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Land set apart as a Site for a Native Township in the Hawke's Bay Land District.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the third section of "The Native Townships Act, 1895," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that the parcel of Native land situated in the Hawke's Bay Land District, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same is hereby set apart as a site for a Native township, and I do hereby assign the name of "Te Puia" to such Native township.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land, being a portion of Te Puia or Waipiro No. 6 Block, situate in Block XVI., Mata Survey District, in the Hawke's Bay Land District, and containing by admeasurement 343 acres, more or less. Bounded by a line commencing at the east side of the Gisborne-Awanui Road where it is intersected by the southern boundary-line of the Waipiro No. 1 Block, and proceeding thence southerly along the east side of that road, 350·3 links; thence along a line bearing due south (true), 4950 links; thence by a line bearing due west (true), 6600 links; thence along a line bearing due north (true), about 5100 links, to the Makarika Stream; thence easterly along that stream to its intersection with the southern boundary-line of Waipiro No. 1 Block; and thence along lines bearing N. 89° 43' E., 2546 links; N. 86° 33' E., 2930 links; and S. 87° 13' E., 514·7 links, to the point of commencement. Be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less.

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 tenth day of November, 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.

SCHEDULE.

HUNDALEE BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 38,329 acres, more or less, situated in Hundalee Survey District, and being Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block XVIII.; Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block XXI.; and Small Grazing-runs Nos. 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 97: as the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 35623A, deposited in the Head Office of the 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 tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Further Land set apart for Rongoiti Improved-farm Special Settlement, Wellington Land District.

(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 lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby set apart and declared open for a special settlement.

SCHEDULE.

RONGOITI IMPROVED-FARM SPECIAL SETTLEMENT.

Area.	Section No.	Block No.	Survey District of
A. R. P. 99 0 0	4	IX.	Ohinewairua.
99 0 0	4A	"	"

As the said areas are delineated on the plan marked S.G. 28751, deposited in the Head Office of the 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 tenth day of November, 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 in Block III., Wairoa 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 owner and mortgagee of the land hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Waitotara-Momohaki Road Board, being the local authority in whose district the said land is situated, do by this notice hereby proclaim as a road the land in the Wairoa Survey District mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcel of land mentioned hereunder :—

Area.	Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 1 3 31.5	27	III.	Wairoa	183 1P	Pink.

All in the Wellington Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District 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 tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proclaiming a Road as closed through Land in the Wairoa 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, do by this notice hereby proclaim as closed the road in the Wairoa Survey District hereinafter described.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcel of land mentioned hereunder :—

Area.	Intersecting Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 2 0 30.8	27	III.	Wairoa	183 1P	Green.

As the same is delineated upon the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington District, and thereon coloured as above noted.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proclaiming a Road as closed through Lands in Apiti Survey District, Kivitea County.

(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, do by this notice hereby proclaim as closed the road in the Apiti Survey District mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcels of land mentioned hereunder :—

Area.	Being Road fronting Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 1 08	190	XIII.	Apiti	96 13K	Green.
0 1 26	"	"	"	"	"
0 2 12	"	"	"	"	"

All in the Wellington Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the 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 sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land taken for the Dunedin and Kaikorai Tramway.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Council of the body corporate called the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Roslyn (being the "local authority" of the said borough) has made application, under the provisions of section six of "The Tramways Act, 1894," and "The Public Works Act, 1894," to take the land described in the Schedule hereto for the purposes of a public work, namely, the Dunedin and Kaikorai Tramway, authorised to be constructed by an Order in Council, made and issued under the first-mentioned Act, and dated the third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven:

And whereas all conditions precedent required by law to be observed and performed prior to the issue of this Proclamation have been observed and performed, and it is desirable that the said land so applied for as aforesaid shall be taken for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that, from and after the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, the several parcels of land specified in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby taken for the purpose of constructing thereon the said Dunedin and Kaikorai Tramway, and that from and after the said date the fee-simple of the land hereby taken shall vest in the said body corporate, for the public use aforesaid, as in "The Public Works Act, 1894," is particularly mentioned.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land taken.	Being	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the
A. R. P. 0 2 15.6	Portions of Allotments Nos. 13 and 14 of Section 23	IV.	Upper Kaikorai Survey District.
0 1 15.3	Portions of Allotments Nos. 4 and 8 of Section 23	"	Ditto.
0 0 36	Portion of Allotment No. 16 and the whole of Allotment No. 17 of Section 1	"	"
0 2 35.1	Allotments Nos. 42, 43, and 44 of Section 2	"	"

All in the Provincial District of Otago; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18080, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red and purple.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Setting apart Land in Southland for Leasing as a Small Grazing-run under "The Land Act, 1892."

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

By virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the one hundred and seventy-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of every other power

and authority enabling me in that behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and seventy-two to one hundred and eighty-six of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," relating to small grazing-runs.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.

Run No.	Sections.	Survey District.	Area.
40	64 to 75	Takitimo	Acres. 3,192

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land taken for a Road in Jacob's River Hundred.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain work, to wit, the construction of a road in Jacob's River Hundred:

And whereas the Wallace County Council has laid before the Governor the memorial, accompanied by a map, required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that, from and after the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for the purposes of a road.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of Land taken.	Being Part of Section No.	Situated in	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 4 3 24	4 (E.R.)	Block V., Jacob's River Hundred	S.G. 36778	Blue.

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

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Withdrawing Land in the Wellington Land District from Special Settlement.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.
A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and sixty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the Proclamation of the seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, by His Excellency the Governor, setting apart land for special settlement, shall be and the same is hereby revoked in so far as it relates to the sections of land mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—PUKEOKAHU SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
1	IX.	100	0	0
3	"	100	0	0
4	"	100	0	0
5	"	100	0	0
8	"	100	0	0
9	"	100	0	0
11	"	100	0	0
12	"	100	0	0
13	"	100	0	0
15	"	100	0	0
16	"	100	0	0
17	"	100	0	0
18	"	100	0	0
20	"	100	0	0

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Vesting Control of the Tamaki Bridge in the Pakuranga Road Board, and apportioning Cost of Maintenance.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and fourteen of "The Public Works Act, 1894" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor may, by Proclamation publicly notified, direct that any bridge already constructed, or which may hereafter be constructed, over or across any river or arm of the sea shall, from and after a date to be fixed by such Proclamation, be under the exclusive care, control, and management of such local authority as shall be mentioned in that behalf in such Proclamation; and may by any such Proclamation as aforesaid fix and determine whether all or any, and, if so, what part, of the cost, whether theretofore incurred or thereafter to be incurred, of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing any such bridge, is to be provided and paid by any local authority or authorities, and, if so, by what local authority or authorities; and may by any such Proclamation as aforesaid direct how and when and to whom any such payment is to be made:

And whereas by the said Act it is further provided that the Governor may from time to time, with the view of determining whether it is expedient to vest the exclusive care, control, management, and maintenance of any such bridge in any local authority, direct any person to be a Commissioner to inquire into and report to him upon any matter which he shall deem necessary to enable him to determine any such question as aforesaid:

And whereas a Commissioner was appointed and an inquiry was duly held with a view to determining what local authority could most conveniently and efficiently control the bridge known as "the Tamaki Bridge at Panmure" mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as "the said bridge," and what proportion of the cost of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing

the said bridge should be paid by any, and, if so, which, local authority or authorities: And whereas such Commissioner did report to the Governor after due inquiry his opinion as to the matters respecting which he was appointed to report: And whereas it is expedient to make provision under the said Act for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do, in the first place, revoke a previous Proclamation dated the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 65, of the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, vesting the said bridge in the Pakuranga Road Board on the terms therein stated, and do hereby proclaim and direct that the said bridge shall, from and after the date of this Proclamation, be under the exclusive care and control and management of the Pakuranga Road Board; and in further pursuance of the aforesaid powers and authorities I do hereby fix and determine that the cost of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing the said bridge shall be borne by the Pakuranga Road Board in the proportion of twenty-five per centum, the Mount Wellington Road Board sixteen per centum, Panmure Road Board sixteen per centum, Howick Road Board twelve per centum, Paparua Road Board nine per centum, Tamaki West Road Board nine per centum, Turanga Road Board six per centum, Tamaki East Road Board four per centum, and Maretai Road Board three per centum of the cost.

And I do hereby fix and determine that the cost of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing the said bridge from time to time shall be borne by the said local bodies in the said proportions respectively.

And I do hereby also further direct that any contribution hereby required to be made as aforesaid by the Mount Wellington, Panmure, Howick, Paparua, Tamaki West, Turanga, Tamaki East, and Maretai Road Boards shall be paid from time to time respectively, in the proportions hereinbefore prescribed, out of the funds of the said Road Boards, in each case within a period of thirty days after demand in writing made by or on behalf of the Pakuranga Road Board, and all such payments shall be made from time to time to the Clerk of the said Road Board, for and on account of such Road Board.

SCHEDULE.

THAT bridge over the Tamaki River at Panmure, on Panmure-Howick Road, as the site of the said bridge is shown on the plan marked S.G. 11705, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon marked in 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 sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Parliament Buildings, at Wellington, this thirteenth day of November, 1897.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE THE PREMIER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Public Domains Act, 1881," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby revoke a certain Order in Council, dated the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, making delegation of certain powers in manner as therein appears; and doth, with the like advice and consent, by this present Order, delegate, but only with respect to the piece or parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto, all the powers conferred by the Act afore-

said, except the powers under or conferred by sections five and twelve thereof, to the under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Woodbury Public Domain Board, namely,—

FREDERICK ROBERT FLATMAN,
JOSEPH WOODING,
JOHN THATCHER,
HENRY FABER BROWN, and
JOSEPH WEBB

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Monday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at the Woodbury Schoolhouse, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Monday, the sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 126 acres 2 roods 33 perches, more or less, being Reserve No. 1544, situate in the Orari and Geraldine Survey Districts. Bounded towards the north-east by Sections Nos. 3609 and 15892, 3319 and 4007 links respectively; towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 15590 and 15892, 3689 links, and a road-line 430 links; towards the south-west by a road-line, 6260 links; and towards the north-west by Section No. 17116, 3547 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: save and excepting thereout Reserve No. 2828, for a cemetery, and a public road running along the north-western boundary of said reserve, which are included within the above-described boundaries: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Parliament Buildings, at Wellington, this thirteenth day of November, 1897.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE THE PREMIER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

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

GEORGE NAYLOR,
WILLIAM JACK,
CHRISTOPHER HUDDLESTONE,
WILLIAM LAIDLAW, and
JOHN SIMES

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the last Saturday in each month, at two o'clock p.m., at Ophir Schoolroom, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 200 acres, more or less, and being Section No. 2, Block III., Lauder Survey District. Bounded towards the north by Section No. 3 of same block, 3845 links; towards the east by Section No. 7 of same block, 4901 links; towards the south by a road-line, 3845 links; and towards the west by a road-line, 4901 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

Changing the Purpose of a Reserve in Southland.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto was heretofore duly reserved as a site for a police-station, being a reserve in Class I. of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," and such land has not been vested in trust in any society, body corporate, or trustees: And whereas it is expedient that such reserve shall be appropriated for the purposes of a site for a benevolent home for women, being a reserve in Class III. of the aforesaid Act:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the second section of "The Public Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1889," do by this notification hereby declare that the said reserve shall, from and after the thirtieth day of November, be appropriated for the purposes of a site for a benevolent home for women, under Class III. of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881"; and I do hereby direct that this notification shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 1, Block XLI., Town of Invercargill.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Notifying Lands in Southland for Sale by Public Auction.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and thirteenth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint Thursday, the thirtieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, as the time at which the lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be sold by public auction at Invercargill, and I do hereby

fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold as those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto opposite the description of such lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT. — EAST WINTON TOWNSHIP. —
SUBURBAN SECTIONS.

