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Additional Land set apart for an Improved-farm Special Settlement.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred by the one hundred and sixty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that the block of land described in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same is hereby set apart and declared open for a special settlement.

SCHEDULE.

MANGATITI IMPROVED SMALL-FARM SETTLEMENT BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 100 acres, more or less, being Section No. 12, Block IX., Mount Cerberus Survey District: as the same is delineated on plan marked S.G. 29890, deposited at the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this fourteenth day of October, 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 Settlement.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the second section of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891" (herein termed "the said Act"), it is, amongst other things, enacted that, before certain moneys therein mentioned shall be expended upon any block of land, it shall be necessary that the same be proclaimed as set apart for settlement:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

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SCHEDULE.

PORTION OF BLOCK II., WAIKAWA DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement 307 acres 1 rood 28 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56, all of Block II., Waikawa Survey District; as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 36477, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

SCHEDULE.

HUIATUA BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 7,750 acres, more or less, situated in the Arowhata and Tutamoe Survey Districts. Bounded towards the north by the Huiaroa No. 3 Block; towards the east by the Tauwhareparae Block; and towards the south and west by the Waipaoa Blocks: as the same is

delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 15124, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proclaiming the Taking of a Road through Block XI., Mikimiki Survey District.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the consent of the owners of the lands hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Masterton Road Board, being the local authority in whose district the said lands are situated, do by this notice hereby proclaim as a road the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

The parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Areas.	Being Portion of Sections Nos.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 4 3 16	42	XI.	Mikimiki ..	S.G. 21014	Brown.
1 0 29	40	XI.	Mikimiki ..	S.G. 21014	Brown.

All in the Wellington Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above noted, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Licensing Messrs. White Bros. to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore of Collingwood Harbour.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of October, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), Messrs. Edward Fitzwilliam White and Martin Thomas White, of Collingwood, sawmill-proprietors, trading under the firm or title of "Messrs. White Bros." (and hereinafter called "the licensees"), have applied to the Governor in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore and of the land below low-water mark of Aorere or Collingwood Harbour, in the Provincial District of Nelson, in order to erect a wharf

thereon, and, in accordance with the one hundred and fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," have deposited a plan in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington (marked M.D. 2149) showing the position in which it is intended to erect such wharf, the area of foreshore intended to be occupied, and the manner in which it is proposed to erect the wharf: And whereas the Governor in Council has approved of the purpose for which the said foreshore is to be occupied: And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted and issued to the licensees under the said Act, for the purpose aforesaid, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby approve of the object for which the said license is required by the licensees as aforesaid; and in further pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, and with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, doth hereby license and permit the licensees to use and occupy that part of the foreshore on which the wharf is to be erected, as shown on the plan so deposited as aforesaid, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the said wharf, such license to be held and enjoyed by the licensees upon and subject to the following terms and conditions, that is to say:—

1. In these conditions the term "Minister" means the Minister having charge of the Marine Department, as defined by "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877," and includes any officer, person, or authority acting by or under the direction of such Minister.

2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore occupied by the said wharf, as shown on plan marked M.D. 2149.

3. In consideration of the concessions and privileges granted by this Order in Council, the licensees shall, on being supplied with a copy thereof, pay to the Minister the sum of five pounds, payable on the 1st day of October, dating from the 1st day of October, 1897.

4. All persons shall at all reasonable times, upon payment of the proper dues, have free and full liberty to use the said wharf, and all rights of ingress and egress thereon and therefrom.

5. Her Majesty, or the Governor, and all officers in the Government service acting in the execution of their duty, shall at all times have free ingress, passage, and egress into, through, and out of the said wharf without payment.

6. The licensees shall maintain the above-mentioned wharf in good order and repair; and shall at all times exhibit therefrom and maintain at their own cost suitable and necessary lights for the guidance of vessels: Provided that no light shall be exhibited until after it has been approved of by the Minister.

7. Any person authorised by the Minister may at all reasonable times enter upon the said wharf and view the state of repairs thereof; and upon such Minister leaving at or posting to the last known address of the licensees or either of them a notice in writing of any defect or want of repair in such wharf, requiring them, within a reasonable time, to be therein prescribed, to repair the same, they shall with all convenient speed cause such defect to be removed or such repairs to be made.

8. Nothing herein contained shall authorise the licensees to do or cause to be done anything repugnant to or inconsistent with any law relating to the Customs, or any regulation of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, or with any provisions of "The Harbours Act, 1878," or its amendments, or any regulations made thereunder, and that are now or may hereinafter be in force.

9. The ballast of all vessels loading at the said wharf shall be taken away by the licensees and deposited above high-water mark, or at such place as may be approved of by the Minister, by the Harbourmaster at Collingwood, or by any person appointed by the Minister for that purpose.

10. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by or under this Order in Council shall continue to be in force for fourteen years from the date hereof, unless in the meantime such rights, powers, and privileges shall be altered, modified, or revoked by competent authority; and the licensees shall not assign, charge, or part with any such right, power, or privilege without the written consent of the Minister first obtained.

11. The said rights, powers, and privileges may be at any time resumed by the Governor without payment of any compensation whatever, on giving to the licensees six calendar months' previous notice in writing. Any such notice shall be sufficient if given by the Minister, and delivered at or posted to the last known address of the licensees or either of them.

12. The licensees shall be liable for any injury which the said wharf may cause any vessel or boat to sustain through any default or neglect on their part.

13. In case the licensees shall—

- (1.) Commit or suffer a breach of the conditions hereinbefore set forth, or any of them;
- (2.) Cease to use or occupy the said wharf for a period of thirty days;
- (3.) Become bankrupt, or be in any manner brought under the operation of any Act for the time being in force relating to bankruptcy; or
- (4.) Fail to pay the sums specified in clause three of these conditions,

then and in either of the said cases this Order in Council, and every license, right, power, or privilege, may be revoked and determined by the Governor in Council without any notice to the licensees or other proceeding whatsoever; and publication in the *New Zealand Gazette* of an Order in Council containing such revocation shall be sufficient notice to the licensees, and to all persons concerned or interested, that this Order in Council, and the license, rights, and privileges thereby granted and conferred, have been revoked and determined.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Licensing John Harrison to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore of Kaipara Harbour.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of October, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), John Harrison, of Aratapu (hereinafter called "the licensee"), has applied to the Governor in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore and of the land below low-water mark of Wairoa River, near Aratapu, in Kaipara Harbour, in order to erect a wharf thereon, and, in accordance with the one hundred and fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," has deposited plans (two sheets) in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington (marked M.D. 2150) showing the position in which it is intended to erect such wharf, the area of foreshore and land below low-water mark intended to be occupied, and the manner in which it is proposed to erect the wharf: And whereas the Governor in Council has approved of the purpose for which the said license is required: And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted and issued to the licensee under the said Act, for the purpose aforesaid, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby approve of the object for which the said license is required by the licensee as aforesaid; and, in further pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, and with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, doth hereby license and permit the licensee to use and occupy that part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark on which the wharf is to be erected, as shown on the plan so deposited as aforesaid, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the said wharf, such license to be held and enjoyed by the licensee upon and subject to the following terms and conditions, that is to say:—

1. In these conditions the term "Minister" means the Minister having charge of the Marine Department, as defined by "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877," and includes any officer, person, or authority acting by or under the direction of such Minister.

2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore occupied by the said wharf, as shown on plans marked M.D. 2150.

3. In consideration of the concessions and privileges granted by this Order in Council, the licensee shall, on being supplied with a copy thereof, pay to the Minister the sum of five pounds, and thereafter an annual sum of two pounds, payable on the first day of October, dating from the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, the first of such annual payments to be made on the licensee being supplied with a copy of this Order in Council.

4. All persons shall at all reasonable times, upon payment of the proper dues, have free and full liberty to use the said

wharf, and all rights of ingress and egress thereon and therefrom.

5. Her Majesty, or the Governor, and all officers in the Government service acting in the execution of their duty, shall at all times have free ingress, passage, and egress into, through, and out of the said wharf without payment.

6. The licensee shall maintain the above-mentioned wharf in good order and repair; and shall at all times exhibit therefrom and maintain at his own cost suitable and necessary lights for the guidance of vessels: Provided that no light shall be exhibited until after it has been approved of by the Minister.

7. Any person authorised by the Minister may at all reasonable times enter upon the said wharf and view the state of repair thereof; and upon such Minister leaving at or posting to the last-known address of the licensee a notice in writing of any defect or want of repair in such wharf, requiring him, within a reasonable time, to be therein prescribed, to repair the same, he shall with all convenient speed cause such defect to be removed or such repairs to be made.

8. Nothing herein contained shall authorise the licensee to do or cause to be done anything repugnant to or inconsistent with any law relating to the Customs, or any regulation of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, or with any provisions of "The Harbours Act, 1878," or its amendments, or any regulations made thereunder, and that are now or may hereafter be in force.

9. The ballast of all vessels loading at the said wharf shall be taken away by the licensee, and deposited above high-water mark, or at such place as may be approved of by the Minister, by the Harbourmaster at Kaipara, or by any person appointed by the Minister for that purpose.

10. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by or under this Order in Council shall continue to be in force for fourteen years from the date hereof, unless in the meantime such rights, powers, and privileges shall be altered, modified, or revoked by competent authority; and the licensee shall not assign, charge, or part with any such right, power, or privilege without the written consent of the Minister first obtained.

11. The said rights, powers, and privileges may be at any time resumed by the Governor, without payment of any compensation whatever, on giving to the licensee six calendar months' previous notice in writing. Any such notice shall be sufficient if given by the Minister, and delivered at or posted to the last-known address of the licensee.

12. The licensee shall be liable for any injury which the said wharf may cause any vessel or boat to sustain through any default or neglect on his part.

13. In case the licensee shall—

- (1.) Commit or suffer a breach of the conditions hereinbefore set forth, or any of them;
- (2.) Cease to use or occupy the said wharf for a period of thirty days;
- (3.) Become bankrupt, or be in any manner brought under the operation of any Act for the time being in force relating to bankruptcy; or
- (4.) Fail to pay the sums specified in clause three of these conditions,

then and in either of the said cases this Order in Council, and every license, right, power, or privilege thereby conferred, may be revoked and determined by the Governor in Council without any notice to the licensee or other proceeding whatsoever; and publication in the *New Zealand Gazette* of an Order in Council containing such revocation shall be sufficient notice to the licensee, and to all persons concerned or interested, that this Order in Council, and the license, rights, and privileges thereby granted and conferred, have been revoked and determined.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Pohangina County Council subject to the Provisions of "The Public Bodies' Powers Act, 1887."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of October, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Pohangina County Council, being a leasing authority within the meaning of "The Public Bodies' Powers Act, 1887" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), has requested that these presents should issue, and it appears expedient to make the Order hereinafter contained: Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order and declare that the Pohangina County Council shall, as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, be subject to the provisions of the said Act.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Native Land proposed to be taken for a Road in the Tauranga County.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-seventh day of September, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken for a public work, to wit, the construction of a road through Native Reserve Rangiru 2b, Block II., Maketu Survey District:

And whereas the said land is held or occupied by Native owners under a title which is not derived from the Crown: And whereas a map in duplicate has been prepared of the said land by the Tauranga County Council, as required by the eighty-eighth section of "The Public Works Act, 1894":

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the eighty-eighth section of the said Act, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby declare that the land shown upon such map, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be deemed to be taken for the purpose of the said road, and the said land shall vest in Her Majesty the Queen as from the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:--

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in Survey Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 6 3 9	Rangiru No. 2b	II.	Maketu ..	S.G. 35513	Red.

All in the Auckland Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

The Hukerenui Agricultural Association incorporated.—Notice No. 497.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of October, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Agricultural and Pastoral Societies Act, 1877," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby incorporate the members of the Hukerenui Agricultural Association, and such persons as shall hereafter be admitted members of the said association agreeably to the rules of the said association and the provisions of the said Act, into a body corporate under the said Act, under the style and title of "The Hukerenui Agricultural Association."

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Appointment of Classification Commissioners, Auckland.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the one hundred and eighty-ninth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

GERHARD JOHN MUELLER,
WILLIAM CHARLES KENSINGTON, and
RICHARD JOHN GILL

Commissioners to classify and report to me upon the rural lands in the Auckland Land District known as the Rotomahana Parekarangi No. 6A Section 1, Paeroa South A No. 1, Paeroa South B No. 1, and Paeroa South C No. 1 Blocks, situate in Blocks XIV. and XV., Horohoro Survey District; I., II., III., IV., V., VI., VII., VIII., X., and XI., Ngongotaha Survey District; V., IX., and XIII., Paeroa Survey District; III. and IV., Tatua Survey District; and I., Takapau Survey District; and containing by admeasurement 57,075 acres, more or less; as provided by section one hundred and eighty-nine of "The Land Act, 1892," aforesaid.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY CHARLES JENKINS

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

J. CARROLL.

Consul for the United States appointed, Auckland.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 19th October, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has been informed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies that

FRANK DILLINGHAM, Esq.,

has been appointed Consul for the United States at Auckland, New Zealand, and that Her Majesty's exequatur has been issued to him.

J. CARROLL.

Sittings of Magistrate's Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 20th October, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

The POLICE-STATION, Palmerston North,

to be a place wherein sittings of the Magistrate's Court shall be held.

T. THOMPSON.

Inspector and Grader under "The Dairy Industry Act, 1894," appointed.—Notice No. 496.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 15th October, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

THOMAS MARSHALL

to be an Inspector and Grader, in terms of "The Dairy Industry Act, 1894"; to date from the 1st October, 1897.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister for Agriculture.

Member of Auckland Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 15th October, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to reappoint

ROBERT THOMPSON

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Auckland, as from the 25th September, 1897.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

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

Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers.

Lieutenant Charles Henry Clemens to be Lieutenant Commanding. Date of commission, 22nd September, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Issue of New Zealand War Medal.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the issue of the New Zealand war medal to

HENRY FRANCIS MANNING,

late Private, Taranaki Mounted Volunteers, whose claim has been investigated and admitted.

T. THOMPSON.

Notice of Proposed Addition to the Borough of Linwood.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 12th October, 1897.

A PETITION having been presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that the district described in the Schedule hereto might be incorporated in the Borough of Linwood, His Excellency directs it to be notified that, unless within two months from the publication hereof a petition or petitions, as required by section 32 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," is or are presented to His Excellency, he will proceed to incorporate the said district into the said Borough of Linwood.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 200 acres, more or less, being Rural Section No. 326, situated in Christchurch Survey District. Bounded towards the north by Woodham Road, towards the east by the road forming the western boundary of Rural Section No. 901, towards the south-east by Buckley's Road, and towards the south-west by Canal Reserve Road.

