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Abolishing and Constituting the Marlborough Mining District.

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

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Mining Act, 1891" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the Marlborough Mining District, as constituted by Proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 63, of the twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and I do hereby constitute and appoint in lieu thereof the portions of the colony particularly described in the Schedule hereto, which shall be designated the Marlborough Mining District; and I do hereby further proclaim and declare that this Proclamation shall take effect as from the tenth day of February next.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH MINING DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Provincial District of Marlborough bounded towards the north and west generally by the Provincial District of Nelson, from Tophouse to the Pelorus River, and by the left bank of that river to the waters of Pelorus Sound; thence by the waters of Pelorus Sound to the south-western boundary of Section No. 2, Ohingaroa Bay, Linkwater Survey District; thence by a right line to the south-western boundary-line of Section No. 152 of the said survey district, and by that boundary produced to Okiwa Bay; thence by the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound to Reserve D, Town of Picton, and by that reserve to Wellington Street; thence by Wellington Street and London Quay to the Picton and Blenheim Railway-line; thence by that line to the Wairau River; and thence by that river to the commencing-point: excepting from the above area Section No. 1, Block XIV., Linkwater Survey District, and Sections Nos. 1 to 33, inclusive, Block X., Wakamarina Survey District, within the aforesaid boundaries.

Also all that area in the Provincial District of Marlborough bounded towards the north and north-west by Port Gore, from the north-eastern corner of Section No. 3, Block XII., Gore Survey District, to Cape Jackson; thence towards the south-east generally by Queen Charlotte Sound to Section No. 111, Linkwater Survey District, in Torea Moua Bay; thence again towards the north-west by said Section No. 111; again towards the north and towards the west by Section No. 93, Linkwater Survey District, to the summit of the watershed between Kenepuru Sound and Queen Charlotte Sound; thence again towards the north-west by the summit of the said watershed and the summit of the watershed between Pelorus Sound and Queen Charlotte Sound, over Mount Stokes, to a line joining the north-eastern

corner of said Section No. 3 and the north-eastern corner of Section No. 50, Block VIII., Gore Survey District; and thence again towards the north by that line to Port Gore, the place of commencement.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Mines.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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.

ERRATUM.—In the Warrant of the 27th December, 1897, making regulations for New Zealand forests, published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 3, of 13th January, 1898, page 55, for the first paragraph of the regulations, read "Forest" in these regulations means any Crown land on which forest trees are growing, other than a State forest or forest reserve subject to the provisions of 'The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885.'"

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.

Rural Lands in the Wellington Land District open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and the one hundred and thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said one hundred and thirty-sixth section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on and after the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and that the said lands may be selected on lease in perpetuity, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892"; and I do hereby declare that the rentals at which the said lands shall be leased shall be those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto opposite the description of such lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—HUTT COUNTY.—BELMONT SURVEY DISTRICT.—PAPARANGI SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2A	XII.	5 1 13	0 18 0	2 8 0
3A	"	13 0 39	1 0 6	6 15 9
4	"	13 0 0	1 0 6	6 13 3
5A	"	6 2 11	1 0 6	3 7 4
6	"	6 1 34	0 18 0	2 18 2
7	"	11 0 2	1 8 0	7 14 3
8	"	5 0 26	1 3 0	2 19 5
9A	"	5 0 8	1 5 6	3 4 5
10A	"	2 1 1	1 11 0	1 15 0
11A	"	4 1 18	1 11 0	3 7 8
12A	"	2 1 15	1 16 0	2 2 3
13A	"	2 0 11	2 1 0	2 2 5
14A	"	4 0 15	1 11 0	3 3 6
15A	"	2 1 23	2 8 0	2 17 6
16A	"	1 0 3	2 18 11	1 10 0
17A	"	4 2 24	1 11 0	3 12 2
18A	"	1 0 13	3 4 9	1 15 0
19A	"	4 2 12	2 3 0	4 18 5
20	"	1 1 2	3 3 4½	2 0 0
21	"	1 0 37	4 1 3	2 10 0
22	"	29 1 30	0 10 0	7 7 3
23	"	54 3 29	0 9 0	12 7 3
24	"	31 0 23	0 10 0	7 15 9
25	"	5 0 35	1 11 0	4 0 11
26	"	5 0 32	1 11 0	4 0 8
27	"	4 2 21	1 8 0	3 4 11
28	"	4 3 8	1 3 0	2 15 3
29	"	8 3 15	0 18 0	3 19 8
30	"	5 3 38	1 8 0	4 3 10
31	"	6 0 0	1 8 0	4 4 0
32	"	9 0 32	1 8 0	6 8 10
33	"	9 0 25	1 8 0	6 8 3
34	"	5 1 6	1 8 0	3 14 1
35	"	5 0 14	1 8 0	3 11 3
36	"	5 0 36	1 8 0	3 13 2
37	"	5 2 7	1 8 0	3 17 8
38	"	6 1 19	1 8 0	4 9 2
39	"	5 1 25	1 8 0	3 15 9
40	"	5 1 26	1 8 0	3 15 10

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Regulations under "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897."

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by section seventeen of "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, for the purposes of the said Act, make the regulations following, that is to say,—

REGULATIONS.

1. Every application for a license under the said Act shall be made, in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect, to the Warden of the district wherein or nearest whereto is situate the mine wherein the licensee proposes to use or employ the patent rights referred to in the said Act.
2. Such application shall be lodged in the Warden's office either personally, or by a barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court, or a registered mining agent.
3. As soon as practicable after receipt of such application the Warden shall issue to the applicant a license in the form numbered 2 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect, and shall also forward a duplicate original of such license to the nearest Inspector of Mines, who shall retain and file the same.
4. Before the license is issued it shall be recorded in the Warden's Court by the Mining Registrar, in a book to be kept for the purpose, and the Mining Registrar shall certify on the face of the license that such record has been made.
5. Every license shall be deemed to be issued, and shall be held, subject to the terms and conditions following, that is to say:—

- (1.) That the licensee duly and punctually pays the royalty hereinafter prescribed, and faithfully observes and complies with the provisions of the said Act, and the regulations from time to time in force thereunder.
- (2.) That on breach of any of the terms and conditions subject to which the license is held, any Warden may, in his discretion, cancel the license.
6. The royalty shall be payable on the following graduated scale according to the value of all gold and silver produced from each ton of quartz or other ore in the mine wherein the said patent rights are used or employed, that is to say,—
 - (1.) One per cent. of such value where the same does not exceed £2 per ton;
 - (2.) One and a half per cent. where such value exceeds £2 but does not exceed £3 per ton;
 - (3.) Two per cent. where such value exceeds £3 but does not exceed £4 per ton; and
 - (4.) Two and a half per cent. where such value exceeds £4 per ton.
7. The royalty on all gold and silver produced between the 20th day of August, 1897, and the date of the license shall be payable by the licensee when making the first payment, as hereinafter prescribed, in respect of the gold or silver produced subsequent to such date.
8. The royalty on all gold and silver produced subsequent to the date of the license shall be payable by the licensee on or before the seventh day of each calendar month after such date, each such payment being in respect of the gold and silver so produced during the then last-preceding calendar month.
9. For the purpose of enabling the amount of the royalty to be ascertained and computed, each licensee shall, on or before the due date of each periodical payment in respect of royalty, furnish to the Receiver of Gold Revenue for the mining district wherein the license is issued a return in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect, showing for each such period the total number of tons of quartz or other ore treated, the total number of ounces of gold and silver respectively produced, the value thereof, and the amount of royalty payable in respect thereof.
10. Such return shall be verified by the statutory declaration of the licensee, or some responsible person competent to speak to the facts.
11. All royalty shall be payable to the Receiver of Gold Revenue for the mining district wherein the license is issued.
12. If any person commits any breach of any of the foregoing regulations, then, in addition to any other penalty or punishment to which he thereby exposes himself, he, and in the case of a company the manager and every director thereof, are severally liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.
13. The Receiver of Gold Revenue for the district wherein any license is issued shall, not later than the 10th day of

January, April, July, and October in each year, transmit to the Minister of Mines at Wellington a statement, in the form numbered 4 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect, of all royalties, penalties, and other moneys received by him under the said Act during the previous three months.

SCHEDULE.

Form 1.—Application for License.

To the Warden at
 [Full name and address of applicant] hereby makes application for a license, under the provisions of "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897," for the use and employment of the therein-mentioned patent rights in the Mine [or Battery], situate at , for the extraction of gold and silver from quartz or other ores.
 [Signature of Applicant.]
 Dated at , this day of , 189 .

Form 2.—License.

Pursuant to the provisions of "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897," and the regulations thereunder, and to the application in this behalf dated the day of , 18 , [Full name and address of licensee] is hereby licensed to use and employ in the applicant's mine situate in [Mining district, if any, and locality], and known as [Name of mine], the patent rights referred to in the said Act; subject nevertheless to the payment of the royalty and the observance of the terms and conditions prescribed by the said Act and the regulations from time to time thereunder.
 As witness my hand, this day of , 18 .
 , Warden, Mining District.
 I certify that this license is recorded in the Warden's Court at , Mining Registrar.

Form 3.—Return to be furnished to Receiver of Gold Revenue by Licensees.

I, A.B., [Full name, occupation, and address of declarant] do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—
 1. That I am the holder of a license under "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897," in respect of [Name and locality of mine to which the license relates] [or the mine-manager (or as the case may be) of (Name and locality of mine), in respect whereof (Full name and address of employer) is the holder of a license under "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897"].
 2. That the following statement contains a full, true, and accurate return of all quartz or other ores treated in the said mine during the period [or respective periods] therein mentioned whilst using or employing the patent rights referred to in the said Act, the number of ounces of gold and silver respectively produced thereby, the values thereof, and the amount of royalty payable in respect thereof, as prescribed by the regulations under the said Act:—

Return.

Period.	Tons of Quartz or other Ores.		Gold.		Silver.		Total Value.	Value per Ton.	Royalty.	
	Oz.	Value.	Oz.	Value.	Rate.	Amount.				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(1) 20th August, 1897, to [Date of license]										
(2) [Date of license] to [End of the same calendar month]										
Totals ..										

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

A.B.

[Signature of declarant.]

Declared at , by the said A.B., [Full name of declarant] this day of , 18 , before me—
 C.D.,
 J.P. [or Solicitor, or Authorised Postmaster.]

Form 4.—Quarterly Statement to be furnished to the Minister of Mines by Receivers of Gold Revenue.

Office of Receiver of Gold Revenue, , 189 .

STATEMENT of Royalties, Fees, Penalties, and any other Amounts received in Pursuance of the Provisions of "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897."

	Quarter ending 31st March, 189 .	Quarter ending 30th June, 189 .	Quarter ending 30th Sept., 189 .	Quarter ending 31st Dec., 189 .	Total Amount received
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Royalties ..					
Fees ..					
Penalties ..					
Other receipts					

, Receiver of Gold Revenue.

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

W. C. WALKER,
 For Minister of Mines.

Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 18th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CONYERS PEACH

to be Registrar of Marriages and of Births and Deaths, and also to be Vaccination Inspector, for the District of Mount Grey, *vice* Rev. William McGregor, resigned, on and from the 24th January, 1898.

J. CARROLL.

Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 19th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM JAMES HAWLEY

to be Registrar of Marriages and of Births and Deaths, and also to be Vaccination Inspector, for the District of Wairau, *vice* Alfred Carter, transferred, on and from the 24th January, 1898.

W. C. WALKER.

Inspectors of Weights and Measures, Counties of Lake, Akaroa, Tauranga, Rotorua, Stratford, Hawera, Tuapeka, Bruce, and Clutha, and Boroughs of Queenstown, Akaroa, Tauranga, Hawera, Roxburgh, Lawrence, Tapamui, Milton, Balclutha, Kaitangata, and Arrowtown, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 19th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Inspectors of Weights and Measures, under "The Weights and Measures Act, 1868," and the Acts amending the same, for the districts set respectively opposite their names, viz.:—

Name.	District.
Sergeant John Campbell Mackenzie	County of Lake and Borough of Queenstown.
Constable Edward Punjab Bird ..	County and Borough of Akaroa.
Sergeant William Murray ..	Counties of Tauranga and Rotorua, and Borough of Tauranga.
Constable William Henry Ryan ..	County of Stratford.
Sergeant John O'Donovan ..	County and Borough of Hawera.
Sergeant Thomas King ..	County of Tuapeka, and Boroughs of Roxburgh, Lawrence, and Tapanui.
Constable Duncan MacRae ..	Counties of Bruce and Clutha, and Boroughs of Milton, Balclutha, and Kaitangata.
Constable John McIntyre ..	Borough of Arrowtown.

W. C. WALKER.

Deputy Assignee appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 24th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
NEILS PETER HJORRING
to be the Deputy of the Official Assignee at Naseby, *vice* R. F. S. Inder, resigned.
W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Justice.

Sittings of Magistrate's Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 24th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
The Court-house at Mosgiel
to be a place wherein sittings of the Magistrate's Court shall be held, in lieu of the Athenæum, previously appointed.
W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Justice.

Clerks of Courts appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
Constable WILLIAM HENRY RYAN
to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Stratford, from the 7th instant, *vice* Sergeant J. O'Donovan, transferred;
Constable NATHANIEL MILLAR
to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Lumsden, from the 4th instant, *vice* Constable J. C. Mackenzie, transferred; and
Constable JOHN McINTYRE
to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Arrowtown, from the 8th instant, *vice* Constable P. Bowman, transferred.
W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Justice.

Member Licensing Committee appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
JOHN DIEDRICH BEUKE
to be a member of the Licensing Committee for the District of City of Nelson, *vice* J. Scott, deceased.
W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Justice.

Member of Wellington Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 18th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint
JOHN STEVENS
to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Wellington, as from the 1st February, 1898.
JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Inspectors of Factories appointed.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 18th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Inspectors under "The Factories Act, 1894," and to assign to them the districts set opposite their names, viz. :—

Name.	District.
Constable JOHN SEFTON ..	The North Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.
Constable DENIS ROWLES ..	
Constable WALTER JOSEPH BASKVILLE	
Constable JOHN McINTYRE ..	The Middle Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.
Constable JOHN DOUGAN ..	
Constable NATHANIEL MILLAR ..	

J. CARROLL,
For Minister of Labour.

Justices of the Peace resigned.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 24th January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by
DONALD GRANT, Esq., of Waikouaiti, and
ARCHIBALD SHAW, Esq., of Invercargill,
of their appointments as Justices of the Peace for the Colony.
W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Justice.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 26th January, 1898.
THE following special order, made by the Mangorei Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."
W. C. WALKER.

SPECIAL ORDER made by the Mangorei Road Board at a Special Meeting held on the 22nd Day of January, 1898.

THAT a special rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound be made and levied on the rateable value of all rateable properties in the Mangorei Road District, for the purpose of paying interest and other annual charges on a loan of £600, to be borrowed under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1882," for the purpose of metalling about 120 chains of the Mangorei Road, commencing at the end of the present metal, and extending southerly; such rate to be annually recurring for twenty-six years, and payable at the Board's office in one sum on the 1st day of April in each year, commencing on the 1st day of April, 1898. The first year's interest and cost of raising the loan to be paid out of the loan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order has been duly made by the Mangorei Road Board as required by "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

JAMES WADE,
Chairman, Mangorei Road Board, Taranaki.

Extending Time for furnishing Report by Kauri-gum Commission.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to extend the time for the furnishing of a report by the Commission to inquire into the kauri-gum industry from the 1st February, 1898, to the 1st March, 1898.
W. C. WALKER.

Notice to Mariners, No. 9 of 1898.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 26th January, 1898.
THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Portmaster, Brisbane, Queensland, and the Department of Ports and Harbours, Melbourne, Victoria, are published for general information.
W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Marine.

NEW SIXTH-ORDER FLASHING LIGHT, NORTH BARNARD ISLANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sixth-order double-flashing white light is now exhibited from the summit of the south-eastern island of the North Barnards, the focal plane being at an altitude of 292 ft. above high-water level.
The light is visible in clear weather at a distance of 16 miles seaward, between the bearings of approximately N. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., and shows a double flash every 10 seconds.
The structure is 10 ft. high, and consists of a circular lantern erected on a concrete base, and painted white.
In the event of accident to the electric motor or flashing apparatus a small fixed light will be exhibited.
Geographical position (approx.): Lat. 17° 40' 45" S., Long. 146° 12' 45" E.—from Admiralty chart.
Chart affected, No. 2349.
Australia Directory, Vol. ii., page 317.
T. M. ALMOND,
Portmaster.
Marine Department, Brisbane,
21st December, 1897.

PORT PHILLIP BAY.—WERRIBEE JETTY.

NOTICE is hereby given that a green light, visible in clear weather about two miles distant, is exhibited from a lamp-post 30 ft. above high water, erected on the outer end of the Werribee Jetty.

By order.

ALEXR. WILSON,
Port Officer.

Harbour Office, Customs,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1897.

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

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under "The Public Works Act, 1894," and any amendment thereof, and also of "The Government Railways Act, 1894," I, William Campbell Walker, acting for the Minister for Railways, do hereby make the following alterations in the scale of fares, rates, and charges in force on the New Zealand Government railways open for traffic, such alterations to come into force on and after the 31st day of January, 1898:—

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

SECTIONAL FARES FOR MESSRS. COOK AND SONS' TOURS.

From or to	To or from	Single Fares.		Return Fares.		
		Days available for, including Day of Issue.	First Class.	Second Class.	First Class.	Second Class.
Napier ..	Wellington*	8	37/6	25/1	52/9	35/2
New Plymouth	Wellington*	8	47/1	31/5	66/3	44/3
Auckland	Well'gton†*	8	48/8	32/6	68/7	45/11
Wellington	Wellington†	8	36/6	24/4	..	..
Wellington	Wanganui*	8	28/4	18/10	39/10	26/7
Wellington	Palmerston North*	4	19/9	13/2	27/9	18/5
Auckland	Paeroa ..	8	24/0	16/1	33/10	22/7
Paeroa ..	Morrinsville	4	4/10	3/4	6/11	4/8
Paeroa ..	Okoroire ..	6	10/2	6/9	14/3	9/6
Paeroa ..	Rotorua ..	8	17/8	11/9	24/9	16/7

* Via Rimutaka. † Rail only. ‡ Via W.M. Railway and Rimutaka, and vice versa.

Tickets for these tours are issued subject to the conditions contained in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 46, of the 28th August, 1890.

§ Cook's return tickets will be available for return as follows:—

Auckland to Rotorua, for three months from date of issue.

Auckland to Okoroire and Tirau, for two months from date of issue.

Napier to Wellington and vice versa, for two months from date of issue.

For distances over 200 miles, for two months from date of issue.

For distances up to 200 miles, for one month from date of issue.

PART I.—PASSENGERS: GENERAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Regulation 28. School season tickets.

" 30. Technical schools season tickets.

These tickets will be available for any distance not exceeding 60 miles.

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

W. C. WALKER,
Acting for Minister for Railways.

Officiating Ministers for 1898.—Notice No. 3.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.

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

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

The Reverend Robert Wyllie.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

"The Dairy Industry Act, 1894."—Notice to Exporters of Butter and Cheese.—No. 505.

Department of Agriculture,
(Dairying Service),
Wellington, 26th January, 1898.

