundary of Section 11591, and thence following a north-easterly direction until it joins the road forming the northern boundary of Sections 35036 and 26450.	XIV.	Tengawai ..	S.G. 18987A	Green.
35 2 4	The north-eastern corner of Section 18149, and following thence a south-westerly direction until it joins the Mackenzie-Burke's Pass Road, at a point within Section 11589; also the road branching from same within Section 11589, and following thence an easterly direction to the north-eastern corner of Section 22798. The area is exclusive of the portions intersecting the new road, and coloured brown on plan	XIV.	Tengawai ..	S.G. 18987A	Green.

As the same are more particularly delineated upon the plan deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and coloured thereon as above mentioned.

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 sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land set apart for Lease as Village-homestead Allotments in the Wellington Land District.

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

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by the one hundred and sixty-eighth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that the allotments of Crown land respectively described in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby set apart and declared open for lease as village-homestead allotments.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

County.	Village Settlement.	Section.	Area.
Horowhenua ..	Levin ..	45	A. B. P. 5 2 0
Pahiatua ..	Makuri ..	152	9 3 0
" ..	Pahiatua ..	15	5 1 27

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 fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Setting apart Land in Marlborough for Leasing as Small Grazing-runs under "The Land Act, 1892."

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

A PROCLAMATION.

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the one hundred and seventy-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, I, James Prendergast, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and seventy-two to one hundred and eighty-six of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," relating to small grazing-runs.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—KAIKOURA COUNTY.

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.
		Acres.
86	Hundalee	2,825
87	"	2,975
88	"	1,410
89	"	2,495
92	"	3,270
93	"	4,100
94	"	1,820
95	"	1,795
96	"	3,930
97	"	3,420

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 sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land set apart as Village-homestead Allotments in the Otago Land District.

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

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by the one hundred and sixty-eighth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that the allotments of Crown land respectively described in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby set apart and declared open for selection as village-homestead allotments.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.
<i>Glenkenich Survey District.</i>		
		A. B. P.
18	VIII.	19 0 19
19	"	17 3 4
20	"	22 1 25
21	"	22 2 25
22	"	37 2 20
23	"	28 0 28
24	"	28 0 16
25	"	35 0 33
<i>Lower Hawea Survey District.</i>		
56, 57	XII.	10 0 0
65	"	5 0 0
66	"	5 0 0
<i>Maniototo Survey District.</i>		
18	XVI.	19 3 38
<i>Rankleburn Survey District.</i>		
6	IX.	16 0 0
7	"	16 0 0
8	"	16 0 0
9	"	16 0 0
10	"	24 2 38
11	"	22 3 34
12	"	15 1 20
13	"	18 0 16
14	"	19 1 9
15	"	17 3 35
<i>Strath Taieri Survey District.</i>		
57	V.	18 0 18
58	"	21 1 27
59	"	23 1 35
61	"	18 2 10
62	"	21 1 23

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 sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Setting apart Land in Otago for Leasing as Small Grazing-runs under "The Land Act, 1892."

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

A PROCLAMATION.

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the one hundred and seventy-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and seventy-two to one hundred and eighty-six of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," relating to small grazing-runs.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—WAIKOUAITI COUNTY.

Run No.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.
..	7, 10, and 11	XIII.	Benger	A. R. P. 809 3 16
225v	..	..	Gimmerburn	644 0 0
225x	..	..	" .. ..	320 0 0
225z	..	..	" .. ..	363 0 0
260A	..	..	Leestream and Hedgehope	3,790 0 0
260B	..	..	Leestream	3,083 0 0
260c	..	..	" .. ..	1,314 0 0
260D	..	..	" .. ..	2,180 0 0
260E	..	..	" .. ..	1,167 0 0
261H	..	..	Poolburn	3,170 0 0
261I	..	..	" .. ..	3,727 0 0
261J	..	..	" .. ..	2,338 0 0
..	1 to 5	VII.	Waipori	1,967 0 32
..	2, 4, and 5	VIII.		

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 sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Lands taken for Roads in connection with the Thames Valley and Rotorua Railway, Putaruru-Rotorua Section.

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

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto are required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain public work, to wit, the construction of roads in connection with the Thames Valley and Rotorua Railway, Putaruru-Rotorua Section:

And whereas a plan has been prepared in duplicate, showing accurately the extent and position of the said lands, and the Minister for Public Works has recommended the Governor to issue a Proclamation taking the same, as required by the said Act:

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 in me vested by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that, from and after the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto are hereby taken for the purposes of the construction of the said roads.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 1 0 27	4306	Mangakaretu No. 1 Block	Patetere North
0 2 14	4914 A1	Whakarataimaiti No. 2B Block	Patetere North
0 3 35	4914	Whakarataimaiti No. 1 Block	Patetere North
0 1 15.5	4914 A2	Whakarataimaiti No. 2A Block	Patetere North
1 2 0	4914	Whakarataimaiti No. 1 Block	Patetere North
2 1 25	4914	Whakarataimaiti No. 1 Block	Patetere North
0 2 32	4457BY	Whaiti Kuranui No. 1BY Block	Patetere North
0 1 8	4457A	Whaiti Kuranui No. 1A Block (northern portion)	Patetere North-east.
4 1 13.4	5171 2E	Okohiriki No. 2E Block	Rotorua.
0 3 33.3	..	Native land, Block XVI.	Rotorua.

All in the Provincial District of Auckland; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 16682, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red, yellow, and blue.

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 seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Declaring that Education Reserves in Otago may be sold subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

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

A PROCLAMATION.

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the twenty-fifth section of "The Reserves and Crown Lands Disposal and Enabling Act, 1896," and the two hundred and forty-third section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of every other power and authority enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and at the request of the School Commissioners of the Otago Provincial District, in whom the land herein described is vested, doth hereby declare that the land described in the Schedule hereto, which has been reserved for educational purposes, shall be sold subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

SECTION 18, Block VII., Wendon Survey District, 313 acres 1 rood 24 perches.
Section 2, Block VII., Wendonside Survey District, 319 acres and 30 perches.

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 ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Approved in Council.
ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Powers delegated to the Wanaka Islands Domain Board under "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this ninth day of August, 1897.

Present:
HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Public Domains Act, 1881," His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby revoke a certain Order in Council, dated the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, making delegation of certain powers in manner as therein appears; and doth, with the like advice and consent, by this present Order, delegate, but only with respect to the pieces or parcels of land described in the Schedule hereto, all the powers conferred by the Act aforesaid, except the powers under or conferred by sections five and twelve thereof, to the under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Wanaka Islands Domain Board, namely,—

ROBERT McDougall,
ROBERT STUDBOLME,
JOEL CAYFORD, and
JOHN IRONSIDE

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Wednesday in each month, at eight o'clock p.m., at Pembroke, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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

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

4. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the third Wednesday in January in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 300 acres, more or less, and known as Manuka or Pigeon Island, Lake Wanaka. Bounded on all sides by the Wanaka Lake, for a distance of 227 chains; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin.

All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 290 acres, more or less, known as Crescent or Rabbit Island, Lake Wanaka. Bounded on all sides by the Wanaka Lake, for a distance of 23500 links; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin.

All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 113 acres, more or less, being an island in Stevenson's Arm, Lake Wanaka. Bounded on all sides by the Wanaka Lake, for a distance of 14600 links; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin.

All that parcel of land in the County of Lake, in the Otago Land District, known as Merino or Roy's Island, in Lake Wanaka, situate about two miles from Pembroke; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Empowering Native Appellate Court to hear Appeal under Section 62 of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895."

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this ninth day of August, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section sixty-two of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," it is provided that in any case in which application has been or shall be made to the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, under section thirty-nine of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," in respect of any order of the Court determining the succession to the estate of any Native deceased, the Governor, on being certified by the Chief Judge as in the said section is provided, may, by Order in Council, empower the Native Appellate Court to deal with such application as a valid appeal under "The Native Land Court Act, 1894": And whereas the Chief Judge has, in respect of the application of Piriana te Amene, under section thirty-nine aforesaid, which application bears date the fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, certified as by the said section sixty-two is required: And whereas the said application in all other respects complies with the requirements of the

last-mentioned section: Now, therefore, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby empower the Native Appellate Court to deal with the said application as an appeal, under the provisions of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," from the order of Court hereinafter specified, that is to say,—

The order of the Court, dated the twentieth February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, appointing successors to the interest of Paratene te Amene, deceased, in Te Tihoi Block, Taupo District.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations under "The Factories Act, 1894."

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this ninth day of August, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Factories Act, 1894," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, and repeal regulations not inconsistent with the said Act for the several purposes specified in that behalf: And whereas it appears expedient to make the regulations hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the said Act, and acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the regulations in the Schedule hereto, and doth hereby declare that such regulations shall come into force on and after the twelfth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

SCHEDULE.

(1.) INTERPRETATION.

In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—
"Occupier of a factory" means an occupier as defined by "The Factories Act, 1894":
"The said Act" means "The Factories Act, 1894":
"Factory or work-room" means factory or work-room as defined by the said Act.

(2.) FORM OF NOTICE UNDER SECTION 9 OF ACT.

The notice to be given under section 9 of "The Factories Act, 1894," by the occupier of a factory or work-room, and the particulars to be set forth in such notice, shall be in the form prescribed in the First Schedule hereto, or to the like effect. Every such notice shall be served on the Inspector and on the Board respectively, by delivering the same personally or through the usual course of post, so as to reach the Inspector and the Board within the time limited by the said Act.

(3.) FORM OF RETURNS.

The returns to be made by the occupiers of factories and work-rooms and by employers shall be in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

Such returns shall be furnished to the Inspector at such times as he may reasonably require in each case.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

[Schedule B.]

"The Factories Act, 1894," Section 9.

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE SERVED ON INSPECTOR AND BOARD.

District of

To the Inspector of Factories and Work-rooms.
I [or We] hereby give you notice that occupy premises No. , in Street, as a factory or work-room within the meaning of "The Factories Act, 1894," and that desire to register such premises as a factory or work-room for the purposes of the said Act.

The particulars are as follows:—

Name of factory or work-room:

Description of factory:

Number of rooms, and dimensions:

Light and means of ventilation:

Lavatories:

Means of escape in case of fire:

Yards, closets, urinals, &c:

Nature of work carried on, or to be carried on:

Description of motive-power (if any):

Name of occupier, or firm, or company :
 If business carried on by more than one person :
 Number of persons employed or intended to be employed :
 Male :
 Female :

I [or We] declare these particulars to be correct in every respect.

Date : , 189 . , Occupier [or Firm].

SECOND SCHEDULE.

[Schedule C.

"The Factories Act, 1894."

FORM OF RETURN TO BE MADE BY OCCUPIER OR EMPLOYER.
 Town of .

Name of factory :
 Nature of work carried on :

Number of Persons employed, Age, Sex, Hours of Work, and Earnings.

Age.	Weekly Earnings.						Hours of Labour.	
	Wages.			Piecework.				
	Number of Males, and Amount of Wages each.	Total Wages of Males.	Number of Females, and Amount of Wages each.	Total Wages of Females.	Number of Males, and Amount of Earnings each.	Total Earnings of Males.		Number of Females, and Amount of Earnings each.	Total Earnings of Females.
14 years								
15 "								
16 "								
17 "								
18 "								
19 "								
20 "								
Over 20 years*								
Total								

I [or We] declare this return to be correct in every particular.

Date : , 189 . , Occupier [or Firm].

* NOTE.—In counting the number of people employed in any factory or work-room, the occupier, or, if he be married, such occupier together with his wife, shall be considered as one person.

ALEX. WILLIS,
 Clerk of the Executive Council.

Land temporarily reserved in the Land Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and 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 Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and Otago described in the Schedule hereto, for the purposes in the said Schedule specified at the end of the description of the lands so intended to be temporarily reserved.

SCHEDULE.
 AUCKLAND.

ALL that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 26 of the Parish of Katikati, containing by

admeasurement 105 acres 2 roods, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by a road, 100 links wide, running along the shore of the Bay of Plenty; towards the south-east generally by a road, 100 links wide, running along the shore of Katikati Harbour; towards the north by Section No. 25 of the Parish of Katikati, 2345 links; towards the south-west by said Section No. 25 and Section No. 24 of the same parish, 8883 links; and towards the north-west by a public road, 284 and 920 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public recreation reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 11 acres, more or less, being Section No. 43A, Parish of Mangawai. Bounded towards the west, north, and east by Section No. 43, 925, 836, and 1416 links; and towards the south by a public road, 654 and 750 links respectively: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Auckland. For a quarry reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 1 of suburban sections at Tairua, containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 12 of Block II., Tairua Survey District, 1000 links; towards the south-east by Section No. 4 of suburban sections at Tairua, 500 links; towards the south-west by Sections Nos. 3 and 2 of suburban sections at Tairua, 1000 links; and towards the north-west by a public road, 500 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 23 of Block IX., Whakatane Survey District, containing by admeasurement 26 acres 1 rood 16 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by a public road, 1334 links; towards the south-east by a public road, 694 links; towards the south-west by lines, 2380 and 336 links; and towards the north-west by Section No. 22 of Block IX., Whakatane Survey District, 2178 and 81 links, and by Section No. 43 of the Village of Taneatua, 333 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 23 of Block II., Te Kuri Survey District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north by a public road, 100 and 408 links; towards the east by Section No. 2 of Block II., Te Kuri Survey District, 970 links; and towards the south and west by Section No. 22 of the same block, 504 and 991 links respectively, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Allotment No. 45 of the Town of Whakatane, containing by admeasurement 3 roods, more or less. Bounded towards the north by Allotment No. 43 of the Town of Whakatane, 290 links; towards the east by Section No. 260A of the Parish of Waimana, 394 links; and towards the south-west generally by a public road, 88, 291, 97, and 72 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a reserve for buildings and other purposes of the Department of Agriculture.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Allotment No. 44 of the Town of Whakatane, containing by admeasurement 2 roods 17 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north by a public road, 356 links; towards the east and again towards the north by Allotment No. 41 of the Town of Whakatane, 207 and 121 links respectively; again towards the east by a public road, 153 links; and towards the south-west by a public road, 597 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a reserve for buildings and other purposes of the Department of Agriculture.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 410A of the Parish of Whangamarino, containing by admeasurement 18 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north by Section No. 410 of the Parish of Whangamarino, 350 links; towards the north-east by road reserve along Waikare Lake and by a stream; towards the south-west by Section No. 296 of the Parish of Whangamarino, 3390 links; and towards the west by Section No. 410 aforesaid, 900 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a plantation reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 40 of the Parish of Te Mania, containing by admeasurement 3 acres and 32 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by a road, 100 links wide, running along the shore of Tauranga Harbour; towards the south-east by Section No. 41 of the Parish of Te Mania, 915 links; and towards the south-west and north-west by a road, 100 links wide, running along the shore of Tauranga Harbour, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public landing-place.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Allotments Nos. 20, 21, 24, and 25 of the Town of

Taupiri, containing by admeasurement 2 acres and 2 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by Allotment No. 17 of the Town of Taupiri, 300 links; towards the south-east by a public road, 672 links; towards the south-west by Allotment No. 28 of the Town of Taupiri, 300 links; and towards the north-west by Allotments Nos. 26, 23, 22, and 19 of the aforesaid township, 672 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being the north-west middle portion of Section No. 204 of the Parish of Takapuna, containing by admeasurement 29 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by the north-eastern portion of Section No. 204 of the Parish of Takapuna, 826 links; towards the south-east by the middle portion of Section No. 204 aforesaid, 3550 links; towards the south-west by a public road, 846 links; and towards the north-west by the north-western portion of Section No. 204 aforesaid, 3720 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For an endowment for primary education.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being the south-eastern portion of Section No. 204 of the Parish of Takapuna, containing by admeasurement 15 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 203 of the Parish of Takapuna, 400 links; towards the east by a public road, 838 links; towards the south-east by a public road, 1295 links; towards the south-west by a public road, 710 links; and towards the north-west by other portion of Section No. 204 of the Parish of Takapuna, 1910 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. For a public-school site.

HAWKE'S BAY.

All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less, being Section No. 23, Block XV., Nuhaka North Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 14, 866·3 links; towards the south-east by Section No. 14, 426·6 links; and towards the south and west by a road, 1480·4 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Napier. For a public-school site.