J. CARROLL.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Moa Road District, County of Taranaki.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th October, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL.

MOA ROAD BOARD.

RESULT of poll of ratepayers of the Rugby Road Special Rating District, taken 12th October, 1897, upon the following proposals:—

Proposal to raise a loan for Rugby Road Special Rating District, upon which a poll will be taken upon the 12th day of October, 1897,—(1) To form and metal a portion of the Rugby Road from the end of the existing metal to the Ross Road; (2) to borrow for such purpose the sum of £300 under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886"; (3) to strike as security for such loan a special rate of 3d. in the pound; (4) to constitute the Rugby Road Special Rating District, to comprise the following lands—viz., Sections 41, part 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, Moa.

Total number of ratepayers on special roll, 11; total number of votes exercisable, 13; Total number of votes recorded for the proposal, 10; total number of votes against, nil; total number of votes not recorded, 3.

I hereby declare the proposal carried.

13th October, 1897.

G. BEETHAM,
Chairman.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Stratford County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th October, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL.

STRATFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

RESULT of poll taken on the 7th day of October, 1897, upon the proposal to borrow £1,760, under "The Government

Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," to form, grade, and metal the Climie Road, in the South Riding:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 16; number of votes exercisable, 17: Number of ratepayers voting in favour of the proposal, 13; number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal, 13; number of ratepayers voting against the proposal, nil.

I declare the above proposal to be carried.

J. MACKAY,
Chairman.

Dated at Stratford, 12th October, 1897.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Hawera County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL.

HAWERA COUNTY COUNCIL.

LOAN of £150, under the Provisions of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and the Amendments thereof, for metalling Portion of Scott Road.

NOTICE is hereby given that the poll of ratepayers taken on the 11th instant resulted as follows:—

Number of voters on roll, 4; number of votes exercisable, 7: Number of voters for proposal, 3; number of votes for proposal, 6; number of voters against proposal, 1; number of votes against proposal, 1.

I therefore declare the proposal to be carried.

Hawera, 13th October, 1897.
JOHN HESLOP,
Chairman.

Special Order made by the Takapau Road Board, County of Waipawa, adopting "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886."

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL.

TAKAPAU ROAD BOARD.

THE following special order was made by the Takapau Road Board, at a meeting held on the 8th day of September, 1897:—

"That the provisions of 'The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886,' be adopted generally by the Takapau Road Board, and that the same shall be in force from the 13th day of October, 1897."

I hereby declare that the above special order has been duly made in conformity with "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

JAMES POWRIE,
Clerk, Takapau Road Board.

Murder.—Free Pardon.—£500 Reward.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 20th October, 1897.

WHEREAS on the 18th September last the dead body of Henry Satherley was found in the Opawa River, near Blenheim: And whereas, at an inquest held on the 20th and 21st of the same month it was shown that death was caused by a blow upon the head, and a verdict of "Wilful murder" against some person or persons was returned:

Notice is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will grant a free pardon to any person, not being the principal offender, who shall give such information as will lead to the conviction of the murderer or murderers; and a reward of £500 will be paid to any person, not being the principal offender, who shall first give such information.

T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Justice

Notice to Mariners, No. 18 of 1897.

TEMPORARY MARK-BUOYS, MAHANGA BAY, PORT NICHOLSON.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 18th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the 16th November, 1897, and for a period of about one month afterwards, the Defence Department will lay a number of small mark-buoys, painted red, between Mahanga Bay and Ward Island. This work will be commenced at 8 a.m. on each day, except Saturdays and Sundays, and will be discontinued at 5 p.m., when the buoys will be removed. These buoys will be placed within an area of about 1,000 ft., beginning in the vicinity of Mahanga Bay Wharf, and will be gradually worked towards Ward Island. A steam-launch or cutter will direct mariners on which side to pass, if necessary.

Chart. &c., affected: Admiralty Chart No. 1423; "New Zealand Pilot," Chapter iv., pages 175 to 179.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Settlement of Claim for Compensation under "The Mining Act, 1891."

Mines Department,
Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the 153rd section of "The Mining Act, 1891;" it is hereby notified that the claim for compensation enumerated in the Schedule hereto, in respect to a Proclamation issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the Public Seal of the Colony on the 1st day of February, 1897, declaring that No Town Creek, with its tributaries, in the Provincial District of Nelson, shall be a watercourse into which tailings, &c., may be discharged, has been settled by agreement, as provided by the said Act.

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister of Mines.

SCHEDULE.
No TOWN CREEK.

Name of Claimant.	Description of Property.
Susan Haisty, by her heir, James Haisty	Section 7, Township of No Town.

Member of the House of Representatives elected, City of Dunedin District.

Clerk of the Writs' Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1897.

THE Clerk of the Writs has received a return to the writ issued on the 28th day of September, 1897, for the election of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of City of Dunedin, and by the indorsement on such writ it appears that

ALEXANDER SLIGO

has been duly elected to serve as a member for the said district.

HUGH POLLEN,
Clerk of the Writs.

Officiating Ministers for 1897.—Notice No. 22.

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

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

Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Reverend Joseph Campbell, M.A., F.G.S., F.C.S.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 12th October, 1897.

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

Frank Coffill Cattlin, late of Quirindi, in the Colony of New South Wales, settler. Filed on the 21st day of September, 1897.

Duncan Graham Chalmers, late of Whau Asylum, in the Provincial District of Auckland, labourer. Filed on the 24th day of September, 1897.

Thomas Woodward, late of Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 7th day of October, 1897.

Rees William Walters, late of Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, upholsterer. Filed on the 7th day of October, 1897.

Gertrude Raven, late of Palmerston North, in the Provincial District of Wellington, married woman. Filed on the 7th day of October, 1897.

William Taylor, late of Martinborough, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 7th day of October, 1897.

George James Wood, late of Linwood, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, plumber. Filed on the 7th day of October, 1897.

Mary Benn, late of Cheviot, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, widow. Filed on the 7th day of October, 1897.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, within the Colony of New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1897.

	LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
	Notes in circulation	543,217	10	9
Bills in circulation	..	..	15,807	0	1
Balances due to other Banks	..	..	13,125	17	3
Government deposits	..	..	725,151	2	3
Other deposits—					
Not bearing interest	..	..	2,481,226	12	1
Bearing interest	..	..	3,234,058	10	2
Total average liabilities	..	..	£7,012,586	12	7

	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
	Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	787,922	2	0
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	81,776	7	10
Notes and bills of other Banks	29,980	12	3
Balances due from other Banks	4,877	1	9
Landed property	155,250	14	4
Amount of all other securities—					
1. Notes and bills discounted	895,114	13	11
2. Colonial Government securities	778,248	18	5
3. Other funded securities
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	2,899,316	11	11
5. Securities not included under the above heads	2,557,948	16	8
Total average assets	£8,190,435	19	1

* This includes an average of £1,549,516 held in Assets Realisation Board Debentures.

4 per cent. guaranteed stock, £2,000,000.

Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of New Zealand, £500,000.

Capital payable by shareholders, £500,000.

Reserve fund, £23,474 7s. 4d.

Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of October, 1897.

C. G. TEGETMEIER,
General Manager.
RICHD. W. GIBBS,
Accountant.

STATEMENT of the amount of the average Liabilities and Assets of the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, at the Branches in the Colony of New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	106,609	4	7
Bills in circulation	.. ..	8,422	2	2
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	1,069,107	19	10
Bearing interest	.. ..	1,321,323	1	5
Total average liabilities		£2,505,462	8	0
ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	836,478	18	3
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	1,829	4	2
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	5,605	14	3
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Landed property	.. ..	72,034	17	9
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	201,578	10	7
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	958,767	4	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	57,323	8	7
Total average assets		£2,133,617	17	7

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th September, 1897, £1,500,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of the last dividend declared, £37,500.
 Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £812,067 1s. 10d.
 Dated at Wellington, this 12th day of October, 1897.

G. E. TOLHURST, Resident Inspector.
 GEO. H. MEE, Chief Clerk.

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Colony of New Zealand, taken from the several weekly statements during the Quarter from the 1st July to the 30th September, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	76,007	7	9
Bills in circulation	.. ..	8,174	9	8
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	522,803	4	10
Bearing interest	.. ..	593,748	8	9
Total average liabilities		£1,200,733	11	0
ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	400,516	2	7
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	2,422	14	1
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	4,155	18	10
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Landed property	.. ..	62,760	12	6
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	218,343	13	3
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,138,647	15	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	2,256	11	0
Total average assets		£1,829,103	7	3

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £1,600,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of the last dividend declared, £40,000.
 Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £812,621.
 Dated at Wellington, this 9th day of October, 1897.

C. WINTER, Inspector.
 J. W. PICKERSGILL, pro Accountant.

STATEMENT of the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New South Wales, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	107,130	19	2
Bills in circulation	.. ..	5,195	14	6
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	5,060	19	1
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	833,784	2	7
Bearing interest	.. ..	1,454,256	3	3
Total average liabilities		£2,405,427	18	7
ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	510,585	15	0
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	22,436	18	6
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	3,144	0	0
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	10,250	2	11
Landed property	.. ..	94,528	7	0
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	164,809	6	9
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	50,200	0	0
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	59,984	12	2
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,716,116	0	7
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	61,116	0	0
Total average assets		£2,693,171	2	11

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th September, 1897, £1,950,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 9 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of last dividend declared, £87,727 10s.
 Amount of the reserved profits after declaring such dividend, £1,191,934.
 Dated at Wellington, this 9th day of October, 1897.

GILBERT KING, Acting Inspector.
 G. W. HARDEN, Inspector's Accountant.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the National Bank of New Zealand, Limited, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	144,531	4	7
Bills in circulation	.. ..	4,054	9	4
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	13,095	11	3
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	760,891	12	7
Bearing interest	.. ..	1,194,689	19	5
Total average liabilities		£2,117,262	17	2
ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	393,578	12	6
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	19,192	11	10
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	4,252	12	1
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	5,362	12	0
Landed property	.. ..	92,788	19	11
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	248,214	14	4
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,449,255	12	9
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	13,605	9	4
Total average assets		£2,226,251	4	9

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th September, 1897, £250,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of last dividend declared for half-year, £6,250.
 Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £33,657.
 Dated at Wellington, this 11th day of October, 1897.

J. H. B. COATES,
 General Manager.

STATEMENT of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the under-mentioned BANKS in the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND for the QUARTER ended 30th September, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

BANKS.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Government.	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand	543,217 10 9	15,807 0 1	13,125 17 3	725,151 2 3	2,481,226 12 1	3,234,058 10 2	7,012,586 12 7
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	106,609 4 7	8,422 2 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,069,107 19 10	1,321,323 1 5	2,505,462 8 0
Bank of New South Wales	107,130 19 2	5,195 14 6	5,060 19 1	.. .. .	833,784 2 7	1,454,256 3 3	2,405,427 18 7
Bank of Australasia	76,007 7 9	8,174 9 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	522,803 4 10	593,748 8 9	1,200,733 11 0
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	144,531 4 7	4,054 9 4	13,095 11 3	.. .. .	760,891 12 7	1,194,689 19 5	2,117,262 17 2
Totals	977,496 6 10	41,653 15 9	31,282 7 7	725,151 2 3	5,667,813 11 11	7,798,076 3 0	15,241,473 7 4

ASSETS.

BANKS.	Coined Gold and Silver and other Coined Metal.	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted.	Colonial Government Securities.	Other Funded Securities.	Debts due to Bank, exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad.	Securities not included under other Heads.	Total Assets.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand	787,922 2 0	81,776 7 10	29,980 12 3	4,877 1 9	155,250 14 4	895,114 13 11	778,248 18 5	.. .. .	2,899,316 11 11	2,557,948 16 8	8,190,435 19 1
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	836,478 18 3	1,829 4 2	5,605 14 3	.. .. .	72,034 17 9	201,578 10 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	958,767 4 0	57,323 8 7	2,133,617 17 7
Bank of New South Wales	510,585 15 0	22,436 18 6	3,144 0 0	10,250 2 11	94,528 7 0	164,809 6 9	50,200 0 0	59,984 12 2	1,716,116 0 7	61,116 0 0	2,693,171 2 11
Bank of Australasia	400,516 2 7	2,422 14 1	4,155 18 10	.. .. .	62,760 12 6	218,343 13 3	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,138,647 15 0	2,256 11 0	1,829,103 7 3
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	393,578 12 6	19,192 11 10	4,252 12 1	5,362 12 0	92,788 19 11	248,214 14 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,449,255 12 9	13,605 9 4	2,226,251 4 9
Totals	2,929,081 10 4	127,657 16 5	47,138 17 5	20,489 16 8	477,363 11 6	1,728,060 18 10	828,448 18 5	59,984 12 2	8,162,103 4 3	2,692,250 5 7	17,072,579 11 7

CAPITAL AND PROFITS.

BANKS.	Capital paid up.	Rate per Annum of Last Dividend.	Amount of Last Dividend declared.	Amount of Reserved Profits at Time of declaring such Dividend.
	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand—				
4-per-cent. stock guaranteed by the Government of N.Z. ..	2,000,000	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of N.Z. ..	500,000	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Capital payable by shareholders	500,000	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,500,000	Five per cent.	37,500 0 0	812,067 1 10
Bank of New South Wales	1,950,000	Nine per cent.	87,727 10 0	1,191,934 0 0
Bank of Australasia	1,600,000	Five per cent.	40,000 0 0	812,621 0 0
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	250,000	Five per cent.	6,250 0 0	33,657 0 0

The Treasury, Wellington, 19th October, 1897

JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Secretary to the Treasury.

Tenders for Twine for Period from 1st October, 1897, to 30th September, 1900.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 11th October, 1897.

THE following is a list of successful and unsuccessful tenderers for the supply of twine:—

Tenderer.	Address.	Fine.	Medium.	Coarse.	Remarks.
<i>Accepted.</i>					
R. Gould ..	Hutt, Wellington	9½d.	6½d.	6½d.	Hemp.
<i>Declined.</i>					
Johnson and Couzins	Christch'ch	9½d.	7½d.	7½d.	Hemp.
A. S. Paterson and Co.	Wellington	..	..	2½d.	Flax.
J. McCandless	Blenheim	..	6d.	6½d.	"
H. Monahan	Temuka ..	9½d.	7d.	7½d.	Hemp.
"	" ..	9½d.	7½d.	7½d.	"
Donaghy's Rope and Twine Co. (Limited)	Auckland	..	..	8d.	"
Ditto ..	"	..	6d.	4d.	Flax.
G. E. Tucker	Invercargill	..	..	£28 a ton	"
W. M. Brown	South Dunedin	9½d.	6½d.	6½d.	Hemp.
C. W. Borreson	Palmerston North	..	56s. per cwt.	38s. p. cwt.	Flax.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

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.

