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*Native Land off East Cape to be taken for a Lighthouse, and other Works in Connection therewith, being the Island of Whangaokeno, or East Island, in the Provincial District of Auckland.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

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

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken for a public work, to wit, the construction of a lighthouse, and other works in connection therewith, on the island known as Whangaokeno, or East Island, in the Provincial District of Auckland:

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

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the said Act, and of all other powers in any wise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby declare that the land shown upon such map, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be deemed to be taken for the purposes of the public work hereinbefore mentioned; and the said land shall vest in Her Majesty the Queen as from the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, being the Island of Whangaokeno, or East Island, lying about a mile and a half in an easterly direction from East Cape, and containing approximately 20 acres; and on which island a trig. marked D bears 98° 26' 30" from Trig. E, Block XVI., East Cape Survey District, and 48° 11' 51" from Trig. B, Block IV., Waipu Survey District: as the same is delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18088, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

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

*Regulations for New Zealand Forests.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby make the regulations contained in the First and Second Schedules hereto, and do hereby declare that these regulations shall come into force and take effect on and after the thirteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and shall apply to forests generally.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

"FOREST" in these regulations means any State forest or forest reserve subject to the provisions of "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885."

1. Where it is necessary to grant to any licensee or other person authorised to cut and remove timber, bark, or wood for fuel from any forest, any right or rights of way through any part of the same, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, with the approval of the Minister of Lands, may grant such right or rights and may impose such conditions in each case as may be deemed necessary. But no such right shall exist for any period beyond the term specified in the original license or authority.

2. All timber and other produce within any forest may be disposed of, either by auction at per 100 ft., or by appraisal, or license to fell, upon such terms as the Minister shall prescribe; and all moneys which shall be payable for such timber or other produce shall be paid, in such manner as he shall direct, to the Receiver of Land Revenue.

3. When required by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, any person holding a license to fell timber shall use a brand, and shall register the same in the office of the said Commissioner; and no two persons shall use the same brand.

4. Any person marking any timber with any brand not belonging to him, or branding any timber belonging to any other person with any brand other than the brand of the owner of such timber, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50 for every such offence; but the payment of such penalty shall not debar the person aggrieved from recovering the amount of any damage he may have sustained by the action of the delinquent.

5. Any person lighting any fire within a forest, whether on Crown land or otherwise, and intentionally or negligently

allowing the same to spread, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50; but the payment of such penalty shall not prevent the recovery from the wrongdoer of the value of any damage which may be done by such fire.

6. Any person who shall permit any fire lighted by him outside the boundaries of any such forest to spread into or cause injuries to such forest shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20; but the payment of such penalty shall not prevent the recovery from the wrongdoer of the value of any damage which may be done by such fire.

7. Any person who shall unlawfully injure or destroy any timber or other tree or shrub growing in any forest, nursery, reserve, or plantation, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5 for every timber-tree so injured or destroyed, and a penalty not exceeding £1 for every other tree or shrub so injured or destroyed. But in no case shall the aggregate penalty be more than £50.

8. Any unlicensed person who may be found digging for kauri-gum or other products within the boundaries of any forest shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding £20.

9. Any person who shall suffer any cattle or animal of any kind to wander in any forest, or to browse upon or otherwise destroy any timber or other trees or shrubs therein, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5; and the payment of such penalty shall not prevent the recovery from the wrongdoer of the amount of any damage which may be done by any such cattle or animal; but nothing in this or any other regulations contained shall apply to cattle being driven on any public road through any forest, or temporarily wandering without neglect of the person in charge of the same.

10. Any Ranger or other person may drive any cattle or other animal as aforesaid to the nearest public pound, and the same shall not be released therefrom except upon payment to the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the usual driving-fees and poundage-charges.

11. Any person who shall trespass in any forest shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50. Any person, whether licensed or not, who may be found trespassing in or near any forest during the months of November, December, January, February, and March, or who shall in the opinion of any Crown Ranger be doing any act whereby there is a danger of the forest being destroyed by fire, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50.

12. Any person who shall hinder or obstruct any officer concerned in the management of any forest in the execution of his duty shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20.

13. Applications for licenses to cut timber in any forest shall be made at the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district in which the forest is situated.

14. Every application shall be made on one of the forms prescribed for that purpose, and may be accompanied by a sketch showing the position and extent of the area selected, and shall state the particular purpose for which the license is required; and the applicant shall, where required, deposit the amount of survey-fees, which shall be forfeited if the application be abandoned or not proceeded with for the space of one month.

15. As far as possible sawmill areas shall be in a rectangular form, the proportion of length to breadth not exceeding three to one, or shall include one side of a watershed, except where previous surveys or other circumstances render this impracticable.

16. As soon as practicable after payment of survey-fees for a sawmill area the necessary survey and valuation shall be made, the survey to be made in accordance with such regulations as the Surveyor-General may prescribe.

17. Upon the application being granted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the applicant shall, as may be agreed, pay the value of the timber included in the area to the Receiver of Land Revenue, or execute such agreement as may be prescribed, after which a license may be issued.

18. Whenever the department in any case shall deem it advisable to use an official brand, this shall consist of the letter **F** branded on a space exposed by the removal of a chip near the base of the tree.

19. All trees when branded shall be felled above the official brand.

20. In the event of any dispute respecting the correctness of the valuation or the correctness of any statement of timber cut, the decision of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or of some officer specially appointed by him, shall be final; and in the case of any dispute as to the quantity of timber cut, the decision of the Commissioner as to the amount to be paid shall be forthwith complied with, subject, however, to the right of the licensee to proceed for the refund of any sum alleged to be overpaid.

21. Any licensee cutting timber outside his boundary-line shall pay the value of the timber, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5 for each tree, at the discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom the case may be brought; but the payment of such penalty shall not prevent the recovery of the amount of any damage which may be done by such licensee.

22. Every licensee shall point out the extent of his cutting when required so to do by any officer appointed under the authority of the Land Act or these regulations.

23. The Commissioner of Crown Lands shall have power to reserve trees required for special purposes on any area for which a license may be granted; such trees to be branded with the letters F.R.

24. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may cause to be seized all timber cut on Crown lands, wherever found, which he may have cause to believe has been cut in a forest by an unlicensed person; but in case a right to such timber shall be asserted within fourteen days after the notice hereafter mentioned, and shall be established to the satisfaction of the Land Board, such timber shall be restored to the claimant.

25. All timber when seized shall be marked with the forest brand, **F**, and, after due notice of the seizure thereof in writing, to be posted up in the Land Office or at the police-station in the district where such seizure was made, shall, in case no claimant shall appear and establish his claim within fourteen days therefrom, be sold in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Commissioner may direct.

26. All timber cut under a yearly or half-yearly license must be removed within four weeks after the expiration of the license, unless an extension of time be granted by the Commissioner; otherwise it may be declared forfeited, seized, and sold on behalf of the Crown.

27. The proceeds of the sale of timber so seized are to be accounted for and paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue.

28. If, for the purpose of removing timber, any licensee shall have made a tramway or road upon land being waste lands of the Crown, and not being a highway, it shall not be lawful for any other person to use such tramway or road without permission of the person making the same first obtained: Provided that, if such tramway or road shall not be used at any time for ninety consecutive days for removing timber, it shall be lawful for the Land Board to determine that the constructor of the tramway or road has forfeited his right to the same: Provided also that, as regards tramways, the Board reserves to itself the power of deciding on the merits of each case as it arises.

29. All trees shall be felled and removed from the forest in such a way as to cause the least possible amount of injury to the young growth. Should needless damage be caused, it shall be estimated by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or by some officer to be appointed by him, and the amount of such damage shall be paid by the licensee, together with any special costs that may be incurred. In default of payment of such moneys within fourteen days after demand, the same may be recovered from the licensee as liquidated damages at suit of the Commissioner, or any officer appointed by him in that behalf, and the license held by the licensee may, at the discretion of the said Commissioner, be absolutely forfeited. All trees shall be felled inwards.

#### SAWMILL LICENSES.

30. Generally the area of a sawmill license shall not exceed 200 acres, but the holder may apply to have three additional areas adjoining the first reserved for his exclusive use for a period not exceeding one year for each 100 acres from the date of appropriation; provided that he shall not be allowed to fell timber on any portion until he has complied with the terms of payment. When the purchased area comprises inferior or partially-cut bush, and the reserve applied for contains superior or virgin bush, the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall have power to withhold the reserve in whole or in part as he shall think fit. The title of the reserve shall be absolutely dependent upon the licensee's title to the sawmill area with which it is connected, and shall accordingly lapse whenever the sawmill area has been forfeited for breach of conditions.

31. The area of a license to cut and saw kauri or other large timber may include the whole or part of one side of a watershed within specified limits, and the Commissioner may dispose of such kauri or other timber growing within such limits, to be sawn at a mill erected within or adjacent to the said area, or to be removed for manufacture elsewhere.

32. It shall be optional with the Land Board to decide whether a royalty shall be paid in cash or partly in cash and the balance by instalments spread over such period as the Board may think expedient, and the said royalty may be assessed either on the estimated number of superficial feet of milling timber in the forest, or on the actual output of the mill, such output to be ascertained and verified by inspection

of the books of the mill, or by such other means as the Board may devise, and for this purpose the accounts and books shall be open to the inspection of a Ranger or other duly-authorized Government officer.

33. Royalty on timber shall be paid at the rates specified in the classified scale in the Second Schedule; but where the timber is easily accessible and can be procured without great difficulty, the Commissioner of Crown Lands may increase the amount of the royalty specified.

34. A sawmill license may be transferred on payment of a fee of £1 ls. to the Receiver of Land Revenue; but the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall have power to refuse to transfer any license if the licensee or transferee has committed a breach of these regulations, or if, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the transfer would be prejudicial to the public interest.

35. The holder of every sawmill license, other than for kauri, must, within twelve months of the date of his license, provide and fit up, either upon his sawmill area or on some other site approved of or granted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, a substantial and fully-equipped sawmill plant, including all the necessary buildings thereto appertaining, which sawmill plant must be kept in continuous working operation, unless valid and satisfactory reasons can be given to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for any temporary stoppage. Should at any time the mill be closed for a longer time than the Commissioner of Crown Lands thinks necessary or reasonable, it will be competent for him to give the licensee one month's notice in writing, and, should the licensee fail or neglect to resume and continue the *bonâ fide* working of the mill, the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall declare the license forfeited, and may immediately reoffer for license the sawmill area and the attached reserve as if the rights of the previous licensee had never existed. The licensee may within three months from the date of forfeiture, however, remove any building or machinery he may have erected. Whenever a sawmill licensee applies for another sawmill area alongside the area previously held by him, such last-mentioned area will be deemed to be worked out, and the land and remaining timber, if any, will immediately and absolutely revert to the Government.

36. The license, for the purpose of fulfilling conditions, is to date from the time the applicant is notified of completion of survey and amount of royalty payable.

37. The Commissioner may, at his discretion, accept promissory notes bearing good indorsements as part payment of royalty.

38. The applicant for a sawmill area shall state before survey is made what timber he proposes to use, and he will be charged with such timber only; other timber not included in the application shall not be cut or used excepting for tramways or buildings.

39. No black-, red-, or white-pine, totara, miro, or other milling timber of less than 12 in. at the butt will be included in the valuation, and the cutting of any timber under the size specified, unless specially authorised, will be deemed to be unlawfully cut: Provided, however, that smaller timber for laying tramways, building sheds, or other such purposes connected with his industry, may be cut and used in quantity to be approved by the Crown Lands Ranger or Commissioner of Crown Lands.

40. Every license (terminable within any year) shall be drawn so as to terminate on the 31st December in each year, and may be renewed from year to year, but subject to such alterations in the regulations as may be found necessary for the better management and utilisation of the bush: Provided that before the issue of any renewed license the licensee shall produce a certificate from the Crown Lands Ranger or other person duly appointed by the Land Board on that behalf—

- (1.) That the timber has been cut in a continuous and regular manner;
- (2.) That the sawmill has been kept continuously in operation, when not stopped by causes considered unavoidable by the Board;
- (3.) That, where so provided against, no trees or saplings under 12 in. in diameter have been cut for sale, or destroyed by the act of or by the neglect of the licensee or his servants, and that none of the provisions of the regulations have been violated.

41. And if it shall appear that such regulations have not been complied with, or that any wrongful acts have been done by the licensee, then the Land Board shall appoint a valuator to ascertain and assess the amount of damage which the forest, whether under license or not, may have sustained by such wrongful acts; and no new license shall be granted until the amount of damage so assessed shall have been paid, in addition to the sum due by way of rent and expenses of valuation.

42. If at any time during the currency of the yearly license the Ranger shall report that the timber on the licensed ground is being improperly cut, the license may be suspended

pending investigation, and cancelled if it is found that the regulations have been infringed.

43. Special licenses for single trees or clumps of trees may be granted at the discretion of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, on payment of such fees as may be fixed by him.

44. It shall be a condition precedent to the sale of any quantity of timber other than a single tree that a Crown Lands Ranger shall first report on the estimated quantity, quality, and general position and value of such timber; and thereupon the Land Board of the district may order the sale or grant licenses in manner above described.

45. Timber sold by auction shall be subject to such terms of payment as may be fixed by the Commissioner in each case. If any balance of purchase-money remains unpaid for the space of seven days after the time limited for payment thereof, the Land Board may declare the contract of sale, and all rights and privileges of the purchaser thereunder, to be at an end, and thereupon any moneys paid in respect of such contract shall be absolutely forfeited to Her Majesty.

46. Before any license is issued to any purchaser of timber bought at auction, all timber so sold shall be branded by a Crown Lands Ranger <sup>F</sup>, and only such timber as bears such brand shall be felled, cut, or sawn.

LICENSES TO HAND-SAWYERS, WOODCUTTERS, AND SPLITTERS.

