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Land declared to be Crown Land subject to "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894."

(L.S.)

RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto has been acquired under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), and the purchase thereof has been concluded as by the said Act is provided: And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that all land so acquired shall be proclaimed as Crown land subject to the provisions of the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the power and authority conferred by the said Act, do hereby proclaim and declare that the land described in the Schedule hereto shall, on the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, be and be deemed to be Crown land subject to the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894."

SCHEDULE.

PAWAHO SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 52 acres and 18 perches, more or less, being parts of Rural Sections Nos. 104 and 19, situated in Block XVI., Christchurch Survey District. Bounded towards the north by a road-line; towards the north-east by the Christchurch and Lyttelton Railway-line; towards the south generally by Hill's Road, by the Lyttelton Borough Waterworks Reserve and Rural Sections Nos. 3799 and 1314; and towards the west by part of Rural Section No. 104 and a road-line: excepting from the above-described area a road-line (Hill's Road) and a pipe reserve: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19200, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

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SCHEDULE.

HEKEAO SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 2,209 acres and 8 perches, more or less, situated in Blocks III. and VII., Shepherd's Bush Survey District, and comprising Lots Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 24, part of No. 27, and an area of 10 acres reserved for church and school purposes, the foregoing being subdivisions of the Anama Estate, as shown upon deposited plans 1083 and 1084, in the Land Transfer District Office, Christchurch: as the above area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19198, deposited in the Head Office of the Lands and Survey Department, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

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

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SCHEDULE.

PAPARANGI SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 322 acres 3 roods 32 perches, more or less, situated in Block XII., Belmont Survey District, and bounded towards the north generally by part of Section No. 19, 1118.8 links, by a portion of the Wellington-Manawatu Railway Company's land, 1793.8 links, and again by other part of said Section No. 19, 3880.2 links; towards the east generally by Sections Nos. 3, 2, and 1, 5495.1 links; towards the south generally by part of Section No. 14, 6272 links, and by another part of said Section No. 14, 386.6 links; and towards the west generally by the Porirua Road: be the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19194, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with green.

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

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Minister of Lands.

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Taking Land for a Road-deviation, Weber 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 trustees of the land hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Weber Road Board, being the local authority in whose district the said land is situated, do by this notice hereby proclaim as a road the land, being a portion of Section 18, Block VI., Weber Survey District, 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 No.	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 0 7.5	18 (Rabbit-proof Fence Reserve)	VI.	Weber ..	384	Red.

All in the Hawke's Bay 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 Napier, in the Hawke's Bay 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 Christchurch, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

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Proclaiming the Taking of a Road through Blocks V. and VI., Rimutaka 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 Hutt 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 Land taken.	Being Parts of Sections Nos.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 10 0 6	{ 11, 12, 13, and 14 15, 16, 17, and 18 }	VI. V.	Rimutaka "	17a "	Brown "

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 of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

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Proclaiming the Taking of a Road in Block I., Puketoi Survey District, Pahiatua County.

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the consent of the owner and mortgagee of the land hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Pahiatua 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 in the Puketoi Survey District mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Area.	Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 0 29.4	11	I.	Puketoi ..	1144	Green.

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

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Land in Canterbury 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.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Survey District.
34132	V.	Tengawai.
36466	IV.	Mackenzie.
34430, 34431	XVII.	Tengawai.
34481, Pt. 29564,	IX., XIII.	"
36062	IV.	Mackenzie.
36222, 36223	VII., VIII., XI., XII.	Nimrod.
36229	XVI.	"
	XIII.	Otaio.
36231	IV., VIII.	Waihao.
	I.	Waimate.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

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Regulations under "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of February, 1898.

Present:

RIGHT HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of all powers and authorities vested in him by "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896," 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, doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act, that is to say:—

REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"District Valuer" means any person so appointed for a special district by the Governor in Council for the purpose of making valuations, and generally to act under the control of the Valuer-General and perform such other duties as the Valuer-General from time to time directs:

"Local authority" means any Council, Board, trustees, commissioners, company, body, or persons empowered to make and levy rates:

"Local district" means a county or riding of a county, and includes a road district, town district, borough, or any subdivision of a special district, as the Valuer-General from time to time determines:

"Local Valuer" means any person temporarily employed to make valuations in any local district for the purposes of the general or district valuation-roll:

"Person" includes company and corporate body:

"Principal local authority" means—

(a.) Any Borough Council which rates on the capital or unimproved value;

(b.) Any County Council of a county in which "The Counties Act, 1886," is in force, and which rates on the capital or unimproved value, and which levies a general rate;

(c.) Any Road or Town Board which rates on the capital or unimproved value, and which is situated within a county wherein "The Counties Act, 1886," is not in force, or in which the County Council does not levy a general rate:

"Publicly notified," or "Public notice," means notice published in the *Gazette* or some newspaper circulating in the locality to which the notice relates:

"Special district" means any such portion of the colony as is from time to time defined as a special district by the Governor in Council:

"Supervising Valuer" means any person appointed by the Governor in Council for the purpose of supervising valuations, and generally to act under the control of the Valuer-General and perform such other duties as the Valuer-General from time to time directs:

"The said Act" means "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

2. A notification in the *Gazette* that any person therein named has been appointed for the purposes of the said Act shall be conclusive evidence of such appointment without any further proof; and the production by any such person of a printed copy of the *Gazette* containing such notification, and his statement that he is the person named therein, shall be *prima facie* evidence that he is authorised to act in the capacity mentioned in such notification.

3. Local Valuers may be employed at such times and on such conditions as are found necessary for the purpose of obtaining information with respect to the valuation and other particulars of the property within any local district.

4. From the information obtained from the Supervising, District, or Local Valuers the Valuer-General shall cause the district valuation-rolls to be prepared or amended, as the case may be.

5. The district valuation-roll shall be in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule hereto or to that effect, and the first such roll shall be prepared as on the 31st day of March, 1898.

6. The Valuer-General shall give to each person whose name appears on any district valuation-roll a notice in writing of the making of the valuation: Provided always that the omission to give such notice shall not invalidate any valuation.

7. All objections to the valuations made are to be sent to the Valuer-General on or previous to a day to be stated in such notice.

8. Such notice shall be in the form numbered 2 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

9. Each district valuation-roll shall be deposited for public inspection at such place within the special district to which it relates, on such days, and at such hours during the day, as the Valuer-General from time to time publicly notifies.

10. Any person feeling aggrieved by reason of any valuation may, by himself or his agent, object to such valuation.

11. Every such objection shall be made in writing under the hand of the objector or his agent in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

12. The Valuer-General shall consider the objections, and may make such inquiries relating thereto as he thinks fit, and if he determines that any objection should be allowed he shall alter the valuation accordingly, but if not, then such objection, if the objector so desires, shall be heard and determined by the Assessment Court.

13. When objections have been lodged with the Valuer-General he shall, on or before the day appointed for the sitting of the Assessment Court, transmit such objections as may not have been allowed or withdrawn to the Assessment Court to hear and determine the same, and shall also transmit the roll to which such objections relate.

14. The Judge of the Assessment Court shall initial all alterations made by him in the district valuation-roll on the hearing of any such objection, and shall then sign the roll and transmit the same to the Valuer-General.

15. The Valuer-General may, during the currency of the district valuation-roll, obtain such new valuations, and make such alterations in the roll as in his opinion are necessary for the purpose of at all times maintaining the roll in a correct condition.

16. Notice of such alteration made by the Valuer-General shall in all cases be sent to the owner or occupier, as the case may be, and any such owner or occupier shall, within the time specified by the Valuer-General in such notice, be entitled to object to such alteration, and have his objection heard before any Stipendiary Magistrate, at such time and place as the Valuer-General may direct. The decision of the Stipendiary Magistrate shall be recorded and signed by him in the district valuation-roll.

17. The general valuation-roll shall be in the form numbered 4 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect, and the first general valuation-roll shall be prepared as on the 31st day of March, 1898.

18. Alterations originating in either the district or general valuation-roll shall be made in both rolls, and also in the valuation-rolls supplied to local authorities for rating purposes.

19. The Valuer-General may appear either personally or by solicitor in any Court, or in any other proceedings, or by any Supervising Valuer, District Valuer, or Local Valuer, or by any officer of the department, and the appearance of any such Supervising, District, or Local Valuer, or officer, and his statement that he so appears by the authority of the Valuer-General, shall be sufficient evidence of such authority for all purposes.

20. The fees chargeable for supplying certified copies of the valuations appearing on the general valuation-roll shall be not less than 2s. 6d. and not more than £1 1s. in each case, as the Valuer-General determines. In cases where a new valuation is necessary in order that the Valuer-General may satisfy himself that the entry on the general valuation-roll is correct as to the then value and other particulars, and in cases where the Valuer-General is required to make a new valuation, the following scale of fees shall be chargeable:—

When the capital value appearing on the roll does not exceed £500, a fee of 10s. 6d. ;

When such capital value exceeds £500 but does not exceed £1,000, a fee of £1 1s.

And the last-mentioned fee shall be increased by £1 1s. in the case of rural properties, and by 10s. 6d. in the case of urban or suburban properties, for each additional £1,000 or part of £1,000 of capital value: Provided, nevertheless, as follows:—

(1.) In the case of any property the capital value of which on the roll exceeds £10,000, the fee shall be reckoned as on a value of £10,000, and an additional fee of 10s. 6d. shall be charged for each £1,000 or part of £1,000 by which the capital value exceeds that sum.

(2.) In the case of two or more properties, situate in the same or contiguous local districts and belonging to the same owner, the valuation-fee shall be computed on the aggregate capital value of all such properties.

(3.) In no case, however, shall any valuation-fee exceed £26 5s.

(4.) For the purposes of this regulation—

“Urban property” means property (not being suburban) situate in any town or borough, but does not include property so situate held and occupied for farming, dairying, or market-gardening purposes:

“Suburban property” means property situate within or in the vicinity of a town or borough, and held or occupied for residential or manufacturing purposes, but does not include property so situate held and occupied for farming, dairying, or market-gardening purposes:

“Rural property” means property which is not urban or suburban.

21. The fees prescribed in the last-preceding clause shall not apply to the departments or principal local authorities contributing towards the cost of preparing the rolls as provided hereafter.

22. In any local district where there is a principal local authority, the total cost of and incidental to preparing and completing the rolls (including the expenses of valuations and the annually-recurring expenditure in keeping the valuations and other particulars appearing on the rolls at all times correct), shall be borne in equal one-third shares by such principal local authority, the Land- and Income-tax Department, and the Government Valuation of Land Department, respectively; and in any local district or other portion of the colony where there is no principal local authority such cost shall be borne in equal shares by the two departments aforesaid:

Provided that no principal local authority shall be called upon in any year to contribute towards such cost any sum exceeding 1s. per centum of the capital value of all the property appearing on its valuation-roll, and all additional cost (if any) shall be borne by the two departments aforesaid in equal shares.

23. Each principal local authority shall pay its share of such cost (not including the annually-recurring expenditure,

which shall be payable on receipt of demand from the Valuer-General) in the following manner:—

One-half of the amount found to be owing shall be due and payable on receipt by such principal local authority of its valuation-roll from the Valuer-General; One-quarter of such amount shall be due and payable within twelve months of the date of such receipt;

And the remaining quarter of such amount within twenty-four months of the date of such receipt.

24. A certificate under the hand of the Valuer-General, specifying the share of such cost payable by any principal local authority or department, shall be conclusive evidence thereof, and (subject to the last-preceding clause) the amount specified in such certificate shall be payable on demand.

25. The Valuer-General shall keep such accounts as he deems necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the said Act and these regulations.

26. All fees and other moneys received under the said Act or these regulations shall be paid into the Public Account and form part of the Consolidated Fund.

27. Every local authority (not being a principal local authority) levying rates on the capital or unimproved values shall be liable to pay forthwith on demand from the Valuer-General the full cost incurred by him in compiling its valuation-roll from the general valuation-roll, and also the cost of the clerical work necessary for keeping the valuations and other particulars appearing on its valuation-roll at all times correct; and a certificate under the hand of the Valuer-General, specifying the amount payable, shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

28. In default of payment by any local authority of any costs payable to the Valuer-General, the amount thereof may be deducted from any subsidy or other money payable to it by the Crown.

29. Irrespective of the provisions of the last-preceding clause, all fees and costs payable under the said Act or the regulations from time to time in force thereunder are hereby declared to be debts due to Her Majesty, and may be recovered accordingly in any Court of competent jurisdiction by the Valuer-General or any person authorised by him.

30. The printed or stamped signature of the Valuer-General shall in all cases be sufficient, and any book, document, or writing bearing or purporting to bear his signature in writing, printing, or by stamp, shall, until the contrary is shown, be deemed to have been duly signed by him, and judicial notice shall be taken of such signature accordingly.

31. Should the Valuer-General fail to make or supply any valuation or any valuation-roll under “The Rating Act, 1894,” or to do any other thing within the prescribed time, he shall, as soon as may be after the time at which such thing should have been done, perform or cause the same to be performed, and the performance of such thing as aforesaid at any other than the prescribed time shall, notwithstanding such failure, be valid and effectual.

32. Any Supervising, District, or Local Valuer may at any time during the day enter upon any land or premises for the purpose of valuing the same or the improvements thereon, and the occupier or owner thereof and every person employed thereon shall, to the best of his ability, answer any question touching such land or improvements, or any other matter, and give any information required by such Valuer to enable him to make his valuation.

33. Every person who commits any breach of the last-preceding clause of these regulations is liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

34. Any observations and directions may be noted on any form or notice as the Valuer-General thinks fit.

35. Application to the Valuer-General to make a new valuation of property shall be in the form numbered 5 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

36. Application for a certified copy of an entry on the valuation-roll shall be in the form numbered 6 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

37. Certified copies of entries on the valuation-roll shall be in the form numbered 7 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

38. The forms of valuation-roll for local authorities rating on the capital or unimproved values shall be those numbered 8 and 9 respectively in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

39. The form of declaration of Valuer shall be that numbered 10 in the Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

40. The valuations appearing in the general valuation-roll shall be used for the purposes following, that is to say:—

(a.) The assessment of duties of land-tax and otherwise under “The Land and Income Assessment Act, 1891.”