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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.

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, carcass, 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 Pouputahi Block; thence easterly along that road to where it crosses the railway-line; thence northerly along the railway-line to the point of commencement.

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

JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Chief Inspector of Stock.

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, Otawahao Block, in Block III., Takapau Survey District, Waipawa County. Bounded on the north by Blocks 234 and 120; and 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.

Te Makarini Scholarships, held at Te Aute College, Hawke's Bay.

THREE scholarships of the yearly value of £35, tenable for two years, are offered for competition. One of these scholarships, to be called the senior scholarship, is open to all Maori boys under sixteen years of age at the end of the month preceding the date of the examination: the other two scholarships are junior scholarships, one of which is open to all Maori boys under fifteen years of age at the end of the month preceding the date of the examination who have attended a Native school or schools other than Te Aute or St. Stephen's, and whose attendance at school during the previous year is considered by the Inspector of Native Schools to have been satisfactory; the other is open to Maori boys whose attendance at any school during the previous year has been similarly satisfactory. The senior scholarship is offered for competition among Maori boys on the conditions laid down in the regulations of the Trustees of the Te Makarini Scholarships Fund, as printed in the Native Schools Code, 1897. Candidates for the junior scholarships will be examined in the subjects specified for Standard IV. in the Native Schools Code, 1897. The questions will, however, be more difficult than those set for the standard examinations. The examination will be held at convenient centres on the 20th and 21st December, 1897.

Candidates must, either directly or through their teachers, send notice to the Inspector of Native Schools, Education Department, Wellington, of their intention to present themselves for examination. Such notice must be posted not later than the 31st October next.

Copies of the regulations and forms of notice may be obtained from teachers of Native schools and boarding institutions, the Secretaries to Education Boards, or the Secretary for Education.

JAMES H. POPE,
Inspector of Native Schools.

Wellington, 15th March, 1897.

Government Observatory.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations, Wellington, for the month of September, 1897. Altitude above the sea, 140ft. Observations taken at 9.30 a.m.

Date.	Barometer reduced and corrected, in inches.	From Self-registering Instruments, for Twenty-four Hours previously.						Solar Radiation.	Terrestrial Radiation.	Rainfall, in inches.	Veloc. Wind, in Miles.	Amount of Cloud, 0 to 10.	Direction of Wind.
		Max. Temp. in Shade.	Min. Temp. in Shade.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Fah.	Fah.	Fah.						
1	29.907	62.5	40.3	51.4	114	27	90	3	Calm		
2	29.907	60.0	44.0	52.0	109	32	30	9	N.		
3	29.638	64.0	48.0	56.0	120	39	.210	60	7	N.			
4	29.552	52.5	44.5	48.5	67	36	.120	20	6	S.E.			
5	29.730	52.0	48.0	50.0	70	42	.740	200	6	S.E.			
6	29.932	52.5	47.0	49.7	105	39	.650	190	5	S.E.			
7	29.675	57.0	47.0	52.0	112	35	..	140	4	N.W.			
8	29.762	57.5	42.0	49.7	111	33	.130	300	4	S.W.			
9	29.536	57.0	48.0	52.5	105	39	..	315	5	N.W.			
10	29.719	57.0	51.0	54.0	97	43	..	445	3	N.W.			
11	29.982	59.0	46.3	52.6	113	37	.120	260	6	S.			
12	30.070	61.3	49.0	55.1	115	40	..	270	4	N.W.			
13	30.117	60.0	49.0	54.5	110	36	..	180	4	N.E.			
14	29.879	61.5	49.5	55.5	130	38	..	140	5	N.W.			
15	29.563	55.0	45.0	50.0	86	34	.050	160	4	N.			
16	29.493	57.5	44.0	50.7	118	33	.220	250	6	S.E.			
17	29.879	53.5	40.0	46.7	97	32	.360	300	5	S.E.			
18	29.829	57.5	39.0	48.2	100	27	.010	40	4	S.			
19	30.100	65.0	44.0	54.5	123	34	..	70	4	N.			
20	29.982	64.8	44.0	54.4	110	40	.023	270	6	N.W.			
21	30.090	60.0	49.0	54.5	90	40	.070	272	6	S.			
22	30.144	60.0	49.0	54.5	114	37	..	118	2	N.W.			
23	30.043	59.0	49.0	54.0	111	39	..	318	4	N.W.			
24	29.827	58.0	51.0	54.5	115	45	.155	682	8	N.W.			
25	29.719	58.0	51.0	54.5	103	46	2.230	480	5	N.W.			
26	29.950	58.0	43.0	50.5	109	32	.020	80	3	Calm			
27	29.444	64.0	49.0	56.5	123	43	.860	40	10	S.E.			
28	29.883	58.0	44.5	51.2	110	34	.090	130	1	N.E.			
29	30.029	65.0	44.0	54.5	117	33	..	50	4	S.			
30	29.824	60.5	52.0	56.2	112	42	.100	210	7	N.W.			
*	29.840	58.9	46.3	52.6	107.2	36.9	6.158	208	4.8	..			
†	29.895	..	..	50.9	..	..	4.259	..	..	..

* Means, &c. † Same month previous years.

NOTE.—Generally showery weather during this month, the total fall being in excess of the average. The maximum fall was recorded on the 25th, 2.230 in. Prevailing winds from north-west and south-east, and stormy on four days. Maximum temperature in shade 65°, minimum 39°; mean temperature of dew-point, 43°.4; mean humidity, 71. Earthquakes on 13th at 8.2 a.m., slight, and on 21st at 6.44 p.m., sharp, south-east to north-west.

R. B. GORF, Observer.

Dissolution of Company under "The Companies Act, 1882."

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of the affidavit and application of George Francis Simpson, of Milltown, near Southbridge, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Chairman of the Ellesmere Harvesting and Threshing Machine Company (Limited).

I HEREBY notify that, no objection to such application having been made and lodged with me as by the said Act required, I do now declare such company to be dissolved.

Dated at Christchurch, this 18th day of October, 1897.
A. R. BLOXAM,
Registrar.

Crown Lands Notices.

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

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

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity at this office, on Wednesday, the 8th December, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
				Rent per acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
ASHBURTON COUNTY.—HIGHBANK SETTLEMENT.					
Corwar	.. 14	II.	A. R. P. 8 0 25	s. d. 7 5	£ s. d. 1 10 2
"	.. 16	"	10 0 0	6 8	1 13 7
"	.. 31	"	50 0 0	6 9	8 8 5
"	.. 48	"	10 0 0	6 8	1 13 7
"	.. 50	"	10 0 0	7 3	1 16 1
"	.. 54	"	10 0 0	6 5	1 12 1
"	.. 59	"	10 0 0	6 5	1 12 1
"	.. 63	"	10 0 0	6 6	1 12 7
"	.. 64	"	10 0 0	6 6	1 12 7
"	.. 66	"	10 0 0	6 5	1 12 1
VILLAGE SECTIONS.					
Corwar	.. 1	II.	1 0 0	10 0	0 5 0
"	.. 8	"	1 0 0	10 0	0 5 0

Description of Lands.—These sections are all situated in the central portion of the Highbank Settlement, at distances varying from about five miles to six miles and a half eastward from Methven, and consist of flat land at an elevation of about 900 ft. above sea-level, the soil being of good quality. Most of the sections are served with water by county water-races.

Section 31 is weighted with a sum of £11 16s., and section 64 with a sum of £2 5s., being valuations of boundary-fencing, which sums must be paid on application in addition to the usual deposit of a half-year's rent and lease-fee.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Land at Ealing, North Rangitata, Ashburton County, for Sale by Public Auction for Cash.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 8th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown land will be offered for sale by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, on Wednesday, the 8th December, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m.

SCHEDULE.

ASHBURTON COUNTY.—RANGITATA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Block.	Reserve.	Area.	Upset Price Total Upset	
			Per Acre.	Price.
VIII.	Pt. Res. 135 ..	A. R. P. 20 0 0	£ s. d. 1 15 0	£ s. d. 35 0 0
"	" " " ..	32 2 0	1 15 0	56 17 6

These sections are situated on either side of the Main South Road, on the north-eastern bank of the Rangitata River, at a distance of about two miles in a south-easterly direction from the Ealing Railway-station, and comprise open level plain land of light quality.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown-grant fee, within thirty days thereafter, otherwise the part of the purchase-money paid by way of deposit shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void. There are no restrictions or limitations imposed on purchasers of these sections.

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 12th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease upon application on and after Wednesday, the 1st December, 1897, at the half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

FIRST-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

County.	Survey District.	Run No.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Kaikoura ..	Hundalee	90	Acres. 1,265	s. d. 0 6½	£ s. d. 17 15 9
" ..	"	91	4,410	0 4½	41 6 11

S.G. Run 90.—Nearly all hill. 50 acres ploughed and in English grass; 200 acres mixed bush and scrub; remainder (with the exception of some rocky faces) good slopes covered with tussock, fern, and native grass. Good homestead site; good iron hut, 15 ft. by 10 ft.; 100 chains of boundary are fenced. Well watered; sunny aspect; altitude, 350 ft. to 1,850 ft. Distant ten miles from Kaikoura, five miles by good dray-road and five miles by Kahautara River bed.

S.G. Run 91.—Nearly all hills; 100 acres ploughable. More than half mixed bush; patches of good kowhai and birch timber; remainder tussock and native grass. Good homestead-site at Goose Bay. Well watered; altitude, 10 ft. to 3,000 ft. Distant thirteen miles from Kaikoura, five miles by good road and eight miles by track along coast. 520 chains fencing on the run.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 14th September, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity at this office on Wednesday, the 10th November, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

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

LEVELS COUNTY.—PAREORA SURVEY DISTRICT.
Rosebrook Settlement.

		A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
8 and 9	XVI.	58 0 25	10 5	14 17 11

These sections are situated at the western end of the Rosebrook Settlement, about six miles and a quarter westward from Timaru, and comprise open, flat, and undulating down lands of good quality, the soil being black, resting on a clay subsoil. The sections are entirely fenced, and include a plantation, the trees and shrubs in which may only be cut and removed with the written permission of the Commissioner of Crown Lands. The right of taking metal for road purposes from part of the plantation area is reserved in favour of the Levels County Council. The sections are weighted with a valuation of £6 10s. for fencing, &c., which sum must be paid on allotment, in addition to the usual deposit and fees.

GERALDINE COUNTY.—AROWHENUA SURVEY DISTRICT.
Kereta Settlement.

3	IX.	26 1 19	15 2	10 0 0

This section is situated in the Kereta Settlement, about two miles eastward and seaward of the Seadown Railway-station, and about seven miles northward of Timaru, and comprises open flat land, consisting of rich, deep, and partially-drained and reclaimed swamp. The section is fenced and subdivided.

Epworth Settlement.

14A	II.	11 3 32	12 11	3 17 1
16A	II.	9 0 11	12 11	2 18 6

These lots are situated about a mile and a quarter westward of Temuka, on the banks of the Raupo Stream, close to the Waitohi Road, and comprise open flat loamy land of good quality.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Allotments in Southland open for Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 6th September, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned village-homestead allotments will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office, on and after Wednesday, the 22nd December, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—NEW RIVER HUNDRED.

Village-homestead Allotments, Waianiwa Village.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity : Rent, 4 per Cent.			
			Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
FIRST-CLASS LAND.						
		A. R. P.	s.	d.	£ s. d.	
43	VI.	5 0 0	3	2·4	0 8 0	
44	"	5 0 0	3	2·4	0 8 0	
45	"	5 0 0	3	2·4	0 8 0	
46	"	8 3 30	3	2·4	0 14 4	
47	"	8 2 4	3	2·4	0 13 8	

The whole of the sections are covered with scrub; subsoil, deep red clay; soil good, but thin; sections are all well watered; height above sea-level, about 90 ft. Distance from Waianiwa Railway-station, about three miles.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Lands, Wellington, open for Selection on Perpetual Lease and Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 14th September, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned lands will be open for selection, at this office, on and after Wednesday, the 27th October, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Valuation for Improvements.
FIRST-CLASS LAND.						
On Perpetual-lease Conditions ("Land Act, 1885").						
6	XI.	Makuri	640 0 0	1 1·5	18 0 0	846 13 9
6	XIV.	"	640 0 0	0 10·5	14 0 0	782 10 2
8	VII.	"	640 0 0	1 0	16 0 0	226 18 2
11	"	"	61 0 0	1 0	1 10 6	30 8 8

The improvements have to be paid for in cash on the day on which the application is approved.

The lease- and registration-fee under the perpetual-lease system is £1 10s. for each holding.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

On Lease-in-perpetuity Conditions ("Land Act, 1892").

8	XI.	Makuri	102 0 0	0 9·6	2 0 10	55 16 0
9	"	"	320 0 0	0 9·6	6 8 0	91 11 0

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

These sections are situated in the Makuri District, in the neighbourhood of Makuri, and are approached chiefly by roads leading into or towards that township. They consist principally of land in the Makuri and adjoining valleys, or country sloping into or served by them or their road-systems. The land, taken as a whole, would be considered suitable for sheep-farming, as it contains some good soil on papa or limestone formation. The sections are in a high state of improvement, the extent and value of which are stated against the number of each.

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

Lands in the Township of Pipiriki open for Lease by Public Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 25th September, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned sections in the Township of Pipiriki will be open for lease by public tender for a term of twenty-one years, with right of renewal for a further term of twenty-one years, at this office, on Wednesday, the 17th November, 1897. Sections not applied for on the 17th November, 1897, will be open thereafter at the upset ground rentals noted below.

TOWNSHIP OF PIPIRIKI.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Minimum Upset Annual Rental.
9	III.	A. R. P. 1 0 21	£ s. d. 1 0 0
11	"	1 0 12	1 0 0
8	IV.	7 3 23	1 12 0
9	"	1 2 0	1 5 0
11	"	12 0 38	2 14 0
16	"	23 3 23	2 8 0
18	"	8 3 30	1 16 0
3	VI.	0 1 0	1 15 0
5	"	0 1 0	1 15 0
6	"	0 1 0	1 15 0
7	"	0 1 16	1 15 0
8	"	0 1 5	1 10 0
9	"	0 2 9	1 5 0
10	"	0 1 15	1 10 0
11	"	0 1 8	1 10 0
12	"	0 1 14	1 10 0
1	VII.	0 3 13	1 10 0
1	VIII.	0 1 5	2 0 0
5	"	0 1 0	1 10 0
6	"	0 1 0	1 10 0
10	"	0 1 33	1 0 0
11	"	0 1 15	1 5 0
12	"	0 1 22	1 5 0
14	IX.	1 0 0	1 0 0
15	"	0 3 0	1 0 0
3	X.	0 2 0	1 10 0
4	"	0 2 0	1 5 0
9	"	0 1 35	1 5 0

General Description.