47. Areas of from one to twenty acres may be granted to hand-sawyers on the same terms and under the same conditions as for sawmill licenses under 100 acres, but no such license shall be made for a longer period than two years. Hand-sawyers and splitters shall have the right to construct saw-pits and huts on sites approved by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

48. Licenses to cut firewood, or to split posts, rails, and fencing-stakes, on timber reserves when cleared of milling-timber may be granted within specified areas at the following rates: viz., For a license to cut firewood only, at the rate of £5 per annum per man; for a license to cut posts and rails, £7 10s. per annum per man; for a license to cut one or more kauri-trees, at schedule rates.

SPECIAL LICENSES.

49. Licenses may be granted to settlers not entitled to free firebote and to others to cut firewood, fencing, shingles, and palings, after valuation and payment according to the schedule. Licenses to settlers entitled to free firebote shall be issued on application.

50. Licenses for single trees or clumps of trees may be granted at the discretion of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, on payment of double rates, according to the scale in the Second Schedule hereto.

51. Licenses may be granted, on payment of fees to be fixed by the Commissioner, to cut wood to burn for charcoal, or the extraction of potash, tar, pitch, or other secondary products; but the licensee shall observe such precautions as may be deemed necessary to prevent injury from fire, and he will be held responsible for any injury done to any forest by improper or negligent operations.

52. Licenses may be granted to extract kauri-gum, under terms and conditions to be defined by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, but only in such forests as may be approved by him.

53. Licenses to peel bark may be granted at the discretion of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, but only under such terms and conditions as he may deem proper.

54. Licenses to quarry gravel, shingle, or road-metal in any forest reserve may be granted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

55. Unless otherwise specified, a penalty of not exceeding £50 shall be inflicted for every breach of these regulations.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ORDINARY royalty shall be paid by the purchasers of timber in forests according to the following classification:—

	At per 100 sup. ft.
	s. d.
Class I.— Totara, matai, puriri, maire-raunui, and pohutukawa, not less than .. .. .	2 0
Class II.— Kauri, not less than 2 ft. in diameter .. .. . Under 2 ft. .. .. .	1 0 0 6
Subject, however, to the right to sell by auction or by appraisalment as provided in Regulation No. 43, <i>et seq.</i>	
Class III.— Totara and matai less than 25 ft. in length, and 12 in. in diameter, miro, rata, tangeao, tooth-and-entire-leaved beeches, manuka (tea-tree), manoao, tanekaha, kawaka, kaikawaka, not less than .. .. .	1 0

	At per 100 sup. ft. s. d.
Class IV.— Rewarewa, mapau, toro, hinau, taraire, not less than .. .. .	0 6
Class V.— Mountain- and silver-beech, not less than .. .. .	0 6
Class VI.— Rimu (red-pine), kahikatea (white-pine), kamai, tawa, not less than .. .. .	0 6
Class VII.— Puriri, totara, kauri, and matai posts to be charged under Classes I. to III. .. .. .	Per 100. 8 0
Other posts, rails, and sleepers .. .. .	4 0
Fencing-stakes .. .. .	Per Cord. 1 0
Firewood, not less than .. .. .	1 0
No standing totara or black-pine, and no timber required or suitable for milling purposes, to be permitted to be cut under this class.	

All the foregoing regulations shall come into force and take effect on and after the thirteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and shall apply to forests generally.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 6th January, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

PARIHAKA ROAD BOARD.

RESULT of poll taken at Mr. Dawn's house, on Section 9, Block II., Opunake Survey District, on Thursday, 30th December, 1897, re proposal to raise a loan of £250, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and metalling a portion of the Ngariki Road:—

Number on special roll, 6, representing 6 votes: Number polled for the proposal, 4; number polled against the proposal, 0.

I therefore declare the above proposal carried.

M. FLEMING,  
Chairman.  
Parihaka Road Board Office,  
Rahotu, 31st December, 1897.

*Special Orders made by the County Council of Rodney, altering the Boundaries of the Upper Mahurangi and Puhoi Road Districts.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1898.

THE following special orders, made by the Rodney County Council, are published in accordance with the provisions of "The Counties Act, 1886."

J. CARROLL.

SPECIAL ORDER, made by the Rodney County Council on the 18th December, 1893, and confirmed on the 27th January, 1894.

THAT the boundaries of Upper Mahurangi and Puhoi Road Districts be altered by transferring the following properties, in the Parish of Mahurangi—Lot 82, 970 acres; Lot 91, 88 acres; Lot 98, 220 acres; Lot 103, 176 acres; Lot 104, 177 acres; Lot 106, 110 acres; Lot 108, 110 acres; Lot 125, 88 acres; Lot 127, 88 acres 1 rood; Lot 162, 17 acres 3 roods—from the former to the latter.

I certify that the above special order has been made in conformity to the Act.

THOMAS CHAPLIN,  
County Clerk.

SPECIAL ORDER, made by the Rodney County Council on the 27th day of January, 1894, and confirmed on the 10th April, 1894.

THAT the boundaries of Upper Mahurangi Road District and the Hoteo Riding Outlying District be altered by transferring the following properties, in the Parish of Hoteo—viz., Lot 63, 207 acres; Lot 90, 148 acres; Lot 91, 440 acres—from the former to the latter.

I certify that the above special order has been made in conformity to the Act.

THOMAS CHAPLIN,  
County Clerk.

*Special Order made by the Takapau Road Board, County of Waipawa.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

TAKAPAU ROAD BOARD.

THE following special order was made by the Takapau Road Board at a meeting held on the 22nd November, 1897:—

"In pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in them in that behalf, the Takapau Road Board do hereby resolve as follows: That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £500, authorised to be raised by the said Takapau Road Board, under the provisions of 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,' for the construction of the Takapau-Kopua Road, do hereby make and levy a special rate of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the value of all the rateable property of the Takapau-Kopua Road Special Rating District, comprising No. 1, Otawhao, west of railway-line; Lots 23, 6, 22, 7, 21, Whenuahou DE; Sections 1, 2, 3, Whenuahou A and B; Sections 14, 15, 19, Whenuahou DF; Section 20, Whenuahou DE; Whenuahou DE 2B; Whenuahou B; and Otawhao B; all situate in the Takapau Survey District: that such rate shall be an annual-recurring rate for a period of twenty-six years, and shall be payable in one yearly payment at the Board's Office, Takapau, on the 1st day of November, 1898, and on the 1st day of November of each and every year during the currency of the loan."

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

JAMES POWRIE,  
Clerk, Takapau Road Board.  
Takapau, 23rd December, 1897.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

MOA ROAD BOARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Board proposes to make the following special order:—

1. That, to secure the repayment of a loan of £300 raised under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and metalling a portion of the Rugby Road from the end of the existing metal to the Ross Road,—

2. A special rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound to be made and levied over the following lands, which are hereby constituted the Rugby Road Special Rating District: Sections 41, part 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, Moa.

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

S. BEETHAM,  
Chairman.

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

A. E. ATKINSON,  
Clerk.

*Special Order made by the Riwaka Road Board, County of Waimea.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

COPY of Special Order made by the Riwaka Road Board on the 2nd October, 1897, and confirmed on the 4th December, 1897.

THAT the following by-law be made by special order, viz.: That any person leaving open or damaging any gate on a public road, when such gate has been erected by the autho-

rity of the Board, and maintained in accordance with law, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £2.

I hereby certify that the special order (copy of which immediately above precedes) was duly passed by the Riwaka Road Board in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

HORATIO EVERETT,  
Clerk to the Board.

Riwaka Road Board, County of Waimea,  
4th January, 1898.

Notice to Mariners, No. 2 of 1898.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 8th January, 1898.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Portmaster, Brisbane, Queensland, are published for general information.

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Marine.

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAIT.—PASSAGE THROUGH THE GREAT BARRIER REEF NEAR THE HOWICK GROUP.

NOTICE is hereby given that Captain W. Dawson, of H.M.S. "Waterwitch," reports having sounded out the passage through the Great Barrier Reef which lies between Stapleton (X) Islet (in latitude 14° 19' 12" S., longitude 144° 51' 9" E.) and No. 1 sandbank.

The passage, which will be known hereafter as "Waterwitch Passage," is clear of dangers, and carries a depth of 14 to 19 fathoms.

Vessels proceeding to sea from the inner route should pass between Bewick and Ingham Islands, and, having made Stapleton Island, leave it on the starboard hand half a mile distant; then, steering N. 10° E. (magnetic) for 7.4 miles will bring No. 1 sandbank abeam. It is close to the edge of the reef, and should be passed on the starboard hand half a mile distant. The passage is 1½ miles wide, but the reef on the west side of it should be given a good berth, as it was not sounded off. Heavy tide-rips and strong tidal currents are met with in the passage, but on the sandbank side it is always smooth. The northern edge of the reef west of Stapleton Island bears N. 62½° W. from Stapleton. The channel between the two is 2.2 miles wide, and quite clear of dangers.

Charts affected: 2922, 780, and 2964; Australia Directory, Vol. ii., page 348.

ROCK OFF HAUGHTON ISLAND, HOWICK GROUP.

Notice is also given that a rock, with 18 ft. on it at low-water springs, exists westward of Haughton Island. From it the summit of Howick Island bears N. 63° E. (magnetic), distant 2.3 miles.

The rock is less than a mile off the recommended track. Charts affected: 2922 and 2764; Australia Directory, Vol. ii., page 347.

T. M. ALMOND,  
Portmaster.

Marine Department, Brisbane, 14th December, 1897.

FRANKLAND ISLANDS (INCORRECTLY CHARTED).

NOTICE is hereby given that Captain Dawson, of H.M.S. "Waterwitch," reports that the west extreme of Normanby Island (Frankland Islands) is found to be 2 cables further west than shown on Chart No. 2350.

Australia Directory, Vol. ii., page 322.

T. M. ALMOND,  
Portmaster.

Marine Department, Brisbane, 14th December, 1897.

Notice to Mariners, No. 3 of 1898.

PICTON HARBOUR, QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND.—POSITION OF MOORING-POSTS AND DOLPHIN; ALSO, ALTERATION IN POSITION OF WHARF-LIGHT.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 8th January, 1898.

FOR the convenience of vessels visiting the Port of Picton, two mooring-posts have been placed in a position near the wharf, and two ringbolts have been fastened to the rocks on the eastern shore, opposite the wharf.

A dolphin, painted black, has also been erected on the edge of the bank situated 305 ft. to the westward of the wharf. The depth of water at the dolphin is 5 ft. at low tide, and deepens gradually on the sea side and on the wharf side to 20 ft. at a distance of 80 ft. from the dolphin.

The red light at the end of the wharf has been moved back 22 ft.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 1509, 695, and 2685; New Zealand Pilot, Chapter v., page 212.

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Marine.

Notice to Mariners, No. 4 of 1898.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—FOG-SIGNAL, PENCARROW HEAD, ENTRANCE TO WELLINGTON HARBOUR.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 12th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that an explosive fog-signalling apparatus is being erected at Pencarrow Head, 384 ft. S.W. of the lighthouse, and 145 ft. above sea-level. When this fog-signal is near completion further particulars will be published, as well as the dates on which experiments are to be made.

All bearings correct magnetic. Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 1423, 2054, and 695; New Zealand Pilot, Chapter iv., pages 168 to 183.

W. C. WALKER,  
For Minister of Marine.

Notice to Mariners, No. 5 of 1898.

KAIPARA HARBOUR.—REMOVAL OF LEADING-BEACONS.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 12th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leading-beacons at Kaipara North Head are now being taken down for the purpose of being re-erected on a more suitable site for marking Galatea Channel. The two top beacons, when again erected, will be situated about one mile to the westward of their old position. The third or lower beacon will not be erected again.

Temporary Sailing Directions.—Vessels bound in, when ten miles off the lighthouse, should bring it to bear N.E. by N., and then steer in on a N.E. by N. ¼ N. course till passing Tory Shoal buoy, then steer by the land or by directions given from the signal-station near the lighthouse. Mariners are reminded that the constant use of the lead is necessary when navigating these waters.

When the beacons are erected in their new position a further notice to mariners will be issued.

All bearings are correct magnetic. Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2543 and 2614; New Zealand Pilot, Chapter vi., pages 249 to 255.

W. C. WALKER,  
For Minister of Marine.

Commissioner's Decisions under Tariff Acts.

Department of Trade and Customs,  
Wellington, 12th January, 1898.

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

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

Articles, and how classed.	Rate of Duty.
97/1260. Ash boards, planed; as timber, sawn, dressed	4s. per 100 sup. feet.
97/1411. Cinematograph-books; as fancy goods	20 per cent.
97/1360. Domette (woollen); as tailors' trimmings (padding)	Free.
97/1404. Heel-shaves and setter-irons for boot-making-machines; as machinery n.o.e	20 per cent.
97/1395. Log-lines for ships; as cordage n.o.e	20 per cent.
97/1367. Mouldings of zinc for ceilings; as mouldings for ceilings	15 per cent.
97/1391. Paint-grinding machines (other than hand paint-mills); as machinery n.o.e.	20 per cent.
97/1355. Pneumatic tires for carriages; as carriages, and wheels for same	20 per cent.
97/1434. Registers (autographic); as cash-registering machines	10 per cent.
97/1383. Vulcaniser (engineers'); as hardware	20 per cent.

W. T. GLASGOW,  
Secretary and Inspector.

Commissioner's Order No. 588.]

*Appointment of Agent to the Public Trustee at Whangarei.*

Public Trust Office,  
Wellington, 6th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified for general information that  
WILLIAM ANDREW CARRUTH, Esq.,  
has been appointed Sub-agent to the Public Trustee at  
Whangarei as from the 1st day of January, 1898.  
JAMES C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

*Appointment of Agent to the Public Trustee at Dargaville.*

Public Trust Office,  
Wellington, 6th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified for general information that  
MATTHEW GEORGE LAMBERT, Esq.,  
has been appointed Sub-agent to the Public Trustee at  
Dargaville as from the 1st day of January, 1898.  
JAMES C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

*Appointment of Agent to the Public Trustee at Hamilton.*

Public Trust Office,  
Wellington, 6th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified for general information that  
JAMES SHINER BOND, Esq.,  
has been appointed Sub-agent to the Public Trustee at  
Hamilton as from the 1st day of January, 1898.  
JAMES C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

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

Public Trust Office,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1898.