Block.	Section.	Area.			Upset Price.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
II.	3	10	0	0	30	0	0
	4	8	0	0	24	0	0
	6	10	0	0	30	0	0
	7	10	0	0	30	0	0
III.	8	9	2	0	28	10	0
	6	10	3	31	32	16	8
	7	9	3	35	29	18	2
	8	9	3	35	29	18	2
	10	10	0	0	30	0	0
	11	8	2	0	25	10	0
	12	8	3	0	26	5	0
	13	9	1	0	27	15	0
	14	9	1	0	27	15	0
	15	10	0	0	30	0	0
	20	10	0	0	30	0	0
	27	10	0	0	30	0	0
	28	10	0	0	30	0	0
29	10	0	22	30	8	3	
30	9	3	17	29	11	5	
31	8	2	32	26	2	0	
32	8	2	32	26	2	0	
VIII.	2	20	0	2	60	0	9
	3	20	0	3	60	1	2
	4	19	3	39	59	19	8
	5	18	2	36	56	3	6
	2A	10	0	1	30	0	5
	2B	10	0	1	30	0	5
	3A	10	0	2	30	0	9
	3B	10	0	2	30	0	9
	4A	10	0	0	30	0	0
	4B	10	0	0	30	0	0
5A	10	3	2	32	5	9	
5B	8	0	3	24	1	2	

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Appointing Trustees for the Woodbury Public Cemetery.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the sixth section of "The Cemeteries Act, 1882," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

JOSEPH WOODING,
JOHN THATCHER,
HENRY FABER BROWN, and
JOSEPH WEBB

to be Trustees, in the place of Allan Macdonald, George Hammond, Thomas Morrison, and William Middlemiss, to provide for the maintenance and care of the Woodbury Public Cemetery, in conjunction with Frederick Robert Flatman, appointed by a warrant under the hand of His Excellency the Governor on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Appointing Commissioners to classify Rural Lands in Southland

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

DAVID BARRON,
ALFRED BALDEY, and
DUNCAN KING

Commissioners to classify and report to me upon the rural lands in the Southland Land District known as Ransitts numbered 190B, 190D, 190E, 214, 214B, 302B, 398, 447, and 495, 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 tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Appointing Trustees for the Gordon Public Cemetery.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the sixth section of "The Cemeteries Act, 1882," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint the several persons whose names are specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto to be Trustees to provide for the maintenance and care of the public cemetery specified in the second column of the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Names of Trustees.	Name of Public Cemetery, and Description of Land.
John Brady, William Newsome, Bernard Montague, James Orr, and Albert Thackray.	GORDON. All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 81 of Block VII., Waitere Survey District, and containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 10th November, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM BISHOP EVANS

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

J. CARROLL.

Native Interpreter.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorise

JOHN ADAMS,

of Rata, to act as an Interpreter under the Native Land Court Acts.

R. J. SEDDON,
Native Minister.

Assessor of the Native Land Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 17th November, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN BRYERS,

of Rawene, to be an Assessor of the Native Land Court.

R. J. SEDDON,
Native Minister.

Member of Southland Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 10th November, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to reappoint

ALFRED BALDEY

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Southland as from the 4th December, 1897.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Appointing a Trustee for the Charleston Hospital Land.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 10th November, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in pursuance of section 30 of "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1885," to appoint

JAMES PARSONS,

of Charleston, farmer, in the place of Thomas Shine, of Charleston, miner, resigned, as a Trustee of Section No. 28, Square 137, Totara District, and Section No. 37, Block IV., Buller District (Waitakere), Nelson Land District, to hold the said land, in conjunction with Bernard Shepherd and Nicholas Weir, in trust for the benefit of the Charleston Hospital, subject as in the said Act mentioned.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Temporary Command of District Officer extended.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 15th November, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointment of

Major JOSEPH HENRY BANKS,

late H.M. 7th Dragoon Guards, to the temporary command of the Auckland Militia and Volunteer District being extended for a further period of six months from the 1st November, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Borough of Campbelltown.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th November, 1897.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Campbelltown, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886,"

J. CARROLL.

D.

BOROUGH OF CAMPBELLTOWN.

Proposal to borrow £5,000 for Public Works.

I HEREBY give public notice that at the poll taken on Friday, the 29th day of October, 1897, on the proposal of the Campbelltown Borough Council to raise by way of loan the sum of £5,000 for the purpose of carrying out certain public works, the following votes were recorded:—

Number of burgesses on the roll, 299; number of votes exercisable, 349; Number of burgesses who recorded their votes, 159; number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal, 191; number of votes against, 8; number of votes informal, 1; number of voters in favour of the proposal, 150; number of voters against, 8; number of votes informal, 1; majority in favour of the proposal—voters, 1; votes, 16. I therefore declare the proposal carried.

SAMUEL NICHOL,
Mayor of Campbelltown.

Council Chambers, 30th October, 1897.

This is the copy notice marked D referred to in the annexed declaration of Samuel Nichol, declared before me this 5th day of November, 1897—N. Macdonald, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and its amendments, and in the matter of a special loan of £5,000 proposed to be raised by the Corporation of the Borough of Campbelltown for the purpose of undertaking the construction of certain public works in the said borough.

I, Samuel Nichol, of Campbelltown, in the Colony of New Zealand, merchant, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

1. I am the Mayor of the Borough of Campbelltown.
2. The Council of the said Borough of Campbelltown is desirous of borrowing the sum of £5,000 by way of special loan, to be expended for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said borough, and for the purposes set forth in the notice a copy of which is hereunto annexed and marked with the letter A.*

3. That by order of the Council of the said borough I published in the *Southern Cross*, a newspaper circulating in the said borough, on the 18th and 25th days of September, and the 2nd and 9th days of October, 1897, being once in each week for four successive weeks, a notice a copy of which is hereunto annexed and marked with the letter A.*

4. That I as such Mayor called a meeting of the burgesses of the said Borough of Campbelltown for a day not more than ten days after the last publication of such last-mentioned notice, to consider the said proposal, and on the 11th day of October, 1897, in the *Southland Times*, a news-

* Not printed.

paper so circulating as aforesaid, I gave public notice of the calling of such meeting, and of the day, hour, and place appointed for same, a copy of which notice is hereunto annexed and marked with the letter B.*

5. In pursuance of the said last-mentioned notice a meeting of the burgesses of the said borough was held in the Drill Hall, Barrow Street, Campbelltown aforesaid, on Thursday, the 14th day of October, 1897, being a day not more than ten days after the last publication of the notice mentioned in paragraph 3 hereof, to consider the said proposal, and I presided at such meeting, and, after due consideration and discussion, I gave notice that a poll would be taken thereon.

6. After such notice had been published, and before the poll was taken, a special roll was made up by the Town Clerk of the said borough in accordance with the provisions of section 180 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and the said special roll was signed by myself as such Mayor as aforesaid, and by two Councillors of the said borough.

7. As such Mayor as aforesaid I published, on the 16th, 23rd, and 29th days of October, 1897, a notice in the *Southland Times*, a newspaper so circulating as aforesaid, setting forth the day on which the said poll would be taken, a copy of which notice is hereunto annexed and marked with the letter C.*

8. As such Mayor I gave the Returning Officer notice in writing requiring him to take the poll on the day appointed for the same by the said notice mentioned in paragraph 7 hereof.

9. The said poll was taken on the said day, in accordance with the provisions in that behalf provided by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and the voting on the said proposal was as follows:—Number of burgesses on the roll, 299; number of votes exercisable, 349; Number of burgesses who recorded their votes, 159; number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal, 191; number of votes against, 8; number of votes informal, 1; number of voters in favour of the proposal, 150; number of voters against, 8; number of votes informal, 1; majority in favour of the proposal—voters, 1; votes, 16.

10. That, on the 1st day of November, 1897, in the *Southland Times*, a newspaper so circulating as aforesaid, I gave public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal, as provided by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," and, a majority in number of the burgesses having voted in favour of the proposal, and the number so voting being entitled to more than one-half in number of the votes which could be exercised by the whole number of burgesses, I declared the resolution carried.

11. That annexed hereto, and marked with the letter D, is a copy of such last-mentioned notice.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

SAM. NICHOL.

Declared at Campbelltown aforesaid, by the said Samuel Nichol, this 5th day of November, 1897, before me—N. Macdonald, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

* Not printed.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Cheviot County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th November, 1897.

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

J. CARROLL.

COUNTY OF CHEVIOT, HAWKSWOOD RIDING.

At a poll of the ratepayers within the Hawkswood Riding of the County of Cheviot, taken on Saturday, the 30th October, 1897, upon a proposal to raise a loan of £1,200 under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," for the Hawkswood Riding of the County of Cheviot, for the construction of the following public works—viz., two bridges at £150 each, £300; construction of new roads, £700; proportion of estimated cost of proposed county buildings, McKenzie, £100; surveys and cost of exchange of roads, £100: total, £1,200—the following votes were recorded:—

For the proposal, 8 persons exercised 18 votes; against the proposal, nil: Total number on the roll, 13 persons, capable of exercising 27 votes.

As a majority of persons voted in favour of the proposal, and the number so voting exercised a majority of votes exercisable in favour of the proposal, I declare the above proposal to be carried.

GEORGE MORAE,
Chairman.

Cheviot County Council,
McKenzie, Cheviot, 4th November, 1897.

Notice of the Laying-off of Road through Tainui and Mimi Survey Districts.

NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, under the authority of section 92 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," that the road described in the Schedule hereto was, in February, 1897, duly taken and laid off through the land specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 21st October, 1896.

SCHEDULE.
MOKAU ROAD.

Approximate Area of the Portion of Land taken.	Being Portion of Native Block	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan	Marked on Plan
A. R. P. 1 0 8	Mohakatino Parininihi No. 1b	Mimi ..	981	Brown	A-B
5 0 5	Ditto ..	Mimi and Tainui	981	"	From C to the Mokau River.
22 0 0	Mohakatino Parininihi No. 1c	Tainui ..	981	"	
10 3 32	Mokau-Mohakatino No. 1	" ..	981	"	
15 0 11	Mokau-Mohakatino No. 2	" ..	981	"	

As the said areas are delineated upon the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the Lands and Survey Department at New Plymouth, in the Taranaki Land District, and thereon coloured as above stated.

Dated this 16th day of November, 1897.

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Notice to Mariners, No. 22 of 1897.

MID-CHANNEL ROCK, BLUFF HARBOUR.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 16th November, 1897.

THE Bluff Harbour Board have notified that mining and blasting operations are now being carried on at the Mid-channel Rock in Bluff Harbour, and that four red buoys have been laid down to define the area of the works.

Masters of vessels entering or leaving the harbour are directed to pass to the northward of these buoys.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2540 and 2553; New Zealand Pilot, chapter viii., pages 327 to 331.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Alterations to the Scale of Fares, Rates, and Charges in Force upon the New Zealand Government Railways.

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under "The Public Works Act, 1894," and any amendment thereof, and also of "The Government Railways Act, 1894," I, Alfred Jerome Cadman, the Minister for Railways, do hereby make the following alterations in the scale of fares, rates, and charges in force on the New Zealand Government railways open for traffic, such alterations to come into force on and after the 22nd day of November, 1897:—

PART III.—GOODS: REGULATIONS.

NEW PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Exhibits consigned for exhibition at the New Plymouth Industrial Exhibition, to be held at New Plymouth on 8th, 9th, and 10th December, 1897, will be carried free on the New Zealand Government railways, provided that they shall be so carried at the sole risk of the consignors, and that each package shall be consigned to the secretary of the exhibition, and marked legibly "For exhibit at New Plymouth Industrial Exhibition." Loading and unloading must be done at the expense of the consignors. In the event of such exhibits being sold the full railway charges must be paid.

Exhibits returning will be conveyed free, provided no sale or exchange has been effected. A certificate to this effect must be provided, signed by the secretary of the exhibition, before the goods can be received for transit free of charge.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

Class H: Wool, &c.

Class H, undumped, from Kokonga and Capburn to Dunedin and Port Chalmers, will be charged 6d. per bale less than the classified rates.

PART V.—CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS, LIVE-STOCK, PARCELS, AND LUGGAGE.

Pumice-stone, packed and consigned for export (including use of railway tarpaulins). Owners' risk Class. Q

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister for Railways.

New Zealand Hemp.—Notice No. 478.

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

THE time for receiving applications for the bonuses mentioned in Notice No. 430 has been extended to 31st December, 1897.

