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Boundaries of the Borough of New Brighton extended.

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

WHEREAS by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," it is, amongst other things, enacted that the Governor may at any time, upon the petition of the Mayor and Council of a borough, publicly notified, by a Proclamation, alter the boundaries of such borough so as to include therein any part of the foreshore or any land reclaimed from the sea adjacent to such borough: And whereas a petition has been presented to me by the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of New Brighton, praying me to alter the boundaries of the said borough so as to include therein the piece of land described in the First Schedule hereto, being foreshore adjacent to the said borough:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby proclaim and declare that the boundaries of the said borough are hereby altered so as to include within the limits of the said borough the land described in the First Schedule hereto, and that the said borough shall henceforth be bounded as specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

AREA TO BE ADDED TO THE BOROUGH OF NEW BRIGHTON.

ALL that area in the Survey Districts of Christchurch and Sumner, Canterbury Land District, situated between high- and low-water mark of the sea, from the road which forms the northern boundaries of Rural Sections Nos. 32867 and 17573 to a point in line with the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 11213, Christchurch Survey District.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

BOROUGH OF NEW BRIGHTON.—EXTENDED BOUNDARIES.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, situate in the Christchurch and Sumner Survey Districts, bounded towards the north by the road forming the northern boundaries of Rural Section No. 6856 and its continuation through Reserve No. 1579 to and along the northern boundary of Rural Sections Nos. 33181, 32867, and 17573, and its

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production to low-water mark of the sea: thence towards the north-east and south-west by low-water mark of the sea and low-water mark of the estuary of the Heathcote and Avon Rivers, to a point in line with the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 11213, Christchurch Survey District; thence by the left bank of the Avon River to the bridge on the road to New Brighton, near the westernmost corner of Reserve No. 3061; thence by the road to New Brighton to its junction with the North Avon Road: thence again towards the north-east by the said North Avon Road to the Racecourse Road: and thence towards the west by the said Racecourse Road, passing Sections Nos. 4665, 6335, 7196, and 6856, to the road forming the northern boundary of the last-mentioned section aforesaid: including that portion of Section No. 460 to the eastward of the present channel of the Avon River.

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 Christchurch, this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. C. WALKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.
WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
WANGANUI COUNTY.—MAKOTUKU SURVEY DISTRICT.—RAETHI VILLAGE.			
	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
250	8 0 33	4 9-6	0 19 8
255, 256, 275	16 2 2	4 9-6	1 19 8
276, 277	12 2 38	4 9-6	1 10 8
278, 280	15 0 27	4 0	1 10 5
279, 281	9 3 34	5 7-2	1 7 10
282, 284	10 1 16	3 7-2	0 18 8
285, 287	12 3 13	4 9-6	1 10 10
RANGITIKEI COUNTY.—TAIHAPE VILLAGE.			
16	73 2 0	1 7-2	2 18 10
17	38 3 0	1 7-2	1 11 0
20	34 0 20	1 7-2	1 7 4
23	12 2 0	4 0	1 5 0
24	6 2 0	4 9-6	0 15 8
27	15 0 8	4 0	1 10 2
28	10 1 30	4 9-6	1 5 1

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Additional Land taken at Mosgiel Station for the Purposes of the Waitaki-Bluff Railway.

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

WHEREAS it has been found desirable for the use, convenience, and enjoyment of the Waitaki-Bluff Railway to take further land at Mosgiel Station, in addition to land previously acquired for the purposes of the said railway:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by sections twenty-eight and one hundred and sixty-seven of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is taken for the purposes above mentioned.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 0 1 35	Sections 19, 20, and 21, Stuart Town	Irregular Block	East Taieri.
0 1 20	Sections 17 and 18, Stuart Town		
0 0 15	Section 16, Stuart Town		
0 2 18	Road	Between Block III. and Irregular Block	East Taieri.

All in the Land District of Otago; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18115,

deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red, purple, and green.

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 Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Additional Land taken in Hawke's Bay County for the Purposes of the Wellington-Napier Railway.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has been found desirable for the use, convenience, and enjoyment of the Wellington-Napier Railway to take further land in Hawke's Bay County, in addition to land previously acquired for the purposes of the said railway:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by sections twenty-eight and one hundred and sixty-seven of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is taken for the purposes above mentioned.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 65 0 0	Ngatarawa No. 1A Block	XIII.	Heretaunga.
12 3 35	Ngatarawa No. 2B Block	{ XIII. XVI.	Heretaunga. Matapiro.
11 2 0	Ngatarawa No. 2E Block	XVI.	Matapiro.
5 3 25	Ngatarawa No. 2D Block	{ XVI. IV.	Matapiro. Maraekakaho.
99 0 0	Lot 5 of Subdivision A, Heretaunga Block	{ IX. XIII.	Heretaunga.
8 2 20	Ngatarawa No. 1 Block	XIII.	Heretaunga.

All in the Land District of Hawke's Bay; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plans marked P.W.D. 18117, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red, green, purple, and sepia.

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 Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land taken for a Road near Marton in Connection with the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway.

(L.S.) RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain public work, to wit, the construction of a road near Marton in connection with the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway

And whereas agreements for the taking of the estate in fee-simple of the said land have been entered into, and it has been made to appear that such agreements are sufficient for the purposes intended to be effected thereby:

And whereas a plan has been prepared in duplicate showing accurately the position and extent of the said land, and the Minister for Public Works has recommended that this Proclamation should be issued:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities in me vested by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for the purposes of the construction of the said road. And it is hereby declared that this Proclamation shall take effect on and after the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P.			
2 3 14	8	III.	Rangitoto.
2 0 26	7	III.	Rangitoto.

In the Land District of Wellington; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18116, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured green and neutral tint.

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 Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Districts constituted under "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Marriage Act, 1880," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing marriage district known as the Hokianga District, and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said district is hereby divided anew into three marriage districts, the names and boundaries whereof shall be as follow:—

HOKIANGA DISTRICT.

All that area in the Auckland Land District bounded towards the north-west by the Mangonui County from the mouth of the Herekino River to a point due north of the northernmost corner of Section No. 40, Block II., Whangape Survey District: thence towards the east and north-east generally by a right line to the said northernmost corner of Section No. 40; thence by that section and Sections Nos. 39, 35, and 1, Block II. aforesaid, by Sections Nos. 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, and 26, Block III., and by the road forming the southern boundaries of Sections Nos. 26 and 25, to the road forming the western boundaries of Sections Nos. 9 and 10, Block III. aforesaid, Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block V., Whangape Survey District; thence by the latter road and its continuation in a southerly direction through Native land to the Whakarapa River; thence by a line along the middle of that river, and across the Hokianga River at the mouth of the Whirinaki River, and by a line along the middle of the said Whirinaki River to the western boundary-line of the Manawakiaia Block; thence by that block, a forest reserve (150 acres), and by the eastern boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 7 and 9, Block XII., Waoku Survey District, and the eastern boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 19 (Special Settlement), Block XVI., Waoku Survey District, to the south-eastern corner of the last-mentioned section; thence by a right line running due

east to the Tewaioikumurau River; thence by a line along the middle of that river to the confluence of the last-mentioned river with the Mangakahia River; thence by a line along the middle of the Mangakahia River to the road which forms the boundary between the Counties of Hokianga and Bay of Islands; and thence by that road to its intersection by a right line drawn between Trig. Stations 18 and 43 (Tutamoe): thence towards the south-east and south by the County of Hobson: and towards the south-west by the sea.

KOHUKOHU DISTRICT.

All that area in the Auckland Land District bounded towards the north-west by the Mangonui County from a point due north of the northernmost corner of Section No. 40, Block II., Whangape Survey District, to the road forming the western boundary of Section No. 24, Pupuke Parish: thence towards the north-east generally by the road forming the western boundaries of Sections Nos. 24, 26, 28, and 30, Pupuke Parish, and that road continued to the north-western boundary of Section No. 57; thence by Sections Nos. 57 and 58, Pupuke Parish aforesaid, to the Whakatereki River; thence by a line along the middle of that river to the Mangapapa River; thence by a line along the middle of the Mangapapa River to the Waipapa River; thence by a line along the middle of the last-mentioned river to the Waihou River: thence towards the south-east by a line along the middle of the Waihou River to the Hokianga River, and by a line along the middle of the latter river to the Whakarapa River: thence towards the west generally by a line along the middle of the Whakarapa River, from the Hokianga River, to the road which runs northward to the southern boundary of Section No. 12, Block V., Whangape Survey District; thence by that road and the road forming the western boundaries of Sections Nos. 12, 11, 10, 9, and 8, Block V., Whangape Survey District, and forming also the western boundaries of Sections Nos. 10, 9, and 24, Block III., to the road forming the southern boundaries of Sections No. 25 and 26; thence by the last-mentioned road, by the north-western boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 26 and 27, by the south-western boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Block III., and by the south-western boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 1, 35, 39, and 40, to the northernmost corner of the last-mentioned section; and thence by a right line running due north to the southern boundary-line of the Mangonui County, the place of commencement.

RAWENE.

All that area in the Auckland Land District bounded towards the north-west by a line along the middle of the Hokianga and Waihou Rivers: towards the north-east generally by the Bay of Islands County: and towards the south-west generally by a line along the middle of the Mangakahia and Tewaioikumurau Rivers, from the western boundary of the Bay of Islands County to a point in line with the southern boundary-line of Section No. 19, Block XVI., Waoku Survey District; thence by a right line running due west to that section; thence by the following special settlement—viz., Nos. 19, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, and 24, Block XVI., and Nos. 9, 7, 5, and 4, Block XII., Waoku Survey District, and by the southern and part of the western boundaries of Manawakiaia Block, to the Whirinaki River; and thence by a line along the middle of that river to the Hokianga River aforesaid.

And I hereby declare that this Proclamation shall come into operation on the first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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 Christchurch, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. C. WALKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Districts constituted under "The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1875."

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

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1875," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of

Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing registration district known as the Hokianga District; and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said district is hereby divided anew into three registration districts, the names whereof shall be the Hokianga, Kohukohu, and Rawene Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

And I hereby declare that this Proclamation shall come into operation on the first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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 Christchurch, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. C. WALKER.

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.

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.

Changing the Purpose of a Reserve in Auckland.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 2 of Block X. (formerly part of Section No. 1 of same block) of the Town of Kawhia, and containing by admeasurement 3 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 1 of Block X. of the Town of Kawhia, 676 links; towards the east by Cowell Street, 238 links; towards the south by Powewe Street, 516 links; and towards the south-west and north-west by the Kawhia P Block, 248 and 505 links respectively, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,

Minister of Lands.

Rules and Regulations for the Management of the Papakaio Portion of the Waitaki Islands.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by section four of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), the Governor is empowered to make, alter, or revoke rules, regulations, and orders for, among other things, the care, management, and protection in every manner of all unoccupied Crown lands: Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by the said Act, do hereby make the following rules, regulations, and orders for the care and management of the Crown lands within the banks of the Waitaki River described in the First Schedule to such regulations, which shall hereafter be known as the Papakaio portion of the Waitaki Islands, and do hereby declare that such regulations shall come into force on the day of the gazetting hereof.

REGULATIONS.

1. For the purpose of carrying out these regulations five persons shall be elected at a public meeting of the holders of licenses to depasture cattle or stock upon the said islands (hereinafter termed "licensed holders"), at Awamoko, on Thursday, the seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and the names of such persons, when so elected, shall be submitted to the Governor for approval; and, if so approved, shall be a Committee for the care, management, and protection of the said islands, and shall be known as the "Papakaio (Waitaki Islands) Committee" (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"). Three of such Committee shall retire by ballot in December in each year, but they shall be eligible for reappointment as hereinafter provided.

2. On the first Wednesday in January in each year an election shall take place from among the "licensed holders" for the purpose of electing three members of the Committee instead of the three retiring members; and the names of such persons, when so elected, shall be submitted to the Governor for approval, and if so approved they shall take the place of the three retiring members.

3. The Committee shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Wednesday in each month, at two o'clock p.m., at Duntroon, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. The words "great cattle" shall be construed to mean and include cattle, horses, mules, and asses, male or female, and their offspring above six months of age; and the words "small cattle" shall be construed to mean sheep, male and female, and their offspring above the age of six months.

11. License-holders may run great or small cattle upon the lands described in the First Schedule upon the conditions mentioned in the depasturing license, to be obtained as hereinafter provided.

12. Persons desirous of obtaining a depasturing license must lodge with the Receiver of Land Revenue at Dunedin an application in writing in the form or to the effect contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and deposit therewith the license-fee payable hereunder. If such application be refused the fee shall be refunded to the applicant.

13. The Committee shall have power to refuse to grant any license, also to limit the number of cattle which may be depastured under any license. They shall also have power to specify the kind of cattle which may be depastured under any license.

14. The number of cattle to be depastured shall be mentioned in the license, and the rent to be paid in respect of such license shall be calculated upon the following scale, that is to say:—

For every head of great cattle	s.	d.
mentioned in the license	4	0
per annum.		

For every head of small cattle	1	0
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Every such license shall be in the form or to the effect contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in every year, when such license may be renewed in accordance with the foregoing provisions. Every license shall be granted subject to the conditions herein set forth, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

15. The revenue derived from license-fees or otherwise from the said islands shall stand first charged with the cost of the destruction and prevention of the spreading of rabbits upon such islands, such cost to be ascertained in such manner as may be fixed and determined by the Chief Inspector of Stock.