(b.) The advances and investments on mortgage of land by or on behalf of the under-mentioned offices and departments, that is to say:—

The Post Office,

The Government Insurance Office,

The Public Trust Office,

The Government Advances to Settlers Office,

The Commissioners of Public Debts Sinking Funds Office.

FORM No. 1.
DISTRICT VALUATION-ROLL FOR

Subdivision or Ward :

Special Rating District :

Valuation Number.	OCCUPIER, WITHIN THE MEANING OF "THE RATING ACT, 1894."				OWNER.				Date when Land visited and valued.	Subsection or Allotment.	Section.	Block and Survey District or Street.	AREA.				
	NAME IN FULL.		Occupation.	Postal Address.	Date when Return Form left.	NAME IN FULL.		Occupation.					Postal Address.	Date when Return Form left.	A.	B.	P.
	Surname.	Christian Name.				Surname.	Christian Name.										

If land forms part of a named estate, local block, or original sections, write same, as a heading, here :

N.B.

O., thus .. Owner's interest.
L., " .. Lessee's interest.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

Wood walls, thus .. w. | Brick walls, thus .. b. | Stone walls, thus .. s.
Iron " " .. i. | Cement " " .. c. | Wood roof " " .. w.r.

CONDITION.

Good, thus: g. Medium, thus: m.
Bad, thus: b.

CAPITAL VALUE.	CAPITAL VALUE DIVIDED THUS:		DWELLING-HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.													FENCING.		PLANTING (EXCEPT ORCHARDS).					
	Unimproved Value.	Value of Improvements.	DWELLING-HOUSES.						OTHER BUILDINGS.						Character.	Condition.	Length.	Value.	Description.	Area.	Value.		
			Number.	Materials.	Age.	Condition.	Distance from nearest Buildings.	Amount for which actually insured.	Value.	Description.	Number.	Materials.	Age.	Condition.								Distance from nearest Buildings.	Amount for which actually insured.	Value.
£	£	£			Yrs.		Ft.	£	£			Yrs.		Ft.	£	£			Chains.	£		Acres.	£
	{ O. L.						If less than 40 ft.							If less than 40 ft.									

FENCING.

Wire, thus .. w. | Slab, thus .. s. | Hedge, thus .. h.
Post and rail, thus .. p. | Ditch and bank, thus .. d. | Stone, " " .. st.

Urban, thus .. U.
Suburban, thus .. S.
Rural, thus .. R.

PERMANENT DRAINING (UNEXHAUSTED ONLY).				CLEARING.		LAYING DOWN IN GRASS OR PASTURE.			ALL OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.		Area actually used for Agricultural Purposes.	Area actually used for Pastoral Purposes.	AREA UNUSED.		Area which could be profitably ploughed.	Whether Urban, Sub-urban, or Rural.	Annual Letting-value.	Annual Rent paid.	REMARKS.
COVERED.		OPEN.		Area.	Value.	Area.	Age.	Condition.	Value.	Description.			Value.	Description.						Area.
Length.	Value.	Length.	Value.																
Chains.	£	Chains.	£	Acres.		Acres.	Years.		£		£	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Acres.	£	£	

FORM No. 2.

“THE GOVERNMENT VALUATION OF LAND ACT, 1896.”

To Mr.

TAKE notice that your name appears on the District Valuation-roll for the as of the following land :—

Valuation Number.	Description.	Area.			Capital Value.	Land-tax. Unimproved Value.		Improvements.	
						Owner's Interest.	Lessee's Interest.	Owner's Interest.	Lessee's Interest.
		A.	R.	P.					

If you consider yourself aggrieved by the valuation, your objection must be posted to me at my office, Wellington, so that it may be received not later than , 189 .
 Objections must be signed by the objector, the valuation number being clearly stated, and should be written on the official form, which may be obtained at any of the district offices, or at any post-office.
 An intimation will be given, by advertisement, of the date on which the Assessment Court will sit.

JOHN MCGOWAN,
 Valuer-General.

FORM No. 3.

“The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896.”

NOTICE OF OBJECTION.

To the Valuer-General, Wellington.

I HEREBY give you notice that I object to the valuation of my land as shown in the District Valuation-roll, and described below :—

Valuation Number (to be given).	Description of Property.	Area.			Capital Value.	Land-tax. Unimproved Value.		Improvements.	
						Owner's Interest.	Lessee's Interest.	Owner's Interest.	Lessee's Interest.
		A.	R.	P.					

For the following reasons :—

Name :
 Address :
 Date :

FORM No. 4.
GENERAL VALUATION-ROLL FOR

Subdivision or Ward:

Special Rating District:

Valuation Number.	OCCUPIER, WITHIN THE MEANING OF "THE RATING ACT, 1894."					OWNER.										AREA.		
	NAME IN FULL.		Occupation.	Postal Address.	Date when Return Form left.	NAME IN FULL.		Occupation.	Postal Address.	Date when Return Form left.	Date when Land visited and valued.	Subsection or Allotment.	Section.	Block and Survey District or Street.	A.	R.	P.	
	Surname.	Christian Name.				Surname.	Christian Name.											

If land forms part of a named estate, local block, or original sections, write same, as a heading, here:

N.B.

O., thus .. Owner's interest.
L., " .. Lessee's interest.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

Wood walls, thus .. w.
Iron " " .. i.

Brick walls, thus .. b.
Cement " " .. c.

Stone walls, thus .. s.
Wood roof, " " .. w.r.

Iron roof, thus .. i.r.
Slate " " .. s.r.

CONDITION.

Good, thus: g. Medium, thus: m.
Bad, thus: b.

CAPITAL VALUE.	CAPITAL VALUE DIVIDED THUS:		DWELLING-HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.														FENCING.				PLANTING (EXCEPT ORCHARDS).				
	Unimproved Value.	Value of Improvements.	DWELLING-HOUSES.							OTHER BUILDINGS.							Character.	Condition.	Length.	Value.	Description.	Area.	Value.		
			Number.	Materials.	Age.	Condition.	Distance from nearest Buildings.	Amount for which actually insured.	Value.	Description.	Number.	Materials.	Age.	Condition.	Distance from nearest Buildings.	Amount for which actually insured.								Value.	
£	£	£			Yrs.		Ft.	£	£			Yrs.		Ft.	£	£			Chains.	£			Acres.	£	
	O.						If less than 40 ft.							If less than 40 ft.											
	L.																								

FENCING.

Wire, thus: w.
Post and rail, thus .. p.

Slab, thus s.
Ditch and bank, thus .. d.

Hedge, thus h.
Stone, " " .. st.

Urban, thus U.
Suburban, thus S.
Rural, thus R.

PERMANENT DRAINING (UNEXHAUSTED ONLY).				CLEARING.		LAYING DOWN IN GRASS OR PASTURE.				ALL OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.		Area actually used for Agricultural Purposes.	Area actually used for Pastoral Purposes.	AREA UNUSED.		Area which could be profitably ploughed.	Whether Urban, Sub-urban, or Rural.	Annual Letting-value.	Annual Rent paid.	REMARKS.
COVERED.		OPEN.		Area.	Value.	Area.	Age.	Condition.	Value.	Description.	Value.			Description.	Area.					
Length.	Value.	Length.	Value.									Acres.	£			Acres.	Years.	£	£	Acres.
Chains.	£	Chains.	£		£				£		£	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		£	£		

FORM No. 5.

"The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

NOTICE THAT NEW VALUATION IS REQUIRED.

The Valuer-General, Wellington.

I HEREBY give you notice that I require a new valuation of my* property hereafter described, for the following reason: †

I enclose the prescribed fee, £ : : .

Description of Property.

Valuation number (if known):
 Where situate: †
 Subsection or allotment (if any):
 Section:
 Block and survey district (if any):
 Street (if any):
 Area:

Present valuation, to which I object:—

Capital value £ .
 Unimproved value £ .
 Value of improvements £ .

Signature:
 Full postal address:
 Date:

* Here state whether freehold or leasehold.
 † Here state, briefly, reason for requiring new valuation, in order that careful attention may be given to it when new valuation is made.
 ‡ Here state in what borough, county, or road, town, or outlying district, or riding.

FORM No. 6.

"The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF ENTRY IN GENERAL VALUATION-ROLL.

The Valuer-General, Wellington.

PLEASE supply me with a certified copy of the entry in the General Valuation-roll relating to the property described below.

The certified copy is required by me for the following reason: *
 I enclose the prescribed fee, £ : : .

Description of Property.

Valuation number (if known):
 Where situate: †
 Subsection or allotment (if any):
 Section:
 Block and survey district (if any):
 Street (if any):
 Area:

Signature:
 Full postal address:
 Date:

* Here state reason, which will determine whether the entry has to be verified by a revaluation of the property or not.
 † Here state in what borough, county, or road, town, or outlying district, or riding.

FORM No. 7.

"The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

CERTIFIED COPY OF ENTRY IN GENERAL VALUATION-ROLL.

I HEREBY certify that the following is a true copy of the entry in the General Valuation-roll relating to the property therein described [*and that I am satisfied the entry is correct as to the present value and other particulars of the property].

Description of Property.

Valuation number:
 Local district:
 Subsection or allotment:
 Section:
 Block and survey district:
 Street:
 Area:

Valuation.

Capital value £ .
 Unimproved value £ .
 Value of improvements £ .

Particulars of Improvements.

Dwelling-houses.	Other Buildings.	Fencing.	Planting (except Or- chards).	Permanent Draining (unexhausted only).		Clearing.	Laying down in Grass or Pasture.
				Covered.	Open.		
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

, Valuer-General

Wellington, [Date]

* These words to be used only if a revaluation has been made

[For Forms 8 and 9 see next page.]

FORM No. 10.

DECLARATION OF VALUER.

I, _____, of _____, do solemnly promise and declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and to the best of my skill and judgment, make a true and faithful valuation of all land which it becomes my duty to value in accordance with the provisions of "The Rating Act, 1894," and "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

Signed:

Declared and signed before me, at _____, this _____ day of _____, 189 _____.

Signed: _____, Justice of the Peace.

FORM No. 8.

"The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

VALUATION-ROLL FOR THE

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 189 .

Number on Roll.	OCCUPIER, WITHIN THE MEANING OF "THE RATING ACT, 1894."				OWNER.			Description and Situation of Property.	Area.	Capital Value.	Unimproved Value.	Remarks.	
	Full Name.		Trade or Occupation.	Address.	Full Name.		Trade or Occupation.						Address.
	Surname.	Christian Name.			Surname.	Christian Name.							
								Ward or Subdivision :	A. R. P.				

FORM No. 9.

"The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

VALUATION-ROLL FOR THE

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 189 .

Number on Roll.	OCCUPIER, WITHIN THE MEANING OF "THE RATING ACT, 1894."				OWNER.			Description and Situation of Property.	Area.	Gross Value or Capital Value.	Value of Improvements.	Unimproved Value or Rateable Value.	Remarks.	
	Full Name.		Trade or Occupation.	Address.	Full Name.		Trade or Occupation.							Address.
	Surname.	Christian Name.			Surname.	Christian Name.								
								Ward or Subdivision :	A. R. P.					

B

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Telegrams from Members of the General Assembly.—Amended Regulations.

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 seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twenty-seventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, certain regulations were made under the authority of "The Electric Lines Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), for the transmission of telegrams from members of the General Assembly, and for fixing the fees and rates to be demanded for such transmission: And whereas it is desirable to revoke such regulations, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by section fifteen of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the said recited regulations of the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulations and prescribe the rates set forth in the Schedule hereto. And it is hereby declared that this Order in Council shall have effect on and from the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

TELEGRAMS FORWARDED BY MEMBERS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MEMBERS of the General Assembly may send telegrams prepaid at the following rates, viz. :—

For the first thirty-six words or any fraction thereof, including address and signature	s. d.
	0 6
For every four words or fraction of four words after the first thirty-six words	0 1

Such telegrams shall be restricted to domestic, public, or parliamentary business during the session of Parliament and a period of fourteen days immediately before and fourteen days immediately after the session of Parliament respectively. During the remainder of the recess they shall be restricted to public or parliamentary business entirely. Any disregard of these conditions will render the telegram presented liable to be treated and charged for as an ordinary telegram, or refused acceptance.

"Collect" telegrams addressed to a Minister by any member of Parliament shall not be accepted for transmission at any telegraph-office unless the Minister has by telegram requested such member to send him a reply "free," and proof thereof be given to the transmitting officer.

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

Regulations under "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of February, 1898.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of all powers and authorities vested in him by or under "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894," and its amendments, 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 make the following regulations under and for the purposes of the said Acts, that is to say:—

REGULATIONS.

1. In any case where the Superintendent sells any security in exercise of the power of sale conferred by the mortgage, he may accept from the purchaser a fresh mortgage for the whole or any part of the purchase-money (provided that the amount of such fresh mortgage does not exceed the total amount owing under the original mortgage) without requiring compliance with the provisions of the said Acts and the regulations thereunder relating to the Valuer's report, the valuation, the margin of security, and the payment of the valuation-fees; and in any such case those provisions shall not apply.

2. In any case where a mortgagor sells part of the mortgaged land, and it has been agreed by the General Board—

(1.) That the whole or any part of the existing mortgage shall remain on the security of the unsold residue of such land (or a new mortgage in respect thereof be given), and a release be executed of the part so sold; or

(2.) That the existing mortgage shall be discharged, and separate mortgages be given by the mortgagor and purchaser in respect of the residue and part sold respectively;

the Superintendent may waive the payment of the prescribed valuation-fee in respect of the transaction:

Provided that with respect to every such mortgage the General Board shall be satisfied that the prescribed margin of security exists.

3. The regulations of the 3rd day of December, 1894, are hereby modified in so far as they conflict with these regulations.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Notifying Lands in Taranaki for Sale by Public Auction.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and thirteenth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint Wednesday, the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, as the time at which the lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be sold by public auction; and I do hereby fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold as those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto following the description of such lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—VILLAGE OF PURANGI.

