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Taking Land for a Road-deviation through Private Lands, Puketoi Survey District.

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the consent of the owner of the land hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Wairarapa North County Council, being the local authority in whose district the said land is situated, do by this notice hereby proclaim as a road the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Part of Section No.	Situated in Block	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
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All in the Wellington Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above noted, deposited in the District Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

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Land in Otago set apart for Leasing as Small Grazing-runs.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Rock and Pillar Survey District, Section 12, Block XII., 2,975 acres and 11 perches.

Strath Taieri Survey District, Section 2, Block VI., 2,801 acres 1 rood 5 perches.

Hummock and Hummockside Survey Districts, Run 171A, 2,898 acres.

Hummock Survey District, Run 171B, 2,219 acres.

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-first 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!

Declaring that an Education Reserve in Auckland shall be leased under Part III. of "The Land Act, 1892," subject to the Provisions of Section 121 of the said Act.

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

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the two hundred and forty-third section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of every other power

and authority enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and at the request of the Council of the Auckland University, in whom the land herein described is vested, doth hereby declare that the land described in the Schedule hereto, which has been reserved for educational purposes, shall be leased, subject to the provisions of the one hundred and twenty-first section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of Part III. of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

WAIKATO COUNTY.—PARISH OF TAUPIRI.

Second-class Land.

Lot 17 of Section 463: 109 acres; lease in perpetuity, rental per acre 48d., half-yearly rent £1 1s. 10d. Open fern and tea-tree land at Kimihia, Huntly.

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.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Approved in Council.

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

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.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), John Harrison, of Aratapu (hereinafter called "the licensee"), has applied to the Governor in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore and of the land below low-water mark of Wairoa River, at the mouth of the Mongonui Creek, in Kaipara Harbour, in order to erect booms thereon; and, in accordance with the one hundred and fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," has deposited plans in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington (marked M.D. 2114), showing the position in which it is intended to erect such booms, the area of foreshore and land below low-water mark intended to be occupied, and the manner in which it is proposed to erect the booms: And whereas the Governor in Council has approved of the purpose for which the said license is required: And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted and issued to the licensee under the said Act, for the purpose aforesaid, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

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

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

2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark occupied by the said booms, as shown on plans marked M.D. 2114.

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

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

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

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

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

8. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by or under this Order in Council shall continue to be in force for

fourteen years from the date hereof, unless in the meantime such rights, powers, and privileges shall be altered, modified, or revoked by competent authority; and the licensee shall not assign, charge, or part with any such right, power, or privilege without the written consent of the Minister first obtained.

9. The said rights, powers, and privileges may be at any time resumed by the Governor, and the licensee may be required to remove the booms from the said river and the bed thereof at his own cost, without payment of any compensation whatever, on giving to the licensee six calendar months' previous notice in writing. Any such notice shall be sufficient if given by the Minister, and delivered at or posted to the last known address of the licensee.

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

11. In case the licensee shall—

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

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

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

Licensing P. Brown to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore of Wairoa River, Kaipara Harbour.

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned, Peter Brown, of Waimata, near Dargaville, storekeeper (hereinafter called "the licensee"), has applied to the Governor in Council for a license under "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), to occupy a part of the land below low-water mark in order to erect and maintain thereon a shed alongside the Dargaville Wharf, on the Wairoa River, Kaipara Harbour; and, in accordance with the one hundred and fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," has deposited a plan in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington (marked M.D. 2154), showing the place on the said river where it is intended to erect such shed, and the area of land below low-water mark intended to be occupied for such purpose: And whereas it has been made to appear to the Governor in Council that the proposed work will not be or tend to the injury of navigation; and the said plan has, prior to the making of this Order in Council, been approved by the Governor in Council: And whereas it is expedient that a license under the said Act, for the purpose aforesaid, should be granted and issued to the licensee on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

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

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

2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the land below low-water mark shown on the said plan marked M.D. 2154.

3. In consideration of the concessions and privileges granted by this Order in Council, the licensee shall, on being supplied with a copy of this Order in Council, pay to the Minister the sum of two pounds ten shillings, and thereafter the annual sum of one pound, such annual payments to date from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the first of such annual payments to be made on the licensee being supplied with a copy of this Order in Council.

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

5. That the said rights, powers, and privileges may be at any time resumed by the Governor, and the licensee may be required to remove the shed, at his own cost, without payment of any compensation whatever, on giving to the licensee three calendar months' previous notice in writing. Any such notice shall be sufficient if given by the Minister, and delivered at or posted to the last known address of the licensee in New Zealand.

6. The licensee shall be liable for any injury which may be sustained by any vessel or boat in passing the shed or by contact with it, and which may be occasioned by any default or neglect on his part.

7. In case the licensee shall—

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

then and in any of the said cases this Order in Council and every right, power, or privilege, may be revoked and determined by the Governor in Council without any notice to the licensee or other proceeding whatsoever; and publication in the *New Zealand Gazette* of an Order in Council containing such revocation shall be sufficient notice to the licensee, and to all persons concerned or interested, that this Order in Council, and the rights and privileges thereby conferred, have been revoked and determined; and upon such revocation the Minister may cause the said shed, and all other erections or buildings thereto belonging, to be removed, and may recover the cost incurred by any such removal from the licensee.

8. The construction of the shed shall be deemed to be an acceptance by the licensee of the conditions of this Order in Council.

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

Licensing the Mokau Coal-mines Syndicate (Limited) to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore of Mokau River.

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), the Mokau Coal-mines Syndicate (Limited) (hereinafter called "the licensee") has applied to the Governor in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore and of the land below low-water mark of the Mokau River, in order to erect a wharf thereon, and, in accordance with the one hundred and fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," has deposited plans in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington (marked M.D. 2168) showing the position in which it is intended to erect such wharf, the area of foreshore and land below low-water mark intended to be occupied, and the manner in which it is proposed to erect the wharf: And whereas the Governor in Council has approved of the purpose for which the said license is required: And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted and issued to the licensee under the said Act, for the purpose aforesaid, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

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

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

2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore occupied by the said wharf, as shown on plans marked M.D. 2168.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. In case the licensee shall—

- (1.) Commit or suffer a breach of the conditions hereinbefore set forth, or any of them;
- (2.) Cease to use or occupy the said wharf for a period of thirty days;
- (3.) Be in any manner wound up or dissolved;

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

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

Vesting Management of Kaikoura Wharf and Goods-shed in the Kaikoura County Council, making Regulations, and prescribing Dues.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section fourteen of "The Harbours Act, 1878" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor in Council may vest the management of any wharf the property of Her Majesty in any local governing body or person, upon such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council thinks fit:

And whereas it is provided by section seventeen of the said Act that in and by any such Order in Council it may be prescribed what dues and rates shall be taken by the body or person in whom any such wharf shall be vested as aforesaid:

And whereas it is provided by the said Act that in harbours where there is no Harbour Board the Governor in Council shall have all the powers, functions, duties, and authorities by such Act conferred upon Harbour Boards, and may exercise the same under regulations to be made in manner provided by section 212 of the said Act: And whereas there is no Harbour Board having jurisdiction in the Harbour of Kaikoura:

And whereas it is thought desirable to vest in the Kaikoura County Council the management of the Kaikoura Wharf, and goods-shed connected therewith, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, to make regulations, and to prescribe the dues and rates which shall be taken by the said Council for the use of such wharf:

Now, therefore, 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, and in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the said fourteenth and seventeenth sections of the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling him in that behalf, doth hereby vest the management of the Kaikoura Wharf, and goods-shed connected therewith, in the Kaikoura County Council, subject to the conditions set forth in the First Schedule hereto; doth hereby prescribe that the dues and rates set forth in the Second Schedule hereto shall be taken by the said Council for the use of the said wharf and premises; and doth hereby make the regulations contained in the Third Schedule hereto, and doth order that the same shall, on and after the date of this Order in Council, apply to the port or harbour of Kaikoura and the wharf aforesaid.

The Orders in Council of the twenty-third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, making regulations and prescribing dues for the said wharf, are hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

CONDITIONS OF MANAGEMENT.

1. THAT all Her Majesty's subjects shall, at all reasonable times, and upon payment of the proper dues, have free and full liberty to use the above-mentioned wharf, and rights of ingress and egress thereto and therefrom.
2. That Her Majesty or the Governor, and all officers in the Government service acting in the execution of their duty, shall at all times have free ingress, passage, and egress into, over, and out of the wharf without payment.
3. That the Kaikoura County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") shall maintain and keep the above-mentioned wharf, goods-shed, and all erections on or in connection therewith, in good order and repair; and shall at all times permit to be erected and exhibited therefrom any lights for the guidance of vessels, and shall maintain at

its own cost any such lights: Provided that no new light shall be exhibited until after it has been approved by the Minister for the time being having charge of the Marine Department (hereinafter referred to as "the said Minister").

4. That any person authorised by the said Minister, or any officer acting with his approval, may at all reasonable times enter upon the said wharf, goods-shed, and any buildings erected thereon or in connection therewith, and view the state of repair thereof; and that, upon his leaving at or posting to the last-known address of the Council a notice in writing of any defect or want of repair in such wharf or buildings, requiring the Council, within a reasonable time, to be therein prescribed, to make good or repair the same, the Council shall, with all convenient speed, cause such defect to be removed or such repairs to be made.

5. That the Council shall not erect, or suffer to be erected, on the said wharf any building or structure whatever except with the consent of the said Minister.

6. That the Council shall appoint all officers necessary for the working and management of the wharf.

7. The Council shall keep a separate account of the receipts and expenditure on account of such wharf and goods-shed, and shall cause such account to be balanced to the thirty-first day of March in every year, and shall send a copy of such account, when balanced, to the Marine Department, and shall supply any particulars in reference thereto as may be required by the Marine Department.

8. That nothing herein contained shall authorise the Council to do or cause to be done anything repugnant to or inconsistent with any law relating to the Customs, or any regulation of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, or with any provisions of "The Harbours Act, 1878," or its amendments, or any regulations thereunder.

9. That the rights, powers, and privileges hereby conferred shall continue in force for fourteen years, computed from the date of the foregoing Order in Council, unless in the meantime altered, modified, or revoked.

10. That the rights, powers, and privileges conferred under or by virtue of the foregoing Order in Council may be at any time resumed by the Governor on giving to the Council six calendar months' notice in writing. Any such notice shall be sufficient if given by the Governor or the said Minister, or by any person acting under his or their instructions, and delivered at or posted to the last known address of the Council, its successors or assigns. No compensation or allowance shall be payable in such case.

11. The Council shall be liable for any injury which may be caused at the said wharf to any vessel or boat through any default or neglect on the part of the Council.

12. In case the Council shall—

- (1.) Commit or suffer a breach of the conditions hereinbefore set forth, or any of them; or
- (2.) Cease to use or occupy the said wharf for a period of thirty consecutive days,

then and in either of the said cases every right, power, or privilege hereby conferred may be revoked and determined by the Governor in Council without notice to the Council or other proceeding whatsoever; and publication in the *New Zealand Gazette* of an Order in Council containing such revocation shall be sufficient notice to the Council, and to all persons concerned or interested, of the facts stated in such Order in Council.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

WHARFAGE.

On all goods or merchandise not otherwise specified,	s.	d.
weight or measurement, per ton, with labour	..	2 0
Ditto, without labour	..	1 0
Grass-seed, bran, pollard, and grain (wheat, oats, &c.), per bag, with labour	..	0 2
Ditto, without labour	..	0 1
Timber, inwards or outwards, per 100 ft. superficial, with labour	..	0 3
Horses and great cattle, each	..	2 6
Calves, goats, and pigs, each	..	0 3
Sheep and lambs, each, inwards	..	0 3
Ditto, outwards	..	0 1
Vehicles, each	..	4 0
Wool, per bale, with labour	..	0 3
Hay and chaff, per ton weight, with labour	..	2 0
Ditto, without labour	..	1 0
Coal and tallow, per ton weight, with labour	..	1 6
Potatoes, per ton of 12 bags	..	0 9
Beer, in casks or cases, 4 or 8 dozen (8 to be the ton as casks), per ton, with labour	..	4 0
Casks (hogsheads 4 to the ton, quarters and barrels 6 to the ton, octaves 12 to the ton, kegs 20 to the ton), per ton, with labour	..	4 0
Empty casks to be charged half rates.		
Tanks, 400 gallons, each, with labour	..	2 0
Ditto, without labour	..	1 0
Flax, hemp, and tow, per ton weight, with labour	..	1 6
Ditto, without labour	..	1 0

	s.	d.
Butter, per ton, with labour	..	2 0
Bricks, imported or exported, per 1,000, with labour	..	2 6
Hides, 40 to the ton, with labour	..	2 0
Ditto, without labour	..	1 0
Leather and basils, per bale	..	0 3
Slates, per 1,000, with labour	..	3 0
Tallow-casks, empty, each	..	0 6
Cheese, per ton weight	..	2 0
Minimum charge on any one article	..	0 3
Passengers' luggage, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ton measurement, and fishermen's consignments of fresh fish, shall be exempt from wharfage charges.		

STORAGE.

On all goods stored not otherwise specified, at per ton,	s.	d.
for two weeks or part of two weeks, weight or measurement	..	2 0
For every subsequent week	..	0 3
Wool, per bale, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	1 0
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 3
Tallow, per ton, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	3 6
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 3
Butter, per ton, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	3 6
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 3
Grass-seed, bran, pollard, and grain (wheat, oats, &c.), per bag, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	0 2
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 1
Potatoes, per bag, for four weeks or part of four weeks	..	0 2
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flour, per ton, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	2 6
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 3
Hogsheads, each, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	0 9
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 3
Flax, hay, and chaff, per ton weight, for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	2 0
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 6
Timber outwards—		
If stacked by consignor, per 100 superficial feet	..	0 1
If stacked by Wharfinger, per 100 superficial feet, extra	..	0 1
Timber outwards may remain on the wharf for fourteen days without extra charge, but for every week or part of a week after fourteen days the charge per 100 superficial feet will be	..	0 1
Timber shall be stacked where the Wharfinger shall direct.		
Cheese, per ton weight, per week or part of a week	..	1 0
Cement shall be charged as general merchandise, and six casks or twelve bags shall be reckoned as one ton.		
Minimum charge on any one article for two weeks or part of two weeks	..	0 4
Ditto, for every subsequent week	..	0 2

THIRD SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS.

1. THE owner or master of every vessel lying at wharf, pier, jetty, or landing-place shall, before commencing to discharge or land his cargo on any such wharf or landing-place, obtain the permission of the Wharfinger or his deputy so to do; and any cargo landed without such permission shall not be deemed to be in the custody of the Wharfinger, nor shall he be responsible for any loss or damage that may accrue to such cargo by the elements or otherwise.

2. No ballast, timber, coal, produce, or cargo of any description shall be embarked or shipped, disembarked or unshipped, except at such times and places, and in such order and mode, as may be directed and deemed expedient by the Wharfinger or his deputy for the proper working of the wharf.

3. All goods of a dangerous or inflammable character shall be removed by the owner, agent, or consignee immediately on being landed, and such owner, agent, or consignee failing to do so will be held responsible for any damage or loss that may accrue from any accident arising therefrom, in addition to the penalty provided for breach of these regulations; and the Wharfinger shall not be responsible for any damage or loss which may accrue to such goods.

4. No goods or articles of any description which, in the opinion of the Wharfinger or his deputy, are likely to occasion damage to the wharf, landing-place, or shed shall be discharged or landed on any such wharf or landing-place, or placed in any such shed.

5. If at any time owners or consignees of any cargo or produce landed on the wharf or landing-place, or to be shipped therefrom, are notified that no storage-room is available in any of the sheds for the proper stowage of such cargo or produce, and if any cargo or produce shall be permitted to remain on the wharf or landing-place for the convenience of the owners, consignees, or shippers thereof, then the Wharfinger shall not be responsible for any loss or damage

that may accrue to any such cargo or produce, by the elements or otherwise, during the time they may so remain on the wharf: Provided always that the Wharfinger shall not be bound to find storage-room either in the sheds or on the wharf or landing-place for any cargo or produce when no sufficient accommodation is available for that purpose.

6. No person taking any vehicle on the wharf shall allow the same to go at greater than a walking pace.

7. Any person taking any vehicle drawn by one horse on the wharf or jetty on which vehicles or horses are permitted to be taken shall walk at the head of and lead his horse, and remain by the same so long as the vehicle is on the said wharf, pier, or jetty; and no person shall ride on horseback on the wharf, pier, or jetty, but shall dismount and lead his horse.

8. Any person taking any vehicle drawn by two or more horses on any such wharf, pier, or jetty, as mentioned in the preceding regulation, shall ride on the said vehicle so as to keep the horses attached thereto as far as possible under his control while the said vehicle is in motion, and shall stand by the said vehicle when and so long as the same shall be at a standstill on any such wharf, pier, or jetty.

9. All persons in charge of vehicles shall be under the control of the Wharfinger or his deputy, and such persons shall, immediately on being so ordered by the said Wharfinger or his deputy, remove such vehicle to any part of the wharf to which he may be directed, or shall, if so required by the said Wharfinger or his deputy, remove such vehicle altogether from the wharf. No person shall be allowed to take any bicycle or tricycle upon the said wharf except for the sake of shipment, or by permission of the Wharfinger or his deputy.

10. No person shall disobey the orders of the Wharfinger or his deputy when acting in the due performance of their duty, nor in any way obstruct the traffic on any wharf, pier, jetty, or landing-place, nor make use of abusive or improper language thereon.

11. All goods landed on any wharf or landing-place, or brought thereon for shipment, are to be placed as the Wharfinger or his deputy may direct, and no goods or other articles shall be placed in any shed or on any wharf or landing-place so as to be an impediment to the approaches, or an obstacle to the removal of other goods from shed, wharf, or landing-place, or so as to encumber the mooring-posts or rings on any such wharf or landing-place.

12. Shippers and consignees of all goods landed on or shipped from the said wharf shall, before landing or shipping such goods, deliver to the Wharfinger or his deputy a full and true account of all such goods, stating the respective weights or measurements of the same according as freight is payable thereon. All charges to be paid previous to delivery of goods.

13. The master of every vessel shall, on demand, give to the Wharfinger or other person deputed by him a copy of the bill of lading, freight-list, or manifest of the cargo, or other proper account of all goods intended to be unshipped from the vessel, and the name or names of the owners to whom all or any goods in such vessel are intended to be delivered.

14. All goods landed on the wharf shall be removed therefrom or stored before 4 p.m. on the day upon which they are landed, except as provided by Regulations 15 and 16.

15. The wharf shall be open daily for business from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sundays and holidays excepted): Provided that, when vessels arrive by 6 a.m., then the wharf shall be open from the time of the arrival of the vessel and until 4 p.m. Goods to be removed during those hours without storage being charged.

16. The Wharfinger is empowered to take charge of and store cargo if not removed by the consignee during the working-hours of the day upon which the same has been landed, or to cause the same to be delivered to the consignee at his risk and expense: Provided always that any consignee may notify to the Wharfinger in writing that he will remove his goods that day, and does not require storage; the Wharfinger's liability for loss or damage done to the goods whilst waiting removal to cease from the time of receipt of notice. Labour for loading, if required, to be supplied by the Wharfinger to 5 p.m.

Goods such as bricks, coal, iron, and timber may be left on the wharf for two working-days, at the request of the consignee, without liability to extra charge for wharfage, and free of storage (provided that the proper working-hours of the wharf is not obstructed thereby); but the Wharfinger shall not be responsible for the safety of such goods.

17. Vessels, or the owners or agents of such vessels, shall pay storage upon all cargo landed between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 a.m., and upon all goods landed and stored on Sundays and holidays, consignees paying single wharfage only.

Vessels to pay for all overtime incurred between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. on working-days, and for all labour on Sundays and holidays.

18. Goods landed for reshipment shall have precedence of all other goods stored in the sheds.

19. In the construction of the above regulations the terms and expressions following shall have the meanings herein-after assigned to them:—

“Wharfinger” shall mean and include the person appointed by the Kaikoura County Council or Wharfinger to collect and receive all dues payable under this Order in Council:

“Deputy” shall mean any officer acting under the instructions or by the authority of the Wharfinger or Kaikoura County Council, as the case may be.

20. If any person fails, refuses, or neglects to do anything required by these regulations, or in any manner obstructs, impedes, or interferes with the doing of anything enjoined or authorised to be done, or wilfully does anything prohibited by these regulations, every such person in any case so offending shall be liable to forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding £5.

21. No person or persons shall deposit goods of any description upon the public highway or lands vested in the Kaikoura County Council, or on any land vested in the said Council adjacent to the wharf.

22. No steamer shall load or unload cargo at the wharf on Sundays without permission of the Chairman of the Kaikoura County Council or his deputy. Such permission will only be given when steamers have been prevented from working by previous bad weather.

23. The Wharfinger for the time being shall have sole charge of the wharf, sheds, boatways, and all the other appurtenances.

24. The charge for labour (if required) upon all Government cargo, shall be 1s. per ton, both inwards and outwards.

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

Charges and Regulations for Use of Telephones.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, certain charges and regulations for the use of telephones were made under the authority of “The Electric Lines Act, 1884”: And whereas it is expedient to alter and amend such regulations in relation to the use of telephones connected with telephone exchanges:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Right Honourable 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, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the regulation set forth in the Schedule hereto, and doth order that the same shall be read as part of the regulations set forth in the Schedule to the before-mentioned Order in Council, and doth further order and declare that such regulation shall come into force on and after the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

9. No extra telephone, special instrument, or appliances other than those provided and maintained by the department will be allowed to be used by any subscriber in connection with an exchange wire.

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

“The Education Act, 1877.”—Payments to Education Boards.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by “The Education Act, 1877,” His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, doth hereby make the regulation hereto annexed regarding certain payments of

capitation allowance to Education Boards; and, with the like advice and consent, doth hereby prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATION.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in an Order in Council made on the 5th day of January, 1888, under the provisions of "The Education Act, 1877," relating (*inter alia*) to attendance registers and returns, the payment of capitation allowance to Education Boards for the quarter ending on the 31st day of March, 1898, shall be according to the working-average attendance of the quarter ending on the 31st day of December, 1897, as working average was defined by Order in Council dated the 5th day of July, 1887, and made under the provisions of the before-mentioned Act.

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

Amended Regulations for Trout-fishing, Buller District.

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the thirtieth day of September then instant, certain regulations were made under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), providing for trout-fishing within the County of Buller, together with all town districts and boroughs therein:

And whereas it is expedient to alter the fees which shall be charged for licenses to fish for trout in the said district:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, doth hereby order and declare, notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited regulations, that for every license to fish for trout within the County of Buller (including all town districts and boroughs therein) the fee of ten shillings shall be charged.

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

Otau Recreation-ground brought under "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

BY virtue of the powers and authorities vested in me by the twenty-fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby order and declare that the reserve made for public recreation in the Auckland Land District, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same is hereby brought under the operation of and declared to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881"; and such domain shall hereafter be managed, administered, and dealt with in manner directed by the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Allotments Nos. 14, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Section No. 1 of the Village of Otau, containing by admeasurement 3 roods 33 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by Allotment No. 37 of Section No. 1 of the Village of Otau, 210 links; towards the south-east by a public road, 618 links and 195 links; towards the south-west by Allotment No. 1 of Section No. 1 of the Village of Otau, 137 links; and towards the north-west by a public road, 215 links, 120 links, and 395 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Allotments Nos. 41, 42, and 43 of Section 1 of the Village of Otau, and containing by admeasurement 1 rood 14 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by a public road, 290 links and 193 links; towards the

south-west by a public road, 223 links and 115 links; and towards the west by a public road, 230 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

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

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

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the twelfth section of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time delegate all or any of the powers by the said Act conferred, save as is therein mentioned, to any person or persons, for any period, and subject to such stipulations as may be specified in such Order, and that every such delegation may from time to time in like manner be altered or revoked: And whereas, pursuant to "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," by an Order in Council of even date herewith, the land described in the Schedule thereto, situate in the Village of Otau, and being Allotments Nos. 14, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41, 42, and 43 of Section No. 1, on the map of the said village, is declared to be brought under the operation of and to be subject to the provisions of the said "Public Domains Act, 1881":

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand, doth by this present Order delegate all the powers conferred by the Act first above mentioned, except the powers under or conferred by sections five and twelve thereof, to

THE WAIROA ROAD BOARD,

which shall be known as the Otau Domain Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), subject to the stipulations hereinafter contained, that is to say,—

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business the second Saturday in each month, at the Wairoa Public Hall, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Saturday, the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

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

4. The Chairman of the Road Board shall be the Chairman of the Board. He may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

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

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

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

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

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

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

five and twelve thereof, to the under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Naseby Public Domain Board, namely,—

John Weir,
James Richard Smith,
Robert F. Inder,
Alexander L. Herdman,
Thomas Stephens,
Thomas Foster, and
Robert McGregor Turnbull

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Land District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 120 acres, more or less, situate in Naseby District, being Section No. 23, Block I., on the map of the said district. Bounded towards the north and north-west generally by a road-line, 3399·8 links; towards the north-east by Crown lands, 3227·1 links; towards the east by a road-line, 1463·2 links; towards the south by Crown lands and Block VI., 3965·3 links; and towards the west by the said Block VI., 2922·9 links.

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

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

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

ARCHIBALD McALISTER,
ROBERT BROWN,
MICHAEL MALEY,
ANDREW SMALL, and
GEORGE FREDERICK JOHNSTON

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Thursday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock

p.m., at Lumsden, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Thursday, the seventeenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement 19 acres 1 rood 4 perches, more or less, and being Sections Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, Block XXIII., Town of Lumsden.

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

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

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

JAMES NEWLAND SHARP,
CHARLES ALBERT CREERY HARDY,
JAMES BRUCE,
WILLIAM LAWRENCE ALLAN,
DAVID GORDON HOLMES,
JOHN McLEAN, and
LAURENCE OXLEY

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Thursday in each month, at four o'clock p.m., at the Road Board Office, South Rakaia, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Thursday, the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

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

4. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the first Monday in January in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in

the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Township of South Rakaia, Land District of Canterbury, containing 50 acres, more or less, and being reserve numbered 2242. Bounded south-eastward by Lots Nos. 31 to 36 inclusive; north-westward by Lots Nos. 19 and 20; and north-eastward and south-westward by road-lines: as the same is delineated on the official map in the Survey Office, Christchurch.

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

Vesting a Reserve in the Corporation of the Town of Roxburgh.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto was permanently reserved as a site for a reservoir on the eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient to vest the said land in the Corporation of the Town of Roxburgh:

Now, therefore, 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, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the reserve described in the Schedule hereto shall become vested in "The Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Roxburgh," in trust, as a site for a reservoir.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 6 acres and 1 perch, more or less, situate in the Township of Roxburgh, and being Section No. 1 of Block XXIV. of said township. Bounded towards the north-west by Section No. 27 of same block, 982.6 links; towards the north-east by a street-line, 670 links; towards the south-east by Tweed Street, 1186.5 links; towards the south-west by a street-line, 469.3 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: and intersected by three water-races, also by tail-race reserve along creek.

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

Exchange of Land in Canterbury.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto was reserved for plantation purposes: And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient to exchange the said land for that mentioned in the second column of the Schedule hereto:

Now, therefore, 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, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," and the third section of "The Public Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1889," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the said reserve mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall be exchanged for the land mentioned in the second column of the Schedule hereto.