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

William Ketchley, late of Scots Creek, in the Provincial  
District of Nelson, miner. Filed on the 16th of December,  
1897.

John Eddy, late of East Orange, in the Colony of New  
South Wales, settler. Filed on the 16th of December, 1897.

Joseph Roger Hynes, late of Maratoto, in the Provincial  
District of Auckland, labourer. Filed on the 18th of Decem-  
ber, 1897.

Alexander Campbell, late of Waipu, in the Provincial  
District of Auckland, farmer. Filed on the 18th of Decem-  
ber, 1897.

John Smith, late of Christchurch, in the Provincial Dis-  
trict of Canterbury, engine-driver. Filed on the 18th of  
December, 1897.

Thomas Armstrong, late of Tiraumea, in the Provincial  
District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 18th of  
December, 1897.

George Buckingham, late of Kapiti, in the Provincial  
District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 18th of Decem-  
ber, 1897.

John West, late of Russell, in the Provincial District of  
Auckland, labourer. Filed on the 18th of December, 1897.

Victor Albert Way, late of Wanganui, in the Provincial  
District of Wellington, news-agent. Filed on the 18th of  
December, 1897.

Mary Ann Jackson, late of Richmond, in the Provincial  
District of Canterbury, married woman. Filed on the 18th  
of December, 1897.

Alexander Yule Johnstone, late of Cromwell, in the Pro-  
vincial District of Otago, labourer. Filed on the 6th of  
January, 1898.

Thomas Grose, late of Dunedin, in the Provincial Dis-  
trict of Otago, sharebroker. Filed on the 6th of January,  
1898.

Arthur Clayton, late of Kaeo, in the Provincial District of  
Auckland, labourer. Filed on the 7th of January, 1898.

Franz Aitken or Oatken, late of Saltwater, in the Provin-  
cial District of Westland, miner. Filed on the 7th of  
January, 1898.

Richard Quinn, late of Auckland, in the Provincial Dis-  
trict of Auckland, labourer. Filed on the 7th of January,  
1898.

Charles Cornelius Ward, late of Benger Flat, in the Pro-  
vincial District of Otago, miner. Filed on the 7th of  
January, 1898.

John McMaster, late of Dunedin, in the Provincial Dis-  
trict of Otago, groom. Filed on the 8th of January, 1898.  
Francis Doyle, late of Darfield, in the Provincial District  
of Canterbury, bootmaker. Filed on the 8th of January,  
1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

*Examination for Land Surveyors.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 26th November, 1897.

IN accordance with the regulations for the examination  
of surveyors under "The Land Act, 1892," as pub-  
lished in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 5th March, 1896, it is  
hereby notified that the next examination thereunder will  
be held on 29th March next.

T. M. GRANT,  
Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

*Crown Lands Notices.**Lands forfeited, Southland Land District.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 10th January, 1898.

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.	Sec- tion.	Block.	District.
L.P.	285	Tim Casey ..	725	..	Hokonui.
"	186	Thomas O'Dea ..	51, 60	V.	Longwood.
"	160	Esther Lynch ..	23, 24	..	Pahia Village
"	191	Louis Alsweller ..	32, 33	III.	Seaw'rd B'sh Township.
"	139	Henry George ..	14	V.	Makarewa Township.
"	274	Alexander Munro (deceased)	18 to 21	XIX.	New River Hundred.
"	288	James Campbell	47	VI.	Otara.
"	296	Robert Burnby ..	37	"	"
"	41	S. J. Hilton ..	118	"	Waiau.
"	46	William Wakefield	14	II.	Lillburn.
"	427	Walter Reynolds	32 to 34	XXII.	Invercargill Hundred.
"	340	Duncan McGregor	822	..	Hokonui.
"	325	William Riley ..	830	..	"
"	209	T. R. Tanner ..	16	X.	Toetoes.
"	257	Frederick Wybrow	43	II.	Waikawa.
"	258	"	44	"	"
"	251	John Wybrow ..	40	"	"
"	285	"	34	"	"
"	322	G. H. Gray ..	33	VI.	New River Hundred.
L.P.V.H.	249	Andrew Fleming	28, 29 40, 41	VII.	Invercargill Hundred.
"	272	V. S. Pemberton	41	..	Niagara Vil- lage.
"	417	Charles Woodward	53	..	Longwood Village.
"	422	"	54	..	Longwood Village.
"	264	Alfred Challis ..	71, 72	XXII.	Invercargill Hundred.
P.L.	287	Robert Mitchell (deceased)	3	III.	Campbell'tn Hundred.
"	586	Donald McKenzie	14	..	Campbell'tn Hundred.
"	580	D. Goulding ..	751	..	Hokonui (Croydon Village).
"	549	B. Goulding ..	752	..	Hokonui (Croydon Village).
P.L.V.H.	581	D. C. Hamilton ..	4 & 5	VII.	Flint's Bush Township.
"	283	Thomas Burten- shaw	27	"	Invercargill Hundred.
O.R.P.	78	Annie Stott ..	2 to 5	..	Niagara Vil- lage.
"	87	Joseph Baker ..	32, 33	VI.	Otara.
"	32	Joseph Dermody	32	I.	Lindhurst.
D.P.	1123	William Bowdler	18	XXV.	East Gore.
S.G.R.	13	Hector McKay ..	111	..	Waiau.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

Land forfeited, Southland Land District.

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 10th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the lease of the under-mentioned land has been forfeited by resolution of the Southland Land Board, and that the said land has reverted to the Crown.

SCHEDULE.

LEASE-IN-PERPETUITY LANDS FOR SETTLEMENT.

Lease No.	Lessee.	Section.	Block.	Area.			District.
				A.	R.	P.	
381	Donald Morrison	22	VII.	236	0	0	Waiau.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

Town, Suburban, and Village Lands, Cheviot Estate, for Sale by Public Auction for Cash.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 10th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned lands will be offered for sale for cash by public auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, the 23rd February, 1898, at 2.30 p.m.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF MACKENZIE.

Section.	Block.	Area.			Upset Price per Section.	Section.	Block.	Area.			Upset Price per Section.				
		A.	R.	P.				£	s.	d.		A.	R.	P.	£
6	XII.	0	1	0	7	10	0	11	XIII.	0	1	0	7	10	0
8	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	12	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
10	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	13	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
11	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	14	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
12	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	15	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
14	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	16	"	0	1	0	12	10	0
15	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	17	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
16	"	0	1	0	12	10	0	18	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
17	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	20	"	0	1	0	12	10	0
18	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	6	XVIII.	0	1	0	7	10	0
19	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	8	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
1	XIII.	0	1	0	12	10	0	12	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
2	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	14	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
4	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	15	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
6	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	16	"	0	1	0	12	10	0
7	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	17	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
8	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	18	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
9	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	19	"	0	1	0	7	10	0
10	"	0	1	0	7	10	0	15	XXIV.	0	1	0	25	0	0

MACKENZIE SUBURBAN SECTIONS.

Section.	Survey District.	Block.	Area.			Upset Price per Acre.	Total Upset Price.			
			A.	R.	P.					
10	Cheviot	VII.	5	0	0	8	0	40	0	0
11	"	"	5	0	0	7	0	35	0	0
12	"	"	5	0	0	7	0	35	0	0
88	"	"	4	3	39	6	10	32	9	2

These sections are situated on the north side of the Township of Mackenzie, Lot 10 having frontage on Ward Street and Levin Road, and the other lots fronting on Levin Road. They comprise flat and undulating land, about 250 ft. or 300 ft. above sea-level; the soil is good, and all capable of being ploughed, and is at present carrying tussock and other grasses. Water can be obtained by sinking to depths of from 10 ft. to 30 ft.

SPOTSWOOD VILLAGE.

66	Cheviot	IV.	1	0	0	12	0	12	0	0
67	"	"	1	0	0	12	0	12	0	0
68	"	"	1	0	0	12	0	12	0	0

These sections are situated adjoining the school-site at Spotswood, with frontage on the Waiau Road, and consist of level land, good soil, well grassed.

DOMETT VILLAGE.

1 to 5, Block I.	Lowry Peaks	XVI.	1	1	16	10	0	13	10	0
1 to 9, & 43, Block II.	Ditto	"	6	1	4	10	0	62	15	0

These sections are situated at the junction of the Home-stead, Hurunui, and Domett Roads, and comprise good land, suitable for business sites.

Conditions of Sale.

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

There are no restrictions or limitations imposed on purchasers of these sections.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Grazing-farms, Cheviot Estate, for Lease by Public Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 10th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned lands will be offered for lease as grazing-farms, for terms of seven years, by public application, at the District Lands and Survey Offices, Cheviot and Christchurch, on Tuesday, the 22nd February, 1898. In case of more than one application for the same farm on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot at the Land Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, the 23rd February, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

SCHEDULE.

Sections Nos.	Block.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Rental per Annum.
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SPOTSWOOD VILLAGE.—CHEVIOT SURVEY DISTRICT.

Sections Nos.	Block.	Area.			Rate per Acre.	Rental per Annum.
		A.	R.	P.		
33 to 46, and Railway Reserve	IV.	144	3	9	4	0/28 19 3
47 to 52 .. .. .	"	10	0	30	4	0 2 0 9
53, 54, 63, and Railway Reserve	"	18	3	13	4	0 3 15 4
55 to 62 .. .. .	"	14	3	26	4	0 2 19 8

Level open country; good soil; well grassed.

PHOEBE VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

19, 20, 22 to 30, and Railway Reserve	VIII.	69	0	38	3	6/12 2 4
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Level open country; good soil; well grassed.

MINA VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

2, Reserve; Block III., Mina North; and Railway Reserve	XII.	66	2	29	5	0/16 13 0
1, 3, Reserve; and Blocks I. and II., Mina North	"	43	0	10	5	0/10 15 3
6, 13; Block IV., Mina North; and Railway Reserve	"	60	0	3	5	0/15 0 0
4, 5; and Blocks V. and VI., Mina North	"	57	3	3	5	0/14 8 10
8, 9; and Block II., Mina South; and Railway Reserve	"	62	0	16	5	0/15 10 6
7, 10; and Block I., Mina South	"	37	0	28	5	0/9 5 11
11, 12; and Blocks III., IV., V., VI., Mina South; and Railway Reserve	"	41	0	2	5	0/10 5 0

Generally open, flat land, of good quality; well grassed.

DOMETT VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

44; Block III., Domett; and Railway Reserve	XVI.	77	2	20	4	0/15 10 6
30 to 34, 45; Block IV., Domett; and Railway Reserve	"	63	2	31	4	0/12 14 9
35 to 42; and Block V., Domett	"	42	1	22	4	0/8 9 6

Section 44, &c., partly low well-grassed down land; balance good flat valley land. Sections 30 to 34, &c., principally low well-grassed down land. Sections 35 to 42, &c., well-grassed flat land; good soil.

Possession of the lands will be given on 1st March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as applications are approved by the Land Board.

The last tenants have the right, for a period of one month from 1st March, 1898, of removing any buildings or fences (except boundary-fencing adjoining other holdings) which they may have erected upon the lands comprised in their leases, and the new selectors will take subject to this right.

The lessees of these lands will be liable, under the provisions of the Fencing Acts, in respect of boundary-fences erected by the holders of contiguous lands.

The leases of blocks comprising parts of the Railway Reserve will be liable to termination at any time in respect of such reserve on six months' notice in writing being given to the lessee that the land is required by Government, and no compensation shall be claimed or given in respect of such termination.

Special attention is drawn to Condition No. 6, prohibiting any cropping which would injure or remove any survey mark or peg.

#### CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of lease is seven years.
2. Every applicant shall make the declaration prescribed, and shall, immediately after the application has been approved, or declared successful at the ballot, deposit a sum equal to one half-year's rent of the land applied for. Such payment shall be in discharge of the half-year's rent due on the 1st day of March or 1st day of September following the date of application. He shall also pay the sum of £1 1s. for the preparation of the lease and the registration thereof.
3. In case of more than one application being lodged on the same day for the same farm, priority of selection shall be decided by ballot.
4. The lessee must once a year properly clean, clear from weeds, and keep open all creeks, drains, ditches, and water-courses which now are or may be upon the land; and the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall have the power at any time to enter upon and make any drain or road through the land that he may deem necessary.
5. The lessee must once a year properly cut and trim all live fences now on the land, or which may be planted upon the land during the term, and stub all gorse not growing as fences, and also stub all broom, sweetbriar, and other noxious plants.
6. In the event of the lessee cultivating any of the land included in his lease, he must take alternately white and root or green crops, or three green crops; and on the removal of the third crop the land must be sown with good permanent cultivated grasses and clovers, and be allowed to remain as pasture for at least two years from the harvesting of the last crop before being again cropped; and he must not cut the cultivated grass for hay or seed the first year of the course. In the case of farms comprising parts of the railway reserve or small subdivided lots no cultivation shall be done upon the same which would injure or remove any survey mark or peg.
7. In the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the covenants herein the lease shall be liable to forfeiture; and in case of a breach of the conditions relating to the trimming of live fences and stubbing gorse, broom, and sweetbriar, and to the cleaning, clearing from weeds, and keeping open all creeks, drains, ditches, and water-courses, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to have such work done, and to recover the cost of the same from the lessee.
8. All buildings erected upon the land shall be kept in good order and repair.
9. The lessee shall be liable for all rates, taxes, and assessments during the term.
10. Rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease.
11. The lessee shall have no right to purchase any part of the land.
12. The Government reserves a right of ingress and egress to the telegraph-line which passes through some of the lands to be disposed of.
13. A right to search for and take gravel for making or maintaining roads from any of the lands disposed of is reserved; payment to be made for surface damage only.
14. On the expiration or other determination of the lease the former lessee shall not have any right of renewal, but shall be entitled to full valuation from the incoming lessee for any exterior fences, appropriate to the lease, erected and then existing on the land.
15. In any case where it is determined that any lands included in any lease shall not again be offered for further lease, then the amount of the valuation of the improvements as aforesaid shall be paid to the outgoing lessee or occupier, less any arrears of money due to the Crown by him in respect of such lands, and such amount shall be paid out of the Cheviot Estate Fund.
16. If a lease is forfeited for breach of conditions, such valuation shall be made on recovering possession of the land.
17. Payment of any valuation for improvements shall be made to the Receiver of Land Revenue by the new lessee of such land before he is admitted into possession, and moneys so paid to the Receiver shall not be deemed part of the Cheviot Estate Fund.
18. The amount of the valuation for such improvements, in case of the land being relet, when paid by the new lessee, shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue to the original

lessee or other person entitled, and, in case of forfeiture, less any rent which may be due to the Crown at the date of such forfeiture, and the cost of recovering possession of the land, and also the charges and expenses of reletting such land, and making, issuing, and completing any fresh lease.

#### DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \* \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.
2. That I am applying for a lease of Grazing-farm No. † \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That I am applying for such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use of any other person or persons whatever.
4. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now applying for the lease of, will exceed in area 5,000 acres.
5. That I am applying for the said land subject to the provisions of "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1893," and "The Land Act, 1892."

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

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_, before me—C.D., a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

\* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 4th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Pastoral Run No. 93A will be offered for lease by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, on Friday, the 25th February, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

#### SCHEDULE.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
93A	Pt. of Lake Ohau	Mackenzie	Acres. 124,000	£ 120	3 years.

This run is situated on the north side of Lake Ohau, and comprises the country in the forks of the Hopkins and Dobson Rivers, and between the latter river and the summit of the Ben Ohau Range down to Lake Ohau. The elevation ranges from 1,721 ft. to about 9,000 ft. above sea-level. The river-flats and lower slopes of the mountains are well grassed, the total area of grass land being estimated at 47,500 acres (approximate). There is an excellent cattle swamp of about 1,000 acres at the northern end of Lake Ohau.

In the event of the run not being sold at auction, it will immediately thereafter be open for application at the upset annual rental.

#### CONDITIONS.

1. Possession of the run will be given to the purchaser of the license on the 1st March, 1898.
2. No person or company may become the holder of more than one run under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892": Provided that the holder of any run under the said Act of a carrying-capacity of less than ten thousand sheep or two thousand head of cattle may become the lessee of an aggregate area sufficient to carry such a number of sheep or cattle. The holder of any small grazing-run under Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," shall not be the holder of any run under Part VI. of the said Act.
3. The license shall be dated on the 1st March, 1898.
4. The license shall be subject to the following conditions amongst others:—
  - (1.) That, if the licensee or any person claiming an interest through or under him shall make or cause to be made any agreement or contract, or shall give or cause to be given or taken any negotiable security, for the purpose of defeating or evading the provisions of, or shall in any way whatsoever directly or indirectly commit or be privy to a fraud upon, "The Land Act, 1892," the license shall be liable to be forfeited and revoked;



- (2.) That the licensee shall prevent the destruction or burning of timber or bush on the land comprised in the license;
  - (3.) That the licensee shall prevent the growth or spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the license, and shall with all reasonable speed remove or cause to be removed all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner; and
  - (4.) That the licensee shall destroy all rabbits on the land comprised in the license, and shall prevent their increase or spread, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or an officer appointed by him to inspect the ground.
5. The licensee shall have the exclusive right of pasturage over the lands specified in his license, but shall have no right to the soil or timber or minerals thereon or therein.
6. One half-year's rent and a license-fee of £1 1s. shall be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser shall make a declaration in terms of section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892." The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in each year during the term of the license. Should the half-yearly rental at any period not be paid within thirty days, a penalty of 10 per cent. in addition will be enforced.
7. No liability is accepted by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of any fencing existing upon the Crown lands offered for license.

DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare—

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

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

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

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

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

(Signature.)

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_, before me— \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Small Grazing-runs, Canterbury, open for Lease on Application.*

District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, 10th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, at the Lands and Survey Offices, Christchurch and Timaru, on and after Friday, the 25th February, 1898, at the annual rentals noted below. In case of more than one application for the same run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day at 12 o'clock noon.

**SCHEDULE.**  
MACKENZIE AND WAIMATE COUNTIES.  
*First-class Pastoral Country.*

Sections Nos.	Survey Districts.	Blocks.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Annual Rental.
36458, 36459	Burke .. ..	IV., VIII., XII.	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
36460, 36461	Tengawai ..	I., V.	4,092 2 0	0 7	119 7 4
36462, 36464	Burke .. ..	XII.	4,307 0 0	0 4½	80 15 2
36465, 34132	Tengawai ..	V., IX.			
36463, 36466	Burke .. ..	XII., XVI.	2,921 2 20	0 6½	79 2 7
34430, 34431	Tengawai ..	IX., XIII.			
34481, pt. 29564, 36062	Mackenzie	IV.	5,703 0 8	0 6½	154 9 2
36220, 36503	Nimrod .. ..	II., III., IV., VI., VII.			
36222, 36223	" .. ..	VII., VIII., XI., XII.	3,695 0 0	0 8	123 3 4
36227, 36228	" .. ..	XII., XV., XVI.	3,864 0 0	0 8½	136 17 0
36229	" .. ..	XVI.	1,740 0 0	0 9	65 5 0
	Otaio .. ..	XIII.			
36231	Waihao .. ..	IV., VIII.	2,000 0 0	0 7½	62 10 0
	Waimate .. ..	I.			
36205	Hakateramea ..	XII., XV., XVI.	2,840 0 0	0 7½	88 15 0
36388	Nimrod .. ..	XIV., XV.			
	Waihao .. ..	II.	4,536 0 0	0 7½	141 15 0
	Nimrod .. ..	XIII., XIV.			
36389, 36390	Waihao .. ..	I., II.	8,796 0 0	0 6	219 18 0
	Hakateramea ..	IV.			

*Description of Lands.*

The lands offered comprise generally mountainous and hilly open country of good pastoral quality, the vegetation consisting of native and English grasses. In the gullies on some of the sections, especially those on the Hunter's Hills, are patches of bush and scrub. The lands are generally well watered, and the higher areas are subject to heavy falls of snow during the winter.

Sections 36458 to 36466, &c., being the first three runs on the Schedule, comprise parts of the original Three Springs, Rollesby, Albury, and Opawa Stations, in the vicinity of Burke's Pass, Fairlie, and Albury, the access being by the main roads connecting those places, and branches therefrom. The Fairlie and Albury Railway-stations are distant from ten to sixteen miles from the lands.

Sections 36220 to 36231, are situated on the eastern side of the Hunter's Hills, between Mounts Nimrod and Studholme, and near the head-waters of the White Rock, Motukaika, Pareora, Otaio, and Makikihi Rivers. Access may be obtained by main and branch roads from the Cave, St. Andrew's, Makikihi, or Waimate Railway-stations, the distances varying from ten to fifteen miles.

Sections 36205, 36388 to 36390 are situated on the slopes of the Station Peak Range, between Hakateramea and Waihao—the first-named section near the southern end of the range, and the others near its northern extremity. The distances from the nearest railway-stations, Hakateramea and Waimate, vary from about ten to twenty-six miles.

All the sections carry improvements, the valuations for which are as follows:—

Sections 36458 to 36461: £700—good eight-roomed house and outbuildings, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.

Sections 36462, 36464, and 36465: £300—two small houses, yards, and boundary fencing.

Sections 36463, 36466, &c.: £155—house, outbuildings, and boundary and subdivision fencing.

Sections 36220 and 36503: £352 7s.—dwellinghouse, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.  
 Sections 36222 and 36223: £575—two houses, woolshed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing.  
 Sections 36227 and 36228: £293—boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.  
 Section 36229: £365—dwellinghouse, woolshed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.  
 Section 36231: £250—dwellinghouse, woolshed, yards, boundary and internal fencing, &c.  
 Section 36205: £232—sheep-yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.  
 Section 36388: £1,037 7s.—good dwellinghouse, stable, woolshed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.  
 Sections 36389 and 36390: £305—yards and boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.

These sums must be paid on allotment, in addition to the usual deposit of a half-year's rent and lease-fee of £1 1s.

Possession of the sections will be given to the successful applicants for the same on the 1st March, 1898.

The selector of Sections 36458 to 36461 will be required, within three months from the date of selection, to remove to the proper river boundary of Section 36458 the fencing at present erected on the Mackenzie Country Road opposite the section.

The selector of Sections 36463, 36466, &c., will be required, within three months from the date of selection, to erect at his own cost a legal fence along the eastern boundary of Section 34430 and part of Section 29564, abutting on the road near Lockhart's Creek.

#### CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of lease is twenty-one years, with the option of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed by valuation, and improvements being secured to lessee as provided by "The Land Act, 1892," section 182. Each lessee is required to make the declaration as per form printed below.

2. No person can lease more than one run.

3. Residence on small grazing-runs is compulsory, and commences within three years in bush or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, unless the lessee obtain the consent of the Land Board to reside on other land in his occupation.

4. Permanent improvements must be effected equal to one year's rental by the end of the first year, two years' rental by the end of the second year, and four years' rental at the end of the sixth year; and on bush land, in addition thereto, improvements must be made to the value of 10s. an acre if first-class land, or of 5s. an acre if second-class land.

5. One half-year's rent, and £1 1s. for the lease, and the amount of valuation for improvements, must be paid immediately the application is declared successful; the rent to be paid half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease. The next payment of rent will become due on the 1st September, 1898.

6. The lessee has no right to purchase any part of the land; but he can select 150 acres around the homestead through which no road can be taken or other public privilege exercised without compensation.

#### DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of\* \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare—  
 1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.  
 2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No.†  
 3. That I am purchasing such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not, directly or indirectly, for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whatsoever.  
 4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.  
 5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.

6. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now purchasing the lease of, will exceed in area 1,000 acres.

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

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_, before me— \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

\* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

Crown Lands Office,  
 Dunedin, 10th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, at the Crown Lands Office, on and after the 25th February, 1898, at the half-yearly rental noted opposite the runs. In case of more than one application for the runs on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

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

###### Waihemo County.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rock & Pillar	12	XII.	2,975	0	11	0	7	43 7 9

Open pastoral country, with sunny aspect; fairly well watered. Situated about four miles from Macrae's and about six miles from Hyde. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £178 18s. 6d. Possession 1st March, 1898.

###### Taieri and Maniatoto Counties.

Strath Taieri	2	VI.	2,801	1	5	0	6	35 0 3
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Open pastoral country lying well to the sun; watered. Situated about six miles from Middlemarch. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £410 11s. Possession on day of sale.

###### Waikouaiti County.

Hummock & Hummock-side	Run 171A	..	2,898	0	0	0	7	42 5 3
Hummock..	171B	..	2,219	0	0	0	7	32 7 3

Undulating pastoral country; well watered. Situated about thirteen miles from Waikouaiti. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared: Run 171A, £34 10s.; Run 171B, £75. Possession on 1st of March, 1898.

Survey District.	Run.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
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##### FIRST-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

###### Waitaki County.

	Acres.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Maruwenua	17G	393	..	..	..	..

This run consists of light undulating pastoral country, well watered, and in parts arable. Distance from Livingstone by road, about seven miles. Altitude averages 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

###### Taieri County.

Hummock ..	Sec. 2, Block VII.	4,167	0	4	34	14	6
Nenthorn ..	" 1, " IX.						
" ..	" 14, " IV.						

Situated eighteen miles from Middlemarch. Altitude averages 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

##### SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

###### Vincent County.

Tiger Hill ..	223F, 223G	3,545	0	2	14	15	5
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Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £168 2s. 6d. Low hill country, well suited for grazing, fronting the Manuherikia River.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 21st December, 1897.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Tuesday, the 25th January, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—GERALDINE COUNTY.—  
RAKITAIRI SETTLEMENT.

*First-class Land.*

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.			Lease in Perpetuity.	
			A.	R.	P.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Opihi	2	XII.	20	0	0	6 6	£ s. d. 3 5 0

*Description of Land.*—This section is situated in the northern part of the Rakitairi Settlement, originally part of the Arowhenua Estate, and comprises open agricultural land, at present in English grass. About 8 acres are flat, and 10 acres undulating; good black soil, from 6 in. to 7 in. deep, with clay subsoil. It has frontage on the Kakahu Valley Road, about one mile west of Hilton Township, one mile and a half from school, and about three miles from Kakahu Bush. There are about 9 chains of fencing on this section. Altitude, about 300 ft. above sea-level.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Runs in Southland for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 4th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that leases of the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1898, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, at 11 a.m.

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

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.	Term.
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SOUTHLAND COUNTY.

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.	Term.
190B, 190D, 190E, and 302B (grouped)	Eyre.. ..	18,765	£ s. d. 58 12 9	21 years.
398 and 447 (grouped)	Nokomai, Kingston, and Rocky-side	26,260	54 14 2	21 years.

SOUTHLAND AND LAKE COUNTY.

214B	Nokomai and Kingston	3,400	21 5 0	14 years.
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Possession will be given on the 1st day of March, 1899.

FIORD COUNTY.

492	..	20,000	5 0 0	21 years.
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Situated between Dusky Sound and Chalky Inlet. High broken country, partly covered with bush; height above sea-level, from 10 ft. to 3,650 ft.

Possession will be given on the day of sale.

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

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Runs, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Blenheim, 4th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands will be offered for lease by auction at the Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

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

Arapawa Survey District: Run No. 66, 1,200 acres; term, 14 years; upset annual rent, £5.

Spray Survey District: Run No. 108 (Castle), 7,000 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £21.

Taylor Pass Survey District: Run No. 112 (Dumgree), 2,900 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £30.

Spray Survey District: Run No. 116 (Upcot), 21,800 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £50.

Tapuaenuku Survey District: Run No. 118 (Gladstone), 9,800 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £15.

Whernside and Tapuaenuku Survey Districts: Run No. 121 (Kekerangu), 71,700 acres; term, 7 years; upset annual rent, £300.

Kaitarau, Tone, and Greenburn Survey Districts: Run No. 124 (Clarence), 122,480 acres; term, 7 years; upset annual rent, £650.

Cloudy Bay and Onamalutu Survey Districts: Run No. 134, 1,479 acres; term, 10 years; upset annual rent, £7. Weighted with £41 17s. 6d., value of improvements.