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister for Agriculture.

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

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

BONUS No. 1.

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

The following are the conditions:—

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

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

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

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

The following shall be the basis of the test:—

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

The committee shall take into consideration—

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

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

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

The cost of producing the same;

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

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

- (1.) The machine or process which they consider on the whole the most efficient and economic.
- (2.) Whether they consider that any machine or process tested so materially reduces the cost of production, or improves the product, as to be worthy of the whole bonus or of a part only.
- (3.) Whether, in the event of no one machine or process being entitled to the whole bonus, they deem any machine or process worthy of a part of the bonus, and, if so, how much.

Bonus No. 2.

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

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

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

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister for Agriculture.

Notice to Persons in whom is vested Ecclesiastical Authority over Religious Bodies.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 17th November, 1897.

THE attention of the persons or person within the Colony of New Zealand in whom is vested ecclesiastical authority over any of the religious bodies enumerated in the Schedule B annexed to an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Marriage Act, 1880," and of all other persons concerned, is directed to the 11th section of the above-mentioned Act, requiring the several ecclesiastical authorities as aforesaid to send in to the Registrar-General, in the month of December in every year, a correct list of the Officiating Ministers within the meaning of "The Marriage Act, 1880," of each of the said religious bodies.

The following are the religious bodies above referred to:—

- The Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.
- The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.
- The Roman Catholic Church.
- The Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland.
- The Wesleyan Methodist Society.
- All Congregational Independents.
- Baptists.
- The Primitive Methodist Connexion.
- The Lutheran Church.
- All Hebrew Congregations.
- The Society of Friends.

In default of any person having ecclesiastical authority over any of the religious bodies named above, the name of the Officiating Minister of any congregation of such religious body may be certified to by two recognised office-bearers thereof.

A Minister of religion not connected with any of the aforesaid bodies must send to the Registrar-General in the month of December in each year a certificate signed—

- (a.) By the recognised head in New Zealand of the religious body to which he ministers, or
- (b.) By two duly-recognised Ministers of such religious body, or
- (c.) By ten adult members thereof, who shall append to their signatures their description as being such members, declaring that such Minister is their Officiating Minister, the said signatures being attested by some person who shall verify them as the genuine signatures of the persons whose they purport to be by a solemn declaration made under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," signed by such person and appended to the certificate.

Neglect in sending the certificate will deprive the Minister of his status as an Officiating Minister under the Marriage Act.

N.B.—It is requested that the *Christian names* and the *addresses* of the several Ministers may be specified in the lists sent in to the Registrar-General.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 50 acres, more or less, being Allotment 308, Parish of Te Rapa, in the Provincial District of Auckland. The land was Crown-granted in 1867 to George Anderson, described as being a private in the 3rd Regiment of Waikato Militia. Also,

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 50 acres, more or less, being Allotment 311, Parish of Te Rapa, in the Provincial District of Auckland. The land was Crown-granted in 1867 to Francis McCleave, described as being a private in the 3rd Regiment of Waikato Militia.

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

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

Dated this 15th day of November, 1897.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Crown Lands Notices.

Accommodation and Stock Reserve, Omihi Valley, Canterbury, open for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 15th November, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the lease of the under-mentioned reserve will be received up to noon on Wednesday, 29th December, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—WAIKARI SURVEY DISTRICT.

Block.	Reserve.	Area.	Minimum Upset Rental per Annum.	Term of Lease.
XVIII.	3191	A. R. P. 20 0 0	£ s. d. 13 5 0	14 years.

This reserve is situated on the Omihi Valley Road leading to Cheviot, about a quarter of a mile north-east of Reece's Road, and six miles from Waipara Railway-station.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

Every tender must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and marked "Tender for Omihi Stock Reserve," and must be accompanied by a post-office order, bank draft, or cheque, marked "Correct for fourteen days" by the bank on which it is drawn, for the amount of six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease-fee.

The lessee shall, at his own cost, within two months after the acceptance of his tender, enclose the area, and subdivide the same into three approved paddocks by means of strong legal cattle- and sheep-proof fences.

The lessee shall take in, and provide approved accommodation for, all travelling stock, charging therefor per night at the rate of 2d. per head for horses and cattle, and 4d. per head for sheep.

The lease will be subject to a condition that no licensed publichouse or auction sales will be permitted upon the land.

A clause will be inserted in the lease providing that, in the event of the reserve being again offered for lease at the expiration of the term of fourteen years, such new lease will be granted subject to payment by the incoming lessee of valuation for improvements effected upon the reserve.

The lease will also be subject to the usual covenants and conditions affecting Crown leases.

Further particulars may be obtained from the under-

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands forfeited, Southland Land District.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 13th November, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that the leases of the under-mentioned lands have been forfeited, or surrender accepted, by resolutions of the Southland Land Board, and that the said lands have reverted to the Crown.

SCHEDULE.

System.	Lease No.	Lessee.	Section.	Block.	Area.	District.
Perpetual lease	334	Thomas Dow	79	..	A. R. P. 309 2 7	Eyre.
"	257	John Fox (deceased) ..	708	..	26 2 13	Hokonui.
"	585	George Clarke	95	..	67 1 0	Wairio.
"	595	William Arthur, jun. ..	8	XVII.	262 3 33	Longwood.
Perpetual lease, village homestead	315	Bridget Logue (deceased)	735	..	21 3 27	Hokonui.
Lease in perpetuity ..	7	M. O'Connell	5	XVI.	400 0 0	Longwood.
"	128	Samuel Paddon	18 and 21	III.	381 1 0	Waikawa.
"	115	Joseph Davis	7	XIV.	434 0 0	Oteramika Hundred.
Lease in perpetuity, lands for settlement	383	Bradley and Thornbury	24	VII.	344 0 0	Waiau.
Lease in perpetuity, village homestead	247	D. H. Fale	109 and 113	XX.	31 2 2	Invercargill Hundred.
Occupation with right of purchase	13	John Templeton, jun. ..	2 and 3	II.	982 2 38	Alton.
Deferred payment ..	1125	Hugh Killen	8 and 9	XII.	310 0 21	Oteramika Hundred.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

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

Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, 15th November, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity at this office, on Wednesday, the 22nd December, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

County.	Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Capital Value.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

ARDGOWAN ESTATE.

Waitaki .. | Oamaru .. | 104 and 105 | II. | 41 2 11 | 10 5 0 | 426 1 8 | 0 10 3 | 10 13 1
Easy undulating land; soil good; agricultural; well watered. Situated about 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, £179 19s. 2d. A wheat-crop on Section 104 is to be valued fourteen days before the date for receiving applications, and the valuation is to be added to the amount mentioned. Sections 104 and 105 are grouped and offered as one allotment.

MAKAREAO ESTATE.

Waihemo .. | Moeraki .. | 65 | VIII. | 19 3 23 | 7 12 6 | 151 13 6 | 0 7 7-5 | 3 15 11
Open river-terrace land; agricultural; soil rich. Accessible from Dunback Railway-station by a good metalled dray-road, and has access to the Shag River. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £23 13s.
Waihemo .. | Moeraki .. | 70 | VIII. | 7 1 38 | 7 12 6 | 57 1 10 | 0 7 7-5 | 1 8 7
Open river-terrace land; agricultural; soil rather light and shingly; accessible to Shag River, and is distant from Dunback Railway-station a mile by good dray-road. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £9 3s.

TEANARAKI SETTLEMENT.

Waitaki .. | Oamaru .. | 2 | XII. | 5 0 0 | 17 3 4 | 85 16 8 | 0 17 2 | 2 2 11
Limestone soil, with clay bottom; all ploughable. Situated about one mile and a half from Enfield Railway-station, and eight miles from Oamaru.
Waitaki .. | Oamaru .. | 3 | XII. | 5 0 0 | 17 3 4 | 85 16 8 | 0 17 2 | 2 2 11
Fine level land, well grassed; all ploughable. Situated about one mile and a half from Enfield Railway-station, and eight miles from Oamaru.
Waitaki .. | Awamoko .. | 26 | VIII. | 20 0 0 | 16 3 4 | 323 6 8 | 0 16 2 | 8 1 8
All agricultural land; about seven acres swamp, easily drained; black soil; permanent water. Situated about one mile and a half from Enfield Railway-station, and eight miles from Oamaru. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £15 0s. 3d. A crop of oats on this section is to be valued fourteen days before the date for receiving applications, and the valuation is to be added to the amount just mentioned.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Allotment in Otago open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

Crown Lands Office,
Dunedin, 15th November, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned village-homestead allotment will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 29th December, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—CLUTHA COUNTY.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rental.
Glenomaru	57	VI.	A. R. P. 2 3 20	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 6 0

Level land of a light sandy nature, situated at the junction of the Owaka and Catlin's Rivers, about one mile and a half from Owaka. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £25.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserve in Village of Waiomio, Auckland, for Lease by Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 15th November, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned reserve will be open for lease by public tender up to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 29th December, 1897.

Allotments Nos. 21 and 22 of Section V. of Village of Waiomio, containing 2 roods; term, 14 years; minimum upset rental, £2 per annum, payable in advance.

Tenders must be accompanied by a year's rent, together with the lease-fee of £1 ls.

No compensation will be allowed at the end of the term for improvements.

Possession will be given on the date of acceptance of tender.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Public Reserve, Nelson Land District, for Lease by Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Nelson, 15th November, 1897.

IT is hereby notified, in terms of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that the lease of the under-mentioned reserve will be offered at public auction, at the Land Office, Nelson, on Wednesday, 29th December, 1897, at 12 o'clock.

Part Section VII., Waimea South, Block XVI., Wai-iti: Area, 2 acres and 27 perches; situate about half a mile from the Village of Wakefield, on the main road from Nelson to Belgrove. Upset rental, £5 per annum, weighted with the sum of £150 valuation for improvements, which consist of a well-built house, 24 ft. by 28 ft., of four rooms and scullery, with iron roof, brick chimney, and verandah all round.

Term of lease, 14 years. Purchaser must deposit the first half-year's rent, lease-fee (£1 ls.), and valuation for improvements, on the fall of the hammer.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Taranaki for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 22nd October, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned section of Crown land will be offered for sale by public auction on Wednesday, the 26th day of January, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

Village of Eltham.

SECTION No. 40: Area, 1 acre; upset price, £15.

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.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Allotments in Wellington open for Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 26th October, 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.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rental.

KIWITEA COUNTY.

Rewa Village Settlement.

	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
8	9 0 0	3 2 4	0 14 5

WAIKARAPA NORTH COUNTY.

Pongaroa Village Settlement.

1	100 0 0	1 0	2 10 0
7*	25 0 0	1 7 2	1 0 0
17	50 0 0	1 3 6	1 12 6
18	46 0 0	1 4 8	1 12 3
27†	20 0 0	1 9 6	0 18 0
31	19 3 0	1 9 6	0 17 10

Rakauuni Village Settlement.

7	10 0 0	1 4 8	0 7 0
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* This section is weighted with £40 10s. for improvements.

† This section is weighted with £40 for improvements.

Section 8, Rewa Village Settlement, is situated in the Rewa Village Settlement, in the Rangitikei Valley, on the main road from Feilding to Sandon Block, and consists of flat land, rather swampy in places. The soil is good, being river-deposit overlying gravel. It is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, matai, kahikatea, tawa, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The section is about twenty miles from Feilding, and about three miles from Waituna Post- and Telegraph-office, by a good dray-road. There is a school close to the section.

Section 1, Pongaroa Village Settlement, is situated on the Manuhara Road, in the Pongaroa Village Settlement, and consists of somewhat broken country, with a permanent stream. The soil is fairly good, on a sandstone-and-papa formation, and covered with forest of a mixed character, containing tawa, rimu, rata, matai, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is distant about four miles from Pongaroa Township, two miles being by dray-road and two miles by cleared road.

Section 7, Pongaroa Village Settlement, is situated on the Alfredton-Weber Road, in the Pongaroa Village Settlement, and consists of undulating country, with about 3 acres of flat land. The soil is clayey, on a papa formation. Eighteen acres of the section are in grass, the remaining 7 acres being covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, rata, hinau, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is distant about two miles from Pongaroa Township. The improvement consists of 18 acres in grass, valued at £40 10s.