B

SCHEDULE.

Description of Reserve intended to be exchanged.	Description of Land to be obtained in Exchange therefor.
All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 21 acres 3 roods 26 perches, more or less, being Plantation Reserve 2469, as described in <i>Gazette</i> No. 48, September 16, 1886, and situated in Blocks XIV. and XV., Christchurch Survey District.	All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 87 acres 2 roods 24 perches, more or less, being Rural Section 1325 and parts of Rural Sections 1409 and 2063, situated in Block XV., Christchurch Survey District, and Block III., Halswell Survey District, and bounded as follows: Towards the north by the road forming the southern boundary of Rural Section 1358; towards the east by the western boundary of Rural Section 361; again towards the north by said Rural Section 361, for a distance of 439.6 links from its south-west corner; thence south-easterly by a line bearing 170° 30' 30" for a distance of 1790.1 links; thence westerly by a due east-and-west line for a distance of 2387.2 links; thence by the road forming the eastern boundary of Rural Section 4682.

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

Regulations for the Conduct of the Election of Members of the Victoria College Council.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-ninth day of January, 1898.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise of the power vested in him by "The Victoria College Act, 1897," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby make the following regulations for the conduct of the election of members of the Victoria College Council:—

REGULATIONS

First Election.

1. For the purpose of the first election of the members of the Victoria College Council (hereinafter called "the Council") the Chief Clerk of the Education Department shall be the Returning Officer, and his office shall be at the Education Department offices, Government Buildings, Wellington.

2. For the purpose of every subsequent election the Returning Officer shall be such person as the Council appoints, and his office shall be at the College buildings, or such other convenient place in Wellington as the Council appoints.

3. All notices, voting-papers, and other documents which under these regulations are to be posted or delivered to the Returning Officer shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed, "The Returning Officer for the Victoria College Council Election," at his office as aforesaid.

4. The five classes of electors specified in section 5 of "The Victoria College Act, 1897," shall be entered on rolls which shall be called—

- (1.) In the case of electors under subsection (2) of that section, the "parliamentary electoral roll";
- (2.) In the case of electors under subsection (3) of that section, the "graduates' electoral roll";
- (3.) In the case of electors under subsection (4) of that section, the "teachers' electoral roll";
- (4.) In the case of electors under subsection (5) of that section, the "Education Boards' electoral roll";
- (5.) In the case of the Professorial Board, the "professorial electoral roll."

5. The Returning Officer shall prepare and from time to time amend the electoral rolls either on his own motion, or pursuant to any claim or objection, by entering thereon or removing therefrom the name of any elector of whose qualification or want of qualification, as the case may be, he is satisfied, and by otherwise correcting any error in any such roll.

6. The electoral rolls, or copies thereof, shall be kept open to public inspection at all reasonable times at the office of the Returning Officer.

7. Any person possessing the necessary qualification for enrolment on any roll may make and forward or deliver to the Returning Officer a claim for enrolment in the form or to the effect following:—

CLAIM for Enrolment as Elector of the Victoria College.

(1.) Claimant: [Set out the full name and address of the claimant, thus—A.B., of Wellington, or as the case may be.]

(2.) Qualification: [Set out the qualification, thus—Member of the Legislative Council, resident at _____, within the _____ Provincial District, or as the case may be.]

(3.) Roll in respect whereof this claim is made: [Set out name of roll, thus—Parliamentary electoral roll, or as the case may be.]

The claimant hereby claims to be entered on the above-mentioned roll as an elector of the Victoria College.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18____.

[Signature of the claimant.]

To the Returning Officer of the Victoria College.

8. Any person who is entered on any electoral roll, and possesses the necessary qualification in respect of any other electoral roll, may make and forward or deliver to the Returning Officer a claim for transfer from the first to the secondly-mentioned roll; and on receipt of such claim the Returning Officer, if satisfied that the claimant possesses the necessary qualification, shall transfer his name accordingly.

9. Claims for transfer shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

THE VICTORIA COLLEGE.—Claim for Transfer.

(1.) Claimant: [Set out full name and address of claimant.]

(2.) Roll on which he is at present entered: [Set out name of roll, thus—Graduates' electoral roll, or as the case may be.]

(3.) Roll to which he claims to be transferred: [Set out name of roll, thus—Teachers' electoral roll, or as the case may be.]

(4.) Qualification by virtue whereof he claims to be transferred: [Set out qualification, thus—Holder of a certificate under "The Education Act, 1877," and resident at (place), within the _____ Provincial District, or as the case may be.]

The claimant hereby claims to be transferred from the first-mentioned to the secondly-mentioned roll, as above.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18____.

[Signature of the claimant.]

To the Returning Officer of the Victoria College.

10. Any person may, by notice under his hand delivered or posted to the Returning Officer, object to any electoral roll on the grounds,—

(1.) That any person whose name is on the roll does not possess the necessary qualification; or

(2.) That any person whose name is not on the roll possesses the necessary qualification, and is entitled to have his name entered thereon.

11. Forthwith after receipt of any such objection the Returning Officer shall inquire into and dispose of the same.

12. Any person aggrieved by any decision or act of the Returning Officer relating to any roll may appeal therefrom by notice under his hand addressed in the case of the first election to the Visitor, and in the case of any subsequent election to the Council.

13. The notice of appeal shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

THE VICTORIA COLLEGE.—Notice of Appeal.

Take notice that I [Full name, address, and electoral qualification of appellant] hereby appeal against the following decision or act of the Returning Officer in relation to the [Name of roll] electoral roll:—

[Set out shortly but clearly the decision or act appealed against, and the grounds of the appeal.]

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18____.

[Signature of appellant.]

To the Visitor [or the Council, as the case may be].

14. Every such appeal shall, as soon as practicable, be heard and determined by the Visitor or the Council, as the case may be; and the Returning Officer shall amend the roll in accordance with the result of the appeal.

15. The foregoing clauses of these regulations shall be subject to the provision that no alteration shall be made in any roll whilst it is closed, and the roll relating to any election shall be closed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day before the day on which the election is to be held, and shall continue closed until the election is completed.

16. Every ordinary election shall be held on the second Monday in April, and the first ordinary election shall be held on the second Monday in April, 1898. The election for the purpose of filling any casual vacancy shall be held on

such day as the Council appoints, being not earlier than the eighteenth nor later than the twentieth day after such vacancy occurs.

17. The Returning Officer shall by advertisement publicly notify in respect of each election,—

(1.) The day on which the election will be held, and the hour at which the poll will be closed;

(2.) The day and hour when every roll relating to the election will be closed, being in every case 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day before the day on which the election is to be held;

(3.) The day and hour when the nominations will close;

(4.) The respective classes of electors entitled to vote, and the number of candidates for whom each such class is entitled to vote;

(5.) The total number of candidates to be elected.

18. Such advertisement shall be published in not less than three issues of a newspaper published in each of the Wellington, Nelson, Westland, Marlborough, Hawke's Bay, and Taranaki Provincial Districts; and the last issue shall appear not later than the sixth day next preceding the day on which the election is to be held.

19. Every candidate shall be nominated in writing by one or more electors entitled to vote for his election.

20. The nomination-paper may comprise any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected by the electors belonging to the same class as the nominating elector.

21. Every nomination-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

THE VICTORIA COLLEGE.—Nomination-paper.

A.B. [or as the case may be], being an elector duly entered on the parliamentary [or as the case may be] electoral roll of the Victoria College, hereby nominates [Set out full name and address of each candidate the elector wishes to nominate] as [a] candidate[s] for election to the Council by the electors on the aforesaid roll at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 18____.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18____.

[Signature of the nominator.]

Candidate's Consent, to be subscribed at Foot of Nomination-paper.

I hereby consent to my nomination.

[Signature of the candidate nominated.]

22. If the nomination-paper does not bear the written consent of the candidate nominated, such consent may be given by him to the Returning Officer before the nominations are closed, and every nomination-paper shall be void in so far as concerns any candidate whose consent is not duly given as aforesaid.

23. Nomination-papers may be signed in the name and on behalf of the Professorial Board by the chairman or any two members thereof.

24. Nominations shall close at noon of the seventh day before the day of the election.

25. Forthwith after the nominations are closed, and on the same day, the Returning Officer shall prepare and post to each elector, at his address as appearing on the roll of electors entitled to vote, a printed voting-paper containing in alphabetical order of surnames a printed list of all the duly-nominated candidates for whom such elector is entitled to vote; and such voting-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following:—

VOTING-PAPER for Use at Election to be held on the _____ Day of _____, 18____, of Member[s] of the Council of the Victoria College, by the Electors on the [Set out name of roll, thus—Parliamentary, or as the case may be] Roll.

Candidates.

[Set out in alphabetical order of surnames the full name of every duly-nominated candidate.]

Directions.

The number of candidates to be elected is [Specify the number].

The voter must draw a line through the name of every candidate for whom he does not intend to vote, and the number of candidates whose names are left uncanceled must not exceed the total number of candidates for whom the voter is entitled to vote.

This voting-paper must be signed by the voter and enclosed in a sealed envelope, and, if posted to the Returning Officer, must be posted on or before the day of the election, or, if delivered to him, must be delivered before the day of the election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

The envelope is to be addressed, "The Returning Officer for the Victoria College Council Election," at his office in Wellington.

If the voter is the Professorial Board, the voting-paper may be signed in the name and on behalf of such Board by the chairman or any two members thereof.

The vote of [*Name of voter*] is hereby recorded as above, this day of , 18 .

[*Signature of voter.*]

26. The vote of the Professorial Board shall be given at a meeting of such Board held for the purpose; and the chairman or any two members shall, in the name or on behalf of such Board, mark and sign the voting-paper in accordance with such vote.

27. The voting-paper, if delivered to the Returning Officer, must be so delivered in a sealed envelope before the day of the election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day; and, if posted to him, must be posted in a sealed envelope on or before that day.

28. The poll shall close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of the election; but all voting-papers shall be included and counted which are received by the Returning Officer in due course of post before the close of the sixth day after the day of the election.

29. A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases, that is to say:—

- (1.) If it is not duly signed by the elector, or if the number of voting-papers signed by him exceeds one; or
- (2.) If the candidates whose names are left uncanceled exceed in number the total number of candidates for whom the elector is entitled to vote; or
- (3.) If, being personally delivered to the Returning Officer, it is not delivered at his office before the close of the poll; or
- (4.) If, having been forwarded by post, it is not received at the office of the Returning Officer before the seventh day after the day of the election; or if, from the postmark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.

30. On the seventh day after the day of the election the Returning Officer shall open and examine all the voting-papers duly delivered to him or received by him through the post as aforesaid, and, after rejecting all informal voting-papers, shall ascertain the candidates (not exceeding the total number to be elected by each class of electors) who have received the greatest number of the votes of such electors, and shall declare such candidates to be elected.

31. If by reason of an equality of votes given for two or more candidates the election is not complete, the Returning Officer shall complete the election by casting lots in the presence of two persons appointed in that behalf by the Visitor in the case of the first election, and by the Council in the case of any subsequent election.

32. Forthwith after the completion of the election, the Returning Officer shall notify in the *Gazette* the names of the persons elected, and the respective classes of electors by whom they are elected.

33. If at any election any candidate is nominated by more classes of electors than one, he shall, before the day of the election, notify to the Returning Officer the seat he desires to hold in the event of his receiving votes qualifying him for more seats than one; or, if he fails to duly give such notification, the Returning Officer shall himself, before the close of the poll, determine the seat which such candidate shall hold in such event as aforesaid, and post to him a written notification thereof; and, on the happening of such event, the Returning Officer shall declare him elected to that seat accordingly, whereupon every other seat for which he is so qualified shall be deemed to be vacant, as in the case of a casual vacancy.

34. If any dispute or question arises touching the regularity of any election, such dispute or question shall be determined by a Stipendiary Magistrate in manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," all the provisions of which shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in so far as the same are applicable.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Conferring Jurisdiction on Native Land Court.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Christchurch, this fourth day of February, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section fourteen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," it is enacted that the Native Land Court shall, as regards all lands within the meaning of subsection ten of section fourteen aforesaid, have jurisdiction as in the said subsection mentioned: Provided that the

Court shall not proceed to exercise such jurisdiction unless the Governor in Council shall by Order authorise the same to be done:

And whereas the land specified in the Schedule hereto is land in respect whereof the Court has jurisdiction as aforesaid, and it is expedient that the Court should be authorised to exercise the same:

Now, therefore, 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 authorise the said Court to exercise in respect of the said land the jurisdiction conferred as aforesaid—that is to say, to determine whether or not the said land or any part thereof was, on the investigation of title thereto, intended by the Native Land Court, or by the nominal owner or owners of such land, to be held by such nominal owner or owners in trust for Natives not named in the title, and to determine who are the Natives (if any) entitled beneficially to such land, and to order the inclusion of such Natives in the title, either together with or in lieu of the nominal owners or any of them, and for the purpose aforesaid to order the cancellation or amendment of any existing instrument of title, and the issue of such new Crown grants or other instruments of title as may be necessary, and generally to exercise in respect of the said land all the jurisdiction and powers conferred on the Native Land Court by subsection ten of section fourteen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land situate in the Wanganui District, containing 1,200 acres, more or less, and known as Pouwhakarua No. 1.

T. H. HAMER,
Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

Commissioners under "The Urewera District Native Reserve Act, 1896," appointed.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Christchurch, this fourth day of February, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Urewera District Native Reserves Act, 1896," and of every other power and authority in that behalf enabling him, 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 appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Commissioners for the purposes of the said Act, that is to say,—

STEPHENSON PERCY SMITH, Esquire, of Wellington, Surveyor-General, and
WILLIAM JAMES BUTLER, Esquire, of Wellington, Judge of the Native Land Court: together with
NUMIA KERERU, of Ruatoki;
MEHAKA TOKOPOUNAMU, of Te Houhi;
TUTAKANGAHAU, of Maungapohatu;
HURAE PUKETAPU, of Waikaremoana; and
TE POU, of Waimana,

which said last-mentioned five persons are Natives of the Tuhoe Tribe.

T. H. HAMER,
Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

Excepting Land from Operation of Section 117 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Christchurch, this fourth day of February, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," it is enacted that the Governor may, by Order in Council, except from the operation of section one hundred and seventeen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), for a limited period or otherwise, and either generally or for such purposes and subject to such restrictions as shall be in such Order specified, any land, wheresoever situate, which is for the time being subject to the operation of the said section, or any interest therein or right over the same, or may in like manner make such exception in favour

exclusively of any lessee or other person who has been *bona fide* in occupation of and has made improvements on such land, or has paid money to Native owners for lease or purchase thereof, prior to the passing of the said Act: Provided that no Order in Council under the provisions of this section shall take effect until after the expiration of two months from the date of the publication thereof in the *Gazette*: Provided, also, that every alienation under the provisions of this section shall be confirmed by the Court in terms of section fifty-three of the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by section four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby except from the operation of section one hundred and seventeen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," for the purpose of alienation by way of sale, the block or parcel of land known as "Te Kapuiro," situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, containing one hundred and twenty-three acres three roods thirty perches, more or less, and being the land comprised in an order of the Native Land Court, dated the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, in favour of Utiku Marumaru.

T. H. HAMER,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Exempting Land from Operation of Section 117 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Christchurch, this fourth day of February, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," it is enacted that the Governor may, by Order in Council, except from the operation of section one hundred and seventeen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), for a limited period or otherwise, and either generally or for such purposes and subject to such restrictions as shall be in such Order specified, any land, wheresoever situate, which is for the time being subject to the operation of the said section, or any interest therein or right over the same, or may in like manner make such exception in favour exclusively of any lessee or other person who has been *bona fide* in occupation of and has made improvements on such land, or has paid money to Native owners for lease or purchase thereof, prior to the passing of the said Act: Provided that no Order in Council under the provisions of this section shall take effect until after the expiration of two months from the date of the publication thereof in the *Gazette*: Provided also that every alienation under the provisions of this section shall be confirmed by the Court in terms of section fifty-three of the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by section four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby except from the operation of section one hundred and seventeen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," for the purpose of alienation by way of lease, the block or parcel of land known as Section 394, Whareama Block, situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, containing one thousand one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, and being the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume Sixty-six, folio one hundred and twenty-three.

T. H. HAMER,
Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

Fixing Shooting Season for Deer, License-fee, &c., Wanganui 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 deer (stags only, of not less than eight points) may be taken or killed within the Wanganui District, comprising the Counties of Wanganui and Waitotara, from Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to Friday, the fifteenth 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 not exceeding twenty in

number to take or kill such game within the said district shall be issued on payment of the sum of twenty shillings each (not more than one such license to be issued to any one individual), and that no licensee shall be allowed to kill more than one stag; and the Chief Postmaster at Wanganui is hereby appointed to issue the said licenses.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

Lands held under Lease by the Kauri Timber Company (Limited) declared to be surrendered to Her Majesty and to be available for Mining Purposes.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section twenty-nine of "The Mining Act Amendment Act, 1896," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto have been surrendered to Her Majesty, and will be available for mining purposes under the provisions of "The Mining Act, 1891," and the amendments thereto, on and after the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, subject nevertheless to all such mining rights and privileges as have heretofore been granted in respect thereof by the Warden of the Hauraki Mining District.

SCHEDULE.

PART OF TAIRUA BLOCK.

Timber Lease.

ALL that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, situated in Whitianga and Tairua Survey District, containing by admeasurement 11,429 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-west by the Te Tipi and Kapowai Blocks, 11569 and 5722 links; generally towards the north by part of the Tairua Block, 12825, 8882, 6177, 1911, and 504 links, then by a stream, then by the Pepe Block, 1130 and 6960 links, then by the Pepe Stream; towards the east by the Tairua Harbour, then by part of the Tairua Block, 770 and 1025 links, then by the Matapaia Block, 2930 links, then by the Papatawatawa Block, 3573 links, again by the Tairua Harbour, then by the Tairua River; towards the west by a crossing of a road, then by Section No. 3 of Block III., Tairua Survey District, and Section No. 1 of Block XIII., Whitianga Survey District, 1200 links; towards the south by the aforesaid Section No. 1 of Block XIII., Whitianga Survey District, then by Section No. 2 of Block XII., Whitianga Survey District, the crossing of a road, the crossing of a stream, the crossing of a road, and by Section No. 1 of Block XII., Whitianga Survey District, 21590 links; again towards the east by aforesaid Section No. 1 of Block XII., Whitianga Survey District, Section No. 14 of Block II., Tairua Survey District, and the crossing of a road, 15545 links, again by the Tairua River; towards the south and south-west by part of the Puketui Block, to be surrendered, 1245, 4150, 1210, 286, 195, 1107, 173, 470, 270, 264, 674, 730, 445, 248, 559, 129, and 998 links respectively, again by part of the Puketui Block, 2000 links; and towards the west by part of the Tairua Block 16549, 17175, and 9979 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

PART OF PUKETUI BLOCK.

Timber Lease.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District situated in Blocks V. and VI., Tairua Survey District, being portion of the Puketui Block, containing by admeasurement 990 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north generally by the portion of the Tairua Block proposed to be surrendered, 998, 129, 559, 248, 445, 730, 674, 264, 270, 470, 173, 1107, 195, 286, 1210, 4150, and 1245 links; towards the east and south-east by the Tairua and Takatakahia Rivers; and towards the south-west and west by the remaining portion of the Puketui Block, 833, 758, 683, 546, 488, 383, 300, 1210, 1148, 1180, 858, 891, 697, 89, and 12937 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

PART OF TE KARO No. 1 BLOCK.

Timber Lease.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, situated in the Whitianga Survey District, Coromandel County, containing by admeasurement 497 acres, more or less, being part of the Te Karo No. 1 Block. Bounded towards the north by lines, 390, 384, 172, 376, 212, 149, 228, and 133 links, and by other part of the Te Karo No. 1 Block, 6720 links; towards the west by the Whennakite No. 2 Block, 280, 202, 172, 211, 201, 251, 432, 245, 337, 477,

296, 464, and 317 links; towards the south-west and south by other part of Te Karo No. 1 Block, 1400, 3076, 410, 150, 1630, 1975, 3896, and 1570 links; and towards the east by the sea and by the Te Karo No. 2 Block, 190, 258, 424, 239, 334, 296, 217, 156, 254, 107, 202, 237, 121, 168, 406, 418, 426, 326, 480, 456, 145, 122, 887, 344, 149, 263, 215, 377, 217, 169, 217, 376, 425, 307, 187, 450, 675, 165, and 190 links, and again by the sea: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

OUNUORA No. 2 BLOCK.

Timber Lease.

All those parcels of land in the Auckland Land District, situated in the Hastings, Coromandel, Otama, and Whitianga Survey Districts, called or known by the name of Ounuora No. 2 Block, containing together by admeasurement 5,068 acres, more or less.

One Portion.—Bounded towards the south-east, north-east, and north-west generally by the Ounuora Block, 2334, 1485, 2507, 994, 504, 663, 2004, 1707, 1205, 2300, 6020, and 4450 links; towards the south east by Crown land and Taranoho Block, 420, 889, 1282, 2621, 1154, 1106, 1358, 1649, 977, 1418, 1417, 493, 1900, 796, 880, 296, 886, 1186, 326, 970, 659, 264, 840, 175, 592, 580, 360, 430, 383, 707, 720, 307, 371, 788, 503, 575, 604, and 805 links respectively; towards the south by Crown land, 22060, 225, 306, 137, 178, 257, and 140 links; towards the north-west generally by the Tui Creek, Crown land, Section No. 5, Block IV., and Sections Nos. 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Block V., Hastings Survey District, and Kaimarama Block, 159, 251, 200, 399, 166, 252, 648, 171, 214, 152, 131, 167, 290, 183, 227, 94, 126, 272, 199, 177, 186, 212, 250, 189, 379, 225, 201, 317, 160, 198, 254, 175, 249, 300, 232, 190, 140, 243, 180, 140, 552, 180, 262, 335, 337, 556, 306, 222, 313, 240, 422, 375, 134, 445, 355, 194, 322, 225, 262, 271, 132, 161, 222, 176, 497, 134, 210, 142, 166, 200, 156, 329, 261, 488, 308, 275, 300, 127, 184, 150, 82, 108, 139, 198, 330, 302, 160, 203, 331, 148, 98, 288, 696, 190, 409, 179, 209, 294, 698, 503, 317, 244, 587, 194, 120, 201, 194, 551, 118, 362, 143, 185, 462, 689, 286, 229, 461, 193, 488, 288, 298, 310, 219, 146, 172, 343, 153, 169, 237, 157, 419, 283, 249, 430, 216, 398, 276, 164, 405, 500, 645, 286, 249, 594, 361, 346, 252, 324, 246, 324, 156, 425, 622, 225, 463, 200, 732, 347, 841, 1090, 578, 1144, 825, 664, and 384 links respectively: save and except the Wharauroroa Block, containing 170 acres, which has been excluded from the above-named block.

Other Portion.—Bounded towards the north-east by the Miro Block, 1263, 299, and 290 links respectively; towards the east by the Whitianga River, by a line crossing the Owhero Creek, 2449 links, and a line 6900 links; towards the south and south-west by the Ounuora Creek, and the Ounuora Block, 1283, 373, and 1610 links respectively; and towards the north-west by the Kaimarama Block, 360, 1000, 631, 931, 2183, 1769, 882, 1158, 1112, 816, and 1366 links respectively: save and except Ounuora No. 2 Block, Native Reserve, containing 25 acres, more or less, delineated on the plan drawn on the deed of conveyance to the Crown: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

NORTHERN PORTION OF KAPOWAI BLOCK.

Timber Lease.

All that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, situated in Block V., Whitianga Survey District, containing by admeasurement 468 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by the Whenuakite No. 2 Block, 7466 links; towards the east and south-east by the Kapowai Block, 2536, 1276, 2856, and 8456 links; and towards the west by the Wharepapa Block and Native land, 11349 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; 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.

A. J. CADMAN.

Approved in Council.

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

Rural Lands in the Auckland 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 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 section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on and after the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and that the land mentioned in the said Schedule may be selected on lease in perpetuity only, in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-one of the said Act, as it contains, or is supposed to contain, metals, minerals, or valuable stone; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.
Second-class Land.

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

THAMES COUNTY.—TAIRUA SURVEY DISTRICT.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
2	III.	319	0	0	0	6	3	19	9

Undulating to broken land; well watered. Situated at Tairua, and adjacent to the river.

WHANGAREI COUNTY.—HIKURANGI PARISH.

N.E. 48	172	0	0	0	5	76	2	1	4
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One-half mixed forest; balance fern land. About one mile and a half from Hikurangi Railway-station.

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.

Rural Lands in the Wellington Land District open for Sale or Selection.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by 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 section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on and after the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase or on lease in perpetuity, or, in respect of any lands containing or supposed to contain any metal, mineral, or valuable stone, be selected on lease in perpetuity only; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—HAWKE'S BAY AND RANGITIKEI COUNTIES.

Unsurveyed First- and Second-class Land.

Survey District.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price per Acre.	Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent per Acre.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent per Acre.
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Awarua No. 2c No. 1 Block, Hawke's Bay and Rangitikei Counties.

Ohinewairua	VIII., XII., and XVI.	10,900	£	s.	d.	s.	d.		
Pukeokahu	V. and VI.		0	18	6	0	11	1	0
			1	8	6	1	5	1	1

Awarua No. 4c No. 2 Block, and Sections 11 and 12, Block VI., Hautapu Survey District, Rangitikei County.

Tiriraukawa	IV.	5,590	1	3	6	1	2	1	0	11	28
Hautapu	I., IV., and VI.		1	8	6	1	5	1	1	1	68
Hautapu	Secs. 11 & 12, Block VI.	412	1	10	0	1	6	1	2	4	

DESCRIPTION.

Awarua No. 2c No. 1 Block.

This land is situated in the northern part of the Awarua Block, between the Moawhango and Rangitikei Rivers, about five miles east of Moawhango Native settlement and township, from which it can be reached on horseback through Native lands by rough unformed tracks. It lies north-east from Kaikora on the projected North Island Main Trunk Railway-line, about fifteen miles distant from the south-west corner of the block, following the Toriri Road, which is formed for summer dray traffic for three miles and a half, and is under construction for three-quarters of a mile further on. The prolongation of the Toriri Road is called the Pukeokahu Road, which extends to the eastern side of the block, which is about twenty-five miles distant from Kaikora. Part of this latter road has been cleared, and some of the country it passes through is open, and passable to horsemen. Roads have also been projected from Taihape about eleven miles east of the block, but nothing has been done to clear or form them. All the roads within the block are still uncleared and unformed, but a loading of 6s. has been added to the price of the land for the purpose of providing a horse-track to each selection as far as the above loading will permit. All roads shown on the sale-map and lithographs are subject to deviation.

Its position with regard to Auckland, Wellington, and Hawke's Bay Districts gives it a choice of markets, though distant.

The block comprises hilly and undulating country, the formation being principally papa and sandstone. The soil is generally good, but that on the north-west portion is clayey, and poorer in quality. The forest portion consists chiefly of matai, kahikatea, rimu, maire, and some totara, with the usual undergrowth. The open country grows native and English grasses, with a quantity of fern, &c., in places, and has carried sheep and other stock for many years past. The block is well watered by the Moawhango and Rangitikei Rivers and the Otuairei Stream, and their many tributaries. The elevation ranges from 1,400 ft. to 3,000 ft. above sea-level. The climate is generally genial, bracing, and healthy, but the winters on the higher lands are at times severe, and frosts and occasional falls of snow prevail.