Pipiriki Township is situated on the proper left bank of the Wanganui River, about fifty-six miles from the Town of Wanganui, and comprises generally open, scrub, forest, flat, undulating, and hilly land, intersected by several gullies and small streams. The open land is interspersed with patches of fern and manuka scrub; the forest comprises tawa, pukatea, rata, hinau, rimu, &c., and tawhero on the ridges. The elevation ranges from about 110 ft. to about 700 ft. above sea-level. The soil is generally good, and grows garden and farm produce freely. Its capabilities for the production of the grape, peach, cape-gooseberry, pear, apple, quince, and other fruits are well known, and are due in great measure to the low elevation, the mild climate, and the sunny aspect of the township-site.

Pipiriki is at present the key to the up-river country, being the present inland terminus of Messrs. Hatrick and Co.'s Wanganui River steamboat-service, and the point of junction with the coach-services connecting with Taupo and Rotorua on the north, Napier on the east, and Hunterville and Rangitikei on the south-east, and it is possible that it will ultimately be connected by road with Taranaki. The Government has, where practicable, reserved the banks of the Wanganui River, and also the adjacent country, with the object of conserving for all time the beautiful and unrivalled scenery which is already of world-wide fame. Large numbers of tourists travel annually by way of Pipiriki, both from the north and the south.

Pipiriki Township is the present inlet and outlet to the Waimarino and Murimotu country as far east as Ohakune, and also the starting-point for visitors by canoe to Manganui-o-te-ao and the upper reaches of the Wanganui River, and the resting-place of those on the downward journey. These with other considerations indicate that the township will develop into a place of some commercial importance, and that, owing to its genial and healthy climate and many attractions, it will become yearly more popular as a place of resort.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of a half-year's rent in cash or by marked cheque, together with the lease-fee of £1.

Maps and full particulars may be obtained on application.
J. W. A. MARCHANT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Land in Auckland District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 14th September, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown land 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 3rd November, 1897.

If more than one application be received for the section on the same day, then the priority 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.
Whangarei	Opuawhanga	10	XIII.	A. R. P. s. d. 266 0 0	£ s. d. 10 0	£ s. d. 133 0 0	s. d. 0 6	£ s. d. 3 6 6	s. d. 0 4 8	£ s. d. 2 13 3

Nearly all forest land of medium quality; about two miles from sea-coast, and about five miles from Ngunguru Harbour.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Land, Southland, open for Selection on Perpetual Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 28th September, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown land, having been surrendered in terms of section 156 of "The Land Act, 1885," will be open for selection on perpetual lease on and after Thursday, the 18th November, 1897. If more than one application be received for the section on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on the following day at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—WENDONSDALE SURVEY DISTRICT.
Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Perpetual Lease.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rental.
13	II.	A. R. P. 263 0 13	s. d. 0 7½	£ s. d. 4 2 3

Valuation for improvements, £46 16s.

This section is situated about ten miles from Riversdale Railway-station by road. The land is open, and the soil fair. About 200 acres are ploughed, but not in crop; and there are 134 chains of fencing.

The improvements must be paid for in cash on the day on which the application is approved; but if the land be balloted for, then payment must be made immediately on the conclusion of the ballot.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Motukaraka Island, Auckland, for Lease by Public Auction.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown land will be offered for lease for the term of seven years by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 26th November, 1897, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

MOTUKARAKA OR Flat Island, off Maraetai Point, near Howick: Section 1, Block IV., Otahuhu Survey District, containing 7 acres 2 roods 35 perches. Upset rental, £6 per annum.

Weighted with the sum of £25 as valuation for improvements.

The land is first-class agricultural land in grass. The lessee will only be permitted to use the land for grazing purposes.

Six months' rent and the lease-fee of £1 1s. must be paid on the fall of the hammer.

Rent payable half-yearly in advance.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Town of Invercargill for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 28th September, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned section of land in the Township of Invercargill will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Thursday, the 18th November, 1897, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF INVERCARGILL.

Section 22, Block XXXIV., containing 1 rood: Upset price, £100.

Weighted with £400 as valuation for improvements, consisting of dwelling-house of six rooms, outhouses, fencing, and garden.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber at Auckland for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 28th September, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned clumps of green and scorched kauri timber, in the Aponga State Forest, within Blocks IV. and VIII., Mangakahia Survey District, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 19th day of November, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

No. 1 Clump.—452 green kauri-trees, containing about 2,127,834 superficial feet; 66 scorched kauri-trees, containing about 212,043 superficial feet: upset price, £1,143 8s.

No. 2 Clump.—139 green kauri-trees, containing about 439,238 superficial feet: upset price, £219 12s.

No. 3 Clump.—45 green kauri-trees, containing about 71,259 superficial feet: upset price, £35 13s.

Conditions of Sale.—One-half of the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer, the balance within two years thereafter. Timber to be removed within three years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserves in Manukau County for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 14th September, 1897.

IT is hereby notified, in terms of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that written tenders will be received at this office on and after Friday, the 5th November, 1897, for the lease of the under-mentioned reserves.

Tenders must be accompanied by marked cheque or post-office order for six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 1s. lease-fee.

MANUKAU COUNTY.—PARISH OF WAITARA.

Section S.W. 53 and Section 55, together containing 84 acres (plantation reserves); situated on the West Coast, adjoining the Waitara River, and about six miles from Pollok Wharf.

Term of lease: Five years. No compensation for improvements during either the currency or on termination of lease, but lessee may remove fences or buildings erected by him.

The lease will contain a condition that the lessee shall, at his own cost, plant each year at least 10 acres of the reserves in sand-binding grasses.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Run and Reserves for Leasing, Marlborough Land District.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 14th September, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands will be offered for lease by auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 1897, at 11 a.m.:

PASTORAL LICENSE UNDER PART VI., "THE LAND ACT, 1892."

Orieri Survey District: Run No. 136: Area, 110 acres; upset annual rent, £1; term, 21 years.

RESERVE FOR LEASING UNDER "THE PUBLIC RESERVES ACT, 1881."

Town of Picton: Sections 620 to 624 (inclusive): Area, 1 acre and 12 perches; term, 5 years; upset annual rent, £2 10s.

One half-year's rent and £1 ls. lease-fee must in each case be paid on the fall of the hammer, and in the case of the pastoral run the necessary declaration must be lodged.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

Crown Lands Office,
Dunedin, 12th October, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity at this office, on Wednesday, the 8th December, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—WAITAKI COUNTY.

First-class Land.

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

ARDGOWAN ESTATE.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oamaru ..	86	II.	12	0	0	15	6	4 13 0

Level and slightly undulating land, agricultural; soil good; water can be obtained by sinking. Distant 35 chains from Weston Park Railway-station, or three miles and a quarter from the Town of Oamaru. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £8 13s.

MAEREWHENUA ESTATE.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Maruwhenua ..	4	III.	11	0	0	8	0	2 4 0
" ..	6	"	7	0	28	7	9	1 7 10

Open flat land, on old alluvial and limestone formation; soil good; wholly agricultural. One mile from Duntroon Township and Railway-station. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £82 ls. Sections 4 and 6 grouped and offered as one allotment.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rangitata River Conservation Reserves to be let by Public Tender.

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

IT is hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that written tenders for the leases of the under-mentioned reserves in the Rangitata River-bed, for the term of seven years, will be received up to noon on Wednesday, the 8th December, 1897.

Tenders must be addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch, and marked on the outside "Tender for Rangitata Conservation Reserves," and must be accompanied by a remittance by bank draft, marked cheque, or post-office order for the amount of a half-year's rent of the reserves at the rate tendered for, together with one license-fee of £1 ls.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Any reserves not applied for on the 8th December, 1897, will be open at the upset minimum rentals stated below.

SCHEDULE.

RANGITATA RIVER CONSERVATION RESERVES.

Reserve.	Area.	Block.	District.	Minimum Rate	Minimum Annual
				per Acre.	Rent.
	Acres.			s. d.	£ s. d.
2879	5	IV.	Geraldine ..	1 0	0 5 0
2880	324	IX.	Kapunatiki ..	1 0	16 4 0
2881	440	I.	Coldstream ..	0 9	16 10 0
2882	131	IV.	" ..	1 0	6 11 0
2883	247	II.	Kapunatiki ..	1 6	18 10 6
2884	232	"	" ..	1 6	17 8 0
2885	21	IV.	Geraldine ..	1 0	1 1 0
2886	52	"	" ..	0 9	1 19 0
2887	239	VIII.	" ..	0 9	8 19 3
2888	144	II.	Kapunatiki ..	1 3	9 0 0
2889	34	"	" ..	1 0	1 14 0
2890	38	III.	" ..	1 0	1 18 0
2747	370	"	" ..	0 7	10 15 10
2891	39	IV.	Geraldine ..	1 0	1 19 0
2892	200	VIII.	" ..	1 2	11 13 4
2893	31	"	" ..	0 9	1 3 3
2894	18	"	" ..	0 9	0 13 6
2895	57	III.	Kapunatiki ..	1 0	2 17 0
2896	24	"	" ..	1 0	1 4 0
2897	29	"	" ..	1 0	1 9 0
2898	135	VIII.	Geraldine ..	1 0	6 15 0
2899	57	"	" ..	1 0	2 17 0
2900	16	XII.	" ..	1 0	0 16 0
2901	22	III.	Kapunatiki ..	1 0	1 2 0

These lands are all situated on the Rangitata Island or on the north and south banks of the Rangitata River, and consist of river-bed land, all more or less subject to being overflowed if the river is in flood. The land is light, and in some places broken, or very stony and poor, but in others well grassed, and capable, especially if worked with the adjoining lands, of carrying a good deal of stock.

CONDITIONS.

- There are no restrictions or limitations as to the number of reserves which one person may lease, and no declaration is required. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. No compensation shall be claimed by the lessees, nor shall any be allowed by the Government, on account of improvements effected by the lessee, nor for any other cause.
- Possession will be given on the date of acceptance of tender.
- The leases shall be for a term of seven years, but shall be subject to termination by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by Government.
- The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance.
- The lands are let for grazing purposes, and lessees will not be permitted to break up or crop any of the same without the written permission of the Land Board first had and obtained.
- The lessee shall use all reasonable means to prevent the spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in his lease.
- The lessee shall destroy rabbits on the land, and shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands or the Stock Department.
- The leases will be subject to a provision that free rights of ingress, egress, and regress upon and over the lands leased shall be given to licensed anglers and sportsmen.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and of an application by Katarina te Waihanae, under section 39 of the said Act, for the inclusion of the names of herself and her daughter, Rangiawhio te Waihanae, as owners in Ohura South K No. 1 Block.

WHEREAS the said application was referred by me to the Native Land Court for inquiry and report, and such inquiry was held at Otorohanga, on the 17th day of August, 1897, before Walter Edward Gudgeon, Esq., a Judge of the said Court: And whereas, as the result of such inquiry, it appeared that an error had been made by the omission of the names of the said Katarina te Waihanae and Rangiawhio te Waihanae from the list of owners in the said block:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me by section 39 aforesaid, I hereby order that the names of the said Katarina te Waihanae and Rangiawhio te Waihanae be included in the title to the said Ohura South K No. 1 Block, as the owners of one share each therein, and that the order of the Court be amended accordingly. And I direct that this order be published in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

As witness my hand, this 7th day of October, 1897.

GEO. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and of an application by Tarewa Heremaia, under section 39 of the said Act, in respect of her share in the Taumatamahoe Block.

WHEREAS the said application was referred by me to the Native Land Court for inquiry and report, and such inquiry was held at Whanganui, on the 15th day of September, 1897, before Robert Ward, Esq., a Judge of the said Court: And whereas, as the result of such inquiry, it has been found that the said Tarewa Heremaia did not sell to the Crown her share in the said Taumatamahoe Block, and that such share was in error included in the award to the Crown on partition between the Crown and the non-sellers: And whereas the Crown has since the said partition purchased shares in the residue of the said block:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me as Chief Judge of the said Court by section 39 aforesaid, I hereby order that the name of the said Tarewa Heremaia be placed on the list of names for the said residue, and that when partition is made thereof between the Crown and the non-sellers, the award to the Crown be reduced by 334 acres in respect of her share therein. Notice of this order to be given in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

As witness my hand, this 8th day of October, 1897.

GEO. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

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

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 18th October, 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.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer (C.A. 97-134) ..	18th September, 1897	Te Akaaka No. 1 or Te Uku	Karewa Tanikena, Ani Tanikena, Paora Pomare, and Hone Tanikena (trustee for Areka Tanikena and Katerina Tanikena), to Matena Iro.
2	Transfer (C.A. 97-135) ..	18th September, 1897	Te Akaaka No. 1 or Te Uku	Paora Pomare to Alfred Kidd.
3	Transfer (C.A. 97-136) ..	18th September, 1897	Te Akaaka No. 1 or Te Uku	Karewa Tanikena, Ani Tanikena, and Hone Tanikena (trustee for Areka Tanikena and Katerina Tanikena), to Alfred Kidd.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 11th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Tokomaru on the 12th day of November, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 97-57.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1375	Hone Paerata	Anaura.
1376	Epiniha Ratapu and others	Tokomaru G.
1377	Ropiha Tamararo	Tua-whatu No. 4.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 67 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Block.	Amount.
1378	The Chief Surveyor	Tokomaru No. 2B	£ s. d. 12 9 4
1379	The Chief Surveyor	Tokomaru No. 3B	14 10 0

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 19th October, 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 in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Sec. 55, 97-26.]

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer (97-406) ..	15th October, 1897 ..	Polhill Gully, Section 7, Subdivision 2	Mohi Parai (trustee for Te Awhe Parai) to Richard Clement Kirk.
2	Transfer (97-407) ..	15th October, 1897 ..	Polhill Gully, Section 41, Subdivision 2	Mere Makirangi (and as trustee for Hori Ihaka te Pou) to James Cattell.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 19th October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 3rd day of November, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 97-93.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
259	Transfer (97-404) ..	15th October, 1897 ..	Polhill Gully, part 2 of Subdivision 2 of Section 10, Block XVa.	Tamati Hapimana te Ngatata to Felix O'Sullivan McCarthy.
260	Transfer (97-405) ..	15th October, 1897 ..	Polhill Gully, part 1 of Subdivision 2 of Section 10, Block XVa.	Hana te Awhitu to Felix O'Sullivan McCarthy.