Section	Area.	Upset Price.	Section	Area.	Upset Price.
<i>Village Sections.</i>					
2	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	11	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
3	0 0 39	7 10 0	14	0 1 0	7 10 0
4	0 1 0	7 10 0	15	0 2 30	10 0 0
5	0 1 0	7 10 0	17	0 2 0	10 0 0
6	0 1 0	7 10 0	18	0 3 22	10 0 0
7	0 1 0	10 0 0	19	0 3 31	5 0 0
8	0 1 8	10 0 0	20	0 3 39	6 0 0
9	0 2 14	12 0 0	21	1 0 0	7 10 0
10	0 1 0	10 0 0			
<i>Suburban Sections.</i>					
31	5 0 0	25 0 0	38	5 3 10	23 5 0
32	4 3 30	24 13 9	41	2 3 39	14 19 5
35	6 0 20	24 10 0	42	7 3 30	39 13 9
36	5 3 10	29 1 3	43	12 1 0	49 0 0
37	4 3 0	23 15 0	45	15 0 0	60 0 0

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.

Changing the Purpose of a Reserve in Canterbury.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the second section of "The Public Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1869," do by this notification declare that the said reserve shall, from and after the seventeenth day of February instant, be appropriated for the purposes of a public recreation-ground, under Class III. of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881"; and I do hereby direct that this notification shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 9 acres 2 roods 33 perches, more or less, being Reserve No. 1262, Block VI., Hinds Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by Reserve No. 2406, 984 links; towards the north-east by Rural Section No. 4391, 886.9 links; towards the south-east by Rural Sections Nos. 16006, 20713, 22356, and Lot 33 of the Town of Hinds Reserve, 1204.9 links; and towards the south-west by a public road, 914 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Christchurch.

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Regulations under "The Mining Companies Act Amendment Act, 1897."

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

REGULATIONS.

1. Every foreign company, as defined in the said Act, shall, as soon as practicable after any yearly or half-yearly report or balance-sheet is submitted to any meeting of its shareholders held out of New Zealand, but, in any case, not later than three calendar months after such report or balance-sheet has been so submitted, publish in the *Gazette* a statement of the affairs of the company at the date to which such report or balance-sheet is prepared.

2. The form in which the statement of affairs referred to in the last-preceding section is to be published shall be as follows, that is to say:—

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS of the [Name of the company], being a Foreign Company as defined by Section 2 of "The Mining Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1897," to 189 , being date of last balance-sheet.

Company—

- The name of the company:
- When formed, and date of registration of office of company in the colony:
- Whether in active operation or not:
- Where business is conducted, and name of attorney or attorneys:
- Where the mine is situate:

Capital—

- The nominal capital:
- The amount of capital subscribed:
- The amount of capital actually paid up in cash in the colony:
- The price paid to the vendors of the mine—
 - (a.) In fully paid-up shares:
 - (b.) In partly paid-up shares, credited as £ paid up:
 - (c.) In cash:

Shares—

- The number of shares into which the capital is divided:
- The number of shares on the Colonial Register:
- The amount paid per share (Colonial Register):
- The amount called up per share (Colonial Register):
- The number and amount of calls in arrear (Colonial Register):
- The number of shares forfeited (Colonial Register):
- The number of forfeited shares on the Colonial Register sold, and the money received for the same:
- The number of shareholders on the Colonial Register:

Number of men employed—

- The number of men employed by the company in the colony:

Quantity and value of gold produced—

- The quantity and value of gold or silver produced during the period since last statement:
- The total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration of the office of the company in the colony:

Expenditure—

- The amount expended in connection with carrying on mining operations in the colony during the period since last statement:
- The total expenditure since registration of the office of the company in the colony

Dividends—

The total amount of dividends paid in the colony:

Cash—

The amount of cash at banker's in the colony:

The amount of cash in hand in the colony:

Debts—

The amount of debts directly due to the company in the colony:

The amount of such debts considered good:

The amount of the liabilities of the company (if any) in the colony:

I, _____, of _____, the Attorney of the _____ Company (Limited [or as the case may be]), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company as on the _____ day of _____, 189 _____, being the date of the last balance-sheet; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." [Signature.]

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 18 _____, before me— _____, J.P.

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister of Mines.

Trustees for the Glenorchy Public Cemetery appointed.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

SCHEDULE.

Names of Trustees.	Name of Public Cemetery, and Description of Land.
William Henry Valpy, jun. Peter Hill McConachy, and Henry Birley.	GLENORCHY. All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres, more or less, being section numbered 1, of Block XVIII., Glenorchy Township. Bounded towards the north by Coll Street, 265 links; towards the east by other part of Block XVIII. of said township, 755 links; towards the south by other part of Block XVIII. of said township, 265 links; towards the west by a street-line, 755 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin.

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Public Vaccinator, Wellington, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN TEARE, Esq., M.B., &c., Victoria Univ., Manchester, Eng.,

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

WM. HALL-JONES,

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES PEARSON

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
WILLIAM ASKEW SCOTT ..	Birmingham.
AUGUSTUS EDWARD BRAITHEWAITE ..	Hokianga.
AUGUSTUS EDWARD BRAITHEWAITE ..	Rawene.

W. C. WALKER.

Inspector of Abattoirs, &c., Borough of Greymouth, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

SAMUEL AINSWORTH

to be an Inspector of Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses, and of Cattle intended for Slaughter, under "The Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses Act, 1894," for the Borough of Greymouth.

W. C. WALKER.

Registrar under Sale of Poisons Act, Taranaki, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ROBERT LOFTUS STANFORD, Esq.,

to be Registrar under "The Sale of Poisons Act, 1871," for the Provincial District of Taranaki, vice William Stuart, Esq.

W. C. WALKER.

Officers under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," Hawke's Bay District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by section 9 of "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884,"—

HENRY O'NEILL, of Frasertown, Wairoa, and
WILLIAM FRANKLIN MAWE, of Frasertown, Wairoa,

have been appointed officers for the purposes of that Act for the District of Hawke's Bay.

W. C. WALKER.

Appointment of Consul for Austria-Hungary at Auckland.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has been informed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Queen's exequatur empowering

E. LANGGUTH, Esq.,

to act as Consul of Austria-Hungary at Auckland has received Her Majesty's signature.

W. C. WALKER.

Clerk of Licensing Committee appointed.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable PATRICK RYAN

to be Clerk of the Licensing Committee for the District of Ellesmere, vice W. H. Bristow, resigned.

T. THOMPSON.

Native Interpreter licensed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorise

SAMUEL MAIOHA,

of Kaikohe, to act as an Interpreter under "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

R. J. SEDDON,
Native Minister.

Appointment of Persons to act on the Committee of the Waitaki Islands (Maerewhenua Portion).

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following persons acting on the Committee for the care, management, and protection of the Maerewhenua portion of the Waitaki Islands, in terms of the regulations for the management of the Maerewhenua portion of the said islands, dated 11th September, 1895—viz.:-

ROBERT MCNAIR,
BENJAMIN BARTER WALSH, and
GERALD MORRIS,

the said persons having retired from the Committee and having been re-elected in terms of the said regulations.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Ranger of Crown Lands appointed for Land Districts of Nelson and Westland.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM HARRY BOASE

to be a Ranger of Crown Lands for the Land Districts of Nelson and Westland.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Land Transfer and Stamp Officer appointed.

Head Office, Stamp Department,
Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES MEACHAM BATHAM, Esq.,

to be Deputy District Land Registrar, Registrar of Deeds, Examiner of Titles, Deputy Commissioner of Stamps, and Assistant Registrar of Joint-stock Companies at Auckland, during the absence, on leave, of E. Bamford, Esq.

W. C. WALKER,
For Commissioner of Stamps.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th 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.
Adolf Andersen ..	Mariner ..	Auckland.
Raffaello Squarise ..	Musician ..	North-east Harbour, Otago.
Christian Svendsen ..	Master Mariner	Lyttelton.

W. C. WALKER.

Additional Act modifying the International Copyright Convention.

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

THE following circular despatch, received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

W. C. WALKER.

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 15th December, 1897.
SIR,—With reference to Lord Knutsford's circular despatch of the 18th November, 1887, enclosing copies of the Conven-

tion concerning the creation of an International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, signed at Berne on the 9th September, 1886, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information, and publication in the colony under your government, copies of a parliamentary paper containing an additional Act, signed at Paris on the 4th May, 1896, modifying certain articles of that Convention, together with procès-verbal, dated 9th September, 1897, recording the deposit of ratifications of the additional Act.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government
of New Zealand.

ADDITIONAL ACT MODIFYING THE INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT
CONVENTION OF THE 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1886.

[TRANSLATION.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India; His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, in the name of the German Empire; His Majesty the King of the Belgians; Her Majesty the Queen-Regent of Spain, in the name of His Majesty the King of Spain; the President of the French Republic; His Majesty the King of Italy; His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg; His Most Serene Highness the Prince of Monaco; His Highness the Prince of Montenegro; the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation; His Highness the Bey of Tunis; being equally animated by the desire to protect in a more effective and more uniform manner the rights of the authors over their literary and artistic works, have resolved to conclude an additional Act to the Convention, signed at Berne on the 9th September, 1886, respecting the establishment of an International Union for the protection of such works, and have named as their plenipotentiaries, that is to say,—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Mr. Henry Howard, Minister Plenipotentiary in Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy at Paris; Sir Henry G. Berge, Head of the Commercial and Sanitary Department of the Foreign Office:

His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, His Excellency M. Paul Reichardt, Privy Councillor, Director in the Department of Foreign Affairs; His Excellency Professor Dr. Otto Dambach, Privy Councillor; Dr. Franz Hermann Dungs, Privy Councillor, Referee to the Department of Justice; M. Felix von Müller, Councillor of the German Embassy at Paris:

His Majesty the King of the Belgians, Baron Auguste d'Anethan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Belgians to the French Republic; M. Jules de Borchgrave, Secretary of the Chamber of Representatives; Chevalier Edouard Descamps, Member of the Royal Academy of Belgium, Senator:

Her Majesty the Queen-Regent of Spain, in the name of His Catholic Majesty the King of Spain, the Marquis de Novallas, First Secretary of the Spanish Embassy at Paris:

The President of the French Republic, M. Charles de Saulce de Freycinet, member of the French Academy, Senator; M. Henri Marcel, Minister Plenipotentiary, Assistant in the Commercial Department in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; M. Charles Lyon-Caen, Member of the Institute, Professor of the Faculty of Law of Paris; M. Eugène Pouillet, President of the Order of Barristers; M. Louis Renault, Professor of the Faculty of Law of Paris, Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

His Majesty the King of Italy, Commandeur Luigi Roux, Doctor of Laws, ex-Deputy; Chevalier Georges Polacco, First Secretary of the Italian Embassy at Paris:

His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, M. Henri Vannerus, Chargé d'Affaires of Luxembourg at Paris:

His Most Serene Highness the Prince of Monaco, M. Hector de Rolland, Councillor of State, Advocate-General of the Superior Court of Monaco; M. Louis Mayer, Head of the Cabinet of His Most Serene Highness the Prince of Monaco:

His Highness the Prince of Montenegro, M. Henri Marcel, Minister Plenipotentiary, Assistant in the Commercial Department of the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

The Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation, M. Charles Edouard Lardy, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to the French Republic:

His Highness the Bey of Tunis, M. Louis Renault, Professor of the Faculty of Law of Paris:

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:—

Article I.

The International Convention of the 9th September, 1886, is modified as follows:—

1. Article II.—The first paragraph of Article II. shall run as follows:—

"Authors belonging to any one of the countries of the Union, or their lawful representatives, shall enjoy in the other countries for their works, whether unpublished, or published for the first time in one of those countries, the rights which the respective laws do now or shall hereafter grant to nationals."

A fifth paragraph is added in these terms:—

"Posthumous works are included among those to be protected."

2. Article III.—Article III. shall run as follows:—

"Authors not belonging to one of the countries of the Union, who shall have published or caused to be published for the first time their literary or artistic works in a country which is a party to the Union, shall enjoy, in respect of such works, the protection accorded by the Berne Convention and by the present additional Act."

3. Article V.—The first paragraph of Article V. shall run as follows:—

"Authors belonging to any one of the countries of the Union, or their lawful representatives, shall enjoy in the other countries the exclusive right of making or authorising the translation of their works during the entire period of their right over the original work. Nevertheless, the exclusive right of translation shall cease to exist if the author shall not have availed himself of it, during a period of ten years from the date of the first publication of the original work, by publishing or causing to be published in one of the countries of the Union a translation in the language for which protection is to be claimed."

4. Article VII.—Article VII. shall run as follows:—

"Serial stories, including tales published in the newspapers or periodicals of one of the countries of the Union, may not be reproduced, in original or translation, in the other countries, without the sanction of the authors or of their lawful representatives."

"This stipulation shall apply equally to other articles in newspapers or periodicals, when the authors or editors shall have expressly declared in the newspaper or periodical itself in which they shall have been published that the right of reproduction is prohibited. In the case of periodicals it shall suffice if such prohibition be indicated in general terms at the beginning of each number."

"In the absence of prohibition, such articles may be reproduced on condition that the source is acknowledged."

"In any case, the prohibition shall not apply to articles on political questions, to the news of the day, or to miscellaneous information."

5. Article XII.—Article XII. shall run as follows:—

"Pirated works may be seized by the competent authorities of the countries of the Union where the original work is entitled to legal protection."

"The seizure shall take place conformably to the domestic law of each State."

6. Article XX.—The second paragraph of Article XX. shall run as follows:—

"Such denunciation shall be made to the Government the Swiss Confederation. It shall only be effective regards the country making it, the Convention remaining full force and effect for the other countries of the Union."

Article II.