This block of 10,900 acres, comprising as it does open and forest lands, though at present remote from centres of population, affords an excellent opportunity to all classes of settlers to secure an agricultural or grazing farm.

Awarua No. 4c No. 2 Block, and Sections 11 and 12, Block VI., Hautapu Survey District.

This block is situated on the southern side of the range, north-west of Mangaweka Township. The eastern part fronts on the main road between that township and Raetihi, the distance from Mangaonoho, the present inland railway terminus, being sixteen miles, and from Mangaweka Post- and Telegraph-office five miles. The railway is now in course of construction close to the block. The Mangaweka Road and its continuation, the Mataroa Road (both uncleared and unformed), pass through the block and along its northern boundary. The land has been loaded with 6s. an acre for the purpose of making a horse-track to each selection as far as the said loading will permit. All roads shown on the sale-plan and lithographs are subject to deviation.

The block comprises high hilly country broken up into ridges and gullies, and is at present well watered by permanent streams. In the north-west the spurs are flat-topped, affording some homestead-sites, but the gullies are more gorgy than in the north-eastern end. The elevation varies from about 1,700 ft. to 2,800 ft. above sea-level. All of which particulars indicate that the country is better adapted for grazing-areas than small-farm lots.

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.

Commission to inquire into the Administration, Efficiency, and Control of the Police Force.

RANFURLY, Governor.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to ALBERT PITT, Esquire, a Barrister, JOSEPH WILLIAM POYNTON, Esquire, a Stipendiary Magistrate, and HERBERT SAMUEL WARDELL, Esquire, a Stipendiary Magistrate: Greeting.

WHEREAS allegations and statements have been lately made from time to time respecting the administration, efficiency, and control of the Police Force of the colony: And whereas, in view of the public importance of the matter, both as regards the public and the members of the Police Force, it is expedient that full inquiry should be made into the several matters hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby appoint you, the said

ALBERT PITT,
JOSEPH WILLIAM POYNTON, and
HERBERT SAMUEL WARDELL,

to be Commissioners for the purpose of inquiring into the several matters and things hereinafter mentioned and referred to, that is to say,—

1. The general organization, distribution, control, and enrolment of the Police Force of the colony as it now exists in its several branches, and the discipline and efficiency thereof, and in what respect the said Force, or any part thereof, could be better recruited, organized, controlled, or made more efficient.

2. The pay, emoluments, and rewards of the said Force, including any provision for superannuation or retirement therefrom, and the allowance of compensation thereon; and to make suggestions as to all or any of these matters, or in respect of allowances to be made to members of the said Force in case of illness or accident while in such Force, or by way of compassionate allowance to their wives or families in case of death.

3. As to the general conduct, sobriety, and morality of the members of the said Force, and the alleged failure of the said Police Force to maintain order and enforce the laws of the colony.

And you are hereby directed to inquire into the said several matters aforesaid, at such place or places in the colony as you may think fit, by all lawful ways and means, subject to the terms of these presents:

And, for the purpose of such inquiry, you are hereby empowered to summon and have before you and examine on oath or otherwise, as may be allowed by law, all witnesses or other persons whom you may judge capable of affording you any information upon or in respect of the said several matters of inquiry hereinbefore mentioned, or any matter or thing arising thereout or connected therewith:

And also to have before you and examine any books, writings, records, or documents whatsoever which you shall deem necessary for your information in the premises:

Provided that no inquiry shall be held by you into any matter or thing which has already been investigated and determined before any judicial or other lawfully-constituted tribunal, or where any member of the Police Force has been dismissed from the service, or whose services have been dispensed with in consequence of his misconduct or for any other reason:

Provided also that if any allegation or statement is made before you which relates to or affects the personal conduct of an individual member or members of the said Police Force, you shall not enter upon any inquiry in respect thereof until the person so affected has had at least twenty-four hours' notice in writing of such allegation or statement, giving such particulars of time, place, and circumstances thereof as you shall deem sufficient; full opportunity being afforded to any such person to cross-examine any witness giving evidence against him, and to call any evidence in reply which he may think fit.

And I do also require you, not later than the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, or as much sooner as the same can conveniently be done (using all diligence), to report to me under your hands and seals your proceedings herein, and your opinion touching the several premises.

And I do further declare that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that, subject to these presents, you, the said Commissioners, shall and may from time to time proceed in the subject-matters thereof as you shall judge expedient, and that your powers and functions hereunder shall continue in full force, notwithstanding that the inquiry hereby directed may not be formally adjourned.

And, lastly, it is declared these presents are subject to the provisions of "The Commissioners' Powers Act, 1867," and its amendments.

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 fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

R. J. SEDDON.

Issued in Executive Council.

T. H. HAMER,
Acting-Clerk of Executive Council.

Lands permanently reserved.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by the two hundred and thirty-fifth section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time, either by general or particular description, and whether the same has been surveyed or not, reserve from sale temporarily, notwithstanding that the same may be then held under pastoral license, any Crown lands which in his opinion are required for any of the purposes in the said section mentioned:

And whereas by the two hundred and thirty-sixth section of the said Act it is provided that land temporarily reserved under the said two hundred and thirty-fifth section may, at the expiration of one month but not later than six months after the publication in the *Gazette* of notice of such temporary reservation, be permanently reserved, and that notice of such permanent reservation shall be published in the *Gazette*:

And whereas the lands specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto were, by the warrants the date of which is specified in the third column of the said Schedule, and the notifications of which were published in the *Gazette* specified in the fourth column, temporarily reserved under the authority of the said Act for the purposes specified in the second column of the said Schedule:

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 vested in me by the said Act, do hereby permanently reserve the lands so temporarily reserved as aforesaid, and enumerated in the first column of the Schedule hereto, for the purposes specified in the second column of the said Schedule, being the same purposes for which the said lands were so temporarily reserved as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE.

First Column. DESCRIPTION OF RESERVES					Second Column.	Third Column.	Fourth Column.
Land District.	Locality.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Date of Warrant.	<i>Gazette</i> .
Auckland ..	Town of Te Awamutu	156 and 165	..	A. R. P. 0 0 23	Site for post- and telegraph-office	1897. 6 Dec.	1897. No. 101, 9 Dec.
" ..	Ditto ..	166	..	0 0 15	Ditto ..	"	" "
" ..	Motatau S.D. ..	6	IV.	7 3 33	Public-school site ..	"	" "
" ..	Town of Komata ..	Lot 3	..	0 2 10	Site for post- and telegraph-office	"	" "
" ..	" ..	" 2	..	2 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	" "
" ..	" ..	" 1	..	1 0 0	Site for Courthouse ..	"	" "
" ..	" ..	" 4	..	0 0 28	Site for public hall ..	"	" "
Nelson ..	Kawatiri S.D. ..	..	VI.	6 0 0	Public recreation ..	"	" "
Canterbury	Opihi S.D. ..	3225 (in red)	XVI.	1 3 22	Gravel reserve ..	"	" "
" ..	" ..	3226 "	..	1 0 0	" ..	"	" "
" ..	" ..	3227 "	XI.	1 0 0	" ..	"	" "
Otago ..	Fraser S.D. ..	33	I.	5 0 8	Bridge-site ..	"	" "
Auckland ..	Kohukohu Town ..	Lots 2, 3	..	0 1 30	Public recreation-ground	"	" "
" ..	Waikino Town ..	Sec. 1	..	0 2 32	Site for post and telegraph-office	"	" "
" ..	Parish of Waikomiti	363	..	19 1 16	Public recreation-ground	"	" "
" ..	Waipoua S.D. ..	29	XI.	10 0 0	For public buildings ..	"	" "
" ..	Otanewainuku S.D. ..	8	XV.	4 2 0	Public-school site ..	"	" "
" ..	Whakatane S.D. ..	19	XIII.	2 0 0	" ..	"	" "
" ..	Tarawera S.D. ..	2	I.	117 2 0	For a sanatorium reserve	"	" "
" ..	" ..	3	..	168 0 0	" ..	"	" "
Wellington	Pohangina S.D. ..	9	III.	0 2 8	Public-school site ..	"	" "
" ..	Karioi S.D. ..	3	X.	10 0 0	Native-school site ..	"	" "
Nelson ..	Mokihinui Town ..	116	..	2 2 28	Public-school site ..	"	" "
" ..	Totara-nui S.D. ..	8, Square 10	VI.	30 0 0	Public recreation-ground	"	" "
" ..	" ..	3	X.	110 0 0	For preservation of scenery	"	" "
" ..	" ..	1	..	84 0 0	Ditto ..	"	" "
Marlborough	Orieri S.D. ..	7	V.	55 0 0	Resting-place for travelling stock	"	" "
" ..	" ..	8	..	5 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	" "
Canterbury	Arowhenua S.D. (Milford Lagoon and its tributaries)	3207 (in red)	III., IV., and VII.	..	Sanctuary for ducks and other wild aquatic birds	"	" "
" ..	Opawa S.D. ..	3208 "	XI., XV.	430 0 0	Sanctuary for Native birds	"	" "
" ..	Orari Town ..	3209 "	II.	1 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	" "
" ..	" ..	(formerly Secs. 8, 19, 14, 15)	..	..	..	"	" "
" ..	Southbridge S.D. ..	3047 (in red)	IX.	28 0 0	For the use and convenience of anglers and the general public	"	" "
" ..	Rangiora S.D. ..	3224 "	VIII.	80 0 0	Public recreation-ground	"	" "

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Rural Lands in the Hawke's Bay Land District open for Sale or Selection.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by 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 section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on and after the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase or on lease in perpetuity, or, in respect of any land containing or supposed to contain any metal, mineral, or valuable stone, be selected on lease in perpetuity only; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cook .. Uawa .. 15 XII.	19	3	10	10	0	0	200	0	0	10	0	5	0	0
Flat open land, all in grass; good soil. Within half a mile of the schoolhouse and telegraph-office at Tolago Bay.														

Cook .. Nuhaka N. 1 III.	400	0	0	1	5	0	500	0	0	1	3	12	10	0
" .. " 2 "	626	0	0	1	2	6	704	5	0	1	1.5	17	12	2
" .. " 3 "	640	0	0	1	0	0	640	0	0	1	0	16	0	0
" .. Patutahi .. 1 XV.	400	0	0	1	5	0	500	0	0	1	3	12	10	0

Undulating country, covered with mixed bush consisting of tawa, rimu, and a little totara, while on Sections 2 and 3 there are a few birch-trees on the hill-tops; good soil; well watered; elevation above sea-level, from 600 ft. to 1,200 ft. Distant about twenty-two miles from Gisborne by a good road, fourteen miles of which are formed; also accessible up the Te Arai River, which forms the eastern boundary.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Cook .. Patutahi .. 2 XIV.	1,488	0	0	0	12	6	930	0	0	0	7.5	23	5	0
" .. Nuhaka N. 1 II.	720	0	0	0	15	0	540	0	0	0	9	13	10	0

This section contains about 500 acres of mixed bush, good soil, 500 acres of fairly good scrub, and the balance poor manuka country. Broken country, the elevation ranging from 800 ft. to 1,960 ft.

Fairly good soil, covered by mixed scrub; easy undulating country, well watered by the Mangapoike River passing through it. Height above sea-level, from 1,000-ft. to 1,700 ft.

Cook .. Nuhaka N. 3 II.	1,610	0	0	0	15	0	1,207	10	0	0	9	30	3	9
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There is about a thousand acres of good mixed bush and scrub upon the section; the balance is broken country, covered with birch. Height above sea-level, from 1,000 ft. to 2,000 ft.

The above sections are about twenty-five miles distant from Gisborne, fourteen miles of which is a good formed road, while the balance will be improved, and made through the block.

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.

Fixing Shooting Season for Deer, License-fee, &c., Marlborough 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 Marlborough District, comprising the Counties of Marlborough and Sounds, from Saturday, the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to Monday, 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 the payment of the sum of twenty shillings each, and that no license shall be allowed to kill more than six stags or bucks, and that the Chief Postmaster at Blenheim is hereby appointed to issue the said licenses.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby amend the regulations made by me under the aforesaid Act on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, by revoking clause six

thereof, and substituting in lieu thereof the following clause:—

6A. The royalty shall be payable on the following graduated scale, according to the value of all gold and silver produced from each ton of quartz or other ore in the mine wherein the said patent rights are used or employed, that is to say,—

- (1.) One and a half per cent. of such value where such value does not exceed £3 per ton;
- (2.) Two per cent. where such value exceeds £3, but does not exceed £4 per ton; and
- (3.) Two and a half per cent. where such value exceeds £4 per ton.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Mines.

Notice of Election of a Member of the Board of Conciliation for the Wellington Industrial District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify that

SAMUEL BROWN, of Wellington, coal and produce merchant,

has been duly elected a member of the Board of Conciliation in and for the Wellington Industrial District, *vice* John Young, resigned.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Labour.

Police Gaoler appointed.

Department of Justice (Prisons Branch),
Wellington, 4th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
Constable WILLIAM BERN
to be Police Gaoler at Rotorua, vice Sergeant William Murray, transferred.

T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Justice.

Clerk of Licensing Committee appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable WILLIAM HENRY RYAN
to be Clerk of the Licensing Committee for the District of Egmont, vice Sergeant O'Donovan, transferred.

T. THOMPSON.

Sittings of Magistrate's Court appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

The COLONIAL BANK BUILDING, Palmerston North,
be a place wherein a Magistrate's Court shall be held, in lieu of the police-station previously appointed.

T. THOMPSON.

Inspector of Factories appointed.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned person to be an Inspector under "The Factories Act, 1894," and to assign to him the district set opposite his name, viz.:-

Name.	District.
Constable THOMAS HENRY HELLYER BEDDEK	The North Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.
WM. HALL-JONES,	For Minister of Labour.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 31st January, 1898.

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

Waikato Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Captain James Reid, from the Hamilton Light Infantry Volunteers, to be Captain. Date of commission, 15th December, 1897.

D Battery, New Zealand Regiment Artillery Volunteers.
John Garenieres Rose to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 14th December, 1897.

F Battery, New Zealand Regiment Artillery Volunteers.
Lieutenant John Gethin Hughes to be Captain. Date of commission, 1st December, 1897.

Queen's Rifle Volunteers (Oamaru).

Herbert Lee to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 1st December, 1897.

Waimea Rifle Volunteers.

Edwin Arnold to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 6th December, 1897.

Kaipoi Rifle Volunteers.

Ernest Edward Papphill to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1897.

Kelburne Rifle Volunteers (Wellington).

Henry Frederick Davis to be Captain.
James William Henderson to be Lieutenant.
Date of commissions, 7th December, 1897.

No. 1 Company, Ohinemuri Rifle Volunteers.

Frederick Duncan Fergusson to be Captain. Date of commission, 1st December, 1897.

College Rifle Volunteers (Auckland).

Charles Evan Mackey to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 1st December, 1897.

Imperial Rifle Volunteers (Christchurch).

Hardwicke Holderness to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 2nd December, 1897.

Wellington Battalion of Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

V.D. Captain George Johnston, Honorary Unattached List, New Zealand Volunteers, to be Quartermaster.
Honorary Veterinary Surgeon James Blake Taylor, Wairoa Mounted Rifle Volunteers, to be Honorary Veterinary Surgeon.

The Rev. Reginald Harman to be Honorary Chaplain.

Commissions to date from the 27th December, 1897.

South Canterbury Battalion of Infantry Volunteers.

Lieutenant and Adjutant Sidney Wolf to be Captain and Adjutant. Commission to date from the 1st September, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officers resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 31st January, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignations of the commissions held by the under-mentioned officers:-

Wellington Guards Volunteers.

Lieutenant John Duthie. Date of resignation, 3rd December, 1897.

Waimate Rifle Volunteers.

Captain Peter Grant. Date of resignation, 13th December, 1897.

Blenheim City Rifle Volunteers.

Surgeon-Captain Edward Henry Alexander. Date of resignation, 4th January, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Notice of Proposed Addition to the Borough of Timaru.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th January, 1898.

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

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, bounded by a line commencing at a point where the northern extremity of the Borough of Timaru, as described in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 1894, page 1526, meets high-water mark, and proceeding in a northerly direction along high-water mark to a point opposite and eastward of the southernmost corner of Reserve No. 884; thence along the southern boundary of the said Reserve No. 884 to the western boundary thereof; thence across the road forming the western boundary of that reserve; thence southerly along the western side of the said road to the Main North Road; thence along the eastern side of the Main North Road and across that road to White Street; thence along the northern side of White Street to and across the Old North Road; thence along the western side of the Old North Road to the Wai-iti Road; thence westerly along the northern side of Wai-iti Road to a point in line with the western boundary of Rural Section No. 2333; thence southerly across the Wai-iti Road and along the western boundary of said Rural Section No. 2333, and along a line in continuation thereof to the south side of North Street; thence easterly along the southern side of North Street to Woodland Street; thence southerly along the western side of Woodland Street to a point in line with the south side of Hassel Street; thence easterly across Woodland Street and along the southern side of Hassel Street and Robert Street to the Timaru Town Belt; thence in a northerly direction generally along the boundary of the Borough of Timaru, as described in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 1894, page 1526, to the commencing-point.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

NORTH SUBURBAN WARD.

ALL that portion of the Borough of Timaru, bounded towards the north by the northern side of Wai-iti Road; towards the south-west by the western side of the Old North Road to a point opposite the northern side of White Street; thence towards the north generally by a right line across the Old North Road to and along the northern side of White Street to the Main North Road; thence by a line across that road and along its north-eastern side to the road forming the north-western boundary of Native Reserve No. 884; thence by the western side of that road to a point opposite the south-western corner of the said Reserve No. 884; thence by a line across that road and along the southern boundary of that reserve to the sea; thence towards the east generally by high-water mark of the sea, and by the Borough of Timaru as described in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 1894, page 1526, to the middle of Church Street; thence towards the south generally by a line along the middle of Church Street to Lecren Street; thence by a line along the middle of Lecren Street to Commercial Road; thence by a line along the middle of Commercial Road to the middle of Wilson Street; thence northwards by a line along the middle of Wilson Street to a point in line with the middle of the road which intersects Rural Sections Nos. 1999 and 2216; and thence by a line along the middle of that road to a point in line with the western boundary-line of Rural Section No. 2333; thence towards the west by a right line to the south-western corner of the said Section No. 2333; and thence by the western boundary-line of the said Section No. 2333 and that line produced across the Wai-iti Road aforesaid.

SOUTH SUBURBAN WARD.

All that portion of the Borough of Timaru, bounded towards the north generally by the North Suburban Ward of the Borough of Timaru, hereinbefore described; towards the east generally by the Borough of Timaru, as described in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 1894, page 1526; towards the south by the south side of Robert Street and Hassel Street and the production of the south side of the last-mentioned street to the west side of Woodland Street; thence towards the west by the western side of Woodland Street to North Street; again towards the south by the southern side of North Street to a point in line with the western boundary-line of Rural Section No. 2333; and thence again towards the west by a right line running in the direction of the south-western corner of the said Section No. 2333 to the North Suburban Ward aforesaid.

W. C. WALKER.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Borough of Karori.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th February, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

BOROUGH OF KARORI.

Proposal to raise a Special Loan of £500.

NOTICE is hereby given that the result of the poll taken on the 1st day of February, 1898, on the proposal to borrow £500 under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," for the purpose of making the new road to Karori 24 ft. wide, and for the purpose of widening the causeway known as the "Deviation," was as follows:—

Number of ratepayers on roll, 220; number of votes exercisable, 266: Number of burgesses who voted for the proposal, 97; number of votes recorded for the proposal, 124; number of burgesses who voted against the proposal, 8; number of votes recorded against the proposal, 9.

I therefore declare the proposal not carried.

RICHARD C. BULKLEY,
Mayor.

Special Order made by the Manawatu Road Board, County of Oroua.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th February, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

MANAWATU ROAD BOARD.

Special Order.

THAT the Manawatu Road Board, under the provisions of "The Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and by virtue of a warrant issued under the hand of His Excellency the

Governor of New Zealand, dated the 7th day of September, 1897, authorising the Manchester Road Board to rebuild a portion of a bridge over the Oroua River at Aorangi, and apportioning the cost of the same, borrow the sum of £241 for the purpose of providing two-twelfths of the cost of the rebuilding of the said bridge, in accordance with the above-mentioned warrant. That a special rate of 10d. in the pound be made upon the rateable value of the whole of the rateable property (Crown and Native lands occupied by Native owners excepted) within the Manawatu Road District, for the purpose of paying interest at 5 per cent. per annum on the above loan of £241, to be borrowed under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886"; such rate to be an annually-recurring rate for twenty-six years, and payable by equal instalments on the 1st day of February and August in each year, at the Board's office, Palmerston North.

I hereby certify that this special order was duly passed by the Manawatu Road Board at a special meeting of the Board held on the 27th day of January, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Road Boards Acts.

WALTER RUTHERFURD,
Clerk to the Manawatu Road Board.
3rd February, 1898.

Special Order made by the Manawatu Road Board, County of Oroua.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Wellington, 4th February, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

SPECIAL ORDER.—MANAWATU ROAD DISTRICT.

By-laws Nos. 1 and 2.—Regulating Traffic on Roads.

IN pursuance of "The Counties Act, 1886," "The Road Boards Act, 1882," and "The Public Works Act, 1894," and the several Acts amending the same respectively, and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Board of the Manawatu Road District ordains the following by-laws, numbered 1 and 2, to come into force on the 1st day of April, 1898.

PRELIMINARY.

Interpretation.

In these By-laws 1 and 2, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Bridge" includes any culvert, and means any bridge connected with any road as hereinbefore defined.

"Board" means the Board of the Manawatu Road District.

"Road district" means the Road District of Manawatu.

"Engine" or "traction-engine" means and includes a locomotive engine propelled by steam not being used on a railway or tramway.

"Heavy traffic" means—

(a.) The transportation of any vehicle, engine, or machine which shall itself or together with any thing or things being transported thereon weigh more than a ton and a half avoirdupois to each pair of wheels.

(b.) The traction of any vehicle or thing by means of bullocks, notwithstanding that such vehicle or thing may separately or together with any load thereon weigh less than a ton and a half avoirdupois.

(c.) Any other heavy traffic coming for the time being within the term as used in "The Public Works Act, 1894."

"Owner" of any vehicle shall include a bailee entitled to the possession and use or profit thereof. Words importing the singular number include the plural number, and *vice versa*, and words importing the masculine gender include females.

"Person" includes corporation.

"Road" includes all bridges, culverts, drains, ferries, fords, gates, buildings, and other things thereto belonging upon the line and within the limits of the road, and means roads under the care, control, or management of the Board, and any other roads as to which these by-laws are capable of operating.

Obstructing Officials.

No person shall obstruct any official of the Board in or about the execution or exercise or attempted execution or exercise of any duty, power, or authority given to him by any provision of either of the following by-laws numbered 1 and 2.

Damage not to be occasioned to Road or Bridge.

No person in charge of or accompanying any vehicle, or machine, or traction-engine whilst travelling or being upon any road or bridge shall negligently do, or cause or permit to be done, any act within, upon, or in connection with such vehicle, or machine, or such traction-engine, or any carriage of any description drawn or propelled by any such traction-engine, whereby or by means whereof any damage shall be done to such road or bridge.

Savings of Remedies for Injuries from Excessive Weight.

Nothing contained in these by-laws or any of them shall be held to relieve any person from any liability to which he may otherwise be subject by law in respect of injury done or damage caused by excessive weight passing along or extraordinary traffic on any road.

Penalty Clause.

Every person who shall do or cause to be done, or be concerned in doing, anything contrary to any provision of the following By-law No. 1 or By-law No. 2, or who shall omit to do anything required to be done by him by any such provision, shall be guilty of an offence against these by-laws, and shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5, and, where the offence is a continuing one, to a penalty not exceeding £5 for every day or part of a day during which such offence shall continue.

BY-LAW NO. 1.

Section 1.—Regulating Width of Tires.

The width of tire of any wheel of any vehicle used wholly or chiefly for the carriage of passengers (whether plying for hire or not) upon any road shall bear the following proportion to the carrying-capacity of such vehicle:—

If the carrying-capacity of the vehicle do not exceed the under-mentioned number of persons, exclusive of the driver.	Then the minimum width of tire of any such vehicle shall be—
Does not exceed three persons..	1 in.
Exceeds three persons, but does not exceed five ..	1½ in.
Exceeds five persons, but does not exceed eight ..	1¾ in.
Exceeds eight persons, but does not exceed twelve	2 in.

(a.) The "carrying-capacity" of each such vehicle as aforesaid is to be ascertained by allowing to each passenger when seated 1 ft. 4 in. superficial, measured lengthways, of the seating-accommodation provided in or on such vehicle.

(b.) The width of the tires of the wheels of any vehicle (whether plying for hire or not) carrying goods, or produce, or merchandise of any description (other than passengers' luggage or goods carried by vehicles used chiefly for the carriage of passengers) upon any road shall bear the following proportion to the number of animals employed to draw the same, that is to say:—

If the number of animals used to draw a vehicle having two wheels is—	Then the minimum width of tire of any such vehicle shall be—
One ..	If without springs— 2½ in. If with springs— 1½ in.
Two ..	3 in. 2 in.
Three ..	4 in. 2½ in.
Four or upwards	6 in. 4 in.

If the number of animals used to draw a vehicle having four wheels is—	Then the minimum width of tire of any such vehicle shall be—
Two ..	If without springs— 2½ in. If with springs— 1½ in.
Three ..	3 in. 2 in.
Four ..	4 in. 2½ in.
Five ..	5 in. 3 in.
Six or upwards	6 in. 4 in.

(c.) Only vehicles with tires of 4 in. or more shall carry 30 cwt. or upwards to each pair of wheels on any road, inclusive of the weight of the vehicle.

(d.) No person shall use, or cause or permit to be used, upon any road any vehicle having tires of less width or carrying any load of greater weight than are respectively hereinbefore prescribed.

(e.) It shall be lawful for any official employed by the Road Board and for any constable to measure the width of any tire of any vehicle when proceeding or being upon any road, and to weigh or measure any load thereon, and to count the passengers therein and thereon, and to measure the carrying-capacity of any vehicle. It shall be the duty of the driver of any vehicle to forthwith stop the same at the request of any such official or constable, and to keep the vehicle standing for such time as such official or constable shall reasonably require for the purposes aforesaid or any of them.

(f.) This section applies to vehicles whether engaged in "heavy traffic" (as hereinbefore defined) or not.

Section 2.—Regulating Traffic generally.

(a.) The driver of any vehicle which shall be on any road between the hours of sunset and sunrise shall keep a light

attached or suspended from each side of such vehicle so as to be plainly visible to the driver of any vehicle proceeding along such road in a contrary direction to that in which such first-mentioned vehicle shall be going.

(b.) No person shall drive any vehicle drawn by a horse or horses at a faster pace than a walk whilst crossing any bridge exceeding 30 ft. in length.

(c.) No person shall damage any water-table on any road, or drive with a wheel in any such water-table; throw or leave any dead animal or any part thereof on any road or public place, nor throw nor leave the same on any private property within 50 ft. of any road or public place whereby an offensive smell is created.