Cloudy Bay and Onamalutu Survey Districts: Run No. 135, 1,500 acres; term, 10 years; upset annual rent, £6 5s.

One half-year's rent, and £1 1s., lease-fee, must in each case be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the usual declaration must be furnished.

C. W. ADAMS,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Land in Merrivale Estate, Southland, for Lease.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 4th January, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity at this office, on Thursday, the 10th March, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

WALLACE COUNTY.—MERRIVALE ESTATE.  
*First-class Land.*

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
			A.	R.	P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Waiau	22	VII.	236	0	0	1 6 6	9 3 0

This section contains 191 acres of bush land, remainder undulating, fern, tussock, and surface-sown grass; all ploughable; bush mixed; soil good. Distance, fourteen miles from Otautau, and two miles from dairy-factory reserve and school-site; altitude, 300 ft. to 450 ft.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Hurunui-Greta Stock Reserve, Cheviot, for Lease by Public Tender.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 4th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the lease of the under-mentioned reserve, situated near the Hurunui-Greta Bridge, Cheviot Estate, for a term of seven years, will be received up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th March, 1898. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch, and marked on the outside "Tender for Hurunui-Greta Stock Reserve," and must be accompanied by a post-office order, or by bank draft or cheque, marked "Correct for fourteen days" by the bank on which it is drawn, for the amount of a half-year's rent of the reserve at the rate tendered, together with a license-fee of £1 1s.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

Reserve 3135: Area, 34 acres 2 roods 10 perches; upset rental per annum, £5 3s. 6d.; term of lease, seven years.

This reserve is situated on the northern or Cheviot bank of the Hurunui River, about 15 chains east of the Hurunui-Greta Bridge, and consists partly of flat, stony terrace land; and partly of hilly land of superior quality.

*Conditions of Lease.*

The lessee shall, within two months of the acceptance of his tender, complete the fencing-in of the area, and sub-divide it into suitable paddocks for the accommodation of travelling stock.

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 ½d. per head for sheep.

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 seven 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 undersigned.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale.*

Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 4th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned green kauri timber, standing upon the Waerekahakaha State Forest, in Block IX., Mangakahia Survey District, Hobson County, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

206 green kauri-trees, containing about 816,765 superficial feet; upset price, £510 10s.

The timber is situated about a mile from Mangakahia Post-office, and can be delivered into the Mangakahia River by a tramway about one mile and a half long.

*Conditions of Sale.*—One-half the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer; the balance to be secured by promissory notes sufficiently indorsed, and payable within two years thereafter. Timber to be removed within two years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Runs, Otago, for Lease by Public Auction.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Dunedin, 4th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction at the Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1898.

## PASTORAL LANDS.

(Under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892.")

Run 17c, Waitaki County: Area, 626 acres; term, seven years; upset annual rental, £13; valuation for improvements, £70 8s. Run 17c, which is part of the old Ben Lomond Run, is purely pastoral country; very steep; watered. Situated about five miles from Livingstone.

Sections 60 and 61, Block I., Tiger Hill District, Vincent County: Area, 415 acres 1 rood 25 perches; term, ten years; upset annual rental, £1. Pastoral country, dry and rocky. Situated about four miles from Ophir.

Sections 23, 24, and 25, Block VII., Table Hill District, Tuapeka County: Area, 441 acres 2 roods 5 perches; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £7 10s.; valuation for improvements, £167 12s. 6d. Hilly pastoral country; well watered. Situated about eight miles from Waitahuna.

Section 50, Block V., North Harbour and Blueskin District, Waikouaiti County: Area, 90 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £6. Scrubby section of a dry nature; soil good. Situated near the Otago Heads, about six miles from Port Chalmers.

Section 1, Block III., Silver Peak District, Taieri County: Area, 1,856 acres 1 rood 38 perches; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £23 4s.; valuation for improvements, £66 15s. Pastoral country, partly covered with tea-tree scrub; well watered. Situated about four miles from Mount Allan Railway-station.

Sections 1, 2, and 8 to 19, Block II., Cairnhill District, Vincent County: Area, 6,831 acres 2 roods 17 perches; term, ten years; upset annual rental, £61; valuation for improvements, £181 14s. 3d. Mostly dry, bare pastoral country; part warm in winter, with an early spring; situated fifty-six miles from Lawrence Railway-station.

Sections 23 and 24, Block XI., Maungatua, Taieri County: Area, 1,821 acres and 29 perches; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £15; valuation for improvements, £66 18s. 6d. High pastoral country, well watered; situated about seven miles from Outram Railway-station.

Section 4, Block XVI., Maruwenua District, Waitaki County: Area, 617 acres 3 roods; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £18 0s. 6d.; valuation for improvements, £117 11s. Undulating tussock country; part agricultural; well watered; situated about two miles and a half from Livingstone.

Sections 1 and 2, Block XVI., Maruwenua District, Waitaki County: Area, 1,055 acres and 26 perches; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental £33; valuation for improvements, £263 14s. Undulating tussock country; part agricultural; well watered; situated about two miles and a half from Livingstone.

Runs 121 and 121j, Waikouaiti County: Area, 8,632 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £215 16s.; valuation for improvements, £243 17s. 6d. Low-lying pastoral country, fairly well watered; situated close to the Township of Nenthorn.

Possession of Sections 60 and 61, Block I., Tiger Hill District; Sections 23, 24, and 25, Block VII., Table Hill District; Section 50, Block V., North Harbour and Blueskin District; Section 4, Block XVI., Maruwenua District; and Sections 1 and 2, Block XVI., Maruwenua District, will be given on day of sale.

Possession of Run 17c; Section 1, Block III., Silver Peak District; Sections 1, 2, and 8 to 19, Block II., Cairnhill District; Sections 23 and 24, Block XI., Maungatua District; and Runs 121 and 121j will be given on the 1st March, 1898.

Run 328a (Class I.), Southland County: Area, 4,580 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £10. Situated eight miles north of Waikaka. Present licensee, Roger Robson.

Run 464 (Class I.), Waitaki County: Area, 8,230 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £80. Situated near the head of the Waianakarna River, about three miles and a half west of Herbert. Present licensee, the New Zealand and Australian Land Company.

Run 11 (Class I.), Waitaki County: Area, 7,000 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £200. Situated immediately south of Run 464, above described. Present licensee, the New Zealand and Australian Land Company.

Runs 200 and 200a (Class II.), Tuapeka County: Area, 27,270 acres; term, ten years; upset annual rental, £375. Situated about six miles east of Ettrick. Present licensee, J. M. McDonald.

Run 217a (Class I.), Waitaki County: Area, 13,670 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £85. Situated between the Kauroo River and the north branch of the Waianakarna River, about four miles west of Herbert. Present licensee, J. C. Nichols.

Sections 19, 20, and 21, Block VI., Budle District (Class II.), Waikouaiti and Waihemo Counties: Area, 526 acres; term, seven years; upset annual rental, £13. Situated about four miles north-west of Nenthorn. Present licensee, James Hartstonge, jun.

Run 258 (Clutha Trust Endowment, Class II.), Southland and Clutha Counties: Area, 13,550 acres; term, ten years; upset annual rental, £200. Situated on the Waipahee River, about three miles south of Kuriwao. Present licensee, A. C. Begg.

Possession will be given on 1st March, 1899.

Runs 24, 240b, 245, 245a, 245b, 245c, 245d, 340, and 340a (grouped), Lake and Vincent Counties: Area, 148,413 acres; term, twenty-one years; upset annual rental, £850; valuation for improvements, £2,207.

The above runs, which comprise the Mount Pisa Station, consist of high pastoral country, well watered, situated about ten miles from Cromwell.

Possession will be given on day of sale.

Runs 247b, 247c, and 247d (grouped), Puketoi Station, Vincent and Maniototo Counties: Area, 35,757 acres; term, twenty-one years; upset annual rental, £900; valuation for improvements, £2,046 3s.

Wholly pastoral country, consisting of low dry flats and high hilly country; only fairly watered. Situated about twenty miles from Naseby.

Possession will be given on the 1st March, 1898.

Run 261k, Maniototo County: Area, 1,005 acres; term, twenty-one years; upset annual rental, £16 15s.; valuation for improvements, £17 10s. Hilly, pastoral country. Situated about nineteen miles from Naseby. Accessible by good road. Altitude, 2,000 ft. to 3,500 ft.

Sections 11 and 12, Block IX., and 17, Block X., Teviot District, Tuapeka County: Area, 7,301 acres 1 rood 11 perches; term, ten years; upset annual rental, £50; valuation for improvements, £200 15s. Hilly, pastoral country; well watered. Situated about three miles from Roxburgh.

Sections 3 and 4, Block V., and 1, Block VII., Rankleburn District, Tuapeka County: Area, 2,190 acres 2 roods 17 perches; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £25;

valuation for improvements, £180 10s. Land of medium quality, portion light bush; well watered. Situated about fourteen miles from Lawrence.

Runs 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Tuapeka Depasturing District; Sections 56, 57, and 58, Block X.; 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block XIII.; and other portions of the commonage on mining reserve in Blocks IX., X., XII., and XIII., Tuapeka East District, Tuapeka County: Area, 22,240 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £40. Open, hilly country, poor to medium; well watered. Situated about four miles from Lawrence.

Possession will be given on day of sale.

Sections 3, Block IV.; 2, Block III.; 1, Block VI.; and 2, Block VII., Kakanui District, Waitaki County: Area, 6,805 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, 64; valuation for improvements, £470.

Possession will be given on day of sale.

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

Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 62 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent, license-fee, and valuation for improvements (if any) for the runs, where possession is given on day of sale or 1st March, 1898, on fall of the hammer.

Valuations for improvements in respect of the runs, for which possession will be given on 1st March, 1899, must be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Dunedin, before the licensee will be let into possession.

Such valuations shall, exclusive of the value of a rabbit-proof fence, in no case exceed three times the amount of the average annual rental paid under the expired or expiring license during the term thereof, and five times such amount in cases where the annual rental does not exceed £50.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 21st December, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease, upon application at this office, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of February, 1898, at the half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SMALL GRAZING-RUN No. 40.

*Second-class Land.*

County.	Survey District.	Section.	Area.		Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
			A.	R. P.	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Wallace ..	Takitimo	64 to 75	3,192	0 0	0	3	19	19 0

Situated on the eastern bank of Waiarau River, near Lake Manapouri, consisting of light open land, somewhat gravelly in places. Burdened with valuation of £9 15s. for fencing on Section 74.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Run, West Taupo County, Auckland, for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 21st December, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral run will be offered for lease for the term of twenty-one years by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 25th February, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WEST TAUPO COUNTY.

RUN No. 61 (Class I.): Area, 50,300 acres; term, twenty-one years; upset rental, £40 per annum.

*Description.*—Broken pumice land of poor quality; one-sixth forest, remainder open. Situate about thirteen miles from Te Ateamuri, and about fifteen miles from Kihikihi.

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

The purchaser must deposit a statutory declaration as required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the first half-year's rent and lease-fee of £1 1s. on the fall of the hammer.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Small Grazing-run, Otago, for Lease upon Application.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Dunedin, 21st December, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease, upon application at this office, on Wednesday, the 23rd February, 1898, at the half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—TUAPEKA COUNTY.

*Second-class Land.*

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.		Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
			A.	R. P.	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Waipori ..	7	VIII.	1,268	0 36	0	4	10	11 4

High pastoral country, fairly well grassed; well watered. Situated about fourteen miles from Berwick.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Crown Lands in Wellington District for Sale under Section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892."*

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

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned land will be offered for sale under section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892," on or after Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1898.

Section 45, Block VII., Mangaone Survey District, containing 10 acres and 16 perches; upset price, £1 per acre.

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

*Land in Town of Scarborough for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown land will be offered for lease by public auction, for the term of seven years, at the Public Hall, Pahiataua, on Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1898, at 2 o'clock p.m., at the upset annual rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Township.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of Lease.
1, 2, 3	Scarborough	A. R. P. 0 2 0	£ s. d. 1 4 0	7 years.

These sections are situated in the Township of Scarborough, at the junction of two streets, and are composed of flat land, the soil being alluvial on shingle formation. The forest has been felled and burned, and the land is now in grass. There is a metalled road to within 2 chains of the sections, and this distance is open for dray traffic. The school, post-office, &c., are about 20 chains distant.

J. W. A. MARCHANT,  
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.

*Reserves in Wellington Land District for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned reserves will be offered for lease at the Public Hall, Pahiatua, on Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1898, at 2 o'clock p.m.

SCHEDULE.  
WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	District.	Area.		Upset Annual Rent.	Term of Lease.
			A. R. P.	s. d.		
69*	VIII.	Makuri ..	5	0	0	10 years.
22	IV.	Mikimiki ..	4	1	0	14 years.

\* This section is offered subject to the right of the Crown to enter upon the section at all times for quarrying purposes.

Section 69, Block VIII., Makuri, is a limestone reserve situated on the Pahiatua-Aohanga Road, consisting of rough land. The soil is good, on limestone formation, and is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing rata, rimu, tawa, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, mahoe, &c. The section is distant about one mile and a half from Ngaturi Township.

Section 22, Block IV., Mikimiki, is a reserve situated on the Hiwitoru Road, and consists of flat land, the soil being good, but rather stony. It is covered with forest of a mixed character, containing a few totara trees, with the usual undergrowth. The section is distant about fourteen miles from Masterton, by a formed dray-road.

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

*Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale.*

Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 21st December, 1897.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned kauri and totara timber, situated in the Auckland Girls' High School endowment in Blocks XI. and XII., Maungaru Survey District, Hobson County, will be submitted for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 25th February, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.:-

Lot 5: 589 kauri-trees, containing about 1,903,654 superficial feet; upset price, £952.

Lot 6: 57 green kauri-trees, containing about 154,829 superficial feet; 14 totara-trees, containing about 20,559 superficial feet: total, 175,388 superficial feet. Upset price, £88.