The final protocol annexed to the Convention of the 9th September, 1896, is modified as follows:—

1. No. 1.—This clause shall run as follows:—

"As regards Article IV., it is agreed as follows:—

"(A.) In countries of the Union where protection is accorded not only to architectural plans, but also to the architectural works themselves, these works shall be admitted to the benefits of the Berne Convention and of the present additional Act."

"(B.) Photographic works and works produced by an analogous process shall be admitted to the benefits of these engagements in so far as the laws of each State may permit, and to the extent of the protection accorded by such laws to similar national works."

"It is understood that an authorised photograph of a work of art shall enjoy legal protection in all the countries of the Union, as contemplated by the Berne Convention and by the present additional Act, for the same period as the principal right of reproduction of the work itself subsists, and within the limits of private arrangements between those who have legal rights."

2. No. 4.—This clause shall run as follows:—

"The common agreement contemplated in Article XIV. of the Convention is established as follows:—

"The application of the Berne Convention and of the present additional Act to works which have not fallen into the public domain within the country of origin at the time when these engagements come into force, shall operate according to such stipulations on this head as may be contained in special conventions either actually existing or to be concluded hereafter."

"In the absence of such stipulations between any of the countries of the Union, the respective countries shall regulate, each for itself by its domestic legislation, the manner in which the principle contained in Article XIV. is to be applied.

"The stipulations of Article XIV. of the Berne Convention and of the present clause of the final protocol shall apply equally to the exclusive right of translation, in so far as such right is established by the present additional Act.

"The temporary stipulations noted above shall be applicable to countries which may hereafter accede to the Union."

Article III.

The countries of the Union which are not parties to the present additional Act shall at any time be allowed to accede thereto on their request to that effect. This stipulation shall apply equally to countries which may hereafter accede to the Convention of the 9th September, 1886. It will suffice for this purpose that such accession should be notified in writing to the Swiss Federal Council, who shall in turn communicate it to the other Governments.

Article IV.

The present additional Act shall have the same force and duration as the Convention of the 9th September, 1886.

It shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Paris, in the manner adopted in the case of that Convention, as soon as possible, and within the space of one year at the latest.

It shall come into force as regards those countries which shall have ratified it three months after such exchange of ratifications.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at Paris in a single transcript, the 4th May, 1896.

Henry Howard.

H. G. Bergne.

Reichardt.

Otto Dambach.

Franz Hermann Dungs.

Von Müller.

Baron D'Anethan.

Jules de Borchgrave.

Chevalier Descamps.

Marquis de Novallas.

C. de Freycinet.

H. Marcel.

Ch. Lyon-Caen.

Eug. Pouillet.

L. Renault.

Luigi Roux.

G. Polacco.

Vannerus.

H. de Rolland.

Louis Mayer.

H. Marcel.

Lardy.

L. Renault.

PROCES-VERBAL RECORDING DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS.

[TRANSLATION.]

CIRCUMSTANCES having prevented action being taken within the period of delay originally fixed for the exchange of the ratifications of the additional Act of the 4th May, 1896, modifying Articles II., III., V., VII., XII., and XX. of the Convention of the 9th September, 1886, and clauses 1 and 4 of the final protocol annexed thereto, as well as of the declaration interpreting certain stipulations of the Convention of Berne of the 9th September, 1886, and of the additional Act signed at Paris on the 4th May, 1896, it has been unanimously agreed that that period should be prolonged until this day.

In consequence whereof the undersigned have met together in order to deposit the instruments in question.

Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Monaco, Montenegro, Switzerland, and Tunis have ratified both engagements.

Great Britain has ratified the additional Act alone, on behalf of the United Kingdom, as well as of all the British colonies and possessions.

Norway has only ratified the interpretative declaration.

The respective ratifications, having been produced and found to be in good and due form, have been handed to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, in order that they may be deposited in the archives of the Ministry, such deposit to be held equivalent to an exchange of ratifications.

In faith of which the undersigned have prepared the present record of deposit, to which they have affixed their seals.

Done at Paris, the 9th September, 1897.

For Germany: Von Müller.

For Belgium: Baron Alb. Fallon.

For Spain: Le Marquis De Novallas.

For France: G. Hanotaux.

For Great Britain: Edmund Monson.

For Italy: G. Tornielli.

For Luxemburg: Eugène Louis Bastin.

For Monaco: J. Depelley.

For Montenegro: H. Marcel.

For Norway: Comte Wrangel.

For Switzerland: Duplan.

For Tunis: Renault.

Certified to be a correct copy.—Ph. Crosier, Minister Plenipotentiary, Chef du Service du Protocole.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Eketahuna Road District, County of Wairarapa North.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 16th February, 1898.

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

W. C. WALKER.

EKETAHUNA ROAD BOARD.

Proposed Loan of £800 for Pukohai Road.

RESULT of poll taken on the 12th February, 1898:—

Number of ratepayers on the roll, 10, representing 10 votes: Number of ratepayers voting in favour, 7; number of votes recorded in favour, 7; number of votes not recorded, 3.

A majority of ratepayers, exercising a majority of votes, being in favour of the proposal, I therefore declare such proposal to be duly carried.

T. T. YOULE,

Road Board Office,

Eketahuna, 15th February, 1898.

Special Order made by the Paparoa Road Board, County of Manukau.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 16th February, 1898.

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

W. C. WALKER.

PAPAROA ROAD BOARD.—SPECIAL ORDER.

THAT the Board do now make a special order, that is to say: The Paparoa Road Board, having received a requisition signed by over two-thirds of the ratepayers in respect of property situated within the Paparoa Road District, and representing over half of the rateable value of the rateable property therein, that the Board levy a special rate on all the rateable property in the Paparoa Road District; such rate to be applied in assisting to pay the Board's contribution towards the repairs of the Tamaki Bridge; and hereby notify that, in accordance with sections 119 and 121 of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," and "The Rating Act, 1894," the Board will, at its next meeting, to be held on Monday, the 7th February, 1898, pass a resolution to levy a special rate of 3d. in the pound on the rateable value of all the rateable property in the district, payable in one sum on the 1st March, 1898.

JOHN NICHOLAS,

Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly proposed, and advertised, and carried by the Paparoa Road Board, and duly confirmed.

JOHN NICHOLAS,

8th February, 1898.

Clerk, Paparoa Road Board.

March 23 to be a Holiday in Otago.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 16th February, 1898.

THE public offices in the Provincial District of Otago will be closed on Wednesday, the 23rd March next, being the fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the Province of Otago.

W. C. WALKER.

Settlement of Claim for Compensation under "The Mining Act, 1891."

Mines Department,

Wellington, 8th February, 1898.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the 153rd section of "The Mining Act, 1891," it is hereby notified that the claim for compensation enumerated in the Schedule hereto, in respect to a Proclamation issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the Public Seal of the Colony on the 3rd day of December, 1895, declaring that Moonlight, Baxter's, and Caledonian Creeks, with their tributaries, in the Provincial District of Nelson, shall be watercourses into which tailings, &c., may be discharged, has been settled by agreement, as provided by the said Act.

A. J. CADMAN,

Minister of Mines.

SCHEDULE.

MOONLIGHT, BAXTER'S, AND CALEDONIAN CREEKS.

Name of Claimant.	Description of Property.
Hugh Magill	Section 32, Square 123, Grey District.

Resignations of Officers.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1898.

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

New Zealand Permanent Militia.

Captain William Tynan Powell. Resignation to date from the 31st January, 1898.

Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers.

Lieutenant Fulbert Astley Archer. Date of resignation, 1st January, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept, under section 39, (1), "The Defence Act, 1886," the services of the

No. 3 Company, Ohinemuri Rifle Volunteers,

with head-quarters at Waihi (Auckland). Acceptance to date from the 29th November, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Notification of Resignation of Seat in the House of Representatives for Electoral District of City of Wellington.

IN compliance with the provisions of the one hundred and thirty-fifth section of "The Electoral Act, 1893," I, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby notify that

Sir ROBERT STOUT, K.C.M.G.,

has resigned his seat in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of City of Wellington, and that his letter of resignation was received by me on the 10th day of February, 1898, and that the said seat is vacant by reason of such resignation.

Dated at Auckland, the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE,
Speaker.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 15th February, 1898.

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

Alfred Tournier, late of Hawera, in the Provincial District of Taranaki, builder. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

Susan Harriett Campbell McCallum, otherwise known as Sissie McCallum, late of Auckland, in the Provincial District of Auckland, lady's help. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

John Erickson, late of Deep Lead, in the Provincial District of Westland, miner. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

Louisa Maud Horn, late of Greymouth, in the Provincial District of Westland, spinster. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

Elizabeth Waddell, late of Outram, in the Provincial District of Otago, storekeeper. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

John Galbreath, late of Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, ploughman. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

Onofrio Russo, late of Makara, in the Provincial District of Wellington, fisherman. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

Joseph Russo, late of Makara, in the Provincial District of Wellington, fisherman. Filed on the 14th February, 1898.

Andrew Brown, late of Waipukurau, in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, labourer. Filed on the 5th February, 1898.

Donald Campbell McColl, late of Featherston, in the Provincial District of Wellington, shepherd. Filed on the 5th February, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of all or any of the following sections of land, situate in the Township of Normanby Extension, in the Provincial District of Taranaki: namely, Section 408, containing 1 rood; Section 410, 1 rood; Section 411, 1 rood; Section 413, 1 rood; Section 440, 38 perches; Section 455, 1 rood; Section 501, 1 rood; Section 507, 1 rood; and Section 539, 36 perches: be the several areas a little more or less. The last registered owner is Frederick Schroder, described as of Halcombe, in the Provincial District of Wellington, settler, who cannot be traced.

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 12th day of February, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Government Observatory.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations, Wellington, for the month of January, 1898. Altitude above the sea, 140ft. Observations taken at 9.30 a.m.

Date.	Barometer reduced and corrected, in Inches.	From Self-registering Instruments, for Twenty-four Hours previously.					Solar Radiation.	Terrestrial Radiation.	Rainfall, in Inches.	Vegetable Wind, in Miles.	Amount of Cloud, 0 to 10.	Direction of Wind.
		Max. Temp. in Shade.	Min. Temp. in Shade.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Fah.	Fah.						
1	29.980	67.5	55.0	61.2	127	43	..	170	4	N.W.		
2	29.980	71.5	58.5	65.0	127	51	..	390	4	N.W.		
3	29.970	69.3	60.0	64.6	124	52	..	280	4	N.W.		
4	29.850	71.5	60.5	66.0	134	54	.011	470	5	N.W.		
5	29.997	70.0	54.5	62.2	126	41	..	200	4	E.		
6	29.800	76.0	53.0	64.5	135	40	..	100	4	N.W.		
7	29.930	74.0	66.0	70.0	130	41	..	260	4	S.E.		
8	30.060	68.0	52.5	60.2	126	46	..	90	4	E.		
9	29.950	68.3	57.0	62.6	126	47	..	350	5	N.W.		
10	29.782	68.0	56.0	62.0	123	50	..	620	3	S.		
11	30.102	70.0	50.0	60.0	130	45	..	140	3	N.W.		
12	30.005	70.0	56.0	63.0	128	49	..	370	4	N.W.		
13	29.921	68.0	53.0	63.0	123	48	..	440	4	N.W.		
14	29.728	69.0	60.0	64.5	128	56	..	630	5	N.W.		
15	29.493	72.0	61.0	66.5	129	46	.010	730	4	N.W.		
16	29.750	72.0	53.0	62.5	128	43	..	220	4	N.		
17	29.556	66.0	58.3	62.1	120	45	..	340	5	N.W.		
18	29.670	66.0	51.2	58.6	122	43	.800	350	5	S.		
19	29.945	64.0	49.0	56.5	128	35	..	210	3	N.W.		
20	29.856	65.5	54.5	60.0	124	41	..	400	3	N.W.		
21	29.878	68.0	56.0	62.0	126	40	..	350	3	N.W.		
22	29.708	72.5	61.5	67.0	129	46	..	260	4	N.W.		
23	29.850	69.0	61.0	65.0	124	53	.070	400	6	S.		
24	29.997	65.5	53.0	59.2	124	40	..	200	3	N.		
25	30.072	68.0	55.0	61.5	129	41	..	280	3	S.		
26	29.937	72.5	54.0	63.2	133	39	..	120	3	N.W.		
27	29.728	74.0	58.0	66.0	135	45	..	260	3	N.W.		
28	29.669	66.5	51.0	58.7	132	37	.060	500	3	N.W.		
29	29.750	72.0	54.0	63.0	130	36	..	250	3	N.		
30	30.130	70.0	49.5	59.7	130	42	..	150	4	N.W.		
31	29.992	71.0	57.0	64.0	126	49	..	290	3	N.		
*	29.871	69.5	55.9	62.7	127.6	44.6	0.951	317	3.8	..		
†	29.862	..	..	62.6	..	..	3.905	..	..	..

* Means, &c. † Same month previous years.

NOTE.—Small rainfall during the month—the maximum recorded on the 18th, 0.80 in.; strong winds almost throughout, prevailing from N.W. The maximum temperature in shade 76°, minimum 49°; mean temperature of dew-point, 52°; mean humidity, 69.

R. B. GORE, Observer.

New Plymouth Savings-bank Balance-sheet for 1897.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Payments of the New Plymouth Savings-bank for the Year ending 31st December, 1897:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1897—				
Bank of New Zealand	.. ..	1,057	14	5
Post Office	.. ..	40	18	11
Depositors	.. ..	2,478	4	5
interest	.. ..	285	9	7
Interest from securities	.. ..	527	18	0
Post Office	.. ..	13	2	3
Securities paid off	.. ..	2,955	0	0
		<u>£7,358</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
By Balance, 31st December, 1897—				
Bank of New Zealand	.. ..	275	14	0
Post Office	.. ..	754	0	11
Depositors	.. ..	3,059	4	9
interest	.. ..	285	9	7
Loans	.. ..	2,870	12	6
Salary and Charges	.. ..	109	1	10
Audit	.. ..	4	4	0
		<u>£7,358</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES of New Plymouth Savings-bank for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
To Cash, Bank of New Zealand	.. ..	275	14	0
Post Office	.. ..	754	0	11
Securities	.. ..	6,690	0	0
investment of Reserves	.. ..	600	0	0
Accrued interest	.. ..	148	7	9
Office furniture	.. ..	19	10	3
		<u>£8,487</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
By Depositors (373)	.. ..	7,453	11	3
Balance to credit	.. ..	1,034	1	8
		<u>£8,487</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

R. PARRIS, Vice-President.
 H. WESTON,
 W. L. NEWMAN,
 R. COCK,
 ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
 A. SHUTTLEWORTH,
 PAUL C. MORTON, Manager.