(d.) No person shall act as driver or have the sole charge of more than one vehicle proceeding or being upon any road unless in cases where two of such vehicles and no more are drawn each by one horse only, and the horse of the hinder of such vehicles shall be attached by a sufficient rein to the back of the foremost of such vehicles.

(e.) No person shall ride or lead any horse or other animal, or drive or lead any vehicle, or cause any horse or other animal or vehicle to stand upon or along any footpath or any curb thereof, or upon, along, or across any constructed water-channel.

(f.) No person shall drive any vehicle on a road laden with any goods or material which shall project on either side more than 5 ft. from the centre of such vehicle.

(g.) No person shall drive any number of great cattle or horses exceeding fifty in number over any bridge at any one time.

(h.) This section applies to all kinds of traffic.

Section 3.—Regulating Heavy Traffic.

(a.) A yearly license-fee shall be paid to the Road Board on every vehicle or machine engaged in heavy traffic, as hereinbefore defined, on or along any road, as hereinbefore defined, in cases where timber, or logs, or firewood, or flax is or are being transported. In the case of any machine, or of a four-wheeled wagon, or other four-wheeled vehicle, or of a two-wheeled junker, the yearly license-fee shall be £24. In the case of a two-wheeled dray or other two-wheeled vehicle (not being a junker), the yearly license-fee shall be £12. Licenses under this subsection may be issued for three, six, or nine months with a proportionate reduction of the fees.

(b.) No person shall conduct, or cause or procure to be conducted, any heavy traffic on or along any road where timber, or logs, or firewood, or flax is or are being transported with or by means of any vehicle or machine until the license-fee for the current year or other period as aforesaid has been paid to the Clerk of the Road Board in respect of such vehicle or machine.

(c.) The person for the time being in charge of any vehicle or machine proceeding or being upon any road shall, whenever required by any officer of the Road Board or by any constable so to do, cause such vehicle or machine to be and remain stopped for a reasonable and sufficient time for the purpose of enabling such officer or constable to inspect, examine, and measure such vehicle or machine, and every or any part thereof, and the load being transported thereon, and the person so in charge shall permit such inspection, examination, and measurement to be made accordingly, and no person shall obstruct any such officer or constable in or about making such inspection, examination, or measurement.

(d.) Heavy traffic of all kinds shall cease during the whole of the months of May, June, July, August, and September in every year on all roads as hereinbefore defined: Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Board, by advertisement under the hand of the Clerk, and published in some newspaper circulating in the road district, from time to time to exempt any road or part of a road from the operation of this section, and every such advertisement shall take effect as part of these by-laws.

(e.) No person shall conduct, or cause or procure to be conducted, any heavy traffic on or along any road or part of a road that shall, in terms of the last-preceding section and any such advertisement as aforesaid, be for the time being closed to heavy traffic of the kind conducted.

(f.) Vehicles having oval tires are not to be used for conducting any heavy traffic on any road.

(g.) Without prejudice to the liability of any other person under subsections (b), (d), and (f) respectively, it shall be an offence against these by-laws for any person being the owner, as hereinbefore defined, of any vehicle to permit or allow the same to be used for conducting any heavy traffic contrary to either of the said subsections.

Section 4.—Licenses of Vehicles not licensed under Section 3.

(a.) A license-fee of £2 per annum shall be payable to the Clerk of the Board for and in respect of every vehicle not licensed under section 3 that shall be plied for hire for the carriage of goods of any kind on or along any road. All such fees shall be paid by the Clerk into the Board fund.

(b.) No person shall ply for hire for the carriage of goods of any kind with any vehicle on or along any road, or cause, or permit, or allow any vehicle of which he is the owner to be so plied, unless there shall have been obtained and be current a license for such vehicle.

Section 5.—Provision as to Licenses issued under Sections 3 and 4.

(a.) Applications for licenses under sections 3 and 4 shall be made to the Clerk of the Board. Such licenses shall be issued by and under the hand of the Clerk. All licenses shall expire on the 31st March following the issue thereof.

(b.) The Clerk shall keep at the public office of the Board a register of all licenses issued under sections 3 and 4, and such register shall be sufficient evidence of the accuracy of its contents, and that a vehicle not entered therein is unlicensed. Such register shall be open to public inspection without fee.

(c.) Every license shall be numbered, and the owner of the licensed vehicle shall cause the like number to be legibly painted and maintained on the off-side of such vehicle, in white figures on a black ground, together with the letters "R.B."; such figures and letters to be not less than one inch in length.

Form of License.

(d.) Licenses under sections 3 and 4 respectively may be in or to the effect of the following form:—

Manawatu Road Board.—Vehicle License.

No. _____ Annual license-fee, £ : :
 This is to certify that, pursuant to the provisions of section _____ of the by-laws regulating traffic on roads passed by the Manawatu Road Board on the _____ day of _____, 1897, the vehicle numbered _____ or to be numbered _____, of which _____ is the owner, is hereby licensed to engage in heavy traffic, to ply for the carriage of goods for hire, on the roads under the control of the said Board until the 31st day of March, 189_____.
 Dated this _____ day of _____, 189_____.
 _____, Clerk.

Section 6.—Regulating Bicycle Traffic.

(a.) Any person riding a bicycle, or tricycle, or similar vehicle upon any road, upon meeting any person riding any horse or driving any vehicle drawn by a horse or horses, and, if the person last aforesaid shall be in sight, then also before approaching within 66 ft. of such person, shall stop, dismount, and remove such bicycle, tricycle, or similar vehicle to the side of the road until the persons with the horse or horses shall have passed: provided the latter person shall hold up his or her hand as a signal to do so.

(b.) Any person riding a bicycle, tricycle, or similar vehicle on any road between the hours of sunset and sunrise shall have a light conspicuously displayed on the front part of such bicycle, or tricycle, or similar vehicle.

(c.) No person shall race on, or furiously ride, a bicycle, tricycle, or similar vehicle upon any road.

(d.) No person shall remove his or her feet from the pedals of his or her bicycle, tricycle, or similar vehicle when running down hill on any road.

(e.) Any person riding a bicycle, tricycle, or similar vehicle on any road shall observe the ordinary rule of the road when meeting or passing vehicles or horsemen.

BY-LAW NO. 2.—RELATING TO TRACTION-ENGINES.

Any person shall be deemed guilty of an offence against these by-laws—

Look-out.

1. Who, being in charge of any traction-engine, shall propel or cause the same to be propelled along or over any road unless the engine shall be accompanied by two men at the least, part of whose duty it shall be to keep a careful look-out both in front and behind the engine for horses and vehicles which may be approaching, to warn the riders and drivers of such horses and vehicles of the proximity of the engine, and to assist them to pass the engine in safety.

Stopping.

2. Who, being in charge of any traction-engine being propelled along or over any road, shall, upon being signalled by the rider or driver of any horse or vehicle to stop such engine, fail to do so, or who, if it shall appear that the rider or driver of any horse or vehicle meeting or overtaking such engine has difficulty in passing the same, shall fail to forthwith stop and render all possible assistance.

3. Who shall propel any traction-engine or cause the same to be propelled upon, along, or over any road between sunset and sunrise unless the engine shall carry as a signal a red light showing both in front and behind, or unless, where a wagon or carriage or wagons or carriages are being drawn by such engine, there shall also be carried a red tail-light by such wagon or carriage on the last of such wagons or carriages.

4. Either of the said men accompanying the engine shall also be guilty of an offence against these by-laws for every

breach or non-observance by him of his duty as hereinbefore described.

Speed.

5. The driver of any traction-engine shall not drive the same at a greater speed than at the rate of two miles an hour whilst crossing any bridge or culvert, three miles an hour whilst proceeding through any town or village on any road, and five miles an hour when proceeding otherwise along a road.

Whistle.

6. The whistle of an engine shall not be sounded for any purpose whatever, nor shall the cylinder-tap be opened, or the steam blown off or allowed to attain a pressure such as to exceed the limit fixed by the safety-valve, upon any road within sight of any person riding, driving, or leading, or in charge of a horse or horses upon such road.

Crossing Bridges.

7. No person shall pass along or come upon any bridge at any time while any person with a horse or vehicle drawn by a horse is on such bridge, nor shall any engine or wagon attached thereto be permitted to stop on any bridge or culvert for the purpose of drawing water from any water-race, stream, or ditch passing under or through such bridge or culvert, or for any purpose whatsoever. The person in charge of the engine shall be liable for any breach of this section.

Discharging Ashes.

8. If while an engine is proceeding or being on any road it becomes necessary to discharge any ashes or other such refuse from the furnace of an engine on any road or the sides thereof, such ashes or refuse shall not be left in a heap, but shall be spread out on such road in such manner that the road or the sides thereof shall be left even and the level thereof maintained: provided that no such refuse shall be discharged on any bridge, culvert, or any road within one chain of any bridge or culvert. The person in charge of the engine shall see that this section is obeyed.

Studs on Wheels.

9. While any engine shall be travelling upon or is being taken over a bridge or culvert, or other metal parts of a road, no studs or other pieces, or rings of iron or other metal, shall be attached to or raised upon the level of the faces of the tires of the wheels of any such engine for the purpose, or which shall have the effect, of sinking into, gripping, or breaking the surface of any bridge or roadway. The person in charge of the engine shall see that this section is obeyed.

Tires.

10. It shall not be lawful to have any wagon attached to or being drawn by an engine on a road with tires of less than 6 in. in width. No wagon drawn by any engine on any road shall carry more than 6 tons weight over and above the weight of the wagon.

Notice of Danger.

11. The person in charge of an engine shall give immediate notice to the Engineer, or Clerk, or Road-foreman of any danger or injury done by the engine or any wagon attached thereto to any road, or to any fence, bridge, culvert, water-course, drain, side-ditch, or other thing appertaining to any such road; and if such damage has rendered the road or its appurtenances dangerous for ordinary traffic or to public safety the owner or person in charge of such engine shall, in addition to giving such notice as aforesaid, place and maintain in such position, and for such time as the Engineer, Clerk, or Road-foreman shall direct him in that behalf, such signals as shall be sufficient to give warning to all persons using such road by day or by night of the existence of such danger.

Damage not to be occasioned to Road or Bridge.

12. No person in charge of or accompanying any vehicle, or machine, or traction-engine whilst travelling or being upon any road or bridge shall negligently do, or cause or permit to be done, any act within, upon, or in connection with such vehicle or machine or such traction-engine, or any carriage of any description drawn or propelled by any such traction-engine, whereby or by means whereof any damage shall be done to such road or bridge.

Put Planks on Bridges.

13. In crossing bridges or culverts, the person in charge of any engine shall lay down planks, and shall not cause or permit the engine to cross over any such bridge or culvert except on planks. It shall be the duty of the owner of the engine to provide the person in charge thereof with planks accordingly.

Owner's Name, &c., to be painted on.

14. Every owner of a traction-engine used or to be used on any road shall cause his full name and address to be painted

on such engine, upon some conspicuous part of the off-side thereof, in plain and legible letters of not less than 2 in. in height, and of such a colour or in such manner as to be clearly distinguishable from the colour or nature of the ground whereon such letters are painted; and when such owner possesses more than one engine a separate number distinguishing each such engine shall in like manner be painted immediately below such name and address, but in letters not less than 6 in. in height. The exact and true weight of every engine, and the maximum weight of water and coals necessary for its propulsion, and the exact and true weight of every wagon drawn by such engine, shall be also painted in like manner upon some conspicuous part of the off-side of such engine and wagon respectively.

Registration.

15. The owner of every engine used or to be used upon any road shall, on the first Monday in the month of April in each year, send a description of such engine, together with his full name and address, and, if he is the owner of more than one engine, then the number borne or to be borne by his engines respectively, to the Road Board Clerk, in order that the same may be registered, and the Road Board Clerk shall thereupon deliver to such owner a certificate of the registration of such engine, or of each of such engines, for the then current year.

Copy of By-law and Certificate.

16. Every person employed in driving or conducting an engine on any road shall while so employed have in his possession a copy of this by-law, and the person in charge shall also have the certificate of registration mentioned in clause 15 of this by-law, and every person as aforesaid shall exhibit the said copy by-law and certificate respectively on demand to any member, or official, or employé of the Road Board, or to any constable. It shall be the duty of the owner to furnish every person employed in driving and conducting the engine with such copy by-law, and the person in charge with the certificate.

Saving of Remedies for Injuries from Excessive Weight.

17. Nothing contained in these by-laws or any of them shall be held to relieve any person from any liability to which he may otherwise be subject by law in respect of injury done or damage caused by excessive weight passing along or extraordinary traffic on any road.

Not to travel in Ruts.

18. Traction-engines shall, wherever practicable, be driven so that none of the wheels shall travel in ruts formed in the highway by the wheels of the same or any other traction-engine.

To keep to the Left.

19. Every traction-engine shall be driven as near as practicable to the left-hand side of the highway according to the direction in which such engine is proceeding, without injuring or interfering with footpaths or water-tables wherever the same are constructed.

Repeal of Previous By-laws.

The by-laws made by the Manawatu Road Board on the 23rd day of September, 1892, are hereby repealed.

Given under the common seal of the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the Manawatu Road District.

The said common seal was hereunto affixed by authority of a resolution of the Manawatu Road Board passed at a meeting held on the 27th day of January, 1898, at which the special order making the foregoing by-laws was confirmed in the presence of—

D. BUICK, Chairman.
D. L. SMITH, Warden.
WALTER RUTHERFURD, Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly passed by the Manawatu Road Board at a special meeting held on the 27th day of January, 1898, in accordance with the provisions of the Road Boards Act.

WALTER RUTHERFURD,
Clerk to the Manawatu Road Board.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalisation, under "The Aliens Act, 1880," in favour of the under-mentioned persons:—

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
John Brouin ..	Mariner ..	Awhitu.
John Careon ..	Fisherman ..	Leeston.
Anselmo Cipriano Framba	Farmer ..	Whangamomona, County of Stratford.
Martin Alfred Johanson	Contractor ..	Wainui, County of Akaroa.
Frank Joseph Rambaud	Seaman ..	Kohimarama, Auckland.

WM. HALL-JONES.

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

WHEREAS the local authority mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto has duly notified to me that the day upon which the shops in its district shall be closed, pursuant to the provisions of "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," is the day set opposite its name 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, Richard John Seddon, Minister of Labour, do hereby appoint that the said day shall be the day upon which all shops within the said district shall be closed.

SCHEDULE.

Ashburton Thursday.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Labour.

Notice of the Laying-off of a Road over Native Land in the Ongo Survey District, Rangitikei County.

NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, under the authority of "The Public Works Act, 1894," that the road described in the Schedule hereto was, on the 21st November, 1895, duly taken and laid off through the lands specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 18th June, 1894.

SCHEDULE.

HAUHAU ROAD (HAPOPO BLOCK).

Approximate Area of the Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Block.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Marked on Plan	Coloured on Plan
A R. P. 8 2 6	5 (Hapopo Block)	VII.	Ongo	27	A to B	Red.

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

Dated this 4th day of January, 1898.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Notice to Mariners, No. 11 of 1898.

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

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

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners No. 10 of 1898, issued by this department on the 2nd instant, it is hereby notified that, in addition to the black buoy laid down to mark the position of the wreck, three red lights will be shown until the danger has been removed.

WM. HALL-JONES

Result of a Road Board Election.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 8th February, 1898.

THE following notice of the election of a member of a Road Board has been received at this office, and is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Mandeville and Rangiora Road District, County of Ashley:
David Buddo.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 50 acres 1 rood 19 perches, more or less, being Section 51, Okato District, in the Provincial District of Taranaki, having a frontage to Dover Road of 1385 links. The grantee and last registered owner is Henry Smith, a private in the Taranaki Military Settlers, who appears to have been known as "Tiney Smith," and who, it is stated, has not been heard of for probably twenty-five years.

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 3rd 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 11 acres 3 roods 14 perches, more or less, being part of Allotment 24, Parish of Waikomiti, in the Provincial District of Auckland: Bounded on the north by a line, 1210 links; on the north-east by a line, 860 links; on the south by a line, 824 links; on the east by a line, 454 links; on the south by a line, 242 links; on the west by a stream, 245 links; on the south-west by other part of said allotment, 936 links; and on the north-west by other part of said allotment, 460 links. The last registered owner is Peter McFarlane, described as of Manukau, near Auckland, boatman, who cannot be traced. The land adjoins the farm of Mr. Brabandare.

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 5th day of February, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Notice under "The Victoria College Act, 1897," and the Regulations relating thereto.

Education Department,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

THE first election of members of the College Council will be held on Monday, the 11th April, 1898; the poll closing at 5 o'clock p.m.

The members to be elected are,—

(a.) Three by members of the Legislature for the time being resident in, or representing electoral districts wholly or mainly within, the Wellington, Nelson, Westland, Marlborough, Hawke's Bay, and Taranaki Provincial Districts;

(b.) Three by persons who, being holders of a degree of any university of the United Kingdom or of any British colony, are for the time being resident within any of the said provincial districts;

(c.) Three by such persons holding certificates under section 45 of "The Education Act, 1877," as are over the age of twenty-one years and for the time being resident within any of the said provincial districts;

(d.) Three by members of the Education Boards of the education districts wholly or partly within any of the said provincial districts.

Electoral rolls for the four classes of electors above specified will be prepared, and, for the purposes of the first election, will be closed at 5 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 28th March, 1898. Such rolls will be called respectively—(a) the "parliamentary," (b) the "graduates," (c) the "teachers," and (d) the "Education Boards'" electoral roll.

Every candidate for election is to be nominated by one or more electors entitled to vote for his election, and the nomination is to bear the candidate's consent thereto. Nominations will close at noon on Monday, the 4th April, 1898.

Applications for enrolment, and all notices, &c., relating to the election, are to be addressed to "The Returning Officer for the Victoria College Council Election, Education Department, Wellington," from whom copies of the regulations and forms may be obtained. Copies of the Act are to be had from the Government Printer; price, 9d.

E. O. GIBBES,
Returning Officer.

*Crown Lands Notices.**Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.*

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 8th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kauri timber, on north-west portion of Section 177, and middle portion of Section 176, Parish of Okahu, Hobson County, will be offered for sale by public auction at this office on Friday, the 25th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

On north-west portion, Section 177: 145 kauri-trees, containing about 614,497 superficial feet.

On middle portion, Section 176: 47 kauri-trees, containing about 173,715 superficial feet.

Upset price, £394 2s. About two miles from Mangonui River and ten from Tokatoka.

Conditions of Sale.—Purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer. Timber to be removed within two years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 8th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kauri timber, standing upon Block XI., Waipoua Survey District, in the County of Hokianga, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 25th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

Section.	Number of Trees.	Number of Superficial Feet.	Upset Price.
14	39	122,500	£ s. d. 61 5 0
15	422	1,437,000	718 10 0
16	144	407,400	203 14 0
Lot E, Sec. 17	208	696,000	348 0 0
Lot F, Sec. 17	427	959,000	479 10 0

This timber is situated about four miles from Kaihu Railway Extension Terminus. Timber to be hauled from thence to Dargaville by railway.

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. The timber to be removed within three years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 8th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned green kauri timber, situated on Sections 26 and 27, Block XII., Opuawhanga Survey District, Whangarei County, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 25th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.:-

On Section 26: 361,000 superficial feet; upset price, £180 10s.

On Section 27: 374,000 superficial feet; upset price, £187. About nine miles from Hikurangi Railway-station, and there is a formed road to within one mile of the sections.

Conditions of Sale.—Purchase-money in cash or by marked cheque, payable on the fall of the hammer. Two years to be allowed for the removal of the timber.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—TE NGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.—ALBURY ESTATE.
Second-class Pastoral Country.

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in Southland for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

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

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.	Term.
SOUTHLAND COUNTY.				
190b, 190d, 190e, and 302a (grouped)	Eyre.. ..	Acres. 18,765	£ s. d. 58 12 9	21 years.
398 and 447 (grouped)	Nokomai, Kingston, and Rocky-side	26,260	54 14 2	21 years.
SOUTHLAND AND LAKE COUNTY.				
214b	Nokomai and Kingston	3,400	21 5 0	14 years.

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

FIORD COUNTY.

492 20,000 | 5 0 0 | 21 years.
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 1s., lease-fee, must in each case be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the usual declaration must be furnished.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Merrivale Estate, Southland, for Lease.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

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

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

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

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

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

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

Conditions of Lease.

The lessee shall, within two months of the acceptance of his tender, complete the fencing-in of the area, and 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 4d. per head for sheep.

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

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

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale.

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

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

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

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

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

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Otago, for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

PASTORAL LANDS.

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

Run 17c, Waitaki County: Area, 626 acres; term, seven years; upset annual rental, £13; valuation for improvements, £70 3s. Run 17c, which is part of the old Ben Lomond Run, is purely pastoral country; very steep; watered. Situated about five miles from Livingstone.

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

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

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

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

Sections 1, 2, and 8 to 19, Block II., Cairnhill District, Vincent County: Area, 6,831 acres 2 roods 17 perches;

term, ten years; upset annual rental, £61; valuation for improvements, £181 14s. 3d. Mostly dry, bare pastoral country; part warm in winter, with an early spring; situated fifty-six miles from Lawrence Railway-station.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Run 328a (Class I.), Southland County: Area, 4,580 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £10. Situated eight miles north of 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 Waihemo Counties: Area, 526 acres; term, seven years; upset annual rental, £13. Situated about four miles north-west of Nenthorn. Present licensee, James Hartstonge, jun.

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

Possession will be given on 1st March, 1899.

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

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

Possession will be given on day of sale.

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

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

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., Rankleburn District, Tuapeka County: Area, 2,190 acres 2 roods 17 perches; term, fourteen years; upset annual rental, £25; valuation for improvements, £180 10s. Land of medium quality, portion light bush; well watered. Situated about fourteen miles from Lawrence.

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

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 121r, 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.	
			£	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.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
				A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Ashburton	{ Alford Shepherd's Bush }	35948	{ XIII. I. }	194 1 8	1 2 6	218 11 9	1 1 5	5 9 4	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.
			A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
36458, 36459	Burke ..	IV., VIII., XII.	4,092 2 0	0 7	119 7 4
36460, 36461	Tengawai ..	I., V.			
36462, 36464	Burke ..	XII.	4,307 0 0	0 4½	86 15 2
36465, 34132	Tengawai ..	V., IX.			
36463, 36466	Burke ..	XII., XVI.	2,921 2 20	0 6½	79 2 7
34430, 34431	Tengawai ..	IX., XIII.			
34481, pt. 29564, 36062	Mackenzie ..	IV.	5,703 0 8	0 6½	154 9 2
36220, 36503	Nimrod ..	II., III., IV., VI., VII.			
36222, 36223	" ..	VII., VIII., XI., XII.	3,695 0 0	0 8	123 3 4
36227, 36228	" ..	XII., XV., XVI.	3,864 0 0	0 8½	136 17 0
36229	Otaio ..	XVI.	1,740 0 0	0 9	65 5 0
	" ..	XIII.			
36231	Waihao ..	IV., VIII.	2,000 0 0	0 7½	62 10 0
	Waimate ..	I.			
36205	Hakateramea ..	XII., XV., XVI.	2,840 0 0	0 7½	88 15 0
36388	Nimrod ..	XIV., XV.	4,536 0 0	0 7½	141 15 0
	Waihao ..	II.			
36389, 36390	Nimrod ..	XIII., XIV.	8,796 0 0	0 6	219 18 0
	Waihao ..	I., II.			
	Hakateramea ..	IV.			

Description of Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sections 36227 and 36228: £293—boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.
 Section 36229: £365—dwellinghouse, woolshed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.
 Section 36231: £250—dwellinghouse, woolshed, yards, boundary and internal fencing, &c.
 Section 36205: £232—sheep-yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.
 Section 36338: £1,037 7s.—good dwellinghouse, stable, woolshed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.
 Sections 36389 and 36390: £305—yards and boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.

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

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

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

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

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

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

2. No person can lease more than one run.

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

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

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

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

DECLARATION.

I, _____, of _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare—
 1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.
 2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No. _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF MACKENZIE.

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

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

			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
10	Cheviot	VII.	5 0 0	8 0	40 0 0
11	"	"	5 0 0	7 0	35 0 0
12	"	"	5 0 0	7 0	35 0 0
88	"	"	4 3 39	6 10	32 9 2

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

SPOTSWOOD VILLAGE.

			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
66	Cheviot	IV.	1 0 0	12 0	12 0 0
67	"	"	1 0 0	12 0	12 0 0
68	"	"	1 0 0	12 0	12 0 0

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

DOMETT VILLAGE.

			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 to 5,	Lowry 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.

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

Waikouaiti County.

Survey District.	Run.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rental.
Hummock & Hummock-side	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 Rental.
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SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Vincent County.

	Acres.	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	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.

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

MINA VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

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

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

DOMETT VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

44; Block III., Domett; and Railway Reserve	XVI.	77	2	20	4	0	15	10 6
30 to 34, 45; Block IV., Domett; and Railway Reserve	"	63	2	31	4	0	12	14 9
35 to 41; and Block V., Domett	"	42	1	22	4	0	8	9 6

Section 44, &c., partly low well-grassed down land; balance good flat valley land. Sections 30 to 34, &c., principally low well-grassed down land. Sections 35 to 41, &c., well-grassed flat land; good soil.

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

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

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

The leases of blocks comprising parts of the Railway Reserve will be liable to termination at any time in respect

of such reserve on six months' notice in writing being given to the lessee that the land is required by Government, and no compensation shall be claimed or given in respect of such termination.

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

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

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

forfeiture, and the cost of recovering possession of the land, and also the charges and expenses of reletting such land, and making, issuing, and completing any fresh lease.

DECLARATION.

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

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

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

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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.—CHRISTCHURCH 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.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
15	"	2 0 0	2 12 7	2 12 7
		1 0 0	2 12 7	1 6 4

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

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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.	s. d.	£ s. d.
		362 2 0	5 0	45 6 3

Description.—Frontage to Cricklewood Road and another road to the north, and distant two miles and a quarter from Cricklewood Railway-station. Agricultural, undulating, well-grassed land; good soil, on clay subsoil. About 290 acres have been ploughed and laid down in English grass, which now requires renewing; the remainder is in tussock. There are 135 chains of gorse, and 114 chains of wire boundary-fence.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale.

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

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned kauri and totara timber, situated in the Auckland Girls' High School endowment in Blocks XI. and XII., Mangaru 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.

Land in Paparangi Settlement, Wellington, open for Application upon Lease in Perpetuity.

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

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Monday, the 28th February, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

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

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

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

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.