WELLINGTON.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 51 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 77, Block XVI., Ngamatea Survey District. Bounded towards the north generally by a public road; towards the north-east by Section No. 63; towards the south by Section No. 60; and towards the west by a public road: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less, being Section No. 1A, Block XI., Hautapu Survey District. Bounded towards the north by the Mangawharariki Road; towards the east by the Cross Road; towards the south by Section No. 2; towards the west by Section No. 2: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. For a public-school site.

NELSON.

All that parcel of land in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 acre, more or less, being Section No. 25, Block IV., Mawhera-iti Survey District. Bounded towards the east by a public road, 324·3 links; towards the south by Antonio's Road, 102·7 and 191·9 links; towards the west and north by Crown lands, 376·6 and 289·5 links respectively: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Nelson. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 acre, more or less, being Section No. 166, Block II., Waitahu Survey District. Bounded towards the north, east, south, and west by Crown lands, 600, 233, 615, and 100 links respectively; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Nelson. For a public-school site.

CANTERBURY.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 46 acres, more or less, being Section No. 3189 (in red), Block V., Alford Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by the Ashburton Gorge Road; towards the north-east by the eastern bank of the River Stour's old channel; towards the south by the south branch of the River Ashburton; and towards the west by Section No. 30986: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Christchurch. As a reserve for bridge- and river-protection purposes.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 20 acres, more or less, being Reserve No. 3191 (in red), Block XVIII., Waikari Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by the Omih Road, 1001 links; towards the north-east by Rural Section No. 7538, 2000 links; towards the south-east by the said Rural Section No. 7538, 930 links; and towards the south-west by the said Rural Section No. 7538, 2351·2 links (the westernmost corner of the above-described parcel of land is situated 2546·3 links in a north-easterly direction along the Omih Road from the junction of Reece's Road): be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Christchurch. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 34 acres 2 roods 10 perches, more or less, being Section No. 3135 (in red), Block XVII., Lowry Peaks Survey District. Bounded towards the north by Section No. 2 of said block, 2331·7 links; towards the east by the aforesaid section, 1165·3 links; towards the south by the road reserve on the north bank of the Hurunui River; and towards the west by Section No. 1 of Block XVII., Lowry Peaks Survey District, 2386·3 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: save and except the land reserved for railway purposes, and a road, 100 links wide, which intersects the area above described: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Christchurch. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing 2 acres, more or less, being Section No. 3180 (in red), Block II., Arowhenua Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by the terrace forming the south-western boundary of Rural Section No. 3133; towards the east by a road-line; and towards the south-west by the River Temuku: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Christchurch. For river and bridge protective purposes.

OTAGO.

All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less, being Section No. 84, Block II., Oamaru District (in the Ardgowan Estate). Bounded towards the north by Section No. 83 of same block and district, 483 links; towards the east by Section No. 85 of same block and district, 1070 links; towards the south by Charles Street, in Town of Weston Park, 488½ links; towards the west by a road-line, 1000 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 9 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 40 of Block VI., Glenomaru Survey District. Bounded towards the north by Section No. 35 of same block and district, 957 links; towards the east generally by Section No. 33 and a public road, 456 links; towards the south by a public road, 1527 links; and towards the west by a public road, 1217 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 10 acres, more or less, being Section No. 2, Block IX., Lee Stream Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by a public road, 579 links; towards the north-east by a public road, 983½ and 174 links; towards the south-east by Run No. 260A, 1413 links; and towards the south-west by the main road, Hyde to Outram, 220½ and 1053 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the map deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin. For a public-school site.

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Notifying Land in Canterbury for Sale by Public Auction.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and thirteenth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, as the time at which the land enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be sold by public auction at Christchurch; and I do hereby

fix the price at which the said land shall be sold as that mentioned in the said Schedule hereto following the description of such land.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—ASHLEY COUNTY.—RANGIORA SURVEY DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Price.
36597	III.	A. R. P. 6 0 0	£ s. d. 30 0 0

This section is situated between the properties of Messrs. Ritchie, Wilson, and McGiffert, at Stony Creek, between Ashley and Sefton—the distances from those places being respectively about three miles and a half and two miles—and comprises open, level, agricultural land of good quality.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Notifying Lands in Auckland for Sale by Public Auction.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and thirteenth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint Friday, the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, as the time at which the lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be sold by public auction; and I do hereby fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold as those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto following the description of such lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.
AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Area.	Total Upset Price.
TOWN OF TE AWAMUTU.		
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
156	0 0 9	1 5 0
165	0 0 14	1 15 0
166	0 0 15	1 17 6
VILLAGE OF ALBERTOWN (PORT ALBERT).		
35	0 2 0	1 10 0
37	0 2 4	1 12 0
47	0 2 0	1 10 0
49	0 2 3	1 12 0
51	0 1 27	1 6 6
56	0 1 37	1 8 0
SUBURBS OF WEYMOUTH.		
23	11 1 0	22 10 0
25	8 1 20	16 15 0
45	3 0 0	6 0 0
46	4 2 0	9 0 0
HOKIANGA COUNTY.—PARISH OF PUPUKE.		
N. 136	46 2 0	23 5 0
137	118 3 0	89 5 0
138	79 3 29	60 0 0
S. 139	29 2 17	22 6 3
N.E. 16	23 1 0	60 0 0
N.E. 40	25 0 0	15 0 0
S.W. 42	66 3 0	40 0 0
S.W. 43	40 2 0	100 0 0
87	41 0 0	53 0 0

Broken forest lands, containing kauri timber as follows: Section N. 136, about 30,000 sup. ft.; 137, about 700,000 ft.; 138, about 300,000 ft.; S. 139, 150,000 ft.; N.E. 16, 180,000 ft.; N.E. 40, about 30,000 ft.; S.W. 42, 100,000 ft.; S.W. 43, 340,000 ft.; 87, 150,000 ft. The timber can be driven into the Mangakino Stream.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Fixing Sittings, District Court.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in this behalf enabling me, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby fix and appoint that sittings of the District Court of Wairarapa for civil and criminal business shall be held in the Courthouse at Masterton on the fourth Wednesday in March, June, and September, and the second Wednesday in December, in every year:

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

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

JOHN MCKENZIE.

Removal of Restrictions on Alienation of Native Land.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS application has been made to the Governor by the owners of the land described in the Schedule hereto, praying that the restrictions on the alienation of such land contained in the Crown grant dated the fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, may be removed: And whereas inquiry has been made by the Native Land Court, and the said Court has recommended that such restrictions be removed:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on me by the fifty-second section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and in accordance with the recommendation of the Native Land Court, do hereby order and declare that all restrictions imposed by the said Crown grant on the alienation of the said land are hereby removed.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 110 acres 2 roods 17 perches, situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, and being Section 365 on the plan of the Township of Carnarvon, in the Manawatu District, and being the whole of the land in Crown grant dated 5th December, 1877, in favour of Pine Whareakaka and three others, containing the following restrictions: "Inalienable by sale, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years, or by mortgage, except with the consent of the Governor being previously obtained to every such sale, lease, or mortgage."

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

JOHN MCKENZIE.

Removal of Restrictions on Alienation of Native Land.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS application has been made to the Governor by the owner of the land described in the Schedule hereto, praying that the restrictions on the alienation of such land contained in the Land Transfer certificate bearing date the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and now contained in partition orders made by the Native Land Court bearing date the sixteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, may be removed: And whereas inquiry has been duly made by the Native Land Court, and the said Court has recommended that such restrictions be removed:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on me by the fifty-second section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and in accordance with the recommendation of the Native Land Court, do hereby order and declare that all restrictions imposed by the said Land Transfer certificate and partition orders on the alienation of the said land are hereby removed.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 2 roods 7 perches, situate in the City of Wellington, being Subdivision No. 1 of Section No. 10 of the Polhill Gully Native Reserve, held under partition order of the Native Land Court dated the

16th September, 1889, in favour of Rapana Ohiro, and containing the following restrictions: "Inalienable by sale or mortgage, or by lease beyond twenty-one years."

All that parcel of land, containing 2 roods 7 perches, situate in the City of Wellington, being Subdivision No. 2 of Section No. 10 of the Polhill Gully Native Reserve, held under partition order of the Native Land Court dated the 16th September, 1889, in favour of Hami Iwitaia, and containing the following restrictions: "Inalienable by sale or mortgage, or by lease beyond twenty-one years."

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

JOHN MCKENZIE.

Notice of Intention to change the Purpose of a Reserve in Wellington Land District.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS by "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor may declare his intention to make, change, exchange, or alter the dedication of any public reserve now or hereafter vested in Her Majesty or the Governor for any of the purposes named in Class II. of the Schedule to the said Act, whether the same be granted or not; and in the case of any reserve made under the authority of section one hundred and forty-four of "The Land Act, 1877," if it shall, in the opinion of the Governor, be expedient to change the purpose of such reserve or any part thereof from the purpose or presumed purpose for which it was set apart to any other purpose, or if it shall, in the opinion of the Governor, be expedient to exchange any of the land comprised in such reserve for other land of equal value, to be dedicated to one or more purposes named in the said Class II., the Governor may, by notice gazetted, make such change, exchange, or dedication, as the case may be, and in such notice declare the manner and terms in which the same is intended to be so made:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," aforesaid, declare my intention to change the specific purpose of the reserve described in the first column of the Schedule hereto from that named to the purpose named in the second column of the said Schedule respectively.

SCHEDULE.

Description and Purpose of Original Reserve.	Intended Purpose.
All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 7, Township of Palmerston North. Bounded towards the north-west by Section No. 6; towards the north-east by Section No. 9; towards the south-east by Main Street East; and towards the south-west by Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. Reserved and set apart for the use of the Public Works Department of New Zealand, on the 20th July, 1871, by Proclamation published in the Wellington Provincial Gazette of the 31st July, 1871.	For a site for buildings and for other purposes of the Department of Agriculture.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Regulations for the Conservation of Thermal Springs.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS by the two hundred and forty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is among other things enacted that the Governor may from time to time, by notification in the Gazette, make regulations for the conservation of any thermal or mineral springs on any Crown lands, the prevention of damage thereto, or the destruction thereof, and for the occupation of the land whereon they are situate, and generally for the maintenance of decency and order at any such springs:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the said recited powers and authorities and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, do by this notification in the *New Zealand Gazette* hereby make the following regulations, that is to say:—

1. In the construction of these regulations the expression "thermal or mineral spring" or "spring" means and includes any puia, ngawha, waiariki, or any other such spring, howsoever known, and situate upon any Crown land within the meaning of "The Land Act, 1892."

2. No person, being on any Crown land whereon any thermal or mineral spring is situated, shall, without the authority of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the Land District in which such spring is situated, do, commit, or cause or procure to be done or committed, any of the following acts or things:—

- (1.) In any manner wilfully break the surface of any such land, or dig or excavate into or on the same.
- (2.) By any means whatsoever wilfully divert or attempt to divert any such spring, or any overflow of water, mud, or any other substance from any such spring.
- (3.) In any manner wilfully interfere with or obstruct the natural action or flow of any such spring, or any part thereof, or any such overflow as aforesaid.

Every person who commits a breach of this regulation shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20.

3. No person shall do, commit, or cause or procure to be done or committed, any of the following acts or things:—

- (1.) In any manner wilfully destroy any thermal or mineral spring, or any part thereof.
- (2.) In any manner wilfully remove or take away the whole or any portion of the earth, rock, stone, or other substance whatsoever, surrounding or forming the support of any such spring or any part thereof, or of any channel, covering, outlet, or means of egress, ingress, or regress of any such spring, or any part thereof.
- (3.) Wilfully throw, cast, drop, lay, deposit, or place in or upon any such spring or any part thereof any matter or substance of any kind whatsoever.
- (4.) Wilfully cast, throw, deposit, or place in or upon any such spring any live or dead animal, or any animate or inanimate creature or thing.

Every person who commits a breach of this regulation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50, or may be imprisoned for any period not exceeding three calendar months: Provided that no person convicted of a breach of this regulation shall be sentenced to any period of imprisonment in respect thereof unless upon the order of the Stipendiary Magistrate before whom the information upon which such person was convicted was heard.

4. No person shall upon any Crown land whereon any thermal or mineral spring is situated do or commit any of the following acts or things:—

- (1.) Refuse to abide by any reasonable request or direction of any officer or person employed by the Government of the colony or the Commissioner of Crown Lands aforesaid to have charge of any such spring as to the route to be taken in approaching or returning from any spring, or as to the distance within which the same may be so approached, or the point or place from which the same may be viewed, observed, or inspected.
- (2.) Wilfully obstruct or interfere with any such officer or person as aforesaid in the execution of his duty.
- (3.) Wilfully commit any nuisance, or do any grossly indecent act in, on, or near to any such spring, or in view thereof.

For the purposes of this regulation the verbal statement of any officer or person that he is employed by the Government of the Colony or the Commissioner of Crown Lands as aforesaid to have charge of any such thermal or mineral spring as aforesaid shall be sufficient proof of his authority to act under this regulation.

Every person who commits a breach of this regulation shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

5. These regulations shall be legibly written or printed on calico, wood, or other reasonably durable material, and posted up or exhibited on some conspicuous place or places frequented by the public on or near to every thermal or mineral spring affected by such regulations, and the same shall from time to time be maintained in such place or places by the Commissioner of Crown Lands or some person acting under his directions.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

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

JAMES PRENDERGAST, Administrator of the Government.

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

SCHEDULE.
TARANAKI 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.										
Clifton ..	Mimi ..	29	IX.	A. 533 0 0	R. 1 10 0	P. 799 10 0	s. 1 6	d. 19 19 9	s. 1 2-4	£ s. d. 15 19 10
Stratford	Pouatu ..	1	XIII.	468 0 0	1 5 0	585 0 0	1 3	14 12 6	1 0	11 14 0
"	" ..	3	"	297 0 0	1 5 0	371 5 0	1 3	9 5 8	1 0	7 8 6
"	Omona ..	11	II.	200 0 0	1 7 6	275 0 0	1 4-5	6 17 6	1 1-2	5 10 0
"	" ..	2	"	200 0 0	1 8 6	285 0 0	1 5-10	7 2 6	1 1-68	5 14 0
"	Ngatimaru ..	10	XIV.	200 0 0	1 6 3	525 0 0	1 3-75	13 2 6	1 0-6	10 10 0
"	" ..	11	"	200 0 0	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	" ..	8	XV.	200 0 0	1 8 9	575 0 0	1 5-25	14 7 6	1 1-80	11 10 0
"	" ..	9	"	200 0 0	"	"	"	"	"	"
Clifton ..	Mimi ..	22	XI.	99 0 0	1 16 0-4	178 7 3	1 9-60	4 9 3	1 5-28	3 11 5
SECOND-CLASS LAND.										
Stratford	Pouatu ..	2	XIII.	397 0 0	1 2 6	446 12 6	1 1-5	11 3 4	0 10-8	8 18 8
"	" ..	4	IX.	322 0 0	1 0 0	322 0 0	1 0	8 1 0	0 9-6	6 8 10
"	Omona ..	17	II.	200 0 0	0 15 0	150 0 0	0 9	3 15 0	0 7-20	3 0 0
"	" ..	7	"	200 0 0	1 0 0	200 0 0	1 0	5 0 0	0 9-0	4 0 0
"	" ..	10	"	200 0 0	1 2 6	225 0 0	1 1-5	5 12 6	0 10-8	4 10 0
Clifton ..	Upper Waitara ..	6	XV.	300 0 0	0 18 6	277 10 0	0 11-10	6 18 9	0 8-8	5 11 0
"	Ngatimaru ..	15	II.	200 0 0	0 18 6	185 0 0	0 11-10	4 12 6	0 8-8	3 14 0
"	" ..	2	III.	200 0 0	1 3 0	230 0 0	1 1-8	5 15 0	0 11-04	4 12 0
"	" ..	3	"	200 0 0	1 3 0	230 0 0	1 1-8	5 15 0	0 11-04	4 12 0
"	" ..	27	VI.	200 0 0	0 17 6	175 0 0	0 10-50	4 7 6	0 8-4	3 10 0
"	" ..	16	II.	200 0 0	1 1 0	210 0 0	1 0-6	5 5 0	0 10-08	4 4 0
"	" ..	1	III.	300 0 0	0 18 6	277 10 0	0 11-10	6 18 9	0 8-8	5 11 0
"	" ..	6	"	200 0 0	1 5 6	255 0 0	1 3-30	6 7 6	1 0-24	5 2 0
Stratford	" ..	4	XIV.	200 0 0	0 17 6	175 0 0	0 10-50	4 7 6	0 8-4	3 10 0
"	" ..	10	XV.	200 0 0	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	" ..	11	"	200 0 0	0 16 3	325 0 0	0 9-75	8 2 6	0 7-80	6 10 0

Section 29, Block IX., Mimi.—About seven miles from Tongaporutu; all forest, chiefly table-land; altitude, from 50 ft. to 700 ft. above sea-level; well-watered pastoral country, within one mile of a river navigable by canoe; papa formation.