} Trustees.

Audited and found correct, 24th January, 1898.
 H. A. CHOLWILL, Auditor.

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 nomi-

nation 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.

Officiating Ministers for 1898.—Notice No. 4.

Registrar-General's Office,
 Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

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

The Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland.
 The Reverend William Henry Howes, B.A.

GEO. DRURY,
 Deputy Registrar-General.

Crown Lands Notices.

Reserve in Auckland for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
 Auckland, 15th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a lease for a term of fourteen years of the under-mentioned land will be submitted at public auction, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," at this office, on Friday, the 25th March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SECTION 33, Block II., Tangihua Survey District: 65 acres. Upset annual rental, £5.

Terms.—Rent is payable half-yearly in advance. No compensation will be allowed for improvements during the currency or at the termination of lease, but the lessee may remove any buildings erected by him before the termination of the lease.

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 1s. shall be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser shall make a declaration in terms of section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892." The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in each year during the term of the license. Should the half-yearly rental at any period not be paid within thirty days, a penalty of 10 per cent. in addition will be enforced.

7. No liability is accepted by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of any fencing existing upon the Crown lands offered for license.

DECLARATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserves in Wellington Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

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

Second-class Pastoral Country.

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in Southland for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

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

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

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

FIORD COUNTY.

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

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

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whernside and Tapuaenuku Survey Districts: Run No. 121 (Kekerangu), 71,700 acres; term, 10 years; upset annual rent, £300.

Kaitarau, Tone, and Greenburn Survey Districts: Run No. 124 (Clarence), 123,200 acres; term, 7 years; upset annual rent, £650.

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

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

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

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

One half-year's rent, and £1 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	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 1d. per head for sheep.

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

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

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale.

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

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

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

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

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

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Otago, for Lease by Public Auction.

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

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

PASTORAL LANDS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4, Block XVI., Maruvenua 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., Maruvenua 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., Maruvenua District; and Sections 1 and 2, Block XVI., Maruvenua 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.	A.			Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.		
			A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Waipori ..	7	VIII.	1,268	0	36	0	4	10	11	4

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

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WEST TAUPO COUNTY.

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

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

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

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

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Land in Canterbury open for Sale or Selection.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.
Surveyed Second-class Land.

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

MACKENZIE AND WAIMATE COUNTIES.
First-class Pastoral Country.

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

Description of Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

These sums must be paid on allotment, in addition to the usual deposit of a half-year's rent and lease-fee of £1 ls. 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 ls. 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. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 7 10 0	11	XIII.	A. R. P. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 7 10 0
8	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	12	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
10	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	13	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
11	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	14	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
12	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	15	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
14	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	16	"	0 1 0	12 10 0
15	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	17	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
16	"	0 1 0	12 10 0	18	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
17	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	20	"	0 1 0	12 10 0
18	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	6	XVIII.	0 1 0	7 10 0
19	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	8	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
1	XIII.	0 1 0	12 10 0	12	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
2	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	14	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
4	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	15	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
6	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	16	"	0 1 0	12 10 0
7	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	17	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
8	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	18	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
9	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	19	"	0 1 0	7 10 0
10	"	0 1 0	7 10 0	15	XXIV.	0 1 0	25 0 0

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 Waiuu Road, and consist of level land, good soil, well grassed.

DOMETT VILLAGE.

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

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

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

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

Waihemo County.

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

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

Taieri and Maniototo Counties.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Strath Taieri	2	VI.	2,801	1	5	0	6	35 0 3

Open pastoral country lying well to the sun; watered. Situated about six miles from Middlemarch. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £410 11s. Possession on day of sale.

Waikouaiti County.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hummock & Hummock-side	Run 171A	..	2,898	0	0	0	7	42 5 3
Hummock..	171B	..	2,219	0	0	0	7	32 7 3

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

Survey District.	Run.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly 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	A. R. P. 40 0 8	£ s. d. 1 15 0	£ s. d. 70 0 0
54	III.	Oamaru ..	0 3 33	..	15 0 0
39	I.	Pomohaka ..	4 0 0	2 0 0	8 0 0
11	VIII.	Warepa ..	2 0 0	1 5 0	2 10 0
69	XVIII.	Tuapeka East	2 0 27	..	*3 0 0
83	"	"	0 2 8	..	†2 0 0
124	XIX.	"	0 1 30	..	‡3 0 0

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

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown-grant fee, within thirty days thereafter, otherwise the part of the purchase-

money paid by way of deposit shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void.

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

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

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

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

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
33 to 46, and Railway Reserve	IV.	144	3	9	4	0	28	19 3
47 to 52 ..	"	10	0	30	4	0	2	0 9
53, 54, 63, and Railway Reserve	"	18	3	13	4	0	3	15 4
55 to 62 ..	"	14	3	26	4	0	2	19 8

Level open country; good soil; well grassed.

PHOEBE VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

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

Level open country; good soil; well grassed.

MINA VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

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

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

DOMETT VILLAGE.—LOWRY PEAKS SURVEY DISTRICT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

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

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

DECLARATION.

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

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

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

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

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

TERMS OF SALE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—SELWYN COUNTY.—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. 2 0 0	£ s. d. 2 12 7	£ s. d. 2 12 7
15	"	1 0 0	2 12 7	1 6 4

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

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

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

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
10	X.	A. R. P. 362 2 0	s. d. 5 0	£ s. d. 45 6 3

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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., Opu-

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 open 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. 5 1 13	£ s. d. 0 18 0	£ s. d. 2 8 0
3A	"	13 0 39	1 0 6	6 15 9
4	"	13 0 0	1 0 6	6 13 3
5A	"	6 2 11	1 0 6	3 7 4
6	"	6 1 34	0 18 0	2 18 2
7	"	11 0 2	1 8 0	7 14 3
8	"	5 0 26	1 3 0	2 19 5
9A	"	5 0 8	1 5 6	3 4 5
10A	"	2 1 1	1 11 0	1 15 0
11A	"	4 1 18	1 11 0	3 7 8
12A	"	2 1 15	1 16 0	2 2 3
13A	"	2 0 11	2 1 0	2 2 5
14A	"	4 0 15	1 11 0	3 3 6
15A	"	2 1 23	2 8 0	2 17 6
16A	"	1 0 3	2 18 11	1 10 0
17A	"	4 2 24	1 11 0	3 12 2
18A	"	1 0 13	3 4 9	1 15 0
19A	"	4 2 12	2 3 0	4 18 5
20	"	1 1 2	3 3 4½	2 0 0
21	"	1 0 37	4 1 3	2 10 0
22	"	29 1 30	0 10 0	7 7 3
23	"	54 3 29	0 9 0	12 7 3
24	"	31 0 23	0 10 0	7 15 9
25	"	5 0 35	1 11 0	4 0 11
26	"	5 0 32	1 11 0	4 0 8
27	"	4 2 21	1 8 0	3 4 11
28	"	4 3 8	1 3 0	2 15 3
29	"	8 3 15	0 18 0	3 19 8
30	"	5 3 38	1 8 0	4 3 10
31	"	6 0 0	1 8 0	4 4 0
32	"	9 0 32	1 8 0	6 8 10
33	"	9 0 25	1 8 0	6 8 3
34	"	5 1 6	1 8 0	3 14 1
35	"	5 0 14	1 8 0	3 11 3
36	"	5 0 36	1 8 0	3 13 2
37	"	5 2 7	1 8 0	3 17 8
38	"	6 1 19	1 8 0	4 9 2
39	"	5 1 25	1 8 0	3 15 9
40	"	5 1 26	1 8 0	3 15 10

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.

Vital Statistics, January, 1898.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of January, 1898:—
 RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the month of January, 1898.

BOROUGHES.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1898.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHES.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHES REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1898.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, January, 1898.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1897.
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Auckland	57,616	32,274	65	10	2	10	8	1	11	42	1.30	12.99		
Birkenhead		720	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1.39	5.64
Devonport		3,205	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	0.62	8.63
Newmarket		2,041	2	..	..	1	..	1	3	5	2.45	12.53
Newton		2,580	7	2	..	3	1	1	..	7	2.71	6.18		
Parnell		4,233	11	2	1	..	..	..	3	6	1.42	12.65
Other suburbs		*	
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	45,053	96	14	3	16	9	3	18	63	1.40	12.14		
Wellington	41,758	40,220	95	8	..	11	3	..	19	41	1.02	12.03		
Karori		1,038	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.96	6.76
Melrose		2,126	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	0.47	3.34
Onslow		1,813	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.76	4.63
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	44,697	110	8	..	12	3	1	20	44	0.98	11.25		
Christchurch	51,330	17,257	31	2	..	10	1	..	12	25	1.45	13.15		
Linwood		6,348	15	2	..	2	2	..	4	10	1.53	11.47		
St. Albans		6,265	12	1	..	3	2	..	1	7	1.12	9.42		
Sydenham		10,630	22	3	..	1	4	..	2	10	0.94	10.63		
Woolston		2,228	6	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.90	9.30
Other suburbs		*	
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	42,728	86	8	..	17	9	..	20	54	1.26	11.54		
Dunedin	47,280	23,323	47	1	1	12	1	1	9	25	1.07	11.81		
Caversham		4,829	10	..	..	8	..	..	2	10	2.07	15.59
Maori Hill		1,548	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1.29	6.56
Mornington		3,787	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.26	6.04
North-east Valley		3,515	10	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.57	10.17
Roslyn		4,219	7	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	0.71	8.10
St. Kilda		1,294	8	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	2.32	1.61
South Dunedin		4,762	9	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	0.84	9.46
West Harbour		1,395	5	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	2.15	5.05
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	48,672	103	2	1	29	1	1	19	53	1.08	10.45		

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

Some few of the estimated populations given above are subject to revision, the data necessary for the computations not having as yet been supplied in all cases.

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

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 395, against 377 in December, an increase of 18. The deaths in January were 214, an increase of 53 on the number in December. Of the total deaths, males contributed 110, females 104. Sixty-three of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 29.44 per cent. of the whole number; 54 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 59 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: eight men, 65, 66, 67, 68 (two), 72, 81, 87, and five women, 70, 80, 81, 83, 89, died at Auckland; four men, 69, 75, 76, 78, and five women, 72, 76, 80, 86, 87, at Wellington; nine men, 65, 66 (two), 67, 69, 70 (two), 71, 74, and ten women, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 80, 81, 83, 93, at Christchurch; and thirteen men, 68, 69 (four), 70 (two), 74, 75, 79, 80 (two), 94, and five women, 69, 71, 74, 88, 92, at Dunedin.

The following Table shows the Causes of the Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 Years of Age and 5 Years and upwards, and the Proportion per Cent. of Deaths from each Cause, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the month of January, 1898.

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	10	5	7	8	7	7	..	5	49	22.90
II.	Parasitic Diseases ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.47
III.	Dietetic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	2	5	1	9	..	7	..	18	42	19.62
V.	Developmental Diseases	3	3	..	1	3	4	1	..	15	7.01
VI.	Local Diseases ..	11	18	4	12	5	18	3	25	96	44.86
VII.	Violence ..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	1.87
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	3	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	7	3.27
	Totals ..	29	34	12	32	17	37	5	48	214	100.00

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.	
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.										
ORDER 1:—										
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>										
Fracture of Thigh	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wound in Neck	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—										
<i>Suicide,—</i>										
By Shooting	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Hanging	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VIII.— ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.										
Marasmus, &c.	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	6
Gangrene	1	..	..	..	1
Totals	29	..	34	12	..	32	17	..	37
										5
										48
										214

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

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the rate at Wellington and Christchurch, but raises it at Auckland and Dunedin. The rates for January are:—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	1·30
and five suburban boroughs	1·40
Wellington City	1·02
and three suburban boroughs	0·98
Christchurch City	1·45
and four suburban boroughs	1·26
Dunedin City	1·07
and eight suburban boroughs	1·08

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest and at Wellington the lowest.

Compared with January, 1897, the results are,—

	January, 1897.	January, 1898.
Auckland and suburbs	1·05	1·40
Wellington and suburbs	1·17	0·98
Christchurch and suburbs	0·97	1·26
Dunedin and suburbs	0·93	1·08

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—In the month of January the deaths from these causes numbered 49, or 22·90 per cent. of total mortality in the four chief towns and their suburbs. Influenza was fatal in 22 cases (3 at Auckland, 10 at Wellington, 5 at Christchurch, and 4 at Dunedin). From typhoid fever there was 1 death, at Auckland, and from diphtheria 2 deaths were recorded, at Christchurch. Diarrhoea and cholera infantum claimed 21 victims, and there were 3 deaths from blood-poisoning.

Parasitic Diseases.—One death from hydatids of liver occurred at Auckland.

Constitutional Diseases.—There were 42 deaths from constitutional diseases, and of this number 19 were caused by phthisis, and 13 by cancer.

Local Diseases.—In this class are tabulated 96 deaths, or 44·86 per cent. of the total number of deaths from all causes. Diseases of the nervous system (apoplexy, meningitis, paralysis, &c.) caused 26 deaths; diseases of the heart, 21; pneumonia, bronchitis, and other lung-diseases, 19; and diseases of the digestive system, 23.

Violent Deaths.—Only 4 violent deaths were registered during January: 2 of these were accidental—a woman of 81 died from the effects of a broken thigh, and a man of 54 from a wound in the neck, both at Auckland. Two verdicts of "Suicide" were returned at Wellington—a waiter aged 22 years shot himself, and a seaman of 27 years committed suicide by hanging.