RETURN of the VALUE of EXPORTS from the several PORTS of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

COUNTRIES.	Auckland.	Kaipara.	Tauranga.	Poverty Bay.	New Plymouth.	Waitara.	Patea.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Napier.	Wairau and Picton.	Nelson.	Westport. #	Greymouth.	Hokitika.	Lytelton and Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill and Bluff.	Parcels Post.	Totals.	Corresponding Quarter, 1896.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>British Possessions.</i>																							
United Kingdom ..	170,477	1,796	..	146,853	61,835	13,848	4,349	63,816	235,261	213,421	18,766	16,181	3,750	8,726	..	232,287	54,799	6,093	78,994	92,238	1,101	1,424,591	1,309,285
Australia—																							
Victoria ..	10,335	6,156	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,300	365	1,070	332	530	19,380	..	2,452	7	13	17,056	24,637	314	84,997	124,778
New South Wales ..	36,970	14,247	..	316	710	..	20	1	11,140	3,989	13	332	1,033	7,192	5,348	32,306	5,592	2,362	49,894	12,904	428	184,797	151,864
Queensland ..	601	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113	..	23	1,094	..	..	..	1,015	449	..	1,988	300	53	5,636	5,183
South Australia ..	135	1,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	320	..	..	10	..	..	20	257	2	..	1,198	140	23	3,305	5,064
Western Australia ..	93	1,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	179	..	..	141	..	..	50	621	110	..	8,082	5,328	47	15,901	33,923
Tasmania ..	489	..	..	..	77	..	..	..	642	..	..	..	..	..	..	240	..	..	669	347	63	2,527	2,843
Pacific Islands—																							
Norfolk ..	327	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	327	263
Fiji ..	7,056	..	..	6	92	..	..	..	22	2	..	..	795	..	..	..	..	223	238	..	..	9,316	7,613
Malden ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Africa—																							
Cape Colony ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	..	7	106	3,897
Natal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	4
Mauritius ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
Asia—																							
Hongkong ..	1,005	..	..	..	234	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	473	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	1,746	3,081
Bengal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	26
Bombay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	23
Madras ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ceylon ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	194	..	14	208	221
Singapore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	..	..	90	59
America—																							
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	6
Falkland Islands..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
British Columbia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	333	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	7	393	1
Jamaica ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<i>Foreign Countries and Possessions.</i>																							
Europe—																							
France ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	44	496
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	10
Germany ..	1,666	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	1,689	2914
Sweden ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Belgium ..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	1
Holland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	4
Denmark ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Norway..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..

RETURN of the VALUE of EXPORTS from the several PORTS of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897—continued.

COUNTRIES.	Auckland.	Kaipara.	Tauranga.	Poverty Bay.	New Plymouth.	Waikato.	Patea.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Napier.	Wairau and Pictou.	Nelson.	Westport.	Greymouth.	Hokitika.	Lyttelton and Christchurch.	Timaru.	Oamaru.	Dunedin.	Invercargill and Bluff.	Parcels Post.	Totals.	Corresponding Quarter, 1896.
America—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
United States—																							
On the East Coast	74,528	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,874	..	900	5,578	1,475	..	84,350	45,876
On the West Coast	84,682	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	520	3,081	..	..	55	..	..	14	..	..	88,352	51,572
Chili ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	420	..	..	..	..	425	105
Argentine Republic	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	198	1
Patagonia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	43	..
Brazil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	67	466
Uruguay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134
Asia—																							
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	11	1
Japan ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pacific Islands—																							
New Caledonia ..	580	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	591	485
New Hebrides ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	24
Friendly ..	4,931	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	8	..	..	4,947	9,159
Savage ..	166	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	166	502
Navigators ..	2,387	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	2,400	2,756
Cook ..	4,847	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	231	..	8	5,139	5,590
Society ..	4,720	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	265	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,935	3,403
Paumotu Arch. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
Sandwich ..	207	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	517	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	755	297
Totals ..	406,285	24,649	..	147,175	62,948	13,848	4,369	63,817	250,694	217,969	19,872	18,610	9,706	35,771	5,418	272,152	61,379	9,591	164,370	137,422	2,135	1,928,180	..
Corresponding Qr., '96	291,906	23,038	..	105,565	60,420	..	5,774	32,827	318,236	117,039	18,242	5,183	12,797	57,050	17,249	276,530	111,207	15,899	181,050	119,770	2,276	..	1,772,108

COMPARATIVE RETURN of the VALUE of EXPORTS from the several PORTS of NEW ZEALAND during the YEARS 1897 and 1896.

1897 ..	1,365,040	105,181	2	333,168	260,055	42,140	46,638	320,327	1,511,659	1,032,073	122,361	63,681	31,885	164,337	60,910	2,073,553	518,025	251,373	1,043,506	664,186	8,153	10,018,253	..
1896 ..	1,276,085	76,812	2	317,970	204,612	..	42,861	288,565	1,489,753	849,131	118,866	59,530	37,940	228,200	74,474	1,694,850	539,387	247,198	1,052,285	715,413	7,721	9,321,105	..

Department of Trade and Customs, Wellington, 1st February, 1898.

W. T. GLASGOW,
Secretary and Inspector.

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of EXPORTS from NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

ARTICLES	AUCKLAND		KAIAPA		POVERTY BAY		NEW PLYMOUTH		WAITARA		PATUA		WANGANUI		WELLINGTON		NAPIER		WAIKOUATU AND PICTON		NELSON		ARTICLES	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
The Mine,—		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£	The Mine,—	
Coal ... tons	2582	3206	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5620	5423	...	...	...	...	...	...	Coal ... tons
Gold ... ounces	30112	110751	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gold ... ounces
Silver ... ounces	47571	5416	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Silver ... ounces
Minerals ... tons	626	2042	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Minerals ... tons
	...	121415	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5423	...	...	...	...	...	...	Minerals ... tons
The Fisheries,—																							The Fisheries,—	
Fish ... cwts.	248	297	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	34	54	...	...	...	...	Fish ... cwts.
Oysters ... dozens	1900	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	Oysters ... dozens
Other kinds ...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Other kinds ...
	...	320	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	54	...	...	20	...	Other kinds ...
The Forest,—																							The Forest,—	
Fungus ... cwts.	1209	2321	...	...	...	...	551	776	...	...	...	...	...	...	403	588	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fungus ... cwts.
Gum (Kauri) ... tons	1542	106825	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gum (Kauri) ... tons
Timber (Sawn & Hewn) ... feet	2441288	9125	6516313	24441	...	...	58	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	52494	241	651540	2288	...	...	...	...	Timber (Sawn & Hewn) ... feet
" Logs ...	...	265	55	208	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	...	...	...	...	...	...	" Logs ...
" Other kinds ...	...	117536	...	24649	...	...	...	777	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	978	...	2288	...	...	...	...	" Other kinds ...
Animals and Produce,—																							Animals and Produce,—	
Bacon and Hams ... cwts.	68	244	...	...	1	2	56	116	1	2	...	...	...	...	103	312	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bacon and Hams ... cwts.
Beef (Salted) ... cwts.	1467	1545	...	...	38	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Beef (Salted) ... cwts.
Butter ... cwts.	5724	22664	...	...	...	...	14655	57700	1775	7100	...	...	811	3900	6231	25531	...	96	360	296	1017	Butter ... cwts.	
Cheese ... cwts.	35	88	...	...	3	6	1782	3649	90	151	...	...	...	...	4410	8262	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cheese ... cwts.
Hides ... number	4134	3878	...	...	25	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hides ... number
Live Stock ... number	1442	1195	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	Live Stock ... number
Meats (Preserved) ... cwts.	1754	3662	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3656	4817	111	233	...	...	Meats (Preserved) ... cwts.
" (Frozen) ... cwts.	...	...	...	...	14485	12794	...	...	5975	5392	...	...	8306	7753	37172	40734	29658	32338	2896	2242	...	...	" (Frozen) ... cwts.
Sausage-skins ... cwts.	45	258	...	...	80	320	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	252	1409	...	...	...	...	...	Sausage-skins ... cwts.
Skins (Rabbit) ... number	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86246	1374	...	36252	215	...	...	Skins (Rabbit) ... number
" (Sheep) ... number	17967	912	...	...	4680	312	...	...	...	...	4680	253	25324	1727	49262	4332	17196	1316	13588	1237	3325	472	" (Sheep) ... number
Tallow ... tons	195	2339	...	...	43	682	...	1	10	20	300	386	68	1161	812	13148	29	690	7	116	...	...	Tallow ... tons
Wool ... lbs.	1560286	47189	...	...	3929586	132991	13073	351	28885	903	127000	3710	1675967	49807	4300640	132286	179892	499185	14563	499895	14366	...	Wool ... lbs.
Other kinds ...	...	469	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	...	1	4	...	...	Other kinds ...
	...	84443	...	...	...	147175	...	61826	...	13848	...	4349	...	63751	...	232468	...	214370	...	18739	...	...	Other kinds ...
Agricultural Products,—																							Agricultural Products,—	
Bran and Sharps ... tons	163	459	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	133	...	...	...	Bran and Sharps ... tons
Chaff ... tons	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Chaff ... tons
Flour ... tons	133	1298	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Flour ... tons
Grain (Barley) ... bushels	78	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grain (Barley) ... bushels
" (Beans and Peas) ... bushels	652	277	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" (Beans and Peas) ... bushels
" (Maize) ... bushels	14596	1626	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" (Maize) ... bushels
" (Malt) ... bushels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" (Malt) ... bushels
" (Oats) ... bushels	1087	127	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" (Oats) ... bushels
" (Wheat) ... bushels	183	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" (Wheat) ... bushels
Hops ... cwts.	Hops ... cwts.
Meal (Oat) ... centals	6	3	Meal (Oat) ... centals
Potatoes ... tons	87	427	Potatoes ... tons
Seeds (Grass & Clover) ... cwts.	197	408	91	147	Seeds (Grass & Clover) ... cwts.
Other kinds	123	35	Other kinds ...
	...	4805	192	144	...	7	Other kinds ...
Manufactures,—																							Manufactures,—	
Apparel	100	2	Apparel ...
Leather ... cwts.	649	2605	...	...	...	...	99	255	...	...	...	...	...	...	714	2614	...	...	...	...	...	...	Leather ... cwts.
Phormium ... tons	78	881	319	3548	101	1032	17	...	192	Phormium ... tons
Woolens	20	47	Woolens ...
Other kinds	6282	Other kinds ...
	...	9891	258	65	Other kinds ...
Miscellaneous ... value	...	1177	102	74	Miscellaneous ... value
Total New Zealand Produce and Manufactures	339587	...	24649	...	147175	...	62862	...	13848	...	4349	...	63816	...	245661	...	217165	...	19872	18230	Total New Zealand Produce and Manufactures ...
Specie	51230	Specie ...
Other Colonial, British, and Foreign Produce and Manufactures	15468	86	20	...	1	...	5033	...	804	380	Other Colonial, British, and Foreign Produce and Manufactures ...
TOTALS	406285	...	24649	...	147175	...	62848	...	13848	...	4369	...	63817	...	250694	...	217989	...	19872	18610	TOTALS ...

RETURN of the QUANTITY and VALUE of EXPORTS from NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897—continued.

ARTICLES	WESTPORT		GREYMOUTH		HOKITIKA		LYTTELTON		TIMARU		OAMARU		DUNEDIN		INVERCARGILL		PAROKE POST.	TOTALS		CORRESPONDING QUARTER, 1896	ARTICLES		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value			Value	
The Mine,—																							
Coal	4590	£ 2843	86	£ 56	...	£	2488	£ 2392	...	£	...	£	300	£ 330	1098	£ 988	...	£	16770	£ 15238	13966	The Mine,—	
Gold	1667	6272	8007	32030	1337	5348	...	...	...	...	...	...	16971	68168	3631	14527	...	...	16770	237616	263786	Coal
Silver .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47671	5416	3421	Gold
Minerals .....	...	...	12	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	65	175	...	...	...	...	713	2260	471	Silver
		9115		32118		5348		2392		...		10		68673		15515		...		260530	281644	Minerals	
The Fisheries,—																							
Fish .....	...	...	11	40	19	70	...	...	1	3	3	4	523	2182	1328	1756	...	...	2169	4409	4645	The Fisheries,—
Oysters .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1900	9	371	Fish
Other kinds .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	1388	Oysters
				40		70		...		3		4		2182		1756		...		4462	6404	Other kinds	
The Forest,—																							
Fungus	2163	3690	2141	The Forest,—
Gum (Kauri) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	330	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1543	90169	Fungus
Timber (Sawn and Hewn) .....	...	...	457385	1680	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	106161	90169	Gum (Kauri)
" Logs .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	5010	15	...	...	...	10124088	37991	Timber (Sawn & Hewn)
" Other kinds .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	55	208	" Logs
				1880		...		330		6		...		14		15		...		434	686	" Other kinds	
Animals and Produce,—																							
Bacon and Hams .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1381	4852	...	1	...	...	168	605	121	398	...	...	1899	6532	10346	Animals and Produce,—
Beef (Salted) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	45	...	...	...	...	1535	1617	1230	Bacon and Hams
Butter .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2404	9512	...	...	...	...	739	2930	...	...	...	...	32731	130114	103845	Beef (Salted)
Cheese .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	509	976	...	1	...	...	1996	3966	...	...	...	...	9703	18937	21049	Butter
Hides .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	878	1838	...	...	5983	5661	1482	Cheese
Live Stock	480	425	1192	1220	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1597	2252	Hides
Meats (Preserved) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	270	40	420	62	130	8	130	1	30	...	...	8132	14668	9854	Live Stock
" (Frozen) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	716	1613	...	...	...	...	968	2626	786	1714	...	...	...	8132	14668	Meats (Preserved)
Sausage-skins .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	70416	76666	19306	18430	...	...	15486	14101	52104	54309	...	...	256902	264759	182966	" (Frozen)
Skins (Rabbit) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	443	2250	325	1518	223	900	6	28	939	1475	...	...	...	1718	8158	Sausage-skins
" (Sheep) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1680	17	...	...	...	...	1815438	13228	276890	1650	...	...	2215406	16493	29387	Skins (Rabbit)
Tallow .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	448558	21505	34928	819	7945	176	39100	8607	83286	3440	...	...	699829	40108	29133	" (Sheep)
Wool	8	105	...	...	...	...	724	10916	251	4395	...	...	36	431	282	4028	...	...	2496	38609	33002	Tallow
Other kinds .....	...	...	2	...	...	...	2329862	80134	803251	29625	210295	5917	399399	13491	731517	26208	...	...	22551976	731433	700882	Wool
		530		1222		...		209036		55218		7123		55534		95208		...		1354	1510	Other kinds	
Agricultural Products,—																							
Bran and Sharps .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	476	1443	765	2204	251	738	562	1662	49	156	...	...	2321	6795	8715	Agricultural Products,—
Chaff .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	167	4319	Bran and Sharps
Flour .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	611	6343	326	3257	102	1126	280	3073	...	...	...	...	1462	15097	33677	Chaff
Grain (Barley) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	478	62	Flour
" (Beans and Peas) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	7635	1538	...	...	...	...	...	63	23	...	...	...	...	8378	1845	Grain (Barley)
" (Maize) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14596	1626	" (Beans and Peas)
" (Malt) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	31074	8009	...	...	...	...	12982	3243	...	...	...	...	...	44056	11252	" (Maize)
" (Oats) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	8183	866	710	71	3753	379	92241	9371	217047	21516	...	...	323000	32330	47153	" (Malt)
" (Wheat) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	454	87	...	...	...	...	1346	233	150	25	...	...	...	2133	380	" (Oats)
Hops .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	316	1639	" (Wheat)
Meal (Oat) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	12	...	...	...	...	1768	923	2283	1131	...	...	...	4079	2069	Hops
Potatoes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3169	7619	126	258	113	207	90	239	18	45	...	...	...	3603	6795	Meal (Oat)
Seeds (Grass and Clover) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	5452	10683	...	...	...	...	25	21	54	25	...	...	...	5819	11284	Potatoes
Other kinds .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	391	...	...	...	...	...	198	...	220	...	...	...	198	2931	Seeds (Grass and Clover)
								37198		5790		2450		18986		23118		...		94319	136921	Other kinds	
Manufactures,—																							
Apparel .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	242	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5182	348	Manufactures,—
Leather .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3081	16269	...	...	...	...	639	3960	...	...	...	...	...	611	25706	Apparel
Phormium .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	71	978	25	348	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6979	Leather
Woollens .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	868	Phormium
Other kinds .....	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	1582	10	...	1	...	...	2986	...	1296	...	...	...	...	868	Woollens
				6		...		19190		359		4		7829		1296		...		46748	40326	Other kinds	
Miscellaneous								144		...		...		59		5	2135	...		3696	4445	Miscellaneous
Total New Zealand Produce and Manufactures		9645		35266		5418		268290		61375		9591		153077		136913	2135	...		1838924	1734235		
Specie		473		51703	8835	
Other Colonial, British, and Foreign Produce and Manufactures		61		32		...		3862		4		...		11293		509	...	...		37553	26606	
TOTALS		9706		35771		5418		272152		61379		9591		164370		137422	...	...		1928180	1768766	

RETURN of the NUMBER, TONNAGE, and CREWS of VESSELS ENTERED INWARDS at the several PORTS of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

PORTS OF ARRIVAL.	Sailing or Steam Vessels.	WHENCE.						BRITISH.									FOREIGN.									TOTALS.									Corresponding Quarter, 1896.				
		United Kingdom.		British Possessions.		Foreign Countries and Whale Fisheries.		With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.							
		With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.					
Auckland	Sailing Steam	..	6	10	27	5	10	15	37	4496	121	..	..	..	15	37	4496	121	..	..	..	6	11634	561	..	..	..	6	11634	561	15	4496	121	17	6584	163	
Totals ..	..	6	..	37	..	15	..	52	58907	1922	..	..	..	52	58907	1922	6	11634	561	..	..	..	6	11634	561	58	70541	2483	..	..	..	58	70541	2483	63	66269	2367
Kaipara	Sailing Steam	..	1	22	1	22	1	6934	182	22	1	6934	182	1	319	8	1	319	8	23	7253	190	23	7253	190	2	395	19
Totals ..	..	1	..	23	..	..	..	23	7650	205	..	..	..	23	7650	205	1	319	8	..	..	..	1	319	8	24	7969	213	..	..	..	24	7969	213	2	395	19
Poverty Bay ..	Sailing	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	176	7	..	..	..	1	176	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	176	7	..	..	..	1	176	7	2	366	16	
Wanganui ..	Sailing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	403	14	
Wellington	Sailing Steam	3	8	7	19	2	..	9	27	6758	140	9	27	6758	140	3	4080	50	3	4080	50	12	10838	190	12	10838	190	14	9205	181
Totals ..	..	11	..	26	..	2	..	36	66392	2024	..	..	..	36	66392	2024	3	4080	50	..	..	..	3	4080	50	39	70472	2074	..	..	..	39	70472	2074	35	50734	1492
Napier ..	Sailing	..	..	9	..	..	..	7	1449	50	..	..	..	7	1449	50	2	688	18	..	..	..	2	688	18	9	2137	68	..	..	..	9	2137	68	5	1880	47
Picton ..	Sailing	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1799	36	2	1799	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1799	36	2	1799	36	2	746	20		
Nelson ..	Sailing	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	1152	30	..	..	..	3	1152	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1152	30	..	..	..	3	1152	30	1	1092	26	
Westport ..	Sailing	..	..	3	2	..	..	2	406	15	..	..	..	2	406	15	1	358	8	2	869	20	3	1227	28	3	764	23	2	869	20	5	1633	43	1	670	11
Greymouth	Sailing Steam	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	217	8	..	..	..	1	217	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	217	8	..	..	..	1	217	8	1	191	7	
Totals ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	217	8	..	..	..	1	217	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	217	8	..	..	..	1	217	8	2	546	20
Lyttelton	Sailing Steam	2	..	6	..	1	..	6	4296	91	..	..	..	6	4296	91	3	1860	33	..	..	..	3	1860	33	9	6156	124	..	..	..	9	6156	124	9	7706	140
Totals ..	..	2	..	10	..	1	..	10	8554	196	..	..	..	10	8554	196	3	1860	33	..	..	..	3	1860	33	13	10414	229	..	..	..	13	10414	229	11	11437	225

RETURN of the NUMBER, TONNAGE, and CREWS of VESSELS ENTERED INWARDS at the several PORTS of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897—continued.

PORTS OF ARRIVAL.	Sailing or Steam Vessels.	WHENCE.						BRITISH.									FOREIGN.									TOTALS.									Corresponding Quarter, 1896.		
		United Kingdom.		British Possessions.		Foreign Countries and Whale Fisheries.		With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.					
		With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.			
Timaru	Sailing Steam	..	1	1	..	..	1	159	7	..	1	2438	46	1	159	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	159	7	..	1	2438	46	1	159	7	3	1792	41	
Totals	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	159	7	1	2438	46	2	2597	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	159	7	1	2438	46	2	2597	53	3	1792	41			
Oamaru	Sailing Steam	..	..	1	..	..	1	237	10	..	..	..	1	237	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	237	10	..	..	..	1	237	10	1	798	15			
Totals	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	237	10	..	..	..	1	237	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	237	10	..	..	..	1	237	10	2	3279	56			
Dunedin	Sailing Steam	5	..	3	..	2	8	7741	149	..	..	..	8	7741	149	2	1705	28	..	..	..	2	1705	28	10	9446	177	..	..	..	10	9446	177	7	6506	122	
Totals	..	6	..	3	..	2	9	9914	193	..	..	..	9	9914	193	2	1705	28	..	..	..	2	1705	28	11	11619	221	..	..	..	11	11619	221	8	8696	163	
Bluff Harbo'r	Sailing Steam	1	..	4	..	..	4	2478	52	..	..	..	4	2478	52	1	231	8	..	..	..	1	231	8	5	2709	60	..	..	..	5	2709	60	4	1345	33	
Totals	..	1	..	14	1	..	14	19295	777	1	3603	52	15	22898	829	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	19295	777	1	3603	52	15	22898	829	12	14971	685			
Total Ship'ng inwards	Sailing Steam	13	..	70	3	10	1	80	36499	862	2	1799	36	82	38298	898	13	9241	153	2	869	20	15	10110	173	93	45740	1015	4	2668	56	97	48408	1071	..	..	..
Totals	..	28	1	135	4	20	1	164	176986	5496	4	7840	134	168	184826	5630	19	20875	714	2	869	20	21	21744	784	183	197861	6210	6	8709	154	189	206570	6364	..	..	..
Correspondng. Quar., 1896	Sailing Steam	10	..	45	7	8	1	51	25043	581	7	6723	127	58	31766	708	12	7243	136	1	670	11	13	7913	147	63	32286	717	8	7393	138	..	..	..	71	39679	855
Totals	..	14	1	54	4	11	..	74	109896	3796	5	5351	140	79	115247	3936	5	9695	444	..	..	..	5	9695	444	79	119591	4240	5	5351	140	..	..	..	84	124942	4380
Totals	..	24	1	99	11	19	1	125	134939	4377	12	12074	267	137	147013	4644	17	16938	580	1	670	11	18	17608	591	142	151877	4957	13	12744	278	..	..	..	155	164621	5235

COMPARATIVE RETURN of the NUMBER, TONNAGE, and CREWS of VESSELS ENTERED INWARDS for the YEARS 1897 and 1896.

1897	Sailing Steam	31	..	207	20	35	3	233	105032	2478	11	7494	163	244	112526	2641	40	25499	438	12	8185	138	52	39684	576	273	130531	2916	23	15679	901	..	..	..	296	146210	3217
Total	..	54	1	221	10	39	..	294	489757	16334	11	21677	435	305	511434	16769	20	35852	1737	..	..	..	20	35852	1737	314	525609	18071	11	21677	435	..	..	..	325	547286	18506
1896	Sailing Steam	31	2	184	24	32	4	206	91905	2203	20	15511	307	226	107416	2510	41	25516	470	10	5841	106	51	31357	576	247	117421	2673	30	21352	413	..	..	..	277	138773	3086
Total	..	54	1	203	8	46	..	286	436665	15014	9	5696	181	295	442361	15195	17	32963	1576	..	..	..	17	32963	1576	303	469628	16590	9	5696	181	..	..	..	312	475324	16771
Totals	..	85	3	387	32	78	4	492	528570	17217	29	21207	488	521	549777	17705	58	58479	2046	10	5841	106	68	64320	2152	550	587049	19263	39	27048	594	589	614097	19857

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RETURN of the NUMBER, TONNAGE, and CREWS of VESSELS CLEARED OUTWARDS at the several PORTS of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

PORTS OF DEPARTURE.	Sailing or Steam Vessels.	CLEARED FOR						BRITISH.									FOREIGN.									TOTALS.									Corresponding Quarter, 1896.			
		United Kingdom.		British Possessions.		Foreign Countries and Whale Fisheries.		With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Totals.						
		With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.				
Auckland	Sailing Steam	1	..	4	..	4	1	9	3381	79	1	252	9	10	3633	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3381	79	1	252	9	10	3633	88	17	6867	158	
Totals	..	1	..	26	1	14	1	35	37499	1505	2	1001	36	37	38500	1541	6	11634	561	..	..	..	6	11634	561	41	49133	2066	2	1001	36	43	50134	2102	54	50784	2033
Kaipara	Sailing Steam	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	477	10	1	477	10	..	..	..	1	869	13	1	869	13	..	..	..	2	1346	23	2	1346	23	19	6645	169
Totals	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	503	19	2	503	19	..	..	..	1	869	13	1	869	13	..	..	..	3	1372	32	3	1372	32	19	6645	169
Poverty Bay	Sailing	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2098	37	..	..	..	2	2098	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2098	37	..	..	..	2	2098	37	1	1806	28	
Wellington	Sailing Steam	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	132	7	..	..	..	1	132	7	1	1152	16	1	359	9	2	1511	25	2	1284	23	1	359	9	3	1643	32	5	3399	68
Totals	..	9	..	19	..	..	..	28	60962	1938	..	..	..	28	60962	1938	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	60962	1938	..	..	..	28	60962	1938	22	44941	1268	
Napier	Sailing	2	..	5	..	..	..	7	3207	74	..	..	..	7	3207	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3207	74	..	..	..	7	3207	74	3	2059	42	
Westport	Sailing Steam	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1227	29	..	..	..	3	1227	29	3	1227	29	..	..	..	3	1227	29	2	1192	21
Totals	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	2	1666	51	..	..	..	2	1666	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1666	51	..	..	..	2	1666	51	1	917	27		
Greymouth	Sailing	..	..	4	..	..	..	3	681	26	..	..	..	3	681	26	1	231	8	..	..	..	1	231	8	4	912	34	..	..	..	4	912	34	3	950	25
Lyttelton	Sailing Steam	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	2059	40	..	..	..	2	2059	40	..	..	..	1	474	9	1	474	9	2	2059	40	1	474	9	3	2533	49	6	3908	83
Totals	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	4008	93	..	..	..	3	4008	93	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4008	93	..	..	..	3	4008	93	3	10515	310	
Timaru	Sailing Steam	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1304	29	..	..	..	1	1304	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1192	28	
Totals	1	1	1	1304	29	1	1304	29	1	1304	29	3	1192	28
Oamaru	Sailing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	728	14		
Dunedin	Sailing Steam	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	2438	46	2	2553	51	2	2553	51	2	2215	33	..	..	..	2	2215	33	2	2215	33	2	2553	51	4	4768	84	3	1718	38
Totals	..	1	..	2	1	..	2	1	2438	46	3	4690	124	4	7128	170	2	2215	33	..	..	..	2	2215	33	3	4653	79	3	4690	124	6	9343	203	6	6242	157

Vital Statistics of Chief Cities, Year 1897.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Four Chief Towns of New Zealand for the Year 1897:—

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Births and Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the Year 1897.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION OF BOROUGHES, 1897.	BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1897.	Proportion of Births to the 1,000 of Population.	DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1897.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population.
					Males.			Females.				
					Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
Auckland ..	57,616	32,029	906	28.29	63	11	146	53	15	128	416	12.99
Birkenhead ..		709	25	35.26	3	..	..	1	..	..	4	5.64
Devonport ..		3,129	74	23.65	2	3	8	3	..	11	27	8.63
Newmarket ..		1,996	51	25.55	2	1	11	3	..	8	25	12.53
Newton ..		2,428	54	22.24	1	2	4	5	..	3	15	6.18
Parnell ..		4,268	102	23.90	10	1	11	6	2	24	54	12.65
Other suburbs ..		*
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	44,559	1,212	27.20	81	18	180	71	17	174	541	12.14
Wellington ..	41,758	38,500	1,067	27.71	51	12	197	62	8	133	463	12.03
Karori ..		1,036	11	10.62	1	..	3	1	..	2	7	6.76
Melrose ..		2,098	64	30.51	..	2	2	..	..	3	7	3.34
Onslow ..		1,297	37	28.53	1	2	1	..	..	2	6	4.63
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	42,931	1,179	27.46	53	16	203	63	8	140	483	11.25
Christchurch ..	51,330	17,182	376	21.88	30	4	96	17	5	74	226	13.15
Linwood ..		6,275	144	22.95	8	..	27	5	3	29	72	11.47
St. Albans ..		6,050	142	23.47	6	3	18	8	..	22	57	9.42
Sydenham ..		10,532	248	23.55	22	4	29	11	1	45	112	10.63
Woolston ..		2,150	59	27.44	1	1	6	1	..	11	20	9.30
Other suburbs ..		*
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	42,189	969	22.97	67	12	176	42	9	181	487	11.54
Dunedin ..	47,280	23,121	498	21.54	17	2	121	14	6	113	273	11.81
Caversham ..		4,811	110	22.86	6	1	40	3	..	25	75	15.59
Maori Hill ..		1,524	35	22.97	2	..	4	..	..	4	10	6.56
Mornington ..		3,644	77	21.13	1	1	5	2	1	12	22	6.04
North-east Valley ..		3,442	68	19.76	3	..	13	2	3	14	35	10.17
Roslyn ..		4,195	81	19.31	2	1	15	1	2	13	34	8.10
St. Kilda ..		1,246	33	26.48	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1.61
South Dunedin ..		4,652	120	25.80	6	..	18	5	1	14	44	9.46
West Harbour ..		1,386	26	18.76	2	..	2	..	..	3	7	5.05
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	48,021	1,048	21.82	39	5	220	27	13	198	502	10.45
Grand Totals ..	..	..	4,408	24.81 Mean.	240	51	779	203	47	693	2,013	11.33 Mean.