Sections 1 and 3, Block XIII., Pouatu.—Situate about forty-seven miles from Stratford, and within one mile of the Ohura Road, which is formed for dray-traffic. They comprise more or less broken pastoral country, covered with forest, generally of light quality, with a fair amount of flat land in the valleys; papa formation. The valleys rise 700 ft. above sea-level, and the ridges about 1,300 ft. to 1,400 ft.

Section 11, Block II., Omona.—Part of the Gattton Special Settlement, and fronting Mangaehu River and Road. About 40 acres flat; formation papa; well watered, and good pastoral country. Forest comprises rimu, rata, tawa, &c., and usual undergrowth. About twenty-two miles from Stratford. The Mangaehu Road is open to within a quarter of a mile of the section.

Section 2, Block II., Omona.—Part of the Gattton Special Settlement, and fronting Mangaehu River and Road. Fair pastoral country; well watered; papa formation. Covered with forest, comprising rimu, rata, towai, and other trees, with usual undergrowth. The boundary-lines have been cleared and grassed, for which the section is weighted with £45, and which must be paid with application. About twenty-one miles from Eltham or Stratford.

Sections 10 and 11, Block XIV., Ngatimaru.—These sections form part of the Eltham Special Settlement, and are close to the Township of Strathmore. They comprise fair pastoral country, covered with forest of rimu, rata, tawa, &c., and usual undergrowth. The formation is papa, and is well watered. The Taihore Road is opened for horse-traffic past the sections.

Sections 8 and 9, Block XV., Ngatimaru.—Part of Eltham Special Settlement, and within a mile of Strathmore Township by the Brewer Road, which is open for horse-traffic. Good pastoral country, papa formation, covered with forest of rimu, rata, tawa, &c., and well watered.

Section 22, Block XI., Mimi.—Situate on the Mimi Road, about thirteen miles from Urenui. The road is formed for dray-traffic past the section. The land comprises broken pastoral country, well watered, papa formation. There are a few acres of level land. The timber is chiefly tawa, rimu, and kohekohe, with usual undergrowth. There are thirty-eight acres felled and grassed, and a small hut has been erected on the section.

Sections 2, Block XIII., Pouatu, and 4, Block IX., Pouatu.—Situate about forty-seven miles from Stratford, and within one mile of the Ohura Road, which is formed for dray-traffic. They comprise more or less broken pastoral country, covered with forest of generally light quality. There is some flat land in the valleys; the formation is papa. The valleys rise 700 ft. above sea-level, and the ridges about 1,300 ft. to 1,400 ft.

Section 17, Block II., Omona.—Rough pastoral land, covered with bush, consisting principally of rimu, rata, tawa, &c., and usual undergrowth; papa formation; well watered. Frontage to Tututawa Road, which is not yet opened for traffic. Distance from Stratford, twenty miles. Part of Gattton Special Settlement.

Section 7, Block II., Omona.—Rough pastoral land, covered with bush, consisting principally of rimu, rata, tawa, &c., with usual undergrowth; papa formation; well watered. Frontage to Mangaehu Road, which is open for horse-traffic. Distance from Stratford, twenty miles. Part of Gattton Special Settlement.

Section 10, Block II., Omona.—Weighted with £15 valuation for improvements. Rough pastoral land, covered with bush, with the exception of about 20 acres which have been felled. The timber consists principally of rimu, rata, tawa, &c., with usual undergrowth; papa formation; well watered. The Mangaehu Road is cleared to the section. Distance from Stratford, about twenty-one miles. Part of Gattton Special Settlement.

Section 6, Block XV., Upper Waitara.—Weighted with £10 valuation for improvements. Broken pastoral country, fair soil; papa formation; well watered. There are about 10 acres of flat land on the section. The timber comprises rata, rimu, &c., with usual undergrowth. The Matau Road is open for horse traffic to the section. Distance from Inglewood, twenty-eight miles.

Section 15, Block II., Ngatimaru.—Weighted with £15 for improvements. Broken pastoral country, fair soil; papa formation; well watered. There are about 8 acres of flat land on the section. The timber comprises rata, rimu, &c., with usual undergrowth. The Matau Road is open for horse-traffic to the section. Distance from Inglewood, twenty-seven miles and a half.

Section 2, Block III., Ngatimaru.—Weighted with £40 valuation for improvements. About 10 acres flat, remainder steep and broken land; good soil, on papa formation; well watered. Frontage to Junction Road, which is formed through to Ohura Road for horse-traffic. Distance from Inglewood, about twenty-seven miles and a half. The timber on the section comprises rimu, tawa, &c., with the usual undergrowth.

Section 3, Block III., Ngatimaru.—Weighted with £48 valuation for improvements. About 10 acres flat, balance steep and broken pastoral land; good soil, on papa formation, and well watered. The timber is principally tawa and rimu, with usual undergrowth. Frontage to Junction Road, which is formed through to Ohura Road from Stratford for horse-traffic. Distance from Inglewood, about twenty-eight miles.

Section 27, Block VI., Ngatimaru.—Weighted with £37 10s. valuation for improvements. Broken pastoral land, covered with forest of tawa, rimu, and rata, with usual undergrowth. Good soil, on papa formation; well watered. Frontage to Matau Road, which is open for horse-traffic. Distance from Inglewood, about twenty-eight miles.

Section 16, Block II., Ngatimaru.—Weighted with £69 3s. valuation for improvements. Fair pastoral country; well watered; papa formation. Timber comprises rimu and rata, with usual undergrowth. Access by Matau Road, which is formed for horse-traffic. Distance from Inglewood, about twenty-seven miles.

Section 1, Block III., Ngatimaru.—Fair pastoral country, covered with bush, principally of rimu, rata, &c., with usual undergrowth; papa formation; well watered. Frontage to Rakorako Road, which is open for horse-traffic, and is a branch of the Matau. Distance from Inglewood, about twenty-eight miles and a half.

Section 6, Block III., Ngatimaru.—Weighted with £18 valuation for improvements. A few acres of flat land, balance pastoral land of fair quality; good soil, well watered, on papa formation. Timber is principally rimu, rata, and tawa, with usual undergrowth. Access by Junction Road, which is open for horse-traffic through to Ohura Road from Stratford. Distance from Inglewood, about twenty-eight miles and a half.

Section 4, Block XIV., Ngatimaru.—Rough pastoral land, covered with timber of tawa, rimu, and rata, with usual undergrowth. Papa formation; well watered. This section has a rough frontage to Tututawa Road, which is open for horse-traffic. Distance from Stratford, about nineteen miles and a half.

Sections 10 and 11, Block XV., Ngatimaru.—Rough pastoral land; well watered; papa formation, and covered with bush, principally of rimu, rata, and tawa, with the usual undergrowth. Frontage to Taihore Road, which is open for horse-traffic. Distance from Stratford Railway-station, about twenty-five miles.

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Postmaster appointed to take and receive Statutory Declarations.

PURSUANT to the authority conferred upon me by the eighth section of "The Justices of the Peace Act Amendment Act, 1888," I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify and declare that

JAMES TURNER WYLIE,

being a person holding the office of Postmaster, under "The Post Office Act, 1881," at Te Kopuru, is authorised to take and receive statutory declarations under the two hundred and thirty-fourth section of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

As witness my hand, this seventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
Administrator of the Government.

Appointments to the Staff of His Excellency the Governor.

Government House,
Wellington, 10th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Captain DUDLEY ALEXANDER,
the Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment), to be Private Secretary and Aide-de-Camp;

The Honourable CHARLES EDWARD HILL-TREVOR
to be Assistant Private Secretary; and

Lieutenant HENRY DUDLEY OSSULSTON WARD,
Royal Horse Artillery, to be Aide-de-Camp.

By command.

DUDLEY ALEXANDER, Captain,
Private Secretary.

Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

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

Name.	District.
JAMES HOPKINS STEVENS	Hawera.
(On and from 7th August, 1897.)	
JOHN FINLAY MARTIN	Feilding.
(On and from 6th August, 1897.)	
JOHN ALEXANDER ALGIE	Arrow.
(On and from 4th August, 1897.)	
ARTHUR AUGUSTUS WINTERBURN	Kaitangata.
(On and from 5th August, 1897.)	
JOHN LOGAN BUSH	Invercargill.
(On and from 9th August, 1897.)	

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be the Deputies of the Registrars of Marriages and of Births and Deaths for the districts set respectively opposite their names, viz.:

Name.	District.
WILLIAM ALFRED SMITH WILLCOX	Invercargill.
WILLIAM ACCRINGTON ANDREWS	Waipu.
ROMULUS BLARLEY	Hokitika.

W. C. WALKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Crown Prosecutor appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

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

ARTHUR RIGBY BUNNY, Esq.,
to be Crown Prosecutor at Masterton.

T. THOMPSON.

Probation Officer appointed.

Department of Justice (Prisons Branch),
Wellington, 9th August, 1897.

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

Sergeant-Major DAVID RAMSAY
to be Probation Officer, under "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886," for the Boroughs of Christchurch, St. Albans, and Sydenham, vice Sergeant-Major Mason, transferred.
T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Justice.

Resignation of Trustee of Public-hall Site, Pohangina, and New Trustee appointed in Lieu.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 5th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation of

JOSEPH GEORGE BROWN
as a Trustee of the Public-hall site at Pohangina; and has been pleased to appoint

JAMES JOHNSON, of Pohangina, Farmer,
a Trustee to fill the vacancy.

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Appointment in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

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

SAMUEL THOMPSON

to be Chief Draughtsman in the Dunedin Office of the Department of Lands and Survey.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

District Agent appointed.

Head Office, Stamp Department,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

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

JAMES HOPKINS STEVENS,

Postmaster at Hawera, as District Agent under "The Deeds and Instruments Registration Act, 1886," for the Land and Deeds Registration District of Hawera, such appointment to take effect on and from the 2nd day of August, 1897.

W. C. WALKER,
For Commissioner of Stamps.

Appointment to the Police Department.

Police Department,
Wellington, 7th August, 1897.

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

WILLIAM JOHN MAHONEY

to be a shorthand- and type-writer in the above department, as from the 1st day of August instant.

T. THOMPSON.

Inspector of Factories appointed.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 3rd August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned person to be an Inspector under "The Factories Act, 1894," and to assign to him the district set opposite his name, viz. :—

Name.	District.
Constable THOMAS POTTER LISTER	{ The Middle Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.
	T. THOMPSON, For Minister of Labour.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 4th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointment :—

Queen's Rifle Volunteers (Oamaru).

Lieutenant John Meggett Forrester to be Captain. Date of commission, 27th April, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointments :—

No. 1 Company, Ohinemuri Rifle Volunteers (Paeroa).

Francis Courtenay Sutherland Forbes to be Surgeon-Captain.

The Rev. William Henry Wilson to be Honorary Chaplain.
Date of commissions, 17th July, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 7th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointments :—

College Rifle Volunteers (Auckland).

Charles Thomas Major to be Captain.

Frederick William Robert John King to be Surgeon-Captain.

The Rev. Henry Dewsbury Major to be Honorary Chaplain.

Date of commissions, 30th June, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 9th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointments, under paragraph 63, Volunteer Regulations, 1895 :—

Manchester Rifle Volunteers.

Owen Pleasants to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 1st July, 1897.

Christchurch City Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant Andrew Fairbairn to be Captain. Date of commission, 26th July, 1897.

Timaru Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant Walter Beckingham to be Captain. Date of commission, 5th July, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officer transferred.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 9th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the transfer of

Captain JOHN LILLIE GILLIES

from the Canterbury District Reserve Corps to the Timaru Rifle Volunteers as Lieutenant. Commission to date from the 5th July, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officers resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to accept the resignations of the commissions held by the under-mentioned officers :—

Greymouth Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant Henry Matthew Blakiston. Date of resignation, 8th July, 1897.

Te Aroha Rifle Volunteers.

Captain John Archibald Cochrane. Date of resignation, 1st June, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Issue of Imperial Volunteer Officers' Decoration.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the issue of the Imperial Volunteer Officers' Decoration to

Major ALFRED ROGERS, Unattached Active List, New Zealand Volunteers,

he having a total broken efficient commissioned and rank service counting towards the decoration to the 31st July, 1897, of twenty years forty-one days.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Corps disbanded.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to approve of the disbandment of the

Auckland City Rifle Volunteers,

as from the 29th May, 1897.

The commissions held by the under-mentioned gentlemen in the above corps will therefore lapse, in accordance with paragraph 62, Volunteer Regulations, 1895:—

CARL KOHN, late Honorary Captain.
JOHN ROBERTSON, late Captain.

T. THOMPSON.

Levéé at Government House.

Government House,
Wellington, 10th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor will hold a levée at Government House on Thursday, 12th August, 1897, at 12 o'clock. Full dress.

By command.

DUDLEY ALEXANDER, Captain,
Private Secretary.

Gentlemen attending the levée will wear uniform or evening dress. Those having cards for the private entrée are requested to attend not later than 11.45 a.m. Each gentleman is requested to bring two cards, on each of which his name must be distinctly written: one of these cards is to be given up in the hall, and the other is to be handed to the officer announcing the names to His Excellency.

DUDLEY ALEXANDER, Captain,
Private Secretary.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalisation, under "The Aliens Act, 1880," in favour of the under-mentioned persons:—

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Emill Hutter ..	Draper ..	Auckland.
Charles Johan Olive-crona	Merchant ..	Wellington.
Frederick Tabaranga ..	Gold-miner ..	Auckland.

W. C. WALKER.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th August, 1897.

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

W. C. WALKER.

MOA ROAD BOARD.

1. THAT, to secure the repayment of a loan of £225 raised under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and metalling the Hursthouse Road, and erect a bridge on same, and to form a portion of the Lepper Road south of the Hursthouse Road starting from the junction of the Hursthouse and Lepper Roads,

2. A special rate of 3d. in the pound be made and levied over the following lands, which are hereby constituted the Hursthouse and Lepper Roads Special Rating District:—
Sections 133 (in two subdivisions), 134 (in three subdivisions), 135 (in four subdivisions), 136, 137 (in two subdivisions), 140, 100 (in two subdivisions), Tarurutangi; and part 99, Moa.

Such rate to be an annual-recurring rate for twenty-six years, and to be payable in two half-yearly instalments, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year.

SIDNEY BEETHAM,
Chairman.

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

4th August, 1897.

SIDNEY BEETHAM,
Chairman.

Commission appointing Lord Ranfurly to be Governor of New Zealand.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 11th August, 1897.

THE following Commission, appointing the Right Honourable the Earl of Ranfurly, K.C.M.G., to be

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New Zealand and its dependencies, is published for general information.

W. C. WALKER.

NEW ZEALAND.

COMMISSION passed under the Royal Sign-manual and Signet, appointing the Right Honourable the Earl of Ranfurly to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India. To our right trusty and right well-beloved cousin Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly: Greeting.

We do by this our Commission under our Sign-manual and Signet appoint you, the said Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, to be during our pleasure our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our Colony of New Zealand and its dependencies, with all the powers, rights, privileges, and advantages to the said office belonging or appertaining.

2. And We do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the 21st day of February, 1879, or in any other our Letters Patent adding to, amending, or substituted for the same, according to such orders and instructions as our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being hath already received from Us, and to such further orders and instructions as you may hereafter receive from Us.

3. And We do hereby appoint that, so soon as you shall have taken the prescribed oaths and have entered upon the duties of your office, this our present Commission shall supersede our Commission under our Sign-manual and Signet, bearing date the 24th day of February, 1892, appointing our right trusty and right well-beloved cousin David, Earl of Glasgow, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to be our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said colony and its dependencies.

4. And We do hereby command all and singular our officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in our said colony and its dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at our Court at Saint James's, this 6th day of April, 1897, in the sixtieth year of our reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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.

Commissioner's Decisions under Tariff Acts.

Department of Trade and Customs,
Wellington, 11th August, 1897.