16. All cattle depastured must be branded, and the brand and a description of the cattle must be registered with the Ranger. The Ranger shall issue a certificate of registration in such form as he thinks fit, and the fee for every such certificate shall be one shilling. But if the brand is registered with the application, no further registration shall be necessary.

17. No great cattle suffering from any disease shall be depastured upon, nor shall any pigs or goats be allowed to trespass or be at large upon or within, the lands described in the First Schedule. No bull, ram, or stallion shall be depastured without the express permission in writing of the Chairman of the Committee. Any person or persons committing a breach of this provision shall be liable, on the information of such Chairman, as for trespass of cattle on Crown lands; and the Chairman of Committee for the time being is hereby empowered to lay any such information.

18. If any licensee shall at any time commit or suffer a breach of the conditions or terms upon which the license is granted, as the same are herein set forth, the Chairman of the Committee may, on such evidence as he thinks fit, cancel and determine the license held by such licensee, and he shall have no claim to any refund or allowance in respect thereof.

19. No person shall remove beyond the boundary of the land described in the First Schedule any cattle other than those belonging to him, or for the removal of which he shall have authority from the Ranger, under a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

20. If any person, not being licensed as aforesaid, shall depasture any great cattle or small cattle upon the lands described in the First Schedule, or a greater number of such cattle than shall have been apportioned to him, every such person shall be liable, on the information of the Chairman of Committee, as for trespass of cattle on Crown lands, and also to any penalty or disability imposed in respect of unlawful occupation of Crown land.

21. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to interfere with the powers or duties of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district in which the lands described in the First Schedule are situated, whether under "The Land Act, 1892," or under any other law or statute for the time being in force; and the said lands described in the First Schedule

hereto shall, subject to the special provisions hereinbefore made, remain and be Crown lands for the purpose of the said Act, and subject thereto.

First Schedule.

All the Crown lands situated in the bed of the Waitaki River between the mouth of that river and the eastern boundary of the Maruenua Survey District, except the two islands known as River Conservation Reserves Nos. 2835 and 2836, containing 16 acres and 3 acres respectively, and lying at the mouth of the river on the Canterbury side.

Second Schedule.

(1.) Form of Application.

Pursuant to the regulations made under "The Land Act, 1892," I hereby apply for a license to depasture [Here insert number] head of cattle upon the Papakaio portion of the Waitaki Islands, such cattle being or to be forthwith branded as follows—viz., [Here insert description of stock—colour, sex, and brand of each]; and I agree to pay the prescribed fee for such license in respect of each head of such cattle in accordance therewith.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 189____
 Name in full: _____
 Address: _____
 Occupation: _____

Received, £ _____,
 _____, Receiver of Land Revenue.

(2.) Form of License.

Pursuant to the regulations made under "The Land Act, 1892," [Name, address, and occupation of licensee] is hereby licensed to depasture on the Papakaio portion of the Waitaki Islands the following—[Insert description of cattle as to number, brands, &c., in respect of great cattle]; and has paid the sum of £ _____ for issue of this license, being at the rate of _____ for each head of stock. This license is to be in force until the 31st December, 189____, and is issued subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the said regulations.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 189____

 Chairman of Papakaio (Waitaki Islands) Committee.

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.

Vaccination Districts constituted.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Public Health Act, 1876," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing vaccination district known as the Hokianga District, and do declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said district is hereby divided anew into three vaccination districts, the names whereof shall be the Hokianga, Kohukohu, and Rawene Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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

W. C. WALKER.

Revoking Warrants making Rules and Regulations for the Management of certain Portions of the Waitaki Islands.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by section four of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby revoke the three warrants dated the eleventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 69, of the nineteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, making rules and regulations for the management of the Nutuawa, Papakaio, and Awamoko portions of the Waitaki Islands.

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.

Fixing Shooting Season for Deer, License-fee, &c., Nelson District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify that red-deer stags and fallow-deer bucks may be taken or killed within the Nelson District, comprising the Counties of Waimea, Buller, and Collingwood, from the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, both inclusive (subject, nevertheless, to the restrictions in the said Acts mentioned); and I do further notify that licenses to take or kill such game within the said district shall be issued on payment of the sum of twenty shillings each, and that no licensee shall be allowed to kill more than six bucks or stags, and that licenses to sell such game shall be issued on payment of the sum of five pounds each; and the Chief Postmaster at Nelson and the Postmaster at Westport are hereby appointed to issue the said licenses.

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

W. C. WALKER.

Rural Lands in the Canterbury 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 ninth day of March, 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.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—ASHBURTON COUNTY.—SHEPHERD'S BUSH SURVEY DISTRICT.—HEKEAO SETTLEMENT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.		£ s. d.		
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.			
14	VII.	A. R. P. 65 1 27	s. d. 6 0	} 10 18 9			
2	"	22 2 1	2 0				
5	"	71 2 35	6 0				
6	"	68 1 25	6 0				
6A	"	12 0 0	0 6				
12	"	85 1 4	6 0				
7	"	70 0 22	6 0				
7A	"	17 0 0	0 6				
10	III.	85 3 1	6 0				
8	VII.	142 1 0	6 6			} 58 12 0	
8A	"	14 0 0	0 6				
9	III.	217 1 7	6 6			} 41 1 5	
19	"	328 2 10	5 0				
22	"	232 1 17	4 6				
23	"	195 0 0	6 6				
24	"	258 3 37	6 3				
27	"	259 1 39	6 3				
29	"	10 0 0	6 0				
30	"	10 0 0	6 0				
31	"	5 0 0	6 0				
32	"	5 0 0	6 0				
33	"	5 0 0	6 0				
34	"	5 0 0	6 0				

Sections 14 and 2, Block VII., form one allotment; Sections 5, 6, 6A, and 12, Block VII., form one allotment; Sections 7 and 7A, Block VII., and 10, Block III., form one

allotment; Sections 8 and 8A, Block VII., and 9, Block III., form one allotment. Each of the remaining sections is one allotment.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Extra Aide-de-Camp to the Governor appointed.

Government House,
Wellington, 22nd January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Lieutenant ARTHUR CHARLES WELLESLEY,
4th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, to be an extra Aide-de-Camp on his staff.

By command,
DUDLEY ALEXANDER, Captain,
Private Secretary.

Inspector of Weights and Measures, Borough of Hawksbury, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable JOHN BURROWS

to be an Inspector of Weights and Measures under "The Weights and Measures Act, 1868," and the Acts amending the same, for the Borough of Hawksbury.

W. C. WALKER.

Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts, Otago District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

SAMUEL COUSINS,
ALEXANDER COWIE, and
THOMAS HENDERSON

to be Rangers under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, for the District of Otago.

W. C. WALKER.

Public Vaccinator, Shannon District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ALEXANDER BRONTÉ, Esq., L.R.C.S. Edin., &c.,

to be a Public Vaccinator, under "The Public Health Act, 1876," for the District of Shannon.

W. C. WALKER.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th January, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
STRICKLAND STONESTREET FIELD	.. Christchurch.
WILLIAM NOSWORTHY..	.. Wairau.
THOMAS CULPAN ..	.. Auckland.

W. C. WALKER.

Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th January, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
ROBERT GUTHRIE JAMIESON (On and from 22nd January, 1898.)	Pleasant Point.
MATHERS WILLIAM LETTS (On and from 1st March, 1898.)	Hokianga.
WILLIAM ANDERSON GILFILLAN (On and from 1st March, 1898.)	Kohukohu.
THOMAS LUMSDEN MILLAR (On and from 1st March, 1898.)	Rawene.

W. C. WALKER.

Appointment of Acting Vice-Consul for Germany at Wellington recognised provisionally.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has recognised provisionally the appointment by the Consul-General of the German Empire at Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, of

EBERHARD FOCKE, Esq.,

as Acting Vice-Consul for Germany at Wellington.

W. C. WALKER.

Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts, Hawke's Bay District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY O'NEILL and
WILLIAM FRANKLIN MAWE,

to be Rangers under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, for the District of Hawke's Bay.

W. C. WALKER.

Clerks of Courts appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 28th January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable WILLIAM BERN

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Rotorua, from the 5th instant, *vice* Sergeant W. Murray, transferred;

Constable DENIS BROSDNAHAN

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Waipawa, from the 7th instant, *vice* Sergeant J. Treanor, transferred;

Constable THOMAS JOHNSON DRAKE

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Ormondville, from the 6th instant, *vice* Sergeant J. Siddells, transferred;

Constable JOHN DOUGAN

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Temuka and Clerk of the Licensing Committee for the District of Geraldine, from the 6th instant, *vice* Sergeant T. Bourke, transferred;

Constable DUNCAN MACRAE

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Milton and Clerk of the Licensing Committee for the District of Bruce, from the 6th instant, *vice* Sergeant T. King, transferred; and

Constable JOHN BURROWS

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Hawksbury, from the 13th instant, *vice* Constable Warring, transferred.

T. THOMPSON.

Deputy Assignee appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 31st January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES WILKINSON COOKE

to be the Deputy of the Official Assignee at Oamaru, *vice* E. A. Atkinson, resigned.

T. THOMPSON.

Member of Marlborough Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to reappoint

CHARLES HOUGHTON MILLS

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Marlborough, as from the 28th December, 1897.

JOHN MCKENZIE,

Minister of Lands.

Trustee of Te Aroha Racecourse appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

FRANCIS PAVITT,

of Te Aroha, Surveyor, to be a Trustee of Te Aroha Racecourse, in place of Thomas Bradley, deceased.

JOHN MCKENZIE,

Minister of Lands.

Inspectors of Factories appointed.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 1st February, 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 ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY	North Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.
Constable JOHN BURROWS	Middle Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Labour.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Hawera County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th January, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

HAWERA COUNTY COUNCIL.

LOAN of £650, under the Provisions of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and the Amendments thereof, for forming and metalling the Hunter Road from a Point half-way along the Frontage of Section 31, Block IX., Ngaire, to the Eltham Road.

NOTICE is hereby given that the poll of ratepayers taken on 24th instant resulted as follows:-

Number of voters on roll, 8; number of votes exercisable, 9; Number of voters for proposal, 5; number of votes for proposal, 6.

I therefore declare the proposal to be carried.

JOHN HESLOP,

Hawera, 26th January, 1898.

Chairman.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Manganui Road District, County of Stratford.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

MANGANUI ROAD BOARD.

RESULT of poll of ratepayers of the Upper Radnor Road Special Rating-area, taken on Monday, 24th January, 1898, upon the proposal to raise a loan of £300 under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of completing the draining, culverting, and formation required to give access to the sections in Block XVI., Egmont, on the upper portion of Radnor Road, and of forming and metalling a portion of the road, commencing at the eastern boundary of Section 24, Manganui, and extending westward about 40 chains; to set aside the Land Fund money accruing from Sections 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, Block XVI., Egmont, for the purpose of paying interest on this loan; to strike as security on this loan a special rate of 3½d. in the pound over the following lands—namely, Sections 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, Block XVI., Egmont Survey District:-

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 7; number of votes exercisable, 7; Number of votes recorded for the proposal, 7.

I therefore declare the proposal carried.

JOSEPH MACKAY,

Chairman.

Special Order made by the Rangitikei County Council, merging the Hunterville Road District.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

THE following special order, made by the Rangitikei County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Counties Act, 1886."

WM. HALL-JONES.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL.

Special Order merging Hunterville Road District.

RESOLVED, That it be a special order of the Rangitikei County Council that the Road Board of the Hunterville Road District be dissolved, and that such road district be merged in the Rangitikei County; such special order to take effect from the date of its publication in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Rangitikei County Council held on the 22nd day of December, 1897, and confirmed at a special meeting of the said Council held on the 29th day of January, 1898.

J. W. MARSHALL,
Chairman.

Marton, 29th January, 1898.

Election of Trustee of Sluggish River Land-drainage District, County of Manawatu.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st January, 1898.

THE following result of the election of a Trustee of the Sluggish River Land-drainage District has been received from the Returning Officer, and is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893."

R. H. GOVETT,
For Under-Secretary.

Sluggish River Land-drainage District:
William Duncan.

Notice to Mariners, No. 10 of 1898.

POSITION OF WRECK OF BARQUENTINE "WAITEMATA," IN THE HAURAKI GULF.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 2nd February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the barquentine "Waitemata," which sunk after collision with the s.s. "Stella," lies in the fairway, in 13 fathoms of water, inside Tiritiri Island, in the Hauraki Gulf. The vessel is S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., about four miles from the lighthouse, and the masts are above water. An iron buoy painted black has been laid down to mark the position of the wreck.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Altering Time of Meeting of the Marlborough Land Board.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 21st January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified for public information that His Excellency the Governor has, in pursuance of subsection 1 of section 48 of "The Land Act, 1892," approved of the meetings of the Marlborough Land Board being held on the second Monday in each month at 10 o'clock a.m., instead of 11 o'clock as at present.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Notice as to Day for Closing under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894."

WHEREAS the local authorities respectively mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto have duly notified to me that the days upon which the shops in their respective districts shall be closed, pursuant to the provisions of "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," are the days set opposite their respective names in the second column of the said Schedule: Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers in this behalf conferred upon me by the said Act, I, Thomas Thompson, acting for and on behalf of the Minister of Labour, do hereby appoint that the said respective days shall be the days upon which all shops within the said respective districts shall be closed.

SCHEDULE.

Auckland	Wednesday.
Wellington	"
Dunedin	"
Invercargill	"
Lower Hutt and Petone	"
Christchurch	Thursday.