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

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Native Land Court Notices.*

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

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

In the matter of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and of an application by Ratima Pekamu, under section 39 of the said Act, for inclusion of his name in the list of owners of the Umukaimata No. 2 Block.

WHEREAS the said application was referred by me to the Native Land Court for inquiry and report, and such inquiry was held at Otorohanga, on the 30th day of November, 1897, before Walter Edward Gudgeon, Esq., a Judge of the said Court, and Pirimi Matawhea, Assessor: And whereas, as the result of such inquiry, it appears that the said Ratima Pekamu is entitled to be so included, and that his name has been omitted in error:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me as Chief Judge of the said Court by section 39 aforesaid, I hereby order that the name of the said Ratima Pekamu be added to the list of owners of the said Umukaimata No. 2 Block, for an equal share in the said block. And I direct that this order be published in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

As witness my hand, this 7th day of January, 1898.

GEO. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 10th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Whanganui on the 31st day of January, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 98-1.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
716	Transfer .. ..	4th October, 1897 ..	Part of Waipu No. 3..	Haimona te Aoterangi to Gifford Marshall.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
725	Paramena Tumahuki .. .. .	Kai-Iwi No. 6H.
726	Aropeta Tamumu .. .. .	Kai-Iwi No. 6H.
727	H. O. Clark and E. O. Cameron .. .. .	Waipu No. 5.
728	Ngahuia Mika and others .. .. .	Rangiwaea No. 4.

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
814	Reupena Mete Kingi .. .. .	Otamakapua No. 1.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
815	Utiku Potaka .. .. .	Awarua No. 1A No. 2 West.

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
816	Wiremu Kiriwehi .. .. .	Whakaihūwaka.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

No.	Name of Surveyor.	Name of Land.	Amount.
819	Thos. W. Downes .. .. .	Kapuro Rangitoto .. .. .	£15.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 12th January, 1898.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Judge of the Court for a certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienation hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificate must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Sec. 55, 98-1.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Security on wool (98-1) ..	24th December, 1897	Awarua No. 2 ..	Waikari Karaitiana to John Roberts and Alfred Henry Miles (Murray, Roberts, and Co.).

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 11th January, 1898.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Native Appellate Court will sit at Kaiapoi on the 9th day of February, 1898, to hear and determine the several appeals against decisions of the Native Land Court set forth in the Schedule hereto. All persons interested are hereby notified to attend at the time and place aforesaid.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 98-2.]

SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Appellant.	Name of Land.	Decision in respect of which Appeal is made.
	Rora Tawha .. .. .	Opukutahi and Onuku ..	Decision, dated 14th October, 1885, appointing successors to Te Teira Mataria, deceased.
3	Natanahira Waruwarutu .. Rea te Naihi .. .. .	Kaiapoi A .. .. . Mawhera, Arahura, Kaiata, and Paringa	Decision, dated 9th October, 1893, upon partition. Decision, dated 24th October, 1893, appointing successors to Ripeka te Horo, otherwise Ripeka Hakiha, deceased.
4	Hone Kaperiere .. .. .	Wairewa, Block I., Section 5	Decision, dated 9th October, 1894, upon partition.
5	Teone Matana Piki .. .. .	Koukourarata, or Port Levy Native Reserve	Decision, dated 2nd October, 1894, upon partition.
	Mohi te Wahia .. .. .	Kaiapoi, Section 14A ..	Decision, dated 10th June, 1895, appointing successors to Mu Wahaaruhe, deceased.
	Rahera M. te Aika and others ..	Mawhera, Arahura, and Kaiata	Decision, dated 25th October, 1893, appointing successors to Aperahama te Aika, deceased, in Mawhera; and decision, dated 24th October, 1893, dismissing applications for succession to same deceased in Arahura and Kaiata.
8	Metapere Hatini .. .. .	Kaiapoi C (Section 133) ..	Decision, dated 14th September, 1897, appointing successors to Hoani Rakitapu, deceased.
9	Heeni Poko, Metapere Hatini and Ruru Poharama	Ihootai; Orohaki, 894; Kaiapoi, Sections 127, 147, 65; Tawera, 897 and 18776; Te Akaaka and Rapaki	Decision, dated 20th September, 1897, appointing successors to Hohaia Tautakihina, deceased.

## Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 11th December, 1897, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1896.

## KAWAKAWA SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	82	18	50	32	16	48
2nd Class	104	292	396	91	150	241
Total	186	310	446	123	166	289
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	75	..	..	86
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	4
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	4	..	..	2
Total	..	..	79	..	..	92
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	12	..	..	..
Timber	..	..	5	..	..	15
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	175	..	..	149
Minerals	..	..	1,070	..	..	1,053
Total	..	..	1,262	..	..	1,217
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	20 18 0	..	..	16 0 5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	5 7 9	..	..	7 7 1
Goods	..	..	180 7 4	..	..	171 15 8
Miscellaneous	..	..	3 2 10	..	..	4 8 0
Rents and Commission	..	..	1 16 0	..	..	3 19 8
Total	..	..	£211 11 11	..	..	£203 10 10

## WHANGAREI SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	212	182	394	..	..	883
2nd Class	851	1,844	2,195	..	..	5,020
Total	1,063	1,526	2,589	..	..	5,903
Season Tickets	..	..	4	..	..	3
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	95	..	..	..
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	4	..	..	..
Total	..	..	99	..	..	..
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cattle	..	..	17	..	..	29
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	55
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	17	..	..	89
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	10
Firewood	..	..	12	..	..	84
Timber	..	..	2,267	..	..	370
Grain	..	..	142	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	330	..	..	334
Minerals	..	..	3,956	..	..	3,386
Total	..	..	6,707	..	..	4,184
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	125 16 0	..	..	112 1 8
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	8 0 10	..	..	16 18 8
Goods	..	..	1,150 6 10	..	..	680 1 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	56 8 11	..	..	5 17 4
Rents and Commission	..	..	2 5 7	..	..	19 17 1
Total	..	..	£1,342 18 2	..	..	£784 15 9

## KAIHU SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	14	166	180	13	194	207
2nd Class	220	1,004	1,224	274	2,140	2,414
Total	234	1,170	1,404	287	2,334	2,621
Season Tickets	..	..	7	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	104	..	..	91
Horses	..	..	1	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	6	..	..	3
Total	..	..	111	..	..	94
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	1
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	1	..	..	3
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	24	..	..	..
Timber	..	..	2,616	..	..	5,347
Grain	..	..	8	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	143	..	..	167
Minerals	..	..	4	..	..	13
Total	..	..	2,790	..	..	5,527
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	110 2 6	..	..	147 5 10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	9 7 3	..	..	9 18 2
Goods	..	..	579 3 5	..	..	1,091 7 7
Miscellaneous	..	..	27 7 11	..	..	49 16 0
Rents and Commission	..	..	1 10 0	..	..	10 0 0
Total	..	..	£727 11 1	..	..	£1,308 7 7

## AUCKLAND SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	1,664	3,426	5,090	1,737	3,870	5,607
2nd Class	6,983	33,284	40,267	7,400	49,970	57,370
Total	8,647	36,710	45,357	9,137	53,840	62,977
Season Tickets	..	..	642	..	..	596
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	6,869	..	..	5,187
Horses	..	..	31	..	..	59
Carriages	..	..	9	..	..	5
Dogs	..	..	110	..	..	134
Total	..	..	6,519	..	..	5,385
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	8	..	..	4
Cattle	..	..	825	..	..	810
Calves	..	..	91	..	..	24
Sheep	..	..	6,951	..	..	5,985
Pigs	..	..	242	..	..	240
Total	..	..	8,117	..	..	7,063
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	480	..	..	534
Firewood	..	..	1,085	..	..	953
Timber	..	..	354	..	..	282
Grain	..	..	1,721	..	..	1,074
Merchandise	..	..	730	..	..	726
Minerals	..	..	2,796	..	..	2,271
Total	..	..	7,095	..	..	7,607
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	3,733 11 8	..	..	3,994 13 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	540 13 2	..	..	532 0 3
Goods	..	..	7,634 12 3	..	..	6,762 9 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	17 6 6	..	..	29 1 3
Rents and Commission	..	..	130 3 7	..	..	113 19 11
Total	..	..	£12,056 7 2	..	..	£11,432 3 7



NAPIER-TARANAKI SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	1,845	9,766	11,611	1,697	8,674	10,371
2nd Class	8,576	36,410	44,986	7,703	33,922	41,625
Total	10,421	46,176	56,597	9,400	42,596	51,996
Season Tickets	..	..	..208	..	..	..148
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	7,295	..	..	5,893
Horses	..	..	311	..	..	377
Carriages	..	..	32	..	..	9
Dogs	..	..	496	..	..	413
Total	..	..	8,134	..	..	6,692
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	11	..	..	5
Cattle	..	..	1,030	..	..	669
Calves	..	..	49	..	..	6
Sheep	..	..	31,026	..	..	16,243
Pigs	..	..	354	..	..	343
Total	..	..	32,470	..	..	17,266
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons. 588	..	..	Tons. 114
Wool	..	..	6,035	..	..	4,260
Firewood	..	..	2,272	..	..	2,548
Timber	..	..	4,551	..	..	4,127
Grain	..	..	1,680	..	..	1,482
Merchandise	..	..	5,898	..	..	4,506
Minerals	..	..	1,816	..	..	2,676
Total	..	..	22,840	..	..	19,713
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	6,638	18	10	5,793	18	3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	1,085	15	9	1,006	8	11
Goods	12,904	1	11	10,135	6	4
Miscellaneous	550	11	4	349	17	5
Rents and Commission	154	10	2	161	6	6
Total	£21,333	18	0	£17,446	17	5

WELLINGTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	1,042	10,206	11,248	892	11,636	12,528
2nd Class	4,468	29,758	34,226	4,245	33,838	38,083
Total	5,510	39,964	45,474	5,137	45,534	50,671
Season Tickets	..	..	..781	..	..	..625
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	5,719	..	..	4,987
Horses	..	..	154	..	..	163
Carriages	..	..	7	..	..	5
Dogs	..	..	193	..	..	182
Total	..	..	6,013	..	..	5,337
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	6	..	..	3
Cattle	..	..	439	..	..	244
Calves	..	..	21	..	..	15
Sheep	..	..	34,094	..	..	21,317
Pigs	..	..	86	..	..	53
Total	..	..	34,646	..	..	21,632
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons. 234	..	..	Tons. 264
Wool	..	..	3,147	..	..	2,076
Firewood	..	..	558	..	..	492
Timber	..	..	2,896	..	..	2,268
Grain	..	..	469	..	..	315
Merchandise	..	..	2,436	..	..	1,761
Minerals	..	..	1,572	..	..	1,644
Total	..	..	11,312	..	..	8,820
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	3,186	8	6	2,952	10	3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	634	18	8	522	3	8
Goods	8,045	18	3	5,555	9	8
Miscellaneous	104	8	4	85	10	11
Rents and Commission	82	6	7	62	1	11
Total	£12,054	0	4	£9,177	16	5

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	4,135	23,540	27,675	4,868	48,302	53,170
2nd Class	20,301	107,660	127,961	21,002	153,422	174,424
Total	24,436	131,200	155,636	25,870	201,724	227,594
Season Tickets	..	..	1,636	..	..	1,451
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	23,604	..	..	21,368
Horses	..	..	393	..	..	635
Carriages	..	..	58	..	..	48
Dogs	..	..	660	..	..	819
Total	..	..	24,715	..	..	22,870
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	41	..	..	33
Cattle	..	..	1,449	..	..	1,145
Calves	..	..	47	..	..	84
Sheep	..	..	40,876	..	..	24,612
Pigs	..	..	2,160	..	..	1,479
Total	..	..	44,573	..	..	27,353
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons. 3,192	..	..	Tons. 1,936
Wool	..	..	12,571	..	..	10,225
Firewood	..	..	1,770	..	..	1,890
Timber	..	..	8,161	..	..	8,267
Grain	..	..	15,020	..	..	21,915
Merchandise	..	..	22,193	..	..	18,314
Minerals	..	..	29,831	..	..	30,233
Total	..	..	92,738	..	..	92,880
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	15,073	15	4	17,799	9	7
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	2,827	4	8	2,987	0	11
Goods	35,550	2	7	34,837	10	4
Miscellaneous	649	16	11	750	15	1
Rents and Commission	582	4	6	527	0	1
Total	£54,683	4	0	£56,901	16	0

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	74	356	430	101	400	501
2nd Class	729	4,750	5,479	939	6,652	7,591
Total	803	5,106	5,909	1,040	7,052	8,092
Season Tickets	..	..	15	..	..	19
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	617	..	..	517
Horses	..	..	2	..	..	4
Carriages	..	..	3	..	..	18
Dogs	..	..	9	..	..	18
Total	..	..	631	..	..	539
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	2	..	..	1
Cattle	..	..	74	..	..	22
Calves	..	..	1	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	165	..	..	80
Pigs	..	..	20	..	..	31
Total	..	..	262	..	..	134
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons. 54	..	..	Tons. 48
Wool	..	..	2	..	..	9
Firewood	..	..	412	..	..	18
Timber	..	..	1,698	..	..	1,169
Grain	..	..	158	..	..	147
Merchandise	..	..	440	..	..	428
Minerals	..	..	10,717	..	..	10,860
Total	..	..	13,481	..	..	12,679
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	178	5	2	220	0	1
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	17	4	1	21	7	1
Goods	1,626	16	10	1,537	13	8
Miscellaneous	182	2	9	129	15	2
Rents and Commission	1	8	0	4	14	0
Total	£2,005	16	10	£1,913	10	0

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	63	442	505	48	446	494
2nd Class	512	2,280	2,792	508	3,028	3,536
Total	575	2,722	3,297	556	3,474	4,030
Season Tickets	..	..	18	..	..	8
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	219	..	..	170
Horses	..	..	3	..	..	3
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	1
Dogs	..	..	8	..	..	15
Total	..	..	231	..	..	189
Goods,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	3	..	..	5
Cattle	..	..	25	..	..	6
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	243	..	..	196
Pigs	..	..	35	..	..	..
Total	..	..	306	..	..	207
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	12	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	142	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	790	..	..	485
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	612	..	..	516
Minerals	..	..	197	..	..	110
Total	..	..	1,753	..	..	1,117
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	245 6 10	..	..	273 7 10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	26 1 4	..	..	24 10 3
Goods	..	..	450 10 8	..	..	313 1 8
Miscellaneous	..	..	0 19 3	..	..	0 18 8
Rents and Commission	..	..	5 14 0	..	..	5 12 0
Total	..	..	£728 12 1	..	..	£617 10 5