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

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

Articles, and how classed.	Rate of Duty.
*Paper, wrapping, in rolls, blank, for cash-registers; as paper, wrapping, o.k.	5s. the cwt.
Rings, cups, discs for high-pressure water-pistons; as machinery n.o.e.	20 per cent.

W. T. GLASGOW,
Secretary and Inspector.

Commissioner's Order No. 581.]

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 Ngawhakatatara 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 Poupoutahi 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.

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.

Crown Lands Notices.

Land in Wainono Village Settlement for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 11th August, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection at this office, on lease in perpetuity, on and after Wednesday, the 15th September, 1897. If more than one application be received on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

VILLAGE-HOMESTEAD ALLOTMENT, WAIMATE SURVEY DISTRICT.—RESERVE 1126.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
31	XI.	A. R. P. 40 0 0	s. d. 9 7-2	£ s. d. 9 12 0

Weighted with £74 16s. 6d. as valuation for improvements. This section is situated in the Wainono Village Settlement, lying north-east of the Township of Waimate. It contains undulating and flat agricultural land of good quality, and is suitable for occupation by gardeners and small farmers.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease upon application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, on and after Wednesday, the 1st September, 1897, at the half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.—CENTRE HILL SURVEY DISTRICT.—SMALL GRAZING-RUN No. 41.
Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
13, 14, 15 1 to 6 8 to 12 1, 2 5, 6	III. IV. VI. VII.	A. R. P. 4,808 0 0	s. d. 0 2	£ s. d. 20 0 8

Land partly level and swampy; vegetation principally snow-tussock. Height above sea-level, from 100 ft. to 1,300 ft. Distance from Mossburn Railway-station, about two miles. This run is burdened with £196 10s. as valuation for improvements.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sections in Opouriao Estate open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 28th June, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at this office, on and after Wednesday, the 25th August, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

OPOURIAO ESTATE.—WHAKATANE COUNTY.
First-class Land.

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

WHAKATANE SURVEY DISTRICT.

5A	XIII.	A. R. P. 10 0 0	s. d. 10 0	£ s. d. 2 10 0
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Description and Locality of Sections.

Flat alluvial land, in grass and fallow; excellent soil, no bush. Fronting main road from Whakatane; distant eleven miles and a half.

WAIMANA SURVEY DISTRICT.

6	II.	280 1 0	0 4-5	2 12 7
7	"	280 1 0	0 3-9	2 5 7

Description and Locality of Sections.

Broken country—bush, scrub, and fern; well watered; frontage to Waimana Road and river; a good bit of flat land fronting the river. About fifteen miles from Whakatane.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sections in the Opouriao Estate open for Selection under Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 10th July, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application under lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

OPOURIAO ESTATE.—WHAKATANE COUNTY.—WHAKATANE SURVEY DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
3	IX.	A. R. P. 200 0 0	£ s. d. 0 2 0	£ s. d. 10 0 0
8	"	112 2 30	0 7 0	19 14 5
8	XIII.	19 2 23	0 9 0	4 8 6

Section 3, Block IX., a drained flat; 53 acres in grass, 27 acres swampy, 17 acres bush, 103 acres fern hills. Low spurs partially grassed; bush and fern hills at back somewhat broken; well watered; about 65 chains drains, besides boundary drain; frontage to main road; six miles and a half from Whakatane.

Section 8, Block IX., first-class alluvial flat; 91 acres grass, 8½ acres drained swamp, 13 acres low hills; fronting main road; nine miles from Whakatane.

Section 8, Block XIII., alluvial flat, in grass; fronting cross roads; ditch and hedge on west and south sides; no bush; soil excellent; eleven miles and a half from Whakatane.

1	V.	208 1 8	0 1 0	5 4 2
16	XIII.	306 1 0	0 1 1-2	8 8 6

Section 1, Block V., 20 acres good flat alluvial land in grass; 17 acres swamp, easily drained; 84 acres scrub and light bush; 87 acres fern hills. Well watered; fronting main road; six miles from Whakatane.

Section 16, Block XIII., 43 acres drained flat; 67 acres bush; 196 acres fern hills, broken at back, and hilly throughout. Eleven miles from Whakatane.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands at Rotorua for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 28th June, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned lands in the Township and Suburbs of Rotorua will be offered for leasing by public auction, at this office, on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

Section.	Area.	Upset Annual Rent.	Section.	Area.	Upset Annual Rent.
TOWN OF ROTORUA.					
Block IX.			Block XXXVIII.		
6	A. R. P. £ s. d. 0 1 0 | 3 0 0		1	A. R. P. £ s. d. 0 2 20 | 5 0 0	
Block X.			Block XXXIX.		
9	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		2	0 1 0 | 3 0 0	
10	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		3	0 1 0 | 3 0 0	
12	0 0 32 | 3 0 0		9	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
13	0 0 32 | 3 0 0		10	0 1 0 | 3 0 0	
14	0 0 32 | 4 0 0		11	0 1 0 | 3 0 0	
Block XI.			Block XL.		
1	0 0 32 | 4 0 0		8	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
2	0 0 32 | 3 0 0		9	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
3	0 0 32 | 3 0 0		10	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
5	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		Block XLI.		
8	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		8	0 1 0 | 5 0 0	
9	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		9	0 1 0 | 5 0 0	
10	0 1 0 | 4 0 0		Block XLVIII.		
Block XXI.			Block XLIX.		
3	0 2 20 | 5 0 0		1	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
Block XXII.			Block L.		
9	0 1 0 | 4 0 0		2	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
Block XXVIII.			Block LI.		
3	0 2 20 | 5 0 0		3	0 1 0 | 5 0 0	
Block XXIX.			Block LIV.		
2	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		3	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
3	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		4	0 1 0 | 5 0 0	
4	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		9	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
6	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		10	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
9	0 1 0 | 4 0 0		11	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
10	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		Block LII.		
11	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		3	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
Block XXX.			Block LIII.		
2	0 1 0 | 4 0 0		4	0 1 0 | 5 0 0	
6	0 1 0 | 4 0 0		9	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
Block XXXV.			Block LIV.		
4	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		10	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
5	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		11	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
6	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		Block LV.		
13	0 1 0 | 3 0 0		3	0 1 0 | 4 0 0	
SUBURBS OF ROTORUA.					
40	10 0 0 | 4 0 0		71	11 1 13 | 4 0 0	
66	10 0 0 | 3 0 0		72	9 0 9 | 3 0 0	
67	10 0 0 | 3 0 0		73	10 0 0 | 3 0 0	
68	10 0 0 | 4 0 0		74	10 0 0 | 4 0 0	
69	11 1 14 | 4 0 0		75	10 0 0 | 5 0 0	
RURAL SECTIONS, ROTORUA.					
31	40 0 0 | 10 0 0		55	14 2 0 | 2 0 0	
34	39 1 27 | 7 0 0		56	9 3 17 | 2 0 0	
45	23 0 0 | 5 0 0		57	12 1 5 | 3 0 0	
46	39 3 0 | 7 0 0		58	12 2 12 | 2 0 0	
47	45 2 0 | 7 0 0		59	16 0 14 | 3 0 0	
48	33 2 11 | 6 0 0		60	19 2 15 | 4 0 0	
51	35 2 0 | 5 0 0		61	52 2 0 | 6 0 0	
52	34 0 0 | 6 0 0		63	59 2 0 | 6 0 0	
53	16 2 1 | 3 0 0		64	14 3 8 | 3 0 0	
54	16 0 0 | 3 0 0		65	18 0 12 | 3 0 0	

CONDITIONS.

1. Term of lease, ninety-nine years.
2. Rents are payable half-yearly in advance to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Auckland; and the first half-yearly payment is to be made on the fall of the hammer.
3. Town sections to be improved within one year from the date of the lease to the value of ten times the annual rental. Rural and suburban sections to be fenced within one year from the date of the lease. No valuation for improvements will be allowed at the end of the term of lease.

4. No lease to be assigned, underlet, or the possession thereof parted with except with the consent in writing of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland.

5. All rates, taxes, charges, and assessments whatsoever to be paid by the lessee.

6. All buildings erected to be kept in good repair and condition, and in the erection of any building upon the sections within the town the lessee must abide by and conform to the alignment of streets and roads, and to all by-laws and regulations made by the local authority intrusted with the administration of the local affairs of the Township of Rotorua.

7. Privies, ashpits, and other works of a similar character to be constructed and maintained as directed by the local authority. All drains and channels, and the sanitary state and condition of the premises, to be subject to the by-laws and regulations of the local authority.

8. No wells to be sunk or any excavations to be made without the consent in writing of the local authority.

9. The trade or business of a soap-boiler, tallow-chandler, tanner, slaughterman, meat-curer or preserver, or any noisy, noxious, or offensive trade or manufacture of any kind whatever will not be permitted.

10. Provision will be made in the leases for inspection of premises at all reasonable times.

11. Lease liable to forfeiture if rent be thirty days in arrear, and the lease will contain provisions for re-entry and for the recovery of rents.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sections at the "Foxton Health Resort" for Lease by Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 28th June, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that tenders for the leases of the under-mentioned allotments will be received on and after Wednesday, the 25th August, 1897, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, at an annual rental not less than the minimum stated hereunder.

SCHEDULE.

ALLOTMENTS IN SECTION 268, BLOCK I., MOUTERE.

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

Locality of Sections.

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

Terms of Lease.

The term of the leases will be fourteen years. No allowance whatever shall be payable on account of improvements effected by the lessee. A deposit of a half-year's rent at the rate tendered, and £1 ls. lease-fee, must be enclosed with each tender. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Plans and form of lease can be seen at this office.

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

Crown Lands in Otago open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

Crown Lands Office,
Dunedin, 19th July, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application under lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity:	
				Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

WAITAKI COUNTY.

Maerewhenua Estate.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Maruenua ..	7	III.	21	3	36	7	9	4 5 2

Open, level, and gently-sloping ground, on old alluvial and limestone formation; soil good, wholly agricultural; water within 20 chains, and will probably be obtained by sinking. Accessible by formed roads. One mile to Duntroon Township and Railway-station. Altitude, about 490 ft. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £4 10s.

Maruenua ..	11	III.	7	0	28	8	9	} 5 13 0
" ..	12	"	12	0	18	8	6	
" ..	14	"	6	3	22	8	9	

Open, gently-sloping ground, on limestone formation; soil good, agricultural. Situated from one mile and a quarter to one mile and a half from Duntroon. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £42 15s. 6d. Sections 11, 12, and 14 are grouped, and offered as one allotment.

Awamoko ..	53	III.	248	1	0	1	9	10 17 2
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Level, and mostly shingly land, between main Oamaru-Duntroon Road and Waitaki River bed, intersected by Oamaru-Duntroon Railway. Situated four miles and a half from Duntroon, and adjacent to Borton's Railway-siding. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £82 16s.

NOTE.—The successful applicant for this allotment will acquire the adjoining Crown lands, Section 32, Block III., Awamoko District, containing 63 acres 3 roods 22 perches, on lease in perpetuity, at an annual rental of £6 7s. 10d.

Awamoko ..	61	II.	117	1	29	2	0	5 17 6
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Level land, part shingly, lying between Oamaru-Duntroon Railway and Waitaki River, adjacent to Black Point Railway-siding, and two miles and three-quarters from Georgetown Post-office. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £41 6s.

Awamoko ..	99	II.	40	0	0	4	0	4 0 0
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Level land, west end shingly, east half good; water can be obtained by sinking. Altitude, about 300 ft. One mile and three-quarters to Uxbridge Railway-siding, and two miles and a quarter to Georgetown Post-office. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £7.

WAIHEMO COUNTY.

Puketapu Estate.

Moeraki ..	6A	IV.	54	3	26	7	0	9 13 3
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About 5 acres in bush, remainder open undulating land; soil good, on sandstone formation; watered. Two miles from Palmerston.

Moeraki ..	8A	IV.	20	1	12	8	6	4 6 9
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Open, undulating, agricultural land; soil good; watered. Situated about two miles from Palmerston.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 27th July, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned green kauri timber, standing upon Sections 6 of Block I. and 79 of Block V., Hukerenui Survey District, in the Bay of Islands County, about two miles from Towai Post-office and eight miles from Kawakawa, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 17th day of September, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

About 190,000 sup. feet, standing on Section 6, Block I., Hukerenui Survey District. Upset price, £63 6s. 8d.

About 220,000 sup. feet, standing on Section 79, Block V., Hukerenui Survey District. Upset price, £73 6s. 8d.

This timber, if not required for home consumption, is to be conveyed to railway and shipped at Kawakawa or Whakapara.

Conditions of Sale.—One-half the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer; the balance within three months. Timber to be removed within one year from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 27th July, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kauri timber, standing upon Crown land in Block VIII., Tutamoe Survey District, in the Hokianga County, about five miles from Mangakahia Post-office, and at junction of Takitu and Opouteke Streams, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 17th day of September, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

77 kauri-trees, containing about 200,000 sup. feet. Upset price, £75.

Conditions of Sale.—One-half the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer; the balance within three months. Timber to be removed within one year from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lease of Old Survey Office and Site, Akaroa.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 12th July, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that written tenders for the lease of the under-mentioned land and building will be received at this office up to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th August, 1897:—

Part of Reserve No. 81, situated in Balgueri Street, Akaroa. Size of section, 60 links frontage by 150 links deep. Together with two-roomed building, suitable for office or small dwelling-house. Term of lease, five years. Upset rental, £8 per annum.

Tenders must be addressed to the undersigned, and be accompanied by a deposit by bank draft, marked cheque, or post-office order for a half-year's rent at the rate offered, and a license-fee of £1 ls.

The lease will contain provisions for the payment of the rent half-yearly in advance; for the maintenance of the building by the lessee; for the payment of all rates and taxes by the lessee; for the insurance of the building by the lessee for a sum of £20 in the name of the Queen; together with any other conditions that may be deemed applicable and necessary.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run, Wellington, open for Lease upon Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 19th July, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease upon application, at the District Lands and Survey Office, on and after Wednesday, the 25th August, 1897, at the rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—REWA SURVEY DISTRICT.
RUN No. 51: 1,430 acres; rent per acre, 1½d.; rent per annum, £8 18s. 9d. Term of lease, twenty-one years.

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

Rural Lands in Auckland District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 26th July, 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 Wednesday, the 15th September, 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.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Second-class Land.

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.
Manukau ..	Awitu*	29	..	A. R. P. 124 3 20	£ s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 62 10 0	s. d. 0 6	£ s. d. 1 11 3	s. d. 0 4 8	£ s. d. 1 5 3
Open land, with about 14 acres swamp. About four miles from Awitu Wharf.										
Hokianga ..	Waoku ..	24	I.	54 3 0	0 10 0	27 10 0	0 6	0 13 9	0 4 8	0 11 0
Open and forest land, undulating, and of fair quality. About six miles from Rawene.										
Whangarei	Ruatangata*	71	..	52 0 12	0 5 0	13 0 0	0 3	0 6 6	0 2 4	0 5 3
Undulating fern and tea-tree land.										

* Parish.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Lands in Auckland District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 28th June, 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 Wednesday, the 25th August, 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.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

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.
Hokianga ..	Herekino ..	8	II.	A. R. P. 48 1 0	s. d. 10 0	£ s. d. 24 0 0	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 12 0	s. d. 0 4 8	s. d. 9 8
" ..	" ..	14	"	41 2 0	10 0	21 0 0	0 6	10 6	0 4 8	8 5

Situated about one mile from Herekino Post-office. Five acres open land on Section 8, and about 2 acres open on Section 14; balance on both sections light mixed forest.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Lands in Wellington District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, 26th July, 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 Wednesday, the 15th September, 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.

WELLINGTON 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.

Oroua ..	Hautapu ..	6	XV.	A. R. P. 489 0 0	£ s. d. 1 5 0	£ s. d. 611 5 0	s. d. 1 3	£ s. d. 15 5 8	s. d. 1 0	£ s. d. 12 4 6
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This section is weighted with £832 for improvements.

The above section is situated in the Otamakapua-Mangawharariki Block, on the Mangarere Road, and consists of undulating land with some small portion of flat. It is well watered. The soil is good, on a papa formation. Except where grassed it is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, matai, rata, tawa, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The section is distant about seven miles from Mangaweka, and about six miles from Pemberton. There is a good bridle-track from Mangaweka, and a cage across the Rangitikei River. There are 290 acres in grass, 170 chains of fencing, a woolshed 24ft. by 30ft., a whare, shed, dip, yards, garden, orchard, &c.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT—continued.