T. THOMPSON,
For Minister of Labour.

Tenders for Mail Steam-service to Chatham Islands.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 24th January, 1898.

ALTERNATIVE tenders will be received at the Chief Post-office, Christchurch, until noon of Saturday, the 19th February, 1898, for the conveyance of mails by steamer to and from the Chatham Islands, calling at such places in the group as may be determined upon by the Postmaster-General—first, for a service once a month; second, for a service once every two months; and, third, for a service once every three months—for one and for two years from the 1st April, 1898, with Lyttelton or Wellington as the optional port of departure and arrival in New Zealand, or with Wellington as the port of departure and Lyttelton the port of arrival.

Tenders, indorsed "Tender for Chatham Islands Mail-service," to be addressed to the Chief Postmaster, Christchurch.

Names, tonnage, and horse-power of steamers proposed to be used to be stated.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

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 Hall-Jones, 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 7th day of February, 1898:—

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

SECTIONAL FARES FOR MESSRS. COOK AND SONS' TOURS.

By Rail only, via Rimutaka.		Single Fares.		Return Fares.		
From or to	To or from	Days available for, including Day of Issue.	First Class.	Second Class.	First Class.	Second Class.
Waitara ..	Wellington	8	46/4	30/10	65/2	43/5

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

PART III.—GOODS: REGULATIONS.

(26.) STORAGE.

Sixpence per ton per day will be charged on all goods not removed from Palmerston North and New Plymouth Stations within twelve working-hours from time of their arrival. Minimum charge, 6d.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

AUCKLAND SECTION.

Class K.

Log timber consigned from Helensville to Onehunga Wharf will be charged 1s. 6d. per hundred superficial feet, including wharfage, but excluding loading and unloading charges.

PART V.—CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS, LIVESTOCK, PARCELS, AND LUGGAGE.

Oil, shale, in 2-ton lots. Owners' risk ..	..	Class D
Shale oil, .. .. .	..	" D

PART VI.—WHARVES.

AUCKLAND SECTION.

Mercer Wharf.

	s.	d.
Cattle and horses, per head	0	6
Sheep, pigs, goats, per head	0	1
Grain and flour, per ton	1	0
Timber, per 100 superficial feet	0	3
Posts and rails, per 100	1	0
Shingles, per 1,000	0	3
Palings, per 100	0	2
Firewood, per cord	1	0
Bricks, per 100	0	3
Slates, per 100	0	6
Coal (native), per ton	Free.	
Lime, limestone, sand, per ton	0	6
Shells, undressed building-stones, or shingle, per ton	0	6
Drainpipes, per ton (ship measurement)	1	0
400-gallon tanks (empty), each	1	0
Manure of any kind, or bones, per ton	1	0
Wool, per bale, not exceeding 4 cwt.	0	3
Flax and tow	Free.	
Tallow, per ton	1	3
Hides, each	0	0½

Sheepskins and rabbitskins, per bale, not exceeding 2 cwt.	s. d.
For every vehicle of four wheels	0 2
For every vehicle of two wheels	5 0
Agricultural produce not otherwise specified, per ton	2 6
Fencing-wire and materials, per ton	1 0
Other goods not enumerated above, per ton, weight or measurement, at the option of the Wharfinger..	0 6
Minimum charge in all cases	2 0
Returned empties	0 6
	Free.

Labour.

Receiving and delivering, for all kinds of goods, per ton	1 0
Packages exceeding half a ton weight, by arrangement.	
Timber: For each handling by the railway, 3d. per 100 ft. will be charged. (Handling not compulsory.)	

As witness my hand, this second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Acting for Minister for Railways.

Tender for Letter-carriers' and Telegraph Messengers' Satchels and Leggings and Telegraph Linemen's Valises.

THE following tender has been accepted by the Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.
General Post Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1898. W. GRAY, Secretary.

Tenderer.	Letter-carriers'				Telegraph Messengers' Satchels.	Telegraph Linemen's Valises.
	Satchels.			Leggings.		
	Large.	Medium.	Small.			
J. E. Evans, Wellington	s. d. 20 0	s. d. 16 6	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 5 3	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 16 0

Result of University Scholarships and Schools of Mines Examinations.

Mines Department, Wellington, 27th January, 1898.

THE following table, showing the results of the recent Schools of Mines examinations, and for university scholarships in connection therewith, is published for general information.

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister of Mines.

RESULT OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND SCHOOLS OF MINES EXAMINATIONS.
Thames School of Mines.

Name of Student.	Practical Chemistry (Senior).	Practical Chemistry (Junior).	Theoretical Chemistry (Senior).	Theoretical Chemistry (Junior).	Theoretical Chemistry, Elementary.	Practical Assaying (Senior).	Practical Assaying (Junior).	Practical Assaying, Wet (Senior).	Practical Assaying, Wet (Junior).	Mineralogy.	Metallurgy of Gold and Silver.	Mining.	Ventilation and Explosives.	Pumping and Wind-ing.	General and Mining Geology.	Land and Mining Surveying.	Map-drawing.	Mechanical Drawing.
K. M. Barrance	100	..	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	95	90	..	70	95	87	75
W. Donovan	100	..	97	..	..	100	..	80	..	90	94	93	86	81	85	67	80	78
H. E. Metcalfe	100	..	85	..	..	90	..	94	..	96	97	95	95	86	85	55	75	75
E. J. Banks	71	..	78	..	..	97	..	96	..	73	93	78	66	80	65	67	85	77
H. Croucher	73	..	67	..	..	86	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	90	..
D. Hughes	90	80	76	..	..	..	..
W. W. Browne	..	65	..	..	..	98	..	..	90	52	..	..	..	..	..	24	60	..
M. D. O'Keefe	85	70	65	..	13	50	..
A. Whitley	95	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. S. Morrin	86	..	72	..	..	93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. J. Gillies	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. B. Empson	..	60	..	51	..	74	..	..	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. Causley	68	..	..	..	..	92	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
G. Heimbrod	78	95	..
A. Campbell	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
L. Gordon
R. McQuade	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F. Wells	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
A. Somerville
W. Dare	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
D. Twohill	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F. Jones	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
G. Foy	62	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F. W. Hetherington	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
L. Thorburn	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Y. Williams
A. H. Wilson	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. Moyle	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
C. Clark	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* No award made.

NOTE.—Messrs. K. M. Barrance, W. Donovan, and H. E. Metcalfe were the only scholarship candidates.

Mangles Bridge.

TENDERS will be invited up to the 28th February for the construction of a suspension-bridge.

Plans, &c., to be seen, after 8th February, at Westport, Greymouth, Nelson, Wellington, Christchurch, and Wanganui.

Tenders to be addressed to the Minister of Lands, Wellington.

F. W. WITHER,
Road-surveyor.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 2 roods 39.5 perches, more or less, being Lots 10 and 15, Block VII., Town of Lincoln, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Lot 10 being of triangular shape, and having a frontage to the Town Belt thereof of 280 links, and Lot 15 having a frontage to James Street of 100 links by a depth of 250 links to said Lot 10. The last registered owner was James Edward FitzGerald, now deceased, whose legal representatives disclaim ownership, and who, it is believed, in his lifetime sold these lots to some person or persons unknown.

WHEREAS the Public Trustee has instituted inquiries, and has not thereby ascertained who the owner or owners of the above-described land is or are, and believes that such owner is, or owners are, not in the colony:

Now, this notice calls upon such owner or owners, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice in this *Gazette*, to establish to the satisfaction of the Public Trustee his or their title to the land specified in this notice; and, if such owner does or owners do not, within the time limited, so establish his or their title, the Public Trustee will exercise the powers and authorities granted to him in and by "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894."

Dated this 31st day of January 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 50 acres, more or less, being Allotment 86, Parish of Pukekura, in the Provincial District of Auckland. The grantee and last registered owner was John Finin, described as of Auckland, settler, who cannot be traced. This land is at present in the occupation of Mr. Arthur R. Miller.

WHEREAS the Public Trustee has instituted inquiries, and has not thereby ascertained who the owner or owners of the above-described land is or are, and believes that such owner is, or owners are, not in the colony:

Now, this notice calls upon such owner or owners, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice in this *Gazette*, to establish to the satisfaction of the Public Trustee his or their title to the land specified in this notice; and if such owner does or owners do not, within the time limited, so establish his or their title, the Public Trustee will exercise the powers and authorities granted to him in and by "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894."

Dated this 1st day of February, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 1 rood 2 perches, more or less, being Lot 4, Block VII., on a subdivision of the Town of Lincoln, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, having a frontage to Leinster Terrace, and being part of Rural Section 2223. The grantee and last registered owner was James Edward FitzGerald, now deceased, who, it is believed, sold this parcel of land to one Fielder Reynolds, and this is all that can be traced respecting ownership.

WHEREAS the Public Trustee has instituted inquiries, and has not thereby ascertained who the owner or owners of the above-described land is or are, and believes that such owner is, or owners are, not in the colony:

Now, this notice calls upon such owner or owners, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice in this *Gazette*, to establish to the satisfaction of the Public Trustee his or their title to the land specified in this notice, and if such owner does or owners do not, within the time

limited, so establish his or their title, the Public Trustee will exercise the powers and authorities granted to him in and by "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894."

Dated this 1st day of February, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

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

Hans Kruhl, late of Lyttelton, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, mariner. Filed on the 31st January, 1898.

Matt Matson, otherwise known as Matts Mattson, late of Pahautanui, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 31st January, 1898.

Louis Jones, otherwise known as Louis Llewellyn, late of Ophir, in the Provincial District of Otago, miner. Filed on the 31st January, 1898.

Elizabeth May, late of Waianiwa, in the Provincial District of Otago, widow. Filed on the 31st January, 1898.

Edmund Prendergast, late of Lyttelton, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, warder. Filed on the 31st January, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Appointment of Agent to the Public Trustee at Ashburton.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

IT is hereby notified for general information that

ALFRED AUGUSTUS FOOKS, Esq.,

has been appointed to be Sub-agent to the Public Trustee at Ashburton from the 1st day of January, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Crown Lands Notices.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, withdrawn from Sale.

Lands and Survey Department,
Auckland, 17th January, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the kauri and totara timber standing upon Block XIII., Mangakahia Survey District, and Section 3, Block XVI., Tutamoe, and Section 3, Block XIII., Mangakahia Survey Districts, advertised for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 25th February next, has been withdrawn from sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
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.

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 ls. 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 Rental.	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 NGA-WAI 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. 53 12 9	21 years.
398 and 447 (grouped)	Nokomai, Kingstons, 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.
FIORD COUNTY.				
492	.. ..	20,000	5 0 0	21 years.

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

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

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

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

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

Arapawa Survey District: Run No. 66, 1,200 acres; term, 14 years; upset annual rent, £5.
Spray Survey District: Run No. 108 (Castle), 7,000 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £21.
Taylor Pass Survey District: Run No. 112 (Dumgree), 2,900 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £30.
Spray Survey District: Run No. 116 (Upcot), 21,800 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £50.
Tapuaenuku Survey District: Run No. 118 (Gladstone), 9,800 acres; term, 21 years; upset annual rent, £15.
Whernside and Tapuaenuku Survey Districts: Run No. 121 (Kekerangu), 71,700 acres; term, 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	A. R. P. VII. 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.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the lease of the under-mentioned reserve, situated near the Hurunui-Greta Bridge, Cheviot Estate, for a term of seven years, will be received up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th March, 1898. Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch, and marked on the outside "Tender for Hurunui-Greta Stock Reserve," and must be accompanied by a post-office order, or by bank draft or cheque, marked "Correct for fourteen days" by the bank on which it is drawn, for the amount of a half-year's rent of the reserve at the rate tendered, together with a license-fee of £1 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 ½d. per head for sheep.

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

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

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale.

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

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

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

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

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

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Otago, for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

PASTORAL LANDS.

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

Run 17c, Waitaki County: Area, 626 acres; term, seven years; upset annual rental, £13; valuation for improvements, £70 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., Maruwenua District, Waitaki County: Area, 617 acres 3 roods; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £18 0s. 6d.; valuation for improvements, £117 11s. Undulating tussock country; part agricultural; well watered; situated about two miles and a half from Livingstone.

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

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

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

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

Run 328a (Class I.), Southland County: Area, 4,580 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £10. Situated eight miles north of Waikaia. 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 Waihemu 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 licensee will be let into possession.

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

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 Waiau 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.	£	s.		d.
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.	
				A.	R. P.	Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Ashburton	{ Alford Shepherd's Bush	35948	{ XIII. I.	194	1 8	£ 1 2 6	£ 218 11 9	s. 1 1·5	£ 5 9 4	s. 0 10·8	£ 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.	
36458, 36459	Burke ..	IV., VIII., XII.	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.	
36460, 36461	Tengawai ..	I., V.	4,092	2 0	0 7	119 7 4
36462, 36464	Burke ..	XII.	4,307	0 0	0 4½	86 15 2
36465, 34132	Tengawai ..	V., IX.				
36463, 36466	Burke ..	XII., XVI.				
34430, 34431	Tengawai ..	IX., XIII.	2,921	2 20	0 6½	79 2 7
34481, pt. 29564, 36062	Mackenzie ..	IV.				
36220, 36503	Nimrod ..	II., III., IV., VI., VII.	5,703	0 8	0 6½	154 9 2
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.				
	Otaio ..	XIII.	1,740	0 0	0 9	65 5 0
36231	Waihao ..	IV., VIII.				
	Waimate ..	I.	2,000	0 0	0 7½	62 10 0
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.				
36389, 36390	Waihao ..	I., II.	8,796	0 0	0 6	219 18 0
	Hakateramea ..	IV.				