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

Deaths occurring at hospitals have been omitted, except where deceased had previously resided in one or other of the above boroughs, in which case the death is counted against the borough of residence.

TABLE showing, in Classes, the Number of Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 Years of Age and 5 Years and upwards, and the Proportion per Cent. of Deaths in each Class, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the Year 1897.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	50	32	25	14	30	26	10	14	201	9.98
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	4	0.20
III.	Diastetic Diseases	8	2	2	3	3	2	2	6	28	1.39
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	16	88	13	90	7	94	5	129	442	21.96
V.	Developmental Diseases	13	27	20	12	23	24	19	11	149	7.40
VI.	Local Diseases	71	180	54	193	39	197	41	227	1,002	49.78
VII.	Violence	3	21	4	30	5	13	3	22	101	5.02
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	26	3	22	..	23	1	3	8	86	4.27
	Totals	187	354	140	343	190	357	84	418	2,013	100.00

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths in the Four Chief Cities and their Suburbs registered during the Year 1897.

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic,—</i>									
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Influenza	1	11	1	1	4	12	1	8	39
Diphtheria	3	1	1	..	2	4	..	1	12
Typhoid Fever .. .. .	..	12	..	7	..	4	..	1	24
Total Order 1	4	25	2	8	6	20	1	10	76
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrheal,—</i>									
Infantile Cholera	6	..	1	..	6	..	6	..	19
Diarrhoea	40	3	19	1	17	1	..	..	81
Dysentery .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Order 2	46	3	20	2	23	1	6	..	101
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Venereal,—</i>									
Syphilis .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Syphilis (Congenital) .. .. .	..	..	3	..	1	..	3	..	7
Stricture of Urethra .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Total Order 5 .. .. .	..	2	3	2	1	1	3	..	12
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic,—</i>									
Erysipelas .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
Pyæmia, Septicæmia .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	6
Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
Puerperal Peritonitis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Order 6 .. .. .	..	2	..	2	..	4	..	4	12
Total Class I.	50	32	25	14	30	26	10	14	201
CLASS II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.									
Thrush .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Hydatids of Brain .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hydatids of Liver .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
Total Class II. .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	4
CLASS III.—DIETETIC DISEASES.									
Want of Breast-milk	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6
Scurvy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
<i>Intemperance,—</i>									
a. Alcoholism .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	5	10
b. Delirium Tremens .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Malnutrition	4	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	9
Total Class III.	8	2	2	3	3	2	2	6	28
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Rheumatic Fever .. .. .	..	1	..	5	1	3	..	2	12
Rheumatism .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3
Gout .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Cancer .. .. .	..	30	..	29	..	36	..	34	129
Tabes Mesenterica	4	..	2	..	5	1	1	1	14
Tubercular Peritonitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	6
Tubercular Meningitis	6	..	5	4	1	2	2	5	25
Tubercular Nephritis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Tubercular Diarrhoea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Phthisis	2	49	2	45	..	45	1	66	210
Tuberculosis	3	..	2	1	..	..	1	5	12
Sorofula .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Hæmophilia .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tubercular Disease of Larynx .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tubercular Disease of Hip-joint .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Anæmia, Leucocythemia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	7
Diabetes .. .. .	..	4	..	2	..	3	..	3	12
Rheumatic Arthritis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Rheumatic Gout .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Class IV.	16	88	13	90	7	94	5	129	442
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth	12	..	17	..	15	..	18	..	62
Atelectasis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Cyanosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Foramen Ovale .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Congenital Heart-disease .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Malformation of Heart .. .. .	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	5
Maldevelopment .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Old Age .. .. .	..	27	..	12	..	24	..	11	74
Total Class V.	13	27	20	12	23	24	19	11	149

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths in the Four Chief Cities and their Suburbs registered during the Year 1897—continued.

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>									
Meningitis	1	3	2	5	3	4	..	6	24
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Apoplexy .. .. .	..	13	..	20	..	17	..	17	67
Softening of Brain .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
Hemiplegia .. .. .	..	5	..	1	..	7	..	2	15
Paralysis .. .. .	..	8	..	3	..	8	..	13	32
Paralysis of the Insane .. .. .	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Epilepsy .. .. .	..	4	..	6	..	2	..	3	15
Convulsions	12	..	11	..	12	1	10	..	46
Idiopathic Tetanus	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paraplegia .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
Locomotor Ataxia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
Myelitis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bulbar Paralysis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Atheroma of Arteries of Brain .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Abscess of Brain .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Tumour of Brain .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Brain-disease .. .. .	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	5
Cerebral Thrombosis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Congestion of Brain .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Hydrocephalus	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5
Neurasthenia .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	5
Total Order 1	17	39	15	48	15	43	11	49	237
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diseases of Organs of Special Sense,—</i>									
Ozæna	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Suppuration in Ear .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Total Order 2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>									
Heart-disease .. .. .	..	32	1	38	3	38	..	52	164
Pericarditis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Fatty Degeneration of Heart .. .. .	..	6	..	..	..	3	..	8	17
Angina Pectoris .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	6
Syncope .. .. .	..	5	1	13	..	6	..	15	40
Aneurism .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	4
Senile Gangrene .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
Embolism, Thrombosis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Atheroma of Arteries .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3
Degeneration of Arteries .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Rupture of Heart .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Order 3 .. .. .	..	45	2	57	3	52	..	83	242
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>									
Laryngitis .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	5
Croup	1	..	..	1	..	6	1	..	9
Papiloma of Larynx .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stricture of Trachea .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Asthma .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
Bronchitis	5	18	10	10	7	14	8	7	79
Pneumonia	7	11	7	9	4	18	7	15	78
Pleurisy .. .. .	..	3	..	2	..	2	..	3	10
Congestion of Lungs	2	2	1	2	3	3	2	4	19
Disease of Lungs .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Gangrene of Lungs .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Pulmonary Abscess .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Pulmonary Ædema .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bronchial Carbuncle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Total Order 4	15	37	19	28	15	45	20	31	210
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System,—</i>									
Stomatitis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
Dentition	5	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	11
Gastritis	7	2	4	..	..	3	..	1	17
Gastric Ulcer .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	5
Enteritis	22	1	5	1	2	3	5	4	43
Ulcer of Duodenum .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Perforation of Bowels .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Obstruction of Bowels	1	1	1	2	..	4	..	2	11
Strangulation of Intestine .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Intussusception of Intestine	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hernia .. .. .	..	2	1	..	..	3	..	3	9

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths in the Four Chief Cities and their Suburbs registered during the Year 1897—continued.

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—continued.									
ORDER 5—continued.									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System—contd.</i>									
Peritonitis	3	..	3	..	3	..	2	11
Gall-stones	1	..	..	..	1	2
Rupture of Gall-bladder	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	7	..	5	..	5	..	2	19
Disease of Liver	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Hepatitis	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
Icterus Neonatorum	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Appendicitis	3	..	1	..	3	..	2	9
Abscess in Stomach	1	1
Rupture Vermiform Appendix	1	..	..	..	..	1
Stricture of Æsophagus	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Stricture of Rectum	1	..	..	..	..	1
Tumour of Abdomen	1	1
Total Order 5	33	27	15	20	5	29	7	21	162
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands,—</i>									
Lymphadenoma	1	..	..	..	1	2
Addison's Disease	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	5
Grave's Disease	1	..	..	1
Goitre	1	..	3	4
Thyroid Cyst	1	1
Total Order 6	1	..	2	..	4	..	6	13
ORDER 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Nephritis	7	..	1	..	..	..	3	11
Bright's Disease	8	1	13	..	10	1	12	45
Uræmia	1	..	2	..	2	..	3	8
Uræmic Poisoning	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Suppression of Urine	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Calculus	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Cystitis	1	..	4	..	1	..	6	12
Prostatic Disease	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Renal Disease	2	..	1	..	..	3
Kidney Disease	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	6
Neoplasm of Bladder	1	1
Urinary Abscess	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Order 7	22	1	25	..	17	1	28	94
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
<i>a. Diseases of Organs of Generation—</i>									
Ovariectomy	1	1
Ovarian Disease	2	..	1	..	..	3
Endometritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hysteriotomy	1	..	..	1
Pelvic Abscess	1	..	..	..	..	1
Pelvic Cellulitis	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Tumour of Uterus	1	1
Uterine Fœstation	1	..	..	..	..	1
Uterine Fibroids	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>b. Diseases of Parturition—</i>									
Abortion, Miscarriage	2	..	3	..	2	..	1	8
Puerperal Convulsions	1	..	..	..	..	1
Phlegmasia Dolens	1	1
Placenta Prævia	1	..	2	3
Apoplexy under Labour	1	1
Parturition	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	4
Total Order 8	7	..	10	..	5	..	8	30
ORDER 9:—									
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion,—</i>									
Necrosis of Femur	1	..	..	1
Psoas Abscess	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Disease of Knee-joint	1	..	..	..	..	1
Gangrene of Leg	1	..	..	..	1	1
Wasting of Bones	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total Order 9	1	1	2	..	1	..	1	6

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths in the Four Chief Cities and their Suburbs registered during the Year 1897—continued.

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—continued.									
ORDER 10:—									
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System,—</i>									
Carbuncle	1	..	..	1
Cellulitis	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Dermatitis	1	..	..	..	1
Eczema	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Urticaria	1	..	1
* Total Order 10..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	6
Total Class VI.	71	180	54	193	39	197	41	227	1,002
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
Fracture of Leg, Thigh	1	..	..	..	2	3
Fracture of Ribs	1	1
Fall (injury to Eye)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Fall (injury to Brain)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fall of Earth, Tree, Timber	2	..	..	..	1	3
Fall from Cliff, House, &c.	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	5
Fall from Horse, Kick from Horse	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Collision with Cart	1	..	..	1
Run over by 'Bus, Cart, Railway Truck	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	7
Train colliding with 'Bus..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Crushed between Gate and Post	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Crushed in Lift	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Injury to Spine	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Injury by Machinery	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gunshot Wounds	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Cut, Stab	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	4
Burn, Scald	1	..	2	..	2	1	2	8
Chloroform (misadventure)	2	..	..	..	1	3
Poison (phosphorus)	1	..	..	..	1
Drowning	1	4	1	12	1	1	..	4	24
Suffocation	2	..	1	3
Protracted Birth..	2	..	1	..	3
Exposure, Want of Proper Care	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
Total Order 1	3	18	4	23	5	9	3	17	82
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Homicide,—</i>									
Murder	1	1
Homicide (non-culpable)	1	..	..	1
Total Order 2	1	..	1	2
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Suicide,—</i>									
By Shooting	1	..	..	..	1	2
By Cutting Throat	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Poison	1	..	1	2
By Poison (aconite)	1	1
By Poison (laudanum)	1	1
By Poison (prussic acid)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Poison, "Rough on Rats"	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
By Poison (spirits of salts)	1	..	..	..	..	1
By Drowning	1	..	1	..	..	2
By Hanging	2	..	..	..	..	2
By Exploding Dynamite	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Order 3	3	..	6	..	3	..	4	16
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Execution,—</i>									
Hanging	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total Class VII.	3	21	4	30	5	13	3	22	101
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Dropsy	1	1
Marasmus, Debility .. .	22	1	22	..	23	..	3	4	75
Atheroma	1	1
Abscess (Multiple) .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Found Dead	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	8
Total Class VIII.	26	3	22	..	23	1	3	8	86
General Totals	187	354	140	343	130	357	84	418	2,013

NUMBER of Deaths of Persons of Sixty-five Years and upwards registered in the Four Chief Towns of New Zealand during the Year 1897.

Boroughs.	Total Deaths of Persons over 65.	65 to 70.		70 to 75.		75 to 80.		80 to 85.		85 to 90.		90 and upwards.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland	116	16	13	19	17	8	11	11	8	3	5	1	4
Wellington	87	20	10	21	6	7	9	3	4	3	3	..	1
Christchurch	100	16	12	13	13	10	12	7	10	3	3	..	1
Dunedin	139	30	18	22	9	22	11	8	4	7	6	2	..
Totals	442	82	53	75	45	47	43	29	26	16	17	3	6

BIRTHS AND BIRTH-RATES.

The total number of births registered as occurring in the four chief centres and suburbs in 1897 was 4,408, as against 4,360 for the previous year.

The births in the four cities rose from 2,765 in 1896 to 2,847 in 1897; while the births in the suburban boroughs fell from 1,595 to 1,561. The birth-rates for last year were,—

	Birth-rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	28.29
and five suburban boroughs	27.20
Wellington City	27.71
and three suburban boroughs	27.46
Christchurch City	21.88
and four suburban boroughs	22.97
Dunedin City	21.54
and eight suburban boroughs	21.82

Thus, by the inclusion of the suburbs the rate is raised at Christchurch and Dunedin, but lowered at Auckland and Wellington. It will be observed that Wellington has the highest rate, Auckland the next highest, Christchurch and Dunedin following at long intervals. The difference between the Wellington rate (27.46) and the Dunedin rate (21.82) is very marked. The birth-rate for the whole colony for last year was 25.96 per thousand. Auckland and Wellington are thus well above the average, Christchurch and Dunedin considerably below it.

Taking the births in the four central boroughs without their suburbs, and comparing the numbers for 1897 and 1896, an increase is observed—at Auckland 14, at Wellington 62, and at Christchurch 6. At Dunedin the figures for both years are the same. The figures for the last five years are,—

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Auckland (without suburbs)	870	873	888	892	906
Wellington	971	990	1,000	1,005	1,067
Christchurch	344	400	359	370	376
Dunedin	484	527	475	498	498

The birth-rates recorded for the four central boroughs last year show a rise at Wellington, 27.71, as against 26.84 for 1896; and at Christchurch, from 21.81 in 1896 to 21.88 in 1897; but a fall at Auckland, from 28.39 to 28.29; and at Dunedin, from 21.83 to 21.54. The rates for the years 1893-97 are as follows:—

	Births per 1,000 of Population.				
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Auckland (without suburbs)	27.79	27.80	28.04	28.39	28.29
Wellington	28.23	28.25	28.30	26.84	27.71
Christchurch	20.10	22.81	20.36	21.81	21.88
Dunedin	20.54	22.14	19.87	21.83	21.54

DEATHS AND DEATH-RATES.

The total number of deaths registered for the four centres in 1897 was 2,013—viz., 1,378 in the cities, and 635 in the suburbs. In 1896 the number was 1,918—1,302 in the cities, and 616 in the suburbs.

By including the suburbs the death-rate for last year is lowered at each of the four centres, the difference being most noticeable in Christchurch and Dunedin. The rates for the year are,—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	12.99
and five suburban boroughs	12.14
Wellington City	12.03
and three suburban boroughs	11.25
Christchurch City	18.15
and four suburban boroughs	11.54
Dunedin City	11.81
and eight suburban boroughs	10.45

If the suburbs are included the death-rate is found to be highest in Auckland and lowest in Dunedin; Christchurch and Wellington taking second and third places respectively. The death-rate for the colony was 9.14 per 1,000 of mean population. The four centres, as might be expected, each show a higher average than this.

If the number of deaths of infants under 1 year be excluded, the mortality among the rest of the population would be in the following ratio to the 1,000 living:—

Auckland (including suburbs)	8.97
Wellington	8.79
Christchurch	9.17
Dunedin	9.28

The degree of infantile mortality is perhaps best shown in the proportion of deaths of children under 1 year of age to every 100 births. For 1897 the proportions at the chief centres are,—

Auckland (including suburbs)	12.54
Wellington	9.84
Christchurch	11.25
Dunedin	6.30

Thus the proportion at Dunedin is only about half that found at Auckland. Again, the percentage of deaths of children under 5 to the total number of deaths is—in Auckland, 34.13; in Wellington, 28.73; in Christchurch, 24.78; in Dunedin, only 14.29. The total of deaths under 5 is 541, or 26.88 per cent. of all deaths, as against 613 and 31.96 for 1896. The deaths of persons of 65 and upwards numbered 442 last year; in 1896 they were 363.

Excluding suburbs, and dealing with the deaths at all ages in the four cities or central boroughs only, the rates for 1897 are found to be higher in Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin than in the previous year, but considerably lower in Auckland. The total number of deaths and the death-rates for four years are given:—

	Deaths, 1894.		Deaths, 1895.		Deaths, 1896.		Deaths, 1897.	
	No.	Per 1,000 of Population.	No.	Per 1,000 of Population.	No.	Per 1,000 of Population.	No.	Per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland (excluding suburbs)	484	15.41	471	14.87	453	14.42	416	12.99
Wellington	414	11.82	462	13.07	434	11.59	463	12.03
Christchurch	185	10.55	191	10.83	195	11.49	226	13.15
Dunedin	271	11.38	244	10.21	219	9.60	273	11.81

By omitting the deaths of infants under one year, and calculating the rate on the population of one year of age and upwards, the position of the four cities as regards magnitude of death-rate is altered materially, Dunedin now taking first place.

	Deaths per 1,000 of Population, excluding Infants (under One Year of Age).			
	1894	1895	1896	1897
Auckland (excluding suburbs)	11.53	11.02	10.02	9.64
Wellington	9.40	9.84	9.17	9.35
Christchurch	8.69	8.70	8.86	10.65
Dunedin	9.66	9.67	8.07	10.70

Subjoined is a table showing the rates of infant mortality in the four cities for each of the past five years, together with the mean rates for the period. In respect of both last year's rate and the mean rate, Auckland stands first, and Dunedin fourth.

	Deaths of Children under One Year to every 100 Births.					Mean of Five Years.
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	
Auckland (excluding suburbs)	12.64	15.12	14.86	16.48	12.80	14.38
Wellington	12.26	9.49	12.40	10.05	10.59	10.96
Christchurch	18.60	9.00	11.14	12.97	12.50	12.84
Dunedin	11.16	8.73	9.47	7.83	6.22	8.68

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—There were 201 deaths from this class of disease in the four chief cities and their suburbs during 1897, as compared with 275 in the previous year; the proportion per 100 of deaths from all causes being 9.98 in 1897 against 14.34 in 1896. At Auckland the number of deaths fell from 103 to 82; at Wellington, from 53 to 39; at Christchurch, from 78 to 56; and at Dunedin, from 41 to 24. Of miasmatic diseases influenza was most fatal, 39 deaths from that cause being recorded, against 27 in 1896. Typhoid fever was accountable for 24 deaths—12 in Auckland, 7 in Wellington, 4 in Christchurch, and 1 in Dunedin. There were 12 deaths from diphtheria, and a child of eight years died from scarlet fever. It is worthy of note that not a single fatal case of whooping-cough was returned. Deaths from diarrhoeal diseases numbered 101, against 154 registered in 1896. Of the 101 deaths in 1897, 49 were in Auckland, 22 in Wellington, 24 in Christchurch, and 6 in Dunedin.

Dietetic Diseases.—In this class are found 12 deaths directly attributed to intemperance—10 alcoholism and 2 delirium tremens.

Constitutional Diseases.—Of the 442 deaths in this class, no less than 210 were from phthisis. Cancer caused 129 deaths—30 in Auckland, 29 in Wellington, 36 in Christchurch, and 34 in Dunedin. In 1896 the mortality from cancer in the four chief towns was 150, in 1895 it was 119, and in 1894, 143.

Developmental Diseases.—Premature birth (62) and old age (74) were the chief contributors to the total of 149 in this class.

Local Diseases.—No less than 1,002, or 49.78 per cent., of deaths from all causes are classified as local diseases; and to this total diseases of the nervous system—apoplexy (67), convulsions (46), paralysis (32), meningitis (24), &c.—contributed 237. Diseases of the circulatory system caused 242 deaths, 164 being from heart-disease not more specifically defined. Deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs numbered 210, and of these 79 were due to bronchitis, 78 to pneumonia, 19 to congestion of the lungs, and 10 to pleurisy. There were 162 deaths from diseases of the digestive system, the most fatal causes being gastritis, enteritis, and cirrhosis of liver. Out of 94 deaths from diseases of the urinary system, 45 were caused by Bright's disease. Diseases of the reproductive system were accountable for 30 deaths, those of the lymphatic system for 13, and those of the integumentary system and of organs of locomotion 6 each.

Violent Deaths.—These totalled 101, against 77 in 1896. Accidental deaths numbered 82, of which 24 were from drowning. Two of the deaths in this class were homicidal: in one case a verdict of "Murder" was returned, and in another "Non-culpable homicide." There was one execution (hanging) during the year. Suicides numbered 16, against 17 in 1896.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 8th February, 1898.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

Return of Rainfall (in Inches) for each Year from 1864 to 1896 inclusive.

	Mongonui.	Auckland.	Napier.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Canterbury.	Hokitika.	Greymouth.	Dunedin.	Queensdown.	Invercargill.
1864	67.900	37.400	49.300	43.800	30.410	44.500	63.400	22.000	..	..	24.200	..	51.700
1865	40.800	40.000	..	56.800	..	50.700	68.900	24.300	..	..	46.600	..	63.600
1866	..	42.000	30.000	55.700	36.580	41.100	56.000	19.400	127.500	..	29.000	..	47.200
1867	55.200	53.180	..	60.690	38.250	41.950	46.310	30.070	110.510	..	39.050	..	41.620
1868	..	49.087	..	50.420	34.130	55.522	79.370	30.041	120.210	..	33.893	..	46.346
1869	48.340	52.797	..	55.125	42.960	56.768	65.230	27.292	88.210	..	32.918	..	42.680
1870	52.870	44.831	32.410	54.720	35.030	48.205	48.430	28.364	116.680	..	39.202	..	53.950
1871	57.640	47.505	35.890	72.120	51.090	64.057	55.670	27.935	122.440	..	22.146	..	39.030
1872	46.900	42.096	23.940	63.640	40.420	50.945	78.610	19.741	123.210	..	27.393	28.880	40.110
1873	63.720	41.237	42.380	53.120	39.000	54.985	65.440	26.330	96.170	..	35.825	32.300	37.480
1874	56.950	35.024	37.940	57.220	36.760	53.496	71.550	22.790	104.480	..	28.739	30.190	44.650
1875	52.530	51.310	38.260	66.960	44.340	65.827	69.070	32.310	130.790	..	42.631	31.760	44.180
1876	58.640	44.025	38.390	48.180	33.880	43.374	60.640	23.990	116.325	..	38.260	30.930	40.590
1877	54.470	40.375	33.450	52.000	33.970	51.925	48.520	23.720	136.660	..	37.460	35.590	43.150
1878	40.140	37.169	21.100	56.730	41.980	54.602	51.900	13.540	154.446	..	45.235	60.020	54.020
1879	58.920	46.130	53.140	60.180	33.650	57.441	61.420	23.180	128.295	..	42.099	22.420	33.260
1880	55.480	38.890	38.400	47.220	36.270	46.767	37.270	17.670	122.840	..	33.063	27.690	39.140
1881	..	34.237	..	..	30.270	50.132	..	28.071	..	..	26.402	..	..
1882	..	45.630	..	..	33.880	55.685	..	25.391	..	..	41.796	..	..
1883	..	52.215	..	74.870	47.290	51.994	..	30.336	..	..	38.312	..	..
1884	..	38.070	..	60.640	45.770	62.335	..	28.451	..	..	33.881	..	..
1885	..	28.140	..	..	23.580	36.813	..	22.080	..	..	24.598	..	..
1886	..	32.640	..	..	46.410	54.477	..	35.287	..	..	52.632	..	..
1887	..	37.710	..	..	38.590	56.969	..	32.890	..	..	39.144	..	..
1888	..	34.600	..	..	31.300	41.009	..	29.155	..	..	48.356	..	..
1889	..	41.970	..	..	35.410	31.356	..	20.384	..	..	23.446	..	..
1890	..	46.100	27.620	68.190	32.840	45.230	..	14.836	..	..	27.984	44.520	..
1891	53.570	36.040	30.360	73.100	35.470	35.125	..	20.575	..	*70.590	32.734	28.890	68.500
1892	59.550	41.331	40.630	..	36.910	67.656	..	27.883	..	118.960	47.552	20.870	39.090
1893	86.370	53.810	57.730	..	42.990	53.034	..	22.112	..	112.970	54.495	26.750	33.240
1894	71.000	41.110	40.640	63.120	33.930	51.006	45.090	29.844	115.890	106.680	39.436	23.480	35.530
1895	60.740	44.150	33.970	67.880	46.490	61.473	46.400	30.982	92.320	92.160	51.396	26.930	64.930
1896	37.970	37.790	35.900	66.661	41.540	57.546	34.340	30.228	115.830	106.920	48.538	23.990	36.600
Averages	56.152	42.072	37.070	59.544	37.853	51.331	57.645	25.455	117.932	101.380	37.220	30.949	44.807
No. of years	21	33	20	24	32	33	20	33	18	6	33	16	23

* Ten months only.

Average annual rainfall for New Zealand for the above period (thirty-three years)
from records at Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury, and Dunedin ..