Section 17, Pongaroa Village Settlement, is situated on the Paraengahuata Road, in the Pongaroa Village Settlement, and consists chiefly of low flat spurs sloping gradually towards the south and west. Water can be obtained by sinking. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and covered with forest containing rimu, tawa, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is about two miles and a half from Pongaroa Township, half the distance being by the Alfredton-Weber dray-road, and the other half by the Paraengahuata Road, which has been cleared and formed for horse traffic.

Section 18, Pongaroa Village Settlement, is situated on the Paraengahuata Road, in the Pongaroa Village Settlement, and consists of low flat spurs, with a homestead-site. Water can be obtained by sinking. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and covered with forest containing tawa, rimu, kahikatea, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, supplejack, &c. The section is distant about two miles from Pongaroa Township, one mile and a quarter being by the Alfredton-Weber Road, which is formed for dray traffic, and the remaining distance by the Paraengahuata Road, formed for horse traffic.

Section 27, Pongaroa Village Settlement, is situated on the Alfredton-Weber Road, in the Pongaroa Village Settlement, and consists of low flat spurs, all ploughable. Water is obtainable by sinking a few feet. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and is grassed. The section is about half a mile from Pongaroa Township, by dray-road. The improvement consists of 20 acres in grass, valued at £40.

Section 31, Pongaroa Village Settlement, is situated on the Alfredton-Weber Road, in the Pongaroa Village Settlement, and consists of low flat spurs on the frontage, rising towards the back line, the greater portion of the section being ploughable when clear. Water can be obtained by sinking a few feet. The soil is good, on a papa formation, and is covered with forest consisting of tawa, &c., with an undergrowth of supplejack, rangiora, &c. The section is about a mile from Pongaroa Township by dray-road.

Section 7, Rakaunui Village Settlement, is situated on the Alfredton-Weber Road, in the Rakaunui Village Settlement. It consists of land sloping from a long ridge running through the section. The soil is fair, on a papa formation, and covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rimu, rata, kahikatea, &c., with an undergrowth of lawyer, supplejack, &c. The section is distant about half a mile from the school and post-office, and a mile from Rakaunui Village, by dray-road.

J. W. A. MARCHANT,
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	1,265	s. d.	£ s. d.
		91	4,410	0 6½	17 15 9
" ..	"			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.

Land in Town of Rotorua for Lease by Auction.

Crown Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 7th October, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands in the Township of Rotorua will be submitted for leasing by public auction, for a term of fourteen years, at the upset annual rentals and subject to the conditions noted below, at this office, on Friday, the 17th day of December, 1897, at 11 a.m.

*TOWN OF ROTORUA.

Block XLV.: 3 acres 1 rood 8 perches; upset annual rent, £10.

Block XLVII.: 5 acres; upset annual rent, £5.

Conditions of Lease.

1. Term of lease, fourteen years.
2. Rents are payable half-yearly in advance to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Auckland; and the first half-yearly payment is to be made on the fall of the hammer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. No valuation for improvements will be paid by the Crown; but lessees will have the right to remove fences and buildings on expiration of the term of lease.

GERHARD MUELLER,
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 Maratai 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.

Crown Land in Southland open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Monday, the 13th December, 1897, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

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

WALLACE COUNTY.—WAIAU SURVEY DISTRICT.

Merrivale Estate.

		A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
24	VII.	344 0 0	0 9 6	6 17 8

Land all bush, excepting about 3 acres; undulating, mixed bush, with considerable area of manuka; papa formation; soil fair, excepting manuka land. Fifteen miles from Otatau, two miles from dairy-factory reserve and school-site. Permanent water, touches Waiau River. Altitude, 200 ft. to 350 ft.

D. BARRON,
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 1s.

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 per Acre.	Minimum Annual 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.

1. 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.

2. Possession will be given on the date of acceptance of tender.

3. 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.

4. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance.

5. 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.

6. The lessee shall use all reasonable means to prevent the spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in his lease.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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 immediately the result of the ballot is declared.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
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 per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
ARDGOWAN ESTATE.					
Oamaru	86	II.	A. R. P. 12 0 0	s. d. 15 6	£ s. d. 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.					
Maruenua	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 1s. Sections 4 and 6 grouped and offered as one allotment.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 10th November, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Shortland, Thames, on the 24th day of November, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Auckland, 97-78.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
710	Transfer (C.A. 97-144) ..	26th July, 1897 ..	Komata South No. 1D	Hunia te Wew and Hare Arokura, both of Paeroa, to James McGimpsey Robson, of Paeroa.
711	Lease (C.A. 97-145) ..	20th August, 1897 ..	Whakapoi D, Taiwhakarewakauri C	William Grey Nicholls, of Paeroa, to James McGimpsey Robson, of Paeroa.
712	Lease (C.A. 97-146) ..	20th August, 1897 ..	Taiwhakarewakauri No. 2	Rihitoto Mataia, of Paeroa, to James McGimpsey Robson, of Paeroa.
713	Lease (C.A. 97-147) ..	20th August, 1897 ..	Taiwhakarewakauri A	Rihitoto Mataia and George William Nicholls, both of Paeroa, to James McGimpsey Robson, of Paeroa.
714	C.A. 97-92 ..	7th June, 1897 ..	Interest in Waitakaruru No. 3c No. 2	Rhipeti te Paerau, of Miranda, to Robert Comer, of Thames.
715	C.A. 97-93 ..	18th May, 1897 ..	Interest in Waitakaruru No. 3c No. 2	Ngakete Ngatai, of Miranda, to Robert Comer, of Thames.
716	C.A. 97-137 ..	18th September, 1897	Takapuhapa No. 1A ..	Haora Tararanui, of Ohinemuri, to Alfred Edwin Price, of Paeroa.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 12th November, 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 Gisborne on the 13th day of December, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 97-65.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
829	Transfer	14th April, 1896 ..	Hauomatuku No. 4D	Karaitiana Akurangi and Tarawhero te Waka to William Morris.
830	Mortgage	1st October, 1897 ..	Kaiti, Sections 128, 129, and 130	Maata te Kani to John Thomas Evans.
831	Transfer	2nd November, 1897 ..	Kaiti, Section 240 ..	John Coleman (as executor of the will of Hirini te Kani) to G. Matthewson.
832	Transfer	18th May, 1896 ..	Piritarau No. 1 ..	Petuere Awatere to William Milner.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 17th November, 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 Marton on the 26th day of November, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 97-101.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
11	Conveyance (97-341) ..	6th September, 1897 ..	Part Section 361, Palmerston North	Hoani Meihana to Ereni te Aweawe.
12	Transfer (97-342) ..	2nd September, 1897	Part Section 361, Palmerston North	Hoani Meihana and others to Hannah O'Connor.
13	Transfer (97-343) ..	2nd August, 1897 ..	Part Section 4B, Block I., Aorangi	Makareta Ahitana to John Sydney Saunders.
14	Transfer (97-344) ..	20th February, 1897 ..	Part Section 5B No. 3, Aorangi No. 1	Hoeta Kahuhui to Tura Mereti.
15	Lease (97-345) ..	14th August, 1897 ..	Part Subdivision 4, Aorangi 3E	Tamati Kawana and others to George Albert Tapper.
16	Lease (97-346) ..	21st August, 1897 ..	Part Section 5, Section 153, Sandon	Ruera te Nuku to John Sydney Saunders.
17	Transfer (97-370) ..	10th September, 1897	Aorangi No. 1, Section 10	Tapita Matina and Hanapeka Matina to John Sydney Saunders.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Amount.
33	Richardson, Reardon, and Co.	Karaka, Block A, No. 1	£ s. d. 8 17 4
34	Richardson, Reardon, and Co.	Karaka, Block A, No. 2	7 17 4
35	Richardson, Reardon, and Co.	Karaka, Block B, No. 1	8 14 5
36	Richardson, Reardon, and Co.	Karaka, Block B, No. 2	14 11 7
37	Richardson, Reardon, and Co.	Karaka, Block C, No. 1	7 3 4
38	Richardson, Reardon, and Co.	Karaka, Block C, No. 2	26 2 6

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 16th November, 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 1st day of December, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 97-102.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
321	Transfer (97-437) ..	15th October, 1897 ..	Subdivisions 2, 3, and part of 4, Block 12, Section 3, Hutt	Josephine Love to the Gear Meat Preserving and Freezing Company (Limited).
322	Transfer (97-438) ..	9th October, 1897 ..	Section 4, Subdivision 11, Block 12, Section 3, Hutt	Katerina Pakitaura and others to Emma Louisa Morrison.
323	Transfer (97-439) ..	21st September, 1897	Section 4, Subdivision 11, Block 12, Section 3, Hutt	Katerina Pakitaura and others to Emma Louisa Morrison.
324	Memorandum of transfer (97-440)	28th May, 1897 ..	Pukerua 2b, Subdivision 3c	Matenga te Hiko to Robert William Sinclair and John Walker Sinclair.
325	Lease (97-442)	1st November, 1897 ..	Belmont, Subdivision 1, Section 8, Block XI.	Panapa to Frederick Peter Simeon.

APPLICATION to determine Amount of Compensation payable for Land taken for Cape Palliser Lighthouse, and Persons entitled to receive same.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.
333	The Under-Secretary for Public Works (Wai. 212-15, L. Reg. 4/17)	Matakitaki	54 acres 3 roods 14 perches.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 16th November, 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, 97-29.]

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer (97-417) ..	26th October, 1897 ..	Waikopiro B No. 11 ..	Ranana Ngatii to John Munro Fraser.
2	Conveyance (97-436) ..	19th October, 1897 ..	Part of Te Apiti 2D ..	Horiana Wharepu, otherwise Horiana Tiakitai, to George and Norman Beetham and Joseph Heathcote Williams.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Ruatangata No. 1 Block.—In the Native Appellate Court, New Zealand.

In the matter of the Ruatangata No. 1 Block, and of an appeal by Mohi Ruatea from the decision of the Native Land Court in the matter of the partition therein.

NOTICE is hereby given that, by notice to the Registrar, and with leave of the Chief Judge, the said appeal has been withdrawn, and that such withdrawal has been approved by the Chief Judge.
 Dated at Wellington, this 17th day of November, 1897.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT OF NEW ZEALAND.

In the matter of the Komangarautawhiri A Native Reserve and of an application by Karoraina te Wheoro and others under section 39 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

WHEREAS by an Order in Council under "The Native Land Act, 1867," dated the 2nd day of November, 1867, it was referred to the Native Land Court to determine who were the Natives interested in a certain reserve at Porirua, in the Provincial District of Wellington, described in Schedule C to the said Order in Council, and to order the subdivision thereof amongst such Natives, and to order certificates to be issued according to the plan of such subdivision, in such or the like manner as is provided in the 17th section of "The Native Land Act, 1867": And whereas the Court, by order dated the 20th day of November, 1873, in continuation of proceedings commenced prior to the repeal of "The Native Land Act, 1867," determined who were the Natives entitled as aforesaid, and subdivided the said reserve into the blocks now known as Komangarautawhiri A and Komangarautawhiri B, or Wairere, but omitted to order the issue of certificates of title as aforesaid, and no such certificates have been issued: And whereas application has been made to me as Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, under section 39 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," by the owners of the Komangarautawhiri A portion of the said original reserve to remedy the said omission with regard to that portion of the said land:

Now, therefore, for the purpose of remedying such omission, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers in that behalf vested in me by section 39 aforesaid, I hereby order that a certificate of title under section 17 of "The Native Land Act, 1867," be issued for that portion of the said original reserve now known as Komangarautawhiri A, in the names of the persons determined by the said order to be the owners thereof, and that such certificate shall bear date and shall take effect as if the same had been issued in pursuance of a direction to that effect in the said order. And I direct that this order be notified in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

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

GEO. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of OCTOBER, 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	172	81	16	19	288	10	2	1	1	14
New South Wales	544	218	26	28	816	368	161	32	23	584
Queensland .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria	193	69	14	14	230	95	78	8	13	194
South Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	30	9	1	1	41	20	10	2	2	34
Fiji	13	15	1	5	34	3	4	..	..	7
Other British possessions ..	19	18	1	5	43*	30	..	..	..	30†
Pacific Islands	15	3	..	..	18‡	3	6	..	..	9§
Other foreign ports	17	4	2	..	23||	27	4	1	3	35¶
Totals, October, 1897 ..	943	417	61	72	1,493	556	265	44	42	907
Totals, October, 1896 ..	856	446	70	83	1,455	470	262	47	37	816

* From Cook Islands, 32; Vancouver, 11. † For Cook Islands, 8; Norfolk Island, 3; Vancouver, 19. ‡ From Friendly Islands.
 § For Friendly Islands. || From United States of America, West Coast. ¶ For United States of America, West Coast.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Kaipara .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
Auckland	468	48	358	158	516	331	35	264	102	366
Wellington	647	55	465	237	702	285	26	210	101	311
Westport .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Lyttelton	3	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill	241	30	178	93	271	203	25	125	103	228
Totals, October, 1897 ..	1,360	133	1,004	489	1,493	821	86	600	307	907
Totals, October, 1896 ..	1,302	153	926	529	1,455	732	84	517	299	816

CHINESE.—Departures: From Wellington, 17.