Description of Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sections 36220 and 36503: £352 7s.—dwellinghouse, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.

Sections 36222 and 36223: £575—two houses, woolshed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing.

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

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

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

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

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

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

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

2. No person can lease more than one run.

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

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

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

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

DECLARATION.

I, _____, of* _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare—

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.

2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No.†

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

4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.

5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.

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

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1892." (Signature.)

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

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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.	£ 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.

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

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

DOMETT VILLAGE.

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

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

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.
OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

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

Waihemo County.

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

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

Taieri and Maniototo Counties.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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	£ 1 15 0	£ 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	..	†2 0 0
124	XIX.	"	0 1 30	..	‡3 0 0

Valuations for improvements: * £5. † £2 10s. ‡ £65.

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.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
19, 20, 22 to 30, and Railway Reserve	VIII.	69	0	38	3	6	12	2 4

Level open country; good soil; well grassed.

MINA VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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; and 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.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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.

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.
1	7, 11	I.	Mangaone ..	A. R. P. 160 0 0	£ s. d. 16 0 0

TERMS OF SALE.

The purchaser shall pay an eighth of the purchase-money, and £1 1s. 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.—CHRIST-
CHURCH SURVEY DISTRICT.—BRACO SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

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

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.—THE
NGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.—ALBURY ESTATE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
10	X.	A. R. P. 362 2 0	s. d. 5 0	£ s. d. 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 135 chains of gorse, and 114 chains of wire boundary-fence.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,
NEW ZEALAND.

IN the matter of the land in the Waikato District known as Opuatia No. 4, heretofore held under a Crown grant dated 14th June, 1866, containing 7,751 acres. The boundaries commence at the point on the northern boundary of the block where the western boundary-line of the Opuatia No. 2 Block produced strikes the said northern boundary-line; thence by the western boundary-line of the said Opuatia No. 2 Block due south till it strikes the Opuatia River; thence by the Opuatia River to its junction with the Mangatea Stream; thence up that stream to a peg where the southern boundary-line of the Opuatia Block strikes the said Mangatea Stream; thence by the southern boundary-line of the Opuatia Block to a point where the former boundary-line of Opuatia No. 12 Block in a former subdivision turned north; thence by a straight line in a north-westerly direction to a peg on the northern boundary of the block at the southern corner of Sections Nos. 130 and 133, Onewhero Parish; thence by the northern boundary-line of the block to the point of commencement.

At a sitting of the Court held at Waiuku on the 3rd day of March, 1896, before William Gilbert Mair, Esq., Judge, and Nikorima Poutotara, Assessor:

It having been ascertained and decided that the majority of the owners of the said land consent to be incorporated as proprietors, and that the same is for their advantage:

It is hereby ordered and declared that the Natives whose names are set out in the first column of the Schedule indorsed hereon, and numbered respectively from 1 to 20, both inclusive, be a body corporate known by the name of "The Proprietors of Opuatia No. 4 Corporation."

It is further ordered that the general meeting of the proprietors be held at Waiuku on the 1st day of April, 1896, for the purpose of nominating a Committee and fixing the number of its members.

As witness my hand, and the seal of the Court, this 3rd day of March, 1896.

W. G. MAIR,
Judge.

SCHEDULE.

1	Arama Karaka te Aho ..	M., a.	1½ shares.
2	Hererunga Karaka te Aho ..	F., a.	1 share.
3	Hererunga Tiriti Matenga ..	F., 16	⅙ share.
4	Hera Karaka te Aho ..	F., a.	1 share.
5	Hira te Aho ..	M., a.	2 shares.
6	Hura te Remi te Aho ..	M., a.	1 share.
7	Kawana Mahamaha (alias Kawana Karaka te Aho)	M., a.	1¾ shares.
8	Matarae Tiriti Matenga ..	F., 14	⅙ share.
9	Moko Tiriti Matenga ..	F., 12	⅙ share.
10	Matarae Karaka te Aho ..	F., a.	1 share.
11	Matanui ..	F., a.	2 shares.
12	Ngakoroku ..	F., a.	1 share.
13	Ngatete Karaka te Aho ..	M., a.	2½ shares.
14	Pare Karaka te Aho ..	F., a.	1 share.
15	Pare Tiriti Matenga ..	F., a.	⅙ share.
16	Te Aho Karaka te Aho ..	M., 11	1 share.
17	Te Remi Hura te Aho ..	M., 15	1 share.
18	Tiriti Matenga ..	F., 6	⅙ share.
19	Waikato Tiriti Matenga ..	M., 10	⅙ share.
20	Wiremu Karaka te Aho ..	M., a.	2¾ shares.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,
NEW ZEALAND.

IN the matter of the land in the Waikato District known as Opuatia No. 4, heretofore held under a Crown grant dated the 14th day of June, 1866, containing 7,751 acres.

At a sitting of the Native Land Court held at Mercer on the 10th day of April, 1896, before William Gilbert Mair, Esq., Judge, and Nikorima Poutotara, Assessor.

Whereas the names of the Natives set out in the Schedule attached hereto, being members of the body corporate known by the name of "The Proprietors of Opuatia No. 4 Corporation," have this day been lodged in the Court by the Chairman as the Committee duly nominated and elected by the said body corporate:

It is hereby ordered and declared that the persons named in the said Schedule are duly appointed a Committee in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

As witness my hand, and the seal of the Court, this 10th day of April, 1896.

W. G. MAIR,
Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Wiremu Karaka te Aho,
Ngatete Karaka te Aho,
Te Hira te Aho,
Henare Kaihau, and
Hura te Remi te Aho.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,
NEW ZEALAND.

IN the matter of the land in the Waikato District known as Opuatia No. 5A, heretofore held under a Crown grant dated the 14th June, 1866, containing 2,634 acres. Boundaries commence at a point on the northern boundary-line of the block, being the peg on the dividing-line between Sections Nos. 133 and 130, Onewhero; thence by a straight line to the northern boundary of No. 5C; thence in a westerly direction, at right angles to the last-mentioned line, to the eastern boundary of the said No. 5B Block; thence in a northerly direction by the eastern boundary of the said No. 5B Block to the northern boundary of the Opuatia Block; thence by the northern boundary of the said Opuatia Block to the point of commencement.

At a sitting of the Court held at Waiuku on the 3rd day of March, 1896, before William Gilbert Mair, Esq., Judge, and Nikorima Poutotara, Assessor:

It having been ascertained and decided that the majority of the owners of the said land consent to be incorporated as proprietors, and that the same is for their advantage:

It is hereby ordered and declared that the Natives whose names are set out in the first column of the Schedule indorsed hereon, and numbered respectively from 1 to 9, both inclusive, be a body corporate, known by the name of "The Proprietors of Opuatia No. 5A Corporation."

It is further ordered that the general meeting of the proprietors be held at Waiuku on the 1st day of April, 1896, for the purpose of nominating a Committee and fixing the number of its members.

As witness my hand, and the seal of the Court, this 3rd day of March, 1896.

W. G. MAIR,
Judge.

SCHEDULE.

1	Hamareta Hira te Aho..	..	F., a.	1 share.
2	Hone Hira te Aho ..	..	M., a.	1 share.
3	Meretini Hira te Aho ..	..	F., a.	1 share.
4	Mutu Mere Pounamu ..	..	F., a.	1 share.
5	Paora Pomare..	..	M., a.	1 share.
6	Pare Tohe ..	..	F., 12	3 share.
7	Tuhi Hira te Aho ..	..	F., 9	3 share.
8	Te Haupa te Aho ..	..	M., 5	3 share.
9	Te Ewe Hohua ..	..	M., a.	1 share.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,
NEW ZEALAND.

IN the matter of the land in the Waikato District known as Opuatia No. 5A, heretofore held under a Crown grant dated the 14th day of June, 1866, containing 2,634 acres.

At a sitting of the Native Land Court held at Mercer on the 10th day of April, 1896, before William Gilbert Mair, Esq., Judge, and Nikorima Poutotara, Assessor.

Whereas the names of the Natives set out in the Schedule attached hereto, being members of the body corporate known by the name of "The Proprietors of Opuatia No. 5A Corporation," have this day been lodged in the Court by the Chairman as the Committee duly nominated and elected by the said body corporate:

It is hereby ordered and declared that the persons named in the said Schedule are duly appointed a Committee in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

As witness my hand, and the seal of the Court, this 10th day of April, 1896.

W. G. MAIR,
Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Hanareta Hira te Aho,
Paora Pomare,
Te Ewe Hohua,
Hira te Aho, and
Henare Kaihau.

"The Native Townships Act, 1895."

TOKAANU TOWNSHIP.

Native Land Court Office,
Wellington, 2nd February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court will sit at Tokaanu on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1898, to hear and determine all objections which have been lodged against the plan of the Township of Tokaanu, under section 9 of "The Native Townships Act, 1895."

EDWARD BUCKLE,
Registrar.

Native Land Court Agent licensed.

[In continuation of notice, dated 25th January, 1898, and published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 6, of 27th idem, page 138.]

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.:—

HAPETA HENARE.

Dated at Wellington, this 31st day of January, 1898.

EDWARD BUCKLE,
Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

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

[Auckland, 98-6.]

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

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

No.	Name of Surveyor.	Name of Block.	Area.			Amount.
			A.	B.	P.	
844	Charles Caesar Otway (1010-4, 4/80)	Waitakaruru No. 1	5,168	0	0	£ s. d. 86 17 0
845	Charles Caesar Otway (1010-5, 4/80)	Waitakaruru No. 2	4,079	0	0	90 5 9
846	Charles Caesar Otway (1272-4, 4/81)	Waitakaruru No. 5B	10,445	0	0	85 19 6
847	Charles Caesar Otway (1272-5, 4/81)	Waitakaruru No. 5C	874	0	0	60 5 9

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Otorohanga on the 23rd day of February, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Auckland, 98-7.]

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 27th January, 1898.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1239	Kahumoana Ngawharau, Huingamate Tai, and Waimapuna Moerua (117-8, 3/70)	Te Kumi.
1240	Te Moerua Natanahira, Te Taha Pukeroa, and Rangimurua (210-16, 3/71)	Pehitawa.
1241	Te Huia Kingi, Te Moerua Natanahira, Hari Matetoto, Raurau Mohora, Tutahanga te Maapi (127-45, 3/72)	Arapae (Kinohaku East No. 3).
1242	Te Anga Toheroa, Hinerangi te Koko, Te Oro te Koko, and others (221-10, 3/73)	Takotokoraha No. 3.
1243	Maeke Waiora, Ngatihake te Kome, and Heni Ngapera (352-54, 3/76)	Ohura South K No. 2.
1244	Toheriri te Rata, Heni Ngapera, and others (352-55, 3/77)	.. Ohura South K No. 4.
1245	Warahi te Whiutahi (352-56, 3/78) .. .. .	.. Ohura South K No. 1, Section 2.
1246	Hone te Anga (230-23, 3/79) .. .. .	.. Whakairoiro No. 5.

APPLICATIONS TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1299	W. P. te Whareaitu, Te Awaawa, and Tamakitua (93-173, 2/272)	Matanuku No. 1.
1300	Matenga Hori, W. P. te Whareaitu (93-175, 2/273)	Matanuku No. 1.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 78 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," TO DEFINE INTEREST ACQUIRED BY CROWN.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1301	Minister of Lands (the Hon. John McKenzie) (197-16, 3/75) ..	Puketarata No. 2B.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 46 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
1302	Tai Hauauru (1-112)	Mahuri Pounamu, <i>alias</i> Mahuri Tarata.
1303	Rawinia te Kohuwai (1-114)	Ema Nohomai Tawhiti.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 46 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
1304	Te Remana Nutana (1-113)	Waata Tame Puru Uruti.

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

No.	Names of Applicants	Names of Lands to be exchanged.
1307	Makereti Hinewai (158-30, 3/74)	Mangawhero No. 3B.
	Heni te Purangi (140-10, 3/74)	Kakepuku No. 10 (Kawa).
1308	Ngataua Paratene (135-13, 3/80)	Kakepuku No. 5 (Paharakeke).
	Ngataua Paratene (136-10, 3/80)	Kakepuku No. 6 (Tangitekorehe).
1309	Te Akau Pene (132-9, 3/80)	Kakepuku No. 2 (Pitoritori).
	Te Ika Tawhirirangi (135-14, 3/81)	Kakepuku No. 5 (Paharakeke).
	Te Ika Tawhirirangi (136-11, 3/81)	Kakepuku No. 6 (Tangitekorehe).
	Ngaki Pene (132-10, 3/81)	Kakepuku No. 2 (Pitoritori).

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1310	Conveyance (C.A. 97-138)	15th September, 1897	Interest in Puahue No. 2, Section 6	Rangirua, of Awahuri, Foxton, to Richard Grice, of Bootle Carnforth, England.
1311	Conveyance (C.A. 97-139)	15th September, 1897	Interest in Puahue No. 2, Section 6	Ruera te Nuku, of Awahuri, Foxton, to Richard Grice, of Bootle Carnforth, England.
1312	Conveyance (C.A. 97-140)	15th September, 1897	Interests in Puahue No. 1A, Puahue No. 2, Section 7, and Pukekura, Section 18	Ruera te Nuku, of Awahuri, Foxton, to the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited).