The subjoined table shows the mortality for the last two months at each of the four centres from six principal specific febrile or zymotic diseases, and also the deaths from certain inflammatory diseases of the lungs. These causes of death have been distinguished from the others of the classes to which they belong as being the most important special diseases which give rise to sudden increases in the death-rates of towns, and the prevalence of which is closely connected with sanitary condition and climatic influence of the season on health.

Towns.	SIX PRINCIPAL SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG-DISEASES.							
	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Typhoid and other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping-cough.		Diarrheal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	5	2	3	..	..	1	2	..	..
Wellington and suburban boroughs	4	..	..	2	1	..	2	3	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	2	..	..	..	7	..	2	4	..	..	1	2	..	..
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	1	2	..	..	3	2	4	..
Totals	1	..	2	..	..	..	21	5	5	11	1	..	7	9	4	..

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the Month of January, 1898.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1898.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1898.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Jan., 1898.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of mean Population in the Year 1897.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Thames	5,500	13	..	2	1	..	..	1	4	0.73	11.64
New Plymouth	4,081	14	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	0.74	10.49
Napier	9,888	28	3	1	3	3	1	2	13	1.88	12.07		
Wanganui	6,103	18	1	..	1	1	..	2	5	0.82	11.53		
Palmerston North	6,143	21	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	0.65	7.40
Blenheim	3,148	10	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	0.95	12.21
Nelson	6,804	14	..	..	4	..	..	1	5	0.73	9.76
Greymouth	3,319	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.60	14.87
Hokitika	2,252	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	1.78	18.33
Lyttelton	4,053	11	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.25	11.21
Timaru	3,732	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.54	11.62
Oamaru	5,309	15	1	..	2	1	..	..	4	0.75	8.68
Invercargill	5,689*	12	1	..	5	..	..	2	8	1.41	8.94

* At the census taken in April, 1896, the population of Invercargill and suburbs was 9,996 persons.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 11th February, 1898.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR JANUARY, 1898.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month*	66.0	62.7	65.7	59.6
Average same month previous years*...	67.4	62.6	61.9	57.1
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	90.0 on 4th	76.0 on 6th	94.0 on 4th	90.0 on 2nd
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	49.0 on 19th	49.0 on 19th	41.0 on 19th	40.0 on 18th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	138.0 on 4th, 18th	135.0 on 6th, 27th	145.8 on 4th	148.0 on 2nd
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	46.0 on 19th	35.0 on 19th	35.4 on 19th	36.0 on 18th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	65	69	52	66
Average same month previous years ...	71	70	...	74
Total Rainfall, in inches	3.140	0.950	0.691	2.098
Average same month previous years ...	2.602	3.905	2.278	3.915
Number of Days of Rain	10	5	4	15
Average same month previous years ...	10	9	5	14

* Fahrenheit.

NOTE.—This table is prepared from unchecked averages, transmitted by telegraph in anticipation of the full returns, and must not be entirely relied on for compiling Meteorological Statistics.

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

Rainfall for January.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
NORTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.				
Parengarenga	A. R. Crane	1.98	5	0.97 on 17th.
Pakaraka	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C.	3.10	5	2.30 on 5th.
Parua Bay	D. Davidson	3.66	9	2.80 on 5th.
Auckland	Government Observer	3.14	10	1.15 on 5th.
Cuvier Island	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
Te Aroha	P. Snewin .. .. .	..	..	..
Tauranga	R. O. Stewart	4.86	6	2.64 on 6th.
Athenree (Tauranga)	Captain Stewart	6.61	10	3.18 on 6th.
Rotorua	Dr. Ginders	2.06	6	0.95 on 5th.
(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGDMONT.				
Kaitaia	W. G. Puckey	1.42	5	0.55 on 5th.
Okaihau	H. C. Burleigh .. .. .	..	..	..
Awakino	N. A. Robison	3.02	8	1.57 on 17th.
Raglan	H. V. Rutherford .. .. .	..	..	..
Te Kopua (Waikato)	Rev. H. Young	1.93	4	1.00 on 5th.
New Plymouth	E. Veale	2.63	7	1.67 on 18th.
Upper Mongorei	Mrs. Monro	6.02	9	2.41 on 18th.
Inglewood	Miss E. Trimble	6.93	9	3.97 on 18th.
Ngatimaru	R. Drummond	7.53	6	3.65 on 18th.
(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGDMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.				
Opuhi	D. Wilkie .. .. .	..	..	..
Upper Waitotara	E. F. Liffiton	1.87	5	0.91 on 18th.
Omata Valley*	C. Forde	0.35	2	0.30 on 18th.
Stratford	Miss Bobin	3.63	6	2.89 on 18th.
Opunake	A. H. Moore	1.87	5	1.09 on 18th.
Manaia	G. A. Hurley	1.58	5	0.69 on 18th.
Hawera	J. Livingston	1.06	5	0.45 on 18th.
Kaponga	C. Maclean	1.13	6	0.56 on 18th.
Wanganui	T. Ward	0.91	4	0.31 on 18th.
Kaitoke	A. Wyehodil	0.77	5	0.42 on 18th.
No. 2 Line (Wanganui)	H. I. Jones	0.85	6	0.45 on 18th.
Raetihi (Wanganui)	G. T. Murray	3.51	6	2.14 on 18th.
Parapara School (Wanganui)	J. Katters Manning .. .. .	..	..	..
Campbelltown	H. Sanson	1.75	6	0.82 on 17th.
Feilding	S. Goodbehere	1.26	5	0.71 on 18th.
Te Kumut†	Dr. Anson	0.75	3	0.58 on 18th.
Hunterville	G. L. Cook	1.22	6	0.52 on 18th.
Erehwon	Miss Birch	0.75	7	0.33 on 18th.
Ruanui	J. F. Studholme	0.92	6	0.46 on 18th.
West Waitapu	J. Gurlee	1.25	7	0.51 on 15th.
Ashurst	H. Barnes	1.59	7	0.66 on 18th.
Bull's	E. J. Keiller	1.54	5	0.77 on 18th.
Palmerston North	C. J. Monro	2.31	6	1.13 on 18th.
State Farm (Levin)	O. J. Blaine	1.84	8	1.04 on 18th.
Otaki	M. H. Ayre	1.46	6	1.09 on 17th.
Kereru	C. A. Muggleton	2.66	5	1.38 on 17th.
Pukerua	W. Bell	1.06	2	1.05 on 17th.
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.				
Waipiro	J. S. Dodgshun	4.48	4	3.24 on 6th.
Matahiia	F. J. Kemp	4.44	3	3.20 on 6th.
Tolago Bay	A. Reeves	5.05	2	3.05 on 6th.
Gisborne	Rev. H. W. Williams	3.53	5	2.36 on 6th.
Patutahi	H. N. Watson	3.43	3	2.01 on 6th.
Maraetaha	J. Woodbine Johnson	3.00	4	2.30 on 6th.
Tiniroto	J. Cook .. .. .	..	..	..
Waikaremoana	Fenton Lambert	3.90	4	2.00 on 6th.
Tutira Lake	H. Guthrie-Smith	2.00	2	1.46 on 6th.
Rakamoana	J. Moore	2.30	5	1.57 on 6th.
Te Kowhai	J. H. Absolom	1.73	4	1.20 on 6th.
Petane	W. H. Smith	1.49	2	1.12 on 6th.
Napier	E. Lyndon	1.27	3	0.98 on 5th.
Hastings	J. N. Williams	0.66	4	0.41 on 6th.
Waimarama	Thomas R. Moore	0.50	3	0.30 on 5th.
Mangakuri	G. C. Williams	0.36	3	0.30 on 6th.
Te Aute	S. B. Ludbrook	0.27	3	0.15 on 6th.
Maraekakaho	A. Lockie	0.57	4	0.33 on 6th.
Gwavas	J. Nicoll	0.51	6	0.27 on 6th.
Mount Vernon	J. W. Harding	0.02	2	0.01 on 5th and 6th.
Ormondville	J. C. Westall	0.74	7	0.25 on 23rd.
Woodville	J. Leithead	1.96	9	0.90 on 18th.
Pahiatua	W. Tosswill	2.64	6	1.35 on 18th.
Newman	W. H. Herbert .. .. .	..	..	..
Tane	H. A. Lambert	3.08	6	1.40 on 18th.
Otahuao	Miss E. A. D. Bennett	0.25	1	0.25 on 18th.
Masterton	E. Couborne .. .. .	..	..	..
Carterton	H. Braithwaite	0.30	2	0.25 on 18th.
Featherston	G. G. Wellsted	0.67	2	0.38 on 14th.
Summit	M. Cronin	4.58	7	2.10 on 18th.
Upper Hutt	M. Maher	3.20	4	2.10 on 17th.
Taita	T. Mason	2.46	4	1.98 on 18th.
Wainuiomata	J. Quintance	1.74	4	1.14 on 19th.
Lower Hutt	Miss Heaton	1.94	4	1.46 on 18th.
Petone	Sir J. Hector	1.97	4	1.58 on 18th.
Wellington	Government Observer	0.95	5	0.80 on 18th.
Karori	W. Edmonds	0.57	3	0.55 on 18th.
Late returns—				
* December .. .. .	.. .. .	0.74	7	0.24 on 28th.
† December .. .. .	.. .. .	1.18	6	0.54 on 21st.

Rainfall for January—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for previous Twenty-four Hours).
SOUTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.				
Nelson	Dr. Hudson	0.80	5	0.45 on 17th.
Stephens Island*	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
The Brothers	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds)	W. B. Tosswill	2.44	8	1.35 on 18th.
Blenheim	N. T. Prichard	0.21	2	0.19 on 18th.
Cape Campbell	Lightkeeper	0.70	1	0.70 on 18th.
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	1.09	2	1.06 on 18th.
Kekerangu	W. J. White	1.14	4	0.85 on 18th.
Mount Fyffe (Kaikoura)	Miss H. Collins	1.71	3	1.53 on 18th.
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Farewell Spit	Lightkeeper	2.17	7	0.55 on 28th.
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	5.99	7	1.67 on 28th.
Westport	H. S. Ewan	6.79	15	1.31 on 18th.
Ngahere	J. Scott	10.29	15	1.86 on 3rd.
Greymouth	J. Conner	11.11	17	2.13 on 23rd.
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	12.00	13	1.75 on 28th.
Dusky Sound	R. Henry .. .. .	..	..	..
Puysegur Point	Lightkeeper	35.79	27	7.15 on 14th.
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.				
Waiau	F. S. Northcote	1.46	3	1.35 on 18th.
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	0.53	4	0.41 on 18th.
Port Hills (Christchurch)	Miss M. L. Higgins	0.49	4	0.35 on 18th.
Christchurch	A. L. Taylor .. .. .	..	..	..
Linwood	J. A. Biltcliff	0.68	4	0.37 on 18th.
Lincoln	C. O. Lillie	0.69	4	0.62 on 18th.
Southbridge	J. McMillan	0.61	3	0.52 on 18th.
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	1.02	3	0.95 on 18th.
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	0.55	4	0.43 on 18th.
Orari	John Murray	1.12	5	0.81 on 18th.
Bealey	C. White	5.78	9	2.28 on 14th.
Mt. Peel	Miss L. A. D. Acland	1.05	9	0.25 on 8th.
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	2.50	7	1.70 on 18th.
Methven	H. G. Baker	1.96	6	1.62 on 18th.
Drayton (Methven)	E. Chapman	1.58	3	1.38 on 18th.
Ashburton	A. E. Hart	1.01	2	0.96 on 18th.
Timaru	C. H. Inglis	0.74	7	0.40 on 18th.
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	1.00	5	0.58 on 18th.
Geraldine	Captain E. F. Temple	1.41	6	0.97 on 18th.
Windsor Park (Oamaru)	E. Menlove	0.99	8	0.33 on 17th.
Oamaru	W. Anderson	1.07	7	0.31 on 17th.
Maheno	C. de V. Teschemaker .. .. .	..	..	..
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Macetown	W. J. Stanford	3.76	12	1.40 on 14th.
Queenstown	L. Hotop .. .. .	..	..	..
St. Bathans	J. Ewing	2.14	10	0.71 on 14th.
Gladbrook Station	D. Crawford	3.27	11	0.77 on 13th.
Roxburgh	Dr. W. J. Mullin	1.66	11	0.29 on 13th.
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	0.61	8	0.32 on 17th.
Dunedin	Government Observer	2.09	15	0.53 on 4th.
Eweburn	H. J. Mathews	0.30	1	0.30 on 17th.
Tapanui	H. J. Mathews	2.65	15	0.62 on 4th.
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore	1.54	6	0.54 on 9th.
Balclutha	C. C. Halliday	2.43	12	0.46 on 10th.
Naseby	G. L. Stewart	0.81	7	0.45 on 17th.
Clyde	L. D. Macgeorge	0.85	3	0.45 on 13th.
Wyndham	W. H. Rodney	6.56	11	1.27 on 14th.
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	3.97	8	1.55 on 22nd.
Ratanui	G. M. Draper	4.52	18	0.75 on 14th.
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	9.92	19	1.00 on 13th.
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	7.13	18	1.00 on 4th.
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	3.91	10	0.98 on 4th.
Chatham Islands†	A. Shand	1.77	10	1.10 on 7th.
Late returns --				
* December .. .. .	.. .. .	0.20	1	0.20 on 22nd.
† { October .. .. .	.. .. .	1.92	18	0.40 on 4th.
{ November .. .. .	.. .. .	1.73	19	0.40 on 4th.
{ December .. .. .	.. .. .	1.44	13	0.25 on 10th.