APPLICATION FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
261	Raharuhi Tuhokairangi and others	Pahaea No. 3.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
264	Hori te Puni	Raumanuka No. 3D No. 4.

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
265	Karoraina te Wheoro and another	Komangarautawhiri A.

Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Post and Telegraph Department.
W. C. WALKER,
For Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Date.
Brookes, John	Letter-carrier	Christchurch	3 June, 1897.
Eggleton, Clement Holdsworth	"	Reefton	11 Sept., "
Gerard, Wilfred A.	"	Christchurch	10 June, "
Gollan, David	Assistant Messenger	Dunedin C.P.O.	1 June, "
House, William Thomas	Letter-carrier	Christchurch	10 June, "
McKenzie, Hugh	Telegraphist	Wellington	1 Dec., 1896.
Neville, J. N.	Cadet	Kaikoura	28 May, 1897.
Orams, James Alfred	Letter-carrier	Greymouth	25 May, "
Smith, Caroline Margaret Anne	Cadette, Acc't's Branch, G.P.O.	Wellington	6 Aug., 1896.
Smith, Thomas	Letter-carrier	Ashburton	22 Aug., 1897.

NON-PERMANENT.

Name.	Office.	District.	Date.
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POSTMASTERS AND TELEGRAPHISTS.

Railway Officers.

Aitken, William	Rolleston	Christchurch	25 Aug., 1897.
Hood, Augustus Adolphus A.	Coalgate	"	13 Aug., "
Mooney, Harry Francis	Penrose	Auckland	15 July, 1896.

POSTMASTERS.

Bell, James	Southburn	Timaru	1 July, 1897.
Harlow, Wilhelmina	Pukepito	Dunedin	17 Aug., "
Laidlaw, James Strang	Inaha	Wanganui	22 Aug., "
McEwin, Martha Elizabeth	Crushington	Greymouth	8 Aug., "
Peterson, Robert Alfred	Maryville	New Plymouth	20 Sept., "
Potter, Frank	Ashley Bank	Christchurch	16 Aug., "
Rayne, William	Oamarua	Oamaru	17 Aug., "
Rigby, John Peter	Cave	Timaru	17 Aug., "
Roberts, Charles	Turiroa	Napier	1 Oct., "
Sells, Arthur Edward	Strathmore	New Plymouth	1 Sept., "
Templeton, John	Marshland	Christchurch	30 Sept., "
Watson, Joseph	Willowby	"	1 Oct., "
Yeats, George Henry Ambrose	Karioi	Wanganui	25 Aug., "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Beuke, Amelia Mary	Pakawau	Nelson	1 Aug., 1897.
Glenny, Robert Mousley	Taradale	Napier	1 Sept., "

TELEPHONISTS.

Anderson, Robert	Canvastown	Blenheim	11 Sept., 1897.
Lepper, Henry	Northcote	Auckland	24 Aug., "
McIntosh, James	Dumbarton	Dunedin	18 Aug., "
*Paltridge, Richard Joel	Manukau Heads	Auckland	27 Aug., "
Rayner, John Frederick	Nuggets	Dunedin	2 Aug., "

* Assistant Telephonist.

Offices opened.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

THE following particulars of offices opened are published for general information.
W. C. WALKER,
For Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

Name.	District.	Date.
POST-OFFICES OPENED.		
Omarama (reopened)	Oamaru	17 August, 1897.
Pukepito	Dunedin	17 August, "
MONEY-ORDER OFFICES AND POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS OPENED.		
Mangaonoho	Wanganui	24 September, 1897.
Okupu	Auckland	24 September, "
TELEPHONE-OFFICE OPENED.		
Athol	Invercargill	22 September, 1897.
TELEPHONE BUREAUX OPENED.		
Crookston	Dunedin	1 October, 1897.
Heriot	"	1 October, "
Kelso	"	1 October, "
Pomahaka	"	1 October, "
Tapanui	"	1 October, "
Waikoikoi	"	1 October, "

Rainfall for September, 1897.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
NORTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.				
Parengarenga	A. R. Crane	4.66	18	1.01 on 26th.
Pakarakā	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C.	4.48	12	1.33 on 1st.
Parua Bay	D. Davidson	4.64	19	1.16 on 1st.
Auckland	Government Observer	4.15	20	0.76 on 27th.
Cuvier Island	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
Te Aroha	P. Snewin .. .. .	..	..	..
Athenree (Tauranga)	Captain Stewart	6.62	19	1.08 on 27th.
Rotorua	Dr. Ginders	5.39	14	1.80 on 27th.
(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGDMONT.				
Kaitiāia	W. G. Puckey	5.89	15	1.23 on 1st.
Okaihau	H. C. Burleigh	6.19	16	1.25 on 27th.
Awakino	N. A. Robison	6.09	20	1.17 on 15th.
Raglan	H. V. Rutherford .. .. .	..	..	..
Te Kopua (Waikato)	Rev. H. Young	7.16	17	1.73 on 26th.
New Plymouth	E. Veale	5.52	19	1.00 on 27th.
Upper Mongorei	Mrs. Monro	9.84	24	1.67 on 30th.
Inglewood	Miss E. Trimble	8.20	21	2.10 on 24th.
Ngatimaru	R. Drummond	6.34	20	0.82 on 21st.
(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGDMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.				
Opuhi	D. Wilkie	1.60	9	0.67 on 25th.
Upper Waitotara	E. F. Liffiton	3.94	20	0.59 on 30th.
Omata Valley	C. Forde	3.04	18	0.50 on 15th.
Stratford	Miss Bobin	4.20	19	1.04 on 25th.
Opunake	A. H. Moore	2.20	16	0.91 on 25th.
Manaia	G. A. Hurley	1.60	6	0.50 on 20th.
Hawera	J. Livingston	1.89	12	0.52 on 25th.
Kaponga	C. Maclean	3.10	14	0.87 on 27th.
Wanganui	T. Ward	1.13	8	0.30 on 26th.
Kaitoke	A. Wygodil	1.26	15	0.24 on 26th.
No. 2 Line (Wanganui)	H. I. Jones	1.47	8	0.30 on 15th.
Raetihi (Wanganui)	G. T. Murray	4.29	20	0.74 on 27th.
Parapara School (Wanganui)	J. Katterns Manning .. .. .	..	..	..
Campbelltown	H. Sanson	2.22	14	0.53 on 25th.
Feilding	S. Goodbehere	1.80	21	0.30 on 26th.
Te Kumu	Dr. Anson	2.57	12	0.40 on 26th.
Erehwon	W. J. Birch	2.83	21	0.72 on 28th.
Ruanui	J. F. Studholme	2.73	22	0.52 on 26th.
West Waitapu	J. Gurflee	2.40	23	0.42 on 26th.
Ashurst	H. Barnes	2.44	19	0.53 on 6th.
Bull's	E. J. Keiller	1.80	11	0.40 on 25th and 26th.
Palmerston North	C. J. Monro	2.36	20	0.46 on 26th.
State Farm (Levin)	O. J. Blaine	3.19	19	0.66 on 25th.
Otaki	M. H. Ayre	2.95	20	0.52 on 24th.
Kereru	C. A. Muggleton	4.61	12	0.81 on 30th.
Pukerua	W. Bell	3.05	15	0.84 on 25th.
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.				
Waipiro	J. S. Dodgshun	3.36	13	1.02 on 4th.
Matahiia	F. J. Kemp	3.08	11	1.20 on 28th.
Tolago Bay	A. Reeves	2.36	4	0.98 on 5th.
Gisborne	Rev. H. W. Williams	3.35	17	0.89 on 5th.
Whakawhitira	H. W. Guthrie-Smith .. .. .	..	..	..
Patutahi	H. N. Watson	3.05	11	0.87 on 5th.
Maraetaha	J. Woodbine Johnson	3.77	16	0.94 on 4th.
Tiniroto	J. Cook	5.99	14	1.09 on 6th.
Waikaremoana	Fenton Lambert	3.88	16	0.97 on 5th.
Tutira Lake	H. Guthrie-Smith	2.10	5	0.90 on 28th.
Rakamoana	J. Moore	7.02	21	1.58 on 28th.
Te Kowhai	J. H. Absalom	3.64	12	1.62 on 27th.
Petane	W. H. Smith	5.68	14	1.93 on 28th.
Napier	E. Lyndon	4.16	11	0.91 on 27th.
Hastings	J. N. Williams	4.28	16	0.83 on 28th.
Waimarama	Thomas R. Moore	3.43	14	0.77 on 27th.
Mangakuri	G. C. Williams	3.47	15	0.74 on 4th.
Te Aute	S. B. Ludbrook	2.61	17	0.60 on 15th.
Maraekakaho	A. Lockie	3.08	15	0.77 on 4th.
Gwavas	J. Nicoll	3.38	20	0.56 on 4th.
Mount Vernon	J. W. Harding	2.57	11	0.50 on 4th.
Ormondville	J. D. Watson	3.37	14	1.00 on 6th.
Woodville	J. Leithead	2.75	21	0.69 on 6th.
Pahiata	W. Tosswill	3.01	25	0.89 on 27th.
Newman	W. H. Herbert	4.89	15	0.86 on 27th.
Tane	H. A. Lambert	4.61	21	1.11 on 6th.
Otahuao	Miss E. A. D. Bennett	3.61	13	1.31 on 5th.
Masterton	B. Couborne	3.55	12	1.20 on 5th.
Carterton	H. Braithwaite	2.51	11	1.03 on 5th.
Featherston	G. G. Wellsted	4.14	7	2.12 on 4th.
Summit	M. Cronin	8.86	10	2.50 on 25th.
Upper Hutt	M. Maher	9.60	7	4.00 on 25th.
Taitā	T. Mason	7.32	14	4.02 on 25th.
Wainuiomata	J. Quaintance	7.11	12	2.24 on 25th.
Lower Hutt	Miss Heaton	7.14	16	3.95 on 25th.
Petone	Sir J. Hector	6.79	15	3.90 on 25th.
Wellington	Government Observer	6.15	18	2.23 on 25th.
Karori	W. Edmonds	5.63	17	1.61 on 25th.

Rainfall for September—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for previous Twenty-four Hours).
SOUTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.				
Nelson	Dr. Hudson	2.21	12	0.60 on 30th.
Stephens Island	Lightkeeper .. ..	..	..	..
The Brothers	Lightkeeper .. ..	..	..	..
Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds)	W. B. Tosswill	11.46	15	4.43 on 25th.
Blenheim	N. T. Prichard	2.73	11	1.17 on 5th.
Cape Campbell	Lightkeeper	4.01	8	2.00 on 5th.
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	6.01	11	2.40 on 5th.
Kekerangu	W. J. White	5.78	12	2.40 on 5th.
Mount Fyffe (Kaikoura)	Miss H. Collins	5.97	10	2.96 on 5th.
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Farewell Spit	Lightkeeper	2.81	13	0.67 on 25th.
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	7.75	21	2.47 on 25th.
Westport	H. S. Ewan	4.62	18	0.94 on 24th.
Ngahere	J. Scott	10.76	22	2.36 on 23rd.
Greymouth	J. Conner	7.13	17	1.73 on 24th.
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	7.46	14	1.83 on 30th.
Dusky Sound	R. Henry .. ..	..	..	..
Puysegur Point	Lightkeeper	17.83	23	3.68 on 18th.
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.				
Waiau	F. S. Northcote	4.81	12	1.77 on 5th.
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	3.02	10	1.04 on 4th.
Port Hills (Christchurch)	Miss M. L. Higgins	1.18	9	0.50 on 3rd.
Christchurch	A. L. Taylor .. ..	..	..	..
Linwood	J. A. Birteliff	1.19	9	0.56 on 4th.
Lincoln	C. O. Lillie	1.02	9	0.49 on 4th.
Southbridge	J. McMillan	0.68	8	0.31 on 4th.
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	1.65	10	0.69 on 4th.
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	0.83	9	0.34 on 4th.
Bealey	C. White	3.63	10	1.30 on 24th.
Mt. Peel	Miss L. A. D. Acland	4.23	15	1.60 on 4th.
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	4.73	10	1.82 on 4th.
Methven	H. G. Baker	3.06	13	1.05 on 4th.
Drayton (Methven)	E. Chapman	3.26	12	1.04 on 5th.
Ashburton	A. E. Hart	1.63	7	0.61 on 4th.
Timaru	C. H. Inglis	1.33	7	0.45 on 4th.
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	3.85	11	2.15 on 4th.
Geraldine	Captain E. F. Temple	2.94	12	1.42 on 4th.
Windsor Park (Oamaru)	E. Menlove	1.27	12	0.53 on 3rd.
Oamaru	W. Anderson	0.67	9	0.22 on 4th.
Maheno	C. de V. Teschemaker	1.20	10	0.34 on 4th.
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Macetown	W. J. Stanford	2.56	9	0.75 on 24th.
Queenstown	L. Hotop	2.50	8	0.37 on 8th.
St. Bathans	J. Ewing	1.07	9	0.31 on 8th.
Middlemarch	D. Crawford	0.93	8	0.20 on 25th.
Gladbrook Station	D. Crawford	1.42	15	0.27 on 8th.
Roxburgh	Dr. W. J. Mullin	0.82	7	0.60 on 8th.
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	1.24	13	0.29 on 21st.
Dunedin	Government Observer	3.99	14	0.95 on 4th.
Eweburn	H. J. Mathews	0.71	8	0.17 on 21st.
Tapanui	H. J. Mathews	1.36	9	0.40 on 8th.
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore	1.57	7	0.50 on 13th.
Balclutha	C. C. Halliday	1.40	8	0.36 on 20th.
Naseby	G. L. Stewart	0.98	9	0.21 on 14th.
Clyde	L. D. Macgeorge	0.42	3	0.28 on 9th.
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	1.61	9	0.48 on 8th.
Ratanui	G. M. Draper	3.81	15	0.85 on 24th.
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	3.26	15	0.82 on 8th.
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	3.32	11	1.12 on 8th.
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	2.72	10	0.82 on 8th.
Chatham Islands*	A. Shand	2.03	23	0.35 on 27th.
*Late return -- August .. ..	.. ..	1.81	14	0.62 on 15th.

J. HECTOR, Director.

Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 18th September, 1897, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1896.