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 26th 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 15th day of February, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 98-6.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Amount.
103	Edward O'Meara	Rotokautuku No. 2c	£ s. d. 12 9 8
104	Edward O'Meara	Maraehara	77 14 5
105	Edward O'Meara	Pukemanuhiri	11 18 7
106	Edward O'Meara	Te Angaanga	17 4 4
107	Edward O'Meara	Kopu, part of Maraehara	12 19 1

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Palmerston North on the 24th day of February, 1898, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

[Wellington, 98-6.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Agreement to lease (96-464)	16th January, 1896 ..	Gladstone, Sections 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134	Hauta Hemi to William McKerrow.
2	Memorandum of transfer (97-260)	8th May, 1897 ..	Aorangi 3E, Subdivision 4	Wiremu Maati to Percy Edward Baldwin.
3	Conveyance (97-279) ..	7th April, 1897 ..	Uruokakite South B No. 7	Rititia Rewai to John Craig McKerrow.
4	Transfer (97-337) ..	18th August, 1897 ..	Taonui Ahuaturanga No. 1F	Te Ara Takana to Andrew Campbell.
5	Memorandum of transfer (97-339)	27th August, 1897 ..	Aorangi 3E No. 2 ..	Renata Monau to Godfrey Buchanan Baldwin.
6	Transfer (97-441) ..	19th October, 1897 ..	Aorangi No. 1, part Section 3B	Mokena Pahurahi to Mangu Tauranga.
7	Conveyance (98-4) ..	18th December, 1897	Takamaitu No. 4B ..	Taiawhio te Tau to Edith Annie Perry.
8	Transfer (98-14) ..	18th October, 1897 ..	Carnarvon, Section 347	Hara Tauranga to William Hamilton Turnbull.
9	Transfer (98-15) ..	14th October, 1897 ..	Carnarvon, Section 347	Mangu Tauranga to William Hamilton Turnbull.
10	Transfer (98-18) ..	18th January, 1898 ..	Taonui Ahuaturanga, part Section 5A	Hipera te Rangitakuru to James Petrie Innes.
11	Memorandum of transfer (98-22)	20th December, 1897	Aorangi 3E, part Section No. 2	Horomona Paro to Percy Edward Baldwin.
12	Memorandum of transfer (98-23)	7th September, 1897	Aorangi 3E, part Section No. 4	Te Keopa Mahuri to Percy Edward Baldwin.
13	Memorandum of transfer (98-24)	14th January, 1898 ..	Aorangi 3E, part Section No. 3	Rawinia te Rangi to Godfrey Buchanan Baldwin.
14	Memorandum of transfer (98-25)	14th January, 1898 ..	Aorangi 3E, part Section No. 2	Inia te Rangi to Godfrey Buchanan Baldwin.
15	Memorandum of transfer (98-26)	13th December, 1897	Aorangi 3E, part Section No. 2	Tarita Tutere to Godfrey Buchanan Baldwin.
16	Memorandum of transfer (98-27)	9th December, 1897	Aorangi 3E, part Section No. 4	Tiweta Whatahoro to Percy Edward Baldwin.
17	Transfer (98-28) ..	2nd December, 1897	Hutt, Section 3, Subdivision 4, Subdivision 4c	Paate Matens to Gladys Mabel Gear.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
18	Whata Hakaraia (by his lawyer, P. E. Baldwin)	Manawatu-Kukutauaki No. 3, Section 1A.
19	Horomona Paro (by his lawyer, P. E. Baldwin)	Ngawhakaraua No. 1c.
20	Piripi Whatuao (by his lawyer, P. E. Baldwin)	Manawatu-Kukutauaki No. 3, Section 1B.
21	Erena te Aweawe	Pahiatua Native Reserve.
22	Wi Mahuri	Aorangi 3d No. 1.
23	Henare Koera and others	Muhunoa No. 3b.
24	Pitihira Roihi	Himatangi No. 2.
25	Hare Rakena te Aweawe	Taonui Ahuaturanga, Section 7.
26	Metapere Mereti (by her solicitor, J. P. Innes)	Taonui Ahuaturanga No. 2b.
27	Rawinia te Rangi	Ngawhakaraua.
28	Rawinia te Rangi	Aorangi 3d No. 1.
29	Emiri Mokena	Aorangi 3f No. 1.
30	Hoani Meihana	Pahiatua No. 2.
31	Horomona Paro	Ngawhakaraua No. 1c.
32	Hemi Rimunui	Manawatu-Kukutauaki 2d, Section 12b.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
54	Ruiha Pere Turi and others	Taonui Ahuaturanga No. 1f, Subdivision 9a.
55	Hoani Meihana	Carnarvon, Section 387.
56	Rewanui Mokena Manako	Mangawhero No. 1.
57	Taniora Love and others	Maungaraki No. 8.
58	Taniora Anaru	Maungaraki No. 8.
59	Ngonge Pakitaura and another	Maungaraki No. 2.
60	Eruera Renata	Maungaraki No. 2.
61	Epiha Ihakara and others	Maungaraki No. 2.
62	Katarina Pakitaura	Maungaraki No. 2.
63	Hapi te Wheoro	Sendon, Section 153, Subdivisions 19 and 23; and Carnarvon, Section 346, Subdivision 24.

APPLICATION to determine the Amount of Compensation for Land taken for Drainage-works by the Manawatu Land drainage Board, and to ascertain the Persons entitled to receive the Same.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Land taken.
64	D. Buick (Chairman), Manawatu Land-drainage Board	Lower Aorangi 3c	A. 8 B. 0 P. 6
65	D. Buick (Chairman), Manawatu Land-drainage Board	Aorangi 3e, Ngawahanga 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	32 3 6

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

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

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Sec. 55, 98-3.]

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Conveyance (98-19)	10th December, 1897	Section 1, Block XI., Mimi Survey District	Miriama Tarewa to Alfred Jupp.
2	Transfer (98-20)	17th January, 1898	Lot 4, Section 7, Woodfield	Pukepuke Tangiora to Lamartine Dwan.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 2nd February, 1898.
 NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Palmerston North, on the 3rd day of March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

[Wellington, 98-7.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
66	Percy Edward Baldwin	Marakaia Tawaroa.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
67	Ria Hamuera	Hamuera te Raikokiritia.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the Charge of the PUBLIC TRUSTEE for Management during the Month of January, 1898.

No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Order, or Date of Filing of Election to administer.	Value or Estimated Value of Estate (gross).	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
1	Aitken, Franz, or Oatken	Saltwater ..	Denmark ..	7 Jan., 1898	Under £15	29 Sept., 1897	..
2	Ballingall, James ..	Kangaroo Ground	Victoria ..	21 Jan., 1898	" £700	1 Sept., 1897	Relatives known.
3	Clayton, Arthur ..	Kaero ..	England ..	7 Jan., 1898	" £10	27 Oct., 1897	Relatives known.
4	Doyle, Francis ..	Darfield ..	Scotland ..	8 Jan., 1898	" £65	4 Dec., 1897	Relatives known.
5	Grose, Thomas ..	Dunedin ..	Cornwall ..	6 Jan., 1898	" £100	2 Dec., 1897	Relatives known.
6	Hill, Edward Henry Stevens	Christchurch ..	..	21 Jan., 1898	" £1,100	1 Dec., 1897	Relatives known.
7	Johnstone, Alexander Yule	Cromwell ..	Scotland ..	6 Jan., 1898	" £25	22 Sept., 1897	..
8	Jones, Louis (otherwise known as Louis Llewellyn)	Ophir ..	England ..	31 Jan., 1898	" £40	27 Nov., 1897	Relatives known.
9	Kruhl, Hans ..	Lyttelton ..	Germany ..	31 Jan., 1898	" £7	24 July, 1897	..
10	Matson, Matt (otherwise known as Matts Mattson)	Pahautanui ..	Sweden ..	31 Jan., 1898	" £15	22 Dec., 1897	Relatives known.
11	May, Elizabeth ..	Waianiwa ..	Scotland ..	31 Jan., 1898	" £25	30 Nov., 1897	Relatives known.
12	McMaster, John ..	Dunedin ..	Scotland ..	8 Jan., 1898	" £25	17 Dec., 1897	..
13	Petersen, Frants ..	Pelorus Sound ..	..	..	" £2	14 Aug., 1897	..
14	Prendergast, Edmund	Lyttelton ..	..	31 Jan., 1898	" £33	4 Dec., 1897	Relatives known.
15	Thompkins, Mark Riddle	Woodend ..	..	23 Dec., 1897	" £2,000	21 Feb., 1895	Relatives known.
16	Ward, Charles Cornelius	Benger Flat ..	England ..	7 Jan., 1898	" £100	17 Sept., 1897	..

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Dated the 1st day of February, 1898.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE OF GOLD ENTERED for DUTY* for EXPORTATION from NEW ZEALAND from 1st APRIL, 1857, to 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

PRODUCE OF THE GOLDFIELDS IN		DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DEC., 1897.		ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION TO THE 30th SEPT., 1897.		TOTAL ENTERED FOR EXPORTATION FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE 31st DEC., 1897.	
County or Borough.	District.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		Oz.	£	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
County of Coromandel ..	Auckland	4,986	21,065				
Thames ..		505	2,131				
Ohinemuri ..		24,049	85,140				
Borough of Thames ..		572	2,415				
		<u>30,112</u>	<u>110,751</u>	2,107,858	7,948,643	2,137,970	8,059,894
	Wellington ..	..	..	188	706	188	706
	Marlborough ..	..	..	85,604	333,412	85,604	333,412
County of Collingwood ..	Nelson ..	130	520	1,673,009	6,632,643	1,673,139	6,633,163
County of Buller ..	West Coast	2,412	9,649				
Inangahua ..		1,449	5,797				
Grey ..		3,693	14,772				
Westland ..		3,227	12,909				
Borough of Kumara ..		34	135				
Borough of Hokitika ..	97	388					
		<u>10,912</u>	<u>43,650</u>	4,288,778	17,054,955	4,299,690	17,098,605
	Canterbury ..	..	..	24	96	24	96
County of Taieri ..	Otago	640	2,461				
Tuapeka ..		5,757	23,191				
Vincent ..		6,746	27,033				
Maniototo ..		1,179	4,691				
Waihemo ..		111	453				
Waitaki ..		366	1,457				
Lake ..		1,224	5,016				
Wallace ..		1,680	6,751				
Waikouaiti ..		94	385				
Bruce ..		271	1,091				
Fiord ..		1,642	6,576				
Southland ..	892	3,590					
		<u>20,602</u>	<u>82,695</u>	5,348,213	21,164,079	5,368,815	21,246,774
	Unknown ..	..	..	122	484	122	484
Totals ..	..	61,756	237,616	13,503,796	53,135,018	13,565,552	53,372,634

COMPARATIVE RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of GOLD ENTERED for DUTY* for EXPORTATION from NEW ZEALAND for the YEARS ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897 and 1896.

PRODUCE OF THE GOLDFIELDS IN THE DISTRICT OF	DURING THE QUARTER ENDED—				TOTALS FOR YEAR 1897.		TOTALS FOR YEAR 1896.	
	31st March, 1897.	30th June, 1897.	30th September, 1897.	31st December, 1897.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	£	Oz.	£
Auckland ..	26,392	23,571	25,402	30,112	105,477	392,337	92,346	350,355
Marlborough ..	351	436	23	..	810	3,195	916	3,588
Nelson ..	1,134	..	626	130	1,892	7,055	2,753	10,333
West Coast ..	17,903	12,746	17,256	10,912	58,817	235,430	79,317	317,161
Otago ..	23,841	23,293	16,913	20,602	84,649	342,187	88,362	359,991
Totals for 1897	69,621	60,046	60,222	61,756	251,645	980,204	..	..
Totals for 1896	76,402	44,208	76,051	67,033	..	..	263,694	1,041,428

* Gold duty abolished in the South Island on the 31st March, 1891, by "The Gold Duty Abolition Act, 1890."

Department of Trade and Customs,
Wellington, 20th January, 1898.