EXPORTERS of butter or cheese consigning the same to the Government stores must make their own arrangements for the transit of the produce to and from the store, and also for its shipment, including insurance, and protection from damage or loss of any kind, as the Government undertake no duty and incur no liability except in respect of—

- (1.) The payment of the cost of freezing and storage of butter.
- (2.) The payment of the cost of the storage of cheese.
- (3.) The handling in and out of the store of both butter and cheese.

The free storage will be for one month, or until the earlier loading-date of the first vessel having available space. If for any reason the produce is not shipped within the month, or by the first ship whose loading-date is during the month, the exporter will be liable for all storage thereafter.

All butter must be in store at least four clear days prior to shipment, for the purposes of being cooled or frozen; and cheese should be at least one month old before being sent to store.

Subsection (3) of section 21 of "The Dairy Industry Act, 1894," provides,—

"That on every keg, box, or package containing butter or cheese, and on every cheese in each lot, the date or dates on which such butter or cheese was manufactured, and the number of the churning or vat, as the case may be, shall be legibly stamped or marked. The date or dates and number as required by this subsection may be removed after grading."

On the despatch of any produce to the store, full particulars (brands, weights, name of steamer to be shipped by, &c.) must be forwarded (postage prepaid) to the grader at the store.

Books of advice-notes, containing fifty forms, are obtainable from the Government Printer, Wellington, price 1s.

The following are declared to be Government stores:—

For Butter only.

- The Auckland Freezing Company's Cold-stores, Auckland.
- The Wellington Meat Export Company's Freezing-works, Wellington.
- The Taieri and Peninsula Dairy Company's Store, Dunedin.

For Cheese only.

The Wellington Harbour Board's Store, Wellington.

For Both Butter and Cheese.

- The Taranaki Freezing-works, Moturoa, New Plymouth.
- The Mount Egmont Freezing-works, Waitara.
- The Lyttelton Harbour Board's Cold-store, Lyttelton.
- The Otago Dock Trust's Cold-store, Port Chalmers.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Secretary for Agriculture.

Tender.

Railway Department (Head Office),
Wellington, 26th January, 1898.

THE tender of C. Y. Wall has been accepted for right to keep a book-stall at the Christchurch Railway-station from 17th January, 1898, to 31st March, 1899, at a rental of £55 per annum.

T. RONAYNE,
General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

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 published 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.

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION,
Wellington.

BANKRUPTCY NOTICES.

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JOHN MACKAY,
Government Printer.

Crown Lands Notices.

Totara Timber, Mangaone Survey District, Wellington, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 18th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the totara timber standing on the under-mentioned Crown lands will be offered for sale by public auction, at the Public Hall, Eketahuna, on Wednesday, the 9th March, 1898, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

SCHEDULE.

Lot.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.		Upset Price per Acre.
				A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
1	7, 11	I.	Mangaone ..	160	0 0	16 0 0

TERMS OF SALE.

The purchaser shall pay an eighth of the purchase-money, and £1 ls. license-fee, on the fall of the hammer, and the balance in four equal instalments: the first instalment to be paid on the 1st March, 1899; the second on the 1st March, 1900; the third on the 1st March, 1901; and the fourth on the 1st March, 1902.

The first payment, of an eighth of the purchase-money, shall be made by cash or marked cheque. Approved promissory notes payable on demand to be given for the remainder of the purchase-money, when the license to enter upon the land will be issued. They will be presented for payment on the dates stated above, but the Commissioner reserves the right of presenting them at an earlier date if at any time the Crown Lands Ranger reports that more than one-fifth, two-fifths, three-fifths, or four-fifths of timber respectively has been cut out previous to the dates mentioned.

The timber on the lot will be offered subject to the right of the Land Board to authorise the laying-down and working of tram-lines by other persons than the purchaser of this particular lot.

The purchaser shall have the sole use of the land, and the right to cut and remove all timber thereon, during a period of six years from the date of sale.

Plans containing full particulars may be obtained at the principal post-offices in the district, and at this office.

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 18th January, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 9th March, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—SELWYN COUNTY.—CHRISTCHURCH SURVEY DISTRICT.—BRACO SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent
6, 7 15	X.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		2 0 0	2 12 7	2 12 7
	"	1 0 0	2 12 7	1 6 4

Description of Land.—These sections are situated in the Braco Settlement, at Fendalton, about three miles and a half from Christchurch Post-office, and comprise open flat land with deep soil of good quality, resting on a loamy subsoil. These lots are well adapted for occupation by market-gardeners and others desiring to settle on small areas near Christchurch.

Lots 6 and 7 are weighted with a valuation of £5 for boundary-fencing, which sum must be paid on allotment in addition to the usual deposit and fees.

Plans and further particulars as to terms and conditions of lease may be obtained from this office.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
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.

Land in Albury Estate, Canterbury, for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 18th January, 1898.

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

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—TE NGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.—ALBURY ESTATE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
10	X.	362 2 0	5 0	45 6 3

Description.—Frontage to Cricklewood Road and another road to the north, and distant two miles and a quarter from Cricklewood Railway-station. Agricultural, undulating, well-grassed land; good soil, on clay subsoil. About 290 acres have been ploughed and laid down in English grass, which now requires renewing; the remainder is in tussock. There are 185 chains of gorse, and 114 chains of wire boundary-fence.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 18th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned kauri timber, situated on Crown land in Block I., Opua-whanga Survey District, Whangarei County, about four miles from Helena Bay, 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.:-

155 kauri-trees, containing about 608,000 superficial feet; upset price, £304.

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

GERHARD MUELLER,
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.

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.
69*	VIII.	Makuri ..	A. R. P. 5 0 0	s. d. 10 0	10 years.
22	IV.	Mikimiki ..	4 1 0	10 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.

Land in Albury Estate, Canterbury, open for Selection as a Small Grazing-run.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 18th January, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be opened for application as a small grazing-run, at this office, on Friday, the 25th February, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—TE NGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.—ALBURY ESTATE.

Second-class Pastoral Country.

Run No.	Block.	Area.	Lease for Twenty-one Years.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
50	IX.	A. R. P. 1,955 2 0	s. d. 0 6	£ s. d. 24 9 0

Description.—Open, hilly pastoral country, ranging from about 1,100 ft. to 4,300 ft. above sea-level. The lower spurs have from fair to good tussock and some English grass; the higher country is nearly all snow-grass. There is some birch bush in the gullies. Well watered. The fencing consists of 465 chains of boundary wire and standard fence, which runs nearly all round, with the exception of the north and part of the south boundary.

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.
SOUTHLAND COUNTY.				
190B, 190D, 190E, and 302B (grouped)	Eyre.. ..	Acres. 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.

Possession will be given on the 1st day of March, 1899.

FIORD COUNTY.

492 | 20,000 | 5 0 0 | 21 years.
Situating 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, 10 years; upset annual rent, £300.

Kaitarau, Tone, and Greenburn Survey Districts: Run No. 124 (Clarence), 123,200 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.

In the event of the present tenants of the Kekerangu and Clarence Runs not becoming the purchasers of the lease, they will be allowed until the 1st March, 1899, to remove their stock, the new tenant to get possession on that date: Provided, however, that the old tenants undertake to pay the same rent as that bid by the incoming tenant for the year during which they will have further possession.

Should the above runs not be sold at auction on Friday, the 25th February, they will be open for application at the Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on the 26th February and thereafter until applied for, for the terms and at the rentals stated above.

One half-year's rent, and £1 ls., 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.
Waiau	22	VII.	A. R. P. 236 0 0	s. d. 1 6-6	£ s. d. 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.

I. 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 ls.

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 subdivide 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 1d. 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 3s. 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., Maruenua 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., Maruenua 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., Maruenua District; and Sections 1 and 2, Block XVI., Maruenua 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 Waianakarua 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 217b (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 Waianakarua 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 Waihermo 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.

The purchaser of Runs 247b, 247c, and 247d can probably obtain a lease from year to year of the State Forest Reserve (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block VI., Upper Taieri, containing about 1,190 acres) until it is required for planting.

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., Rangleburn 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.

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.

Run 121i, Waikouaiti County: Area, 733 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £15 6s.; valuation for improvements, £66. Open pastoral country, well watered. Situated about twenty-two miles from Dunback Railway-station.

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 license 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.

In the event of the above runs not being sold at auction on Friday, the 25th February, they will be open for application at the Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, on the 26th February and thereafter until applied for, for the terms and at the rentals stated above.

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 Waiasu 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.

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, Pahiatua, 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.
		A.	R.	P.		
1, 2, 3	Scarborough	0	2	0	£ 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.

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.

Rural Land in Canterbury open for Sale or Selection.

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

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Wednesday, the 23rd February, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Surveyed Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Ashburton	{ Alford Shepherd's Bush	35948	{ XIII. I.	A. R. P. 194 1 8	£ s. d. 1 2 6	£ s. d. 218 11 9	s. d. 1 1 5	£ s. d. 5 9 4	s. d. 0 10 8	£ s. d. 4 7 5

This section is situated on the Gawler Downs, adjacent to the property of the late W. S. Peter, and is distant about ten miles in a westerly direction from the Mount Somers Railway-station. It comprises hilly land, well grassed, but steep and difficult of access. The section is weighted with a sum of £50, being valuation of boundary-fencing and surface-sowing, which sum must be paid on allotment, in addition to the usual deposit and fees.

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 District 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.
			A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
36458, 36459	Burke ..	IV., VIII., XII.	4,092 2 0	0 7	119 7 4
36460, 36461	Tengawai ..	I., V.			
36462, 36464	Burke ..	XII.	4,307 0 0	0 4½	86 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.	4,536 0 0	0 7½	141 15 0
	Waihao ..	II.			
	Nimrod ..	XIII., XIV.	8,796 0 0	0 6	219 18 0
36389, 36390	Waihao ..	I., II.			
	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 WHEETMAN,
 Commissioner of Crown 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.
6	XII.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	11	XIII.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
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

Section.	Survey District.	Block.	Area.	Upset Price per Acre.	Total Upset Price.
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MACKENZIE SUBURBAN SECTIONS.

			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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.

			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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 Waiiau Road, and consist of level land, good soil, well grassed.

DOMETT VILLAGE.

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

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 WHEETMAN,
 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.

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 Maniototo Counties.

Strath Taieri | 2 | VI. | 2,801 1 5 | 0 6 | 35 0 3
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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SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Vincent County.

Tiger Hill .. | 223F, 223G | 3,545 | 0 2 | 14 15 5

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. Possession on 1st March, 1898.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sale of Lands in Otago of Special Value, under Section 118 of "The Land Act, 1892."

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

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

Sec.	Block.	District.	Area.	Upset Price per Acre.	Total Upset Price.
14	V.	Lower Hawea	A. R. P. 40 0 8	£ s. d. 1 15 0	£ s. d. 70 0 0
54	III.	Oamaru ..	0 3 33	..	15 0 0
39	I.	Pomohaka ..	4 0 0	2 0 0	8 0 0
11	VIII.	Warepa ..	2 0 0	1 5 0	2 10 0
69	XVIII.	Tuapeka East	2 0 27	..	*3 0 0
83	"	"	0 2 8	..	12 0 0
124	XIX.	"	0 1 30	..	13 0 0

Valuations for improvements: * £5. † £2 10s. ‡ £5.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on 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.

The title to Section 54, Block III., Oamaru District, will be by conveyance, at the purchaser's expense.

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

J. P. MAITLAND,
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.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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 41; 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 41, &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 intituled "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.

Native Land Court Notices.

Native Land Court Agent licensed.

[In continuation of notice, dated 18th January, 1898, and published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 4, of 20th idem, page 91.]

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,
NEW ZEALAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a license has been issued to the under-mentioned person authorising him to appear as Agent in the Native Land Court for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1898, subject to the provisions of section 20 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," viz. :—

PEPA TAUKE.

Dated at Wellington, this 25th day of January, 1898.

EDWARD BUCKLE,
Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 17th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Tokomaru on the 10th day of February, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 98-5.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 65 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Amount.
101	E. O'Meara	Rotokautuku No. 2N	£18 13s. 6d.
102	A. Teesdale	Tokomaru K	£10.

Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 18th January, 1898.

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

W. C. WALKER,

For the Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Salary.	Date.
Allan, Robert Innis	Assistant and Messenger	The Port (Nelson)	£ 40	1 Sept., 1897.
Gladding, William Joseph	Post Office Boy Messenger	Auckland	26	1 Aug., .. .

NON-PERMANENT.

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

Railway Officers.

Burr, Henry Ernest	Ngaruawahia	Auckland	15 Dec., 1897.
Fraser, John (P.M. and Telephonist)	Jackson's	Greymouth	17 Dec., "
Kirton, Alfred Weston	Waitati	Dunedin	27 Nov., "
Turner, Isaac William	Hinds	Christchurch	17 Nov., "
Williams, Herbert	Frankton Junction	Auckland	15 Dec., "
Young, John	Methven	Christchurch	17 Nov., "

POSTMASTERS.

Benjamin, Eva	Lower Kokatahi	Hokitika	1 Oct., 1897.
Breeze, Joseph Jerome	Cameron's	Greymouth	1 Dec., "
Burton, George	Mawheraiti	Greymouth	16 Nov., "
Cameron, Henry Guilford	Nihoniho	Auckland	1 Dec., "
Cederholm, Emma Annie	Pori	Wellington	1 Nov., "
Chapman, Rowley William Hay	Maratoto	Thames	6 Dec., "
Davies, Charles	Punihu Stream	Wanganui	14 Dec., "
Dyson, Alfred	Seaward Moss	Invercargill	18 Nov., "
Fowler, Emma Isabel	Peep-o'-Day	Wellington	19 Nov., "
Gregor, Jane Pantou	Wangaloa	Dunedin	1 Oct., "
Hampton, William John	Cricklewood	Timaru	1 Dec., "
Hannagan, James	Antonio's Flat	Greymouth	1 Dec., "
Hannigan, Patrick	Westerfield	Christchurch	6 Dec., "
Hastings, Evelyn Alfred	Rapaki	Christchurch	1 Jan., 1898.
Hildred, Alice	Pori	Wellington	1 Aug., 1897.
Hills, Thomas	Saltwater Creek	Christchurch	1 Dec., "
Henderson, David	Henley West	Dunedin	6 Dec., "
Johnston, Rachel Wilson	Skipper's	Invercargill	16 Nov., "
Knight, Clement	Alford Forest	Christchurch	1 Dec., "
McCarthy, Catherine	Alpine Hill	Westport	18 Nov., "
McGonigle, Maria	Totaratahi	Oamaru	7 Dec., "
Marshall, Jacob	Freeman's	Auckland	15 Dec., "
Munro, Alexander Ross	Tiriraukawa	Wanganui	1 Dec., "
Norton, Kate	Te Awaite	Blenheim	1 Jan., 1898.
Schofield, Harry Hungerford	Auroa	Wanganui	15 Nov., 1897.
Spens-Black, Marie	Three Springs	Timaru	1 Nov., "
Stanley, Samuel	Karioi	Wanganui	26 Nov., "
Steadman, James	Wylie's Crossing	Dunedin	6 Dec., "
Wells, Nora Letitia	Upper Kokatahi	Hokitika	1 Oct., "
Wilson, Emily Catherine	Plimmerton	Wellington	15 Nov., "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Aicken, Reginald	Taheke	Auckland	1 Dec., 1897.
Blomfield, John	Wairio	Invercargill	1 Oct., "
Colledge, Peter Farquhar	Mount Albert	Auckland	15 Dec., "
Hemphill, Edmond	Waihou	Auckland	1 Jan., 1898.
Hudson, Margaret Elizabeth	Awanui	Auckland	1 Dec., 1897.
Lee, John Bateman	Tuparoa	Gisborne	18 Dec., "
Messent, David	Wedderburn	Dunedin	1 Dec., "
Morrison, Thomas	Clareville	Wellington	1 Nov., "
Wilson, Rosina	Panmure	Auckland	1 Jan., 1898.
Wilson, Samuel Thomas	Little Akaloa	Christchurch	22 Dec., 1897.

TELEPHONISTS.

*Fowler, Emma Isabel	Peep-o'-Day	Wellington	25 Nov., 1897.
Giles, Edmond Douglas	Parnassus	Christchurch	16 Dec., "
Macdonald, Jane	Hedgehope	Invercargill	30 Nov., "
McLean, Murdoch	Waipu Junction	Auckland	13 Nov., "
*Moffat, Thomas	Rangiwahia	Wellington	25 Nov., "
*Pemberton, Helen	Pemberton	Wellington	25 Nov., "
*Wilson, Emily Catherine	Plimmerton	Wellington	6 Dec., "

* Now Postmaster and Telephonist.

CORRECTION.—In *New Zealand Gazette* of the 23rd December, 1897, Helen Gibb should appear as Telephonist, Motunau, Christchurch, from 11th October, in place of at Georgetown, Oamaru, from 15th October.

Offices opened and closed; Designation corrected.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 18th January, 1898.

THE following particulars of offices opened and closed, and of a designation corrected, are published for general information.

W. C. WALKER,

For Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

Name.	District.	Date.
POST-OFFICES OPENED.		
Auroa	Wanganui	15 November, 1897.
Cricklewood	Timaru	1 December, "
Henley West	Dunedin	6 December, "
Maratoto	Thames	6 December, "
Maryville (reopened)	New Plymouth	20 September, "
Punihu Stream	Wanganui	14 December, "
Rapaki	Christchurch	1 January, 1898.
Three Springs	Timaru	1 November, 1897.
Totaratahi	Oamaru	7 December, "
Wylie's Crossing	Dunedin	6 December, "
POST-OFFICES CLOSED.		
Okiwi Bay	Nelson	10 December, 1897.
Omoho	Auckland	15 December, "
Owharoa	Thames	15 December, "
MONEY-ORDER OFFICES AND POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS OPENED.		
Thorpe	Nelson	16 December, 1897.
Tokatea	Auckland	1 January, 1898
Waerenga	Auckland	1 January, "
TELEPHONE-OFFICES OPENED.		
Day's Bay*	Wellington	23 December, 1897.
Kokonga†	Dunedin	6 January, 1898.
Parnassus*	Christchurch	16 December, 1897.
Plimmerton‡	Wellington	6 December, "
Rona†	Wellington	23 December, "
Turiroa†	Napier	18 December, "
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE OPENED.		
Kaitangata	Dunedin	10 August, 1897.
DESIGNATION CORRECTED.		

Description.	Office.		District.	Date.
	From	To		
Post-office	Kokoamu	Kokoamo.. .. .	Oamaru	11 December, 1897.

* No post-office here. † Now post and telephone (combined). ‡ Again post and telephone (combined).

"The Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics Act, 1895."—Interim Return, 1897-98.—Notice No. 506.

Department of Agriculture, Wellington, 27th January, 1898.

THE following figures show the areas under cereals and quantity of grain on hand at 15th November, 1897. A reduction had to be made last year from the areas under wheat, oats, and barley "for threshing" on account of the dry weather, and the same is done this year.

The following are the total areas under wheat, oats, and barley "for threshing" as per returns:—

Wheat.			Oats.			Barley.		
Acres.	Estimated Yield.	Total Bushels.	Acres.	Estimated Yield.	Total Bushels.	Acres.	Estimated Yield.	Tot Bushels
342,393	..	..	376,385	..	..	30,398	..	..
20,000*	..	..	20,000*	..	..	2,000*	..	..
322,393	21	6,770,253	356,385	30	10,691,550	28,398	25	709,950

* Estimated will now be cut "for chaffing" or "for feeding down."