* 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, 13th November, 1897.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

NAPIER-TARANAKI SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	1,682	9,444	11,076	1,777	9,950	11,727
2nd Class	7,914	31,008	38,922	7,812	30,018	37,830
Total	9,546	40,452	49,998	9,589	39,968	49,557

Season Tickets 535 527

PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	No.
Parcels	6,414	5,642
Horses	190	176
Carriages	12	10
Dogs	386	386
Total	7,002	6,214

GOODS,—	No.	No.
Drays	3	6
Cattle	759	689
Calves	3	24
Sheep	20,680	11,237
Pigs	358	361
Total	21,803	12,317

	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	456	234
Wool	172	131
Firewood	1,518	1,992
Timber	3,924	3,778
Grain	2,021	2,210
Merchandise	3,883	3,572
Minerals	1,234	1,603
Total	13,208	13,520

REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	6,027	16	11	6,082	3	4
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	949	5	5	890	1	1
Goods	6,696	15	3	6,368	17	1
Miscellaneous	273	3	6	197	14	1
Rents and Commission	661	5	0	663	5	8
Total	£14,608	6	1	£14,202	1	3

WELLINGTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	742	5,506	6,248	671	5,100	5,771
2nd Class	4,061	19,866	23,927	3,393	15,596	18,989
Total	4,803	25,372	30,175	4,064	20,696	24,760

Season Tickets 793 698

PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	No.
Parcels	5,332	4,636
Horses	19	24
Carriages .. ..	..	1
Dogs	107	147
Total	5,508	4,808

GOODS,—	No.	No.
Drays	4	6
Cattle	188	68
Calves	19	35
Sheep	2,316	4,845
Pigs	54	75
Total	2,581	5,029

	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	216	356
Wool	31	68
Firewood	408	582
Timber	1,999	2,057
Grain	325	330
Merchandise	859	1,270
Minerals	1,960	1,283
Total	5,798	59,46

REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	2,513	0	4	2,025	12	3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	418	6	0	381	12	2
Goods	2,486	5	0	3,051	7	6
Miscellaneous	19	0	6	29	14	5
Rents and Commission	382	5	10	328	6	4
Total	£5,818	17	8	£5,816	12	8

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	3,379	21,484	24,863	3,495	21,698	25,193
2nd Class	17,020	90,982	108,002	17,450	84,752	102,202
Total	20,399	112,466	132,865	20,945	106,450	127,395

Season Tickets 2,376 2,210

PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	No.
Parcels	21,220	19,981
Horses	442	553
Carriages	29	33
Dogs	758	764
Total	22,449	21,331

GOODS,—	No.	No.
Drays	35	25
Cattle	1,673	1,705
Calves	178	94
Sheep	64,033	68,853
Pigs	2,090	2,157
Total	68,009	72,834

	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	3,522	3,672
Wool	1,578	1,390
Firewood	1,962	1,638
Timber	9,455	8,186
Grain	22,026	20,751
Merchandise	22,082	24,250
Minerals	32,592	31,916
Total	93,217	91,808

REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	13,772	9	1	13,258	13	11
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	2,496	19	3	2,518	16	11
Goods	31,520	3	3	30,939	2	2
Miscellaneous	668	16	8	745	14	6
Rents and Commission	1,907	13	2	1,889	19	0
Total	£50,366	1	5	£49,352	6	6

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	77	326	403	74	330	404
2nd Class	801	4,480	5,281	826	3,674	4,500
Total	878	4,806	5,684	900	4,004	4,904

Season Tickets 43 53

PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	No.
Parcels	538	505
Horses	2	2
Carriages	2	..
Dogs	13	25
Total	555	532

GOODS,—	No.	No.
Drays	1	2
Cattle	45	46
Calves .. ..	..	..
Sheep	118	137
Pigs	12	..
Total	176	185

	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	60	66
Wool	1	..
Firewood	238	144
Timber	1,412	1,766
Grain	155	200
Merchandise	434	374
Minerals	8,739	8,685
Total	11,039	11,235

REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	184	10	6	167	4	10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	14	19	4	20	0	0
Goods	1,361	11	7	1,336	0	10
Miscellaneous	135	9	3	176	14	11
Rents and Commission	29	10	6	26	6	6
Total	£1,726	1	2	£1,726	7	1

N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1897-98.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 16th October, 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	£ 176 1 4	£ 1,106 18 6	£ 182 0 10	£ 1,808 15 4	163.40	£ 256 19 4	£ 419 17 10
Whangarei ..	18	898 1 9	5,251 10 8	647 8 0	5,267 11 7	100.31	541 16 6	543 9 7
Kaihu ..	17	953 9 3	7,231 19 1	485 16 1	3,002 16 3	41.52	790 0 11	328 0 9
Auckland ..	312	10,370 17 1	73,107 9 0	5,805 11 7	50,277 10 5	68.77	436 13 3	300 6 0
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	14,608 6 1	100,829 4 2	13,053 7 0	87,897 16 8	87.17	564 0 4	491 13 8
Wellington ..	113	5,818 17 8	51,619 6 1	4,611 6 7	33,412 8 7	64.73	880 7 1	569 16 10
Total ..	800	32,825 13 2	239,146 7 6	24,785 10	181,666 18 10	75.96		
MIDDLE ISLAND.—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	50,366 1 5	396,417 4 11	33,846 16 11	250,230 3 0	63.12	£ 649 15 8	£ 410 3 3
Greymouth-Brunner	8	1,726 1 2	13,235 0 9	984 17 6	7,635 16 2	57.48	3,084 0 6	1,772 11 11
Greymouth-Hokitika	24	708 1 5	4,977 11 3	456 9 5	2,880 3 7	57.86	385 3 4	222 17 5
Westport ..	31	2,981 10 9	25,489 15 7	1,369 4 6	10,783 2 9	42.30	1,527 0 9	645 19 10
Nelson ..	23	701 12 9	5,075 4 2	675 4 11	5,188 16 4	102.24	409 16 0	418 19 5
Pictou ..	21	377 1 9	3,856 9 2	400 14 4	4,732 16 5	122.72	341 0 11	418 10 11
Total ..	1,240	56,860 9 3	449,101 5 10	37,733 7 7	281,450 18 3	62.67		
Grand total ..	2,040	89,686 2 5	688,247 13 4	62,518 17 8	463,117 17 1	67.29		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

NORTH ISLAND.—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 177 6 0	£ 1,379 6 3	£ 208 2 8	£ 1,511 12 1	109.59	£ 320 3 11	£ 350 18 2
Whangarei ..	15	595 0 6	4,333 19 9	646 18 11	3,880 19 4	89.44	537 4 2	480 10 0
Kaihu ..	17	579 8 5	3,266 14 2	366 5 0	1,720 17 10	52.68	356 17 4	187 19 11
Auckland ..	309	10,128 13 4	65,619 12 0	6,861 16 0	48,972 13 4	74.63	394 7 8	294 6 8
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	14,202 1 3	97,995 12 0	10,374 14 2	70,861 17 8	72.31	548 3 4	396 7 9
Wellington ..	94	5,816 12 8	40,600 2 10	3,715 17 9	27,016 10 5	66.54	802 2 7	533 15 2
Total ..	775	31,499 2 2	213,200 7 0	22,173 14 6	153,964 10 8	72.22		
MIDDLE ISLAND.—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	49,352 6 6	360,957 16 2	31,624 16 8	229,078 13 5	63.46	£ 591 17 8	£ 375 12 8
Greymouth-Brunner	8	1,726 7 1	13,392 2 1	1,026 11 0	7,459 16 5	55.70	3,108 17 7	1,731 14 10
Greymouth-Hokitika	24	705 8 1	4,715 15 9	373 14 9	2,219 10 3	47.07	364 18 3	171 14 11
Westport ..	31	2,330 2 8	23,090 12 4	1,237 3 0	10,102 10 5	43.75	1,383 6 2	605 4 5
Nelson ..	23	560 3 0	4,740 10 1	767 8 6	4,673 8 6	98.58	382 15 5	377 7 2
Pictou ..	21	469 3 5	3,761 19 10	619 0 10	3,872 0 11	102.93	332 13 10	342 8 6
Total ..	1,240	55,143 10 9	410,658 16 3	35,648 14 9	257,405 19 11	62.68		
Grand total ..	2,015	86,642 12 11	623,859 3 3	57,822 9 3	411,370 10 7	65.94		

A. C. FIFE,
Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department, 16th November, 1897.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1897, to 16th October, 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.
1897	S. 57,888	R. 325,850	S. 298,509	R. 1,470,922	2,153,169	26,245	267,213	4,873	397	13,011	285,494	453	21,245	1,839	1,016,704	25,149	1,065,390
1896	58,692	306,324	295,581	1,292,952	1,953,549	22,550	242,002	5,359	355	12,612	260,328	365	18,483	1,684	890,709	35,371	946,612
Inc.	..	19,526	2,928	177,970	199,620	3,695	25,211	..	42	399	25,166	88	2,762	155	125,995	..	118,778
Dec.	804	..	..	..	..	..	..	486	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,222	..

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
1897	Tons 47,992	c. qr. 0 0	Tons 15,603	c. qr. 4 0	Tons 47,218	c. qr. 0 0	Tons 169,893	c. qr. 7 0	Tons 269,546	c. qr. 9 0	Tons 238,504	c. qr. 5 0	Tons 578,603	c. qr. 16 0	Tons 1,367,366	c. qr. 1 0
1896	.. 88,134	.. 0 0	.. 13,083	.. 8 0	.. 45,222	.. 0 0	.. 122,499	.. 2 0	.. 250,888	.. 18 0	.. 202,521	.. 18 0	.. 558,005	.. 2 0	.. 1,230,354	.. 8 0
Increase	.. 9,858	.. 0 0	.. 2,519	.. 16 0	.. 1,996	.. 0 0	.. 47,399	.. 5 0	.. 18,657	.. 11 0	.. 35,982	.. 7 0	.. 20,598	.. 14 0	.. 137,011	.. 13 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	200,283	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
Picton	205,573	0 0	58,637	0 0
Stock	..	..	32,738	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, October, 1897.