J. HECTOR, Director.

Meteorological Office, Museum, Wellington, New Zealand.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of JANUARY, 1898, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom	132	55	18	16	221	17	25	2	5	49
New South Wales	880	438	82	69	1,469	564	300	47	36	947
Queensland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria	272	198	22	19	511	115	88	11	12	226
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	70	24	1	1	96	42	27	3	1	73
Fiji	18	10	3	2	33	4	4	1	..	9
Other British possessions	2	..	..	..	2*	25	13	5	5	48†
Pacific Islands	11	2	1	1	15‡	3	1	..	..	4§
Other foreign ports	25	8	3	1	37||	19	3	..	1	23¶
Totals, January, 1898	1,410	735	130	109	2,384	789	461	69	60	1,379
Totals, January, 1897	1,317	644	97	96	2,154	680	320	63	64	1,127

* From Cape Colony. † For Cook Islands, 20; Friendly Islands, 3; Vancouver, 25. ‡ From Friendly Islands. § For Friendly Islands. || From United States of America—West Coast, 14; Vancouver, 23. ¶ For United States of America, West Coast.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Kaipara .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	6	4	10
Auckland	855	102	642	315	957	580	57	407	230	637
Wellington	680	90	492	278	770	391	41	275	157	432
Napier	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	..	2
Timaru .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	2
Invercargill	609	47	406	250	656	270	25	168	127	295
Totals, January, 1898	2,145	239	1,540	844	2,384	1,250	129	858	521	1,379
Totals, January, 1897	1,961	193	1,414	740	2,154	1,000	127	743	384	1,127

CHINESE.—Arrivals at Wellington, 3; Departures from Wellington, 9.

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 16th February, 1898.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 7th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Tauranga on the 2nd day of March, 1898, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it. [Auckland, 98-10.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATION FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1	Ngawharau Herewini, Wiremu Pepeka (194-30, 1/205)	Mataiwhetu.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 77 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
28	Richard John Gill, Land Purchase Officer, Tauranga (194-11, 1/202)	Mataiwhetu.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 14th February, 1898
 NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Whangarei on the 15th day of March, 1898, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.
 JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 98-12.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
3	Ngawai Amato (by her solicitor, E. Thurlow Field) (785-23, 1/236)	Mangakahia No. 2A No. 1.
4	Topia te Wae, for Erueti Kerepete (by his solicitor, E. Thurlow Field) (390-10, 1/237)	Whakapae No. 2B.
5	Hemi Kingi, Tau Pepene, Hepi Monariki, and Hare Wetiwha (863-3, 1/240)	Ngararatunua No. 2B.
6	Kaa Rako (785-28, 1/241)	Mangakahia No. 2A2 No. 1.
7	Thomas H. Wellington (463-10, 1/242)	Toiroa No. 1c.
8	Eru Pohe, Hare Pohe, Matire Hirawani, Harata Tarawau, Te Koi Tarawau, Ngatikahu Tarawau (647-5, 1/243)	Ngararatunua 2B.
9	James Johnson (840-8, 1/246)	Whatitiri No. 1c.
10	Hannah Johnson	Whatitiri No. 1A.

APPLICATIONS TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
27	Manira Whatarau, Matire Mete, Rihī Kake, and Mete Kake (318-13, 1/173)	Puhipuhi No. 4A.
28	Pirini Kake (560-2, 1/238)	Whitingaramarama.
29	Piri Kake, Manira Mereana Peru, Tanatiu Huna, and others (390-11, 1/244)	Te Whakapae.
30	James Johnson (840-7, 1/245)	Whatitiri No. 1c.

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
32	Pereri Kerepeti (1-108)	Haki Kopa.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

No.	Name of Surveyor.	Name of Block.	Area.			Amount.		
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
33	H. Munro Wilson (318-14, 4/65)	Puhipuhi No. 4				16	8	2
34	H. Munro Wilson (318-15, 4/65)	Puhipuhi No. 4A				26	8	8
35	H. Munro Wilson (318-16, 4/65)	Puhipuhi No. 4B				26	8	8
36	H. Munro Wilson (318-17, 4/65)	Puhipuhi No. 5				16	8	2
37	H. Munro Wilson (613-1, 4/69)	Toetoe No. 1A	52	1	8	4	16	3
38	H. Munro Wilson (613-2, 4/69)	Toetoe No. 1B	7	2	27	2	11	7
39	H. Munro Wilson (613-3, 4/70)	Toetoe No. 1D	7	2	27	4	5	4
40	H. Munro Wilson (563-6, 4/70)	Toetoe No. 2A	8	3	0	2	13	9
41	H. Munro Wilson (563-7, 4/70)	Toetoe No. 2B	27	3	12	4	1	8
42	H. Munro Wilson (772-4, 4/70)	Toetoe No. 4	38	2	24	5	7	10
43	H. Munro Wilson (772-5, 4/71)	Toetoe No. 4A	7	3	8	2	11	10
44	H. Munro Wilson (606-11, 4/71)	Kopuawaiwaha No. 2A	63	1	13	11	10	6
45	H. Munro Wilson (608-6, 4/71)	Waitomotomo No. 3A	312	2	6	25	4	0
46	H. Munro Wilson (785-24, 4/72)	Mangakahia No. 2A2, No. 1	163	2	24	16	14	0
47	H. Munro Wilson (785-25, 4/72)	Mangakahia No. 2A2, No. 2	229	0	21	18	10	9
48	H. Munro Wilson (785-26, 4/72)	Mangakahia No. 2A2, No. 3	280	2	0	22	7	9
49	H. Munro Wilson (785-27, 4/72)	Mangakahia No. 2A2, No. 4	100	3	4	12	12	0
50	H. Munro Wilson (707-19, 4/76)	Kiripaka No. 1	14	3	27	7	0	0
51	H. Munro Wilson (707-20, 4/76)	Kiripaka No. 1B No. 3A	44	3	27	8	16	2
52	H. Munro Wilson (707-21, 4/76)	Kiripaka No. 1B No. 3B	23	1	11	6	8	9
53	H. Munro Wilson (707-22, 4/76)	Kiripaka No. 1B No. 3B	23	1	11	0	11	3

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

KIRIPAKA No. 1B Nos. 1, 2, 3, AND 4.—AMENDMENT OF BOUNDARIES.

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WHEREAS notice under section 40 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," has been given by H. Munro Wilson, authorised surveyor, that it has appeared to him, when making a survey for the purpose of carrying out the orders of the Court for Kiripaka No. 1B Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 Blocks, that a deviation from certain lines laid down by the Court would be expedient:

Now, therefore, it is hereby notified that a Judge will sit at Whangarei, on the 15th day of March, 1898, to make such inquiries in the matter as he may think fit, and, after hearing the parties interested, to vary or amend the orders in such manner as he may consider advisable.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

Land referred to the Native Land Court for Inquiry under Section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

IN pursuance of an Order in Council, dated the 11th day of October, 1897, authorising the Native Land Court to exercise its jurisdiction under subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," in respect of the land described in the Schedule hereto, and to determine whether 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 lands, 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 (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," it is hereby notified that at a sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Whangarei on the 15th day of March, 1898, and succeeding days, the Court will proceed to inquire into the above cases, in accordance with the terms of the said Order in Council.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Land.	District.	Area.
55	Pukahakaha East (551-5, 1/119)	Whangarei	253 acres.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
56	Lease (C.A. 95-40) ..	6th March, 1895 ..	Part of Maruata ..	Riwi Taikawa, of Maruata, Whangarei, to David Cambie, of the same place.
57	Mortgage (C.A. 98-15) ..	3rd February, 1898 ..	Pukepoto C No. 1 ..	Erana Nehua, of Whakapara, Whangarei, to the Government Advances to Settlers Office Superintendent.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Applications under Section 55.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Commissioner of the Court for a certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienation hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificate must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice.

[Auckland, Section 55, 98-1.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Conveyance (C.A. 98-16) ..	18th January, 1898 ..	Old Land Claim No. 185, on the Okura River, in the County of Hokianga	Susan Hawkins Johnson, of Te Karetu, Kawakawa, and Mary Hawkins Kirkpatrick, wife of David John Kirkpatrick, of Te Kawakawa, to Anne Palmer Williams, wife of Thomas Coldham Williams, of Wellington.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Application under Section 55.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Judge of the Court for a certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienation hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificate must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice.

[Gisborne, 98-8.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
433	Transfer	23rd October, 1895 ..	Opoho No 4D ..	Peta Nepia to R. G. Vaughan.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 14th 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 Wellington on the 18th day of March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington 98-11.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
334	Conveyance (97-450) ..	24th November, 1897	Section 13, Square 91, Nelson or Onatea	Karepa te Whetu to Alfred Allport.
335	Lease (98-3)	7th December, 1897	Aotea No. 2.	Pene Koti to Patrick Mungavin.
336	Memorandum of mortgage (98-12)	13th January, 1898 ..	Polhill's Gully, Section 39, part Lot 2	Taare Tahua to Anthony Wall.
337	Transfer (98-13) ..	8th December, 1897	Tutae Paraikete, Sub-division 1B	Metapere Ropata Tangahoe to Ernest Lamley Whitehouse.
338	Lease (91-112)	22nd May, 1891	Puahi A3	Patara te Wakatahuhu to John Strang.
339	Transfer (91-113) ..	28th May, 1891	Puahi A3	Patara te Wakatahuhu to Ripeka Kaiwarikihi and others.

APPLICATION FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
340	Tarihira Keriti and others	Te Haukaretu.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
353	Ani Waaka Bluett	Belmont, Block XI., Section 7, Subdivision 19.
354	Rangiwhaia te Puni and others	Parangarahu No. 1.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 36 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
355	Komene Patara and Te Rangioraro (by their solicitor, P. E. Baldwin)	Maungaraki No. 1.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
356	Jeannette Poutawera	Tamati Hori Poutawera.
357	George Richards	Kuraheke Pumipi.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Notice under Rule 138.

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 14th February, 1898.

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

[Sec. 55, 98-4.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Conveyance (98-34) ..	30th December, 1897	Te Apiti 2c No. 2 ..	Kato Ateriana to George Beetham, Norman Beetham, and Joseph Heathcote Williams.
2	Conveyance (98-35) ..	21st December, 1897..	Te Apiti 2d No. 3 and Te Apiti 2b	Airini Tonore to George Beetham, Norman Beetham, and Joseph Heathcote Williams.

Native Land Court Agent licensed.

[In continuation of notice, dated 31st January, 1898, and published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 7, of 3rd idem, page 204.]

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,
NEW ZEALAND.

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

TAITUHA HAPE.

Dated at Wellington, this 15th day of February, 1898.

EDWARD BUCKLE,
Registrar.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES ALEXANDER PATERSON, of Auckland, Carpenter, 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.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 7th February, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following dividends will be payable at my office, Browning Street, Napier, on Tuesday, 15th February instant, on all proved and admitted claims:—

Tyerman and Bishop, of Hastings, Chemists, first and final, of 20s. in the pound.

Bishop, Henry, of Hastings, Chemist, first and final, of 20s. in the pound.

Cottle, Lawrence, of Hastings, Commission Agent, first and final, of 1s. 1½d. in the pound.

Ballantyne, Henry Charles, of Taradale, Storekeeper, second and final, of 1s. 5½d. in the pound.

Hollis, Richard, of Taradale, Drover, first and final, of 1s. 5½d. in the pound.

Hatton, Arthur, late of Hastings, Butcher, first and final, of 2s. 9d. in the pound.

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

Napier, 14th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES WEATHERALL, of Wanganui, Fruiterer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 15th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1898, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1898.

Allcock, David, Wanganui, Publican.

Cameron, Charles, Turakina, Farmer.

Balmer, J. D., Wanganui, Livery-stable Keeper.

Remnant, G. W., Ohingaiti, Livery-stable Keeper.

Magnuson, F. G., Wanganui, Tailor.

Wiremu Kauika, Waitotara, Aboriginal Native.

Richardson, A. H., Wanganui, Farmer.

Cumberland, W., Wanganui, Cabinetmaker.

Lee, John, Marton, Labourer.

Tartalini, J. H., Marton, Boardinghouse-keeper.

Burke, P., Wanganui, Contractor.

Bartz, H., Mangamahua, Labourer.

Henderson, A., Hunterville, Labourer.

Meyer, W. A., Wanganui, Coach-driver.

Bridger, E. H., Wanganui, Labourer.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES SAMUEL WILLIAMSON, of Ashurst, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 8th day of February, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

G. J. SCOTT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Palmerston North, 31st January, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN HOLLON, of Christchurch, Musician, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 15th day of February, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

G. L. GREENWOOD,
Official Assignee.

Christchurch, 8th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM DAVID ROBINSON, of Christchurch, Draper's Assistant, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 17th day of February, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

G. L. GREENWOOD,
Official Assignee.

Christchurch, 12th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that NICHOLAS FITZGERALD, of Tinwald, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 21st day of February, 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN DAVISON,
Deputy Official Assignee.

14th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM OWERS, of Timaru, Grocer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, Arcade, Timaru, on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 12th February, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that a first and final dividend, of 8s. 11½d. in the pound, upon all proved debts in the estate of SEPTIMUS EYES, Baker and Grocer, of Picton, a bankrupt, will be paid at my office on and after Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1898.

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

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Mining Notices.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waitekauri Cross Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration (in New Zealand): 4th March, 1896; 6th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Pollen Street, Thames; Samuel Hetherington.
 Nominal capital: £100,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: Have not full information.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Have not full information.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Have not full information.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Have not full information.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 75,000.
 Amount paid per share: Have not the information.
 Amount called up per share: Have not the information.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Have not the information.
 Number of shares forfeited: Have not the information.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Have no information.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: Have no information.
 Present number of shareholders: Have no information.
 Number of men employed by company: 35.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: In New Zealand, £4,768 17s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: In New Zealand, £6,259 2s. 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: Have not full information.
 Amount of cash in hand: Have not full information.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Have not full information.
 Amount of debts considered good: Have not full information.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Have not full information.

I, Samuel Hetherington, of Thames, the Attorney of the Waitekauri Cross Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company, as far as I have the information, 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."

SAMUEL HETHERINGTON,
 Manager.