The backwardness of the season, and the consequent lateness of the crops in the southern portion of Otago, has prevented an estimate of the yields being obtained for the several provincial districts, therefore an estimate for the whole colony has been struck.

The quantity of wheat available for the period, 15th November, 1897, to, say, 15th November, 1898, may be estimated as follows:—

On hand at 15th November, 1897	..	..	..	..	Bushels.
Harvest of 1898	..	..	..	..	1,112,682
Total	..	..	..	..	6,770,253
					7,882,935

The complete returns will be published at an early date, and an estimate of the actual yields will be made from the threshing returns.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Secretary for Agriculture.

CORN CROPS SOWN OR INTENDED TO BE SOWN THIS SEASON.
SUMMARY OF PROVINCES.

Provincial District.	Wheat.					Oats.					Barley.				Rye.				Maize.				Peas.			Beans.			Vetches or Tares.			Linseed.		Hops.		Other Crops.								
	Acreage.					Acreage.					Acreage.				Acreage.				Acreage.				Acreage.			Acreage.			Acreage.		Acreage.		Acreage.											
	For Threshing.	For Chaffing.	For Ensilage.	For Feeding down with Stock.	Quantity of Grain now on Hand, in Bushels.	For Threshing.	For Chaffing.	For Ensilage.	For Feeding down with Stock.	Quantity of Grain now on Hand, in Bushels.	For Threshing.	For Ensilage.	For Feeding down with Stock.	Quantity of Grain now on Hand, in Bushels.	For Threshing.	For Ensilage.	For Feeding down with Stock.	Quantity now on Hand, in Bushels.	For Threshing.	For Ensilage.	For Feeding down with Stock.	Quantity now on Hand, in Bushels.	For Threshing.	For Ensilage.	Quantity now on Hand, in Bushels.	For Threshing.	For Ensilage.	Quantity now on Hand, in Bushels.	Acreage.	Quantity now on Hand, in Pounds.	Acreage.	Quantity now on Hand, in Pounds.	For Threshing.	For Chaffing.	For Ensilage.	For Feeding down with Stock.	Quantity now on Hand.							
AUCKLAND ..	{ 1897-98	8,101	198	2	13	68,380	6,156	27,702	292	1,279	11,210	1,514	5	123	855	41	12	19	123	13082	78	1429	168702	144	1	12	194	75	174	2	3	8	4	8	1,560	1	40	31	1	4	213	60		
	{ 1896-97	5,231	361	6	204	92,322	7,244	27,787	650	1,159	8,531	1,179	37	162	90	68	1	36	124	11112	130	1354	39105	146	7	15	6	85	36	13	16	..	16	..	8	..	180	9	13	56	200			
HAWKE'S BAY	{ 1897-98	813	1	1,512	4,321	5,370	10	196	17,667	2,016	18	13	7,334	102	..	29	829	979	..	21	8430	42	208	39	146	4	..	3	55	8	8,558	7	7028	2	43	..		
	{ 1896-97	998	90	823	6,529	6,089	18	1,070	8,343	2,127	40	414	2,718	58	4	304	224	989	1	31	93	42	..	3	..	34	..	6	..	36	5	5	6	62	1	1	141			
TARANAKI ..	{ 1897-98	2,682	10	7,462	5,526	1,846	93	605	6,871	863	15	19	488	72	..	90	160	435	8	23	178	54	1	1	108	224	8	291	2	6	1	202	
	{ 1896-97	1,948	85	..	100	12,393	4,618	1,948	99	403	3,051	523	..	27	10	64	..	128	..	260	8	1	..	35	40	243	..	960	1	..	15	7	16	23	2	
WELLINGTON	{ 1897-98	14,368	48	2	4	22,483	21,684	10,851	102	723	64,577	542	102	54	2,840	102	2	9	90	240	8	1	1063	777	19	5	363	232	3	170	4	2	..	607	15	678	7	1,258	1	1	2	
	{ 1896-97	8,978	301	..	538	25,691	20,609	10,996	44	1,929	38,378	601	..	76	3,114	197	..	2	312	158	..	10	177	638	..	11	178	218	..	316	12	..	7	33	23	197	6	966	4	42	..	
MARLBOROUGH	{ 1897-98	6,344	..	15	..	9,272	3,550	6,079	252	9	2,399	3,592	..	20	132	14	..	80	2	1079	71	73	10	10	2	4		
	{ 1896-97	4,653	154	1	300	21,268	3,965	5,421	30	359	3,108	3,245	..	163	..	79	..	140	120	1294	110	76	..	50	41	3	..	4		
NELSON ..	{ 1897-98	4,809	12	..	3	6,887	5,235	12,442	..	208	3,105	3,836	..	2	203	58	..	40	135	18	..	1	457	597	13	..	206	55	..	45	17	3	2	..	5	..	831	5,500	2	
	{ 1896-97	3,914	185	..	241	3,719	5,246	11,267	12	462	12,473	3,657	..	184	558	54	..	1	68	13	..	5	..	695	..	13	93	122	..	27	..	5	..	11	..	721	..	8		
WESTLAND ..	{ 1897-98	..	43	1	715	34	63		
	{ 1896-97	10	828	30	53	1	..	1	
CANTERBURY	{ 1897-98	219670	504	7	1,260	679,798	107450	46,189	101	7,973	226,287	10739	..	1176	29015	190	..	945	404	16	..	1	60	4058	..	222	4285	2,280	8	1758	70	52	15	881	27	2,982	..	25704	4	
	{ 1896-97	174579	5865	120	10034	926,932	130113	51,585	144	9,375	391,343	10929	..	4	1751	91377	924	11	312	260	2	..	17	297	4608	..	130	4014	3,148	..	2927	210	..	1	1654	201	1,893	..	10630	16	19	..
OTAGO ..	{ 1897-98	85,606	14	..	44	316,888	243542	66,357	282	1,998	1037196	7296	943	255	52,069	1387	13	1050	629	189	64	..	5	14	5	..	20	14	7	35	2	924	32307	..	5,899	23	..	
	{ 1896-97	58,307	2189	..	3,011	230,924	194273	70,547	10	10032	649,820	7552	40	1097	74,189	1801	..	1223	1391	133	92	..	1	47	13	..	4	161	..	8	20	1671	136514	..	1,437	
TOTALS	{ 1897-98	342393	820	26	1334	1112682	397465	177551	1166	13054	1369312	30398	1083	1662	92936	1917	27	2262	2372	14770	94	1476	179079	6815	34	245	5449	2,983	19	2604	123	77	65	1555	989	46289	850	45429	36	2	10	279	60	
	{ 1896-97	258608	9140	127	14518	1314072	372607	186468	1037	24842	1115047	29813	121	2874	172056	3245	16	2146	2499	12534	139	1418	39805	7551	7	174	4488	3,939	..	4293	470	..	52	1750	1943	138632	746	13095	213	9	13	118	341	
INCREASE	83,785	24,858	..	129	..	254,265	585	962	11	116	..	2,236	..	58	139274	..	27	71	961	..	19	77	13	104	32334	161	..	
DECREASE	8320	101	13184	201,390	..	8,917	..	11788	1212	79,120	1328	127	..	45	736	956	..	1689	347	195	954	92343	177	7	3	..	281	

The reductions made last year from the areas under Wheat, Oats, and Barley, "For Threshing," on account of the dry season (see *Gazette* notice No. 486, 8th July, 1897), have been apportioned, and added to the areas "For Feeding down" and "For Chaffing."

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE

QUARTER ENDED 31st DEC., 1896.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31st DEC., 1897.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
		Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
		Cash in the Public Account	444,550	15 6
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—		
		In the Colony	£189,629	0 7
		In London	53,558	12 3
		On Account of Imperial Pensions	208	11 7
		Investment Account	243,396	4 5
			409,400	0 0
			1,097,346	19 11
		Less Treasury Bills outstanding	880,000	0 0
				217,346 19 11
		Ordinary Revenue,—		
480,241	10 5	Customs	485,987	19 1
176,172	7 3	Stamps	175,921	6 8
18,855	19 3	Postal and Telegraph Cash Receipts	23,612	19 9
265,410	18 10	Land-tax	263,565	5 3
2,011	3 4	Income-tax	1,135	0 0
2	0 0	Property-Tax	10	8 3
20,234	15 3	Beer Duty	20,074	17 4
316,441	13 7	Railways	321,092	19 11
7,117	8 8	Registration and other Fees	9,476	9 5
5,637	18 2	Marine	5,955	17 2
12,081	14 10	Miscellaneous	10,307	0 4
1,304,157	9 7		1,317,140	3 2
22,947	10 11	Territorial Revenue,—		
6,140	17 9	Cash Land Sales	£13,285	15 10
23,804	6 8	Deferred-payment Land Sales	3,906	0 9
		Pastoral Runs, Rents, and Miscellaneous	30,526	12 11
			47,718	9 6
1,357,050	4 11			1,364,858 12 8
		Receipts in aid,—		
		Debentures issued under "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," for increase of Sinking Fund		23,100 0 0
		Amount transferred from Released Sinking Fund Suspense Account		0 8 3
		Repayment of advances under section 49 of "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894"		9,500 0 0
500	0 0	Recoveries on account of expenditure charged to "Unauthorised" in previous quarter		
		Sinking Funds set free,—		
3,396	10 8	Applicable to redemption of Debentures issued under "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884"—		
		New Zealand Loan, 1863 (series 1914)		
35,000	0 0	The District Railways Purchasing Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1886,—		
		Debentures issued in renewal of like amount matured, 1st October, 1896		
1,030,000	0 0	Balance at end of Quarter,—		
		Treasury Bills outstanding	880,000	0 0
		Less—		
201,326	7 6	Cash in the Public Account	£216,801	7 7
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—		
259,696	15 3	In the Colony	205,422	4 2
104,461	3 10	In London	66,615	17 4
		On Account of Imperial Pensions	104	18 10
335,000	0 0	Investment Account	379,400	0 0
900,484	6 7		868,344	7 11
129,515	13 5			11,655 12 1
£1,525,462	9 0	Totals		£1,626,461 12 11

TREASURY BILLS

630,000	0 0	Treasury Bills outstanding at beginning of Quarter,—		
400,000	0 0	In anticipation of Revenue	404,000	0 0
		For redemption of Guaranteed Debentures	476,000	0 0
1,030,000	0 0			880,000 0 0
150,000	0 0	Treasury Bills issued during Quarter		150,000 0 0
£1,180,000	0 0	Totals		£1,030,000 0 0

FUND for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

ACCOUNT.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		EXPENDITURE.				QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.			
£	s. d.					£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1,030,000	0 0	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—							
		Treasury Bills outstanding							
		Less—							
308,346	7 6	Cash in the Public Account							
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—							
218,155	9 10	In the Colony							
83,023	12 5	In London							
17	16 9	On account of Imperial Pensions							
400,000	0 0	Investment Account							
1,009,543	6 6								
20,456	13 6								
		Permanent Appropriations,—							
6,846	0 9	Civil List				6,000	15 0		
777,577	14 7	Interest and Sinking Fund				802,703	11 5		
42,887	9 2	Under Special Acts of the Legislature				37,421	5 4		
14,207	19 0	Subsidies paid to Local Bodies				9,248	1 5		
		Amounts paid over to Local Bodies and to Deposit Accounts in respect of Rents under the Land Acts				6,334	2 7		
7,173	1 9	Endowments,—							
		New Plymouth Harbour Board				1,013	16 0		
2,025	7 9	Greymouth Harbour Board				2,784	17 2		
2,309	7 8	Westport Harbour Board				4,074	9 1		
4,608	17 3								
857,635	17 11							869,580	18 0
		Annual Appropriations,—							
		Class I.—Legislative				5,627	10 8		
9,310	19 6	" II.—Colonial Secretary				20,055	0 6		
18,877	14 11	" III.—Colonial Treasurer				21,251	9 7		
7,091	8 5	" IV.—Minister of Justice				30,264	18 2		
30,422	10 7	" V.—Postmaster-General				80,606	8 8		
89,344	12 9	" VI.—Commissioner of Trade and Customs				15,620	16 6		
42,133	4 11	" VII.—Commissioner of Stamps				5,461	12 5		
5,397	1 0	" VIII.—Minister of Education—							
		Education Department				112,444	3 7		
108,731	15 5	Lunacy and Charitable Department				13,346	0 3		
13,452	11 2	Department of Labour				2,662	1 7		
1,267	16 11	" IX.—Minister of Mines				4,819	2 2		
5,276	2 3	" X.—Minister for Agriculture				15,649	7 2		
12,631	8 1	" XI.—Working Railways				249,796	8 10		
171,714	0 10	" XII.—Minister for Public Works				13,706	8 4		
25,655	19 1	" XIII.—Defence Department				14,754	1 0		
12,490	0 4	" XIV.—Police Department				28,519	11 11		
26,051	2 11	" XV.—Minister of Lands				29,528	14 5		
26,803	4 0	" XVI.—Rates on Crown Lands				39	4 0		
159	1 11	Services not provided for				11	18 2		
972	8 2								
607,783	3 2					664,164	17 11		
2,913	5 7	Less Expenditure charged to "Unauthorised" during previous Quarters, now transferred to the respective Appropriations				9,347	3 0		
604,869	17 7							654,817	14 11
		Debentures redeemed,—							
		" Consolidated Stock Act, 1884 " (colonial issue), due 28th November, 1896				2,063	0 0		
35,000	0 0	" District Railways Purchasing Act, 1885," due 1st October, 1896						2,063	0 0
		Transfer to Public Works Fund, in terms of section 16 of "The Appropriation Act, 1897"						100,000	0 0
		Advances to Government Advances to Settlers Office Management Account, in terms of section 49 of "The Government Advances to Settlers Office Act, 1894"							
7,500	0 0								
£1,525,462	9 0	Totals						£1,626,461	12 11

ACCOUNT.

150,000	0 0	Treasury Bills redeemed during Quarter						150,000	0 0
		Treasury Bills outstanding at end of Quarter,—							
630,000	0 0	In anticipation of Revenue				404,000	0 0		
400,000	0 0	In redemption of Guaranteed Debentures				476,000	0 0		
1,030,000	0 0							880,000	0 0
£1,180,000	0 0	Totals						£1,030,000	0 0

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONSOLIDATED STATE FORESTS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.
£ s. d. 9,714 2 4	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	£ s. d. 13,074 14 4
250 0 0	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	456 1 11
9,964 2 4		13,530 16 3
125 10 3	Rents from Lands set apart	232 7 4
1,102 7 0	Miscellaneous	2,372 8 0
1,227 17 3		2,604 15 4
£11,191 19 7	Totals	£16,135 11 7

ACCOUNTS OF

10,835 5 8	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	7,498 16 10
7,326 8 1	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	9,185 7 6
18,161 13 9		16,684 4 4
205 13 0	Revenue received for Local Bodies,— Fees, Fines, &c.	427 13 6
1,790 7 7	Endowments of Land	1,585 17 2
15,897 0 2	Goldfields Revenue	11,333 19 1
2,792 19 1	Gold Duty	2,721 10 8
20,685 19 10		16,069 0 5
176 6 0	Counties Separate Account,— Revenues of Counties in which "The Counties Act, 1886," is not in full operation	19 11 0
12,880 0 4	Advance Accounts,— Amount recovered from Local Bodies	77 19 7
0 6 0	"Unauthorised"—on account of previous quarters	1 12 0
12,880 6 4		79 11 7
£51,904 5 11	Totals	£32,852 7 4

DEPOSIT

55,491 5 2	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	80,205 19 2
1,474 6 11	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	10,011 1 8
25,993 11 4	In London	90,217 0 10
82,959 3 5		
2,878 14 3	Lodgments,— Emigrants' Deposits	1,630 0 0
661 5 10	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885	8 9 4
1 6 1	Government of South Australia	3 16 1
29,069 15 6	General Assembly Library Fund	25 0 0
1,750 0 0	Mining Districts Land Occupation Act, 1894	18 4 1
12 10 0	Miscellaneous	31,041 8 3
4 0 0	Money-order Settlement	1,700 0 0
6,166 10 2	Native Land Act, 1878 (No. 2)	12 10 0
111 6 0	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund	9 0 0
636 11 6	New Zealand Midland Railway	5,269 8 10
12,117 0 0	New Zealand University Endowment, Taranaki	9 19 8
261 13 7	North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act, 1889	463 5 1
2,507 19 5	Railways	226 5 8
56,178 12 4	Thermal-springs Districts Act, 1881	40,417 7 0
£139,187 15 9	Trustee Act, 1883	£180,634 7 10
	Totals	

FUND for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.
ACCOUNT.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
450	2 4	Annual Appropriations,— State Forests Branch .. .. .	..	1,406 6 8
10,291	17 3	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	14,083	0 1
450	0 0	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	646	4 10
10,741	17 3			14,729 4 11
£11,191	19 7	Totals .. .. .	..	£16,135 11 7

LOCAL BODIES.

199	14 6	Revenue paid over to Local Bodies,— Fees, Fines, &c.	392	16 1	
1,801	2 6	Endowments of Land	1,118	4 6	
21,822	4 11	Goldfields Revenue	20,032	16 8	
2,168	5 3	Gold Duty	2,675	19 11	24,219 17 2
25,991	7 2				
5,870	12 6	Advance Accounts,— Amount paid on behalf of Local Bodies .. .. .	..	44	14 3
254	12 8	Counties Separate Account,— Amount distributed amongst Road Boards where "The Counties Act, 1886," is not in full operation .. .. .	..	..	..
13,129	2 4	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	5,234	13 0	
6,658	11 3	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	3,353	2 11	8,587 15 11
19,787	13 7				
£51,904	5 11	Totals .. .. .	..	£32,852	7 4

ACCOUNT.