WESTPORT SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	10	54	64	3	50	53
2nd Class	559	3,222	3,781	522	3,026	3,548
Total	569	3,276	3,845	525	3,076	3,601
Season Tickets	..	..	19	..	..	4
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	286	..	..	167
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	2	..	..	10
Total	..	..	288	..	..	177
Goods,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	1	..	..	1
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	24	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	25	..	..	1
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	6	..	..	12
Firewood	..	..	234	..	..	192
Timber	..	..	416	..	..	208
Grain	..	..	4	..	..	4
Merchandise	..	..	191	..	..	192
Minerals	..	..	23,405	..	..	21,806
Total	..	..	24,256	..	..	22,414
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	204 14 4	..	..	205 4 3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	18 11 9	..	..	20 15 0
Goods	..	..	3,043 11 10	..	..	2,799 7 7
Miscellaneous	..	..	91 16 10	..	..	72 9 5
Rents and Commission	..	..	4 9 0	..	..	8 18 4
Total	..	..	£3,363 3 9	..	..	£3,106 14 7

NELSON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	57	1,178	1,235	42	1,270	1,312
2nd Class	760	4,672	5,432	831	6,176	7,007
Total	817	5,850	6,667	873	7,446	8,319
Season Tickets	..	..	19	..	..	16
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	249	..	..	223
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	5	..	..	4
Dogs	..	..	19	..	..	17
Total	..	..	273	..	..	244
Goods,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	10	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	206	..	..	91
Pigs	..	..	15	..	..	..
Total	..	..	231	..	..	91
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	90	..	..	102
Firewood	..	..	155	..	..	118
Timber	..	..	114	..	..	156
Grain	..	..	212	..	..	72
Merchandise	..	..	135	..	..	28
Minerals	..	..	133	..	..	225
Total	..	..	1,016	..	..	848
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	316 10 11	..	..	368 13 10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	20 19 2	..	..	18 17 0
Goods	..	..	443 15 8	..	..	453 8 8
Miscellaneous	..	..	32 15 4	..	..	51 18 4
Rents and Commission	..	..	4 14 0	..	..	4 8 0
Total	..	..	£818 15 1	..	..	£897 5 10

PICTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1897.			1896.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	95	362	457	93	394	492
2nd Class	433	1,492	1,925	352	2,812	3,164
Total	528	1,854	2,382	450	3,206	3,656
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	2	..	..	4
Horses	..	..	5	..	..	1
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	5	..	..	13
Total	..	..	13	..	..	18
Goods,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	8	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	314	..	..	336
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	323	..	..	336
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Wool	..	..	102	..	..	132
Firewood	..	..	154	..	..	20
Timber	..	..	306	..	..	198
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	1
Merchandise	..	..	224	..	..	114
Minerals	..	..	257	..	..	97
Total	..	..	1,222	..	..	786
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Passengers	..	..	159 11 8	..	..	195 0 4
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	11 10 7	..	..	8 5 2
Goods	..	..	363 19 7	..	..	202 19 9
Miscellaneous	..	..	39 13 9	..	..	25 16 11
Rents and Commission	..	..	4 3 6	..	..	1 7 6
Total	..	..	£578 19 1	..	..	£433 9 8

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N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1897-98.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 11th December, 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.
<b>NORTH ISLAND,—</b>								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 211 11 11	£ 1,505 15 8	£ 203 3 3	£ 2,202 10 10	146-27	£ 271 17 7	£ 397 13 7
Whangarei ..	18	1,342 18 2	7,557 11 3	499 1 9	6,448 7 10	85-32	606 9 5	517 9 3
Kaihu ..	17	727 11 1	8,591 16 0	316 13 5	3,795 19 9	44-18	730 0 5	322 10 8
Auckland ..	312	12,056 7 2	96,462 4 1	7,118 5 9	64,608 2 3	66-98	447 15 7	299 18 3
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	21,333 18 0	138,592 14 1	13,071 14 3	114,920 12 5	82-92	602 19 8	499 19 9
Wellington ..	113	12,054 0 4	72,304 15 2	5,784 0 11	43,939 9 7	60-77	951 2 9	578 0 1
Total ..	800	47,726 6 8	325,014 16 3	26,992 19 4	235,915 2 8	72-59		
<b>MIDDLE ISLAND,—</b>								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,142	54,683 4 0	502,865 1 9	34,942 8 6	319,564 17 1	63-55	£ 639 19 4	£ 406 13 10
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	2,005 16 10	16,955 4 8	467 8 0	8,553 1 11	50-45	3,061 7 3	1,544 6 2
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	728 12 1	6,346 16 7	735 7 11	3,977 10 9	62-67	381 19 8	239 7 9
Westport ..	31	3,863 3 9	31,813 4 11	1,325 14 6	13,525 0 7	42-51	1,482 6 9	630 4 0
Nelson ..	23	818 15 1	6,514 0 2	719 5 1	6,462 1 3	99-20	409 1 10	405 16 7
Picton ..	21	578 19 1	4,809 16 2	463 18 11	5,800 9 3	120-60	330 16 8	398 19 6
Total ..	1,249	62,178 10 10	569,304 4 3	38,654 2 11	357,883 0 10	62-86		
Grand total ..	2,049	109,904 17 6	894,319 0 6	65,647 2 3	593,798 3 6	66-40		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

<b>NORTH ISLAND,—</b>								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 203 10 10	£ 1,779 12 5	£ 219 8 11	£ 1,909 19 10	107-33	£ 321 6 5	£ 344 17 2
Whangarei ..	18	784 15 9	5,787 19 2	960 2 1	5,639 12 4	97-44	545 4 10	531 5 4
Kaihu ..	17	1,308 7 7	5,616 1 1	326 7 4	2,376 3 3	42-31	477 3 7	201 17 11
Auckland ..	309	11,432 3 7	87,393 2 4	6,534 9 6	62,280 11 7	71-27	408 10 6	291 2 8
Napier-Taranaki ..	332	17,446 17 5	130,578 10 1	11,234 0 6	92,186 1 9	70-60	568 2 3	401 1 6
Wellington ..	94	9,177 16 5	56,079 12 1	3,868 17 3	34,773 8 1	62-01	861 14 10	534 6 10
Total ..	778	40,353 11 7	287,234 17 2	23,143 5 7	199,165 16 10	69-34		
<b>MIDDLE ISLAND,—</b>								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	56,901 16 0	468,849 14 8	30,567 14 8	291,232 15 7	62-12	£ 597 18 1	£ 371 7 11
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,913 10 0	17,120 12 0	1,111 9 8	9,633 19 8	56-27	3,091 4 4	1,739 9 4
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	617 10 5	6,024 4 4	473 7 3	3,005 19 3	49-90	362 11 4	180 18 3
Westport ..	31	3,106 14 7	29,341 16 3	1,479 11 9	12,982 19 2	44-25	1,367 3 7	604 18 10
Nelson ..	23	897 5 10	6,223 19 9	810 8 10	5,966 18 6	95-87	390 17 7	374 14 8
Picton ..	21	433 9 8	4,549 8 2	534 11 4	4,876 15 7	107-20	312 18 5	335 8 9
Total ..	1,240	63,870 6 6	532,109 15 2	34,977 3 6	327,699 7 9	61-58		
Grand total ..	2,018	104,223 18 1	819,344 12 4	58,120 9 1	526,865 4 7	64-30		

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1897, to 11th December, 1897.

All Sections.	Passengers.						Season Tickets.	Number.					Number.					
	First Class.		Second Class.		Total.	Total.		Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
	S.	R.	S.	R.														
1897	75,776	436,444	384,408	1,978,100	2,874,728	32,760	352,657	6,700	581	15,919	375,857	580	29,044	2,481	1,203,512	30,746	1,266,363	
1896	77,992	427,214	386,647	1,779,650	2,671,503	28,568	318,463	7,480	496	15,692	342,081	490	24,208	2,118	1,015,299	40,840	1,082,955	
Inc.	..	9,230	..	198,450	203,225	4,192	34,194	..	85	227	33,776	90	4,836	363	188,213	..	183,408	
Dec.	2,216	..	2,239	..	..	..	..	730	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,094	..	

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.
1897	58,012	0 0	44,537	16 0	59,356	0 0	217,630	6 0	309,469	19 0	304,440	4 0	738,442	3 0	1,731,888	8 0
1896	45,832	0 0	35,942	0 0	56,246	0 0	169,825	2 0	302,905	9 0	263,412	16 0	714,370	1 0	1,588,533	8 0
Increase	12,180	0 0	8,595	16 0	3,110	0 0	47,805	4 0	6,564	10 0	41,027	8 0	24,072	2 0	143,355	0 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
Kaihu	54,990	0 0	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (north end)	184,624	0 0	119,713	0
Auckland	1,979,071	0 0	110,371	..
Napier	872,931	0 0	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (south end)	143,680	0 0	98,761	..
Wanganui	1,446,564	0 0	..	..
Wellington-Foxton (private line)	..	..	42,116	..
Wellington	1,098,418	0 0	116,470	..
Surveys	..	..	28,597	0
Miscellaneous	..	..	5,169	0 0
Hurunui-Bluff	8,551,104	0 0	129,967	0 0
Greymouth	200,288	0 0	15,959	0 0
Greymouth Harbour Works	..	..	127,234	0 0
Greymouth-Hokitika	192,597	0 0	..	..
Westport	227,494	0 0	..	..
Westport Harbour Works	..	..	14,111	0 0
Nelson	166,736	0 0	12,537	0 0
Pierson	205,573	0 0	58,637	0 0
Stock	..	..	82,788	0 0
Stock in suspense	25,000	0 0	..	..
Surveys	..	..	38,795	0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	5,168	0 0
Total	15,577,392	0 0	957,588	0 0

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**Bankruptcy Notices.**

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

NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLES JOHN SANDERSON, of Beach Road, Thames, Engineer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr. T. W. Clark's office, Thames, on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,  
Official Assignee.

6th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that COLIN McMILLAN, of Whangarata, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr. T. Walker's house, at Tuakau, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898, at 5 o'clock p.m.

J. LAWSON,  
Official Assignee.

5th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES NUTTING, of Gisborne, Tobacconist, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 18th day of January, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

JOHN COLEMAN,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Gisborne, 10th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ABIGAIL MURRAY, of Hastings, Music-teacher, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Hastings, on Wednesday, the 19th day of January, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock.

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

Napier, 11th January, 1898.

*In Bankruptcy.*

NOTICE is hereby given that HENRY CRANN, of New Plymouth, Railway Employé, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at New Plymouth, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

New Plymouth, 4th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIE WATERS, Mechanical Engineer, of Masterton, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Masterton, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. B. CHENNELLS,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Masterton, 7th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT JOHN KINGAN, of Wellington, Horse-trainer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

JAMES ASHCROFT,  
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 6th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ELLSWORTH PROBASCO, of Westport, Circus-manager, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 17th day of January, 1898, at 3 o'clock p.m.

A. D. BAYFEILD,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Westport, 4th January, 1898.

*In Bankruptcy.*

NOTICE is hereby given that dividends are declared, and are now payable at my office, on all proved and accepted claims in the following estates:—

David Cossgrove, fourth, 1s. in the pound (making 5s. in the pound paid).  
Louis Carmine, of Lyell, first and final, 1s. 10d. in the pound.  
Thomas Smart, first and final, 3½d. in the pound.  
John Bredbury, second and final, 2½d. in the pound.  
Edward Benson, first and final, 6s. 10d. in the pound.  
Charles Gooding, first and final, 3s. 2d. in the pound.

A. D. BAYFEILD,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Westport, 31st December, 1897.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Wednesday, the 26th day of January, 1898, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Henry Page, of Takaka, Butcher.  
Frederick Page, of Takaka, Butcher.  
Richard Weller, of Suburban North, Farmer.  
Dated this 6th day of January, 1898.

A. A. SCAIFE,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that THOMAS BENNET CRESSEY, jun., at Ahaura, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 13th day of January, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock.

G. S. SMITH,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Greymouth, 6th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLES DAVIS LIGHTBAND, of Christchurch, Leather Merchant, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 18th day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

G. L. GREENWOOD,  
Official Assignee.

Christchurch, 11th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN HENDERSON PRICE and JOSEPH PRICE, both of Timaru, carrying on business together in partnership as Saddlers, under the style or firm of "Price and Son," were this day adjudged bankrupts; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, Arcade, Timaru, on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 10th January, 1898.

**Mining Notices.**

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," "The Mining Act, 1891," and its amendments; and in the matter of the Westralia and New Zealand Gold Explorers (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Westralia and New Zealand Gold Explorers (Limited), a company duly incorporated and registered in England under the Companies Act, 1862 to 1890, intends to carry on its business at Macetown, in the Provincial District of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, and that the office of the said company in New Zealand will be at the company's gold-mining claim at Macetown aforesaid, where legal proceedings of any kind may be served upon the said company, and to which notices of any kind may be addressed or given.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1897.

WALTER J. STANFORD,  
SPENCER BRENT,  
1393 Attorneys of the said Company in New Zealand.

## STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Achilles Goldfields (Limited).  
 When formed, and date of registration: 15th March, 1898.  
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:  
 Bullendale, N.Z.; Fred. Evans.  
 Nominal capital: £100,000.  
 Amount of capital subscribed: £91,660 17s. 6d.  
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £11,660 17s. 6d.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of  
 cash received for same (if any): £80,000 for purchase of  
 property.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no  
 cash has been paid: Ditto.  
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 800,000.  
 Number of shares allotted: 733,287.  
 Amount paid per share: 2s. 6d.  
 Amount called up per share: 2s. 6d.  
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.  
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.  
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for  
 same: Nil.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of com-  
 pany: 7.  
 Present number of shareholders: 2,227.  
 Number of men employed by company: 108.  
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year:  
 5,716 oz. 12 dwt. 4 gr.; value, £22,051 11s. 9d.  
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration:  
 12,898 oz. 5 dwt. 11 gr.; value, £49,639 15s. 2d.  
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations  
 during preceding year: £21,037 1s. 2d.  
 Total expenditure since registration: £61,358 0s. 11d.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.  
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.  
 Amount of cash at banker's, 23rd October, 1897: £51 1s. 5d.  
 Amount of cash in hand, 23rd October, 1897: £9 11s. 3d.  
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.  
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.  
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): G. F.  
 Bullen, £8,662 6s. 5d.

I, Fred. Evans, of Bullendale, the Managing Director of  
 the Achilles Goldfields (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely  
 declare that this is a true and complete statement of the  
 affairs of the said company on the 31st day of December,  
 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously  
 believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices  
 of the Peace Act, 1882."

FRED. EVANS,  
 Manager.

Declared this 5th day of January, 1898, before me—  
 Thomas J. Coller, Acting J.P., Bullendale. 18

## STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: The Boatman's Exploration Gold-  
 mining Company (Limited).  
 When formed, and date of registration: 5th April, 1897;  
 17th June, 1897.  
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:  
 Reefton; Joseph Steele.  
 Nominal capital: £50,000.  
 Amount of capital subscribed: £46,800.  
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £222 14s. 8d.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of  
 cash received for same (if any): Nil.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no  
 cash has been paid: Nil.  
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 50,000.  
 Number of shares allotted: 46,800.  
 Amount paid per share: 1½d., less part of last call not yet  
 paid.  
 Amount called up per share: 1½d.  
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: £69 15s. 9½d., being  
 part of third call not yet paid.  
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of com-  
 pany: 35.  
 Present number of shareholders: 48.  
 Number of men employed by company: 2.  
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year:  
 Nil.  
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registra-  
 tion: Nil.  
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations  
 during preceding year: £197 10s.  
 Total expenditure since registration: £197 10s.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: £32 3s. 8d.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £69 15s. 4d.  
 Amount of debts considered good: £69 15s. 4d.  
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £47 5s.

I, Joseph Steele, of Reefton, the Manager of the Boat-  
 man's Exploration Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly  
 and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete  
 statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st  
 day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration  
 conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of  
 "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

JOSEPH STEELE,  
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 6th day of January, 1898, before  
 me—Walter Irving, J.P. 19

## STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Tuapeka Dredging Company (Limited).  
 When formed, and date of registration: 31st July, 1897.  
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:  
 Lawrence, Otago; John J. Woods.  
 Nominal capital: £2,800.  
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,530.  
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £911 5s.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of  
 cash received for same (if any): Nil.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no  
 cash has been paid: Nil.  
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 2,800.  
 Number of shares allotted: 2,530.  
 Amount paid per share (less arrears): 10s.  
 Amount called up per share: 10s.  
 Number and amount of calls in arrear (parts of allotment,  
 first and second calls): £203 15s.  
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.  
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for  
 same: Nil.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of com-  
 pany: 26.  
 Present number of shareholders: 28.  
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.  
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during pre-  
 ceding year: Nil.  
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since  
 registration: Nil.  
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations  
 during preceding year: Nil.  
 Total expenditure since registration: £201 2s. 6d.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.  
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.  
 Amount of cash at banker's: £710 2s. 6d.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £203 15s.  
 Amount of debts considered good: £203 15s.  
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any):  
 £2,114 10s.

I, John Joseph Woods, of Lawrence, Otago, the Manager  
 of the Tuapeka Dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly  
 and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete state-  
 ment of the affairs of the said company at the present date;  
 and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing  
 the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the  
 Peace Act, 1882."

JOHN J. WOODS,  
 Manager.

Declared at Lawrence, this 6th day of January, 1898,  
 before me—Francis Oudaille, J.P. 21

## STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Evans Flat Dredging Company (Limited).  
 When formed, and date of registration: 14th August, 1897.  
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:  
 Lawrence, Otago; John J. Woods.  
 Nominal capital: £2,800.  
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,480.  
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £711 6s.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of  
 cash received for same (if any): Nil.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no  
 cash has been paid: Nil.  
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 2,800.  
 Number of shares allotted: 2,480.  
 Amount paid per share: 7s. 6d. (less arrears),

Amount called up per share: 7s. 6d.  
 Number and amount of calls in arrear (parts of allotment and first call): £69 6s.  
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.  
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 32.  
 Present number of shareholders: 34.  
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.  
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.  
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.  
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: Nil.  
 Total expenditure since registration: £101 1s. 9d.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.  
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.  
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.  
 Amount of cash at banker's: £616 9s. 3d.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £69 6s.  
 Amount of debts considered good: £69 6s.  
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £2,114 10s.

I, John Joseph Woods, of Lawrence, Otago, the Manager of the Evans Flat Dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the present date; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

JOHN J. WOODS,  
 Manager.

Declared at Lawrence, this 6th day of January, 1898, before me—Francis Oudaille, J.P. 20

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Mont d'Or Gold-mining and Water-race Company (Limited).  
 When formed, and date of registration: 25th July, 1882.  
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.  
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Aylmer Street, Ross; Thomas Wanless Bruce.  
 Nominal capital: £12,000.  
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.  
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £10,799 14s.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.  
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.  
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 12,000.  
 Number of shares allotted: 12,000.  
 Amount paid per share: 18s.  
 Amount called up per share: 18s.  
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.  
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.  
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.  
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 5.  
 Present number of shareholders: 25.  
 Number of men employed by company: 27.  
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year: 1,242 oz. 2 dwt. 12 gr.; £4,844 10s. 6d.  
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 20,437 oz. 19 dwt. 11 gr.; £78,912 10s. 4d.  
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,727 15s. 4d.  
 Total expenditure since registration: £63,993 1s. 3d.  
 Total amount of dividends declared: £27,000.  
 Total amount of dividends paid: £27,000.  
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.  
 Amount of cash at banker's: £19 2s.  
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.  
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.  
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.  
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Thomas Wanless Bruce, the Manager of the Mont d'Or Gold-mining and Water-race Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 6th of January, 1898; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

THOMAS WANLESS BRUCE,  
 Manager.

Declared at Ross, this 6th day of January, 1898, before me—J. K. McKey, J.P. 22

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of Scotty's Hauraki Gold-mining Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the above-named company to cease carrying on business in this colony, the said company being now in liquidation. Dated this 17th day of December, 1897.

BUDDLE, BUTTON, AND CO.,  
 Solicitors for the said Company.

THE MAHAKIRAU SYNDICATE (LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mahakirau Syndicate (Limited) will, after the expiration of three months from the date hereof, cease to carry on business in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated at Auckland, this 13th day of December, 1897.

LAURENCE D. NATHAN,  
 Attorney for the said Syndicate.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL,  
 Solicitors for the said Syndicate. 1386

SCOTTY'S GOLD-MINE (LIMITED).

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 the Scotty's Gold-mine (Limited) is at the office of Mr. G. D. Ingall, Shortland Street, in the City of Auckland.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1897.

BUDDLE, BUTTON, AND CO.,  
 Solicitors for the said Company. 7

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RENEW WATER-RACE LICENSE.

Otago Mining District,  
 Arrowtown, 21st December, 1897.

To the Mining Registrar, at Arrowtown, of the Otago Mining District, and all other persons whom it may concern.

TAKE notice that it is intended to renew our Water-race License No. 609, 23/11/82, to divert and use water for mining purposes, the present description of which is as follows—Commencing at a tributary of Scanlan's Gully, Macetown (known as Skipper's Creek), and terminating at the head of and emptying into our water-race held under License No. 331, 22/12/79, Scanlan's Gully, Macetown; and that such renewal license shall be subject to the same annual payment and to the like conditions, and shall confer the like privileges, including the right of renewal, as were and are conferred by the said original License No. 609.

The length of such race is 1,000 yards or thereabouts, and its intended course is east-and-west.  
 Term of renewal license to be fifteen years, with right of renewal at end of said term.

The mean depth of such race is 1 ft. 6 in., and the mean breadth is 2 ft., and it is proposed to divert two Government heads of water, being the quantity of water already held under the said License No. 609. Priority to the said water to date from and including the 23rd day of November, 1882, and preserving all other priorities and rights of every description to the said race.

Time required for construction: Already constructed, and in use.

Number and date of miner's right: 18412; 15/1/97.

THE TIPPERARY GOLD-MINE (LIMITED)

(By its Solicitor, WESLEY TURTON),  
 Applicant.

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

Hearing at 11 o'clock on the 1st February, 1898.

H. NELSON FIRTH,

Pro Mining Registrar.

Warden's Office, 21st December, 1897. 9

THE PEVERIL GOLD-MINES (LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Peveril Gold-mines (Limited) will, after the expiration of three months from the date hereof, cease to carry on business in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated at Auckland, this 17th day of December, 1897.

MOSS DAVIS,  
 WILLIAM McCULLOUGH,  
 Attorneys for the Peveril Gold-mines (Limited),

(By their Solicitors, MACKECHNIE AND NICHOLSON). 8

## 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.

3406. THE AUCKLAND PERMANENT CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.—Parts of Allotments 18 and 19, Section 21, of the City of Auckland, containing 18 perches. Occupied by Brian and Co.

3427. ROBERT DRUCKI LUBECKI DUFFUS and WILLIAM COLEMAN.—Parts of Lots 37 and 38 of Allotments 9 and 10, Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 1 rood 9 perches. Occupied by Mrs. Harvey.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,

District Land Registrar.

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LEASE No. 2770, PUBLIC TRUSTEE to SAMUEL ROULSTON and CHARLES WICKMAN, of Subsection 3 of Section 42, Block 2, Opunake Survey District; Lease No. 2774, PUBLIC TRUSTEE to FRANK HERBERT MORGAN, of Subsection 1 of Section 2, Block 3, Opunake Survey District; Lease No. 2775, PUBLIC TRUSTEE to EDWIN ROBERT MORGAN, of Subsection 2 of Section 2, Block 3, Opunake Survey District; Lease No. 2852, PUBLIC TRUSTEE to LOUISA MARY MORGAN, of Subsection 8, Ngatitara, Block 3, Opunake Survey District; Lease No. 3422, PUBLIC TRUSTEE to JOHN JACKUSH, of Subsection 16 of Section 3, Block 10, Cape Survey District.—The lessor having re-entered in each of the above cases for non-payment of rent, it is my intention to notify the re-entries upon the Registers in Vol. xiv., folio 110, Vol. xiii., folio 99, and Vol. xi., folio 235, at the expiration of one month from the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,

District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 14th day of February, 1898.

2727. JOHN THOMAS WILLIAMS.—15.9 perches, part Suburban Section 20, Town of Wanganui. Occupied by W. H. Austin, tenant of Applicant.

2742. GEORGE JOHNSTON.—212 acres, Sections 33, 34, 35, Okotuku District. Occupied by Applicant.

2786. WILLIAM RIDDLE.—41 acres 1 rood, Sub-division 4 of Te Ore Ore No. 3, Wairarapa. Occupied by Charles McKillop, as lessee.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,

District Land Registrar.

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

8190. JAMES HAY, GEORGE SPENCER FLEMING, and JOHN EDWARD FLEMING.—289 acres and 35 perches, Rural Section 65, and parts of Rural Sections 93, 5533, and 6147, Pigeon Bay Survey District. Occupied partly by Ellen Fleming, and partly by Robert J. Fleming and William C. Fleming.

8192. THOMAS KING.—407 acres 2 roods 16 perches, parts of Rural Section 3753, Patiti Survey District. Occupied by Samuel Alford Bristol.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,

District Land Registrar.

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## Private Advertisements.

THE AUSTRALIAN WIDOWS' FUND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY (LIMITED).

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

I, CHARLES JOHN FOWLER, of Wellington, Attorney of the Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society (Limited), a company duly incorporated and registered under Acts of the Parliament of Victoria ("The Companies Statute, 1861," and "The Life Assurance Companies

Act, 1873"), do hereby give notice, pursuant to the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts, that the above-named company has fixed the situation and locality of its office or place of business at which service of legal proceedings may be made in accordance with the provisions of the above Act as at the Phoenix Assurance Company's Building, No. 6, Customhouse Quay, in the City of Wellington.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

CHARLES J. FOWLER,

Resident Secretary.

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

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

THE creditors of each of the above-named companies are required, on or before Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1898, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to William Brown and Alexander Johnston Cree Brown, of Princes Street, Dunedin, the provisional Official Liquidators of the said company; and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidators, are, by their solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Judge's Chambers, Supreme Court House, Dunedin, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Friday, the 1st day of April, 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Judge's said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1898.

G. A. KING,

Deputy Registrar.

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GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

LOST POLICY.

Head Office, Wellington.

APPLICATION having been made to me, under section 28 of "The Life Assurance Policies Act, 1884," for the issue of a copy of the policy on the life of ARTHUR GEORGE MAUGHAN, of Auckland, numbered 72716 in the books of the Government Insurance Commissioner, which is alleged to have been lost in the wreck of the s.s. "Tasmania," I hereby give notice that I shall issue a copy as requested unless notice be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 14th day of February, 1898.

Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of January, 1898.

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J. H. RICHARDSON, Commissioner.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership lately subsisting between us, the undersigned CHARLES MORTON ANDERSON and RICHARD WALKER ANDERSON, practising at Christchurch and Sydenham, under the style of "C. Morton and Richard W. Anderson," as Medical Practitioners, has this day determined by effluxion of time.

The said Charles Morton Anderson will continue to practise at No. 105, Worcester Street, Christchurch, and the said Richard Walker Anderson at No. 124, Colombo Street, Sydenham, but each upon his own account.

Debts owing to the late firm may be paid to either of the late partners.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1898.

C. MORTON ANDERSON.

RICHD. W. ANDERSON.

Witness to signatures—H. O. D. Meares, Solicitor, Christchurch.

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