W. T. GLASGOW,
Secretary and Inspector.

RETURN showing the CUSTOMS and EXCISE DUTIES collected at the several Ports of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	Rates of Duty.	Auckland.	Kaipara.	Tauranga.	Poverty Bay.	New Plymouth.	Patea.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Napier.	Wairau.	Picton.	Nelson.	Westport.	Greymouth.	Hokitika.	Lyttelton and Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill.	Parcels Post.	TOTALS.		Corresponding Quarter, 1896.			
																							Quantities.	Revenue.				
Spirits, p gal.	16s.	18402	..	50	1200	575	266	2970	19728	4817	508	42	2099	1147	2113	1366	15079	1827	1115	18811	3854	..	..	119336 gal.	95469	98758	
" perfumed,	30s.	106	..	..	..	..	..	..	191	3	..	..	1	..	5	..	90	..	..	177	..	..	..	..	382	578	335
Cigars and Snuff, p lb.	7s.	1682	..	..	18	51	..	128	1974	128	..	..	127	65	55	160	851	23	20	1654	29	..	..	..	18185 lb.	6365	6006
Cigarettes	* ..	3004	..	..	105	179	..	454	2608	591	22	..	153	..	9	..	1344	55	35	2576	..	..	..	..	..	11115	9530
Tobacco, manufactured, p lb. ..	3s. 6d.	14586	2	36	583	1573	85	2536	11749	3204	310	..	1290	646	1227	751	8426	385	533	12232	1981	..	..	355057 lb.	62135	59471	
" raw, for manufacture, p lb. ..	2s.	1511	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15110	1511	1396
Wine, sparkling, p gal.	9s.	185	..	..	11	..	..	32	355	9	..	..	4	5	..	..	162	..	..	123	..	..	..	1969 gal.	886	904	
" Australian,	5s.	460	..	2	44	44	24	60	956	159	41	..	89	10	153	84	351	66	25	543	132	..	..	..	12972	3243	2974
" other kinds,	6s.	871	..	..	47	18	..	125	1316	224	..	4	102	32	33	8	926	43	23	649	110	..	..	..	15103	4531	4672
Ale, Beer, &c., p gal.	2s.	1243	..	..	90	..	..	255	1780	321	8	..	266	..	47	..	696	26	4	867	190	..	..	..	57930	5793	5712
Tea, p lb.	4d.	3812	..	21	60	200	122	105	6228	186	..	..	178	19	122	90	2618	209	18	4206	192	..	..	1103160 lb.	18386	18456	
Coffee, raw, p lb.	2d.	111	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	51	..	..	2	..	..	..	42	..	..	195	12	..	..	..	59040	492	438
" roasted,	5d.	3	2	2	386	7	4
Chicory, Cocoa, and Chocolate, p lb	3d.	256	..	..	7	2	26	299	11	..	..	..	37	6	..	..	66	..	..	197	14	..	..	..	78680	921	795
Sugar, Molasses, and Treacle, p lb.	1d.	20182	..	..	184	..	60	436	3609	1470	126	..	649	285	349	359	5203	425	238	6260	1562	..	..	19870560	41397	40826	
Glucose, p lb.	1d.	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	28	..	..	11	..	..	..	42	..	..	59	..	..	..	..	60000	250	556
Opium, p lb.	40s.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	358	..	..	..	..	..	384	..	4	..	..	768	..	..	..	..	761	1523	1435
Goods by Weight .. ..	..	13615	..	..	148	912	109	693	17633	1802	45	2	2360	115	313	52	9497	540	34	11752	1010	..	..	..	..	60632	52872
" <i>ad valorem</i> .. ..	..	39428	..	62	422	1299	470	2553	39067	2643	273	11	2164	313	593	356	27895	1955	852	29272	2007	..	..	..	..	151640	139989
Other Duties not specified above	..	4790	..	1	206	220	57	220	3290	390	33	..	271	159	199	34	4426	424	72	5813	474	..	..	..	..	23079	21913
Parcels Post Duties .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2602	..	..	..	2602	2289
Totals .. ..	..	124337	2	172	3118	5081	1195	10573	112636	16037	1366	59	9803	2302	5607	3272	77720	5478	2969	96154	11567	2602	..	..	492550	..	
Corresponding Quarter, 1896 .. ..	..	115393	10	202	3162	4637	968	8909	107631	18201	999	32	9670	2331	6205	2983	70951	4256	3330	90720	11552	2239	..	..	..	464331	

* 17s. 6d. per 1,000 of 2½lb. and under, and 6d. per oz. for weight over 2½lb. per 1,000.

COMPARATIVE RETURN of CUSTOMS DUTIES for the YEARS 1897 and 1896.

Year 1897 .. ..	..	485150	88	1151	12244	17327	3098	38127	437898	64073	4377	207	39736	10241	23355	12366	286657	18626	11980	388152	48615	8632	..	..	1912160	1897
Year 1896 .. ..	..	438847	247	1106	11756	14666	3167	32277	385933	66994	3468	170	38892	8770	21805	11756	277398	16873	11251	364318	48289	7090	..	..	1765073	1896

RETURN showing the CUSTOMS and EXCISE DUTIES collected at the several Ports of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897—*continued.*

EXCISE DUTIES.

Heads of Revenue.	Rates of Duty.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Other Ports.	Totals.		Corresponding Quarter, 1896.
							Quantities.	Revenue.	
Beer	3d. per gallon	£ 5,026	£ 2,356	£ 3,852	£ 4,769	£ 4,877	1,670,400 gallons	£ 20,880	£ 20,052
Tobacco	1s. per lb. ..	665	..	..	..	..	13,300 lb. ..	665	484
Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	1s. 6d. per lb.	31	..	..	..	..	415 " ..	31	435
Tinctures, &c., containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	9d. per lb. ..	33	41	..	213	..	7,653 " ..	287	145
" " " " " " " "	3d. per lb. ..	5	..	..	..	..	400 " ..	5	1
Totals .. .. .	..	5,760	2,397	3,852	4,982	4,877	..	21,868	..
Corresponding Quarter, 1896 .. .. .	..	6,192	2,178	3,416	4,531	4,800	..	..	21,117

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF EXCISE DUTIES FOR THE YEARS 1897 AND 1896.

Year 1897 .. .. .	..	19,951	8,139	12,860	17,829	16,518	..	75,297	Year 1897.
Year 1896 .. .. .	..	19,597	7,586	11,274	15,505	16,105	..	70,067	Year 1896.

Department of Trade and Customs, Wellington, 22nd January, 1898.

W. T. GLASGOW,
Secretary and Inspector.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that RICHARD NEIL THOMAS, of Auckland, Storeman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 1st day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 25th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WALLACE HUGH ROSS, of Waihi, Tailor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 26th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ALFRED BENTHAM, of Auckland, Miner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 26th January, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

THE following is a statement of the assets and liabilities in the estate of JAMES S. WILLIAMSON, of Ashurst, Labourer:—

Unsecured creditors: Ashurst—H. J. Morini, £8 18s. 10d.; C. Trass, £1 6s. 3d.; H. Tremewan, £2 10s. 6d.; Palmerston—T. Parkins, £3 0s. 11d.; J. Collins, £4 9s. 10d.; Richter, Nannestad, and Co., £1 0s. 3d.; R. A. Smith, £2 2s.; Dr. Reed, £3 3s.; Dr. Macintire, 7s. 6d.; A. A. Lissaman, 6s. 6d.; Total, including creditors in other districts, £99 5s. 2d.; furniture, £10; deficiency, £89 5s. 2d.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that FREDERICK THOMAS, of Canvastown, Hotelkeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Blenheim, on the 7th day of February, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

R. W. H. D. DUNN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

28th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE BERTINSHAW, of Wellington, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 8th day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

1st February, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.—Dividends payable.

NOTICE is hereby given that dividends in the under-mentioned estates are now payable upon all proved claims upon production of promissory notes or bills (if any held) for indorsement:—

James Thomas Hall, first and final, 4s. 4½d.
M. Tracy, second and final, 2s. 3d.
E. Muniz, first and final, 4s. 10½d.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that OSWALD EDWARD PARTRIDGE, of Timaru, Jeweller, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be

holden at my office, Arcade, Timaru, on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 24th January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1898, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.

124. Rodgers, Annie Florence, of Palmerston, Storekeeper.
151. Hall, William, of Milton, Stockdealer.
159. Howson, William Armstrong, of Dunedin, Tailor.
163. Taylor, William, of Dunedin, Watchmaker.
165. Kirk, Edward, of Dunedin, late Hotelkeeper.
166. Armstrong, Thomas, of Dunedin, Storeman.
167. McMillan, John, of Dunedin, Carpenter.
168. Green, Isaac, of North-east Valley, Settler.
170. Smith, George, of Dunedin, Labourer.
171. Blackwood, John, of Balclutha, Salesman.
174. Wilson, William Hall, of Dunedin, Baker.
175. Clarke, Robert, of Dunedin, Commercial Agent.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE KIRK, of Gore, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Gore, on the 3rd day of February, 1898, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 25th January, 1898.

Mining Notices.**STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.**

Name of company: Mount Waihi Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 6th September, 1895; 26th September, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
Nominal capital: £24,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £24,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £62 18s. 4d.
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: 120,000.
Number of shares allotted: 120,000.
Amount paid per share: Nil.
Amount called up per share: ½d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: 89,800 shares; £187 1s. 8d.
Number of shares forfeited: 89,800.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 46.
Present number of shareholders: 132.
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 connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £118 9s. 11d.
Total expenditure since registration: £755 11s. 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: £7 6s. 9d.
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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Mount Waihi 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 150

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

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

When formed, and date of registration: 30th October, 1896; 9th December, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.

Nominal capital: £20,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £15,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Nil.

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: 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: 76.

Present number of shareholders: 85.

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: £581 3s. 5d.

Total expenditure since registration: £989 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: £90 7s. 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): Nil.

I, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Sunlight 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 144

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waitekauri No. 2 Gold-mining Company (No Liability).

When formed, and date of registration: 22nd August, 1895; 11th September, 1895.

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

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.

Nominal capital: £18,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £16,905.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,095 9s.

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: 120,000.

Number of shares allotted: 112,700.

Amount paid per share: Nil.

Amount called up per share: 3d.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.

Number of shares forfeited: 62,115.

Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 5,700; £71 2s. 11d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 74.

Present number of shareholders: 183.

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 connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £466 3s. 2d.

Total expenditure since registration: £1,852 19s. 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: £40 18s.

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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Waitekauri 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 145

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Royal Gold-mining Company (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 15th March, 1895; 21st March, 1895.

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

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.

Nominal capital: £12,500.

Amount of capital subscribed: £12,500.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £416 13s. 4d.

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: Nil.

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: 20.

Present number of shareholders: 87.

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: —; £53 9s. 2d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: Nil.

Total expenditure since registration: £464 6s. 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: £5 15s. 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): Nil.

I, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Royal 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 146

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waitekauri South Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 16th August, 1895; 4th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £80,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £80,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,270 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: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 150,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 5½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 90,156; £187 16s. 6d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 90,156.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 4,417; £35 9s. 9d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 50.
 Present number of shareholders: 228.
 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: £482 0s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,119 3s. 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: £1 6s. 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): Nil.

I, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Waitekauri South 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 141

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Karangahake Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd October, 1895; 24th October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £14,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £416 3s. 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: 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 19,839.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 9,700; £31 5s.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 88.
 Present number of shareholders: 101.
 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: £220 10s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,807 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: £8 5s. 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Karangahake 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 142

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Big Reef Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 27th July, 1896; 2nd September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £683 6s. 7d.
 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: 120,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 120,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 1½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 64,004; £66 18s. 5d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 64,004.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 550; £13 4s. 7d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 42.
 Present number of shareholders: 58.
 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 connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £457 3s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,029 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: £19 18s. 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Big Reef 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 143

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Tairua Proprietary Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd July, 1896; 23rd July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £24,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £23,112 10s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Nil.
 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: 96,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 92,450.
 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: 49.
 Present number of shareholders: 124.
 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 connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £403 17s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,223 6s. 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: £176 13s. 9d.
 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Tairua 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 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 147

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Hauraki South Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 11th June, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £90,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: Cannot say.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Cannot say.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Cannot say.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Cannot say.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 90,000, at £1.
 Number of shares allotted: Cannot say.
 Amount paid per share: Cannot say.
 Amount called up per share: Cannot say.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Cannot say.
 Number of shares forfeited: Cannot say.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Cannot say.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: Cannot say.
 Present number of shareholders: Cannot say.
 Number of men employed by company: 16.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £28 4s. 3d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £28 4s. 3d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £3,014 15s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £4,517 15s. 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: £60 9s. 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Hauraki South 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 con-

scientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 148

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Teutonic Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 29th August, 1895; 26th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £12,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,200.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £566 13s. 4d.
 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: 85,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 68,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 150.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 150; £3 2s. 6d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 47.
 Present number of shareholders: 82.
 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: £94 17s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,383 18s. 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: £22 15s. 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Teutonic 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 149

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: City of Auckland Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th July, 1896; 7th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £18,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £18,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £908 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: 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: 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 7,000.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 750; £6 3s. 9d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 70.
 Present number of shareholders: 100.
 Number of men employed by company: 6.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: —; £3 10s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: —; £3 10s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,045 15s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,168 17s. 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: £169 1s. 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the City of Auckland 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 139

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Progress Castle Rock Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 4th September, 1895; 19th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £9,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £9,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,402 12s. 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:
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 65,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 65,000.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 5d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 41,732; £86 18s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 41,732.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 900; £32 5s. 10d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 42.
 Present number of shareholders: 163.
 Number of men employed by company: 4.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £153 14s. 2d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £171 10s. 4d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £527 12s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,193 1s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £21 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Progress Castle Rock 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 140

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Kuranui Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd September, 1895; 12th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Worked by tributers.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Legal Chambers, Auckland; Wm. Clarke.
 Nominal capital: £15,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £15,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,250.
 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: 5d.
 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: 11.
 Present number of shareholders: 43.
 Number of men employed by company: Nil; 4 tributers.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £4 14s. 5d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £418 7s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,902 12s. 11d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of overdraft at banker's: £147 18s. 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, William Clarke, of Auckland, the Manager of the Kuranui 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."

WM. CLARKE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 138

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Turakina Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 27th May, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 24, Manse Street, Dunedin; Andrew John Park.
 Nominal capital: £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £4,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,990.
 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: 4,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 4,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: £10.
 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: 8.
 Present number of shareholders: 8.
 Number of men employed by company: 7.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 20 oz. 8 dwt. 15 gr. gold; £78 13s. 1d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 20 oz. 8 dwt. 15 gr. gold; £78 13s. 1d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £3,368 3s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £3,368 3s. 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: £16 16s. 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): £316 6s. 9d.

I, Andrew John Park, of Dunedin, the Manager of the Turakina Gold-dredging 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."