2,325	0 0	Withdrawals,— Emigrants' Deposits	810	0 0	
25	0 0	General Assembly Library Fund .. .. .	..	..
36	16 4	Government of South Australia .. .. .	..	..
8	13 9	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885 .. .. .	..	..
458	0 0	Land Transfer Act, 1885 .. .. .	..	..
30,779	0 2	Miscellaneous	30,525	14 0	
1,000	0 0	Money-order Settlement	1,600	0 0	
272	2 3	Native Land Purchases	230	15 2	
40	10 0	Ngatirahiri Compensation	16	18 6	
..	..	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund	25	0 0	
7,417	16 9	New Zealand Midland Railway	2,281	11 8	
..	..	North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889	10	8 6	
..	..	North Island Experimental Dairy School	3	0 0	
105	16 8	Railways .. .. .	..	..
..	..	Released Sinking Fund Suspense Account	0	8 3	35,503 16 1
42,468	15 11				
70,194	6 10	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	74,099	19 11	
81	1 8	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	650	0 0	
26,393	11 4	In London	20,380	11 10	95,130 11 9
96,668	19 10				
£139,137	15 9	Totals .. .. .	..	£130,634	7 10

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the PUBLIC

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
80,148	4 0	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	22,410	13 7
68,986	3 0	Cash in the Public Account		
31,319	9 10	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—		
		In the Colony £60,417 5 6		
		In London 44,610 16 9		
180,448	16 10		105,028	2 3
		Balances as on 31st March, 1897, transferred hereto in terms of section 17 of "The Appropriation Act, 1897"—		
		Lands Improvement Account	95,222	15 2
		Native Lands Purchase Account	136,573	3 10
				127,438 15 10
		Transfer from the Consolidated Fund in terms of section 16 of "The Appropriation Act, 1897"		100,000 0 0
28	2 4	Special Receipts in connection with the Ellesmere and Forsyth Reclamation and Akaroa Railway Trust Account		64 13 1
		Released Sinking Funds under "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," in respect of "The New Zealand Loan, 1860"		872 7 6
249,375	0 0	Part proceeds of £500,000 issue under "The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1896"		
334	0 0	Recovery on account of Expenditure charged in previous years		
£430,185	19 2	Totals		£460,171 15 5

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE CHEVIOT

4,771	5 1	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		273 16 4
		Cash in the Public Account		
		Receipts under "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1893,"—		
135	5 7	Land Sales for Cash	541	13 3
2,458	0 8	Rents from Lands	2,254	8 11
22	10 0	Interest on Advances	22	10 0
215	13 6	Shipping and Port Charges	121	1 1
4	7 10	Miscellaneous	0	16 8
2,835	17 7			2,940 9 11
£7,607	2 8	Totals		£3,214 6 3

WORKS FUND for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cr. 197	14 6	Annual Appropriations,—		
3,226	12 4	Class I.—Immigration	115	9 8
40,170	4 0	„ II.—Public Works, Departmental	2,728	14 9
16,192	5 10	„ III.—Railways	62,297	0 8
1,495	13 0	„ IV.—Roads	24,611	9 11
Cr. 6,190	19 3	„ V.—Development of Goldfields	5,436	10 5
Cr. 13,151	19 7	„ VI.—Purchase of Native Lands	5,130	2 2
34,297	7 9	„ VII.—Telegraph Extension	12,115	1 7
4,224	2 4	„ VIII.—Public Buildings	827	5 11
283	7 3	„ IX.—Lighthouses, Harbour Works, and Harbour Defences	2	11 0
740	19 0	„ X.—Rates on Native Lands	1,531	10 4
451	16 10	„ XI.—Contingent Defence .. .. .	..	..
		Services not provided for .. .. .	..	..
81,541	15 0		114,795	16 5
54	0 8	Less expenditure charged to Unauthorised during previous quarter, now transferred to the respective appropriations	571	13 8
				114,224 2 9
81,487	14 4	Expenditure as charged from 1st April to 31st December, 1897, transferred hereto in respect of—		
..	..	Lands Improvement Account	93,749	3 1
..	..	Native Lands Purchase Account	71,101	11 8
				164,850 14 9
55	3 4	“Local Bodies’ Finance and Powers Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1887”—		
		Moiety of Subsidy to Waipa County .. .. .	..	..
241,153	1 8	Balance at end of Quarter,—		
76,271	11 2	Cash in the Public Account	54,432	16 8
31,218	8 8	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—		
		In the Colony £104,185 19 2		
		In London 22,478 2 1		
348,643	1 6		126,664	1 3
£430,185	19 2	Totals .. .. .	..	181,096 17 11
				£460,171 15 5

ESTATE ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

..	Annual Appropriations,—			
	Cheviot Estate Expenses		1,599	9 10
36	17 3	Expenditure for Surveys, Roding, &c.	239	10 8
6,513	12 10	Amount transferred to Consolidated Fund on account of Interest due .. .. .	..	..
				1,839 0 6
6,550	10 1	Balance at end of Quarter,—		
1,056	12 7	Cash in the Public Account	1,173	15 3
..	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—			
	In the Colony		201	10 6
				1,375 5 9
£7,607	2 8	Totals .. .. .	..	£3,214 6 3

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE LAND FOR

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.		
£ s. d.		Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
5,761	0 5	Cash in the Public Account	11,067	15 10	
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—			
2,178	17 11	In the Colony	2,010	15 3	
					13,078 11 1
<u>7,939</u>	<u>18 4</u>				
496	11 9	Receipts derived from Rents and Lease-fees			1,820 19 8
430	0 0	Recoveries in respect of Expenditure charged in previous quarters			17 14 9
32,000	0 0	Proceeds of Debentures created under—			
		“The Land for Settlements Act, 1894”			
<u>£40,866</u>	<u>10 1</u>	Totals			<u>£14,917 5 6</u>

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the LANDS

61,191	6 5	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	26,259	1 7	
		Cash in the Public Account			
9,293	12 9	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—	18,957	5 11	
		In the Colony	25,000	0 0	
		Investment Account			70,216 7 6
<u>70,484</u>	<u>19 2</u>				
		Expenditure as from 1st April to 31st December, 1897, transferred to Public Works Fund			93,749 3 1
124,687	10 0	Part proceeds of £500,000 issue under “The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1896”			
<u>£195,172</u>	<u>9 2</u>	Totals			<u>£168,965 10 7</u>

SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		EXPENDITURE.				QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£	s. d.					£	s. d.
1,104	2 7	Annual Appropriations,—			
		Land for Settlement Expenses					388 3 4
		Acquirement of Estates, and expenses incidental thereto :—					
		Estate.	Purchase-money.	Incidental Expenses.			
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
138	6 1	Albury .. .. .	..	26 9 8	26	9 8
1,237	17 1	Ardgowan .. .. .	..	7 5 5	7	5 5
29	8 7	Arowhenua .. .. .	..	..	..	..
38	6 8	Ashley Gorge .. .. .	..	..	..	..
..	..	Beaumont (Trustee, W. Stevens)	10,482 11 3	13 14 4	10,496	5 7	
79	16 6	Blind River .. .. .	..	11 4 6	11	4 6
35	14 7	Elsthorpe .. .. .	..	269 14 11	269	14 11
91	5 8	Highbank .. .. .	..	11 0 6	11	0 6
..	..	Horsley Downs .. .. .	..	83 2 0	83	2 0
1	2 6	Kapua Block .. .. .	..	59 13 5	59	13 5
4	1 5	Maerewhenua .. .. .	..	29 14 8	29	14 8
..	..	Marawiti .. .. .	..	1 0 0	1	0 0
402	16 9	Merivale .. .. .	..	1 17 0	1	17 0
80	15 8	Omaka .. .. .	..	1 14 0	1	14 0
64	19 8	Opouriao .. .. .	..	163 9 8	163	9 8
1	4 9	Orakapoa .. .. .	..	..	..	..
..	..	Otaio .. .. .	..	51 5 10	51	5 10
5	2 0	Otahu .. .. .	..	27 8 8	27	8 8
..	..	Otarakaro .. .. .	..	..	..	..
..	..	Paparangi .. .. .	..	232 2 7	232	2 7
0	17 0	Pareora .. .. .	..	64 14 0	64	14 0
12	18 5	Poerua .. .. .	..	90 5 2	90	5 2
78	19 10	Pomahaka .. .. .	..	9 3 0	9	3 0
..	..	Pouparae .. .. .	..	12 11 7	12	11 7
0	11 5	Puketapu .. .. .	..	8 18 8	8	18 8
1	7 7	Raureka .. .. .	..	2 2 0	2	2 0
12	5 0	Roimata .. .. .	..	..	..	..
..	..	Rural Section 1862, Carrington-Nimrod Survey District, Block IV.	..	4 3 0	4	3 0	
..	..	Studholme Junction .. .. .	..	102 17 4	102	17 4
45	2 11	Tokarahi .. .. .	..	1,161 14 3	1,161	14 3
..	..	Tomoana .. .. .	..	0 18 6	0	18 6
5,077	17 2	Waihemo .. .. .	..	121 5 0	121	5 0
4	14 6	Waimairi .. .. .	..	..	..	..
4,774	5 11	Wharenui .. .. .	..	50 0 0	50	0 0
12,219	17 8		10,482 11 3	2,619 9 8		13,102 0 11	
		Unauthorised,—					
342	12 10	Ardgowan Estate .. .. .	..	..	..	..
95	10 5	Opouriao Estate .. .. .	..	..	..	..
550	0 0	Elsthorpe Estate .. .. .	..	..	..	..
988	3 3						
		Balance at end of Quarter,—					
23,816	10 5	Cash in the Public Account .. .. .	..	..	253	2 1
2,737	16 2	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—			1,173	19 2	
..	..	In the Colony .. .. .	..	..	..	..
26,554	6 7					1,427 1 3	
£40,866	10 1	Totals				£14,917 5 6	

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

26,318	13 2	Annual Appropriations,—				
		Vote, Roads and Bridges .. .. .	..	..	27,699	18 4
		Less amount charged to Unauthorised in previous quarter now charged to vote .. .. .	..	..	307	11 7
..	..	Balance as on 31st March, 1897, transferred to Public Works Fund in terms of section 17 of "The Appropriation Act, 1897" .. .. .	..	..	..	27,392 6 9
..	..	Balance at 31st December, 1896—				136,573 3 10
146,195	19 2	Cash in the Public Account .. .. .	..	..	..	..
22,657	16 10	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—			..	..
..	..	In the Colony .. .. .	..	..	..	..
168,853	16 0					
£195,172	9 2	Totals				£163,965 10 7

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE NATIVE LANDS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£ s. d. 58,814 18 3	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	£ s. d. 34,629 4 8	£ s. d. 50,606 5 7
1,867 12 0	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	15,977 0 11	
60,682 10 3			
.. .. .	Expenditure from 1st April to 31st December, 1897, transferred to Public Works Fund .. .. .	..	71,101 11 8
124,687 10 0	Part proceeds of £500,000 issue under "The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1896" .. .. .	..	..
£185,370 0 3	Totals .. .. .	..	£121,707 17 8

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONVERSION

6,530 11 3	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	3,692 18 0	
305 18 7	Advances— In hands of the Stock Agents— Cash £253 5 6		
17 3 2	In hands of the Agent-General— 3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock	253 5 6	3,946 3 6
6,853 13 0			
.. .. .	3 per cent. Inscribed Stock created,— In exchange for Debentures	16,380 0 0	
.. .. .	In redemption of Debentures	100,000 0 0	116,380 0 0
.. .. .	In reduction of Conversion Expenses,— Profit derived from sale of 3-per-cent. Stock .. .. .	..	186 17 6
£6,853 13 0	Totals .. .. .	..	£120,513 1 0

PURCHASE ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31st DEC., 1896.	EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31st DEC., 1897.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
44,553 16 4	Annual Appropriations,— Vote, Native Land Purchases .. .. .	..	26,485 2 1
..	Balance as on 31st March, 1897, transferred to Public Works Fund in terms of section 17 of "The Appropriation Act, 1897" .. .. .	..	95,222 15 2
112,364 8 0	Balance at 31st December, 1896— Cash in the Public Account .. .. .	..	..
28,451 15 11	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony .. .. .	..	..
140,816 8 11			
£185,970 0 3	Totals .. .. .	..	£121,707 17 3

ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

..	Debentures converted into 3-per-cent. Stock,— Consolidated Loan, 1867— £6,000 at £107	6,000 0 0	
..	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863— £200 at £120	200 0 0	
..	Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870— £9,000 at £108	9,000 0 0	15,200 0 0
..	Premium on above .. .. .	..	1,180 0 0
3,800 0 0	Debentures redeemed,— Auckland Loan Act, 1863, due 1st June, 1896 .. .. .	..	..
45 8 9	Expenses Account,— Stamp Duty	14 1 3	
28 5 4	Rent and Office Expenses	73 15 2	
..	Advertising and Printing	69 17 2	
..	Telegrams	2 3 1	159 16 8
73 14 1			
2,730 11 3	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	28,379 15 6	
..	Advances in the hands of Stock Agents— Cash £593 8 10		
249 7 8	In hands of Agent-General— 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock 75,000 0 0	75,593 8 10	108,973 4 4
2,979 18 11			
£6,853 13 0	Totals .. .. .	..	£120,513 1 0

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the LOANS TO LOCAL

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£	s.		£	s.
10,606	13 7	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	7,033	16 3
..	..	Cash in the Public Account	4,834	8 1
..	..	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—		
..	..	In the Colony		
30,000	0 0	Proceeds of Debentures issued under—		
..	..	“The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886” .. .. .	..	21,350 0 0
..	..	Refunds under section 8 of “The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amend-		
..	..	ment Act, 1886,”—		
..	..	Horowhenua County	137	8 11
1,545	13 7	Pahiatua County	722	7 11
..	..	Stratford County .. .. .	..	..
				859 16 10
£42,152	7 2	Totals .. .. .	..	£34,078 1 2

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE of the NEW

35,000	0 0	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
258,600	0 0	Cash in Deposit Account	300,350	0 0
..	..	Investment Account		
293,600	0 0			300,350 0 0
2,335	0 0	Deposits inscribed .. .. .	..	5,800 0 0
£295,935	0 0	Totals .. .. .	..	£306,150 0 0

The Treasury, Wellington, 6th January, 1898.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS examined and found correct.

T. RONAYNE,
General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

CUSTOMS REVENUE examined and found to agree with the Collectors' Cash-books.

D. MCKELLAR,
For Secretary and Inspector of Customs.

TERRITORIAL REVENUE RECEIPTS examined and found correct.

W. G. RUNCIE,
Auditor of the Land Revenue Accounts.

BODIES ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1897.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1,100	0 0	Payments to—		
		Counties,—		
		Cook	1,580	0 0
800	0 0	Hawera	553	0 0
1,250	0 0	Horowhenua		
		Kiwitea	2,500	0 0
2,458	0 0	Manawatu	2,500	0 0
335	0 0	Pahiatua		
2,658	0 0	Patea		
800	0 0	Pohangina		
900	0 0	Rangitikei	80	0 0
100	0 0	Stratford	500	0 0
		Waitaki	200	0 0
		Wairarapa North	24	0 0
10,401	0 0			7,937 0 0
		Borough,—		
		Dannevirke		1,500 0 0
		Town Boards,—		
100	0 0	Clyde		
300	0 0	Stratford		
400	0 0			
		Road Boards,—		
1,800	0 0	Arch Hill		
		Eketahuna	346	0 0
500	0 0	Frankley		
320	0 0	Manganui		
577	0 0	Manchester	150	0 0
300	0 0	Mauriceville		
700	0 0	Moa	100	0 0
		Otaki	350	0 0
1,000	0 0	Parihaka		
		Seatoun	1,000	0 0
		Taratahi-Carterton	30	0 0
50	0 0	Te Horo		
		Waipipi	100	0 0
		Wirokino	300	0 0
5,247	0 0			2,376 0 0
		Drainage Boards,—		
570	0 0	Aorangi Land		
1,000	0 0	Manawatu Land		
		Te Puke Land	600	0 0
1,570	0 0			600 0 0
		Unauthorised—		
		Hawke's Bay County		1,900 0 0
		Appropriations,—		
4,713	0 2	Vote 113. Roads to open up Crown Lands		3,095 19 4
		Balance at end of Quarter,—	10,911	16 0
18,498	16 6	Cash in the Public Account		
1,322	10 6	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—	5,757	5 10
		In the Colony		
19,821	7 0			16,669 1 10
£42,152	7 2	Totals		£34,078 1 2

ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1897 and 1896, respectively.

2,335	0 0	Balance at end of Quarter,—		
293,600	0 0	Cash in Deposit Account	4,450	0 0
		Investment Account	301,700	0 0
				306,150 0 0
£295,935	0 0	Totals		£306,150 0 0

JAMES B. HEYWOOD,
Secretary to the Treasury.

ROBERT J. COLLINS,
Accountant to the Treasury.

The foregoing accounts have been examined and found correct, except as regards the "Customs," "Railways," and "Territorial Revenue" receipts, which are not now examined by the Audit Office; but as regards the receipts of Gold Revenue, the Audit Office is unable to satisfactorily verify them, through the failure of the Mines Department to comply with a requisition for a certified statement of the amounts collectible as such revenue.

J. K. WARBURTON,
Controller and Auditor-General.

SUMMARY of BALANCES on 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

		BALANCES.				CASH.	ADVANCES.	INVESTMENTS.	TOTAL.
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
CONSOLIDATED FUND:—									
Ordinary Revenue Account ..	868,344 7 11					216,801 7 7	272,143 0 4	379,400 0 0	868,344 7 11
State Forests Account ..	14,729 4 11					14,083 0 1	646 4 10	..	14,729 4 11
Accounts of Local Bodies ..	8,587 15 11					5,234 13 0	3,353 2 11	..	8,587 15 11
Deposit Accounts ..	95,130 11 9					74,099 19 11	21,030 11 10	..	95,130 11 9
		986,792	0 6			310,219 0 7	297,172 19 11	379,400 0 0	986,792 0 6
PUBLIC WORKS FUND		181,096	17 11			54,432 16 8	126,664 1 3	..	181,096 17 11
CHEVIOT ESTATE ACCOUNT		1,375	5 9			1,173 15 3	201 10 6	..	1,375 5 9
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT		1,427	1 3			253 2 1	1,173 19 2	..	1,427 1 3
CONVERSION ACCOUNT		103,973	4 4			28,379 15 6	75,593 8 10	..	103,973 4 4
LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES ACCOUNT		16,669	1 10			10,911 16 0	5,757 5 10	..	16,669 1 10
NEW ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT		306,150	0 0			4,450 0 0	..	301,700 0 0	306,150 0 0
REMITTANCES TO LONDON ACCOUNT		Dr. 200,000	0 0			Cr. 200,000 0 0	..	..	Cr. 200,000 0 0
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT		36,990	15 6			36,990 15 6	..	..	36,990 15 6
Totals		£1,434,474	7 1			£246,811 1 7	£506,563 5 6	£681,100 0 0	£1,434,474 7 1