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.
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Wanganui .. | Tiriraukawa | 10 | II. | 200 0 0 | 1 2 6 | 225 0 0 | 1 1·5 | 5 12 6 | 0 10·8 | 4 10 0
 This section is weighted with £5 12s. 6d. for improvements.
 The above section is situated in the Hunterville No. II. Farm-homestead Block, and consists of broken land, with a few small flats on the Mangamahoe Stream. The soil is fair, on a papa formation. It is well watered, and is covered with forest of a mixed character containing rimu, rata, tawa, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The section is distant about twenty-one miles from Hunterville, fifteen miles and a half being dray-road, and the remaining distance bridle-track and rough pack-track. Five acres have been felled and burned.

Wairarapa N. | Mt. Cerberus | 7A | V. | 70 0 0 | 1 5 0 | 87 10 0 | 1 3 | 2 3 9 | 1 0 | 1 15 0
 This section is weighted with £4 10s. for improvements.
 The above section is situated in the Pahiatua No. I. Farm-homestead Block, on the Waihi Road, and consists of low flat spurs in front, rising in spurs to a considerable height towards the back line. The soil is poor, on a papa formation. It is well watered by a permanent stream. The front spurs are covered with manuka, and the back ones with mixed forest of tawa, rimu, matai, &c. The undergrowth is manuka, open rangiora, and supplejack. The section is distant about twenty-one miles from Makuri, five miles being dray-road, thirteen miles bridle-track, and three miles pack-track. Two acres have been felled, grassed, and logged up.

Wanganui .. | Manganui .. | 13 | XV. | 200 0 0 | 1 5 0 | 250 0 0 | 1 3 | 6 5 0 | 1 0 | 5 0 0
 This section is loaded with £48 for improvements.
 The above section is situated in the Waimarino Farm-homestead Settlement, and consists of flat and undulating land, well watered. The soil is good, on a papa formation. It is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, matai, tawa, kahikatea, maire, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The section is distant about nine miles from Raetihi Township, four miles being a formed dray-road, four miles a formed bridle-track, and one mile a pack-track. Eighteen acres have been felled and grassed, and there is a whare on the section.

Patea .. | Wairoa .. | 11A | VIII. | 64 0 15 | 11 10 0 | 737 1 7 | 11 6 | 18 8 7 | 9 2·4 | 14 14 10
 This section is weighted with £243 8s. for improvements.
 This section is situated in the Momahaki Settlement, on a formed road, and consists of nearly all flat land, suitable for a dairy-farm; it is watered by permanent springs. The soil is good, on a papa and sandstone formation. There is one small clump of bush, which is mostly scrub, on the land. The section is distant four miles and a quarter from Waverley Township, about two miles from Momahaki Railway-station, and two miles and a quarter from the Momahaki Creamery, by a formed dray-road. The whole section is ring-fenced and subdivided. About 28 acres have been ploughed. There are 93 chains of fencing, a house 26 ft. by 24 ft., a well, garden, and orchard, two outhouses, &c.

Stirling Block.

Wairarapa N. | Tararua .. | 21 | IV. | 200 0 0 | 1 7 6 | 275 0 0 | 1 4·5 | 6 17 6 | 1 1·2 | 5 10 0
 This section is situated in the Stirling Special Settlement Block, and can be approached from the Newman Railway-station, from which it is distant about nine miles, seven miles of which is a metalled road, the remaining two miles being a formed road only. The land is of fair quality, on a papa formation, and is well watered, about 20 acres being flat. With the exception of about 16 acres, which have been felled but not grassed, the section is all under mixed forest, consisting chiefly of rata, rimu, kahikatea, &c., with a mixed undergrowth.

Kakariki Block.

Wairarapa N. | Tararua .. | 2 | IV. | 200 0 0 | 1 11 6 | 315 0 0 | 1 6·9 | 7 17 6 | 1 3·12 | 6 6 0
 This section is in the Kakariki Block, and is approached from the Hukanui Railway-station, about four miles distant, by a formed and partly-formed road. The soil is of good quality, on a papa and sandstone formation, and is covered with mixed forest, consisting of rimu, rata, kahikatea, with a mixed undergrowth. There are 20 acres of flat land on the section.

Waiwera Block.

Wairarapa N. | Mangahao | 16 | XIII. | 200 0 0 | 1 11 6 | 315 0 0 | 1 6·9 | 7 17 6 | 1 3·12 | 6 6 0

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Wairarapa N. | Tararua .. | 3 | II. | 200 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 200 0 0 | 1 0 | 5 0 0 | 0 9·6 | 4 0 0
 Section 16, Block XIII., is situated about twelve miles from Pahiatua, six miles from Nikau Post-office, six miles from the proposed Tutakara Railway-station by a cleared road and bridle-track (the latter being now in course of formation), and about five miles from Hukanui Railway-station, three miles of which is dray-road and part bridle-track, and two miles a proposed road, which is a rough walking-track and not open for horse traffic. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and is covered with forest, consisting of rimu, tawa, &c., and the usual undergrowth. The section contains about 180 acres of flat land. It is watered by a stream.

Section 3, Block II., is distant about six miles from Hukanui Railway-station, two miles of which is a dray-road and four miles bridle-track. The soil is poor and stony, and there is no level land on it. It is covered with forest, consisting of rimu, birch, &c., and is watered by a stream.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Hall Block.

Pahiatua .. | Mangahao | 11 | I. | 180 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 360 0 0 | 2 0 | 9 0 0 | 1 7·2 | 7 4 0
 The access to this section is by the proposed road from Ballance to the Gorge, which is partly formed and in course of formation. It may be approached at present by a good road from Woodville, distant about three miles from the river, which is fordable nearly opposite the section, and there is also a partly-formed track from the Gorge Bridge to the section (about three miles), but this is not open for horse traffic. It is also accessible from Ballance to within two miles on horseback by a proposed road now partly formed, or by fording the river, going round towards Woodville. This is considered to be a good section in a good position. The section consists for the most part of hilly land, 10 acres in front being level. It is watered by a creek. The soil is good, on papa formation, and is covered with forest, consisting of rimu, rata, mahoe, tawa, &c.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Mekalickstone Block.

Wairarapa N. | Aohanga .. | 7 | VI. | 100 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 100 0 0 | 1 0 | 2 10 0 | 0 9·6 | 2 0 0
 This section is weighted with £14 8s. for improvements.
 The above section is situated in the Mekalickstone Farm-homestead Block, on the Waikereru Road, and consists of undulating and broken land. The soil is poor, on a broken formation, covered chiefly with large manuka, and an undergrowth of fern, whitewood, &c. The section is distant about nineteen miles from Makuri, six miles being dray-road, and thirteen miles horse-road and track. Eight acres have been felled, burned, and grassed, and there is easy access to the section from the road-frontage, which has been felled.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT—continued.

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.

Kaikoura Block.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
Wairarapa N.	Puketoi ..	27	IV.	200	0	0	1	10	0	300	0	0	1	6	7	10	0	1	2	4	6	0	0

Weighted with £49 for improvements.

This section is situated in the Kaikoura Farm-homestead Block, on the Alfredton-Weber Road, and consists of undulating land with some flat. The soil is fair, on a papa formation, covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, kahikatea, rata, &c., the undergrowth being supplejack, rangiora, &c. The section adjoins the Rakaunui Village Settlement. Twenty-two acres have been grassed, and 7 acres felled and burned but not grassed.

Pahiatua No. I. Block.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Wairarapa N.	Mt. Cerberus	7	V.	100	0	0	1	5	0	125	0	0	1	3	3	2	6	1	0	2	10	0

This section is weighted with £48 15s. for improvements.

The above section is situated in the Pahiatua No. I. Farm-homestead Block, on the Waihi Road, and consists of low flat spurs in front, rising to a considerable height at the back line. It is watered by a permanent stream. The soil is poor, on a papa formation, covered with forest of a mixed character, containing tawa, rimu, matai, &c., with an undergrowth of very open rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is distant about twenty-one miles from Makuri, five miles being dray-road, thirteen miles horse-road, and three miles pack-track. Ten acres have been felled, burned, and grassed, and 4 acres have been logged up. There is a hut, an outhouse, and 7 chains of fencing on the section.

Pahiatua No. II. Block.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Wairarapa N.	Mt. Cerberus	26	X.	200	0	0	1	5	0	250	0	0	1	3	6	5	0	1	0	5	0	0

Weighted with £117 10s. for improvements.

This section is situated in the Pahiatua No. II. Block, on the Akaroa Road, and consists of low, flat spurs, easily accessible from any part of the frontage. It is watered by a small permanent stream. The soil varies from good to fair, and poor where there is manuka. The eastern half is covered with tall manuka, and the western with light forest of rimu, matai, tawa, &c., except where grassed. The undergrowth is very open, and is composed largely of manuka, with some rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is distant four miles from Pongaroa, two miles being dray-road and two miles cleared road. Forty-seven acres have been cleared and grassed on the section.

Pahiatua No. III. Block.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
Wairarapa N.	Mt. Cerberus	2	III.	229	0	0	1	7	6	314	17	6	1	4	5	7	17	6	1	1	2	6	6	0

Weighted with £4 for improvements.

This section is situated in the Pahiatua No. III. Block, on the Alfredton-Weber Road, and consists of easy slopes and gullies with permanent water. The soil is good, on a sandstone and papa formation, covered with light forest of a mixed character, containing tawa, rimu, totara, &c., the undergrowth being rangiora, manuka, &c. The section is eight miles distant from Pongaroa, and seven miles from Weber by a dray-road. Eight acres of scrub, chiefly manuka, have been felled, but not burned or sown. The fence-line between Sections 2 and 3 has been felled and burned half a chain on each side.

Pahiatua No. IV. Block.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
Wairarapa N.	Aohanga ..	10	I.	100	0	0	1	7	6	137	10	0	1	4	5	3	8	9	1	1	2	2	15	0
"	" ..	7	"	100	0	0	1	7	6	137	10	0	1	4	5	3	8	9	1	1	2	2	15	0
"	" ..	11	"	100	0	0	1	7	6	137	10	0	1	4	5	3	8	9	1	1	2	2	15	0
"	Puketoi ..	12	IV.	298	0	0	1	7	6	396	0	0	1	4	5	9	18	0	1	1	2	7	18	5
"	Makuri ..	7	XV.	278	0	0	1	10	0	417	0	0	1	6	10	8	6	1	2	4	8	6	10	

Section 10, Block I., Aohanga, is situated on the Mangatiti Road, within a few chains of the Alfredton-Weber dray-road, twenty miles from Alfredton and eight miles and a half from Pongaroa. The land consists of low spurs and flats in the front, and rises gradually to the back line. The soil is good, on a papa formation, is timbered with rimu, tawa, &c., with the usual undergrowth, and is well watered.

Section 7, Block I., Aohanga, is situated on the Mangatiti Road, and consists of land rising from the frontage to the back line, which is rather broken in places. It is watered by small permanent streams. The soil is fairly good, on a papa formation, and is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing tawa, rimu, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is distant a little over a mile from the Alfredton-Weber dray-road; it can also be approached from Makuri by five miles of dray-road, six miles of bridle-track, and two miles of road which is surveyed only.

Section 11, Block I., Aohanga, is situated on the Alfredton-Weber dray-road, twenty-five miles from Alfredton, and seven miles and a half from Pongaroa. The land consists of flats of about 20 acres along the road, rising gradually towards the back. Water is scarce, but can be obtained by digging, or blocking the natural watercourses. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and is covered with forest consisting of tawa and kahikatea, with the usual undergrowth.

Section 12, Block IV., Puketoi, is situated on the Mangatiti Road, within two miles of the Alfredton-Weber dray-road. It can also be reached from Makuri by five miles of dray-road, six miles of bridle-track, and two miles of road which is surveyed only. The road-frontage is poor, the land sloping down sharply into the Mangatiti Stream, along which there are small flats on the west bank. The balance of the section is rough and broken, rising to high spurs at the back. The soil is good, on a papa formation, is well watered, and covered with forest consisting chiefly of rimu and tawa.

Section 7, Block XV., Makuri, is situated on the Mangatiti Road, twelve miles and a half from Makuri, five miles of the distance being dray-road, six miles bridle-track, and one mile and a half surveyed road. The road-frontage is poor, the land sloping down sharply into the Mangatiti Stream. There is a small flat at the east end of the south boundary suitable for a homestead-site. The remainder of the section is somewhat broken, and faces the south-east. The soil is good, on a papa formation, is well watered, and timbered chiefly with tawa and rimu, with the usual undergrowth.

Masterton Reform Block.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
Wairarapa N.	Makuri ..	21	XV.	200	0	0	1	10	0	300	0	0	1	6	7	10	0	1	2	4	6	0	0

This section lies on the foothills of the Puketoi Range, and consists of low spurs nearly flat. Access is gained from Makuri by dray-road for five miles, and bridle-track for the remaining seven miles. The soil is fair, on a papa formation, watered by small streams, and timbered with rimu and tawa, with the usual undergrowth.

Umutoi Block.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Oroua	Umutoi ..	10	IV.	200	0	0	1	5	0	250	0	0	1	3	6	5	0	1	0	5	0	0

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
"	" ..	8 & 13	"	400	0	0	0	17	6	350	0	0	0	10	5	8	15	0	0	8	4	7	0	0

Section 10, Block IV., Umutoi, is situated about nine miles from Apiti, three miles of the distance being a dray-road, four miles a river-bed track, and the remaining two miles a bridle-track. There are about 15 acres of level land on the section. The soil is peaty, on a papa formation. It is well watered, and covered with mixed timber, consisting of rimu, matai, birch, &c., with the usual underscrub.

Sections 8 and 13, Block IV., Umutoi, are situated about seven miles from Apiti Township, three miles of the distance being a dray-road, one mile a bridle-track, and three miles a track on the Oroua River bed. The whole of the land is rough and broken, but the soil is fair, on a papa formation, and well watered. The bush consists of rimu, matai, birch, &c.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT—continued.

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.

Pohangina Block.

Oroua .. | Umutoi .. | 21 | IV. | 150 0 0 | 1 10 0 | 225 0 0 | 1 6 | 5 12 6 | 1 2 4 | 4 10 0
 This section is situated about six miles and a half from Apiti Township, a dray-road being formed past the frontage. The land is of good quality, though somewhat stony in places, and is covered with heavy mixed bush with usual undergrowth. The soil is fair, on a papa formation, and well watered. There are about 100 acres of flat land on the section.

Marton No. I. Block.

Oroua .. | Hautapu .. | 7 | XII. | 200 0 0 | 1 9 6 | 295 0 0 | 1 5-7 | 7 7 6 | 1 2-16 | 5 18 0
 Weighted with £70 for improvements.
 This section is situated in the Marton No. I. Farm-homestead Block, on the Titirangi Road, and consists of undulating land with a small flat portion. It is well watered, and the soil is good, on a papa formation. It is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, matai, totara, rata, tawa, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The section is distant about nine miles from Mangaweka by a formed bridle-track. The trees up to 3ft. in diameter have been felled over an area of 40 acres, and this area has been partly burnt, and sown in grass.

Palmerston North Knights of Labour Block.

Rangitikei | Tiriraukawa | 13 | IV. | 100 0 0 | 1 5 0 | 125 0 0 | 1 3 | 3 2 6 | 1 0 | 2 10 0
 The Rangitikei County Council have a claim of 17s. 2d. for rates due on this section.
 This section is situated on a branch road from Murray's track, distant from Hunterville about twenty miles, six miles of which is a formed bridle-track, and the rest a cart-road; but the nearest centre is Mangaweka, the distance to that place being fourteen miles, about nine miles of which is a bridle-track, and the rest a road in course of formation. The distance from the section to Murray's track is about three-quarters of a mile, and this is a fair pack-track. The land is broken, but the soil is fair, on a papa formation. It is well watered, and covered with light mixed bush.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Hunterville No. I. Block.

Wanganui | Maungakaretu | 21 | XIV. | 200 0 0 | 1 2 6 | 225 0 0 | 1 1-5 | 5 12 6 | 0 10-8 | 4 10 0
 Weighted with £12 for improvements.
 Rangitikei County Council has a claim of 13s. 9d. for rates due on this section.
 This section is situated in the Hunterville No. I. Farm-homestead Block, on the Okaka Road, and consists of hilly and undulating land intersected by deep gullies. The soil is fair, on a clay and papa formation, and is covered with light forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, maire, rewarewa, titoki, &c., with usual undergrowth. The section is distant about twenty-five miles from Hunterville by the Mangamahoe Road, which is formed for dray traffic to within three miles. An area of 6 acres has been felled and grassed. The section is well watered.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Hunterville No. III. Block.