A. J. PARK,
Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 25th day of January, 1898,
before me—Eardley C. Reynolds, J.P. 127

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waiau Beach Hydraulic Elevating Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 12th January, 1897; 11th February, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Esk Street, Invercargill; Richard Allen.
Nominal capital: £4,500.
Amount of capital subscribed: £4,150.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £815.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any):
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,500.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 9,000.
Number of shares allotted: 8,320.
Amount paid per share: A, 10s.; B, 3s. 5d.
Amount called up per share: B, 3s. 5d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: 100 shares; 16s. 8d.
Number of shares forfeited: 150.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 150; 2s.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 11.
Present number of shareholders: 23.
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: £655 2s. 9d.
Total expenditure since registration: £655 2s. 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: £26 9s. 9d.
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): £27 5s. 6d.

I, Richard Allen, of Invercargill, the Manager of the Waiau Beach Hydraulic Elevating 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."

RICHD. ALLEN,
Manager.

Declared at Invercargill, this 26th day of January, 1898,
before me—H. Carswell, J.P. 130

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Morning Star Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 26th January, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Esk Street, Invercargill; Richard Allen.
Nominal capital: £24,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £24,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,542 16s. 7d.
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: £12,000.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 24,000.
Number of shares allotted: 24,000.
Amount paid per share: On B's, 4s. 9d.; on C's, 3s. 10d.
Amount called up per share: On B's, 4s. 9d.; on C's, 3s. 10d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: 487; £32 3s. 5d.
Number of shares forfeited: 487.

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Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 49.
Present number of shareholders: 98.
Number of men employed by company: 64.
Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year: 5,336 oz. 18 dwt.; £21,369 6s. 10d.
Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 8,903 oz. 8 dwt. 12 gr.; £35,872 10s. 1d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £13,979 6s. 5d.
Total expenditure since registration: £27,197 13s.
Total amount of dividends declared: £11,462 11s. 9d.
Total amount of dividends paid: £11,462 11s. 9d.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £55 4s. 10d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £53 7s. 5d.
Amount of debts considered good: £53 7s. 5d.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £556 10s. 10d.

I, Richard Allen, of Invercargill, the Manager of the Morning Star 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."

RICHD. ALLEN,
Manager.

Declared at Invercargill, this 25th day of January, 1898,
before me—Thos. C. Ellis, J.P. 131

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Site Extended Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 12th January, 1897; 11th February, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Esk Street, Invercargill; Richard Allen.
Nominal capital: £85,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £57,828.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,865 8s. 3d.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any):
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £43,750.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 85,000.
Number of shares allotted: 57,828.
Amount paid per share: A, 17s. 6d.; B, 7s. 6d.
Amount called up per share: A, 17s. 6d.; B, 8s. 3d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: 869; £70 1s. 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: 113.
Present number of shareholders: 120.
Number of men employed by company: 15.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 2 oz. 3 dwt.; £8 6s. 4d.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2 oz. 3 dwt.; £8 6s. 4d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £3,214 7s. 11d.
Total expenditure since registration: £3,214 7s. 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: Nil.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £15 3s.
Amount of debts considered good: £15 3s.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £353 19s. 5d.

I, Richard Allen, of Invercargill, the Manager of the Golden Site 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."

RICHD. ALLEN,
Manager.

Declared at Invercargill, this 25th day of January 1898
before me—Thos. C. Ellis, J.P. 13

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Big River Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th January, 1891; 11th April, 1891.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; Thomas F. Fenton.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £600.
 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: 6d.
 Amount called up per share: 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 67.
 Present number of shareholders: 64.
 Number of men employed by company: 20.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 426 oz. 11 dwt. 6 gr. gold; £1,727 8s. 2d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 19,743 oz. 17 dwt. gold; £79,488 1s. 10d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £4,470 19s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £43,194 12s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £40,500.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £40,500.
 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): £1,066 15s. 1d.

I, Thomas Frederick Fenton, the Manager of the Big River 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."

THOMAS F. FENTON,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 20th day of January, 1898
 before me—Chas. Cohen, J.P. 139

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Welcome Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd July, 1896; 24th July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; Thomas F. Fenton.
 Nominal capital: £110,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £100,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £15,000.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £85,000; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £85,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 110,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
 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: 4.
 Present number of shareholders: 147.
 Number of men employed by company: 21.
 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: £3,165 19s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £5,612 14s. 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: £9,699 15s. 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): Nil.

I, Thomas Frederick Fenton, the Manager of the Welcome 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."

THOMAS F. FENTON,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 20th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Chas. Cohen, J.P. 134

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Lord Edward Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 13th October, 1888; 13th November, 1888.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; Thomas F. Fenton.
 Nominal capital: £24,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £3,650.
 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: £12,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 24,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 24,000.
 Amount paid per share: 13s. 0½d.
 Amount called up per share: 3s. 0½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 544.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 544; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 13.
 Present number of shareholders: 47.
 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: 33 oz. gold; £133 12s. 2d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £153 2s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £3,743 14s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £39 18s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £6 7s. 10d.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Thomas Frederick Fenton, Manager of the Lord Edward 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."

THOMAS F. FENTON,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 20th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Charles Cohen, J.P. 135

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Treasure Extended Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 11th October, 1888; 4th December, 1888.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; Thomas F. Fenton.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £5,250 9s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.

Number of shares into which capital is divided : 24,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 24,000.
 Amount paid per share : 6s.
 Amount called up per share : 6s.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 4,537 ; £6 9s. 6d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 23.
 Present number of shareholders : 27.
 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 : 1,077 oz. 12 dwt. 7 gr. gold ; £4,217 7s. 5d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £145 5s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £9,008 19s. 3d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : £900.
 Total amount of dividends paid : £900.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £58 8s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand : £4 3s. 4d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £22 9s. 3d.

I, Thomas Frederick Fenton, Manager of the Golden Treasure 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."
 THOMAS F. FENTON, Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 20th day of January, 1898, before me—Charles Cohen, J.P. 136

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Empire Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 13th July, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Lawrence, Otago ; Richard Pilling, jun.
 Nominal capital : £3,200.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £3,200.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £880.
 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 : 3,200.
 Number of shares allotted : 3,200.
 Amount paid per share : 5s. 6d.
 Amount called up per share : 5s. 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 9.
 Present number of shareholders : 27.
 Number of men employed by company : Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : Nil.
 Total expenditure since registration : £769 5s. 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 : £110 14s. 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) : £2,550.

I, Richard Pilling, jun., of Lawrence, Otago, the Manager of the Empire 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 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."
 RICHARD PILLING, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Lawrence, this 22nd day of January, 1898, before me—John Thompson, J.P. 137

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Parrawa Water-supply and Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 9th July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Parrawa ; Chas. W. Brown.
 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) : 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 : 1,500.
 Number of shares allotted : 1,500.
 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 : 26.
 Present number of shareholders : 31.
 Number of men employed by company : 5.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : — ; £74 18s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : — ; £74 18s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £515 13s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £1,971 0s. 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 : Nil ; overdraft, £396 1s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Gold returns not to hand, say £200.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £100.

I, Charles William Brown, of Invercargill, the Manager of the Parrawa Water-supply and 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."
 CHAS. W. BROWN,
 Manager.

Declared at Invercargill, this 26th day of January, 1898, before me—R. F. Cuthbertson, J.P. 152

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Blue Spur and Gabriel's Gully Consolidated Gold Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 1st February, 1888.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : London ; E. A. Foster, Secretary.
 Nominal capital : £130,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £89,066.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £30,000.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : £30,000.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : £60,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 130,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 82,298 ordinary, 8,968 preference.
 Amount paid per share : £1 on 80,000 ordinary shares, £1 on 8,968 preference shares.
 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 :
 Number of men employed by company : Average about 45.
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year : 3,308 oz. 3 dwt. 2 gr. ; £13,113 11s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 25,701 oz. ; £100,241.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £5,909 12s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £120,323 9s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : £15,737 (approximately).
 Total amount of dividends paid : £15,737.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £71 14s.
 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):

I, John Howard Jackson, of Lawrence, the General Manager of the Blue Spur and Gabriel's Gully Consolidated Gold 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."

J. HOWARD JACKSON,
 General Manager.

Declared at Lawrence, this 25th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Robert S. Hawkins, S.M., J.P. 151

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Venture Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 30th April, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Westport; A. W. Mills.
 Nominal capital: £3,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £3,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 7,500.
 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: 16.
 Present number of shareholders: 19.
 Number of men employed by company: 10.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 345 oz. gold.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 1,311 oz. gold.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,382 11s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £4,234 0s. 6d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £963 15s.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £19 12s. 7d.
 Amount of cash in hand: 8s. 8d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Arthur William Mills, of Westport, the Secretary of the Venture 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."

A. W. MILLS,
 Secretary.

Declared at Westport, this 28th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Wm. Gothard, J.P. 173

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Addison's Gold-slucing Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 25th August, 1894; 11th September, 1894.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Westport; A. W. Mills.
 Nominal capital: £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £4,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,681 15s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £1,100; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,100.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 4,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 4,000.
 Amount paid per share: Various amounts.
 Amount called up per share: 19s. 6d.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £164 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: 23.
 Present number of shareholders: 27.
 Number of men employed by company: 10.
 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: £1,949 4s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £3,381 5s. 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: £1 5s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £164 10s.
 Amount of debts considered good: £118 5s.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £80.

I, Arthur William Mills, of Westport, the Secretary of the Addison's Gold-slucing 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."

A. W. MILLS,
 Secretary.

Declared at Westport, this 28th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Wm. Gothard, J.P. 174

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Progress Mines of New Zealand (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 8th December, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: T. Dundas Pillans, London; G. H. Boyd, Reefton.
 Nominal capital: £250,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £250,000.
 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: £200,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 250,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 250,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 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: On colonial register, nil.
 Present number of shareholders: On colonial register, 20.
 Number of men employed by company: 309.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 517 oz. 14 dwt. gold; £2,122 11s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 517 oz. 14 dwt. gold; £2,122 11s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £46,099 0s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £46,099 0s. 11d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Current account (in the colony), 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): Nil.

I, George Henry Boyd, of Reefton, the local Manager of the Progress Mines of New Zealand (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company in the colony 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."

G. H. BOYD,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 24th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Walter Irving, J.P. 153

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 22nd February, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: T. Dundas Pillans, London; G. H. Boyd, Reefton.
 Nominal capital: £225,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £225,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £225,000.
 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: 225,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 225,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1 on 225,000 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: On colonial register, nil.
 Present number of shareholders: On colonial register, nil.
 Number of men employed by company: 88.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 96 oz. 11 dwt. 14 gr. gold; £380 5s. 7d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2,178 oz. 18 dwt. 7 gr. gold; £8,867 1s. 9d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £19,926 0s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £133,091 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: Current account (in the colony), nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £79 18s. 5d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £79 18s. 5d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £24,424 17s. 6d.

I, George Henry Boyd, of Reefton, the local Manager of the Consolidated Goldfields of New Zealand (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company in the colony 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."
 G. H. BOYD,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 24th day of January, 1898, before me—Walter Irving, J.P. 154

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Julian Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 17th June, 1893.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Taylorville, Brunner-ton; T. Bland.
 Nominal capital: £9,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: Nil.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Nil.
 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: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: £1,950.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear (call 32): £67 10s. 4d.
 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: 66.
 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: 14½ oz. gold; £60 2s. 11d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £319 12s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,449 2s. 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: £35 10s.
 Amount of cash in hand: £5.
 Amount of debts directly due to company (call 32): £67 10s. 4d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £67 10s. 4d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £6 3s.

I, Thomas Bland, the Manager of the Julian 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."

T. BLAND,
 Manager.

Declared at Wallsend, this 7th day of January, 1898, before me—J. W. Parkinson, J.P. 124

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Johnston's United Mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 27th June, 1881.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Trafalgar Street, Nelson; Frederick Adolphus Bamford.
 Nominal capital: £20,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £18,837 13s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £12,655 14s. 11d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 1,668 shares; no cash.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,668.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 20,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 20,000.
 Amount paid per share: 16s. 5½d. on 8,763, 15s. 11½d. on 1,360 shares.
 Amount called up per share: 16s. 5½d. on 8,763, 15s. 11½d. on 1,360 shares.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £6 12s. 6d.
 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: 16.
 Present number of shareholders: 49.
 Number of men employed by company: 2. Company's property protected; not being very actively worked at present.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil. Not been actively worked for the past eighteen months.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 10,439 oz. 2 dwt. 13 gr. gold; £37,579 2s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £325.
 Total expenditure since registration: £49,108.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £1,916 0s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £1,916 0s. 9d.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £139 8s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £53 5s. 6d. (cheques).
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £986 17s. 8d.

I, Frederick Adolphus Bamford, of Trafalgar Street, Nelson, the Legal Manager of the Johnston's United 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."

FRED. A. BAMFORD,
 Manager.

Declared at Nelson, this 20th day of January 1898, before me—Geo. M. Rout, J.P. 125

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: The Sailors' Gully (Waitahuna) Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd June, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Lawrence; Alfred Crooke, Secretary.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £100.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £1,800; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,800.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 2,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 2,000.
 Amount paid per share: 10s.
 Amount called up per share: 10s.
 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: 8.
 Number of men employed by company: 5.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 213 oz. 10 dwt. 3 gr. gold; £824 10s. 3d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 254 oz. 9 dwt. 6 gr. gold; £982 3s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £912 12s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,556 0s. 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: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.
 Direct liabilities (approximately): £709 8s. 6d.

I, Alfred Crooke, of Lawrence, in the Provincial District of Otago, in the Colony of New Zealand, and the Secretary of the Sailors' Gully (Waitahuna) 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."