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

	POSTAL REVENUE.							TELEGRAPH REVENUE.				Total Post and Telegraph Revenue.
	Private Box and Bag Rents.	Money-order Commission.	Stamps sold, and credited to Stamp Revenue.	Postal Guides.	Postal-note Commission.	Miscellaneous Receipts (Postal).	Total Postal.	Telegrams.	Telephone Exchanges.	Miscellaneous Telegraph.	Total Telegraph.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Post Office ..	..	..	..	0 8 0	..	267 18 9	268 6 9	550 12 8	201 17 10	30 0 0	782 10 6	1,050 17 3
Auckland	106 10 0	861 17 4	7,643 1 3	1 7 6	122 9 0	0 1 3	8,735 6 4	4,465 18 8	3,359 7 4	88 16 3	7,914 2 3	16,649 8 7
Blenheim	5 0 0	52 7 9	704 18 6½	0 9 6	10 15 7½	0 0 6	773 11 11	360 13 10	115 2 7	1 0 0	476 16 5	1,250 8 4
Christchurch	192 0 0	406 6 6	5,793 16 4½	7 7 6	69 11 5	1 3 0	6,470 4 9½	2,997 3 9½	2,918 19 1	17 10 0	5,933 12 10½	12,403 17 8
Dunedin	142 10 0	391 19 7	5,218 17 1½	7 0 0	79 11 6	0 3 1	5,840 1 3½	3,144 17 3	2,867 19 1	36 5 11	6,049 2 3	11,889 3 6½
Gisborne	9 0 0	47 1 3	901 7 1½	1 8 0	6 6 7	..	965 2 11½	574 15 4½	208 1 11	85 15 0	868 12 3½	1,833 15 3
Greymouth	12 0 0	107 12 0	1,150 13 7	0 5 6	12 2 8½	..	1,282 13 9½	708 5 5	189 6 2	..	897 11 7	2,180 5 4½
Hokitika	2 0 0	41 6 0	379 10 6½	0 1 0	6 19 9½	..	429 17 4	334 10 1½	..	1 13 6	336 3 7½	766 0 11½
Invercargill	48 10 0	144 14 6	3,079 4 8	5 5 0	42 13 8	0 1 0	3,320 8 10	1,262 5 0½	808 15 1	13 3 5	2,084 3 6½	5,404 12 4½
Napier	36 10 0	219 10 3	2,746 5 2½	4 1 0	43 12 6½	0 0 6	3,049 19 6	1,504 14 11	957 16 0	12 10 0	2,475 0 11	5,525 0 5
Nelson	4 10 0	79 1 9	1,375 11 2	0 4 6	13 15 7	..	1,473 3 0	538 0 7	116 10 1	2 10 0	657 0 8	2,130 3 8
New Plymouth	23 10 0	109 9 6	1,253 8 4	0 2 6	25 9 10½	..	1,412 0 2½	677 12 2½	335 19 1	1 14 2	1,015 5 5½	2,427 5 8
Oamaru	9 10 0	48 3 3	1,288 13 1	0 1 0	13 14 3	..	1,360 1 7	392 9 4	222 1 7	53 9 10	668 0 9	2,028 2 4
Thames	23 0 0	255 14 0	2,400 12 4½	0 5 6	35 2 0	..	2,714 13 10½	1,090 6 3½	190 1 8	2 0 0	1,282 7 11½	3,997 1 10
Timaru	16 10 0	81 2 6	2,474 2 9	0 2 0	20 2 7½	0 1 0	2,592 0 10½	533 3 7	173 16 2	6 0 0	712 19 9	3,305 0 7½
Wanganui	64 0 0	205 0 6	4,950 15 1½	0 3 6	50 3 7	0 0 6	5,270 3 2½	1,259 2 1	376 17 6	5 10 4	1,641 9 11	6,911 13 1½
Wellington	112 10 0	724 0 6	8,604 18 5	9 6 6	114 16 2½	1 10 5	9,567 2 0½	4,293 19 5	3,569 1 11	301 14 6	8,164 15 10	17,731 17 10½
Westport	4 0 0	82 5 11	817 4 3	0 1 0	11 16 7	..	915 7 9	493 16 11	..	3 4 6	497 1 5	1,412 9 2
Total fourth quarter in 1897	811 10 0	3,857 13 1	50,782 19 11	37 19 6	679 3 6½	271 0 0	56,440 6 0½	25,182 7 6	16,611 13 1	662 17 5	42,456 18 0	98,897 4 0½
Total fourth quarter in 1896	844 0 0	3,516 19 8	49,343 1 3½	37 15 6	635 12 3½	342 8 1	54,719 16 10	25,075 10 0	13,159 17 5	558 19 3	38,794 6 8	93,514 3 6

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

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

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	No. of Postal-note Offices open at the End of the Quarter.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD.												Commis- sion on Postal Notes sold.	Total Amount of Postal Notes sold.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES PAID.												Total Amount of Postal Notes paid.		
		At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/6	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At 17/6	At £1.	At £5.	Total.			At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/6	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At 17/6	At £1.	At £5.	Total.			
Auckland ..	93	3,895	3,446	2,082	2,977	1,191	2,435	664	760	328	1,361	24	19,163	£ s. d.	122 9 0	5,997 5 6	4,890	4,248	2,677	3,518	1,579	3,009	861	998	381	1,521	20	23,697	£ s. d.	7,111 2 0
Blenheim ..	8	404	242	136	275	108	242	61	56	24	111	3	1,662	10 15 7½	523 10 1½	149	109	63	116	42	121	30	44	16	51	..	741	245 10 0		
Christchurch ..	56	1,830	1,525	837	1,521	642	1,484	376	525	186	930	19	9,875	69 11 5	3,559 11 5	2,944	2,443	1,364	2,093	1,047	2,010	577	747	297	1,157	30	14,709	4,909 11 0		
Dunedin ..	52	2,384	1,909	1,018	1,673	747	1,580	479	549	214	1,103	30	11,636	79 11 6	4,106 9 0	3,016	2,637	1,430	2,259	1,009	2,013	604	660	253	1,213	36	15,130	4,963 16 6		
Gisborne ..	4	189	173	101	162	47	120	21	45	9	97	4	968	6 6 7	331 5 1	90	74	46	59	22	73	13	23	7	39	1	447	150 16 0		
Greymouth ..	10	388	272	176	271	118	268	62	80	29	147	1	1,812	12 2 8½	596 1 2½	203	155	73	171	65	146	29	59	18	90	..	1,009	339 3 0		
Hokitika ..	8	227	196	62	162	75	134	30	40	17	110	3	1,056	6 19 9½	365 0 9½	94	66	38	65	22	75	17	24	12	75	4	492	210 10 6		
Invercargill ..	32	1,182	970	527	948	428	890	293	291	125	486	18	6,158	42 13 8	2,169 13 2	811	583	354	534	311	601	200	223	108	363	15	4,103	1,503 18 0		
Napier ..	28	1,381	1,288	646	1,026	435	917	259	320	99	406	13	6,790	43 12 6½	2,127 13 0½	890	840	423	676	291	596	179	198	72	324	6	4,495	1,413 17 6		
Nelson ..	15	449	404	193	349	128	277	59	80	46	160	7	2,152	13 15 7	696 10 7	364	342	183	338	118	300	63	93	43	167	4	2,015	679 4 6		
New Plymouth ..	11	873	696	415	586	268	459	157	195	97	248	6	4,000	25 9 10½	1,256 19 4½	607	503	248	345	202	335	130	133	75	197	2	2,777	882 4 0		
Oamaru ..	9	392	341	191	293	145	275	71	119	48	151	2	2,023	13 14 3	684 10 3	231	142	82	192	76	181	42	53	31	127	3	1,160	434 11 6		
Thames ..	17	1,028	899	563	805	388	778	207	251	84	310	4	5,317	35 2 0	1,681 3 6	385	340	142	283	123	344	81	96	40	147	3	1,989	672 17 6		
Timaru ..	12	531	461	249	415	211	436	117	150	56	243	6	2,875	20 2 7½	1,020 17 7½	301	284	119	249	101	279	56	90	25	201	3	1,708	631 4 6		
Wanganui ..	25	1,481	1,348	810	1,111	527	945	299	369	161	576	8	7,635	50 3 7	2,494 19 1	806	802	452	626	278	528	162	193	94	325	6	4,277	1,368 14 0		
Wellington ..	54	3,197	2,730	1,553	2,674	1,025	2,491	564	752	295	1,523	17	16,821	114 16 2½	5,754 10 8½	4,223	3,447	1,982	3,871	1,327	3,224	692	956	352	2,064	26	22,164	7,446 6 0		
Westport ..	15	357	294	167	225	139	254	75	84	44	110	5	1,754	11 16 7	591 7 1	121	102	54	65	44	85	26	28	13	60	3	601	219 6 6		
Total 4th quarter in 1897	449	20,138	17,194	9,726	15,473	6,622	13,985	3,794	4,666	1,862	8,072	170	101,702	679 3 6½	33,957 7 6½	20,125	17,117	9,730	15,460	6,662	13,920	3,762	4,618	1,837	8,121	162	101,514	33,182 13 0		
Total 4th quarter in 1896	433	19,242	15,485	8,363	13,573	6,189	12,945	3,417	4,402	1,686	8,240	251	94,298	635 12 3½	32,462 4 3½	19,004	15,463	8,851	13,562	6,164	12,905	3,435	4,389	1,705	8,288	256	94,022	31,869 6 0		

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of MONEY-ORDER and SAVINGS-BANK TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Money-order Offices open at End of Quarter.	MONEY-ORDERS.				Savings-Bank Offices open at End of Quarter.	SAVINGS-BANKS.							
		Issued.		Paid.			Accounts.		Number of Deposits.	Number of With- drawals.	Amount of Deposits.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Opened.	Closed.						
Auckland	85	15,805	£ s. d. 52,240 11 10	13,429	£ s. d. 50,381 7 4	84	1,188	966	8,363	7,203	109,197 11 11	109,722 1 5	..	524 9 6
Blenheim	8	1,217	3,663 13 7	545	2,051 19 7	8	111	93	804	654	7,607 15 1	9,721 13 8	..	2,113 18 7
Christchurch	49	9,018	27,409 15 1	7,829	27,914 7 3	49	1,224	927	11,355	9,967	134,493 14 0	152,096 3 6	..	17,602 9 6
Dunedin	46	9,319	26,813 18 2	7,951	30,067 13 5	43	946	792	8,887	7,195	107,975 5 1	105,695 14 9	2,279 10 4	..
Gisborne	3	838	2,575 10 6	286	985 16 7	3	160	97	955	593	8,824 18 9	7,509 11 7	1,315 7 2	..
Greymouth	10	2,160	6,750 5 7	895	3,199 6 5	10	145	115	816	743	11,057 12 7	11,124 16 7	..	67 4 0
Hokitika	6	900	2,310 13 4	468	1,692 8 8	6	35	39	330	301	4,804 8 5	4,627 15 0	176 13 5	..
Invercargill	27	3,559	9,611 0 11	1,703	6,300 15 3	27	279	264	1,800	1,540	21,061 1 9	25,300 12 3	..	4,239 10 6
Napier	22	4,689	13,675 5 2	2,359	8,398 19 1	21	458	286	2,847	1,949	30,796 14 1	25,448 16 2	5,347 17 11	..
Nelson	13	1,739	5,552 5 0	1,364	4,942 9 3	13	151	120	1,257	984	19,574 15 8	20,522 10 9	..	947 15 1
New Plymouth	7	2,510	7,228 6 7	1,305	5,139 18 1	7	190	155	1,345	1,016	17,941 14 11	15,240 12 6	2,701 2 5	..
Oamaru	9	1,276	5,128 5 10	837	3,928 11 1	9	109	110	848	786	9,954 18 10	12,376 16 2	..	2,421 17 4
Thames	15	5,453	18,548 17 3	1,703	7,288 11 8	15	407	479	2,672	2,479	26,097 3 2	31,448 7 7	..	5,351 4 5
Timaru	12	2,022	5,959 12 7	845	3,341 19 0	12	217	178	1,459	1,198	27,363 11 10	19,424 8 11	7,939 2 11	..
Wanganui	24	4,632	16,204 12 6	2,061	7,583 5 5	22	458	349	2,666	1,982	33,543 11 10	31,969 3 10	1,574 8 0	..
Wellington	48	13,515	40,789 16 3	10,853	40,929 12 6	45	1,706	1,296	13,645	10,369	155,317 10 2	151,483 17 0	3,833 13 2	..
Westport	12	1,825	5,425 7 10	453	1,618 0 3	12	103	98	700	624	7,499 14 3	8,148 6 6	..	648 12 3
Total 4th quarter in 1897	396	80,477	249,887 18 0	54,886	205,765 0 10	386	7,887	6,364	60,749	49,583	733,112 2 4	741,861 8 2	..	8,749 5 10
Total 4th quarter in 1896	379	73,075	232,902 6 7	51,583	198,297 17 10	371	7,250	5,481	56,237	45,243	687,647 2 4	624,973 13 7	62,673 8 9	..

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

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

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Ordinary Telegrams.		Urgent Ordinary Telegrams.		Press Telegrams.*		Bureau Communications.		Total.		Government Telegrams.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Value.
Auckland	171	96,805	£ 3,564 15 11	4,406	£ 380 3 8	6,380	£ 396 5 10	6,499	£ 124 13 3	114,090	£ 4,465 18 8	8,787	£ 683 7 8
Blenheim	19	7,705	264 2 9½	514	44 14 2½	279	38 1 1	469	13 15 9	8,967	360 13 10	1,125	75 1 5
Christchurch	88	59,208	2,209 5 10½	3,044	250 11 10	2,909	487 17 7	1,991	49 8 6	67,152	2,997 3 9½	4,983	402 8 4
Dunedin	124	65,811	2,465 18 1	2,347	205 3 1	3,436	347 8 3	5,488	126 7 10	77,082	3,144 17 3	4,122	347 6 5
Gisborne	15	9,847	413 9 4½	471	46 16 1	266	75 6 8	1,117	39 3 3	11,701	574 15 4½	968	79 17 7
Greymouth	11	14,415	535 6 5	627	54 6 5	317	118 10 1	5	0 2 6	15,364	708 5 5	1,634	137 9 6
Hokitika	19	6,591	244 19 7½	181	13 13 1	115	75 17 5	..	..	6,887	334 10 1½	688	52 16 5
Invercargill	62	24,558	873 14 1	519	43 16 4	801	126 17 7½	8,676	217 17 0	34,554	1,262 5 0½	1,993	152 19 8
Napier	42	29,717	1,098 5 9	2,146	146 6 7	1,969	220 10 10	1,522	39 11 9	35,354	1,504 14 11	2,322	174 3 5
Nelson	32	14,208	426 1 5	515	30 13 7	17,806	81 5 1	4	0 0 6	32,533	538 0 7	2,174	137 16 4
New Plymouth	18	14,915	523 3 5½	951	83 5 3	770	63 3 9	302	7 19 9	16,938	677 12 2½	1,997	180 4 10
Oamaru	19	6,679	227 13 4	437	24 3 4	273	123 17 2	706	16 15 6	8,095	392 9 4	554	50 18 7
Thames	23	25,600	890 6 1½	1,190	90 3 10	328	101 4 1	293	8 12 3	27,411	1,090 6 3½	2,240	129 0 3
Timaru	20	11,161	398 12 5	354	31 4 0	338	103 7 2	..	..	11,853	533 3 7	869	67 9 3
Wanganui	33	29,026	978 17 1	1,640	123 4 0	937	150 6 0	262	6 15 0	31,865	1,259 2 1	2,105	160 10 10
Wellington	102	99,768	3,472 17 4	5,991	509 13 3	23,597	223 5 8	2,965	88 3 2	132,321	4,293 19 5	20,794	3,139 15 8
Westport	20	10,897	396 17 1	509	55 11 2	228	41 8 8	..	..	11,634	493 16 11	1,745	121 5 3
Total fourth quarter in 1897	813	526,911	18,984 6 2	25,842	2,133 9 8½	60,749	2,774 12 11½	30,299	739 6 0	643,801	24,631 14 10	59,050	6,092 11 5
Total fourth quarter in 1896	769	509,161	19,832 13 2	27,029	2,339 14 11	47,617	2,261 18 4	26,944	641 3 7	610,751	25,075 10 0	64,426	6,215 5 3

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

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.W. GRAY,
Secretary.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the YEAR ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, the Ports of Arrival and Departure, and the Arrivals and Departures for each Month.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.					Excess of Immi- gration over Emigration.	Excess of Emi- gration over Immigration.
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.			
United Kingdom ..	1,522	825	192	185	2,724	830	534	121	107	1,592	1,132	..
Queensland ..	1	2	2	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
New South Wales ..	6,531	2,939	600	600	10,670	6,027	2,909	412	384	9,732	938	..
Victoria ..	1,918	1,109	162	175	3,364	1,602	993	147	151	2,893	471	..
South Australia ..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Western Australia ..	1	2	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	1	3	..
Tasmania ..	470	227	24	32	753	404	215	25	22	666	87	..
Fiji ..	122	68	23	20	233	56	47	8	5	116	117	..
Other British possessions	205	66	16	14	301	181	47	10	4	242	59	..
Pacific Islands ..	173	62	22	13	270	119	50	4	5	178	92	..
Other foreign ports ..	152	80	17	16	265	281	100	22	16	419	..	154
Totals ..	11,095	5,381	1,058	1,058	18,592	9,501	4,896	749	694	15,840	2,752	..

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Kaipara ..	2	..	2	..	2	14	12	14	12	26
Auckland ..	6,394	852	4,983	2,263	7,246	5,626	475	4,145	1,956	6,101
Napier ..	7	4	10	1	11	7	4	6	5	11
Wellington ..	6,242	829	4,496	2,575	7,071	4,837	484	3,400	1,921	5,321
Nelson ..	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	3	4
Westport ..	4	2	2	4	6	3	1	1	3	4
Greymouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	2	4
Lyttelton ..	9	2	..	4	11	659	120	477	302	779
Timaru ..	3	3	..	4	6	9	1	7	3	10
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Dunedin ..	95	24	81	38	119	29	5	25	9	34
Bluff ..	3,719	399	2,570	1,548	4,118	3,211	338	2,172	1,377	3,549
Totals ..	16,476	2,116	12,153	6,439	18,592	14,397	1,443	10,250	5,590	15,840

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

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 1897.

	Adults—i.e., over 12 Years.		Children.	Total.
	Males.	Females.		
Arrivals ..	11,095	5,381	2,116	18,592
Departures ..	9,501	4,896	1,443	15,840
Excess of arrivals over departures ..	1,594	485	673	2,752

ARRIVALS IN AND DEPARTURES FROM NEW ZEALAND DURING EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1897.

Month.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.						
	From					To						
	United Kingdom.	Austral- asian Colonies.	Fiji.	Other British Posses- sions.	Foreign Ports.	Total Arrivals.	United Kingdom.	Austral- asian Colonies.	Fiji.	Other British Posses- sions.	Foreign Ports.	Total Departures.
January ..	335	1,744	20	9	46	2,154	6	1,070	..	2	49	1,127
February ..	148	1,389	3	21	51	1,612	208	1,521	4	10	38	1,781
March ..	352	1,293	26	13	32	1,716	104	1,820	15	21	86	2,046
April ..	194	949	21	15	57	1,236	450	1,483	23	10	66	2,032
May ..	..	991	5	18	38	1,052	323	1,164	7	15	69	1,578
June ..	197	823	5	9	35	1,069	108	1,072	14	6	66	1,266
July ..	166	857	21	13	40	1,097	62	857	16	33	53	1,021
August ..	141	907	39	15	38	1,140	110	793	8	49	47	1,007
September ..	175	1,134	30	30	40	1,409	83	778	12	32	33	938
October ..	288	1,087	34	43	41	1,493	14	812	7	30	44	907
November ..	311	1,892	11	37	50	2,301	100	816	5	18	38	977
December ..	417	1,733	18	78	67	2,313	24	1,107	5	16	8	1,160
Totals ..	2,724	14,799	233	301	535	18,592	1,592	13,293	116	242	597	15,840

Chinese included above: Arrivals—13 (12 men and 1 woman), from Australia; departures—123 men, for Australia.

ARRIVALS IN 1897 CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO BIRTHPLACE AND RACE.