Average annual rainfall for New Zealand from all observations ..

.. 39.019 inches.
.. 53.800 "

Meteorological Office, Colonial Museum,
Wellington, 1st December, 1897.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 31st January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Russell, Bay of Islands, on the 8th day of February, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Auckland, 98-8.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
94	Transfer (C.A. 98-6) ..	21st December, 1897..	Ngaiotonga No. 3 ..	Pene Kereama Poutu, Kereama Hori, and Te Tao Makoare Niko, all of Waikare, Bay of Islands, to Elizabeth Frances Clendon, wife of James Stephenson Clendon, of Russell, Bay of Islands.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 31st January, 1898.

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

[Auckland, 98-9.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
97	Rawiri te Ruru, Tariuha te Wheoki, Ripeka Rupene, and others (499-3, 1/181)	Pirikotaha.
98	Ebenezer Robertson Cardno (227-2, 1/185)	Umuhapuku.
99	Henare te Rangi Cross, Te Horiona Ikanui, and others (526-3, 1/191)	Otamarua.

APPLICATIONS TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
125	Wiremu Karaka and others (408-2, 1/182)	Reiwhatia.
126	Rawiri te Ruru, Tariuha te Wheoki, Ripeka Rupene, and others (499-4, 1/183)	Pirikotaha.
127	Paraha, Tanatiu Huna, Pirini Kake, and others (318-21, 1/186) ..	Puhipuhi No. 4A.
128	Hone Hamiora Hau, Wati Hona Hau, Wata Hau, Hare Hau, and Mere Hau (261-3, 1/187)	Ngawhitu.
129	Tautoro Kaikohe and Ruatara Tauramoko (418-2, 1/189) ..	Pokatuawhenua.
130	Hirini W. Katene (418-3, 1/190)	Pokatuawhenua.

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
131	Hori Ngere (1/115)	Mohi Kaingaroa.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

No.	Name of Surveyor.	Name of Land.	Area.	Amount.
132	The Chief Surveyor for the Provincial District of Auckland (501-3, 4/77)	Ahuahu Puke	A. R. P. 128 0 0	£ s. d. 1 1 0
133	The Chief Surveyor for the Provincial District of Auckland (500-3, 4/80)	Pakonga No. 2	546 1 24	3 0 0

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 3rd 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 Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, on the 2nd day of March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Auckland, 98-10.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
180	Rewita Niwa, Matiu Ranapia, and others (811-26, 3/70)	Opape No. 1.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Otorohanga No. 3 Block.—In the Native Appellate Court, New Zealand.

In the matter of the Otorohanga No. 3 Block, and of an appeal by Ponui Tangihaere against the decision of the Native Land Court, dated the 13th day of July, 1896, appointing successors to Tiraroa Maratini.

NOW, notice is hereby given that, by notice to the Registrar, and with leave of the Chief Judge, the said appeal has been withdrawn.

Dated at Auckland, this 4th day of February, 1898.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894"

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 2nd February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Port Awanui on the 1st day of March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 98-7.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
545	Paranihi Whatatiri	Akuira Maitai.
546	Ripeka Tauhore	Himiona Haeata.
547	Hoani Tauhore and others	Ruta Porourangi.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 8th February, 1898.

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

[Wellington, 98-10.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
68	Te Ara Takana	Taimona Pikauroa.
69	Henare Apatari	Paki te Hunga.

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Land taken.
70	Aorangi Land-drainage Board	Aorangi 3G	A. B. P. 22 3 32
71	Aorangi Land-drainage Board	Aorangi 3E	31 2 30

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
72	Transfer (98-36) ..	31st January, 1898 ..	Taonui Ahuaturanga 5A	Hoani Meihana to James Petrie Innes.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 8th February, 1898.

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

[Wellington 98-9.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
80	Taituha Hape	Te Moroati Pakapaka.
81	Timaima Whitau	Warihia Ihaka Pouhawaiki.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

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

In the matter of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and of an application by Titihuia Ngakuru, under section 39 of the said Act, for inclusion of her name in the list of owners of Ohura South K No. 1 Block.

WHEREAS the said application was referred by me to the Native Land Court for inquiry and report, and such inquiry was held at Otorohanga, on the 25th day of November, 1897, before Walter Edward Gudgeon, Esq., a Judge of the said Court, and Pirimi Mataiawhea, Assessor: And whereas, as the result of such inquiry, it appears that the said Titihuia Ngakuru is entitled to be so included, and that her name has been omitted in error:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me as Chief Judge of the said Court by section 39 aforesaid, I hereby order that the name of the said Titihuia Ngakuru be added to the list of owners of Ohura South K No. 1, Section 2, being the residue of the said Ohura South K No. 1 Block, as the owner of half a share therein. And I direct that this order be published in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

As witness my hand, this 2nd day of February, 1898.

GEO. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

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

In the matter of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and of an application by Te Marae, under section 39 of the said Act, for inclusion of his name in the list of owners of Ohura South K No. 1 Block.

WHEREAS the said application was referred by me to the Native Land Court for inquiry and report, and such inquiry was held at Otorohanga, on the 26th day of November, 1897, before Walter Edward Gudgeon, Esq., a Judge of the said Court, and Pirimi Mataiawhea, Assessor: And whereas, as the result of such inquiry, it appears that the said Te Marae is entitled to be so included, and that his name has been omitted in error:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me as Chief Judge of the said Court by section 39 aforesaid, I hereby order that the name of the said Te Marae be added to the list of owners of Ohura South K No. 1, Section 2, being the residue of the said Ohura South K No. 1 Block, as the owner of half a share therein. And I direct that this order be published in the *Gazette* and *Kahiti*.

As witness my hand, this 2nd day of February, 1898.

GEO. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 8th January, 1898, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1897.

KAWAKAWA SECTION.

	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	52	20	72	38	20	58
2nd Class	242	876	1,118	188	712	900
Total	294	896	1,190	226	732	958
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	68	..	..	89
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	1
Dogs	..	..	5	..	..	0
Total	..	..	74	..	..	91
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	37
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	37
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	9	..	..	17
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	108	..	..	106
Minerals	..	..	1,124	..	..	1,152
Total	..	..	1,247	..	..	1,275
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	39 1 10	..	..	38 6 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	5 11 2	..	..	6 18 7
Goods	..	..	162 6 5	..	..	167 1 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	3 15 9	..	..	2 18 3
Rents and Commission	..	..	1 16 0	..	..	3 19 8
Total	..	..	£212 11 2	..	..	£219 3 8

WHANGAREI SECTION.

	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	304	304	608	751	..	751
2nd Class	1,409	2,268	3,677	4,474	..	4,474
Total	1,713	2,572	4,285	5,225	..	5,225
Season Tickets	..	..	2	..	..	4
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	88	..	..	..
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	4	..	..	..
Total	..	..	92	..	..	..
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	15	..	..	21
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	56	..	..	173
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	72	..	..	194
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	18
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	12
Firewood	..	..	18	..	..	800
Timber	..	..	2,089	..	..	..
Grain	..	..	69	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	327	..	..	351
Minerals	..	..	3,522	..	..	3,085
Total	..	..	6,025	..	..	4,266
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	173 19 4	..	..	97 1 3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	7 13 9	..	..	16 18 8
Goods	..	..	1,114 6 4	..	..	697 1 9
Miscellaneous	..	..	41 2 1	..	..	10 3 0
Rents and Commission	..	..	29 4 1	..	..	1 12 1
Total	..	..	£1,866 5 7	..	..	£822 16 9

KAIHU SECTION.

	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	8	222	230	57	170	227
2nd Class	84	2,920	3,004	388	2,320	2,708
Total	92	3,142	3,234	445	2,490	2,935
Season Tickets	..	..	2	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	101	..	..	129
Horses	..	..	2	..	..	1
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	6	..	..	8
Total	..	..	109	..	..	138
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	6	..	..	..
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	2,585	..	..	4,461
Grain	..	..	6	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	119	..	..	146
Minerals	..	..	4	..	..	30
Total	..	..	2,726	..	..	4,643
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	167 6 10	..	..	180 10 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	10 8 11	..	..	12 14 11
Goods	..	..	568 3 3	..	..	947 5 11
Miscellaneous	..	..	29 9 8	..	..	41 13 7
Rents and Commission	..	..	14 12 6	..	..	16 12 6
Total	..	..	£790 1 2	..	..	£1,198 17 1

AUCKLAND SECTION.

	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	1,769	5,738	7,557	1,788	5,008	6,796
2nd Class	9,320	81,162	90,482	8,881	79,380	88,261
Total	11,089	86,950	98,039	10,669	84,388	95,057
Season Tickets	..	..	472	..	..	541
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	6,304	..	..	5,693
Horses	..	..	72	..	..	91
Carriages	..	..	7	..	..	8
Dogs	..	..	204	..	..	186
Total	..	..	6,587	..	..	5,978
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	8	..	..	9
Cattle	..	..	572	..	..	618
Calves	..	..	130	..	..	99
Sheep	..	..	11,888	..	..	13,803
Pigs	..	..	88	..	..	150
Total	..	..	12,186	..	..	14,679
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	204	..	..	636
Wool	..	..	217	..	..	245
Firewood	..	..	198	..	..	468
Timber	..	..	1,273	..	..	1,412
Grain	..	..	627	..	..	546
Merchandise	..	..	2,692	..	..	2,662
Minerals	..	..	7,251	..	..	7,498
Total	..	..	12,462	..	..	13,467
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	6,558 6 5	..	..	6,368 6 6
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	638 8 11	..	..	596 11 5
Goods	..	..	6,286 4 10	..	..	6,578 2 9
Miscellaneous	..	..	13 2 9	..	..	25 17 1
Rents and Commission	..	..	414 7 1	..	..	343 18 0
Total	..	..	£13,910 10 0	..	..	£13,912 15 9

WELLINGTON-NAPIER-NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION.

1898.			1897.			
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	2,744	23,596	26,340	2,754	22,138	24,892
2nd Class	14,958	116,976	131,934	13,666	103,506	117,172
Total	17,702	140,572	158,274	16,420	125,644	142,064
Season Tickets	..	..	844	..	..	728
PARCELS, ETC.,—						
			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	14,134	..	..	12,423
Horses	..	..	376	..	..	423
Carriages	..	..	17	..	..	17
Dogs	..	..	734	..	..	628
Total	..	..	15,261	..	..	13,491
GOODS,—						
			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	9	..	..	4
Cattle	..	..	943	..	..	513
Calves	..	..	13	..	..	21
Sheep	..	..	98,324	..	..	73,290
Pigs	..	..	324	..	..	388
Total	..	..	99,613	..	..	74,216
CHAFF, LIME, &c.						
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	474	..	..	330
Wool	..	..	7,140	..	..	7,620
Firewood	..	..	2,168	..	..	2,364
Timber	..	..	6,070	..	..	5,652
Grain	..	..	1,892	..	..	1,496
Merchandise	..	..	8,763	..	..	6,854
Minerals	..	..	3,104	..	..	3,065
Total	..	..	29,611	..	..	27,381
REVENUE,—						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	14,815	17	7	12,605	0	9
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	1,745	8	9	1,470	0	10
Goods	19,515	7	7	16,457	4	2
Miscellaneous	491	15	7	599	10	3
Rents and Commission	1,330	15	6	1,104	0	10
Total	£37,899	5	0	£32,235	16	10

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION

1898.			1897.			
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	5,044	47,474	52,518	5,224	45,382	50,606
2nd Class	24,874	262,560	287,434	22,692	237,766	260,458
Total	29,918	310,034	339,952	27,916	283,148	311,064
Season Tickets	..	..	1,548	..	..	1,258
PARCELS, ETC.,—						
			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	26,018	..	..	25,269
Horses	..	..	316	..	..	408
Carriages	..	..	45	..	..	46
Dogs	..	..	868	..	..	785
Total	..	..	27,247	..	..	26,508
GOODS,—						
			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	35	..	..	51
Cattle	..	..	1,231	..	..	957
Calves	..	..	157	..	..	30
Sheep	..	..	126,381	..	..	70,047
Pigs	..	..	1,899	..	..	1,661
Total	..	..	129,703	..	..	72,746
CHAFF, LIME, &c.						
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	2,238	..	..	1,860
Wool	..	..	17,718	..	..	19,351
Firewood	..	..	1,656	..	..	1,950
Timber	..	..	8,668	..	..	7,074
Grain	..	..	11,782	..	..	16,724
Merchandise	..	..	23,108	..	..	17,949
Minerals	..	..	22,776	..	..	27,653
Total	..	..	87,946	..	..	92,561
REVENUE,—						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	27,408	15	1	26,483	12	8
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	2,806	12	8	2,786	10	3
Goods	36,054	7	8	35,551	6	5
Miscellaneous	644	3	0	878	3	3
Rents and Commission	2,378	15	5	2,159	18	9
Total	£69,292	13	10	£67,859	11	4

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

1898.			1897.			
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	90	938	1,028	79	788	867
2nd Class	1,538	22,328	23,866	1,279	19,184	20,463
Total	1,628	23,266	24,894	1,358	19,972	21,330
Season Tickets	..	..	11	..	..	8
PARCELS, ETC.,—						
			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	698	..	..	543
Horses	..	..	64	..	..	31
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	3
Dogs	..	..	24	..	..	28
Total	..	..	787	..	..	605
GOODS,—						
			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	10	..	..	1
Cattle	..	..	31	..	..	21
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sheep	..	..	371	..	..	404
Pigs	..	..	41	..	..	6
Total	..	..	453	..	..	433
CHAFF, LIME, &c.						
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	48	..	..	30
Wool	..	..	26	..	..	28
Firewood	..	..	340	..	..	78
Timber	..	..	1,146	..	..	1,107
Grain	..	..	137	..	..	107
Merchandise	..	..	426	..	..	379
Minerals	..	..	11,437	..	..	10,129
Total	..	..	13,560	..	..	11,858
REVENUE,—						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	565	3	6	484	12	5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	34	14	0	25	0	11
Goods	1,589	6	1	1,413	19	2
Miscellaneous	135	13	11	109	6	11
Rents and Commission	35	15	3	24	1	6
Total	£2,360	12	9	£2,057	0	11

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

1898.			1897.			
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	89	978	1,067	55	594	649
2nd Class	836	8,730	9,566	736	5,446	6,182
Total	925	9,708	10,633	791	6,040	6,831
Season Tickets	..	..	3	..	..	12
PARCELS, ETC.,—						
			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	218	..	..	195
Horses	..	..	62	..	..	2
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	34	..	..	19
Total	..	..	314	..	..	216
GOODS,—						
			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	8	..	..	3
Cattle	..	..	20	..	..	16
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	64
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	28	..	..	83
CHAFF, LIME, &c.						
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	6	..	..	..
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	1
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	234
Timber	..	..	498	..	..	465
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	516	..	..	313
Minerals	..	..	70	..	..	56
Total	..	..	1,096	..	..	1,069
REVENUE,—						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	651	5	3	436	6	4
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	56	11	6	24	18	6
Goods	321	6	9	253	18	5
Miscellaneous	0	6	0	Dr. 0	4	8
Rents and Commission	12	19	0	14	9	0
Total	£1,042	8	6	£729	7	7

WESTPORT SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	6	84	90	10	432	442
2nd Class	821	12,956	13,777	944	9,440	10,384
Total	827	13,040	13,867	954	9,872	10,826

Season Tickets 0 6

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1898.		1897.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Parcels	323	167	..	..
Horses .. ..	..	..	..	..
Carriages .. ..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	10	11	..	..
Total	333	178	..	..

Goods,—	1898.		1897.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Drays .. ..	..	..	..	..
Cattle .. ..	..	..	..	..
Calves .. ..	..	1	..	..
Sheep	34	..	..	..
Pigs	4	..	..	..
Total	38	1	..	..

	1898.			1897.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	13	6	..	..	..	..
Wool .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	180	168	..	..	..	..
Timber	198	196	..	..	..	..
Grain	4	3	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	168	167	..	..	..	..
Minerals	20,634	18,411	..	..	..	..
Total	21,196	18,951	..	..	..	..

REVENUE,—	1898.			1897.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	497	15	10	444	11	4
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	25	13	10	15	14	9
Goods	2,743	16	0	2,433	14	6
Miscellaneous	81	13	0	49	7	5
Rents and Commission	62	14	0	54	13	4
Total	£3,416	12	8	£2,998	1	4

NELSON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	63	350	413	43	290	338
2nd Class	906	6,388	7,294	917	5,300	6,217
Total	969	6,738	7,707	965	5,590	6,555

Season Tickets 11 16

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1898.		1897.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Parcels	321	308	..	..
Horses .. ..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	1	..	..	..
Dogs	19	29	..	..
Total	341	337	..	..

Goods,—	1898.		1897.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Drays .. ..	..	..	..	..
Cattle .. ..	..	..	..	..
Calves	1	..	..	..
Sheep	1	..	..	..
Pigs	8	..	..	..
Total	10	..	..	..

NELSON SECTION—continued.

	1898.			1897.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	30	144	..	..	..	..
Wool	163	153	..	..	..	..
Firewood	126	132	..	..	..	..
Timber	161	65	..	..	..	..
Grain	134	83	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	166	247	..	..	..	..
Minerals	183	65	..	..	..	..
Total	963	889	..	..	..	..

REVENUE,—	1898.			1897.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	375	2	8	364	5	2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	29	9	2	32	19	8
Goods	430	7	1	387	6	4
Miscellaneous	52	1	4	32	17	0
Rents and Commission	14	14	0	4	8	0
Total	£901	14	3	£821	16	2

PICTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	137	794	931	124	742	866
2nd Class	620	5,270	5,890	516	5,902	6,418
Total	757	6,064	6,821	640	6,644	7,284

Season Tickets 1 2

PARCELS, ETC.,—	1898.		1897.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Parcels .. ..	..	..	..	..
Horses .. ..	..	..	..	..
Carriages .. ..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	6	6	..	..
Total	6	6	..	..

Goods,—	1898.		1897.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Drays .. ..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	1	1	..	..
Calves .. ..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	222	94	..	..
Pigs	39	..	..	..
Total	262	95	..	..

	1898.			1897.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c. ..	114	78	..	..	..	..
Wool	473	327	..	..	..	..
Firewood	216	156	..	..	..	..
Timber .. ..	..	11	..	..	..	..
Grain	134	173	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	211	126	..	..	..	..
Minerals	206	80	..	..	..	..
Total	1,404	951	..	..	..	..

REVENUE,—	1898.			1897.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	342	0	2	313	4	0
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	13	9	5	7	6	11
Goods	399	16	9	258	7	10
Miscellaneous	20	18	0	10	8	4
Rents and Commission	33	12	0	33	9	0
Total	£809	16	4	£622	16	1

A. C. FIFE,
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Railway Department, 8th February, 1898.

N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1897-98.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 8th January, 1898.

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.		Per Cent. of Revenue.	FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.	
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.		Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.
NORTH ISLAND,—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 212 11 2	£ 1,718 6 10	£ 207 13 7	£ 2,410 4 5	140.26	£ 279 4 7	£ 391 13 3
Whangarei ..	18	1,366 5 7	8,923 16 10	556 7 5	7,004 15 3	78.49	644 10 0	505 18 0
Kaihu ..	17	790 1 2	9,381 17 2	463 10 10	4,359 10 7	45.40	717 8 9	325 14 7
Auckland ..	312	13,910 10 0	110,372 14 1	6,413 5 8	71,021 7 11	64.35	460 19 10	296 12 8
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth ..	451	37,899 5 0	248,796 14 3	16,998 1 4	175,858 3 4	70.68	730 11 1	516 7 8
Total ..	806	54,178 12 11	379,193 9 2	24,638 18 10	260,554 1 6	68.71		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,142	69,292 13 10	572,157 15 7	33,387 7 9	352,952 4 10	61.69	654 18 7	404 0 3
Greymouth-Brunner	8	2,360 12 9	19,315 17 5	1,123 18 8	9,677 0 7	50.10	3,138 16 6	1,572 10 4
Greymouth-Hokitika	24	1,042 8 6	7,389 5 1	652 12 3	4,630 3 0	62.66	400 5 0	250 16 0
Westport ..	31	3,416 12 8	35,229 17 7	1,234 13 4	14,759 13 11	41.90	1,477 7 8	618 19 1
Nelson ..	23	901 14 3	7,415 14 5	654 14 7	7,116 15 10	95.97	419 3 0	402 5 1
Picton ..	21	809 16 4	5,619 12 6	589 5 0	6,389 14 3	113.70	347 17 7	395 11 1
Total ..	1,249	77,823 18 4	647,198 2 7	37,642 11 7	395,525 12 5	61.12		
Grand total ..	2,055	132,002 11 3	1,026,321 11 9	62,281 10 5	656,079 13 11	63.93		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

NORTH ISLAND,—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ 219 3 8	£ 1,998 16 1	£ 243 19 1	£ 2,153 18 11	107.76	£ 324 16 1	£ 350 0 4
Whangarei ..	18	822 16 9	6,610 15 11	588 6 4	6,227 18 8	94.21	550 18 0	518 19 10
Kaihu ..	17	1,198 17 1	6,814 18 2	473 16 0	2,849 19 3	41.82	521 2 10	217 18 9
Auckland ..	309	13,912 15 9	101,305 18 1	5,649 19 6	67,930 11 1	67.05	426 4 1	285 15 10
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth ..	426	32,235 16 10	218,893 19 0	13,442 3 9	140,401 13 7	64.14	667 19 9	428 9 1
Total ..	778	48,389 10 1	335,624 7 3	20,398 4 8	219,564 1 6	65.42		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	67,859 11 4	536,709 6 0	30,245 11 7	321,478 7 2	59.90	615 19 7	368 19 2
Greymouth-Brunner	8	2,057 0 11	19,177 12 11	969 3 5	10,603 3 1	55.29	3,116 7 7	1,723 0 3
Greymouth-Hokitika	24	729 7 7	6,753 11 11	437 1 8	3,443 0 11	50.98	365 16 4	186 9 11
Westport ..	31	2,998 1 4	32,339 17 7	1,349 19 4	14,332 18 6	44.32	1,356 3 9	601 1 1
Nelson ..	23	821 16 2	7,045 15 11	525 0 2	6,491 18 8	92.14	398 4 10	366 18 8
Picton ..	21	622 16 1	5,172 4 3	534 17 3	5,411 12 10	104.63	320 3 8	335 0 1
Total ..	1,240	75,088 13 5	607,198 8 7	34,061 13 5	361,761 1 2	59.58		
Grand total ..	2,018	123,478 3 6	942,822 15 10	54,459 18 1	581,325 2 8	61.66		

A. C. FIFE,
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Railway Department, 8th February, 1898.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1897, to 8th January, 1898.

All Sections.	Passengers.			Season Tickets.	Number.					Number.						
	First Class.	Second Class.	Total.		Total.	Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
1898	S. 86,082	R. 516,992	440,016	2,500,534	3,543,624	35,654	400,930	7,592	653,17,833	427,008	651	31,857	2,782	1,440,289	33,149	1,508,728
1897	88,920	502,778	441,328	2,248,606	3,281,632	31,147	363,279	8,387	571,17,392	389,629	558	26,355	2,270	1,173,211	43,045	1,245,439
Inc.	..	14,214	..	251,928	261,992	4,507	37,651	..	82	441	93	5,502	512	267,078	..	263,289
Dec.	2,838	..	1,312	..	..	..	..	795	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,896	..

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.
1898	61,144	0 0	70,275	0 0	64,270	0 0	240,327	3 0	324,306	4 0	341,045	8 0	808,751	17 0	1,910,119	12 0
1897	48,916	0 0	63,684	16 0	61,814	0 0	191,083	14 0	322,039	3 0	292,713	13 0	785,592	17 0	1,765,844	3 0
Increase	12,228	0 0	6,590	4 0	2,456	0 0	49,243	9 0	2,267	1 0	48,331	15 0	23,159	0 0	144,275	9 0
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.		Cost of Unopened Lines.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Kawakawa	90,638	0 0	..	..
Whangarei-Kamo	137,734	0 0	1,195	0 0
Kaihu	54,990	0 0	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (north end)	184,624	0 0	119,713	0 0
Auckland	1,979,071	0 0	110,371	0 0
Napier	872,931	0 0	..	..
Marton-Te Awamutu (south end)	143,630	0 0	98,761	0 0
Wanganui	1,446,564	0 0	..	..
Wellington-Foxton (private line)	..	..	42,116	0 0
Wellington	1,098,418	0 0	116,470	0 0
Surveys	..	..	23,597	0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	5,169	0 0
Hurunui-Bluff	8,551,104	0 0	129,967	0 0
Greymouth	200,288	0 0	15,959	0 0
Greymouth Harbour Works	..	..	127,234	0 0
Greymouth-Hokitika	192,597	0 0	..	..
Westport	227,494	0 0	..	..
Westport Harbour Works	..	..	14,111	0 0
Nelson	166,736	0 0	12,537	0 0
Picton	205,573	0 0	58,637	0 0
Stock	..	..	32,788	0 0
Stock in suspense	25,000	0 0	..	..
Surveys	38,795	0 0
Miscellaneous	5,168	0 0
Total	15,577,392	0 0	957,588	0 0

A. C. FIFE,
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Railway Department, 8th February, 1898.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT ALEXANDER WALKER, of Pokeno, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 10th day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 3rd February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that MICHAEL HIGGINS, of Wellington, Publican, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

5th February, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

In the estate of WILLIAM MORTON, of St. Andrew's, Contractor.

A FINAL dividend, making in all 20s. in the pound, with interest from date of filing added, on all accepted proved claims, is now payable at my office, Arcade, Timaru. ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 4th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT BRIEN, of Kerrytown, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Friday, the 11th day of February, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 4th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM MCKEOWN THOMSON, of Timaru, Builder, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Friday, the 11th day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 4th February, 1898.

Mining Notices.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Hercules Quartz-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 28th October, 1889; 22nd November, 1889.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; Thomas Hubert Lee.
Nominal capital: £24,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £24,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £8,291 12s. 3d.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 24,000.
Number of shares allotted: 24,000.
Amount paid per share: 7s. 2d.
Amount called up per share: 7s. 2d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £308 7s. 9d.
Number of shares forfeited during year: 1,384.
Number of forfeited shares sold during year, and money received for same: 1,384; £1 5s. 1d.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 70.
Present number of shareholders: 78.
Number of men employed by company: 5.

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Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 247 oz. 4 dwt. 9 gr. gold; £990 5s. 3d.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 3,657 oz. 17 dwt. 18 gr. gold; £14,618 17s. 4d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,698 16s. 9d.
Total expenditure since registration (including dividends): £23,050 9s. 3d.
Total amount of dividends declared: £3,600.
Total amount of dividends paid: £3,600.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
Amount of cash in hand: £2 19s. 9d.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £308 7s. 9d.
Amount of debts considered good: £308 7s. 9d.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £261 0s. 6d.

I, Thomas Hubert Lee, of Reefton, the Manager of the Hercules Quartz-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."