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

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL, 1896.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1897.							Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 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	90	1	1	10	2	2	6	22	0.70	14.42	
Birkenhead		690	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.80
Devonport		3,010	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	1.00	12.29
Newmarket		1,929	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.40
Newton		2,379	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.84	4.20
Parnell		4,196	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.48	10.96
Other suburbs		*
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	43,628	102	1	1	13	2	2	10	29	0.66	13.12	
Wellington	41,758	37,441	96	7	1	18	2	..	11	39	1.04	11.59	
Karori		1,024	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.95
Melrose		2,044	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.30
Onslow		1,249	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.80	2.40
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	41,758	104	7	1	19	2	..	11	40	0.96	10.97	
Christchurch	51,330	16,964	35	2	..	10	..	..	6	18	1.06	11.49
Linwood		6,115	16	..	..	4	1	1	4	10	1.64	10.47
St. Albans		5,781	11	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	0.69	8.99
Sydenham		10,312	22	1	..	1	1	..	2	5	0.48	12.02	
Woolston		2,057	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.70
Other suburbs		*
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	41,229	87	4	..	17	2	1	13	37	0.90	11.08	
Dunedin	47,280	22,815	34	3	..	11	2	..	16	32	1.40	9.60	
Caversham		4,763	11	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	0.84	14.91
Maori Hill		1,483	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1.35	4.72
Mornington		3,584	5	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	0.84	7.25
North-east Valley		3,374	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.30	7.71
Roslyn		4,118	9	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	0.97	5.83
St. Kilda		1,185	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.06
South Dunedin		4,592	8	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	0.87	9.58
West Harbour	1,366	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.86	
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	47,280	81	3	..	21	2	1	23	50	1.06	9.12	

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

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

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 374, against 377 in September, a decrease of 3. The deaths in October were 156, an increase of 2 on the number in September. Of the total deaths, males contributed 87, females 69. Twenty-nine of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 18.59 per cent. of the whole number; 23 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 32 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: five men, 69, 73, 76, 77, 82, died at Auckland; three men, 70, 72, 74, and one woman, 72, at Wellington; five men, 69, 71, 75, 76, 83, and seven women, 65, 66, 67, 71, 78, 80, 83, at Christchurch; and eight men, 65 (two), 66, 67 (two), 73, 79, 86, and three women, 65 (two), 68, 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 October, 1897.

CLASS.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		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	3	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	8	5.13
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	..	6	2	6	..	7	..	16	37	23.72
V.	Developmental Diseases	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	1	8	5.13
VI.	Local Diseases	3	10	5	21	3	18	3	24	87	55.77
VII.	Violence	..	5	..	3	1	1	1	2	13	8.33
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	1.92
	Totals	6	23	10	30	7	30	6	44	156	100.00

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBBILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic,—</i>									
Diphtheria	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Enteric Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrhoeal,—</i>									
Diarrhoea	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Venereal,—</i>									
Syphilis (hereditary)	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic,—</i>									
Erysipelas	1	..	..	1
Septicæmia	1	1
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Rheumatism (acute)	2	..	..	..	..	2
Rheumatism	1	1
Cancer	2	..	4	..	6	12
Tubercular Peritonitis	1	1
Tubercular Diarrhoea	1	1
Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	..	..	2	3
Phthisis	5	..	2	..	3	..	3	13
Tubercular Disease of Hip-joint	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hæmophilia	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pernicious Anæmia	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth..	1	..	1	..	2	..	4
Senile Decay	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	4
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>									
Meningitis	1	..	..	2	3
Apoplexy	2	..	..	..	1	3
Softening of Brain	1	..	..	..	..	1
Hemiplegia	1	1
Paralysis	2	..	..	2
Insanity	1	..	..	..	..	1
Convulsions	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Tabes Dorsalis	1	1
Hydrocephalus	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Chronic Brain-disease	1	..	..	..	..	1
Congestion of Brain	1	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>									
Heart-disease	3	..	5	1	4	..	7	20
Pericarditis	1	1
Fatty Degeneration of Heart	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Heart-failure	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Embolism	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>									
Bronchitis	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Pneumonia	5	1	1	7
Inflammation of Lungs	1	..	..	..	..	1
Pleurisy	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Pulmonary Œdema	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Congestion of Lungs	1	..	1	2
Pulmonary Abscess	1	1
Bronchial Carbuncle	1	..	..	1
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System,—</i>									
Dentition	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enteritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Obstruction of Bowels	1	..	2	..	..	3
Strangulation of Intestine	1	1
Intussusception	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Peritonitis	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Icterus Neonatorum	1	..	..	..	..	..	1

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—continued.									
ORDER 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Bright's Disease	3	..	..	..	3	6
Uræmia	1	..	..	1
Renal Disease	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
Ovarian Tumour	1	..	..	..	..	1
Miscarriage	1	..	..	1
Puerperal Convulsions	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 10:—									
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System,—</i>									
Cellulitis	1	..	..	..	..	1
Eczema	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Acute Dermatitis	1	..	..	..	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
By Train colliding with 'Bus	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
By overturning of a Dray	1	..	1
By Kick from Horse	1	..	..	..	1
Tetanus from Wound of Finger	1	..	..	..	..	1
Operation for Cyst of Broad Ligament	1	..	..	1
Burns	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Scald	1	..	..	..	..	1
Drowned	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
From Exposure and Want of Attention	1	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Suicide,—</i>									
By Rough on Rats	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Spirits of Salts	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Marasmus, &c.	2	..	1	..	..	..	3
Totals	6	23	10	30	7	30	6	44	156

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

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the death-rate at each of the four centres. The rates for October are—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	0.70
and five suburban boroughs	0.66
Wellington City	1.04
and three suburban boroughs	0.96
Christchurch City	1.06
and four suburban boroughs	0.90
Dunedin City	1.40
and eight suburban boroughs	1.06

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

	October, 1896.	October, 1897.
Auckland and suburbs	0.94	0.66
Wellington and suburbs	1.10	0.96
Christchurch and suburbs	0.73	0.90
Dunedin and suburbs	1.08	1.06

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—The deaths in this class at four boroughs and suburbs were 8 in October last, against 6 in September and 17 in August. Diphtheria caused 2 deaths last month—1 at Christchurch and 1 at Auckland. Enteric fever contributed only 1 death, which occurred at Auckland. From diarrhoea there were 2 deaths, also at Auckland. A child of six months died at Christchurch of heart-disease, resulting from hereditary syphilis. There were also 2 deaths from erysipelas and septicæmia.

Constitutional Diseases.—Of the total, amounting to 37 deaths, 13 were from phthisis, 12 from cancer, 6 from other tubercular diseases, and 3 from rheumatism. An infant died from hæmophilia (hæmorrhagic diathesis). There were, besides, a death of an aged man from pernicious anæmia, and another from diabetes mellitus.

Local Diseases.—Of 87 deaths, 18 were from diseases of the nervous system (apoplexy, paralysis, &c.), 26 from diseases of the circulatory system (heart-disease, &c.), 18 of the respiratory system (bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, &c.), 11 of the digestive system, 8 of the urinary system (including 6 Bright's disease), 3 of the reproductive system, and 3 of the integumentary system.

Violent Deaths.—11 were accidental and 2 were suicidal. Two boys were killed by a train colliding with 'bus at a railway-crossing; a labourer by the overturning of a dray; a child by a kick from a horse; an ironworker died from tetanus (wound of finger); a woman from operation for cyst; a girl from burns; and an epileptic youth from accidental scalding. A cabinetmaker and a seaman were found drowned, and an infant found dead from exposure and neglect. One suicide was that of a glass-cutter, who poisoned himself with "Rough on Rats"; the other a bricklayer, who made use of spirits of salts.

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.	
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	1	..	..	1	..	1
Wellington and suburban boroughs	1	1	3	1	..	..	1	..	2
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	1
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	2	..	..	2	1	1	1
Totals	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	3	8	2	..	7	4	2	5

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 10th November, 1897.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR OCTOBER, 1897.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month* Average same month previous years*...	55.8 57.3	53.5 53.6	53.0 52.6	47.5 50.4
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	66.0 on 20th	65.0 on 22nd	73.8 on 21st	68.0 on 20th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	45.0 on 19th	38.0 on 28th	34.2 on 7th	34.0 on 16th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	129.0 on 19th	128.0 on 28th	127.9 on 21st	120.0 on 4th
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	41.0 on 19th	27.0 on 19th	29.6 on 29th	31.0 on 17th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	69	70	65	79
Average same month previous years ..	76	77	71	70
Total Rainfall, in inches ..	3.630	5.510	1.338	8.950
Average same month previous years ..	3.240	4.370	1.726	2.439
Number of Days of Rain ..	22	20	11	19
Average same month previous years ..	17	13	10	15

* 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, 10th November, 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 October, 1897.

BOROUGHS.	POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL, 1896.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHS.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1897.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Oct., 1897.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1896.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Thames	5,500*	9	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	0.36	13.14
New Plymouth	3,825	13	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	4	1.05	11.24
Napier	9,231	24	1	2	2	..	..	..	5	10	1.08	14.41
Wanganui	5,936	15	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	5	0.84	9.10	
Palmerston North	5,910	17	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	0.34	9.14
Blenheim	3,018	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.66	9.28
Nelson	6,659	8	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	3	1.20	12.61
Greymouth	3,099	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	4	1.29	9.36
Hokitika	2,059	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.49	5.34
Lyttelton	3,898	9	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	5	1.23	8.98
Timaru	3,613	9	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	0.55	7.47
Oamaru	5,225	15	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	4	0.77	8.04
Invercargill	5,632†	13	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.36	5.86

* Estimated population.

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

Rainfall for October.

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	4.64	11	1.85 on 27th.
Pakarakā	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C.	3.20	13	1.30 on 22nd.
Parua Bay	D. Davidson	2.05	17	0.64 on 4th.
Auckland	Government Observer	3.63	22	0.63 on 4th.
Cuvier Island*	Lightkeeper	1.72	14	0.37 on 4th.
Te Aroha	P. Snewin .. .. .	..	..	..
Athenree (Tauranga)	Captain Stewart	4.56	26	0.75 on 12th.
Rotorua	Dr. Ginders	5.30	21	1.24 on 23rd.
(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGDMONT.				
Kaitiāia	W. G. Puckey	4.96	14	1.10 on 4th.
Okaihau	H. C. Burleigh	4.99	15	1.52 on 22nd.
Awakino	N. A. Robison	11.82	24	3.16 on 11th.
Raglan†	H. V. Rutherford	11.17	25	2.35 on 12th.
Te Kopua (Waikato)	Rev. H. Young	8.63	26	1.46 on 11th.
New Plymouth	E. Veale	10.13	23	2.25 on 12th.
Upper Mongorei	Mrs. Monro	20.30	27	3.73 on 12th.
Inglewood	Miss E. Trimble	21.14	23	3.72 on 12th.
Ngatimaru	R. Drummond	15.61	21	2.48 on 3rd.
(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGDMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.				
Opuhi	D. Wilkie	7.88	19	1.20 on 3rd.
Upper Waitotara	E. F. Liffiton	10.62	25	1.45 on 12th.
Omata Valley	C. Forde	9.08	21	1.38 on 12th.
Stratford	Miss Bobin	15.01	23	2.70 on 3rd.
Opunake	A. H. Moore	8.39	23	1.32 on 3rd.
Manaiā	G. A. Hurley	5.63	13	1.52 on 12th.
Hawera	J. Livingston	6.96	24	0.88 on 12th.
Kaponga	C. Maclean	9.12	23	1.23 on 22nd.
Wanganui	T. Ward	5.98	19	1.08 on 3rd.
Kaitoke	A. Wychodil	5.39	25	1.04 on 12th.
No. 2 Line (Wanganui)	H. I. Jones	6.38	22	1.03 on 12th.
Raetihi (Wanganui)	G. T. Murray	14.03	28	1.80 on 12th.
Parapara School (Wanganui)†	J. Katterns Manning	8.65	27	1.03 on 4th.
Campbelltown	H. Sanson	7.35	15	1.35 on 10th.
Fallding	S. Goodbehers	6.43	22	1.35 on 12th.
Te Kumu	Dr. Anson	5.75	21	0.71 on 12th.
Erehwon	Miss Birch	4.66	23	1.10 on 12th.
Ruanui	J. F. Studholme	7.01	26	0.76 on 4th.
West Waitapu	J. Gurflee	7.15	27	1.13 on 12th.
Ashurst	H. Barnes	7.92	23	1.61 on 12th.
Bull's	E. J. Keiller	7.02	15	1.34 on 12th.
Palmerston North	C. J. Monro	6.74	24	1.58 on 11th.
State Farm (Levin)	O. J. Blaine	5.61	19	1.25 on 11th.
Otaki	M. H. Ayre	4.72	17	1.16 on 11th.
Kereru	C. A. Muggleton	6.03	14	1.28 on 11th.
Pukerua	W. Bell	4.94	15	1.20 on 1st.
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.				
Waipiro	J. S. Dodgshun	1.94	11	0.57 on 8th.
Matahiāia	F. J. Kemp	3.60	13	0.87 on 3rd.
Tolago Bay	A. Reeves	0.78	5	0.24 on 23th.
Gisborne	Rev. H. W. Williams	1.80	12	0.42 on 8th.
Patutahi	H. N. Watson	1.74	9	0.52 on 8th.
Maraetaha	J. Woodbine Johnson	1.99	10	0.56 on 9th.
Tiniroto	J. Cook	1.95	10	0.46 on 8th.
Waikaremoana	Fenton Lambert	2.15	12	0.39 on 23th.
Tutira Lake	H. Guthrie-Smith	1.84	9	0.65 on 9th.
Rakamoana	J. Moore	2.92	14	0.86 on 12th.
Te Kowhai	J. H. Absalom	3.79	12	1.05 on 12th.
Petane	W. H. Smith	1.24	5	0.56 on 9th.
Napier	E. Lyndon	1.53	5	0.74 on 8th.
Hastings	J. N. Williams	3.37	10	2.23 on 23th.
Waimarama	Thomas R. Moore	1.58	13	0.50 on 11th.
Mangakuri	G. C. Williams	1.66	6	0.54 on 12th.
Te Aute	S. B. Ludbrook	1.67	12	0.54 on 12th.
Maraskakaho	A. Lockie	1.82	10	0.61 on 12th.
Gwavas	J. Nicoll	2.04	18	0.60 on 12th.
Mount Vernon	J. W. Harding	1.74	8	0.69 on 12th.
Ormondville	J. D. Watson	4.32	15	1.11 on 12th.
Woodville	J. Leithead	10.38	23	1.98 on 12th.
Pahiātua	W. Tosswill	10.44	23	2.26 on 12th.
Newman	W. H. Herbert	15.64	24	2.83 on 11th.
Tane	H. A. Lambert	10.51	23	1.89 on 12th.
Otahuāo	Miss E. A. D. Bennett	4.07	15	1.05 on 11th.
Masterton	B. Couborne	4.87	19	0.83 on 7th.
Carterton	H. Braithwaite	4.80	17	1.04 on 11th.
Featherston	G. G. Wellsted	3.03	13	0.76 on 10th.
Summit	M. Cronin	10.87	20	1.55 on 1st.
Upper Hutt	M. Maher	12.60	10	3.00 on 1st.
Taitā	T. Mason	8.06	19	1.96 on 1st.
Wainuiomata	J. Quaintance	6.62	13	1.55 on 1st.
Lower Hutt	Miss Heaton	7.70	17	1.60 on 1st.
Petone	Sir J. Hector	8.15	18	1.93 on 1st.
Wellington	Government Observer	5.51	20	1.20 on 1st.
Karori	W. Edmonds	4.63	19	0.87 on 1st.
Late returns—				
* September .. .. .	.. .. .	2.56	11	0.55 on 27th.
† September .. .. .	.. .. .	9.92	15	2.50 on 23th.
‡ September .. .. .	.. .. .	3.13	18	0.62 on 26th.