Birthplace.	Of European Descent.				Race Aliens.*				Totals.
	Adults.		Children.		Adults.		Children.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom	5,505	2,538	442	437	..	..	..	..	8,922
<i>British Possessions.</i>									
Australasia—									
Queensland	23	4	5	5	..	..	..	..	37
New South Wales	1,062	496	147	126	..	..	..	..	1,831
Victoria	769	437	103	116	..	..	..	..	1,425
South Australia	50	11	1	2	..	..	..	..	64
Western Australia	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Tasmania	172	71	14	17	..	..	..	..	274
Australia (colony not stated)	1,152	624	158	168	..	..	..	..	2,102
New Zealand	1,461	1,030	144	153	..	..	..	..	2,788
Total Australasia	4,693	2,673	572	587	..	..	..	..	8,525
Pacific Islands—									
Norfolk Island	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fiji	1	2	1	2	4	..	..	..	10
Rarotonga .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Asia—									
India	4	1	..	..	18	2	..	..	25
Cyprus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
America—									
Canada	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Total British Possessions	4,711	2,677	574	589	22	3	..	..	8,576
<i>Foreign Countries.</i>									
Europe—									
Austria	353	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	360
Denmark	3	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	13
France	103	32	7	5	..	..	..	..	147
Germany	156	40	7	4	..	..	..	..	207
Greece	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Holland	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Italy	59	21	2	8	..	..	..	..	90
Norway	12	4	2	3	..	..	..	..	21
Poland	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Russia	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Spain	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sweden	21	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Switzerland	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Asia—									
China	1	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	14
Japan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
Syria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	1	4	..	9
America—									
United States	101	44	5	4	1	..	..	..	155
West Indies	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pacific Islands—									
Friendly Islands	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Samoa, Navigator Islands	1	1	1	3	..	2	..	..	8
Society Islands .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3
Sandwich Islands .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
At sea	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Not stated	5	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	11
Total Foreign Countries	835	158	38	31	22	5	4	1	1,094
Totals	11,051	5,373	1,054	1,057	44	8	4	1	18,592

* "Race alien" is a person not of European descent.

ARRIVALS IN AND DEPARTURES FROM NEW ZEALAND DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1891-97.

Year.	ARRIVALS.						DEPARTURES.					
	From					Total Arrivals.	To					Total Departures.
	United Kingdom.	Australasian Colonies.	Fiji.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Ports.		United Kingdom.	Australasian Colonies.	Fiji.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Ports.	
1891 ..	2,435	11,144	199	..	653	14,431	1,705	15,016	149	..	759	17,629
1892 ..	2,555	14,674	200	57	636	18,122	1,612	10,669	170	65	648	13,164
1893 ..	2,929	22,351	261	63	531	26,135	1,583	13,277	167	31	665	15,723
1894 ..	2,846	21,291	377	62	661	25,237	1,669	20,488	198	45	584	22,984
1895 ..	2,365	18,573	301	61	562	21,862	1,703	18,377	183	78	626	20,967
1896 ..	1,956	14,125	326	176	653	17,236	1,578	13,208	150	185	643	15,764
1897 ..	2,724	14,799	233	301	535	18,592	1,592	13,293	116	242	597	15,840

SUMMARY OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FOR THE YEARS 1891-97.

Year.	ARRIVALS.				DEPARTURES.				Excess of Arrivals over Departures.	Excess of Departures over Arrivals.
	Adults—i.e., over 12 Years.		Children.	Total.	Adults—i.e., over 12 Years.		Children.	Total.		
	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.				
1891 ..	8,649	4,238	1,544	14,431	10,098	5,023	2,508	17,629	..	3,198
1892 ..	11,076	4,947	2,099	18,122	7,680	3,947	1,537	13,164	4,958	..
1893 ..	15,577	7,019	3,539	26,135	9,457	4,693	1,573	15,723	10,412	..
1894 ..	14,829	7,367	3,041	25,237	14,508	6,229	2,247	22,984	2,253	..
1895 ..	12,973	6,583	2,301	21,862	12,685	6,292	1,990	20,967	895	..
1896 ..	10,192	5,128	1,916	17,236	9,212	4,932	1,620	15,764	1,472	..
1897 ..	11,095	5,381	2,116	18,592	9,501	4,896	1,443	15,840	2,752	..

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

Population of the Colony.

RETURN of the Estimated Population (exclusive and inclusive of Maoris) of the Colony of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1897.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris) on 31st December, 1896	376,987	337,175	714,162
Births registered in 1897	9,600	9,137	18,737
Deaths registered in 1897	3,787	2,808	6,595
Excess of births over deaths	5,813	6,329	12,142
Arrivals in the colony during 1897	12,153	6,439	18,592
Departures from the colony during 1897	10,250	5,590	15,840
Excess of arrivals over departures	1,903	849	2,752
Total increase during 1897	7,716	7,178	14,894
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris) on 31st December, 1897	384,703	344,353	729,056
Maori population, census, 1896*	21,673	18,181	39,854
Total estimated population of the colony on 31st December, 1897	406,376	362,534	768,910

* Later information is not available, as the births and deaths of Maoris are not recorded.

CHINESE.—Chinese are included in the population given above. The number in New Zealand on 31st December, 1897, was estimated to be 3,585, of whom 29 were females.

REMARKS.—Excluding Maoris, the population of the colony increased by 14,894, or at the rate of 2.09 per cent., during the year. To this increase, excess of births over deaths contributed 12,142, and excess of arrivals over departures 2,752. The balance in favour of the colony, as disclosed by the immigration and emigration returns, is larger than in any year since 1893.

The birth-rate for the colony in 1897 was 25.96 per 1,000 of mean population, and the death-rate 9.14, as against 26.33 and 9.10 respectively in 1896.

The number of births registered in 1897 (18,737) slightly exceeded the number in 1896 (18,612); but, with the increased population, the rate per 1,000 for 1897 is lower.

The deaths in 1897 (6,595) exceeded the number registered in 1896 (6,432) by 163, and thus increased the rate per 1,000 from 9.10 to 9.14.

The number of marriages (excluding those contracted between Maoris) solemnised in 1897 is estimated at 5,000, giving a rate of 6.93 per 1,000 of the mean population, against 4,843 and 6.85, the actual number and rate in 1896.

The fluctuations of the birth-, death-, and marriage-rates for ten years are as under:—

	Per 1,000 of Population		
	Birth-rate.	Death-rate.	Marriage-rate.
1888	31.32	9.43	5.97
1889	30.07	9.44	5.94
1890	29.44	9.66	6.12
1891	29.01	10.35	6.04
1892	27.83	10.06	6.23
1893	27.50	10.23	6.22
1894	27.28	10.19	6.15
1895	26.78	9.91	5.94
1896	26.33	9.10	6.85
1897	25.96	9.14	6.93

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that MICHAEL JOHN COLEMAN, of Hayden Street, Auckland, Cordial-manufacturer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Saturday, the 22nd day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 15th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM BRIERLY, of Auckland, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 15th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that HUGH CLYDE MCCREADY, of Patteson Street, Auckland, Tailor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 17th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM GRANT, of Paeroa, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Messrs. Mackay and Pratt's office, Paeroa, on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 18th January, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that JENS PETER MADSEN, of New Plymouth, Groom, 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 31st day of January, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

New Plymouth, 18th January, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALFRED WOOLLER, late of New Plymouth, now of Parnell, Auckland, Baker and Confectioner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at New Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

New Plymouth, 21st January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that AUGUST KREBS, of Tiko-kino, Tailor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Waipawa, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock.

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

Napier, 22nd January, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following dividends will be payable at my office, Browning Street, Napier, on Monday, 17th January, on all proved and admitted claims:—

John Cantle, of Takapau, Storekeeper, first and final, of 1s. in the pound.

David Sligh, of Napier, Provision Merchant, first and interim, of 7s. 2d. in the pound.

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

Napier, 14th January, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court of Wanganui, holden at Palmerston North.

NOTICE is hereby given that by order of the above honourable Court the public examination of AUGUST HOFFMAN, of Shannon, Publican, will be held in the Court-house, Palmerston North, on Thursday, the 3rd day of February, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

G. J. SCOTT,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Palmerston North, 19th January, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.—Notice of Dividend.

Estate of ALEXANDER YULE, Butcher, Carterton.

A FIRST and final dividend, of 4s. 3d. in the pound, on all proved accepted claims, is now payable at my office, Perry Street, Masterton.

W. B. CHENNELLS,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Masterton, 21st January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT COWIE, of Wai-kanae, Storekeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1898, at 3 o'clock p.m.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

21st January, 1898.

Banking Returns.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	567,381	16	11
Bills in circulation	.. ..	19,544	4	3
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	17,841	7	5
Government deposits	.. ..	689,683	10	10
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	2,298,770	14	7
Bearing interest	.. ..	3,269,688	16	11
Total average liabilities	.. ..	£6,862,910	10	11

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	823,558	4	8
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	64,883	7	10
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	28,849	17	1
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	5,827	16	3
Landed property	.. ..	147,883	0	11
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	917,358	2	6
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	739,787	13	3
3. Other funded securities	.. ..		
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	3,165,027	3	4
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	*2,201,771	18	0
Total average assets	.. ..	£8,094,947	8	10

* This includes an average of £1,212,977 12s. 10d. held in Assets Realisation Board debentures.

4-per-cent. guaranteed stock, £2,000,000.
Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of New Zealand, £500,000.
Capital payable by shareholders, £500,000.
Reserve fund, £23,474 7s. 4d.

Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of January, 1898.

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

STATEMENT of the amount of the average Liabilities and Assets of the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, at the Branches in the Colony of New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	109,744	18	5
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	10,005	11	3
Balances due to other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..
Government deposits .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	1,003,268	0	7
Bearing interest .. ..	..	1,269,191	12	8
Total average liabilities		£2,392,210	2	11

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. ..	..	751,473	5	10
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. ..	..	2,389	12	11
Notes and bills of other Banks .. ..	..	6,740	1	8
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..
Landed property .. ..	..	72,034	17	9
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. ..	..	198,950	10	1
2. Colonial Government securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. ..	..	1,028,210	0	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	68,025	16	5
Total average assets		£2,127,824	4	8

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st December, 1897, £1,500,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of the last dividend declared, £37,500.
 Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £812,067 1s. 10d.
 Dated at Wellington, this 12th day of January, 1898.
 G. E. TOLHURST, Resident Inspector.
 GEO. H. MEE, Chief Clerk.

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Colony of New Zealand, taken from the several weekly statements during the Quarter from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	76,551	1	6
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	8,735	18	10
Balances due to other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..
Government deposits .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	528,565	3	2
Bearing interest .. ..	..	587,078	19	5
Total average liabilities		£1,200,931	2	11

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. ..	..	436,044	12	1
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. ..	..	1,497	17	8
Notes and bills of other Banks .. ..	..	2,374	5	4
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..
Landed property .. ..	..	61,991	6	4
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. ..	..	239,980	11	3
2. Colonial Government securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. ..	..	1,226,189	4	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	2,110	14	0
Total average assets		£1,970,188	10	8

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £1,600,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of the last dividend declared, £40,000.
 Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £817,997.
 Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of January, 1898.
 H. K. BETHUNE, for the Inspector.
 J. W. PICKERSGILL, pro Accountant.

STATEMENT of the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New South Wales, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	111,814	18	5
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	6,059	17	7
Balances due to other Banks .. ..	..	2,353	7	7
Government deposits .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	761,915	17	3
Bearing interest .. ..	..	1,469,057	10	8
Total average liabilities		£2,351,201	11	6

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. ..	..	458,807	0	6
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. ..	..	19,763	15	10
Notes and bills of other Banks .. ..	..	2,488	4	7
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	17,909	3	8
Landed property .. ..	..	94,628	1	10
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. ..	..	190,695	12	5
2. Colonial Government securities .. ..	..	50,200	0	0
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	59,988	7	11
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. ..	..	1,767,870	17	7
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	99,208	17	7
Total average assets		£2,761,560	1	11

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st December, 1897, £1,950,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 9 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of last dividend declared, £37,750.
 Amount of the reserved profits after declaring such dividend, £1,200,000.
 Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of January, 1898.
 W. G. RHIND, Inspector.
 G. W. HARDEN, Inspector's Accountant.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the National Bank of New Zealand, Limited, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	149,547	6	2
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	4,446	19	8
Balances due to other Banks .. ..	..	21,751	8	5
Government deposits .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	711,585	10	11
Bearing interest .. ..	..	1,239,626	8	9
Total average liabilities		£2,126,957	13	11

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. ..	..	378,299	16	10
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. ..	..	19,100	5	9
Notes and bills of other Banks .. ..	..	3,420	17	3
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	4,975	17	6
Landed property .. ..	..	89,922	15	2
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. ..	..	261,164	3	9
2. Colonial Government securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. ..	..	1,498,956	12	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	12,054	15	11
Total average assets		£2,267,895	4	2

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st December, 1897, £250,000.
 Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.
 Amount of last dividend declared for half-year, £6,250.
 Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £33,657.
 Dated at Wellington, this 11th day of January, 1898.
 J. STEPHENS,
 pro General Manager.

STATEMENT of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the under-mentioned BANKS in the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND for the QUARTER ended 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

BANKS.	Notes in Circulation.		Bills in Circulation.		Balances due to other Banks.		Deposits.			Total Liabilities.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Government.	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.					
Bank of New Zealand	567,381	16 11	19,544	4 3	17,841	7 5	689,683	10 10	2,298,770	14 7	3,269,688	16 11	6,862,910	10 11
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	109,744	18 5	10,005	11 3	..	..	..	..	1,003,268	0 7	1,269,191	12 8	2,392,210	2 11
Bank of New South Wales.. ..	111,814	18 5	6,059	17 7	2,353	7 7	..	..	761,915	17 3	1,469,057	10 8	2,351,201	11 6
Bank of Australasia	76,551	1 6	8,735	18 10	..	..	..	..	528,565	3 2	587,078	19 5	1,200,931	2 11
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	149,547	6 2	4,446	19 8	21,751	8 5	..	..	711,585	10 11	1,239,626	8 9	2,126,957	13 11
Totals	1,015,040	1 5	48,792	11 7	41,946	3 5	689,683	10 10	5,304,105	6 6	7,834,643	8 5	14,934,211	2 2

ASSETS.

BANKS.	Coined Gold and Silver and other Coined Metal.	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted.	Colonial Government Securities.	Other Funded Securities.	Debts due to Bank, exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad.	Securities not included under other Heads.	Total Assets.													
Bank of New Zealand	823,558	4 8	64,883	7 10	28,849	17 1	5,827	16 3	147,883	0 11	917,358	2 6	739,787	13 3	..	..	..	..	3,165,027	3 4	2,201,771	18 0	8,094,947	3 10
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	751,473	5 10	2,389	12 11	6,740	1 8	..	..	72,034	17 9	198,950	10 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,028,210	0 0	68,025	16 5	2,127,824	4 8
Bank of New South Wales	458,807	0 6	19,763	15 10	2,438	4 7	17,909	3 8	94,623	1 10	190,695	12 5	50,200	0 0	059,988	7 11	..	..	1,767,870	17 7	99,208	17 7	2,761,560	1 11
Bank of Australasia	436,044	12 1	1,497	17 8	2,374	5 4	..	..	61,991	6 4	239,980	11 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,226,189	4 0	2,110	14 0	1,970,188	10 8
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	378,299	16 10	19,100	5 9	3,420	17 3	4,975	17 6	89,922	15 2	261,164	3 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,498,956	12 0	12,054	15 11	2,267,895	4 2
Totals	2,848,182	19 11	107,635	0 0	43,873	5 11	28,712	17 5	466,460	2 0	1,808,149	0 0	789,987	13 3	59,988	7 11	..	..	8,686,253	16 11	2,383,172	1 11	17,222,415	5 3

CAPITAL AND PROFITS.

BANKS.	Capital paid up.	Rate per Annum of Last Dividend.	Amount of Last Dividend declared.	Amount of Reserved Profits at Time of declaring such Dividend
Bank of New Zealand—	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4-per-cent. stock guaranteed by the Government of N.Z. ..	2,000,000	.. ..	..	..
Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of N.Z.	500,000	Nil .. ..	..	23,474 7 4
Capital payable by shareholders	500,000	.. ..	..	..
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,500,000	Five per cent.	37,500 0 0	812,067 1 10
Bank of New South Wales	1,950,000	Nine per cent.	87,750 0 0	1,200,000 0 0
Bank of Australasia	1,600,000	Five per cent.	40,000 0 0	817,997 0 0
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	250,000	Five per cent.	6,250 0 0	33,657 0 0

The Treasury, Wellington, 19th January, 1898.

JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Secretary to the Treasury.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that THOMAS BULLICK, of Pleasant Point, Saddler, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 19th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN JENNISON, of Middlemarch, Butcher, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 21st day of January, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

Dunedin, 17th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM HENRY FAHEY, of Dunedin, Clerk, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 25th day of January, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

Dunedin, 21st January, 1898.

Mining Notices.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

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

When formed, and date of registration: 2nd March, 1896; 11th September, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.

Nominal capital: £7,500.

Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,674 9s. 9d., including £1,125, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

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: 100,000.

Number of shares allotted: 80,000.

Amount paid per share: 2½d., and also equivalent to £1,125, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

Amount called up per share: 2½d.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: 90; £84 6s. 10d.

Number of shares forfeited: 39,125.

Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,258; £6 6s. 9d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 136.

Present number of shareholders: 95.

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: £819 4s. 10d.

Total expenditure since registration: £1,660 8s. 2d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: £12 5s. 1d.

Amount of cash in hand: £2 7s. 11d.

Amount of debts directly due to company: £84 6s. 10d.

Amount of debts considered good: £84 6s. 10d.

Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £1 5s. 9d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the City of Gisborne Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and com-

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plete 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 99

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

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

When formed, and date of registration: 20th November, 1895; 11th December, 1895.

Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.

Nominal capital: £12,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £10,500.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,400, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

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 the capital is divided: 80,000.

Number of shares allotted: 70,000.

Amount paid per share: Equivalent to £1,400, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

Amount called up per share: Nil.

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: 45.

Present number of shareholders: 136.

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: £217 5s.

Total expenditure since registration: £1,203 13s. 5d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: £196 6s. 7d.

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): 13s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Balfour Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
Manager.

*Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 100

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

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

When formed, and date of registration: 4th July, 1895; 17th September, 1895.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.

Nominal capital: £8,250.

Amount of capital subscribed: £8,250.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,409 2s., including £500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

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: 55,000.

Number of shares allotted: 55,000.

Amount paid per share: 9d., and also equivalent to £500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

Amount called up per share: 9d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 28,232.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,266; £16 6s. 6d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 41.
 Present number of shareholders: 52.
 Number of men employed by company: 5.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 13 oz. 16 dwt.; £37 5s. 2d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 14 oz. 8 dwt.; £38 17s.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £928 16s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,382 7s. 3d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £76 9s. 6d.
 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): £3 0s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Alburnia East Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 101

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Alpha Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 28th February, 1895; 30th March, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £18,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £7,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £971 18s. 3d., including £400, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £187 10s.; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £187 10s.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 120,000.
 Number of shares allotted: £50,000.
 Amount paid per share: 6d., and also equivalent to £400, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 120; £490 11s. 9d.
 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: 56.
 Present number of shareholders: 142.
 Number of men employed by company: 11.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 7 oz. 5 dwt.; £4 13s. 11d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 26 oz. 6 dwt.; £14 17s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,207 0s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,598 19s. 7d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: £6 5s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £726 16s. 7d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £726 16s. 7d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £797 1s. 2d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Alpha Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 102

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Tamihana Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 20th August, 1896; 22nd October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £800, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 50,000.
 Amount paid per share: Equivalent to £800, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: Nil.
 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: 43.
 Present number of shareholders: 54.
 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: £475 11s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £683 5s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £116 16s. 10d.
 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): 16s. 7d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Tamihana Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 79

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Imperial Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 25th January, 1895; 22nd February, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £11,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £3,416 13s. 4d., including £500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £416 13s. 4d.; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £416 13s. 4d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 110,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 Amount paid per share: 8d., and also equivalent to £500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 8d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.