KAWAKAWA SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	25	6	31	20	20	40
2nd Class	102	196	298	104	96	200
Total	127	202	329	124	116	240
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	90	..	..	87
Horses	..	..	3	..	..	3
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	1
Dogs	..	..	..	..	..	4
Total	..	..	93	..	..	95
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	1
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	1
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	24	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	..	..	..	26
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	128	..	..	121
Minerals	..	..	902	..	..	1,078
Total	..	..	1,054	..	..	1,281
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	16 17 5	..	..	13 10 6
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	6 17 7	..	..	7 2 3
Goods	..	..	147 2 3	..	..	166 18 1
Miscellaneous	..	..	2 14 2	..	..	5 10 6
Rents and Commission	..	..	1 6 8	..	..	3 5 0
Total	..	..	£174 18 1	..	..	£196 6 4

WHANGAREI SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	138	206	344	385	..	385
2nd Class	530	876	1,406	2,383	20	2,403
Total	668	1,082	1,750	2,768	20	2,788
Season Tickets	..	..	4	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	36	..	..	..
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	1	..	..	..
Total	..	..	38	..	..	..
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	3	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	8	..	..	10
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	172	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	183	..	..	10
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	6
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	16	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	4	..	..	138
Grain	..	..	130	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	201	..	..	325
Minerals	..	..	4,007	..	..	3,508
Total	..	..	4,360	..	..	3,978
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	81 3 11	..	..	52 4 1
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	6 11 8	..	..	4 18 8
Goods	..	..	636 11 5	..	..	556 16 2
Miscellaneous	..	..	2 14 6	..	..	50 16 0
Rents and Commission	..	..	3 5 4	..	..	16 14 6
Total	..	..	£730 6 10	..	..	£681 9 5

KAIHU SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	9	104	113	12	114	126
2nd Class	163	1,118	1,281	279	1,456	1,735
Total	172	1,222	1,394	291	1,570	1,861
Season Tickets	..	..	8	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	73	..	..	125
Horses	..	..	1	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	6	..	..	9
Total	..	..	80	..	..	134
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	6	..	..	12
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	42
Timber	..	..	3,514	..	..	508
Grain	..	..	4	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	126	..	..	143
Minerals	..	..	9	..	..	26
Total	..	..	3,665	..	..	731
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	80 1 9	..	..	102 19 7
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	9 14 4	..	..	10 4 4
Goods	..	..	730 14 9	..	..	180 19 9
Miscellaneous	..	..	35 6 7	..	..	13 0 4
Rents and Commission	..	..	1 10 0	..	..	..
Total	..	..	£857 7 5	..	..	£907 4 0

AUCKLAND SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	1,427	3,532	4,959	1,542	3,096	4,638
2nd Class	6,543	22,472	29,015	6,987	20,328	27,315
Total	7,970	26,004	33,974	8,529	23,424	31,953
Season Tickets	..	..	587	..	..	545
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	4,188	..	..	3,430
Horses	..	..	38	..	..	23
Carriages	..	..	6	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	157	..	..	151
Total	..	..	4,389	..	..	3,604
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	4	..	..	6
Cattle	..	..	1,310	..	..	936
Calves	..	..	37	..	..	125
Sheep	..	..	7,472	..	..	7,657
Pigs	..	..	138	..	..	166
Total	..	..	8,961	..	..	8,890
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	738	..	..	618
Wool	..	..	3	..	..	6
Firewood	..	..	222	..	..	306
Timber	..	..	2,086	..	..	1,116
Grain	..	..	1,119	..	..	1,416
Merchandise	..	..	2,114	..	..	1,968
Minerals	..	..	9,535	..	..	8,341
Total	..	..	15,817	..	..	13,771
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	3,212 3 8	..	..	3,005 2 11
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	441 16 11	..	..	356 5 11
Goods	..	..	6,657 6 0	..	..	5,802 17 1
Miscellaneous	..	..	20 19 10	..	..	11 3 5
Rents and Commission	..	..	114 13 1	..	..	104 11 6
Total	..	..	£10,446 19 6	..	..	£9,280 0 10

NAPIER-TARANAKI SECTION.

	1897.			1896.				
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
PASSENGERS,—								
1st Class	1,679	7,486	9,165	1,669	7,458	9,127		
2nd Class	7,839	27,602	35,441	7,934	28,458	36,392		
Total	9,518	35,088	44,606	9,603	35,916	45,519		
Season Tickets	..	..	185	..	..	152
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	5,917	..	..	5,232
Horses	..	..	157	..	..	162
Carriages	..	..	10	..	..	9
Dogs	..	..	307	..	..	441
Total	..	..	6,391	..	..	5,844
GOODS,—			No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	8	..	..	4
Cattle	..	..	671	..	..	958
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	38
Sheep	..	..	15,234	..	..	12,911
Pigs	..	..	194	..	..	299
Total	..	..	16,107	..	..	14,210
			Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	786	..	..	294
Wool	..	..	54	..	..	57
Firewood	..	..	2,302	..	..	2,080
Timber	..	..	4,015	..	..	3,557
Grain	..	..	2,302	..	..	2,201
Merchandise	..	..	4,874	..	..	3,660
Minerals	..	..	2,445	..	..	1,623
Total	..	..	16,778	..	..	13,472
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	5,673	6	7	5,555	2	8
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	784	18	4	804	9	10
Goods	7,251	17	10	6,177	13	5
Miscellaneous	272	7	9	208	5	4
Rents and Commission	141	18	9	155	0	2
Total	£14,124	9	3	£12,900	11	5

WELLINGTON SECTION.

	1897.			1896.				
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
PASSENGERS,—								
1st Class	754	6,206	6,960	712	6,238	6,950		
2nd Class	3,681	19,892	23,573	3,229	18,632	21,911		
Total	4,435	26,098	30,533	3,941	24,920	28,861		
Season Tickets	..	..	801	..	..	588
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	5,145	..	..	4,712
Horses	..	..	26	..	..	17
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dogs	..	..	113	..	..	120
Total	..	..	5,284	..	..	4,852
GOODS,—			No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	4	..	..	5
Cattle	..	..	192	..	..	123
Calves	..	..	25	..	..	20
Sheep	..	..	12,049	..	..	8,685
Pigs	..	..	88	..	..	107
Total	..	..	12,358	..	..	8,940
			Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	294	..	..	310
Wool	..	..	79	..	..	33
Firewood	..	..	636	..	..	540
Timber	..	..	2,529	..	..	1,540
Grain	..	..	493	..	..	409
Merchandise	..	..	2,343	..	..	1,287
Minerals	..	..	1,199	..	..	2,166
Total	..	..	7,573	..	..	6,285
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	2,462	18	5	2,079	6	1
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	420	7	2	355	18	7
Goods	4,037	1	6	3,090	7	9
Miscellaneous	25	10	1	21	1	7
Rents and Commission	77	19	7	58	2	6
Total	£7,023	16	9	£5,604	16	6

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

	1897.			1896.				
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
PASSENGERS,—								
1st Class	3,464	23,278	26,742	3,573	21,980	25,553		
2nd Class	17,143	87,754	104,897	16,847	81,618	98,465		
Total	20,607	111,032	131,639	20,420	103,598	124,018		
Season Tickets	..	..	1,598	..	..	1,482
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	19,640	..	..	19,267
Horses	..	..	308	..	..	442
Carriages	..	..	36	..	..	32
Dogs	..	..	632	..	..	751
Total	..	..	20,616	..	..	20,492
GOODS,—			No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	27	..	..	24
Cattle	..	..	1,248	..	..	938
Calves	..	..	151	..	..	27
Sheep	..	..	57,020	..	..	84,780
Pigs	..	..	1,862	..	..	3,073
Total	..	..	60,308	..	..	88,842
			Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	3,240	..	..	3,064
Wool	..	..	1,844	..	..	1,587
Firewood	..	..	1,812	..	..	1,884
Timber	..	..	8,107	..	..	8,699
Grain	..	..	22,484	..	..	26,358
Merchandise	..	..	24,707	..	..	17,822
Minerals	..	..	31,230	..	..	32,295
Total	..	..	93,424	..	..	91,709
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	13,408	7	10	12,482	12	3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	2,390	18	4	2,434	18	8
Goods	31,063	12	6	31,673	4	6
Miscellaneous	773	19	5	767	5	11
Rents and Commission	552	14	0	510	0	11
Total	£48,189	12	1	£47,868	2	3

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

	1897.			1896.				
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
PASSENGERS,—								
1st Class	82	312	394	86	408	494		
2nd Class	830	4,158	4,988	870	3,858	4,728		
Total	912	4,470	5,382	956	4,266	5,222		
Season Tickets	..	..	18	..	..	14
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	515	..	..	465
Horses	..	..	1	..	..	8
Carriages	..	..	3	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	14	..	..	32
Total	..	..	533	..	..	505
GOODS,—			No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	2	..	..	3
Cattle	..	..	45	..	..	36
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	82	..	..	216
Pigs	..	..	60	..	..	3
Total	..	..	189	..	..	258
			Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	84	..	..	60
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	310	..	..	12
Timber	..	..	1,826	..	..	1,421
Grain	..	..	202	..	..	228
Merchandise	..	..	439	..	..	395
Minerals	..	..	10,528	..	..	10,816
Total	..	..	13,389	..	..	12,932
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	161	15	4	160	6	7
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	16	9	9	16	4	6
Goods	1,627	1	0	1,529	9	0
Miscellaneous	151	12	2	217	19	5
Rents and Commission	1	8	0	3	14	0
Total	£1,958	6	3	£1,927	13	6

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	52	440	492	37	456	493
2nd Class	558	2,324	2,882	561	2,048	2,609
Total	610	2,764	3,374	598	2,504	3,102
Season Tickets			14			6
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels			211			153
Horses			3			4
Carriages			2			..
Dogs			13			9
Total			229			166
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays			6			1
Cattle .. ..			..			..
Calves .. ..			..			..
Sheep			71			37
Pigs .. ..			..			..
Total			77			38
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. .. ..			..			..
Wool .. ..			..			..
Firewood			288			36
Timber			734			733
Grain			9			..
Merchandise			459			629
Minerals			103			80
Total			1,593			1,478
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers			256 9 9			237 7 5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails			27 1 5			25 6 7
Goods			382 8 9			393 5 5
Miscellaneous			Dr. 0 11 1			1 2 7
Rents and Commission			7 3 0			6 12 0
Total			£672 11 10			£663 14 0

WESTPORT SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	6	48	54	..	26	26
2nd Class	763	3,406	4,169	577	2,870	3,447
Total	769	3,454	4,223	577	2,896	3,473
Season Tickets			2			7
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels			183			179
Horses .. ..			..			..
Carriages .. ..			..			..
Dogs			10			12
Total			193			191
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays .. ..			..			..
Cattle .. ..			..			..
Calves .. ..			..			..
Sheep .. ..			..			..
Pigs .. ..			..			..
Total .. ..			..			..
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. .. ..			..			6
Wool .. ..			..			..
Firewood			240			228
Timber			445			344
Grain			1			4
Merchandise			252			294
Minerals			24,431			21,310
Total			25,369			22,186
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers			215 5 3			228 5 7
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails			19 19 2			15 18 6
Goods			3,313 13 10			2,787 9 1
Miscellaneous			124 12 10			100 15 1
Rents and Commission			8 4 0			7 8 4
Total			£3,681 15 1			£3,139 16 7

NELSON SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	31	98	129	32	128	160
2nd Class	701	2,610	3,311	667	2,416	3,083
Total	732	2,708	3,440	699	2,544	3,243
Season Tickets			47			22
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels			224			276
Horses			1			..
Carriages .. ..			..			..
Dogs			12			6
Total			237			282
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays .. ..			..			..
Cattle .. ..			..			..
Calves			1			..
Sheep .. ..			..			..
Pigs .. ..			..			..
Total			1			..
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.			90			126
Wool .. ..			..			2
Firewood			96			132
Timber			155			93
Grain			140			129
Merchandise			84			134
Minerals			86			135
Total			651			751
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers			226 6 9			201 3 5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails			17 8 9			19 18 7
Goods			276 14 4			357 9 11
Miscellaneous			36 14 0			41 6 5
Rents and Commission			4 14 0			4 8 0
Total			£561 17 10			£624 6 4

PICTON SECTION.

	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	78	262	340	106	312	418
2nd Class	314	1,108	1,422	340	1,048	1,388
Total	392	1,370	1,762	446	1,360	1,806
Season Tickets			1			0
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels			3			1
Horses			2			..
Carriages			1			..
Dogs			5			9
Total			11			10
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays			1			..
Cattle .. ..			..			..
Calves .. ..			..			..
Sheep			370			128
Pigs .. ..			..			..
Total			371			128
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.			108			264
Wool			2			15
Firewood			288			240
Timber			2			..
Grain			58			313
Merchandise			165			203
Minerals			128			64
Total			751			1,099
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers			111 1 11			121 12 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails			9 7 4			7 10 7
Goods			179 2 9			270 9 3
Miscellaneous			20 9 8			15 2 9
Rents and Commission			3 17 6			1 7 6
Total			£323 19 2			£416

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Railway Department, 19th October, 1897.

N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1897-98.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 18th September, 1897.