Rainfall for October—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for previous Twenty-four Hours).
SOUTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.				
Nelson	Dr. Hudson	5.12	19	0.84 on 21st.
Stephens Island*	Lightkeeper .. ..	..	..	..
The Brothers †	Lightkeeper .. ..	..	..	..
Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds)	W. B. Tosswill	12.70	20	2.39 on 1st.
Blenheim	N. T. Prichard	2.94	13	0.65 on 11th.
Cape Campbell	Lightkeeper	1.73	8	0.50 on 11th.
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	3.41	13	0.69 on 11th.
Kekerangu	W. J. White	2.26	15	1.02 on 22nd.
Mount Fyfe (Kaikoura)	Miss H. Collins	1.90	12	0.52 on 23th.
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Farewell Spit	Lightkeeper	6.12	17	1.15 on 11th.
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	16.58	31	4.10 on 11th.
Westport	H. S. Ewan	13.33	27	1.79 on 22nd.
Ngahere	J. Scott	24.43	28	3.05 on 20th.
Greymouth	J. Conner	19.50	24	2.78 on 21st.
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	26.67	23	5.16 on 21st.
Dusky Sound	R. Henry .. ..	..	..	..
Puysegur Point	Lightkeeper .. ..	..	..	..
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.				
Waiiau	F. S. Northcote	1.28	8	0.50 on 11th.
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	2.45	15	0.63 on 16th.
Port Hills (Christchurch)	Miss M. L. Higgins	1.29	12	0.36 on 2nd.
Christchurch †	A. L. Taylor	1.62	11	0.46 on 2nd.
Linwood	J. A. Biltcliff	1.36	11	0.37 on 2nd.
Lincoln	C. O. Lillie	1.38	11	0.46 on 2nd.
Southbridge	J. McMillan	1.32	14	0.42 on 12th.
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	2.10	14	0.39 on 13th.
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	1.75	12	0.41 on 9th and 12th.
Orari	John Murray	2.36	12	0.36 on 8th.
Bealey	C. White	12.25	8	3.00 on 21st.
Mt. Peel	Miss L. A. D. Acland	4.38	16	0.59 on 21st.
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	5.06	17	0.75 on 6th.
Methven	H. G. Baker	4.08	16	0.75 on 11th.
Drayton (Methven)	E. Chapman	4.02	15	0.76 on 11th.
Ashburton	A. E. Hart	1.90	12	0.33 on 2nd.
Timaru	C. H. Inglis	2.43	10	0.53 on 12th.
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	3.71	15	1.13 on 6th.
Geraldine	Captain E. F. Temple	3.17	14	0.44 on 11th.
Windsor Park (Oamaru)	E. Menlove	3.77	18	0.72 on 21st.
Oamaru	W. Anderson	3.00	17	0.71 on 12th.
Maheno	C. de V. Teschemaker	2.25	12	0.48 on 21st.
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Macetown	W. J. Stanford	7.28	14	1.60 on 21st.
Queenstown	L. Hotop	5.45	16	1.63 on 10th.
St. Bathans	J. Ewing	5.43	15	2.13 on 21st.
Middlemarch	D. Crawford	3.85	17	0.87 on 21st.
Gladbrook Station	D. Crawford	6.15	21	1.36 on 21st.
Roxburgh	Dr. W. J. Mullin	5.62	22	1.25 on 16th.
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	3.72	21	0.66 on 21st.
Dunedin	Government Observer	8.95	19	1.11 on 13th.
Eweburn	H. J. Mathews	2.83	10	0.72 on 21st.
Tapanni	H. J. Mathews	6.16	19	0.80 on 16th.
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore	7.23	18	1.40 on 10th.
Balclutha	C. C. Halliday	5.29	19	0.65 on 10th.
Naseby	G. L. Stewart	4.44	15	0.89 on 11th.
Clyde	L. D. Macgeorge	3.53	14	1.00 on 21st.
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	7.37	23	1.12 on 10th.
Ratanui	G. M. Draper	10.93	23	1.24 on 13th.
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	10.09	21	0.90 on 10th, 15th, 16th, and 23rd.
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	10.31	19	1.64 on 16th.
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	7.45	22	1.25 on 10th.
Chatham Islands §	A. Shand .. ..	..	..	..
Late returns—				
*September .. ..	.. ..	2.79	9	1.00 on 27th.
†August .. ..	.. ..	1.97	10	0.54 on 5th.
September .. ..	.. ..	3.18	14	0.94 on 27th.
†August .. ..	.. ..	1.69	13	0.45 on 17th.
September .. ..	.. ..	1.23	6	0.67 on 4th.
§September .. ..	.. ..	3.18	14	0.94 on 27th.

J. HECTOR, Director.

Alterations to the Scale of Fares, Rates, and Charges in Force upon the New Zealand Government Railways.

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under "The Public Works Act, 1894," and any amendment thereof, and also of "The Government Railways Act, 1894," I, Alfred Jerome Cadman, the Minister for Railways, do hereby make the following alterations in the scale of fares, rates, and charges in force on the New Zealand Government railways open for traffic, such alterations to come into force on and after the 22nd day of November, 1897:—

PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

MILK.

Milk consigned to *bonâ fide* milk-condensing factories for the manufacture of condensed milk will be charged $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per gallon for distances of fifteen miles and under, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per gallon for the next fifteen miles, and $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gallon for each additional thirty miles or fractional part thereof; provided that the consignment-note is indorsed by the consignor that the milk is *bonâ fide* for the manufacture of condensed milk.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

PICTON SECTION.

Except where otherwise specified, the maximum charge for goods of Classes A, B, C, D, consigned to Picton, will be 7s. 6d. per ton weight or measurement, at the option of the Railway Department, including wharfage and labour at ship's side at Picton when such goods are for export.

PART VI.—WHARVES.

NELSON SECTION.

Nelson Wharf.

Goods from ports situated in Golden and Tasman Bays, for export beyond the Provincial District of Nelson, landed on the Nelson Wharf and reshipped direct from the wharf, or stored in the railway-sheds to await the arrival of ship, will be charged half inwards wharfage rates only. If removed from the Nelson Wharf or railway-shed, full rates will be charged.

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister for Railways.

Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 8th November, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Post and Telegraph Department.

R. J. SEDDON,

Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Date.
Edwards, Charles	Assistant Messenger	Circulation Branch, G.P.O.	1 June, 1897.
Jenks, George	Letter-carrier	Avondale	23 June, "
Mowlem, Leonard	Cadet	Palmerston North	1 June, "
Oxley, Aileen Zanita	Cadette	Auckland C.P.O.	28 Sept., 1896.
Stewart, John	Lineman	Palmerston North	1 Oct., 1897.
Von Stürmer, Ernest Somerset	"	Wellington	1 Oct., "

NON-PERMANENT.

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

Railway Officers.

Morton, William John	Waihola	Dunedin	18 Sept., 1897.
Pimm, Willie (Postmaster and Telephonist)	Mangatainoka	Wellington	1 Oct., "

POSTMASTERS.

Batira, George	Mawheraiti	Greymouth	1 Sept., 1897.
Frankpitt, Samuel	Red Jack's	Greymouth	1 Oct., "
Graham, Amy Segunda Frances de Longueville	Island Cliff	Oamaru	22 Sept., "
Innis, Arthur	Cryer's Landing	Thames	1 Oct., "
Johnson, Percy James Bell	Te Kuiti	Auckland	21 Sept., "
Jones, Thomas	Tokarahi	Oamaru	22 Sept., "
Kay, Margaret	Shag Valley	Dunedin	1 Oct., "
Little, William Henry	Woodend	Christchurch	1 Oct., "
McDougall, Annie	Rewa	Wellington	22 Sept., "
Meredith, James	Cabbage Bay	Auckland	1 Oct., "
Milne, Alexander	Tawhere	Auckland	1 Oct., "
Milne, James	Wendonside	Invercargill	1 Oct., "
Walters, John Frederick	St. Helier's	Auckland	1 Oct., "
Wood, Francis James	Pukewhau	Thames	1 Oct., "
Wykes, Frederick Read	Te Whaiti	Auckland	1 Oct., "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Barker, James Otto	Mangahao	Wellington	16 Sept., 1897.
Brown, Annette Elizabeth	Nuhaka	Napier	4 Oct., "
Buchanan, Thomas George	Okaihau	Auckland	1 Oct., "
Crichton, Harriet	Sanson	Wellington	1 Sept., "
Crowley, James	Ettrick	Dunedin	1 Oct., "
Maynard, William Edward	Linwood	Christchurch	1 Oct., "
Miller, Michael	Totara Flat	Greymouth	3 Sept., "
Wood, Frederick	Rangiriri	Auckland	1 Oct., "

TELEPHONISTS.

Dow, David	Cape Campbell	Blenheim	24 Aug., 1897.
Morrow, Margaret	Maori Hill	Dunedin	1 Sept., "
Stancombe, David	Athol	Invercargill	22 Sept., "

Offices opened and closed; Designations changed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 8th November, 1897.