Number of shares forfeited : 343.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 343; £13 18s. 6d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 44.
 Present number of shareholders : 232.
 Number of men employed by company : 9.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 2 oz. 8 dwt.; £2 0s. 4d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £1,771 3s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £4,227 5s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £30 6s. 1d.
 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) : £2 5s.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Imperial Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 80

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Wealth of Nations Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 4th February, 1895; 13th March, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital : £14,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed ; £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £1,942 15s., including £875, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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 : 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 60,000.
 Amount paid per share : 5d., and also equivalent to £875, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share : 5d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 27,047.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 2,952; £25 1s. 5d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 50.
 Present number of shareholders : 82.
 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 : 3 oz. 2 dwt.; £3 7s. 9d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £451 2s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £1,949 10s.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £9 11s. 8d.
 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) : £21 15s.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Wealth of Nations Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at 31st 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 81

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Exchange Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 5th June, 1896; 23rd July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital : £2,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £2,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £951 15s. 1d., including £133 18s. 10d., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 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 : 50,000.
 Amount paid per share : 4d., and also equivalent to £133 18s. 10d., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share : 4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 25,194.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 17,744; £73 18s. 8d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 16.
 Present number of shareholders : 16.
 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 : £511 0s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £944 1s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £7 13s. 5d.
 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) : £10 16s. 9d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Exchange Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 83

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: British Empire Gold-mining Company (No Liability), (in liquidation).
 When formed, and date of registration : 29th August, 1895; 12th October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital : £9,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £9,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £2,145 6s. 3d., including £1,200, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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 : 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 60,000.
 Amount paid per share : 4½d., and also equivalent to £1,200, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share : 4½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 26,050.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 8,600; £29 2s. 10d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 57.
 Present number of shareholders : 70.

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: £574 13s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,146 4s. 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: £1 0s. 3d.
 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, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the British Empire Gold-mining Company (No Liability), (in liquidation), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at 31st 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."
 H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 88

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Coromandel Freehold Proprietary Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 20th September, 1895; 11th November, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £18,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £18,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £10,000, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 150,000.
 Amount paid per share: Equivalent to £10,000, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: Nil.
 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: 123.
 Present number of shareholders: 199.
 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: £240 5s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £10,763 8s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £1 19s. 2d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £25.
 Amount of debts considered good: £25.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £49 8s. 9d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Coromandel Freehold Proprietary Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st 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."
 H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 89

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Omega Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th September, 1896; 29th October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £5,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £5,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,579 5s. 5d., including £460, being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2½d., and also equivalent to £460, being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 2½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 14,833.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 12.
 Present number of shareholders: 23.
 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: £991 8s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,542 5s. 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: £37 15s. 11d.
 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): £75 5s. 3d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Omega Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."
 H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 82

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Rainbow Gold-mining Company (No Liability), (in liquidation).
 When formed, and date of registration: 11th August, 1896; 3rd September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £264 11s. 4d., including £97 18s., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 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: 20,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 20,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2d., and also equivalent to £97 18s., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 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: 27.
 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: £387 7s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £669 15s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £1 9s. 8d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £68 19s. 10d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £68 19s. 10d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £31 16s.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Rainbow Gold-mining Company (No Liability), (in liquidation), 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."
 H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 92

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waipuru Gold-mining Company (No Liability), (in liquidation).
 When formed, and date of registration: 2nd July, 1896; 21st August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £3,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £3,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £503 17s. 6d., including £270 7s. 2d., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 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: 50,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2d., and also equivalent to £270 7s. 2d., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 34,180.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 500; £2 1s. 8d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 29.
 Present number of shareholders: 25.
 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: £204 10s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £466 10s. 3d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £37 7s. 3d.
 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): £5 3s. 1d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Waipuru Gold-mining Company (No Liability), (in liquidation), 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."
 H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 94

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Queen of Beauty Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 20th July, 1896; 24th October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £960, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 Amount paid per share: Equivalent to £960, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: Nil.
 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: 19.
 Present number of shareholders: 20.
 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: £319 12s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £864 7s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £126 0s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £540.
 Amount of debts considered good: £540.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Queen of Beauty Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."
 H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 91

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Ormond Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 8th April, 1897; 8th June, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £7,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £5,200.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £660, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 52,000.
 Amount paid per share: Equivalent to £660, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: Nil.
 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: 20.
 Present number of shareholders: 22.
 Number of men employed by company: 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £527 12s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £527 12s. 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: £132 7s. 3d.
 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, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Ormond Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 95

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Welcome Find Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 1st April, 1895; 18th April, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £17,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £17,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £7,738 10s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £1,000; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 70,000.
 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: 670.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 38.
 Present number of shareholders: 286.
 Number of men employed by company: 15.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 463 oz.; £1,327 10s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 767 oz.; £2,186 6s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £3,715 14s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £9,672 17s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £254 19s. 5d.
 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): £89 15s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Secretary of the Welcome Find 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 85

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Nonpareil Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 10th July, 1896; 27th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.

Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,502 14s. 2d., including £750, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: 4d., and also equivalent to £750, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 134; £247 5s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 3,700.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 3,700; £20 16s. 2d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 51.
 Present number of shareholders: 138.
 Number of men employed by company: 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 323 oz. 1 dwt.; £898 8s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 331 oz. 13 dwt.; £922 9s. 4d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,633 5s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,414 12s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £16 15s. 6d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £2 14s. 2d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £247 5s. 10d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £247 5s. 10d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): 18s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Nonpareil Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 90

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: New Whatu Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 13th March, 1895; 30th March, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £18,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £18,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £3,625, including £500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £1,354 3s. 4d.; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,354 3s. 4d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 125,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 125,000.
 Amount paid per share: 9½d., and also equivalent to £500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 9½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 2,800.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 2,800; £18 0s. 8d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 36.
 Present number of shareholders: 213.
 Number of men employed by company: 7.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 40 oz. 14 dwt.; £108 15s. 5d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding half-year: £1,647 13s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £4,376 8s. 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: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £287 5s. 8d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the New Whau Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 96

S STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waitete Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th August, 1896; 29th October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation. Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £5,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £4,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £905 2s. 1d., including £762 10s., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 90,000.
 Amount paid per share: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., and also equivalent to £762 10s., being proceeds derived from calls on promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 21,550.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 16.
 Present number of shareholders: 18.
 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: £243 2s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £886 2s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £18 19s. 5d.
 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): £25.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Waitete Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 98

S STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waihi Consols Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 11th September, 1895; 18th October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £17,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £16,200.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £5,462 10s., including £4,500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £50; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £50.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 175,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 162,000.
 Amount paid per share: $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and also equivalent to £4,500, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 10,445.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 10,445; £55 3s. 9d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 150.
 Present number of shareholders: 353.
 Number of men employed by company: 5.
 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: £908 6s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £5,208 1s. 5d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £409 6s. 2d.
 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, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Waihi Consols Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 86

S STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Hauraki No. 2 Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 12th June, 1895; 10th July, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation. Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £15,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £5,625 17s. 5d., including £1,000, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 1s. 3d., and also equivalent to £1,000, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' share.
 Amount called up per share: 1s. 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 116; £224 15s. 7d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 14,538.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 2,590; £108 10s. 5d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 26.
 Present number of shareholders: 151.
 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: £2,967 15s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £5,595 9s. 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: £114 9s. 5d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company: £224 15s. 7d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £224 15s. 7d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £367 17s. 8d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Hauraki No. 2 Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 97

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Express Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 16th September, 1896; 5th November, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £20,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £18,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,230 17s. 8d., including £1,200, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 90,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3d., and also equivalent to £1,200, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 75,175.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 44.
 Present number of shareholders: 20.
 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: £783 3s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,229 6s. 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: £5 12s. 10d.
 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, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Express Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 98

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Jupiter Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th September, 1895; 12th October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,100, including £600, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

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: 40,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 40,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3d., and also equivalent to £600, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 3d.
 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: 38.
 Present number of shareholders: 98.
 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: £629 8s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,578 4s. 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: £286 7s.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £175.
 Amount of debts considered good: £175.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £104 16s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Jupiter Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 76

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Adelaide Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 4th September, 1895; 1st November, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £20,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £15,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £5,019 8s. 11d., including £1,011 9s. 8d., being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £110 4s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: 1s. 6d., and also equivalent to £1,011 9s. 8d., being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 1s. 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 75; £131 10s. 7d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 39,033.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 11,150; £73 8s. 8d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 42.
 Present number of shareholders: 77.
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 228 oz. 12 dwt.; £666 18s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 367 oz. 9 dwt. 12 gr.; £785 12s. 3d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,687 18s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £5,995 15s. 10d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £60 14s. 11d.

Amount of cash in hand : £1 0s. 10d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : £131 10s. 7d.
 Amount of debts considered good : £131 10s. 7d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £107 16s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Adelaide Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on 31st 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 87

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Barrier Reefs Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 29th May, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £100,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £100,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £3,075.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £80,000; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £80,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 Amount paid per share on 20,000 contributing shares: 4s.
 Amount called up per share on 20,000 contributing shares: 4s.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 26; £925.
 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: 24.
 Present number of shareholders: 39.
 Number of men employed by company: 17.
 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: £3,060 3s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £3,060 3s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £54 16s. 11d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £925.
 Amount of debts considered good: £925.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £532 7s. 11d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Secretary of the Barrier Reefs 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 84

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Ivanhoe Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th March, 1895; 30th March, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £13,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,896 13s. 4d., including £480, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.

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Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £291 13s. 4d; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £291 13s. 4d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 130,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 120,000.
 Amount paid per share: 6d., and also equivalent to £480, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 2,003.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 2,003; £28 9s. 2d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 41.
 Present number of shareholders: 307.
 Number of men employed by company: 5.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2 oz. 9 dwt.; £1 12s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £984 13s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,984 7s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £291 4s. 4d.
 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): 13s.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Ivanhoe Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 78

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Albert Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 17th June, 1896; 9th July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,225, including £1,225, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 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: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3d., and also equivalent to £1,225, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 375.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 375; £8 7s. 8d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 59.
 Present number of shareholders: 178.
 Number of men employed by company: 6.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,316 8s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,997 18s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £257 2s. 11d.
 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): £7 2s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Albert Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 77

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Renown Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 13th October, 1896; 18th November, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.
Nominal capital: £14,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,043 7s. 8d., including £900, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
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: 70,000.
Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
Amount paid per share: 1d., and also equivalent to £900, being proceeds derived from sale of promoters' shares.
Amount called up per share: 1d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: 25,588.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 51.
Present number of shareholders: 44.
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: £710 16s.
Total expenditure since registration: £1,034 8s. 7d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £9 1s. 1d.
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): 12s. 6d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Manager of the Renown Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 75

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Talisman Extended Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 23rd July, 1895; 29th July, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Queen Street, Auckland; Roderick McDonald Scott.
Nominal capital: £22,500.
Amount of capital subscribed: £17,700.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,164 16s.
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: 150,000.
Number of shares allotted: 129,888.
Amount paid per share: 4d.
Amount called up per share: 4d.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: One (sixth); £152 5s. 11d.
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: 191.
Present number of shareholders: 302.
Number of men employed by company: 4.
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: £858 15s. 2d.
Total expenditure since registration: £2,517 11s. 10d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £36 16s. 5d.
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, Roderick McDonald Scott, of Auckland, the Manager of the Talisman Extended Gold-mining Company (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."

R. McDONALD SCOTT,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 18th day of January, 1898,
before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 74

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Broken Hill Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 8th January, 1895; 16th January, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: Protected.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Queen Street, Auckland; Roderick McDonald Scott.
Nominal capital: £15,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £13,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,366 13s. 6d.
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: 100,000.
Number of shares allotted: 90,000.
Amount paid per share: 4d.
Amount called up per share: 4d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: One (fifth); £3 2s. 9d.
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: 27.
Present number of shareholders: 205.
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: £702 4s. 8d.
Total expenditure since registration: £2,008 14s. 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: £10 17s. 2d.
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, Roderick McDonald Scott, of Auckland, the Manager of the Broken Hill Gold-mining Company, 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."

R. McDONALD SCOTT,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 18th day of January, 1898,
before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 72

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Comstock Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 23rd January, 1895; 30th January, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Queen Street, Auckland; Roderick McDonald Scott.
 Nominal capital: £15,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £15,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,269 6s. 10d.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3½d.
 Amount called up per share: 3½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: One (fourth); £188 6s. 10d.
 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: 26.
 Present number of shareholders: 221.
 Number of men employed by company: 3.
 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: £150 9s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,891 9s. 5d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £51 1s. 5d.
 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, Roderick McDonald Scott, of Auckland, the Manager of the Comstock Gold-mining Company, 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."

R. McDONALD SCOTT,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 18th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 73

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Enterprise Gold-dredging Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 24th August, 1891.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Rattray Street, Dunedin; C. S. Reeves.
 Nominal capital: £3,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,000.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £2,000.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 3,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 2,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 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: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 16.
 Number of men employed by company: 7.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 963 oz. 17 dwt. 20 gr. gold; £3,710 18s.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2,959 oz. 9 dwt. 17 gr. gold; £11,393 16s. 5d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,647 18s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £11,292 1s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £1,750.

Total amount of dividends paid: £1,721 9s. 6d.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: £28 10s. 6d.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £40 3s. 3d.
 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, Charles Stephen Reeves, of Dunedin, the Manager of the Enterprise Gold-dredging Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

CHAS. S. REEVES,
 Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 17th day of January, 1898, before me—James Hazlett, J.P. 63

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: No. 2 South Keep-it-Dark Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 6th March, 1883; 13th June, 1887.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; William Hindmarsh.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £11,635 10s. 2d.
 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: 24,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 24,000.
 Amount paid per share: 9s. 9d.
 Amount called up per share: 9s. 9d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: £64 9s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited during the year: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold during the year, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 32.
 Present number of shareholders: 58.
 Number of men employed by company: 5.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 5,998 oz. 6 dwt. 8 gr. gold; £23,838 12s. 7d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £911 6s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £35,962 16s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £8,600.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £8,600.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £64 9s. 10d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £64 9s. 10d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £103 5s. 9d.

I, William Hindmarsh, of Reefton, the Manager of the No. 2 South Keep-it-Dark Gold-mining Company (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."

W. HINDMARSH,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 17th day of January, 1898, before me—Jas. Kirton, J.P. 68

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Keep-it-Dark Quartz-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 22nd December, 1873; 2nd March, 1874.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; William Hindmarsh.
 Nominal capital: £20,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £20,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £6,208 6s. 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: £10,000 (amount deemed paid up on the 20,000 shares at registration).
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 20,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 20,000.
 Amount paid per share: 16s. 2½d. (including the 10s. deemed paid up on registration).
 Amount called up per share: 6s. 2½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited during the year: Nil.
 Number of shares sold during the year, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 20.
 Present number of shareholders: 51.
 Number of men employed by company: 28.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 1,691 oz. 17 dwt. 13 gr. gold; £6,831 17s. 4d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 66,347 oz. 0 dwt. 19 gr. gold; £258,267 4s. 3d.
 Total amount received for crushing, sales, &c.: £11,329 15s. 7d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £6,110 13s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £286,498 19s. 10d. (including dividends).
 Total amount of dividends declared: £113,416 13s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £113,416 13s. 4d.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £688 13s. 4d.

I, William Hindmarsh, of Reefton, the Manager of the Keep-it-Dark Quartz-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on the 20th 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."

W. HINDMARSH,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 17th day of January, 1898, before me—Jas. Kirton, J.P. 67

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Humphreys Hydraulic Sluicing Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 16th May, 1896; 1st June, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; William Hindmarsh.
 Nominal capital: £150,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £145,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £50,000.
 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: £95,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 145,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1 on 50,000 contributing shares.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited during the year: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 4.
 Present number of shareholders: 164.
 Number of men employed by company: 11.
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year: 208 oz. 2 dwt. 18 gr.; £516 11s. 11d. (tribute).
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 311 oz. 2 dwt. 18 gr.; £765 12s. 11d. (tribute).
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £5,310 15s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £102,398 19s. 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: On fixed deposit, £45,000; imprest account, £252 17s. 3d.
 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): £467 9s. 1d.

I, William Hindmarsh, of Reefton, the Manager of the Humphreys Hydraulic Sluicing 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."

W. HINDMARSH,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 17th day of January, 1898, before me—Jas. Kirton, J.P. 66

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waihi Reefs Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 23rd March, 1896; 7th May, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital: £9,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £9,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,408 12s. 2d.
 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: 45,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 45,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 31; £119 0s. 2d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 10,400.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same; 10,400; £47 18s. 4d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 17.
 Present number of shareholders: 58.
 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: £538 14s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,401 6s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £7 6s.
 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): £41 16s. 2d.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Waihi Reefs Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 106

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waihi Beach Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 17th November, 1897; 23rd December, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital: £7,560.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £485.
 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: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: £130,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 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: 38.
 Present number of shareholders: 39.
 Number of men employed by company: 3.
 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: £50 19s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £50 19s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £419 17s. 8d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £14 3s. 4d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £11 19s. 6d.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Waahi Beach Gold-mining Company, 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."

SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 107

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Kennedy's Bay Township and Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 5th August, 1896; 11th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £562 10s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £250; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £250.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 200.
 Number of shares allotted: 200.
 Amount considered paid up per share: £1 5s.
 Amount called up per share: £3 15s.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 7; £185 10s.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 9.
 Present number of shareholders: 9.
 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: £66 0s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £696 8s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: £1 4s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £18 4s.
 Amount of debts considered good: £18 4s.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £119 19s. 2d.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Kennedy's Bay Township and Gold-mining Company, do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st 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."

SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 108

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: New Golden Point Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 22nd February, 1897; 21st April, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,335 1s.
 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 147; £303 9s.
 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: 118.
 Present number of shareholders: 201.
 Number of men employed by company: 6.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 1 oz. 1 dwt.; £3 9s.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 1 oz. 1 dwt.; £3 9s.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,315 19s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,315 19s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £35 6s. 10d.
 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): £15 5s. 8d.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the New Golden Point Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 103

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Owharua United Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 8th July, 1896; 22nd August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital: £9,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £9,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £880 19s. 6d.
 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: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 19; £53 19s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 16,166.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 16,166; 16s. 3d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 53.
 Present number of shareholders: 48.
 Number of men employed by the company: 3.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during the preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during the preceding year: £225 1s. 11d.

Total expenditure since registration : £880 1s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : 18s. 2d.
 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) :
 £64 17s.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Owharoa United Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."
 SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 104

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Dawn of Hope Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 5th August, 1896; 2nd October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital : £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £705.
 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 : 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 60,000.
 Amount paid per share : Nil.
 Amount called up per share : Nil.
 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 : 36.
 Present number of shareholders : 42.
 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 : £358 18s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £508 12s. 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 : £196 7s. 1d.
 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, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Dawn of Hope Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."
 SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 105

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Flemington Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 22nd September, 1896; 1st October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital : £7,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £5,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £732 14s. 3d.