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.		FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.		
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.
NORTH ISLAND,—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ s. d. 174 18 1	£ s. d. 930 17 2	£ s. d. 259 18 8	£ s. d. 1,626 14 6	174.76	£ s. d. 252 2 2	£ s. d. 440 11 5
Whangarei ..	18	730 6 10	4,353 8 11	936 5 9	4,620 3 7	106.13	524 0 6	556 2 8
Kaihu ..	17	857 7 5	6,278 9 10	413 2 2	2,517 0 2	40.09	800 4 0	320 15 11
Auckland ..	312	10,446 19 6	62,736 11 11	7,508 1 4	44,471 18 10	70.89	437 8 5	310 1 6
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	14,124 9 3	86,220 18 1	12,948 2 10	74,844 9 8	86.81	562 13 9	488 8 10
Wellington ..	113	7,023 16 9	45,800 8 5	4,055 14 10	28,801 2 0	62.88	917 1 4	576 13 9
Total ..	800	33,357 17 10	206,320 14 4	26,121 5 7	156,881 8 9	76.04		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	48,189 12 1	346,051 3 6	35,503 6 1	216,383 6 1	62.53	£ s. d. 661 15 3	£ s. d. 413 15 11
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,958 6 3	11,558 19 7	1,129 2 1	6,650 18 8	57.54	3,130 11 2	1,801 5 10
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	672 11 10	4,269 9 10	367 2 2	2,423 14 2	56.77	385 8 10	218 16 2
Westport ..	31	3,681 15 1	22,508 4 10	1,761 1 4	9,413 18 3	41.82	1,573 3 1	657 19 3
Nelson ..	23	561 17 10	4,373 11 5	1,030 0 1	4,513 11 5	103.20	412 0 1	425 3 10
Pictou ..	21	323 19 2	3,479 7 5	868 14 9	4,332 2 1	124.51	358 19 8	446 19 3
Total ..	1,240	55,888 2 3	392,240 16 7	40,659 6 6	243,717 10 8	62.13		
Grand total ..	2,040	88,746 0 1	598,561 10 11	66,780 12 1	400,598 19 5	66.93		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

NORTH ISLAND,—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ s. d. 196 6 4	£ s. d. 1,202 0 3	£ s. d. 169 11 3	£ s. d. 1,303 9 5	108.44	£ s. d. 325 10 6	£ s. d. 353 0 5
Whangarei ..	15	681 9 5	3,743 19 3	767 5 7	3,234 0 5	86.38	540 15 10	467 2 9
Kaihu ..	17	307 4 0	2,687 5 9	173 2 7	1,354 12 10	50.41	342 9 11	172 13 0
Auckland ..	309	9,280 0 10	55,490 18 8	6,801 0 6	42,110 17 4	75.89	389 1 11	295 5 6
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	12,900 11 5	83,793 10 9	10,025 18 5	60,487 3 6	72.19	546 16 11	394 14 11
Wellington ..	94	5,604 16 6	34,733 10 2	3,935 18 4	23,300 12 8	66.99	801 14 11	537 1 5
Total ..	775	28,970 8 6	181,701 4 10	21,872 16 8	131,790 16 2	72.53		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	47,868 2 3	311,605 9 8	32,973 0 6	197,453 16 9	63.37	£ s. d. 596 3 1	£ s. d. 377 15 3
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,927 13 6	11,665 15 0	1,070 8 3	6,433 5 5	55.15	3,159 9 5	1,742 6 10
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	663 14 0	4,010 7 8	293 2 2	1,845 15 6	46.02	362 0 11	166 12 8
Westport ..	31	3,139 16 7	20,760 9 8	1,367 11 4	8,865 7 5	42.70	1,451 0 0	619 12 5
Nelson ..	23	624 6 4	4,180 7 1	767 0 5	3,906 0 0	93.44	393 16 0	367 19 1
Pictou ..	21	416 2 3	3,292 16 5	571 16 4	3,253 0 1	98.79	339 14 8	335 12 6
Total ..	1,240	54,639 14 11	355,515 5 6	37,042 19 0	221,757 5 2	62.38		
Grand total ..	2,015	83,610 3 5	537,216 10 4	58,915 15 8	353,548 1 4	65.81		

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Railway Department, 19th October, 1897.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1897, to 18th September, 1897.

All Sections.	Passengers.						Season Tickets.	Number.					Number.					
	First Class.		Second Class.		Total.	Total.		Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
	S.	R.	S.	R.														
1897	50,258	284,286	258,963	1,288,938	1,882,445	21,559	227,835	4,167	353	11,494	243,849	396	16,763	1,553	923,163	22,461	964,336	
1896	50,550	264,446	253,924	1,119,626	1,688,546	18,194	206,277	4,521	309	11,068	222,175	312	14,689	1,400	796,386	32,658	845,445	
Inc.	..	19,840	5,039	169,312	193,899	3,365	21,558	..	44	426	21,674	84	2,074	153	126,777	..	118,891	
Dec.	292	..	..	..	..	..	..	354	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,197	..

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.
1897	43,024	0 0	13,815	12 0	42,170	0 0	145,021	16 0	243,613	19 0	207,552	16 0	502,661	2 0	1,197,859	5 0
1896	32,910	0 0	11,484	16 0	39,058	0 0	101,997	11 0	225,677	12 0	169,418	9 0	488,122	5 0	1,068,668	13 0
Increase	10,114	0 0	2,330	16 0	3,112	0 0	43,024	5 0	17,936	7 0	38,134	7 0	14,538	17 0	129,190	12 0
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

ESTIMATED COST of CONSTRUCTION, ALL LINES, to 31st March, 1897, as furnished by Public Works Department, including Public Works Loan Expenditure on Harbour-works forming Part of the Railway System.

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.			Cost of Unopened Lines.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Kawakawa	90,638	0	0	..	..	..
Whangarei-Kamo	137,734	0	0	1,195	0	0
Kaihu	54,990	0	0	..	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (north end)	184,624	0	0	119,713	0	0
Auckland	1,979,071	0	0	110,371	0	0
Napier	872,931	0	0	..	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (south end)	143,630	0	0	98,761	0	0
Wanganui	1,446,564	0	0	..	..	..
Wellington-Foxton (private line)	..	..	..	42,116	0	0
Wellington	1,098,418	0	0	116,470	0	0
Surveys	..	..	..	28,597	0	0
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	5,169	0	0
Hurunui-Bluff	8,551,104	0	0	129,967	0	0
Greymouth	200,288	0	0	15,959	0	0
Greymouth Harbour Works	..	..	..	127,234	0	0
Greymouth-Hokitika	192,597	0	0	..	..	..
Westport	227,494	0	0	..	..	..
Westport Harbour Works	..	..	..	14,111	0	0
Nelson	166,736	0	0	12,537	0	0
Piiton	205,573	0	0	58,637	0	0
Stock	..	..	..	32,788	0	0
Stock in suspense	25,000	0	0	..	..	..
Surveys	..	..	..	38,795	0	0
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	5,168	0	0
Total	15,577,392	0	0	957,588	0	0

A. C. FIFE,
Accountant, New Zealand Railways

Vital Statistics, September, 1897.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of September, 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 September, 1897.

BOROUGHES.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL, 1896.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHES.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHES REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1897.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 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.				
Auckland	57,616	31,424	73	2	..	12	3	..	13	30	0.95	14.42	
Birkenhead		690	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.80
Devonport		3,010	6	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	1.00	12.29
Newmarket		1,929	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1.04	11.40
Newton		2,379	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	0.84	4.20
Parnell		4,196	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	0.71	10.96
Other suburbs		*
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs .. ..	..	43,628	98	5	2	14	4	..	15	40	0.92	13.12
Wellington	41,758	37,441	86	3	1	13	1	3	11	32	0.85	11.59	
Karori		1,024	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.95
Melrose		2,044	9	..	2	..	1	..	..	3	1.47	9.30
Onslow		1,249	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	1.60	2.40
Totals Wellington and suburbs .. ..	..	41,758	99	3	5	14	1	3	11	37	0.89	10.97
Christchurch	51,330	16,964	28	..	2	5	1	2	10	20	1.18	11.49	
Linwood		6,115	10	..	..	3	1	..	..	4	0.65	10.47
St. Albans		5,781	15	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	0.69	8.99
Sydenham		10,812	30	..	..	6	..	..	2	8	0.78	12.02
Woolston		2,057	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.70
Other suburbs		*
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs .. ..	..	41,229	90	..	2	16	2	2	14	36	0.87	11.08
Dunedin	47,280	22,815	44	..	..	8	2	..	7	17	0.75	9.60
Caversham		4,763	14	1	..	1	1	..	1	4	0.84	14.91	
Maori Hill		1,483	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.67	4.72
Mornington		3,584	9	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	1.12	7.25
North-east Valley		3,374	4	1	..	4	..	1	1	7	2.07	7.71	
Roslyn		4,118	5	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	0.73	5.83
St. Kilda		1,185	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.06
South Dunedin		4,592	7	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	0.87	9.58
West Harbour		1,366	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.73	5.86
Totals Dunedin and suburbs .. ..	..	47,280	90	4	..	18	5	1	13	41	0.87	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 377, against 375 in August, an increase of 2. The deaths in September were 154, a decrease of 41 on the number in August. Of the total deaths, males contributed 83, females 71. Thirty-nine of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 25.32 per cent. of the whole number; 24 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 40 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: five men, 66, 69 (two), 79, 85, and eight women, 66, 68, 69, 71, 74, 80, 81, 89, died at Auckland; six men, 68, 70 (three), 73, 77, and four women, 66 (two), 74, 95, at Wellington; four men, 68, 73, 80, 82, and two women, 66, 68, at Christchurch; and six men, 71, 79 (two), 82, 87, 91, and five women, 65, 66, 68, 79, 81, at Dunedin.

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

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		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	..	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	6	3.90
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	2	6	..	6	1	9	..	16	40	25.97
V.	Developmental Diseases	3	2	..	..	1	1	4	..	11	7.14
VI.	Local Diseases	1	17	8	17	2	18	3	12	78	50.85
VII.	Violence	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	2	8	5.20
III.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	4	1	2	..	2	..	2	..	11	7.14
	Totals	11	29	12	25	6	30	10	31	154	100.00

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		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 I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic,—</i>									
Influenza	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrhoeal,—</i>									
Diarrhoea	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Veneral,—</i>									
Syphilis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic,—</i>									
Septicæmia	1	..	..	1
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Rheumatic Fever	1	..	..	1
Cancer	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	8
Tabes Mesenterica	1	..	..	..	1
Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Phthisis	1	4	..	3	..	7	..	10	25
Tuberculosis (general)	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Rheumatic Gout	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	7
Cyanosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Old Age	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>									
Meningitis	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
Apoplexy	3	..	3	..	..	6
Cerebral Softening	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hemiplegia	1	..	..	1
Paralysis	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	4
Epilepsy	2	..	..	..	..	2
Convulsions	2	..	..	..	1	..	3
Bulbar Paralysis	1	1
Brain-disease	1	..	..	..	..	1
Hydrocephalus	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>									
Heart-disease	2	..	2	1	4	..	2	11
Angina Pectoris	1	1
Syncope	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Rupture of Heart	1	..	..	..	..	1
Thrombosis	1	..	..	1
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>									
Group	1	..	..	1
Tumour of Larynx	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stricture of Trachea	1	..	..	..	..	1
Asthma	1	1
Bronchitis	3	1	2	..	..	1	1	8
Pneumonia	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	4
Congestion of Lungs	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	5
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System,—</i>									
Gastritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Constipation	1	..	..	1
Hernia	1	..	..	1
Peritonitis	1	..	..	..	..	1
Gall-stones	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Jaundice	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Appendicitis	3	..	1	4

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		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 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Nephritis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bright's Disease .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Renal Calculus .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disease of Kidneys .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cirrhosis of Kidneys .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
Placenta Prævia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
Run over by 'Bus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Concussion of Spinal Cord .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Crushed between Gate and Post .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fall of Earth in Drain .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Burns .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Drowned .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Suicide,—</i>									
By Shooting .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
By Poison .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Debility, Marasmus, &c.	3	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	9
Found dead	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Totals	11	29	12	25	6	30	10	31	154

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 and Christchurch, but raises it at Wellington and Dunedin. The rates for September are—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	0.95
and five suburban boroughs	0.92
Wellington City	0.85
and three suburban boroughs	0.89
Christchurch City	1.18
and four suburban boroughs	0.87
Dunedin City	0.75
and eight suburban boroughs	0.87

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest, and at Christchurch and Dunedin the lowest. Compared with September, 1896, the results are,—

	September, 1896.	September, 1897.
Auckland and suburbs	0.85	0.92
Wellington and suburbs	0.77	0.89
Christchurch and suburbs	0.95	0.87
Dunedin and suburbs	0.99	0.87

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—The deaths from this class of disease at the four chief towns and suburbs for September numbered 6, 3 of which were from influenza (1 at Auckland and 2 at Dunedin), 1 from diarrhœa, 1 from syphilis, and 1 from septicæmia. In August the total deaths were 17, and in July 11.

Constitutional Diseases.—The deaths numbered 40, 25 of which were from phthisis, 4 from other tubercular diseases, 8 from cancer, 2 from rheumatic fever and gout, and 1 from diabetes mellitus.

Local Diseases.—Of 78 deaths 22 were from diseases of the nervous system (including 6 apoplexy, 6 paralysis, 3 convulsions); 16 from diseases of the circulatory system (heart-disease, &c.); 21 from diseases of the respiratory system (8 bronchitis, 5 congestion of lungs, 4 pneumonia); 12 from diseases of the digestive system (4 appendicitis, 2 cirrhosis of liver); 6 from diseases of the urinary system (2 Bright's); and 1 death from disease of the reproductive system.

Violent Deaths.—These numbered 8 altogether—6 accidental and 2 suicidal. A child was run over by an omnibus and an engine-driver killed by concussion of the spinal cord at Auckland; a boy was crushed to death between a gate and post, a child was drowned, and a labourer killed by fall of earth, at Wellington; another labourer died from shock caused by accidental burning at Dunedin. Of the suicides one was that of a baker who shot himself with a pistol at Dunedin, and the other that of a butcher who poisoned himself at Christchurch.

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.	
	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	..	1	5	1	1
Wellington and suburban boroughs	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	6	..	..	1	1	2	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	1	1	..
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	2	2	..	..	1	5	1	1
Totals	4	..	1	..	..	1	1	8	18	..	..	4	12	5	2

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 19th October, 1897.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR SEPTEMBER, 1897.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month* Average same month previous years*...	54.5 54.8	52.6 50.9	50.3 48.7	47.1 47.4
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	66.0 on 25th	65.0 on 19th & 29th	69.6 on 31st	67.0 on 23rd
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	42.5 on 17th	39.0 on 18th	32.8 on 26th	36.0 on 27th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	128.0 on 23rd	130.0 on 14th	114.7 on 11th	120.0 on 28th
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	39.0 on 17th	27.0 on 1st & 18th	29.0 on 26th	32.0 on 8th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	72	71	72	73
Average same month previous years ...	75	78	75	78
Total Rainfall, in inches	4.150	6.158	1.023	3.998
Average same month previous years ...	3.394	4.259	1.766	2.473
Number of Days of Rain	20	18	9	14
Average same month previous years ...	16	14	8	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, 16th October, 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 September, 1897.

BOROUGHS.	POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL, 1896.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHS.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1897.									Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Sept., 1897.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1896.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Sept., 1897.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1896.			
			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*	10	1	..	4	..	1	..	..	6	1.09	13.14
New Plymouth	3,825	19	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.52	11.24
Napier	9,231	16	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	5	0.54	14.41
Wanganui	5,936	16	1	..	2	3	..	..	2	3	1.35	9.10
Palmerston North	5,910	20	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	0.52	9.14
Blenheim	3,018	6	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	3	0.99	9.28
Nelson	6,659	12	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	9	1.35	12.61
Greymouth	3,099	7	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	6	1.94	9.36
Hokitika	2,059	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	6	2.91	5.34
Lyttelton	3,898	14	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	3	0.77	8.98
Timaru	3,613	5	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	5	1.38	7.47
Oamaru	5,225	16	1	..	5	1	..	..	1	8	1.53	8.04
Invercargill	5,632†	11	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	4	0.71	5.86

* Estimated population.