Rangitikei | Tiriraukawa | 13 | VI. | 200 0 0 | 1 6 0 | 260 0 0 | 1 3-6 | 6 10 0 | 1 0-48 | 5 4 0
 Weighted with £31 10s. for improvements.
 Rangitikei County Council has a claim for £1 15s. 8d. for rates due on this section.
 This section is situated in the Hunterville No. III. Block, on the Mangamahoe Road, and consists of broken country with a few small flats. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and is covered with forest of a mixed character containing rimu, tawa, rata, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The land is well watered. The section is distant about twenty-one miles from Hunterville, fifteen miles and a half being a dray-road, and five miles and a half a formed bridle-track. An area of 18 acres has been grassed.

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

Sections in Maraeroa-Oturoa Block for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
 Auckland, 28th June, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned sections in the Maraeroa-Oturoa Block, Thermal Springs District, Auckland, will be offered for lease by public auction, for a term of twenty-one years, at the upset annual rentals noted below, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, on Wednesday, the 25th August, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.
 MARAEROA-OTUROA BLOCK, THERMAL SPRINGS DISTRICT.

Section.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
8	200 0 0	3 6 8
8A	200 0 0	3 6 8
9	500 0 0	8 6 8
9A	518 0 0	8 12 8

These sections are all covered with mixed forest; soil light, but good. They are not well watered, owing to the porous nature of the soil.

CONDITIONS OF LEASING.

1. Term of lease, twenty-one years from the 1st day of September, 1897.
2. Rent payable half-yearly in advance; the first of such half-yearly payments to be made at the close of sale, and all future payments to be made to the officer appointed to receive the same within sixty days from the days on which they become due, and in default thereof the lease to be forfeited.
3. The lessee shall, within one year from the date of lease, fell, burn, and sow with grass an area equal to 5 per cent.

of the land comprised therein; within two years a further 5 per cent. of the area; within three years a further 5 per cent. of the area; within six years an amount equal to one-quarter of the total area; and at the end of the term an area equal to one-half of the total area.

4. The lessee shall be liable for all rates, taxes, &c.
5. No transfers or assignments to be permitted without the consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
6. No valuation for improvements will be paid by the Crown, but the lease of the holdings will, a few months before the end of the term, be submitted to auction again for a further period of twenty-one years, loaded with the value of the improvements in favour of the lessee, the incoming tenant to pay the value of the improvements; but if there be no bid for the lease then the land, with the improvements, will revert to the outgoing tenant at the same rent paid under the expiring lease.

GERHARD MUELLER,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Allotment for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned village-homestead allotment will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on and after Wednesday, 1st September, 1897.

FIRST SCHEDULE.
 WAIKAWA VILLAGE.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Half-yearly Rent (4 per cent.).
Waikawa	23	VII.	A. R. P. 17 1 22	£ s. d. 0 8 8

This land is covered with bush of no commercial value. Soil good. The distance from Waikawa is about two miles. Limit of holding in this village, 50 acres. This section is burdened with £26 valuation for improvements, consisting of—hut, £5; clearing and grassing, £16; fencing, £5.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

1. The land enumerated above is first-class land, and is a village-homestead allotment, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").
2. The day on which the land shall be open for selection shall be Wednesday, the 1st day of September, 1897.
3. The rental stated above shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.
4. Applications for a lease shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act, and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Invercargill; and a lease will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.
5. Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single), and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C of the said Act.
6. The successful applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease and registration-fee, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot. The next payment will become due on the 1st July, 1898.
7. All rents must be paid half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided.
8. Improvements and residence on the land comprised in the lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to the lessee under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to the lessee under these regulations.
9. The lessee shall not subdivide, sublet, or transfer the land held by him under these regulations, except under and subject to the provisions of Part I. of the said Act.
10. The lessee shall hold the allotment for his or her sole use and benefit, and not for the use or benefit of any other person whomsoever. No married woman shall be eligible as a selector; but this provision shall not apply to any married woman who may become a transferee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy.
11. All the provisions of the said Act, so far as applicable, shall extend and apply to the land affected by these regulations, and to the applications and leases to be made and issued thereunder, and generally to the interests created, and the persons whose rights, liabilities, or interests are thereby affected; and the mention of any particular provision of the said Act shall not be deemed to exclude any other provision of the said Act applicable to the particular case.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-runs, Hundalee Survey District, Marlborough, for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 3rd August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease upon application, on and after Wednesday, the 22nd September, 1897, at the half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.
Kaikoura County.—Hundalee Survey District.

Run No.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
86	2,685 0 0	0 5.4	30 4 2
87	2,865 0 0	0 6	35 16 3
88	1,410 0 0	0 6½	19 16 7

Small Grazing-run No. 86.—All hill; well watered; 200 acres light bush suitable only for firewood. There is a paddock of 110 acres mostly ploughed and in English grass; remainder of section fern and tussock. Three-roomed concrete-and-iron hut; 530 chains of wire-and-standard fence

on boundary. Accessible by Waiau-Kaikoura Road, and the Cribb and Kahautara river-beds. Altitude, 450 ft. to 2,300 ft. Distant fifteen miles from Kaikoura.

Small Grazing-run No. 87.—All hills, covered with tussock and fern, part ploughable; well watered and sheltered, with northern aspect. Good ploughable homestead-site of 80 acres. Accessible by Waiau-Kaikoura Road, and Cribb and Kahautara river-beds. Altitude, 400 ft. to 3,000 ft. Distant fourteen miles from Kaikoura.

Small Grazing-run No. 88.—All hills, part ploughable; well watered; northern aspect; soil varies from good to poor and stony; 50-acre paddock ploughed and in English grass (good homestead-site), balance tussock and fern; 100 chains wire-and-standard fencing on south boundary, and 224 chains within the section. Altitude, 400 ft. to 3,000 ft. Distant thirteen miles from Kaikoura.

89	2,495 0 0	0 6½	35 1 9
92	3,270 0 0	0 2½	15 6 7
93	4,100 0 0	0 3½	32 0 8

Small Grazing-run No. 89.—Nearly all hills, part ploughable; well watered; sunny aspect; 240 acres light firewood bush, remainder mostly tussock with patches of fern and grass; good homestead-site, partly level, ploughed and in grass; good wire-fence on south boundary, and 190 chains of internal fencing. Altitude, 350 ft. to 2,500 ft. Distant thirteen miles from Kaikoura.

Small Grazing-run No. 92.—Very rough broken country, all hills; mostly poor stony soil; two-thirds inferior bush, remainder tussock and fern; well watered. Altitude, sea-level to 3,000 ft. 200 chains wire-and-standard fence on boundary, and a rough gully forms natural fence for another mile. Fronts Waiau-Kaikoura Road now being made. A stock-track reserve along Run 87 gives access to the back of the run. Distant twelve miles from Kaikoura, near Omihi landing-place.

Small Grazing-run No. 93.—Mostly rough broken country; well watered; altitude, 50 ft. to 2,700 ft.; half light bush and scrub, remainder tussock and fern. There are some low ridges and spurs near the south-east corner of the run, and a flat terrace forming good homestead-site fronting main road (now being made). Most of the bush land is fair soil, and would grass well if cleared. 370 chains wire-and-standard fence on boundary. There are sheep-yards and paddocks at northern end, and a stock-track from them to main road. Distant sixteen miles from Kaikoura, and three miles from Omihi landing-place.

94	1,820 0 0	0 3	11 7 6
95	1,795 0 0	0 3½	14 0 6

Small Grazing-run No. 94.—The part of this run fronting on main road consists of low spurs and slopes, very good soil, part bush and part tussock; the remainder poor stony hills, about half of which are bush and half tussock; well watered. Altitude, 40 ft. to 2,800 ft. Distant fifteen miles from Kaikoura and two miles from the Omihi landing-place.

Small Grazing-run No. 95.—This run is on the sea-coast. Two-thirds light bush, which would carry grass well if cleared, remainder from good to very rough and stony tussock hills; well watered. Altitude, sea-level to 2,770 ft. Distant fourteen miles from Kaikoura by main road. The Omihi landing-place is on this run.

96	3,930 0 0	0 4½	36 16 11
97	3,420 0 0	0 6	42 15 0

Small Grazing-run No. 96.—At present 1,435 acres of this run to the west of the Redan is under license to Mr. Bullen for three years from 1st April, 1897, and possession of only 2,495 acres will be given until 1st April, 1900, the half-yearly rental being £22 17s. 9d. until that time. This run fronts the main road. It varies from low ridges with good soil to very rough and stony hilltops. Nearly half bush, most of which is very good land, and would carry grass well if cleared. There is a fairly good homestead-site at the north-east corner, which is sixteen miles and a half from Kaikoura and three miles and a half from the Omihi landing-place. The north-west boundary is fenced by 280 chains wire-fence and by an impassable gully; a part of the east boundary is also fenced. Well watered. Altitude, 200 ft. to 2,900 ft.

Small Grazing-run No. 97.—At present 645 acres of this run to the west of the Redan is under license to Mr. Bullen for three years from 1st April, 1897, and possession of only 2,775 acres will be given until 1st April, 1900, the half-yearly rental being £34 13s. 9d. until that time. Situated on the main road, eighteen miles from Kaikoura, and five miles from Omihi landing-place. The front of the run consists of very good low ridges and slopes, some of which can be ploughed. The hills at the back are poor and stony. 380 chains of wire-fence on boundary, and 90 chains of subdivisional fencing. Altitude, 400 ft. to 2,600 ft. Well watered.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 12th July, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity on and after Wednesday, the 18th August, 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 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

PAHIATUA COUNTY.—MAKURI SURVEY DISTRICT.
Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.			
			Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
12	X.	A. B. P. 215 0 0	s. d.	£ s. d.		
			0 7·2	3 4 6		

The section is weighted with £77 10s. for improvements, &c.

A half-year's rent and £1 ls. lease-fee, together with the amount with which the section is weighted for improvements, &c., must be paid before the application can be approved.

The above section comprises rather broken land, the soil being fair, on a sandstone formation, covered with forest, except 35 acres which has been felled and sown with grass. The timber consists of rimu, rata, tawhero, &c., with an undergrowth of mahoe, konini, supplejack, &c. The land is well watered by creeks. The access is from Makuri Township, from which it is distant about 5 miles, 3½ miles by a main dray-road, and 1½ miles by a good pack-track.

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

Reserve in Auckland for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 12th July, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned reserve will be submitted for leasing for a term of fourteen years, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," at this office, on Friday, the 3rd day of September, 1897, at 11 a.m.:

Raglan County, Parish of Karamu: Section 22, 15 acres 1 rood; upset annual rent, £3.

The landing reserve about one mile from Whatawhata.

Term of Lease.—Fourteen years, without any right of renewal.

No compensation for improvements during either the currency or on termination of the lease; but the lessee may remove any buildings or fences erected by him.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 9th August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Maketu, Bay of Plenty, on the 25th day of August, 1897, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

[Auckland, 97-58.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Sale (C.A. 95-35) ..	7th April, 1891 ..	Hinekopiri ..	Rota Rangihoro and Wikitoria te Hurutai to Duncan Robertson.
2	Transfer (C.A. 95-56) ..	29th January, 1894 ..	Waipumuka No. 1 ..	Marara Rangihoro, Marara Rangihoro and Ereata Rangihoro (as trustees for Emere Tapui and Atikini Taia-tini); Tamati te Hauwaho, Wiremu Whakahau, Rihi Titihuia, and Hemi te Uara to Alfred Pinker.
3	Transfer (C.A. 95-76) ..	14th September, 1893	Tirotirowhetu No. 2 ..	Henare te Pukuatua, Petera te Pukuatua, and Rangihuhia Pukuatua, to Alfred Pinker.
4	Purchase (C.A. 95-78) ..	1st August, 1874 ..	Portion of Otairoa No. 3	Matataia Wikiriwhi te Roroaterangi to Thomas Hawkins Smith.
5	Conveyance (C.A. 97-102)	30th March, 1883 ..	Waipumuka No. 2 ..	Hakaraia Tipene, Henare Taratara, Hurihia Taratara, Hakaraia Tipene, and Henare Taratara (as trustees for Te Marangi Maraea, Miraka Maraea, and Rangitaunaha Hurihia); Tamati Tipene, and Hoani Hakaraia, to Henry Walter Vercoe.
6	Transfer (C.A. 97-103) ..	9th May, 1883 ..	Waipumuka No. 3 ..	Te Awanui Pine, Te Paki Pine, Te Paki Pine (as trustee for Taitea te Atirau and Peata Porina); Te Mamae Pohotikawe, Aopango Taraipine, Te Parahamoa Taraipine, Hamiora te Tumu, Ramarihi te Karuharare, Kaparani, Ruere Tikawe, and Porina Tikawe to Henry Walter Vercoe.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 6th August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Native Appellate Court which was notified to sit at Maketu, Bay of Plenty, on the 12th day of August, 1897, has been adjourned to the 19th day of August, 1897.

[Auckland, 97-58.]

JAS. W. BROWNE,
Registrar.

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

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 3rd August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that applications have been made to a Judge 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.

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

[Gisborne, 97-35.]

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
642	Mortgage (2-287)	31st July, 1897	Mangaheia No. 2D	James Carroll and Wiremu Pere to the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company (Limited).
643	Mortgage (2-287)	31st July, 1897	Mangaheia No. 2D	James Carroll and Wiremu Pere to the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company (Limited).
644	Mortgage (2-287)	31st July, 1897	Lots 8 and 9, part of Matawhero B or No. 5, part of Pakowhai, Mangaokura No. 1, Motu No. 1, part of Okahuatui No. 2, Mangatu No. 5, Mangatu No. 6, Lot 5 and part of Lot 4 of Matawhero No. 1	James Carroll and Wiremu Pere to the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company (Limited).

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 9th August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at New Plymouth on the 15th day of September, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 97-65.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
92	Transfer (97-230)	19th June, 1897	Reserve K, Hua and Waiwakaiho	Wharepuni to John Franklin Hooker.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
93	Isaiah Freeman	Roka Ruanui.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 6th August, 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 28th day of August, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 97-62.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
526	Memorandum of Transfer (97-261)	23rd March, 1893	Makowhai No. 1	Hoani H. te Uawiri and others to Joseph Smith.
527	Memorandum of Transfer (97-262)	30th August, 1893	Makowhai No. 1	Te Huritau Hurutara to Joseph Smith.
528	Memorandum of Transfer (97-263)	30th April, 1894	Makowhai No. 1	Wi Katene Rangitukua to Joseph Smith.
529	Memorandum of Transfer (97-264)	19th January, 1894	Makowhai No. 1	Kereopa te Waihora to Joseph Smith.
530	Memorandum of Transfer (97-265)	6th May, 1893	Makowhai No. 1	Te Tahua and others to Joseph Smith.
531	Memorandum of Transfer (97-266)	11th February, 1897	Makowhai No. 1	Pikiku te Matautiri and others to Joseph Smith.
532	Memorandum of Transfer (97-267)	10th August, 1896	Makowhai No. 1	Kawhena and others to Joseph Smith.
533	Memorandum of Transfer (97-268)	25th March, 1893	Makowhai No. 1	Poharama Takorangi and others to Joseph Smith.
534	Memorandum of Transfer (97-269)	27th January, 1893	Makowhai No. 1	Makere te Matetahora and Miriama te Toroa to Joseph Smith.
535	Memorandum of Transfer (97-270)	30th March, 1893	Makowhai No. 1	Rangitaurua Rakei and others to Joseph Smith.
536	Memorandum of Transfer (97-283)	5th August, 1897	Part of Waipu No. 1c	Eramiha te Kiore to Gifford Marshall.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 39 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
579	Tarewa Heremaia. (Wh. 390-95)	Taumatamahoe Block.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 9th August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Otaki on the 24th day of August, 1897, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

[Wellington, 97-66.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer (97-257) ..	2nd July, 1897 ..	Aorangi 3E, Subdivision No. 4	Teira te Panau to Percy Edward Baldwin.
2	Transfer (97-258) ..	15th July, 1897 ..	Aorangi 3E, Subdivision No. 4	Tiemi te Rangikatokono to Percy Edward Baldwin.
3	Transfer (97-259) ..	14th July, 1897 ..	Aorangi 3E, Subdivision No. 1	Hemara te Whetu to Percy Edward Baldwin.
4	Transfer (97-260) ..	8th May, 1897 ..	Aorangi 3E, Subdivision No. 4	Wiremu Matai to Percy Edward Baldwin.
5	Transfer (97-271) ..	2nd August, 1897 ..	Horowhenua No. 3C, Part No. 4B	Manihera te Rau and others to James Bronté.
6	Conveyance (97-282) ..	9th July, 1897 ..	Hadfield, Town Section 84	Pua Rina and Pore Ihaia to William Robert John Franklin.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
6	Travers and Ollivier	Ngakaroro 2F Reserve.
7	Pitihira Roiri	Himatangi No. F.
8	Atenata Wharekiri	Aorangi No. 3G No. 2.
9	Hiri Pihana	Pukehou 4B No. 4A.
10	George Bevan	Pukehou 4G No. 2.
11	Kirk, Atkinson, and Wilson, solicitors for Hariata Pipito ..	Haruatai No. 11.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
30	Te Rawharitua	Piritaha No. 53N.
31	Tereturu Hamahona	Pukehou 4G No. 6.
32	Huriana Tiro and another	Ohau 3, Subdivision 26.
33	Areta Mihaka	Manawatu-Kukutauaki 7D, Subdivision 5.