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 : 75,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 50,000.
 Amount paid per share : Nil.
 Amount called up per share : 3½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 28; £48 11s. 8d.
 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 : 11.
 Present number of shareholders : 24.
 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 : £516 5s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £737 12s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £3 0s. 1d.
 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) :
 £31 0s. 10d.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Flemington 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."
 SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 109

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Criterion Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 6th July, 1896; 31st July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
 Nominal capital : £11,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £10,100.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £988 4s. 9d.
 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 : 110,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 101,000.
 Amount paid per share : Nil.
 Amount called up per share : 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 3,104.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 3,104; £1 12s. 4d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 49.
 Present number of shareholders : 113.
 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 : 9 oz. 2 dwt.; £26 11s. 7d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £477 15s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £954 5s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £33 19s. 8d.
 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) : £6.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Criterion Gold-mining Company, 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."

SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 110

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Egerton Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 28th June, 1897; 10th August, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; Seering H. Matthews.
Nominal capital: £3,750.
Amount of capital subscribed: £3,750.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £187 10s.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 75,000.
Number of shares allotted: 75,000.
Amount paid per share: Nil.
Amount called up per share: Nil.
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: 8.
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: £65 18s. 8d.
Total expenditure since registration: £65 18s. 8d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £124 8s. 4d.
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): £21 14s.

I, Seering Hall Matthews, of Auckland, the Manager of the Egerton Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

SEERING H. MATTHEWS,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
before me—H. M. Shepherd, J.P. 111

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Alpha Gold-mining Company (No Liability), Preservation Inlet.
When formed, and date of registration: 16th August, 1897; 1st September, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 140, Hereford Street, Christchurch; H. A. Bruce.
Nominal capital: £24,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £24,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,400.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £12,000; nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £12,000.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 24,000.
Number of shares allotted: 24,000.
Amount paid per share: 4s. on "B's," and £1 on "A's."
Amount called up per share: 4s. on "B's."

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: 80.
Present number of shareholders: 100.
Number of men employed by company: 15.
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: £1,509 9s. 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: £902 3s. 4d.
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): £111 7s.

I, Harry Aulsebrook Bruce, of Christchurch, the Manager of the Alpha Gold-mining Company (No Liability), Preservation Inlet, 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."

H. A. BRUCE,
Manager.

Declared at Christchurch, this 19th day of January, 1898,
before me—Archd. Scott, J.P. 115

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waiwhero Sluicing Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 15th September, 1897; 28th September, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 140, Hereford Street, Christchurch; H. A. Bruce.
Nominal capital: £31,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £31,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £3,058.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £16,000; nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which cash has been paid: £16,000.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 31,000.
Number of shares allotted: 31,000.
Amount paid per share: 4s. on B's, and £1 on A's.
Amount called up per share, 5s.
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: 63.
Present number of shareholders: 69.
Number of men employed by company: 16.
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: £2,595 5s. 8d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £500 4s. 4d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £111 16s. 6d.
Amount of debts considered good: £111 16s. 6d.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Harry Aulsebrook Bruce, of Christchurch, the Manager of the Waiwhero Sluicing Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 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."

H. A. BRUCE,
Manager.

Declared at Christchurch, this 19th day of January, 1898,
before me—Archd. Scott, J.P. 116

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Dee Creek Gold-sluing Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 5th April, 1897; 6th May, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 140, Hereford Street, Christchurch; H. A. Bruce.
 Nominal capital: £36,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £36,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,577 10s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £14,100.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £14,100.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 36,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 36,000.
 Amount paid per share: A, £1; B, 2s.; C, 1s. 6d.
 Amount called up per share: C, 2s.
 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: 28.
 Present number of shareholders: 53.
 Number of men employed by company: 33.
 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: £1,571 1s. 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: £6 8s. 6d.
 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, Harry Aulsebrook Bruce, of Christchurch, the Manager of the Dee Creek Gold-sluing Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 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."

H. A. BRUCE,
 Manager.

Declared at Christchurch, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Archd. Scott, J.P. 114

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Deep Stream Amalgamated Hydraulic Sluicing Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 4th February, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Dunedin; W. R. Cook, Secretary.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £6,488 15s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £3,500; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £3,500.
 Number of shares into which the capital is divided: 10,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 10,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 90; £11 5s.
 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: 66.
 Present number of shareholders: 67.
 Number of men employed by company: Average for last seven months, 64.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold and silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: Not in operation.
 Total expenditure since registration: £8,590 12s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £34 3s. 4d.
 Amounts of debts considered good: £34 3s. 4d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £2,161 6s. 11d.

I, William Richard Cook, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Deep Stream Amalgamated Hydraulic Sluicing 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 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."

WM. R. COOK,
 Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 20th day of January, 1898 before me—H. S. Valentine, J.P. 112

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Day Dawn Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 6th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Palmerston Buildings, Auckland; William Henry Cooper, F.I.A.N.Z.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £95 1s. 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: £1,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: ½d.
 Amount called up per share: ½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 9,060.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 9,060; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 42.
 Present number of shareholders: 89.
 Number of men employed by company: 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £182 11s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,253 14s. 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: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £92 10s. 2d.

I, William Henry Cooper, of Auckland, the Manager of the Day Dawn Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

W. H. COOPER,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 13th day of January, 1898, before me—Oliver Mays, J.P. 113

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Minerva Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 5th February, 1890; 24th February, 1890.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Greymouth; G. Perotti.
 Nominal capital:
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £5,612 4s. 9d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £400.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.

Number of shares into which capital is divided : 24,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 23,720.
 Amount paid per share : 5s. 3d.
 Amount called up per share : 5s. 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Part of four calls, £160 16s. 7d.
 Number of shares forfeited : 280.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 7,381 ; £61 10s. 2d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 16.
 Present number of shareholders : 36.
 Number of men employed by company : 2.
 Quantity of gold produced during preceding year : 14 oz.
 Total quantity of gold produced since registration : 821 oz. 8 dwt. 2 gr.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £608 0s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £10,239 16s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : £175 16s. 7d.
 Amount of debts considered good : £35.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £262 17s. 8d.

I, Gerald Perotti, of Greymouth, the Manager of the Minerva 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 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."

G. PEROTTI,
 Manager.

Declared at Greymouth, this 10th day of January, 1898, before me—F. C. Dupré, J.P. 70

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Barewood Quartz-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 18th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : —; Alexander Gibson, of Dunedin, Secretary.
 Claim situated at Barewood, Hindon Mining District.
 Nominal capital : £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £420.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £420.
 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 : 480 shares fully paid up to £5 each.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 800 of £5 each.
 Number of shares allotted : 84.
 Amount paid per share : £5.
 Amount called up per share : £5.
 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 : 20.
 Present number of shareholders : 24.
 Number of men employed by company : Men are employed by Anglo-Continental Company, who have an option on the property.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : 89 oz. 3 dwt. 6 gr. retorted gold ; £341 7s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 989 oz. 6 dwt. 18 gr. retorted gold ; £3,560 14s.
 Option fees received : £666 13s. 4d.
 Other receipts : £145 19s. 5d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £759 3s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £4,236 19s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : £451 4s.
 Total amount of dividends paid : £451 4s.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £105 3s. 8d.
 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, Alexander Gibson, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Barewood Quartz-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly

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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."

ALEXANDER GIBSON,
 Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 18th day of January, 1898, before me—A. Bartleman, J.P. 69

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Poneke Gold-mining Company, Paparoa (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 15th September, 1897; 25th November, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Paparoa; Henry Kember.
 Nominal capital : £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £960.
 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 : 24,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 24,000.
 Amount paid per share : 10d.
 Amount called up per share : 10d.
 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 : 28.
 Present number of shareholders : 29.
 Number of men employed by company : 8.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £151 1s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £151 1s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £308 18s. 8d.
 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, Henry Kember, of Wellington, Manager of the Poneke Gold-mining Company, Paparoa (No Liability), 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."

HENRY KEMBER,
 Manager.

Declared at Wellington, this 8th day of January, 1898, before me—C. P. Skerrett, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 65

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Manorburn Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 28th January, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Manse Street, Dunedin; Alexander Harris.
 Nominal capital : £3,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £3,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £3,000.
 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 : 3,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 3,000.
 Amount paid per share : £1.
 Amount called up per share : £1.
 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 : 7.

Present number of shareholders : 7.
 Number of men employed by company : 7.
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year :
 791 oz. 19 dwt. 10 gr. ; £3,060 8s. 4d.
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registra-
 tion : 965 oz. 16 dwt. 9 gr. ; £3,729 13s. 10d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations
 during preceding year : £2,666 18s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £7,080 1s. 10d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £4 17s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : £71 19s. 10d.
 Amount of debts considered good : £71 19s. 10d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) :
 £427 5s. 7d.

I, Alexander Harris, of Dunedin, the Manager of the
 Manorburn Gold-dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly
 and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete
 statement of the affairs of the said company at the
 31st 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."

ALEXANDER HARRIS.

Declared at Dunedin, this 11th day of January, 1898,
 before me—G. L. Denniston, J.P. 64

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Inland Reefs Gold-mining Company
 (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 1st April, 1897 ;
 14th May, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager :
 103, Queen Street, Auckland ; John Henry Porter.
 Nominal capital : £5,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £4,600.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £251 11s. 2d.
 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 : 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 77,000.
 Amount paid per share : Nil.
 Amount called up per share : 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 32,800 ; £34 3s. 4d.
 Number of shares forfeited : 36,700.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for
 same : 36,700 ; £64 9s. 7d.
 Number of shareholders at the time of registration of com-
 pany : 38.
 Present number of shareholders : 29.
 Number of men employed by company : At present, none.
 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 opera-
 tions during preceding year : £245 1s. 5d.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £6 9s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : £34 3s. 4d.
 Amount of debts considered good : Say, £30.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £19
 8s. 4d.

I, John Henry Porter, of Auckland, the Manager of the
 Inland Reefs Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do
 solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and com-
 plete statement of the affairs of the said company at 31st
 December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration con-
 scientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of
 "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. PORTER.

Declared at Auckland, this 17th day of January, 1898,
 before me—G. B. Morris, J.P. 119

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Phoenix Water-race Company (Re-
 gistered).
 When formed, and date of registration : 12th October, 1867.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager :
 3, High Street, Dunedin ; John Mouat.
 Nominal capital : £1,500.

Amount of capital subscribed : £1,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £1,500.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of
 cash received for same (if any) : The paid-up value of scrip
 issued to shareholders was equal to the capital subscribed
 by them—namely, £1,500; no paid-up scrip whatever was
 given to shareholders.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 1,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 1,000.
 Amount paid per share : £1 10s.
 Amount called up per share : The whole.
 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 : 34.
 Present number of shareholders : 22.
 Number of men employed by company : The company's
 property is leased, and it therefore does not directly em-
 ploy any other person than the manager and an inspector.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during pre-
 ceding year : The company does not itself carry on mining
 for gold or silver, but merely supplies water for mining
 and other purposes.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since
 registration : No answer can be given to this, for the
 reasons last above stated.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations
 during preceding year : The company's property being
 leased, the whole expenditure is made by the lessees, with
 the exception of the manager's salary, directors' fees,
 office expenses, and inspection of property, which alto-
 gether amount to about £25 a year.
 Total expenditure since registration : The company, not
 being directly engaged in gold-mining, is unable to give
 any reply to this question other than that the whole of
 the company's capital was expended in the purchase of
 the company's property.
 Total amount of dividends declared : £6,075.
 Total amount of dividends paid : £6,075.
 Amount of cash at banker's : Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand : £9 11s. 3d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : There are no
 debts due to the company except the accruing rent of their
 property, of £225 a year, the next half-yearly payment of
 which falls due in July, 1898.
 Amount of debts considered good : The whole of above.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : All
 liabilities of the company have been paid up to date.

I, John Mouat, of Dunedin, the Manager of the Phoenix
 Water-race Company (Registered), 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."

JOHN MOUAT,
 Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 22nd day of January, 1898,
 before me—Ethel R. Benjamin, Solicitor, Dunedin. 118

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Nellie Gold-mining Company (No Lia-
 bility).
 When formed, and date of registration : 3rd October, 1896 ;
 22nd October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : Mine protected.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager :
 103, Queen Street, Auckland ; John Henry Porter.
 Nominal capital : £6,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £750.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of
 cash received for same (if any) : £750 ; £750.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no
 cash has been paid : £1,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 90,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 70,000.
 Amount paid per share : 6d.
 Amount called up per share : Nil.
 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 : 15.
 Present number of shareholders : 22.
 Number of men employed by company : None.

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 carrying on operations during preceding year: £361 6s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £703 13s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £4 16s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £41 10s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Henry Porter, of Auckland, the Manager of the Nellie Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of 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."

J. H. PORTER,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 17th day of January, 1898, before me—G. B. Morris, J.P. 120

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

1. The name of the company is to be the Newhaven Gold-mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is at Victoria Range, in the County of Inangahua, in the Colony of New Zealand.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Bridge Street, Township of Reefton, in the county aforesaid.
4. The nominal capital of the company is twenty-four thousand pounds, divided into twenty-four thousand shares of one pound sterling each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is twenty thousand five hundred and seventy-one.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid up is nil.
8. The name of the Manager is James Frederick Clark.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Greenish, James, Reefton, Mine-manager ..	3,429
Williams, John, Fern Flat, Farmer ..	3,428
Coghlan, Patrick, Reefton, Miner ..	3,429
McLaren, J. A. J., Reefton, Miner ..	3,428
Creagan, William, Snowy Creek, Miner ..	3,429
McBean, John, Caplestone, Miner ..	3,428
Clark, James Frederick, Reefton, Mining Agent (in trust) ..	3,429
Total ..	24,000

Dated this 10th day of January, 1898.

JAMES FREDERICK CLARK,
 Manager.

Witness to signature—W. R. Free, Law Clerk, Reefton.

I, James Frederick Clark, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. I am the Manager of the said intended company.
2. The above statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular.

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

JAMES FREDERICK CLARK.

Taken before me, at Reefton aforesaid, this 11th day of January, 1898—Walter Irving, J.P. 61

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: The Ourawera Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 23rd May, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Invercargill; Robert Erskine.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £1,600.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same: 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: 2,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 1,600.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 12.
 Present number of shareholders: 15.
 Number of men employed by company: 9.
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year: 648 oz. 10 dwt. 22 gr.; £2,561 14s.
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 1,160 oz. 6 dwt. 2 gr.; £4,583 13s. 4d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,810 8s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £5,879 7s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £320.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £120 9s. 6d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.

I, Robert Erskine, of Invercargill, the Legal Manager of the Ourawera Gold-mining Company (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."

R. ERSKINE,
 Manager.

Declared at Invercargill, this 10th day of January, 1898, before me—W. H. Hall, J.P.

THE OURAWERA GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED), ROUND HILL.—BALANCE-SHEET FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Gold .. .. .	.. .. .	1,442	8	7
Water-rents, &c. .. .. .	.. .. .	29	12	8
		<u>£1,472</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Expenditure.				
Miscellaneous expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	151	2	2
Dividends .. .. .	.. .. .	320	0	0
Working-expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	764	9	3
Plant .. .. .	.. .. .	17	0	5
Bank .. .. .	.. .. .	219	9	5
		<u>£1,472</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Liabilities.				
Capital .. .. .	.. .. .	1,600	0	0
Balance .. .. .	.. .. .	788	8	0
		<u>£2,388</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
Assets.				
Claims, plant, water-races, reservoirs, and tools	2,267	18	6	
Cash in bank	120	9	6	
	<u>£2,388</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	
Profit and Loss Account.				
1897. Dr.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31. To Working-expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	764	9	3
Dividends .. .. .	.. .. .	320	0	0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	170	9	6
Balance .. .. .	.. .. .	788	8	0
		<u>£2,043</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
1897. Cr.				
June 30. By Balance brought forward .. .. .	.. .. .	600	18	2
Dec. 31. Gold .. .. .	.. .. .	1,442	8	7
		<u>£2,043</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

R. ERSKINE,
 Legal Manager.

Examined and found correct—Chas. W. Brown, Geo. P. Paterson, Auditors.

The Ourawera Gold-mining Company (Limited), Round Hill.

In placing before shareholders the report and balance-sheet for half-year to 31st December, 1897, the directors have to congratulate them on the satisfactory position of the company. The weather having been favourable for sluicing, the results are the best yet obtained for any half-year.

A dividend of four shillings per share has been paid, and an increased balance stands to credit of profit and loss account. As the claims and plant are in good working-order, shareholders may reasonably anticipate satisfactory dividends at short intervals in the future.

You have to elect two auditors for the ensuing year.

For the directors,

JOHN FORSYTH,
Chairman.

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GOLDEN VALLEY GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

Auckland, 20th January, 1898.

To the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Auckland.

YOU will please to take notice that the Office of the Golden Valley Gold-mining Company (Limited) is situated at Nos. 10 and 11, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland; and that Mr. DENNIS GILMORE MACDONNELL has been appointed Manager.

ARTHUR WRIGHT,
TOBIAS H. KEESING, } Directors.
JOHN STRATHERN, }

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

MARY JANE MARTIN, of Milton, Spinster, claiming as sole devisee, under will dated 7th November, 1894, of JAMES MARTIN, late of Milton aforesaid, deceased, has applied to be registered as proprietor of Allotments 6, 18, 25, 28, on plan of subdivision of part of Block XVII., District of Tokomairiro, the balance of the land comprised in certificate of title, Vol. xcvi., folio 23.

I hereby give notice that I shall give effect to the said application at the expiration of one calendar month from the date of publication hereof, unless in the meantime caveat be lodged here forbidding the same.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

H. TURTON,
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 28th day of February, 1898.

2730. FRIEDERICH MARTIN and WILLIAM CHARLES ALFRED DIMOCK.—9.6 perches, part Sections 531 and 532, City of Wellington. Lately occupied by Emma Brogan.

2745. DAVID THOMSON STUART and ALEXANDER JAMES McTAVISH.—109 acres 2 roods, part of Awahou No. 6, Mount Robinson Survey District. Occupied by Applicants and John Davies.

2746. JOHN DAVIES, DAVID THOMSON STUART, and ALEXANDER JAMES McTAVISH.—941 acres 1 rood, Parikawau Block and part Aratangata Block, Manawatu District. Occupied by Applicants.

2748. DAVID THOMSON STUART and ALEXANDER JAMES McTAVISH.—10 perches, part Section 207, City of Wellington. Occupied by J. T. Mountain and H. A. Hearn as tenants.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 26th 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 parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one month from the date of the Gazette containing this notice.

8179. MARY RIORDAN.—9½ perches, part of Lot 8, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
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 the date of the Gazette containing this notice.

3430. MICHAEL FALLON.—Allotment 71 and part of Allotment 72, Section 16, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 5 acres 3 roods 29 perches. Occupied by Mrs. Sarah Alph.

3433. REGINALD FRANCIS LASCELLES.—Part of the middle portion of Allotment 83 of the Parish of Whaingaroa, containing 48 acres 1 rood 32 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3435. JOHN MARSHALL and HENRY WILLIAM HEATH.—Lot 24 of the subdivision of Allotments 10 and 11, Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 32 perches. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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

571. WILLIAM McKAY, JUN.—1 perch, Section 135, Town of Hokitika. Occupied by Charles Evans, Tailor.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Hokitika.

ALFD. H. KING,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

EMILY HANCOCK SIEDEBERG, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of New Zealand, Licentiate of Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, now residing in Dunedin, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 20th February, 1898, to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Dunedin.

E. H. SIEDEBERG, M.B., B.Ch., L.R.C.P.I.

Dated at Dunedin, 19th January, 1898.

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

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

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, 1864," 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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