† At the census taken in April last the population of Invercargill and suburbs was 9,996 persons.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of SEPTEMBER, 1897, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom	137	30	3	5	175	43	27	8	5	83
Queensland .. ..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
New South Wales	464	251	53	54	822	356	194	24	25	599
Victoria	138	80	15	17	250	75	50	12	8	145
South Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	41	16	1	1	59	24	6	3	1	34
Fiji	12	12	4	2	30	9	3	..	..	12
Other British possessions	24	5	..	1	30*	21	9	1	1	32†
Pacific Islands	13	3	1	1	18‡	2	4	..	1	7§
Other foreign ports	11	9	1	1	22||	21	3	1	1	26¶
Totals, September, 1897	840	407	78	84	1,409	551	296	49	42	938
Totals, September, 1896	789	367	83	79	1,318	626	359	60	63	1,108

* From Cook Islands, 26; Calcutta, 1; Hongkong, 3. † For Cook Islands, 8; Vancouver, 16; Bengal, 8. ‡ From Friendly Islands. § For Friendly Islands. || From United States of America, West Coast. ¶ For United States of America, West Coast, 21; Monte Video, 5.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Auckland	438	53	339	152	491	369	31	262	138	400
Wellington	530	72	383	219	602	311	34	215	130	345
Lyttelton .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	8	5	13
Timaru	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Invercargill	278	37	196	119	315	155	24	114	65	179
Totals, September, 1897	1,247	162	918	491	1,409	847	91	600	338	938
Totals, September, 1896	1,156	162	872	446	1,318	985	123	686	422	1,108

CHINESE.—Departures: From Wellington, 20.

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

Registrar-General's Office.
Wellington, 19th October, 1897.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Monday, the 1st day of November, 1897, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.
Dated this 11th day of October, 1897.

- 1310. James Whitelaw, Merchant, Kamo.
- 1342. George Mason, Nurseryman, Kirikiriroa.
- 1359. John Phillips, jun., Storekeeper, Paeroa.
- 1360. Jabez and Joseph Fitness, Storekeepers, Toka Toka.
- 1363. Thomas Fisher, Farmer, Mangonui.
- 1366. Nathaniel Andrew Jones, Blacksmith, Whangarei.
- 1376. William Paton, Contractor, Northern Wairoa.
- 1377. Hugh Orr Love, Miner, Tutukaka.
- 1381. Walter Armstrong, Commercial Traveller, Auckland.
- 1382. Timothy Donovan, Labourer, Waiorongomai.
- 1383. Joseph McRae, Hotelkeeper, Auckland.
- 1391. John Codling, Hotelkeeper, Auckland.
- 1392. George Walker, Farmer, Maungawhara.
- 1393. John Francis Green, Contractor, Dargaville.
- 1394. Ralph Heron, Miner, Waihi.
- 1395. John Henry Gunn, Miner, Coromandel.
- 1396. Alexander Ashby, Sawmill Hand, Totara.
- 1397. David Wilson, Miner, Thames.
- 1398. Oswald Coates, Agent, Mount Roskill.
- 1399. Stapylton Cotton Caulton, Hotelkeeper, Auckland.
- 1400. Francis Stephens, Bootmaker, Auckland.
- 1401. William T. Murray and Wife, Settler, Auckland.

- 1403. Richard Webb, Gardener, Onehunga.
- 1404. Ernest Arthur Frost, Settler, Ararimu North.
- 1405. Alexander Maxwell, Farmer, Whangarata.
- 1406. Pierce Lanigan, Contractor, Auckland.
- 1408. Charles John Henry Mahon, Baker, Cambridge.
- 1409. James Saunders, Settler, Auckland.
- 1410. Neumann, Meider, Hotelkeeper, Auckland.
- 1411. Aloys John Gustave Schmitt, Farmer, Clevedon.
- 1412. William Wallace, Bushman, Thames.
- 1414. Alexander Edward Neave, Bookseller, &c., Whangarei.
- 1415. Henry Gardiner, Miner, Thames.
- 1416. William Eyles, Bootmaker, Dargaville.
- 1417. Alfred William Moselen, Storekeeper, Onehunga.
- 1418. William Parker, Gumdigger, Komokoriki.
- 1422. Samuel Henry Worth, Grocer, Auckland.
- 1423. James Felton, Farmer, Morrinsville.
- 1424. Walter E. J. Hammond, Journalist, Auckland.
- 1426. Ann West, Milliner, Auckland.
- 1427. Samuel Moreland, Miner, Kiripaka.
- 1428. Ernest Hanswell Bennett, Auctioneer, &c., Waihi.
- 1431. William Ramsay, Labourer, Paikuku.
- 1434. Eliza Kemp Wallis, Spinster, Papakura.
- 1435. William Abbey, Storekeeper, Waihou.
- 1436. Percy Bathurst, Master Mariner, Auckland.
- 1438. John Alexander Clarke, Grocer, Auckland.
- 1439. Joseph Isbister, Storekeeper, Kaukapakapa.
- 1444. Henrietta Frances Good, Married Woman, Auckland.
- 1446. Walter Waugh, Miner, Coromandel.
- 1447. Tobias Tobias, Commission Agent, Auckland.
- 1402. Frederick Berger Hayward, Shop-assistant, Cambridge.
- 1308. Frederick Peterson, Cook, Aratapu.
- 1315. James King Peirce, Fruiterer, Cambridge.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM JOSEPH QUINLIVAN and JOHN PATRICK QUINLIVAN, trading as "Quinlivan Brothers," of Paeroa, Carters, were this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Messrs. Mackay and Pratt's office, Paeroa, on Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock.
J. LAWSON,
 Official Assignee.
 Auckland, 14th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that SAMUEL ADAMS, of Paeroa, Storekeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1897, at 11 o'clock.
J. LAWSON,
 Official Assignee.
 Auckland, 14th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ALBERT BENNETT, of Tara-dale, Bricklayer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Wednesday, the 20th day of October, 1897, at 11.30 o'clock.
M. W. P. LASCELLES,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 Napier, 14th-October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that SUSAN GOODALL, of Masterton, Draper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Masterton, on Tuesday, the 26th day of October, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon.
W. B. CHENNELLS,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 Masterton, 16th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that HENRY HANCOCK SAXON FLETCHER, of Lower Hutt, Horse-trainer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1897, at 11 o'clock.
JAMES ASHCROFT,
 Official Assignee.
 Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES McDONALD, of Southbrook, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 20th day of October, 1897, at 11 o'clock.
G. L. GREENWOOD,
 Official Assignee.
 Christchurch, 13th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that RICHARD SIMPSON, of Ashburton, Blacksmith, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 22nd day of October, 1897, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon.
JOHN DAVISON,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 16th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that FRANCES JOHN BUTLER and MARTIN BUTLER, both of Invercargill, trading together in copartnership as Saddlers, under the style or firm of "F. J. Butler and Co.," were this day adjudged bankrupts; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 25th day of October, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.
CHARLES ROUT,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 Invercargill, 12th October, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN WHITE, of Gore, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Gore, on the 26th day of October, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.
CHARLES ROUT,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 Invercargill, 15th October, 1897.

Mining Notices.

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Roaring Meg Sluicing and Hydraulic Power 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 Roaring Meg Sluicing and Hydraulic Power Company (Limited).
2. The place of operations is at Black Ball Creek, in the Grey Valley, in the Grey County.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated in Ballance Street, in the City of Wellington.
4. The nominal capital of the company is ten thousand pounds, in one hundred thousand shares of two shillings each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is one hundred thousand, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the company.
6. The number of paid shares is fifty thousand, issued in part payment for property sold to the company.
7. The amount already paid up is four thousand four hundred and twenty-five pounds.
8. The name of the Manager is Frank Thomas Wilton.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Wilton, Frank Thomas (in trust for allotment to the vendors on transfer of property)	50,000
Green, James S., Auckland, Engineer	22,000
Gale, T. J. W., Wellington, Merchant	2,500
McLellan, J., Wellington, Merchant	2,500
McLean, R. D., Napier, Runholder	1,250
Russell, W. R., Napier, Runholder	1,000
Rotherham, J. F., Wellington, Engineer	2,500
Brandon, A. de B., Wellington, Solicitor	2,000
Hislop, Hon. T. W., Wellington, Solicitor	2,000
Gellatly, A., Wellington, Merchant	1,000
Seagar, C., Wellington, Shipowner	1,000
Barton, W., Wellington, Runholder	1,000
Bell, H. D., Wellington, Solicitor	1,000
Johnston, Hon. C. J., Wellington, Merchant	1,000
Johnston, Hon. W. W., Wellington, Merchant	1,000
Pearson, W. E., Wellington, Merchant	500
Hurrell, H., Wellington, Coachbuilder	750
Richardson, J. M., Wellington, Gentleman	1,000
McGregor, D., Wellington, Doctor	500
Paterson, D., Oamaru, Manufacturer	500
Common, Agnes J., Christchurch, Gentlewoman	1,000
McLellan, William, Waitekauri, Chemist	250
Townsend, Jos., Wellington, Accountant	100
Wilkie, James, Wellington, Mine-manager	1,000
Collins, W. E., Wellington, Doctor	1,000
Wilton, F. J. (in trust for the company)	1,500
McLellan, Charlotte, Wellington, Gentlewoman	150
Total	100,000

Dated this 5th day of October, 1897.
FRANK T. WILTON,
 Manager.

Witness to signature—Charles H. Izard, Solicitor, Wellington.

I, Frank Thomas Wilton, 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 "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

FRANK T. WILTON.

Taken before me, at Wellington, this 5th day of October, 1897—Charles H. Izard, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.
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VICTORIA GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the above-named company is situated at Bland's Store, Taylorville, Borough of Brunner; and the name of the Manager is THOMAS BLAND.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1897.

1236 J. L. DOOGAN, } Directors.
JOSEPH PETRIE, }

THE WAIHI SILVERTON EXTENDED GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that, from the 11th October, 1897, Mr. D. G. MACDONNELL will cease to act as Local Secretary, and that the Office or place of business of the above-named company will be at 208 and 209, Victoria Arcade, Auckland, to which address all communications must be forwarded.

ANDRÉ P. GRIFFITHS,
General Manager.

Auckland, 8th October, 1897. 1230

THE O.P.Q. (WAIPORI) GOLD-MINES (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company is in the Government Insurance Buildings, Princes Street, Dunedin.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1897.

1221 N. KENNEDY,
Attorney for the said Company.

Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

3394. MARY JANE LAWRY.—Lot 1 of Allotment 15, Section 4, of the City of Auckland, containing 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3411. DAVID LUNDON.—Lot 12, Section 12, of Allotments 13 and others, Section 11, of the Suburbs of Auckland, containing 33 perches. In the occupation of Eliza Murdoch.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

1238 EDWIN BAMFORD,
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.

No. 677. JOSEPH WILSON.—5 acres, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, part of Section 152, Patea District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1023).

Dated this 16th day of October, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

1239 R. L. STANFORD,
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 on or before the 22nd day of November, 1897.

2672. EMILY CHRISTINA WOODWARD.—34 acres 3 roods 26 perches, part Section 3, Kaiwarra District. Un-occupied.

2721. GEORGE AUGUSTUS FAIRBROTHER.—10-2 perches, part Section 207, Taratahi Plain. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

1241 W. STUART,
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.

8150. BRYAN FLYNN.—1 acre, part of Rural Section 1294, Rangiora Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8151. PETER DUNCAN and JANE BUCHAN DUNCAN.—1 rood 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, Section 1127 and part of 1125, City of Christchurch. Occupied by P. and D. Duncan (Limited).

8152. ARTHUR APPLEBY.—12 perches, part of Lot 9, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by Ellen Amos.

8153. HARRY TOM SMITH.—1 rood 38 perches, part of Rural Section 30, Borough of Linwood. Occupied by Applicant.

8154. THOMAS ARMSTRONG.—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, part of Reserve No. 5, City of Christchurch. Occupied by Applicant.

8155. RICHARD FRANCIS SCANDRETT.—1 rood 37 perches, part of Lot 48, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by Applicant.

8158. JOSEPH ELLIS the younger.—2 roods 23 perches, Lot 35, Plan 816, part of Rural Section 1946, Patiti Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

1237 G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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

Part of Sections 4 and 20, Block XIII., Town of Dunedin.—ALEXANDER BURT, Applicant. Occupied by Charles Grace. No. 4220.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

1242 H. TURTON,
District Land Registrar.

Private Advertisements.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington, 14th October, 1897.

ON and after Monday, the 18th day of October next, the business of the Local Branch of the Bank of New Zealand will be conducted in the premises lately occupied by the Colonial Bank, situate on Lambton Quay.

1233 A. D. SOMMERVILLE,
Manager.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between ROBERT SYME YOUNG and JAMES ANDERSON, as Grocers and General Merchants, Dunedin, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Young retiring from the business, which will henceforth be carried on by Mr. Anderson, under the old style of "Young and Anderson," to whom all accounts due by the late firm may be rendered, and who is entitled to receive and give receipts for all moneys owing to the said firm.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1897.

ROBERT SYME YOUNG.
Witness to the signature of Robert Syme Young—F. Zwingle Moore, Solicitor, Dunedin.

JAMES ANDERSON.
Witness to the signature of James Anderson—J. B. Callan, Solicitor, Dunedin.

Referring to the above, both Mr. Young and Mr. Anderson take this opportunity of thanking their customers for their past support; and Mr. Young, who regrets his severance from Dunedin through ill-health, respectfully bespeaks a continuance of support in favour of Mr. Anderson, who will in future carry on the business under the old style. 1235

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto subsisting between us, the undersigned Sydney Thornburgh Twentyman and Edwin Harold Montgomery, under the style or firm of "Twentyman and Montgomery," has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 21st day of September, 1897, and that all debts due by the said firm will be paid by the said Edwin Harold Montgomery.

Dated at Auckland, this 15th day of October, 1897.

S. T. TWENTYMAN.
E. H. MONTGOMERY.
Witness to signatures—C. Mitchell, Clerk, Auckland. 1240

PATANGATA COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Patangata County Council to take certain land described in the Schedule hereto for the purpose of constructing a road thereon.

A plan showing the situation and approximate area of the land required for the said work is deposited for inspection at the Post-office, Wallingford, in the County of Patangata.

Any person who may have any well-grounded objection to the taking of such land or the execution of the work aforesaid is hereby called upon to lodge such objection in writing at the office of the Patangata County Council, Waipukurau, within forty days of this present date.

By order.

WM. WHITE,
Chairman, P.C.C.

7th October, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

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A. R. P. 4 0 9	Subdivision Eparaima C Native Reserve	XV.	Motuotaria.

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