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

No.	Names of Applicants.	Names of Lands to be exchanged.
35	(Metapere Mereti and Hoeta Kahuhuia Marara Hoeta)	Aorangi No. 1, Section 29; and Taonui Ahuaturanga No. 2B.

Application under Section 90 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to determine Compensation payable for Land taken for a Public Road.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor, dated the 14th day of June, 1897, the under-mentioned land, comprising 34.7 perches, being a portion of Section No. 78 of the Ngarara West A Block, situated at Waikanae, has been taken for a public road:

Application is hereby made, under section 90 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to the Native Land Court to determine the amount of compensation payable therefor.

(L.S.) The common seal of the Horowhenua County Council was hereunto affixed on this 7th day of August, 1897, by order of the said Board, in the presence of—

HERBERT J. RICHARDS, Chairman.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 11th August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 17th day of September, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 97-67.]

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
49	Horomona Rehe	Te Karaka Kahukura.
50	Thomas Roach	Putai te Raturua.
51	Mi Otonore	Rawiri te Rangitekehua.
52	Raiha Puaha	Ihaia te Paki.
53	Taniora Rau	Wiremu Hapi Pakau.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 12th August, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Kaiapoi on the 13th day of September, 1897, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 97-64.]

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1	Hoani Maaka Hape	Kaipoi B.
2	Eruera Teaika and others	Rangiwhakaputa No. 216.
3	Ruiha Teaika	Kaipoi, Section 132.

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
147	Hoani M. Hape	Tawhitioterangiwetea.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased
152	Taituha Hape	Henare Mahuika.
153	H. Tare Tikao	Tahana Hapaikete.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 8th August, 1897.

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

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Sec. 55, 97-19.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Lease (97-280)	7th July, 1897	Lot 35, Otago Heads Native Reserve	Ripeka Karetai and Epiha Maaka to John James McAuley.

Vital Statistics, July, 1897.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of July, 1897:—

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the month of July, 1897.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL, 1896.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN JULY, 1897.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, July, 1897.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1896.	
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.			
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.				
Auckland	57,616	31,424	97	6	..	13	2	3	17	41	1.30	14.42	
Birkenhead		690	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2.90	5.80
Devonport		3,010	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.33	12.29
Newmarket		1,929	4	3	1	4	2.07	11.40
Newton		2,379	4	4.20	..
Parnell		4,196	10	1	1	1	4	7	1.67	10.96	..
Other suburbs
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	48,628	129	8	..	17	3	4	23	55	1.26	13.12	
Wellington	41,758	37,441	77	7	1	18	4	1	10	41	1.09	11.59	
Karori		1,024	1	1.95	..
Melrose		2,044	8	1	1	0.49	9.80	..
Onslow		1,249	4	1	1	0.80	2.40	..
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	41,758	90	7	1	19	4	1	11	43	1.03	10.97	
Christchurch	51,390	16,964	30	1	1	13	..	..	4	19	1.12	11.49
Linwood		6,115	13	1	..	5	1	..	4	11	1.80	10.47	
St. Albans		5,781	8	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	0.69	8.99
Sydenham		10,312	13	4	..	2	2	..	4	12	1.16	12.02	
Woolston		2,057	5	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	1.94	10.70
Other suburbs
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	41,229	69	6	1	22	5	..	16	50	1.21	11.08	
Dunedin	47,280	22,815	45	3	..	14	2	..	8	27	1.18	9.60	
Caversham		4,763	16	1	..	5	..	..	7	13	2.73	14.91
Maori Hill		1,483	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.67	4.72
Mornington		3,584	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.28	7.25
North-east Valley		3,374	4	1	..	1	..	..	1	3	0.89	7.71
Roslyn		4,118	10	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.49	5.83
St. Kilda		1,185	2	5.06	..
South Dunedin		4,592	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.22	9.58
West Harbour		1,366	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	1.46	5.86
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	47,280	91	6	..	22	2	..	20	50	1.06	9.12	

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

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

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 379, against 360 in June, an increase of 19. The deaths in July were 193, an increase of 41 on the number in June. Of the total deaths, males contributed 109, females 89. Forty-eight of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 24.24 per cent. of the whole number; 41 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 46 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: nine men, 65, 67, 70, 74 (two), 75, 77, 82, 84, and six women, 65, 66, 70, 72, 81, 89, died at Auckland; two women, 66, 74, at Wellington; six men, 65, 66, 68, 71, 72, 76, and four women, 66, 77, 81, 87, at Christchurch; and twelve men, 65 (two), 66, 67, 70, 71 (two), 72, 76, 79, 87 (two), and seven women, 65, 66, 69, 74, 76, 77, 85, at Dunedin.

THE following Table shows the Causes of the Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 Years of Age and 5 Years and upwards, and the Proportion per Cent. of Deaths from each Cause, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the Month of July, 1897.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	1	3	2	..	2	2	1	..	11	5.55
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	1.51
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	1	11	2	7	1	9	1	9	41	20.71
V.	Developmental Diseases	1	3	2	..	3	2	..	2	13	6.57
VI.	Local Diseases	8	22	7	21	5	25	5	25	118	59.60
VII.	Violence	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	6	3.03
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	6	3.03
	Totals	15	40	13	30	12	38	8	42	198	100.00

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.	
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
CLASS VI.—continued.										
ORDER 5—continued.										
Peritonitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Jaundice	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enlarged Liver	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stricture of Oesophagus	1	..	..	..	1
Appendicitis	1	..	1
ORDER 6:—										
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System,—</i>										
Lymphadenoma	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Exophthalmic Goitre	1	..	1
Addison's Disease	1	..	1
ORDER 7:—										
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>										
Nephritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bright's Disease	2	..	2	..	..	..	4
Uræmia	1	..	1
Cystitis	1	..	1
Amyloid Degeneration of Kidney	1	..	1
Kidney-disease	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 8:—										
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>										
Endometritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Miscarriage	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Confinement	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Extra-uterine Fœtation	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.										
ORDER 1:—										
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>										
Fracture of Thigh	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
Burns	1	..	1
Found Drowned	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Strangulation of Bowels, Rupture	1	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.										
Marasmus, &c.	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4
Found dead in Bed	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Found dead in Harbour	1	..	1
Totals	15	40	13	30	12	38	8	42	..	198

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

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	1.30
and five suburban boroughs	1.26
Wellington City	1.09
and three suburban boroughs	1.03
Christchurch City	1.12
and four suburban boroughs	1.21
Dunedin City	1.18
and eight suburban boroughs	1.06

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest and at Wellington the lowest. Compared with July, 1896, the results are,—

	July, 1896.	July, 1897.
Auckland and suburbs	1.19	1.26
Wellington and suburbs	0.69	1.03
Christchurch and suburbs	0.85	1.21
Dunedin and suburbs	1.16	1.06

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—The deaths belonging to this class at the four centres fell from 12 in June to 11 in July. Influenza, which caused 5 deaths in June at Auckland and Dunedin, contributed 8 to the mortality for July—3 at Auckland, 1 at Wellington, and 4 at Christchurch. From diarrhoea there was 1 death at Auckland, and from diphtheria 1 at Wellington.

Constitutional Diseases.—Out of 41 deaths 3 were from rheumatism, 10 from cancer, 15 from phthisis, and 3 from diabetes.

Local Diseases.—The mortality in this class was much higher in July than in June—118 deaths, against 78 in the former month. Of the deaths for last month, 26 were from diseases of the nervous system, 25 of the circulatory system (heart-disease, &c.), 33 of the respiratory system (including 27 from bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, and congestion of lungs), 17 of the digestive system, 3 of the lymphatic system, 9 of the urinary system, and 4 of the reproductive system.

Violent Deaths.—These numbered 6, all the result of accident. Two adults died from fracture of the thigh; a boy was burned to death by falling into a rubbish-pit; a labourer and a brickmaker were "found drowned"; and a youth died from strangulation of the bowels caused by accident.

The subjoined table shows the mortality for the last two months at each of the four centres from six principal specific febrile or zymotic diseases, and also the deaths from certain inflammatory diseases of the lungs. These causes of death have been distinguished from the others of the classes to which they belong as being the most important special diseases which give rise to sudden increases in the death-rates of towns, and the prevalence of which is closely connected with sanitary condition and climatic influence of the season on health.

Towns.	SIX PRINCIPAL SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG-DISEASES.							
	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Typhoid and other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping-cough.		Diarrhoeal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.	July.	June.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	1	..	1	1	..
Wellington and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	..	1	6	1	..	..	4	3	1	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	3	3	..	1
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..
Totals	2	1	3	..	..	1	1	15	6	2	2	8	7	2	1

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 6th August, 1897.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR JULY, 1897.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month* Average same month previous years*...	52.2 52.2	49.0 47.6	42.8 42.5	42.0 42.7
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	61.0 on 14th	62.0 on 26th	63.4 on 26th	55.0 on 30th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	40.0 on 3rd	31.0 on 20th	23.1 on 21st	31.0 on 21st
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	120.0 on 11th	105.0 on 5th	98.6 on 26th	96.0 on 26th
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	38.0 on 3rd.	21.0 on 20th	17.0 on 21st	24.0 on 18th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	71	71	73	78
Average same month previous years ...	80	78	82	78
Total Rainfall, in inches	5.230	3.306	0.159	1.350
Average same month previous years ...	4.818	6.335	2.607	2.474
Number of Days of Rain	25	21	4	10
Average same month previous years ...	19	18	13	12

* Fahrenheit.

NOTE.—This table is prepared from unchecked averages, transmitted by telegraph in anticipation of the full returns, and must not be entirely relied on for compiling Meteorological Statistics.

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 11th August, 1897.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the Month of July, 1897.

BOROUGHS.	POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL, 1896.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHS.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN JULY, 1897.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, July, 1897.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1896.
			Males.			Females.					
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Thames	5,500*	13	1	1	..	1	..	1	4	0.73	13.14
New Plymouth	3,825	7	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	0.78	11.24
Napier	9,231	26	1	..	4	..	..	6	11	1.19	14.41
Wanganui	5,936	15	..	..	3	2	..	2	7	1.18	9.10
Palmerston North	5,910	8	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	0.34	9.14
Blenheim	3,018	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	0.99	9.28
Nelson	6,659	22	1	..	2	2	..	3	8	1.20	12.61
Greymouth	3,099	6	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	0.97	9.36
Hokitika	2,059	9	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	1.94	5.34
Lyttelton	3,898	13	2	..	4	..	..	2	8	2.05	8.98
Timaru	3,613	14	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	0.83	7.47
Oamaru	5,225	9	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	0.38	8.04
Invercargill	5,632†	35	..	..	4	2	..	4	10	1.78	5.86

* Estimated population .

† At the census taken in April last the population of Invercargill and suburbs was 9,906 persons.

Rainfall for 1896.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
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NORTH ISLAND.

(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.

Parengarenga	A. R. Crane	33.48	120	1.80 on July 9th.
Pakaraka	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. ..	37.97	134	2.61 on August 14th.
Auckland	Government Observer ..	37.79	198	2.56 on April 27th.
Cuvier Island	Lightkeeper	30.51	94	1.88 on May 22nd.
Te Aroha*	P. Snewin	37.91	90	3.50 on May 14th.
Katikati	L. A. Shadwell	55.83	129	3.38 on August 31st.
Rotorua	Dr. Ginders	50.96	155	2.40 on February 4th.

(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT.

Kaitiāia	W. G. Puckey	42.97	189	1.59 on Sept. 21st.
Okaihau	H. C. Burleigh	51.26	168	2.04 on August 14th.
Raglan	H. V. Rutherford	68.02	164	4.12 on April 25th.
New Plymouth	E. Veale	66.66	186	1.70 on February 3rd.
Inglewood	Miss E. Trimble	106.61	208	4.83 on February 3rd.
Ngatimaru	Miss A. Hutchinson	91.93	175	3.80 on February 3rd.

(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.

Upper Waitotara	E. F. Liffiton	57.27	194	2.30 on April 27th.
Stratford	Miss Bobin	58.06	186	2.05 on February 3rd.
Opuake	A. H. Moore	46.11	207	3.19 on April 27th.
Manaia	G. A. Hurley	39.37	134	1.70 on June 8th.
Hawera	J. Livingston	36.16	143	2.75 on April 27th.
Kaponga	C. Maclean	51.70	116	1.85 on March 25th.
Wanganui	H. S. Seager	41.54	123	2.65 on April 27th.
Kaitoke	A. Wychodil	36.68	165	2.10 on April 27th.
No. 2 Line (Wanganui)	H. I. Jones	43.49	150	1.95 on April 27th.
Raetihi (Wanganui)	G. T. Murray	63.58	211	1.88 on February 4th.
Campbelltown	H. Sanson	36.82	113	1.63 on January 7th.
Feilding	S. Goodbehere	32.13	189	2.07 on January 8th.
Erehwon	W. J. Birch	36.29	173	1.46 on April 27th.
Ruanui	J. F. Studholme	43.00	166	1.68 on April 28th.
Colyton	R. L. Pudney	36.42	161	1.82 on January 8th.
West Waitapu	J. Gurflee	44.52	206	1.41 on April 27th.
Ashurst	H. Barnes	37.55	160	2.45 on June 26th.
Bull's	E. Keiller	36.21	153	1.60 on January 7th.
Palmerston North	Captain Brown	32.85	171	1.84 on June 26th.
State Farm (Levin)	O. J. Blaine	38.64	186	1.97 on April 27th.
Otaki	M. H. Ayre	38.04	184	2.18 on April 26th.
Kereru*	C. A. Muggleton	45.01	106	1.58 on March 29th.
Pukerua	W. Bell	40.98	161	2.75 on April 27th.

(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.

Waipiro	S. Dodgshun	46.02	116	2.80 on Sept. 1st.
Matahiia	F. J. Kemp	53.28	107	4.40 on Sept. 1st.
Tolago Bay	A. Reeves	42.53	70	2.78 on Sept. 1st.
Gisborne	Rev. W. H. Williams	37.98	141	1.43 on Sept. 2nd.
Patutahi	H. N. Watson	33.26	104	1.77 on Sept. 1st.
Tutira Lake	H. Guthrie-Smith	45.93	120	3.25 on August 1st.
Rakamoana†	J. Moore	52.21	156	4.07 on June 25th.
Te Kowhai	J. H. Absalom	61.68	103	6.02 on June 25th.
Petane	W. H. Smith	41.67	109	3.50 on June 25th.
Napier	E. Lyndon	35.90	81	3.33 on Sept. 4th.
Hastings	J. N. Williams	37.04	107	3.51 on Sept. 5th.
Waimarama	Thomas R. Moore	44.18	124	4.91 on June 18th.
Mangakuri	G. C. Williams	50.35	99	3.76 on Sept. 5th.
Te Aute	S. B. Ludbrook	44.76	108	3.89 on June 25th.
Maraekakaho	A. Lockie	40.78	117	3.65 on Sept. 5th.
Gwavas	J. Nicoll	40.98	148	3.50 on June 26th.
Mount Vernon	R. Harding	44.00	126	4.90 on June 26th.
Ormondville†	J. C. Westall	57.29	148	5.34 on July 31st.
Pahiatua	W. Tosswill	44.15	155	1.40 on July 31st.
Newman	W. H. Herbert	75.91	205	2.32 on April 10th.
Otahuac	E. Bennett	44.49	135	4.28 on July 31st.
Masterton	B. Couborne	45.92	116	5.45 on July 31st.
Carterton	H. Braithwaite	43.61	123	4.20 on July 31st.
Summit	M. Cronin	106.16	198	5.15 on July 31st.
Upper Hutt	M. Maher	65.75	85	4.50 on February 2nd.
Taita	T. Mason	55.04	165	3.38 on February 3rd.
Wainuiomata	J. Quaintance	74.56	133	3.73 on February 3rd.
Petone	Sir J. Hector	49.82	156	3.41 on April 26th.
Wellington	Government Observer	57.54	185	2.90 on March 25th.
Karori	W. Edmonds	53.26	162	2.50 on March 25th.