ALFRED CROOKE, Secretary.

Declared at Lawrence, this 22nd day of January, 1898, before me—John Thompson, J.P. 126

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Little Jessie 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 Little Jessie Gold-mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of operations is at Tapu, in the Hauraki Peninsula Mining District.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Fort Street, Auckland.
4. The nominal capital of the company is ten thousand pounds, in eighty thousand shares of two shillings and sixpence each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is sixty-one thousand three hundred and sixty, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid up is one shilling on fifty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty shares, and one shilling and sixpence on eight thousand four hundred and eighty shares.
8. The name of the Manager is Edward Byers Sealy.
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.
Paterson, W., Lorne Street, Merchant ..	4,240
Paterson, Margaret, Lorne Street, Domestic Duties ..	4,240
Paterson, R., Mount Roskill Road, Settler ..	4,240
Paterson, Agnes W., Mount Roskill Road, Domestic Duties ..	2,120
Paterson, Marion, Mount Roskill Road, Domestic Duties ..	2,120
Fordyce, W. B., Lorne Street, Accountant ..	1,590
Jowitt, A. C. R., Eden Terrace, Salesman ..	530
Haslett, J., Mount Roskill Road, Expressman ..	4,240
Burke, J., Richmond Road, Settler ..	3,710
Quinlan, P., Symonds Street, Hotelkeeper ..	3,180
Plummer, R. A., Tapu, Mine-manager ..	2,060
Plummer, W., Tapu, Miner ..	1,060
Plummer, H. A. H., Tapu, Miner ..	1,060
Robinson, J., Tapu, Miner ..	4,240
Burk, Thos., Tapu, Miner ..	1,060
Thomas, S., Victoria Street East, Assistant ..	2,120

	No. of Shares.
Thomas, W., jun., Victoria Street East, Merchant ..	6,300
Thomas, W., sen., Victoria Street East, Merchant ..	1,060
Davidson, A. J., Victoria Street East, Assistant ..	2,120
King, F. M., Wellington Street, Accountant ..	2,120
Allsop, G., Upper Queen Street, Assistant ..	1,060
Allsop, M., Upper Queen Street, Domestic Duties ..	1,060
Carter, C. E., Lorne Street, Assistant ..	530
Robertson, J. B., Lorne Street, Clerk ..	1,060
Begg, T. L., Cambridge, Gentleman ..	1,325
Coremartin, J. P., Stonyhurst, Gentleman ..	530
Lindsay, T., Parnell, Settler ..	530
McDougall, J., Kyber Pass Road, Settler ..	795
Clarke, S. S., Karangahape Road, Settler ..	1,060
Total ..	61,360

Dated this 24th day of January, 1898.

EDWARD B. SEALY,
 Manager.

Witness to signature—Walter B. Sealy, Accountant, Auckland.

I, Edward Byers Sealy, 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."

EDWARD B. SEALY.

Taken before me, at Auckland, this 24th day of January, 1898—G. W. Basley, Solicitor of the Supreme Court in New Zealand. 162

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of the Waitekauri Extended (Limited), (in liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named company, which was incorporated in England on the 18th July, 1895, under the provisions of the Companies Acts of England, being now in liquidation for the purposes of reconstruction under the provisions of the said Acts, intends to cease carrying on business in this colony. It is requested that full particulars, in duplicate, of all claims against the said company be sent in to the undersigned immediately.

Dated this 28th day of January, 1898.

BUDDLE, BUTTON, AND CO.,
 Solicitors for Edward William Fellgate,
 Liquidator of the said Company.

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In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of the Victor Waihou Gold-mining Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named company, which was incorporated in England under the Companies Acts of England, being now in liquidation for the purpose of reconstruction under the provisions of the said Acts, intends to cease carrying on business in this colony. It is requested that all claims against the company be sent in to the undersigned at once.

Dated this 28th day of January, 1898.

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

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

8195. JOHN ARMSTRONG MOUNSEY.—24 acres 2 roods 8 perches, part of Rural Section 9220, Oxford Survey District. Occupied by Joseph Plachatsch.

8196. THE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.—1 rood, Section 132, Town of Ashburton. Occupied by Applicant.

8197. JONAS ARUNDEL.—305 acres 2 roods 15 perches, Rural Sections 3703, 3746, 3971, 7913, and 7914, Rangiora Survey District. Occupied by John Vallance, jun., George Phipps Pulley, James Albert Rowe, and David Dick.

8199. JAMES BARLAND IRVING CAMPBELL.—50 acres, Rural Section 9915, Rolleston Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 29th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
 District Land Registrar.

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WHEREAS a dealing has been presented for registration affecting the land comprised in Crown lease registered in Vol. lvi., folio 5, of the Register-book at Auckland, in favour of PETER McMAHON, of Te Kopuru, Settler, for Section 136 of the Parish of Kopuru, and evidence has been adduced of the loss of the duplicate of the Crown lease: Now notice is hereby given of my intention to register such dealing at the expiration of fourteen days after the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice without requiring the production of the said duplicate.

Dated this 19th 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 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 *Gazette* containing this notice.

703. ROBERT PARRIS.—1 acre and 10.9 perches, part of Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 89, Waitara West.

704.—1 rood 32.4 perches, part of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 96, Waitara West.

705.—27 acres and 36.4 perches, part of Suburban Allotments 26, 27, 28, Waitara West.

706.—4 acres, part of Suburban Allotment 28, Waitara West.

707.—2 acres 1 rood 0.27 perch, Town Allotments 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Block 42; Town Allotments 8, 9, 10, Block 61; Town Allotment 7, Block 73, Waitara West.

Owned by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1097).

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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

3421. JAMES BABER and CHARLES BATES. — Part of Lot 37 of Allotment 30, Section 8, of the Suburbs of Auckland, containing 14½ perches. Occupied by John Thompson.

3425. JAMES ROBERTS WALTERS. — Part of Allotment 104b, Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 8 acres and 25 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to me for the issue of a provisional certificate of title in the name of THOMAS MACMAHON, of Riwaka, Farmer, for Section 83, Square 9, Crown grant, Vol. v., folio 273, and evidence having been lodged with me as to the loss of the original grant, I hereby give notice that I will issue such provisional certificate as requested at the expiration of fourteen days from the date of publication hereof.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

H. W. ROBINSON,
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.

718, 719. ROBERT STOUT and GEORGE EDWARD GORDON RICHARDSON.—Sections 24 and 129, Town of New Plymouth, 2 roods 1.6 perches. 24 occupied by S. T. Douglas; 129 unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1111).

Dated this 26th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 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 *Gazette* containing this notice.

720. FANNY MERSON.—Block 46, Section 10, Waitara East, 1 rood 7 perches. Occupied by Edwin Clark.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LAND FOR ROADS.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute a certain public work, to wit, the construction of roads at Cabbage Bay, and for the purposes of such public work the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken. And notice is hereby further given that the plan of the said roads and of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the office of the Coromandel County Council, Coromandel, and is there open for inspection; and that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land shall, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Coromandel County Council, Coromandel.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of Block known as	Situate at Cabbage Bay, Auckland Land District, in Survey District of	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 1 32	Haereawatea (98n)	Harataunga (Block V.)	Blue.
0 1 26	Ahikumukumu (1196)	Harataunga (Block V.)	Brown.
0 1 25	Hauwai (1934) ..	Harataunga (Block V.)	Orange.

As the same are more particularly delineated on the said plan No. 10989.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Coromandel County Council, this 27th day of January, 1898.

RICHD. SIMMONDS,
Clerk, Coromandel County Council.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, under the style of "MacDonald, McKinnon, and Co.," is this day dissolved.

The business of the late Partnership will be carried on in future by the undersigned David MacDonald, who will discharge all liabilities of the late Partnership, and to whom all sums owing to the same must be paid.

DAVID MACDONALD.
JAMES MCKINNON.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership formerly existing between DONALD LACHLAN MATHESON and ALLAN MACDOUGALL CARMICHAEL, in the business of Grocers and General Merchants, Farmers and Agriculturalists, at Invercargill and Otautau, was dissolved by mutual consent as from the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1897.

D. L. MATHESON.

A. MACD. CARMICHAEL.

Witness to the signature of Donald Lachlan Matheson—
THOS. M. MACDONALD,

Solicitor, Invercargill.

Witness to the signature of Allan M. Carmichael—
JOHN MACALISTER,

Solicitor, Invercargill.

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In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of the Gore Meat-preserving Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above company, duly convened, and held at Gore on the 5th day of January, 1898, the following resolution was duly passed, and that the same resolution was confirmed as a special resolution at an extraordinary general meeting of the said shareholders duly convened for that purpose, and held at Gore on the 20th day of January, 1898:—

"That the Gore Meat-preserving Company (Limited) be and the same is hereby wound up voluntarily, and that Messrs. Thomas Green and William J. Inglis be and are hereby appointed joint Liquidators of the said company, at a remuneration of 5 per cent. on the net proceeds of the liquidation."

Dated this 20th day of January, 1898.

THOMAS GREEN,
Chairman.

Witness to signature of Thomas Green—D. L. Poppelwell,
Solicitor, Gore.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned, DAVID SIMS and JOSEPH ALEXANDER HUDSON, of Wallingford, Sheep-farmers, was this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated at Napier, this 27th day of January, 1898.

D. SIMS.
JOSEPH A. HUDSON.

Witness to both signatures—A. J. Cotterill, Solicitor, Napier. 160

TAURANGA COUNTY COUNCIL.

RESULT OF POLL.

I HEREBY give notice that the following is the result of a poll of ratepayers on the proposal to adopt "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," within the County of Tauranga:—

For the proposal..	..	..	112 votes
Against	..	..	2 "
Informal	..	..	2 "

As one-third of the ratepayers on the roll did not record their votes at the said poll in accordance with clause 6 of the said Act, I therefore declare the proposal to be not carried.

DAVID LUNDON,
Chairman,
Tauranga County Council.

County Council Chambers, Tauranga.
8th January, 1898. 161

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand to make an order sanctioning the sale of Sections 28 and 319, situate in Revell Street, in Hokitika, on which is erected the Rechabite Hall.

And it is also notified that, unless, within one month from the date of this notice appearing in the *Gazette*, cause is shown why such order should not be issued, the same will be made and issued accordingly.

Dated at Hokitika, this 18th day of January, 1898.

PARK AND MURDOCH,
Solicitors, Hokitika. 155

UPPER MAHURANGI ROAD DISTRICT.

IT is hereby notified that, in accordance with section 17, "Public Works Act, 1894," the Upper Mahurangi Road Board intend to take land for a public road, 1 chain wide, through the following properties: Lots 2, 8, 10, 11, 26, 29, 30, 51, 53, 54, 68, and 77, Parish of Kourawhero; Lots 168 and 170, Parish of Mahurangi.

Plans of the same lie open for inspection at the office of the Board, Warkworth.

The works proposed to be executed are clearing and forming.

All persons affected are called upon to set forth in writing any well-grounded objection to the execution of such works or to the taking of such lands, and to send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned.

NATHANIEL WILSON, Chairman of Board.
Warkworth, 1st January, 1898. 156

I, ALFRED JOSEPH ROBERTSON, heretofore called and known by the name of ALFRED JOSEPH MCLUGHAN, of Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, Engineer, do hereby give public notice that, on the 30th day of October, 1897, I did, for and on behalf of myself and my heirs lawfully begotten, formally, wholly, absolutely renounce, relinquish, and abandon the use of my said surname of McLughan, and then assumed and adopted and determined thenceforth in all records, deeds, documents, and writings, in all actions, suits, and proceedings, in all dealings, transactions and things, and upon all occasions whatsoever, to use and subscribe the name of Alfred Joseph Robertson, instead of the said name of Alfred Joseph McLughan, and so that I and my heirs lawfully begotten might at all times thereafter be called, known, and distinguished by the said name of Alfred Joseph Robertson. And I give further notice that, by a deed poll bearing date on the said 30th day of October, 1897, duly executed and attested, and filed in the Supreme Court offices for the Otago and Southland District on the 3rd day of November, 1897, I formally, wholly, absolutely, and utterly renounced, relinquished, and abandoned the said surname of McLughan, and declared that I had assumed, adopted, determined, and intended thenceforth upon all occasions whatsoever to use and subscribe myself by the name of Alfred Joseph Robertson, instead of Alfred Joseph McLughan, and so as to be at all time thereafter called, known, described, and distinguished by the name of Alfred Joseph Robertson exclusively.

Dated at Dunedin, this 30th day of October, 1897.

159 ALFRED JOSEPH ROBERTSON.

GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

ESTABLISHED 1821.

Head Office—11, Lombard Street, London, E.C.

Subscribed capital ..	..	£2,000,000
Total invested funds, upwards of ..	..	4,465,000
Total annual income ..	..	720,000

THE undersigned, having been appointed General Agent and Attorney of the above company for Hawke's Bay, is prepared to issue policies of insurance against loss by fire on the lowest current terms.

157 JOHN PARKER.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership which has for some time past been carried on by ALEXANDER COWIE and LOUIS SPATZ under the firm of "Cowie and Spatz," at Caversham, in the trade or business of Brewers, Maltsters, and Bottlers, was this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts due to the said firm will be received by, and all debts due by the said firm will be paid by, the undersigned Alexander Cowie, who will continue to carry on the business as heretofore.

As witness our hands, this 23rd day of November, 1897.

A. COWIE.
L. SPATZ.

Witness to signatures—Alf. C. Hanlon, Solicitor, Dunedin. 158

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