THE following particulars of offices opened and closed, and of designations changed, are published for general information.
R. J. SEDDON,
Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

Name.	District.	Date.
POST-OFFICES OPENED.		
Cryer's Landing (reopened)	Thames	1 October, 1897.
Island Cliff	Oamaru	22 September, "
Rewa	Wellington	22 September, "
Te Whaiti	Auckland	1 October, "
Tokarahi	Oamaru	22 September, "
POST-OFFICES CLOSED.		
Blackball	Greymouth	30 September, 1897.
North Taieri	Dunedin	24 September, "
MONEY-ORDER OFFICES AND POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS OPENED.		
Lovell's Flat	Dunedin	8 November, 1897.
Mangatainoka	Wellington	24 October, "
Nightcaps	Invercargill	24 October, "
POSTAL-NOTE OFFICE OPENED.		
Te Whariki	Thames	1 November, 1897.
TELEPHONE-OFFICES OPENED.		
Hawkeswood*	Christchurch	11 October, 1897.
Hukanui*	Wellington	22 October, "
Motunau*	Christchurch	11 October, "
Putaruru†	Auckland	4 October, "
Waipara*	Christchurch	11 October, "
TELEPHONE BUREAUX OPENED.		
Nuggets	Dunedin	16 October, 1897.
Owaka	"	16 October, "
Port Molyneux	"	16 October, "
Ratanui	"	16 October, "

* Now post and telephone (combined).

† Now post and telephone (combined); railway office.

DESIGNATIONS CHANGED.

Description.	Office.		District.	Date.
	From	To		
Post and money-order office and savings-bank	Blackball Mine ..	Blackball*	Greymouth ..	1 Nov., 1897.
Railway, post, telephone, and postal-note office	Harben	Waimangaroa Junction	Westport ..	1 Dec., "
Post-office	Upper Blackball ..	Minerva	Greymouth ..	1 Nov., "

* Office lately called Blackball closed: See POST-OFFICES CLOSED.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW THOMAS McKNIGHT, of Tuhikaramea, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 5th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that DANIEL LEWIS, of Kennedy Bay, Storekeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 15th day of November, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 8th November, 1897.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that dividends in the under-mentioned estates are now payable at my office:—
James Higgs, of Kaiteratahi, Hotelkeeper, first and final, of 1s. in the pound.

William Bailey, of Tatapouri, Hotelkeeper, first and final, of 1s. 2½d. in the pound.

JOHN COLEMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Gisborne, 8th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM WEST, of Kopua, Bushman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Waipawa, on Wednesday, the 24th day of November, 1897, at 12.45 o'clock.

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

Napier, 13th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES WILLIAM HAWKE, of Eltham, Butcher's Assistant, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Athenæum, Eltham, on the 22nd day of November, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

C. A. BUDGE,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Hawera, 10th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that HOLLIS AND HULME, of Manaia, Brewers, were this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 19th day of November, 1897, at 2 o'clock.

C. A. BUDGE,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Hawera, 10th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN BELL SHELBORNE, of Pahiatua, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Pahiatua, on Thursday, the 18th day of November, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m.

W. B. CHENNELLS,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Masterton, 5th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN HUNT CURRIE, of Ross, Storekeeper and Baker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 13th day of November, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon.

R. W. WADE,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Hokitika, 10th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE ALEXANDER, of Denniston, Miner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 19th day of November, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

A. D. BAYFEILD,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Westport, 10th November, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN McNEILL, of Westport, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 23rd day of November, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

A. D. BAYFEILD,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Westport, 15th November, 1897.

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

No. 62.

In the matter of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1892"; and in the matter of the bankruptcy of JOHN WILSON JOHNSTON, of Redcliff, Farmer, a bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given that the public examination of the above-named bankrupt is fixed for the 19th November, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the sittings of the above-named Court in Bankruptcy at the Court at Oamaru.

Dated this 1st November, 1897.
E. A. ATKINSON,
Deputy Assignee.

Mining Notices.

HAURAKI PENINSULAR EXPLORATION COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given, under "The Mining Act, 1891," and "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that the Office or place of business in New Zealand of the Hauraki Peninsular Exploration Company (Limited), incorporated in England under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1893, is situated at Legal Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland.

FRED. H. WHALLEY,
Attorney in New Zealand for the Hauraki Peninsular Exploration Company (Limited).
BASLEY AND BRUCE,
Solicitors for the Hauraki Peninsular Exploration Company (Limited). 1298

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT WATER-RACE.

Otago Mining District, 27th October, 1897.

To the Warden at Lawrence.

I HEREBY give notice that I intend to construct a water-race to divert and use water for the purpose of driving a chaff-cutter and other machinery, commencing at a point in Auguilla Creek, in Section 5, Block XIII., Crookston District, about 8 chains north-east from my dwellinghouse, and terminating at my chaff-house in Section 4, Block XIII., Crookston.

The length of such race is 500 yards or thereabouts, and its intended course is westerly, passing through my freehold Sections 4 and 5, Block XIII., Crookston District. Pegs marked W.

The mean depth of such race is 1 ft. 6 in., and the mean breadth 2 ft.; and it is proposed to divert four Government heads of water.

Cost of construction: Already constructed.
Number and date of miner's right: No. 27987; 26th October, 1897.

WILLIAM DUFF,
Applicant
(By his Solicitor, ALFRED CROOKE).

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

Hearing at 2 o'clock on the 6th December, 1897.

A. M. EYES,
Pro Warden.
Warden's Office, Lawrence, 27th October, 1897. 1299

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and of the Island Block Gold-mining Company (Limited), a company incorporated in Great Britain under the Joint-stock Companies Acts, and formed for mining purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, that the office or place of business in the colony of the above-named company is at the offices of William Brown and Co., situate at No. 101, Princes Street, Dunedin.

Dunedin, 5th November, 1897.
CHAS. C. RAWLINS,
Attorney for the said Company.
Witness—J. F. Woodhouse, Solicitor, Dunedin. 1287

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of the Waiho Hydraulic Sluicing and Water-race Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business in New Zealand of the Waiho Hydraulic Sluicing and Water-race Company (Limited), a company incorporated in England under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890, is at the office of Thomas William Bearé, Solicitor, Hamilton Street, Hokitika.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1897.

PHILIP J. PERRY,
Attorney for the Waiho Hydraulic Sluicing and Water-race Company (Limited).
THOMAS W. BEARÉ, Solicitor for the Company,
Hokitika. 1285

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and "The Mining Act, 1891," that the Office or place of business in the Colony of New Zealand of the under-mentioned companies has been changed from No. 32, Shortland Street, Auckland, to the new offices of Mr. Godefroi Drew Ingall, F.I.S., F.I.A.N.Z., on the opposite side of the aforesaid street.

- The Kapanga Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- Blagrove's Freehold Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- Preece's Point Proprietary (Hauraki) (Limited).
- Komata Reefs Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- Tararu Creek Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- The Hauraki Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- Scotty's Hauraki Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- Kathleen Gold-mine (Limited).
- The New Hauraki Gold Properties (Limited).
- The Success Gold-mines (Limited).
- The Royal Oak of Hauraki (Limited).
- The Tokatea of Hauraki (Limited), (in liquidation).
- Southern Star Gold-mines (Limited).
- The Kathleen Crown (Limited).
- The Komata Queen (Limited).
- The Maoriland Gold-mines (Limited).
- Irene (Hauraki) Gold-mine (Limited).
- The Ethel Reef Gold-mining Company (Limited).
- The Golden Pah (Hauraki) (Limited).

G. D. INGALL,

1279 Colonial Registrar of the said Companies.

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.

3398. MARY SPENCER RANSON.—Lots 8, 9, and 10 of the subdivision of Allotments 20, 21, and 31, Section 14, of the Suburbs of Auckland, containing 3 acres 1 rood 30 perches. In the occupation of Applicant and tenant.

3402. JEANETTA MARY ISABELLA MACKY.—Part of Allotment 4, Section 2, Parish of Takapuna, containing 1 acre 3 roods 1 perch. Occupied by Applicant. Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,

1302 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 20th day of December, 1897.

1175. Applicant: ROBERT NAIRN.—2 roods, Sub-division 2, deposited Plan 1134, part of Suburban Section 13, Havelock. In occupation of Applicant.

1177. Applicant: JOHN RINGLAND.—24 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, part of Suburban Section 88, Town of Napier, with right of way over other part, Lot 11, deposited Plan 1118. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

THOS. HALL,

1300 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 18th day of December, 1897.

2426. JAMES CRAIG McKERROW.—1216 acres 3 roods, being Subdivisions 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 11, Uruokakite South B Block, and Moiki No. 4 Block, Wairarapa District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,

1303 District Land Registrar.

LEASE 2946.—JAMES JOHN TAINE to SUE GEE, of part Section 29, Hutt District, being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Vol. i., folio 253.—Notice of re-entry, and cancellation of above lease, will be entered on the said certificate on the application of James John Taine unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 18th day of December, 1897.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,

1304 District Land Registrar.

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

8149. LEONARD BERTRAM HUBBARD.—6 acres 1 rood 30 perches, parts of Rural Section 3, Christchurch Survey District. Unoccupied.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,

1301 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 calendar month from the date of the gazetting of this notice.

GEORGEANNA JANET GRACE TANCRED.—2 roods, being Sections 13 and 14, Block XXII., Town of Invercargill. Unoccupied. No. 2685.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1897, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

F. G. MORGAN,

1305 District Land Registrar.

Private Advertisements.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned ARNOLD CHARLES LEWIS and THOMAS WILLIAM LEWIS, as Solicitors, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The practice will be carried on by Mr. T. W. Lewis, at the offices of the late firm, in Hastings.

Dated at Hastings, this 1st day of November, 1897.

A. C. LEWIS.

T. W. LEWIS.

Witness—W. W. K. McLean, Law Clerk, Hastings. 1295

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and its amendments; and in the matter of the Australasian Publishing Company (Limited).

AT an extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company, duly convened, and held at Christchurch on the 20th day of October, 1897, the following special resolution was duly passed; and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the members of the said company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on the 5th day of November, 1897, the following resolution was duly confirmed: "That the Australasian Publishing Company (Limited) be wound up voluntarily." And at such last-mentioned meeting ARTHUR HENRY LINZEY, of Christchurch, Accountant, was appointed Liquidator for the purposes of the winding-up.

Dated at Christchurch, this 5th day of November, 1897.

HORACE J. WEEKS,

Chairman.

Witness to the signature of Horace John Weeks—J. A. Fleisher, Solicitor, Christchurch. 1296

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,
CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and its amendments; and in the matter of the South Canterbury Building and Investment Company (Limited), under a voluntary liquidation thereof, continued under the supervision of the Court.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 202 of "The Companies Act, 1882," that a General Meeting of the members of the above-named company will be held at the office of Mr. Alexander Montgomery, Arcade Chambers, Timaru, on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, in order that there may be laid before the said company an account showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the company has been disposed of, and in order that the company may hear any explanation that may be given by the Liquidators.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY, } Liquidators.
ANDREW ALLAN, }

Witness to signatures of both—

LOUIS BOURN, Clerk,

Timaru. 1297

IN pursuance of "The Mining Act, 1891," and "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," I hereby give notice that it is the intention of the London and New Zealand Finance Corporation (Limited) to cease to carry on business in this Colony of New Zealand; and I hereby request that all claims against the said corporation be forwarded forthwith to me at the registered office of the corporation.

Dated at Auckland, this 1st day of November, 1897.

ALLAN CAMERON STEWART,

Attorney for Corporation,
Tweeddale Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland,
New Zealand.

Messrs. BEALE AND BEALE,
Corporation's Solicitors, Queen Street, Auckland. 1289

CITIZENS' LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

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

I, JAMES FRANKIS LANE, of Wellington, Attorney of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company (Limited), do hereby give notice, pursuant to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, that the head offices of the above-named company in the Colony of New Zealand are removed or changed from the Union Company's Buildings, Customhouse Quay, in the City of Wellington, to the Citizens' Life Assurance Chambers, corner of Customhouse Quay and Hunter Street, in the said City of Wellington, where service of legal proceedings may be made in accordance with the above Act.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1897.

JAMES F. LANE,
Resident Secretary and Attorney.

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