T. HUBERT LEE,
Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—Henry Geo. Hankin, J.P. 196

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Lead Mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 18th September, 1890; 30th October, 1890.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Reefton; Thomas Hubert Lee.
Nominal capital: £12,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £9,700.
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: 8s. 1d.
Amount called up per share: 8s. 1d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: £53 2s. 9d.
Number of shares forfeited during year: 650.
Number of forfeited shares sold during year, and money received for same: 650; £1 7s. 1d.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 69.
Present number of shareholders: 37.
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: 2,170 oz. 2 dwt. 15 gr. gold; £8,727 0s. 2d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £787 10s. 10d.
Total expenditure since registration: £16,971 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.
Amount of cash in hand: £8 16s. 6d.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £214 17s. 1 d.
Amount of debts considered good: £192 1s. 2d.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £199 6s. 8d.

I, Thomas Hubert Lee, of Reefton, the Manager of the Golden Lead 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."

T. HUBERT LEE,
Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—Henry Geo. Hankin, J.P. 197

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Rising Sun Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 18th September, 1895; 16th October, 1895.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: —; George Charles Waudby Morris.
Nominal capital: £18,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £18,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash:
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders: £600.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £600.
Number of shares into which capital is divided; 120,000.
Number of shares allotted: 120,000.
Amount paid per share: 7½d.
Amount called up per share: 7½d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 758; £21 1s. 3d.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 15.
Present number of shareholders: 198.
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: £830 16s. 5d.
Total expenditure since registration: £1,825 17s.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £33 0s. 9d.
Amount of cash in hand: 18s. 7d.
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 Charles Waudby Morris, of Auckland, the Manager of the Rising Sun 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."

G. C. W. MORRIS,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, Solicitor, Supreme Court. 198

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Puru Junction Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 24th August, 1896; 6th October, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: —; George Charles Waudby Morris.
Nominal capital: £10,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £9,800.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £650.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders; 1s.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £4,250.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
Number of shares allotted: 98,000.
Amount paid per share: 1s. 0½d.
Amount called up per share: 1s. 0½d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: 23; £107 3s. 9d.
Number of shares forfeited: 51,450.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 48.
Present number of shareholders: 70.
Number of men employed by company: 3.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £274 6s. 11d.
Total expenditure since registration: £685 8s. 2d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £57 18s. 11d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, George Charles Waudby Morris, of Auckland, the Manager of the Puru Junction 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."

G. C. W. MORRIS,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 199

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Ohinemuri Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 25th June, 1896; 6th August, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: —; George Charles Waudby Morris.
Nominal capital: £10,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,200.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £1,200.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,200.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
Amount paid per share: 7½d.
Amount called up per share: 7½d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 36.
Present number of shareholders: 198.
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: £213 8s.
Total expenditure since registration: £856 8s. 2d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £343 11s. 10d.
Amount of cash in hand: 7s. 9d.
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 Charles Waudby Morris, of Auckland, the Manager of the Ohinemuri 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."

G. C. W. MORRIS,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 200

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Sceptre Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 2nd December, 1896; 11th February, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: —; George Charles Waudby Morris.
Nominal capital: £5,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £3,750.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £664 18s. 1d.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders: 1½d.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,250.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
Number of shares allotted: 74,577.
Amount paid per share: 3½d.
Amount called up per share: 3½d.
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: 57.
 Present number of shareholders: 88.
 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: £672 7s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £672 7s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £7 7s. 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): £18 13s. 9d.

I, George Charles Waudby Morris, of Auckland, the Manager of the Sceptre 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."

G. C. W. MORRIS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 201

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: British Gold- and Silver-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 2nd December, 1895; 17th January, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: —; George Charles Waudby Morris.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £9,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £4,149 6s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders: 2s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £3,500.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 65,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2s. 6d.
 Amount called up per share: 2s. 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 33; £485 13s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 33,300.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 38.
 Present number of shareholders: 17.
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: —; £9 2s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £9 2s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £246 7s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £4,127 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: £22 2s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £1 10s. 11d.
 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 Charles Waudby Morris, of Auckland, the Manager of the British Gold- and Silver-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."

G. C. W. MORRIS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 203

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Puru Consolidated Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 15th July, 1897; 17th July, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: —; George Charles Waudby Morris.
 Nominal capital: £30,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £22,897 10s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: .
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders: 2s. 5d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £7,378 1s. 8d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 61,060.
 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: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 138.
 Number of men employed by company: 16.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £4 12s. 8d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £4 12s. 8d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £621 11s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £621 11s. 3d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of overdraft at banker's: £597 0s. 7d.
 Amount of cash in hand: 2s. 9d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £2,650.

I, George Charles Waudby Morris, of Auckland, the Secretary of the Puru Consolidated 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."

G. C. W. MORRIS,
 Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 202

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Island Block Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 23rd November, 1888.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Island Block, Otago; Charles C. Rawlins.
 Nominal capital: £60,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £56,187.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: .
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £30,871.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £25,316.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 56,187.
 Number of shares allotted: 56,187.
 Amount paid per share: £1.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 150.
 Number of men employed by company: 16.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: —; £2,590 (gold).
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: —; £42,590 (gold).
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,427.
 Total expenditure since registration: £34,727.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £8,000.

I, Charles C. Rawlins, Manager of the above company, do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and correct 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."

CHAS. C. RAWLINS,
Manager and Director.

Declared at Lawrence, this 31st day of January, 1898,
before me—Thos. Pilling, J.P. 204

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Dunedin Gold-dredging Company (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 1st September, 1881.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Dunedin; Andrew Hamilton.

Nominal capital: £8,700.

Amount of capital subscribed: £8,700.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £7,540.

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: 8,700.

Number of shares allotted: 8,700.

Amount paid per share: 17s. 4d.

Amount called up per share: 17s. 4d.

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: 22.

Present number of shareholders: 70.

Number of men employed by company: 9.

Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year: 569 oz. 19 dwt. 8 gr.; £2,153 1s. 3d.

Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 15,366 oz. 13 dwt. 19 gr.; £59,154 1s. 6d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,893 10s. 6d.

Total expenditure since registration: £44,510 2s. 5d.

Total amount of dividends declared: £14,835.

Total amount of dividends paid: £14,835.

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.

I, Andrew Hamilton, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Dunedin 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."

ANDREW HAMILTON,
Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 28th day of January, 1898,
before me—A. J. Burns, J.P. 187

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Ophir Deep Lead Gold-mining Company (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 16th December, 1897.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Dunedin; Andrew Hamilton.

Nominal capital: £1,400.

Amount of capital subscribed: £800.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £320.

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: £400.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 3,500.

Number of shares allotted: 2,000.

Amount paid per share: 4s., less arrears.

Amount called up per share: 4s.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: £80.

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: 20.

Number of men employed by company: 13.

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: £241 1s. 4d.

Total expenditure since registration: £241 1s. 4d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: £8 18s. 8d.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.

Amount of debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Andrew Hamilton, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Ophir Deep Lead 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."

ANDREW HAMILTON,
Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 28th day of January, 1898,
before me—A. J. Burns, J.P. 188

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waimumu Gold-dredging Company (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 20th November, 1897.

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

Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Dunedin; Andrew Hamilton.

Nominal capital: £6,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £5,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £816 10s.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1,000.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 6,000.

Number of shares allotted: 6,000.

Amount paid per share: 4s., less arrears.

Amount called up per share: 4s.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: £183 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: 43.

Present number of shareholders: 45.

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: Nil.

Total expenditure since registration: Nil.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: £429 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, Andrew Hamilton, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Waimumu 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."

ANDREW HAMILTON,
Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 28th day of January, 1898,
before me—A. J. Burns, J.P. 189

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Temple Bar Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 17th August, 1896; 2nd October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 93, Queen Street, Auckland; Charles John Stone.
 Nominal capital: £3,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £3,250.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £998 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: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 65,000.
 Amount paid per share: 7½d.
 Amount called up per share: 8d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1 (eighth call); £130 3s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 32,224.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 32,224; £68 14s. 8½d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 53.
 Present number of shareholders: 61.
 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: £402 17s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £975 10s. 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: £23 5s. 8d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £130 3s. 10d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £130 3s. 10d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £54 0s. 2d.

I, Charles John Stone, of Auckland, the Manager of the Temple Bar 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."

CHARLES JOHN STONE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—J. Macfarlane, J.P. 205

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Alpine Fluke Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 22nd April, 1896; 25th June, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 93, Queen Street, Auckland; Charles John Stone.
 Nominal capital: £7,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £7,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash by sale of syndicate shares: £1,050.
 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: 70,000.
 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: 63.
 Present number of shareholders: 96.
 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: £748 16s. 8d.

Total expenditure since registration: £1,011 15s. 10d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £38 4s. 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, Charles John Stone, of Auckland, the Manager of the Alpine Fluke 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."

CHARLES JOHN STONE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—J. Macfarlane, J.P. 206

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Vulcan Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th October, 1896; 31st October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 93, Queen Street, Auckland; Charles John Stone.
 Nominal capital: £3,750.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £3,225.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £363 15s.
 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: 35,000 paid up to 6d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 75,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 64,500.
 Amount paid per share: 3d. on 29,500.
 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: 40.
 Present number of shareholders: 41.
 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: £144 17s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £351 17s.
 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 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, Charles John Stone, of Auckland, the Manager of the Vulcan 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."

CHARLES JOHN STONE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—J. Macfarlane, J.P. 207

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waitekauri King Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th December, 1895; 26th February, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 93, Queen Street, Auckland; Charles John Stone.
 Nominal capital: £15,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £11,545.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash, being proceeds sale of syndicate shares, option and calls: £2,306 13s. 11½d.

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: 117,450.
 Amount paid per share: 3½d.
 Amount called up per share: 3½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 19,394.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 15,010; £44 18s. 10d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 48.
 Present number of shareholders: 163.
 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: £9 13s. 1d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,193 5s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,241 18s. 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: £51 9s. 1d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £13 6s. 7½d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £180.
 Amount of debts considered good: £180.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £63 10s. 10d.

I, Charles John Stone, of Auckland, the Manager of the Waitakauri King 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."

CHARLES JOHN STONE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—J. Macfarlane, J.P. 208

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Wentworth Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 13th October, 1896; 23rd November, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: No. 15, Mining Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; Edward B. Sealy.
 Nominal capital: £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,825.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash, including promoters' shares sold (£464 11s. 11d.): £925 15s. 3d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 56,500.
 Amount paid per share: Nil.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 10,550.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 9,390; £58 0s. 10d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 44.
 Present number of shareholders: 47.
 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: £703 6s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £853 14s. 11d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £26 15s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £45 4s. 7d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £86 19s. 8d.

I, Edward Byers Sealy, of Auckland, the Manager of the Wentworth 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."

EDWARD B. SEALY,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 24th day of January, 1898 before me—G. W. Basley, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 209

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Star of Tairua Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 30th March, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: Partial protection.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Tairua; E. H. Montgomery.
 Nominal capital: £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £400.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £400.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 72,500.
 Amount paid per share: 1s.
 Amount called up per share: 1s.
 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: 34.
 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: £228 7s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £228 7s. 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: £189 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): Nil.

I, E. H. Montgomery, of Auckland, the Manager of the Star of Tairua 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."

E. H. MONTGOMERY,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 28th day of January, 1898, before me—E. Ford, J.P. 210

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Moonlight Sluicing Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 27th April, 1894; 14th May, 1894.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Dunedin; Thomas Callender.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,363 5s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £450.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 2,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 2,000.
 Amount paid per share: 17s. 6d.
 Amount called up per share: 17s. 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: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 26.

Number of men employed by company: 3 to 4.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 428 oz. 11 dwt. gold; £1,649 18s.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 697 oz. 8 dwt. 7 gr. gold; £2,685 0s. 10d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £451 7s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,876 18s. 6d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £500.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £500.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £889 8s. 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, Thomas Callender, of Dunedin, the Legal Manager of the Moonlight Sluicing 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 CALLENDER,
 Manager.

Declared at Reefton, this 28th day of January, 1898,
 before me—A. Bartleman, J.P. 190

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Matakītaki Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 27th June, 1892; 7th July, 1892.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Dunedin; Richard Thomas Wheeler, jun.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,000.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 2,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 2,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1 (less arrears).
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 38; £91 12s.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 44; £41 16s.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 45.
 Number of men employed by company: 4.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 155 oz. 1 dwt. 10 gr. gold; £589 5s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2,238 oz. 16 dwt. 7 gr. gold; £8,657 7s. 4d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,599 7s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £11,099 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: £96 5s. 5d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £33 11s.
 Amount of debts considered good: £33 11s.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Debentures, £1,223 15s. 3d.

I, Richard Thomas Wheeler, jun., of Dunedin, the Legal Manager of the Matakītaki Gold-dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December last; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

R. T. WHEELER, JUN.,
 Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 31st day of January, 1898,
 before me—L. Mendelsohn, J.P. 191

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Falls Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 30th April, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Victoria Street, Paeroa; Arthur S. B. Forster.
 Nominal capital: £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £728 18s. 8d.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £728 18s. 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: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 1½d.
 Amount called up per share: 1½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 500; 0½d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 500.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 19.
 Present number of shareholders: 19.
 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: £737 9s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £737 9s. 6d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £41 13s. 4d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £41 13s. 4d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £95 9s. 8d.

I, Arthur Sandys Brooke Forster, the Manager of the Golden Falls 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."

ARTHUR S. B. FORSTER,
 Manager.

Declared at Paeroa, this 26th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Joseph Nathan, J.P. 192

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Roxburgh Amalgamated Mining and Sluicing Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 2nd March, 1889.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Dunedin; Sidney Cooper Leary, Secretary.
 Nominal capital: £30,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £29,152 10s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £12,737 5s.
 Value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £15,000.
 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: 30,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 29,152.
 Amount paid per share: 18s. on 14,565 contributing shares; £1 on 15,000 vendors' shares.
 Amount called up per share: 18s. on contributing shares; £1 on 15,000 shares.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 825.
 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: 141.
 Number of men employed by company: Average, about 30.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 1,556 oz. 3 dwt. gold; £6,053 4s. 7d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 12,674 oz. 18 dwt. 7 gr. gold; £49,000 12s. 11d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £4,565 9s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £47,391 13s. 6d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £14,311 15s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £14,311 15s. 4d.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £582 6s.
 Amount of cash in hand: 3s. 6d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) Approximately £150.

I, Sidney Cooper Leary, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the above-named company, do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

S. C. LEARY,
Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 2nd day of February, 1898,
before me—Thomas M. Wilkinson, J.P. 193

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Sheridan Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 27th May, 1897; 9th July, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Atheneum Buildings, Napier; George S. V. Wenley.
Nominal capital: £130,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £130,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £6,000.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £126,000; £6,000.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £80,000.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 130,000.
Number of shares allotted: 130,000.
Amount paid per share: 2s. 4½d. on 50,000 contributing shares.
Amount called up per share: 2s. 4½d. on 50,000 contributing shares.
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: 153.
Present number of shareholders: 171.
Number of men employed by company: 10 at present.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 23 oz. 13 dwt. gold; £66 9s.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 23 oz. 13 dwt. gold; £66 9s.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £3,610 18s.
Total expenditure since registration: £3,610 18s.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £2,389 2s.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £30.

I, George Seaton Veitch Wenley, of Napier, the Manager of the Sheridan 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."

GEO. S. V. WENLEY,
Manager.

Declared at Napier, this 29th day of January, 1898, before me—S. Carnell, J.P. 194

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Shamrock Lead Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 29th September, 1892.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Christchurch; David Leslie, Secretary.
Nominal capital: £12,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £6,221 18s.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £30.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £5,430.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 12,000.
Number of shares allotted: 12,000.
Amount paid per share: £1.
Amount called up per share: £1.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £3 10s.
Number of shares forfeited: 725.
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: 158.
Number of men employed by company: 13.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 300 oz. 12 dwt. 6 gr. gold; £1,187 7s. 11d.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2,231 oz. 5 dwt. 14 gr. gold; £8,813 14s. 6d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,236 5s.
Total expenditure since registration: £17,602 19s. 5d.
Total amount of dividends declared: 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: £20 9s.
Amount of debts considered good: £20 9s.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £1,850 3s. 6d.

I, David Leslie, of Christchurch, the Secretary of the Shamrock Lead 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."

DAVID LESLIE,
Manager.

Declared at Christchurch, this 4th day of February, 1898, before me—R. Hill Fisher, J.P. 195

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Wakamarina Golden Bar Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: September, 1894.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Wellington; Robert Wilberfoss.
Nominal capital: £24,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £24,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,126 7s. 9½d.
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: 24,000 shares of £1 each.
Amount called up per share: 2s. 1½d.
Amount of calls in arrear: £37 11s. 10½d.
Number of shares forfeited: 11,938.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 17.
Number of shareholders at 31st December, 1897: 34.
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: £569 5s. 5d.
Total amount expended in connection with carrying on operations since registration: £1,235 9s. 4d.
Total amount of dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £49 19s. 3d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £150 18s. 7d.
Amount of debts considered good (estimated): £61 5s. 9d.
Amount of debts due by company: £23 15s. 9d.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company: A possible one of £975.

I, Robert Wilberfoss, of Wellington, the Manager of the above company, do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

ROBERT WILBERFOSS,
Manager.

Declared at Wellington, this 8th day of February, 1898, before me—Robt. P. Johnson, J.P. 213

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Karaka (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: London, 23rd February, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: 4, Wyndham Street, Auckland; J. H. MacLellan.
 Nominal capital: £150,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: Not known in colony.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Not known in colony.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Not known in colony.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: Not known in colony.
 Amount paid per share: Not known in colony.
 Amount called up per share: Not known in colony.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Not known in colony.
 Number of shares forfeited: Not known in colony.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Not known in colony.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: Not known in colony.
 Number of men employed by company: 8.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £20 17s. 7d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £20 17s. 7d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,709 4s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,709 4s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's in New Zealand: £326 13s. 7d.
 Amount of cash in hand in New Zealand: £3 4s. 2d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £14 5s.

I, John Hope MacLellan, of Auckland, the Secretary of the Karaka (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. H. MACLELLAN,
 Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 13th day of January, 1898, before me—S. Hesketh, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. 212

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Mahara Royal (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: London, 27th September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: 4, Wyndham Street, Auckland; J. H. MacLellan.
 Nominal capital: £150,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: Not known in colony.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Not known in colony.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Not known in colony.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £1.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: Not known in colony.
 Amount paid per share: Not known in colony.
 Amount called up per share: Not known in colony.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Not known in colony.
 Number of shares forfeited: Not known in colony.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Not known in colony.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: Not known in colony.
 Number of men employed by company: 30.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £941 14s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £941 14s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £9,316 6s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £9,316 6s. 1d.

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Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's in New Zealand: £245 8s. 5d.
 Amount of cash in hand in New Zealand: £2 1s. 9d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £88 5s. 2d.

I, John Hope MacLellan, of Auckland, the Secretary of the Mahara Royal (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. H. MACLELLAN,
 Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 13th day of January, 1898, before me—S. Hesketh, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court.

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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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THE CUMBERLAND EXTENDED GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of this company is situated at Bridge Street, Reefton; and the name of the Manager is WALTER IRVING.

M. WYNN, } Directors.
 A. MCKAY, }

The Registrar of
 the Supreme Court,
 Hokitika.
 Reefton, 21st January, 1898.

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TUAPEKA MAMMOTH WATER-RACE AND GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in above company, held in the registered office, Canada Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, on Friday, 14th January, 1898, it was unanimously resolved,—

"That the company be voluntarily wound up."

And, further, that at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in above company, held in the registered office, Canada Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, on Tuesday, 1st February, 1898, it was unanimously resolved,—

"That the resolution passed at the extraordinary meeting of the company held on 14th January, 1898, 'That the company be voluntarily wound up,' be and the same is hereby confirmed.

"That Mr. Jas. Slater be and is hereby appointed Liquidator."

JAS. SLATER,
 Liquidator.
 Canada Buildings,
 Auckland, 3rd February, 1898.

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THE TEVIOT GOLD MINING AND SLUICING COMPANY (LIMITED).

AT an extraordinary meeting of shareholders held on the 22nd November, 1897, the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the company that the company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable that it be wound up.
2. That the company be wound up voluntarily.
3. That Andrew Hamilton, Dunedin, be appointed Liquidator.

AND. HAMILTON,
Liquidator, Teviot Gold Mining and
Sluicing Company (Limited).
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THE AMALGAMATED WAIPORI DEEP LEAD GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

AT an extraordinary meeting of shareholders held on the 2nd day of February, 1898, the following resolution was adopted:—

1. That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the company that the company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same.
2. And that Mr. Andrew Hamilton, Dunedin, be appointed Liquidator.

AND. HAMILTON,
Liquidator.
Dunedin, 3rd February, 1898. 186

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

JAMES MORE.—289 acres 3 roods 20 perches, being Sections 13, 14, 15, and 41, Block I., Jacob's River Hundred. Occupied by Applicant. Nos. 2686, 2687, and 2688.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill. F. G. MORGAN,
180 District Land Registrar.

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

STEPHEN PURCELL.—Claiming by occupation 5 1/2 perches, being part of Section 11, Block LXII., Town of Invercargill. Occupied by Applicant. No. 2691.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill. F. G. MORGAN,
181 District Land Registrar.

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8127. MARTHA MINNIE LOVE.—1 rood 5 perches, part of Rural Section 33, now in the City of Christchurch. Occupied by Luke Howie.

8193. ANNIE FORBES.—1 rood, Section 956, City of Christchurch. Occupied by Robert Forbes.

8200. GEORGE WALTER WILLIAMS.—2 roods 27 perches, Lot 16, Plan 1346, part of Rural Section 62, Borough of Sydenham. Occupied by Applicant.

8202. PETER CHAMBERLAIN.—2 roods, Lot 5, Plan 1345, part of Rural Section 5787, Leeston Survey District. Unoccupied.

8203. HENRY CHAMBERLAIN.—2 roods, Lot 4, Plan 1345, part of Rural Section 5787, Leeston Survey District. Unoccupied.

8204. EDWARD SPEAR.—3 roods 1 perch, part of Rural Section 144, Borough of Sumner. Occupied by Applicant.

8206. RANALD MACINTOSH MACDONALD.—100 acres, Rural Section 49, Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 5th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch. G. G. BRIDGES,
179 District Land Registrar.

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

Part of Sections 16 and 17, Block XXXIV., Town of Dunedin.—PETER JOHN SHEA, Applicant. Occupied by weekly tenants. No. 4230.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 31st day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin. H. TURTON,
177 District Land Registrar.

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712, 713. GOTTLIEB GERNHOEFER.—90 acres 3 roods 14 perches, Allotments 111 and 112, Huirangi District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1084).
Dated this 4th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
178 District Land Registrar.

APPPLICATION has been made to me to register a dealing with Lease No. 1430, of part of Sections 10 and 11, Block XXVIII., Town of Dunedin, whereof WILLIAM GREGG, of Dunedin, Merchant, is the registered lessee. Satisfactory evidence having been lodged here of the loss of the original lease, I hereby give notice that I shall dispense with the production of the said original lease and register the said dealing unless caveat be lodged here forbidding the same within fourteen days from the date of publication hereof.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin. H. TURTON,
176 District Land Registrar.

LEASE 3150.—THE WELLINGTON TRUST, LOAN, AND INVESTMENT COMPANY (LIMITED) to JAMES HOOK COAD, of part Section 514, City of Wellington, being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Vol. xlv., folio 157.—Notice of re-entry, and cancellation of above lease, will be entered on the said certificate on the application of the Wellington Trust, Loan, and Investment Company (Limited), unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 10th day of March, 1898.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
219 District Land Registrar.

APPPLICATION having been made to me for the issue of a provisional certificate of title for Lots 23a and 24a, part of Suburban Section 57, Napier, and all the land comprised in Vol. xvi., folio 197 of the Register-book, and a statutory declaration of the loss of the original certificate of title having been lodged with me, I hereby give notice that I will issue such provisional certificate as requested unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 4th day of March next.

Dated at the Land Transfer Office, Napier, this 8th day of February, 1898. THOS. HALL,
220 District Land Registrar.

APPPLICATION having been made to me to issue a provisional certificate of title in respect of Section 1438, Mahinapua Survey District, containing 21 acres, registered in the name of the late ALEXANDER GLENNIE, of Rimu, Settler, in Register-book, Vol. vi., folio 111, and evidence having been lodged with me to the effect that the original certificate of title has been lost or destroyed, I hereby give notice that I intend to issue provisional certificate as requested at the expiration of fourteen days after the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Hokitika.

ALFD. H. KING,
221 District Land Registrar.

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

Section 1, Block IX., and Sections 1 and 2, Block XIII., District of Otepopo.—JOHN JOHNSON SPENCE, Applicant. Occupied by John Cruickshank and Catherine Cruickshank. No. 4231.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 5th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

H. TURTON,
District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 10th day of March, 1898.

2729. JAMES DEMPSEY.—9.9 perches, part Section 360, Town of Wanganui. Unoccupied.

2735. JOHN TWIST and EDITH ANNIE MEYER.—1 acre 26.8 perches, Section 415 and part 414, City of Wellington. Occupied by Richard Keene.

2747. JOHN THOMAS LOUND and OLE PEDERSEN.—13.6 perches, part Section 16, Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve. Occupied by Applicants.

2749. RICHARD KEENE.—33.1 perches, part Section 4, Hutt District. Occupied by Applicant.

2750. HARRIETT LUXFORD.—3 roods, part Section 16, Watts Peninsula. Occupied by Applicant.

2756. BARTOLO RUSSO.—20.9 perches, part Sections 87 and 89, Harbour District. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 9th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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721. CHARLES NICHOLAS ROWE.—250 acres, Section 63, Block X., Mimi. Unoccupied.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 5th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

NELSON SAVINGS-BANK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the rate of interest upon deposits with this bank will be reduced to three per centum per annum on and after 1st May, 1898.

Nelson, 4th February, 1898.
H. EDWARDS,
Vice-President.

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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.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY.

OTARAIA ROAD DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Otarai Road Board is declared dissolved, and the Otarai Road District merged in Southland County, as on and after the 1st day of April, 1898, by special order in pursuance of resolution passed by the Southland County Council on the 24th November, 1897, under the provisions of sections 53 and 55 of "The Counties Act, 1886," and confirmed by resolution passed by the said Council on the 14th January, 1898.

R. P. MACGOUN,
County Clerk and Treasurer.

Southland County Council Office,
Invercargill, 24th January, 1898. 182

I, ANDREW TURNBULL, Registrar at Napier of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, do hereby notify that an affidavit, a copy of which is hereunder given, by two directors of the Napier Sterilised Milk, Chilled Butter, and Ice Company (Limited), has been lodged in the Magistrate's Court at Napier and forwarded to me, and that, unless notice of objection be lodged with me within sixty days of this date, I shall proceed to declare the said company to be dissolved in manner provided by "The Companies Act, 1882."

Signed this 4th day of February, 1898.

ANDREW TURNBULL,
Registrar.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of the Napier Sterilised Milk, Chilled Butter, and Ice Company (Limited).

WE, CHARLES ALBERT HEALD and PETER ANDREAS PETERSEN, Directors of the Napier Sterilised Milk, Chilled Butter, and Ice Company (Limited), incorporated under "The Companies Act, 1882," do hereby make oath and say,—

1. That the nominal capital of the said company is £5,000, in 500 shares of £10 each.
2. That the allotted shares have been fully paid up.
3. That the company has no assets, and has ceased to carry on its operations.

And we, Charles Albert Heald and Peter Andreas Petersen, do hereby apply for declaration of dissolution of such company.

C. A. HEALD.
P. A. PETERSEN.

Severally sworn before me, this 2nd day of February, 1898
—Andrew Turnbull, Stipendiary Magistrate. 183

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