* Ten months.

† Eleven months.

Rainfall for 1896—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for previous Twenty-four Hours).
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SOUTH ISLAND.

(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.

Nelson	Dr. Hudson	34.34	131	2.00 on March 24th.
Stephens Island	Lightkeeper	39.51	84	2.50 on May 15th.
The Brothers	Lightkeeper	37.34	120	3.07 on April 16th.
Blenheim	N. Prichard	29.35	98	2.33 on Sept. 2nd.
Cape Campbell	Lightkeeper	33.73	55	2.35 on June 26th.
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	64.84	94	7.00 on Sept. 27th.
Kekerangu	W. J. White	70.66	112	7.19 on Sept. 2nd.
Kaikoura	Miss G. Collins	63.45	108	6.25 on July 24th.

(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.

Farewell Spit	Lightkeeper	40.18	139	1.76 on February 3rd.
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	95.67	187	4.30 on July 23rd.
Westport	H. S. Ewan	94.57	207	6.86 on March 24th.
Greymouth	J. Conner	106.92	180	5.00 on March 23rd.
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	115.83	163	6.10 on March 24th.
Bealey*	C. White	32.73	73	2.00 on March 24th.
Dusky Sound*	R. Henry	159.98	218	3.92 on January 25th.

(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.

Highfield	J. A. Northcote	47.95	103	2.83 on March 24th.
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	54.11	113	5.93 on July 23rd.
Port Hills (Christchurch)*	Miss Turner	22.83	85	1.92 on July 23rd.
Christchurch	A. L. Taylor	29.52	107	2.15 on July 23rd.
Linwood	J. A. Biltcliff	29.55	128	2.11 on March 24th.
Lincoln	C. O. Lillie	30.22	127	2.11 on July 23rd.
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	30.23	134	2.59 on March 24th.
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	25.22	110	1.52 on March 24th.
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	46.20	135	2.15 on March 24th.
Methven	H. G. Baker	41.75	129	3.14 on March 24th.
Drayton (Methven)	E. Chapman	37.44	125	3.07 on March 24th.
Ashburton	A. E. Hart	27.39	82	2.68 on March 24th.
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	27.33	122	1.72 on March 24th.
Geraldine	Captain E. F. Temple	33.03	128	1.83 on March 24th.
Oamaru	E. Menlove	23.75	128	1.85 on July 22nd.
Maheno	R. A. Chaffey	20.08	80	1.75 on February 3rd.

(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.

Macetown*	W. J. Stanford	28.59	98	1.55 on February 3rd.
Queenstown	L. Hotop	23.99	89	1.23 on March 3rd.
St. Bathans	J. Ewing	30.61	116	2.55 on February 3rd.
Middlemarch	D. Crawford	23.77	87	2.59 on February 3rd.
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	16.18	111	2.35 on February 3rd.
Dunedin	Government Observer	48.54	181	2.78 on July 24th.
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore	29.78	131	2.02 on February 3rd.
Balclutha	C. C. Halliday	23.77	107	1.61 on February 3rd.
Wyndham	W. H. Rodney	49.10	113	1.70 on January 17th and December 30th.
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	32.40	113	2.03 on July 4th.
Ratanui	G. M. Draper	48.45	205	2.23 on July 3rd.
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	36.60	167	0.95 on July 5th and October 16th.
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	51.18	158	2.85 on July 4th.
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	35.60	149	2.00 on Dec. 29th.
Puysegur Point	Lightkeeper	246.69	257	8.30 on Dec. 30th.
Chatham Islands	A. Shand	32.17	194	3.82 on March 4th.

* Eleven months.

J. HECTOR, Director.

Meteorological Office, Museum, Wellington, New Zealand.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM FLEMING WHYTE, of Auckland, Baker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 5th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.
Auckland, 29th July, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that MICHAEL MCSHEFFREY, of Kuaotunu, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 9th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.
Auckland, 31st July, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN HEENAN, of Opitonui, Miner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr. T. W. Clark's office, Thames, on Monday, the 16th day of August, 1897, at 2 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.
Auckland, 5th August, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM COWLEY, of Waihi and Paterangi, Miner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr. J. S. Edgecumbe's office, Hamilton, on Friday, the 13th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.
Auckland, 6th August, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM JOHN SMALE, of Puketapu, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Wednesday, the 11th day of August, 1897, at 11.30 o'clock.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Napier, 4th August, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that RICHARD HOLLIS, of Tara-dale, Drover, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Wednesday, the 18th day of August, 1897, at 11.30 o'clock.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Napier, 10th August, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WALTER MORISON, of Pahiatua, Produce Merchant, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Pahiatua, on Monday, the 16th day of August, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m.

W. B. CHENNELLS,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Masterton, 6th August, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM PERRY, of Levels Plains, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Timaru, 3rd August, 1897.

In Bankruptcy.

DIVIDENDS on all proved accepted claims have been declared in the following estates, viz. :—

David Pollock, Farmer, first, of 11½d. in the pound.
John Mackie, Carpenter, first, of 2s. 5d. in the pound.
John Shannon, Miner, first, of 2s. 6d. in the pound.
Joseph McCabe, Hairdresser, first, of 4s. in the pound.

ROBERT F. INDER,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Naseby, 5th August, 1897.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that HENRY CLAY RAVENWOOD, of Naseby, Miner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Naseby, on Wednesday, the 18th day of August, 1897, at 6.30 o'clock.

ROBERT F. INDER,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Naseby, 5th August, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN MACDONALD, of Dunedin, late Labour Agent, now Tea Dealer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 9th day of August, 1897, at 3 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.
Dunedin, 4th August, 1897.

Mining Notices.

THE HAURAKI (NEW ZEALAND) ASSOCIATED GOLD-MINES (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of the above-named company is at Mining Chambers, 103, Queen Street, Auckland.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1897.
M. NICCOL,
J. H. PORTER,
Attorneys for the said Company.

DEVORE AND COOPER,
Solicitors, Auckland. 1063

THE THAMES (NEW ZEALAND) EXPLORING SYNDICATE (LIMITED).

“THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884.”

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company is situate in Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1897.
HENRY A. GORDON,
Attorney for the said Company in New Zealand.
JACKSON AND RUSSELL,
Shortland Street, Solicitors for the said Syndicate. 1080

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Golden Valley Gold-mining Company (Limited) as a limited company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Golden Valley Gold-mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is at Coromandel.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at No. 10, New Zealand Insurance Company's Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.
4. The nominal capital of the company is one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, in one hundred and fifty thousand shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is one hundred and forty-five thousand, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is one hundred and forty-five thousand.
7. The amount already paid up or accredited paid up on one hundred and forty-five thousand shares is one pound per share.
8. The name of the Manager is Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as below:—

	No. of Shares.
Wright, Arthur, Auckland, Tailor	1,000
Strathearn, John, Auckland, Gentleman .. .	1,000
Thomas, Wm., Auckland, Monumental Mason ..	500
McCormick, Kate, Auckland, Gentlewoman ..	1,000
Keesing, Leah, Auckland, Gentlewoman .. .	3,000
Wynyard, M. H., Auckland, Solicitor .. .	2,500
Harrison, Eveline K., Auckland, Gentlewoman ..	2,000
Keesing, Tobias, Auckland, Agent (in trust) ..	4,670
MacDonnell, D. G., Auckland, Legal Manager ..	1,000
McCormick, James, Auckland, Agent .. .	50,404
Keesing, Judah and Tobias, Auckland, Agents (in trust) .. .	32,926
Wright, Arthur, Auckland, Tailor (in trust) ..	35,000
Wright, Arthur, Auckland, Tailor (in trust for lessors) .. .	10,000
Wright, Arthur, Auckland, Tailor (in trust for company) .. .	5,000
Total	150,000

Dated this 31st day of July, 1897.

D. G. MACDONNELL,
Manager.

Witness to signature—Chas. E. Purchas, Solicitor, Auckland.

I, Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell, of Auckland, Legal Manager, 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 the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

D. G. MACDONNELL.

Taken before me, this 31st day of July, 1897—Chas. E. Purchas, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.
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NEW GOLCONDA GOLD-MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

I, THE undersigned Manager, hereby give notice that an increase in the capital of the above-named company was, on the 19th day of July, 1897, resolved on.

The mode adopted for the increase is by issuing seventy-five thousand new shares of two shillings each, of which ninepence-farthing per share shall be considered paid up, in addition to the seventy-five thousand shares now existing in the company.

D. G. MACDONNELL,
Manager of the above-named Company.

GRAVES AICKIN,
GEORGE DUNNET,
Directors of the above-named Company.

Auckland, 2nd August, 1897.

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1. I, Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true in every particular.

2. I am the Manager of the above-named company.

3. Graves Aickin and George Dunnet, whose signatures are affixed to the said statement, are directors of the said company.

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."

D. G. MACDONNELL.

Taken before me, at Auckland, this 2nd day of August, 1897—H. M. Shepherd, J.P.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT EXTENSION OF WATER-RACE.

Otago Mining District, 27th July, 1897.

To the Warden at Roxburgh.

I HEREBY give notice that I intend to construct an extension of a water-race to convey and use water for mining purposes, commencing at a point on my race from Teviot River known as Hercules No. 1 Race (License L. R. No. 9567, 30/1/97), at the saddle near the Hercules Flat, and about a mile and a half from head of said race, thence running in a southerly direction through small portion of W. T. Scrimgeour's freehold, through Mrs. Heron's grazing-run, through Alexander Macdonald's freehold, thence through other portion of W. T. Scrimgeour's freehold, and terminating at Anderson's Flat, one mile and a half at lower end being carried in pipes.

The length of such race is six miles and a half, or thereabouts, and its intended course is southerly.

By-washes intended to be made at Thomson's Gully (2), Williams's Gully, Cockburn's Gully (3), Rae's Gully (2), and Rocky Gully (2).

The mean depth of such race is 2 ft. 9 in., and the mean breadth is 5 ft. 6 in., and it is proposed to carry fifty Government heads of water.

Cost of construction: £5,000.

Time required for construction: Two years.

Number and date of miner's right: No. 3808; 15th January, 1897.

JOHN EWING

(By his Solicitor, ROBR. GILKISON),
Applicant.

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

Hearing at 11 o'clock on the 2nd September, 1897, at Roxburgh.
FREDERICK JEFFERY,

Pro Warden.

Warden's Office, Clyde, 27th July, 1897.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

3281. MICHAEL GALVAN.—Allotments 75 and 76, Parish of Whangaroa, containing 165 acres 1 rood 6 perches. In Applicant's occupation.

3358. AMELIA MATSON.—Part of Allotments 1 and 2, Section 35, and part of Allotment 37A, Section 3, all in the Suburbs of Auckland, containing 5 acres 3 roods 34 perches. In Applicant's occupation.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,

1093

District Land Registrar.

APPLICATION having been made to me for the issue of a provisional certificate of title in the name of GEORGINA ELLEN FLEMING, late of Westport, but now of Wellington, Widow, for Section 260, Town of Westport, Crown grant, Vol. i., folio 801, and evidence having been lodged with me as to the loss of the original grant, I hereby give notice that I shall issue such provisional certificate as requested on the expiration of fourteen days from the date of publication hereof.

Dated this 5th day of August, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

H. W. ROBINSON,

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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.

8077. ROBERT ANDERSON.—170 acres, Rural Sections 1494, 1587, 3284, 5126, 6623, 12578, and 13748, Halswell Survey District (Charteris Bay). Occupied by Applicant.

8091. THE UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA (LIMITED).—3 roods 30 perches, part of Rural Section 79, Borough of Sydenham. Occupied by George McCatchie.

8092. ROBERT BLAKE and JAMES SINCLAIR.—35 perches, part of Rural Section 1062, Borough of Rangiora. Occupied by Agnes Sinclair.

8101. ROBERT IRWIN.—2 acres and 16 perches, part of Rural Section 1606, Patiti Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8105. JOHN SMELLIE.—34 acres 1 rood 20 perches, part of Rural Section 3188, Grey and Teviotdale Survey Districts. Occupied by Applicant.

8106. CHARLES BAILEY.—76 acres 1 rood 5 perches, Rural Sections 4542 and 6339, and part of Rural Section 6367, Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Applicant and Arthur Palmer.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 13th day of September, 1897.

2659. ASHTON BUDDLE FITCHETT.—109 acres 26 perches, Section 22, Ohiro District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between us, the undersigned, at Gisborne, under the style of "Robertson and Adair," has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 31st day of July, 1897.

The business of drapers and clothiers will be from this date continued at the premises formerly occupied by the above firm by Mr. THOMAS J. ADAIR, who will discharge all liabilities of the late firm, and who will receive all debts due to the late firm, and his receipt alone will be a sufficient discharge for the same.

Dated at Gisborne, this 4th day of August, 1897.

ROBERT ROBERTSON.
THOMAS ADAIR.

Witness to the signatures of Robert Robertson and Thomas John Adair—Arthur W. Rees, Solicitor, Gisborne.

1095

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of the Island Block Gold-Mining Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the winding-up of the above-named company by the Supreme Court was, on the 2nd day of August, 1897, presented to Mr. Justice Williams, a Judge of the Supreme Court, by James Colgan, of Island Block, in the Colony of New Zealand, miner, a creditor of the said company. And the said petition is directed to be heard before a Judge of the said Court on Friday, the 20th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding-up of the said company under the above Act should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same, by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

FREDERICK GEORGE DALZIELL,
of Lawrence,
Solicitor for the Petitioner.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and the amendments thereof; and in the matter of D. Henderson and Co. (Limited).

On Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, 1897.

UPON the petition of Alexander Burnett, of Masterton, Sawmiller, a creditor of the above-named company, on the 20th day of July, 1897, preferred unto a Judge of the Supreme Court; and upon hearing Mr. Gully, of counsel for the petitioner; and upon reading the said petition, an affidavit of the petitioner verifying the said petition, an affidavit of the petitioner sworn the 19th day of June, 1897, and filed herein, the affidavits of Herbert William Pownall and Charles Aylmer Pownall, sworn the 28th day of June, 1897, and the 31st day of July, 1897, respectively, and filed herein, the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 22nd day of July, 1897, the notice of motion filed herein, and the advertisement of the said petition contained in the *Wairarapa Daily* and *Wairarapa Star* newspapers: this Court doth order that the said D. Henderson and Co. (Limited) be wound up by the Court under the provisions of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and this Court doth further order and direct that all subsequent proceedings be had in the District Court of Wairarapa, holden at Masterton.

By the Court.

(L.S.)

W. A. HAWKINS,
Deputy Registrar.

1098

In the matter of the Ratanui Co-operative Dairy Association (Limited).

AT an extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company, duly convened, and held at Ratanui on the 16th day of June, 1897, the following special resolution was duly passed; and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the members of the said company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on the 3rd day of July, 1897, the following resolution was confirmed:—

"That the Ratanui Co-operative Dairy Association (Limited) be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of 'The Companies Act, 1882'; and that David Moir, of Ratanui, Merchant, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up."

Dated this 3rd day of July, 1897.

W. CARLTON,
Chairman.

Witness to the signature of the said W. Carlton—R. B. Stansfield, Postmaster, Ratanui.

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MAHARAHARA CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY PRODUCE COMPANY (LIMITED), (IN LIQUIDATION).

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of the company will be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of October, 1897, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in the cheese-factory.

Business: To receive final accounts of the winding-up of the company, and to pass an extraordinary resolution as to the disposal of the books, accounts, and documents of the company.

G. W. GRAINGER,
Liquidator.

Maharashtra, 7th August, 1897.

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