Declared at Thames, this 17th day of January, 1898, before me—L. von Rotter, J.P. 223

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Rocky River Hydraulic Sluicing Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 8th October, 1896; 15th January, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 2, Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; C. A. Stubbs.
 Nominal capital: £5,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £3,605.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £885 8s.
 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: £2,500.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 50,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 36,050.
 Amount paid per share: 6d.
 Amount called up per share: 1s. 9d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 17; £71 15s.
 Number of shares forfeited: 900.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 900; £16 4s. 4d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 36.

Present number of shareholders: 50.
 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: £968 18s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £968 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: Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £71 15s.
 Amount of debts considered good: £71 15s.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £145 6s. 10d.

I, Charles Arthur Stubbs, of Auckland, the Manager of the Rocky River Hydraulic Sluicing Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 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."

C. A. STUBBS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 26th day of January, 1898, before me—Geo. A. Gribbin, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 224

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: New Mint Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 10th August, 1896; 3rd September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 2, Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; C. A. Stubbs.
 Nominal capital: £7,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £655 12s. 6d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £900.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: 7½d.
 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: 58.
 Present number of shareholders: 66.
 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: £472 14s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £641 10s. 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: £14 2s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £5 15s. 8d.

I, Charles Arthur Stubbs, of Auckland, the Manager of the New Mint 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."

C. A. STUBBS,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 25th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 225

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Bunker's Hill Gold-mining Company (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 21st June, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: 2, Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland; C. A. Stubbs.

Nominal capital: £15,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £15,000.

Amount of cash credited to company by promoters: £1,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £7,500.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £6,000.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.

Number of shares allotted: 60,000.

Amount paid per share: 4s. 6d.

Amount called up per share: 2s. 6d.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: £620 3s. 6d.

Number of shares forfeited: Nil.

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

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 11.

Present number of shareholders: 354.

Number of men employed by company: 10.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 56 oz. 2 dwt.; £166 17s. 11d.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 138 oz. 13 dwt.; £414 4s. 8d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,585 9s. 5d.

Total expenditure since registration: £8,838 1s. 6d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.

Amount of cash in hand: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company: £620 3s. 6d.

Amount of debts considered good: £620 3s. 6d.

Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £481 12s. 6d.

I, Charles Arthur Stubbs, of Auckland, the Manager of the Bunker's Hill 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."

C. A. STUBBS,

Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 25th day of January, 1898, before me—C. J. Tunks, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 226

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: May Queen, Hauraki (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 5th June, 1896; 2nd July, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted and name of Local Secretary: Queen Street, Auckland; Roderick McDonald Scott.

Nominal capital: £200,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £200,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £7,500.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £7,500.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £192,500.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 200,000.

Number of shares allotted: 200,000.

Amount paid per share: £1.

Amount called up per share, on 30,000 shares: 5s.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.

Number of shares forfeited: Nil.

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

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.

Present number of shareholders: 450.

Number of men employed by company: 48.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 613 oz. 5 dwt.; £1,682 4s. 3d.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 930 oz. 19 dwt.; £2,545 15s. 7d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £9,389 3s. 7d.

Total expenditure since registration: £13,815 0s. 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: 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, Roderick McDonald Scott, of Auckland, the Secretary of the May Queen, Hauraki (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."

R. McDONALD SCOTT,

Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 4th day of February, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 227

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

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

When formed, and date of registration: 28th July, 1871; 1st August, 1871.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Queen Street, Auckland; Francis Angus White.

Nominal capital: £18,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £18,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £15,000.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 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: 6,000.

Number of shares allotted: 6,000.

Amount paid per share: £2 10s.

Amount called up per share: £2 10s.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.

Number of shares forfeited: Nil.

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

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 8.

Present number of shareholders: 48.

Number of men employed by company: 17.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 1,754 oz. 4 dwt.; £3,765 10s. 3d.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 58,570 oz. 12 dwt. 16 gr.; £163,381 13s. 1d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £4,597 8s. 10d.

Total expenditure since registration: £133,978 10s. 5d.

Total amount of dividends declared: £34,500.

Total amount of dividends paid: £34,500.

Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's: £410 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): £66 3s. 6d.

I, Francis Angus White, of Auckland, the Manager of the Waiotahi 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."

F. A. WHITE,

Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 28th day of January, 1898, before me—D. B. McDonald, J.P. 228

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

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

When formed, and date of registration: 5th September, 1895; 26th October, 1895.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Queen Street, Auckland; Edward James White.

Nominal capital: £12,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £9,600.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £533 6s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 64,000.
 Amount paid per share : 2d.
 Amount called up per share : 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 46.
 Present number of shareholders : 156.
 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 : £578 17s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £2,088 14s. 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 : £101 10s.
 Amount of cash in hand : £2 1s. 10d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £3 6s. 6d.

I, Edward James White, of Auckland, the Manager of the Great Kapanga 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. J. WHITE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—D. B. McDonald, J.P. 229

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Young New Zealand Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 14th September, 1895; 31st October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Queen Street, Auckland; Edward James White.
 Nominal capital : £11,250.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £9,750.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £543 2s. 9d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 75,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 65,000.
 Amount paid per share : 2½d.
 Amount called up per share : 2½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : £133 16s. 10d.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 63.
 Present number of shareholders : 129.
 Number of men employed by company : 4.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : £18 12s.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : £18 12s.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £373 17s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £2,720 10s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £45 9s. 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) : £19 4s.

I, Edward James White, of Auckland, the Manager of the Young New Zealand 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."

E. J. WHITE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—D. B. McDonald, J.P. 230

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Royal Shield Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 30th September, 1896; 2nd October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Queen Street, Auckland; Edward James White.
 Nominal capital : £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £250 11s. 6½d.
 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 : 2d.
 Amount called up per share : 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : £191 3s. 1d.
 Number of shares forfeited : 34,123.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 5,000; £10 8s. 4d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 65.
 Present number of shareholders : 64.
 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 : £648 16s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £1,272 19s. 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 : £9 15s. 6d.
 Amount of cash in hand : £3 18s. 2½d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £49 5s. 5d.

I, Edward James White, of Auckland, the Manager of the Royal Shield 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. J. WHITE,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 27th day of January, 1898, before me—D. B. McDonald, J.P. 231

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Lion Rock Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 18th March, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not : Building dredge.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Dunedin; Neville Sievwright, Secretary.
 Nominal capital : £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £3,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £2,853 2s. 6d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : £2,853 2s. 6d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : £500.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 4,000, of £1 each.
 Number of shares allotted : 3,500.
 Amount paid per share : £1 (less arrears).
 Amount called up per share : £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : £146 17s. 6d.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 31.
 Present number of shareholders : 32.
 Number of men employed by company : 4.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : Not in operation.
 Total expenditure since registration : £2,098 9s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £704 12s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand : £50.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : Nil.

I, Neville Sievwright, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Lion Rock 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."

NEVILLE SIEVWRIGHT,
 Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 28th day of January, 1898,
 before me—Eardley C. Reynolds, J.P. 217

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Pukewhau Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 30th August, 1895; 20th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £1,500.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 60,000.
 Amount paid per share : 6d.
 Amount called up per share : 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 500.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 500; £8 4s. 6d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 67.
 Present number of shareholders : 220.
 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 : 6 oz. 19 dwt.; £19 8s.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £299 10s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £1,438 2s. 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 : £83 5s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Pukewhau 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 259

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : West Derby Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 5th October, 1896; 21st October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £9,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £7,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £619 3s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 90,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 70,000.
 Amount paid per share : 2½d.
 Amount called up per share : ¾d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 1; £139 3s. 4d.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 53.
 Present number of shareholders : 84.
 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 : £416 18s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £607 6s. 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 : £11 17s. 0d.
 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the West Derby Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 260

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Jersey Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 19th August, 1896; 9th September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £4,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £466 13s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 80,000.
 Amount paid per share : 1½d.
 Amount called up per share : ¾d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 30,382.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 30,382; £69 5s. 3d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 41.
 Present number of shareholders : 46.
 Number of men employed by company : 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : 51 oz. 1 dwt.; £141 9s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 51 oz. 1 dwt.; £141 9s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £381 7s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £533 19s. 1d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £79 17s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Jersey 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 253

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Matawai Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 27th June, 1895; 12th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,243 16s. 9d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: 4 9d.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 27,085.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 27,085: £112 6s. 7d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 47.
 Present number of shareholders: 46.
 Number of men employed by company: 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 12 dwt.; £1 9s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 12 dwt.; £1 9s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £370 7s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,186 15s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £61 5s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Matawai 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 254

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Martha Extended Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 13th September, 1896; 26th February, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £9,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,683.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 90,000.
 Amount paid per share: 4 4d.
 Amount called up per share: Nil.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 76.
 Present number of shareholders: 82.
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £528 7s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,617 15s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £65 4s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Martha Extended 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 255.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Hinemoa, Hauraki, Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 19th November, 1896; 14th January, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £7,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £831 5s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2 4d.
 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: 79.
 Present number of shareholders: 89.
 Number of men employed by company: 4.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £796 10s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £796 10s. 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: £34 14s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £168 15s.
 Amount of debts considered good: £168 15s.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Hinemoa, Hauraki, 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 250

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Invicta Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 25th June, 1895; 11th July, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £11,500.
Amount of capital subscribed: £11,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,317 18s. 5d.
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: 115,000.
Number of shares allotted: 115,000.
Amount paid per share: 2-7d.
Amount called up per share: 2d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: 14,028.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 14,028; £10 16s. 5d.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 54.
Present number of shareholders: 384.
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: 190 oz. 2 dwt.; £370 9s. 10d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £338 19s.
Total expenditure since registration: £1,773 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: £4 10s. 9d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Invicta 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 251

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Irving Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 22nd October, 1896; 17th December, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £11,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £9,950.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,185.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 110,000.
Number of shares allotted: 99,500.
Amount paid per share: 2-8d.
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: 101.
Present number of shareholders: 109.
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: £695 5s. 8d.
Total expenditure since registration: £695 5s. 8d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £229 14s. 4d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Irving Gold-mining Company (No Liability), 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 252

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Shore Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 17th August, 1897; 9th September, 1897.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £10,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £7,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,250.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
Number of shares allotted: 75,000.
Amount paid per share: 4d.
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: 10.
Present number of shareholders: 10.
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: £497 10s. 9d.
Total expenditure since registration: £497 10s. 9d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £752 9s. 3d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Golden Shore Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 247

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Fortuna No. 2 Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 23rd June, 1896; 16th July, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £7,500.

Amount of capital subscribed: £7,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £750.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 75,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 75,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2.4d.
 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: 85.
 Present number of shareholders: 125.
 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: £305 7s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £743 9s. 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: £6 10s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Fortuna No. 2 Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 248

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Harbour View Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th June, 1895; 27th June, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £16,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £16,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,333 6s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 160,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 160,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2d.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 700.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 700; £2 7s. 10d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 51.
 Present number of shareholders: 361.
 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: 1 oz. 10 dwt.; £4 9s. 4d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £253 9s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,308 7s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £616 5s. 3d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Harbour View Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and com-

plete statement of the affairs of the said company at 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. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 249

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Nil Desperandum Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 30th August, 1895; 20th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £16,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £16,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,529 8s.
 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: 160,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 160,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2.5d.
 Amount called up per share: 1½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £293 4s. 1d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 7,050.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 7,050; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 43.
 Present number of shareholders: 263.
 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: 4 oz. 11 dwt.; £12 2s. 9d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £112 7s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,237 9s. 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: £19 18s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Nil Desperandum 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 256

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Napier Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 17th October, 1895; 7th November, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £12,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,153 14s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3.4d.
 Amount called up per share: 1½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £117 1s. 5d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 15,706.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 700; £1 9s. 2d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 49.
 Present number of shareholders: 78.

Number of men employed by company : 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : 1 oz. 3 dwt. ; £3 7s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 50 oz. 16 dwt. ; £145 10s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £207 11s. 2d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £1,276 10s. 7d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : £22 14s. 7d.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Napier Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 257

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Norena Gold-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 : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £7,300.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £750.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : 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 : 73,000.
 Amount paid per share : 2-4d.
 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 : 39.
 Present number of shareholders : 95.
 Number of men employed by company : Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £174 0s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £740 0s. 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 : £9 19s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Norena Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 258

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Mount Aurum Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 17th October, 1895; 31st January, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.

Nominal capital : £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £745.
 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 : 70,000.
 Amount paid per share : 2-4d.
 Amount called up per share : 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 1; £246 13s. 4d.
 Number of shares forfeited : 59,200.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 59,200; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 41.
 Present number of shareholders : 23.
 Number of men employed by company : Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £141 4s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £779 17s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : 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) : £34 17s. 1d.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Mount Aurum Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 270

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : North Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 2nd August, 1895; 4th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £7,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £1,034 11s. 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 : 70,000.
 Amount paid per share : 3-7d.
 Amount called up per share : 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : 1,700.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 1,700; £1 4s. 11d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 30.
 Present number of shareholders : 99.
 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 : £103 5s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £900 11s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the North Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly

and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 271

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY

Name of company: Prince Regent Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 5th August, 1896; 8th September, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £7,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £6,800.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £665.
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: 68,000.
Amount paid per share: 2-3d.
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: 63.
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: £255 18s.
Total expenditure since registration: £665.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Prince Regent Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 272

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Wynyardton Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 22nd October, 1895; 14th November, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £10,500.
Amount of capital subscribed: £10,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,401 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: £2,100.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 70,000.
Number of shares allotted: 70,000.
Amount paid per share: 10-2d.
Amount called up per share: 6d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: 1,167.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,167; £4 17s. 3d.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 48.

Present number of shareholders: 124.
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:
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £497 14s. 11d.
Total expenditure since registration: £2,352 8s. 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: £51 10s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Wynyardton Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 261

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Star of Waihi Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 11th September, 1896; 16th October, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £7,500.
Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £900.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
Amount paid per share: 2-7d.
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: 67.
Present number of shareholders: 122.
Number of men employed by company: 1.
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: £108 2s. 6d.
Total expenditure since registration: £722 14s. 6d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £177 5s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Star of Waihi Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 262

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Southern Cross Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 5th August, 1896; 18th September, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
 Hobson's Buildings, Auckland: John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £9,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £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: 90,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3^d.
 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: 51.
 Present number of shareholders: 62.
 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: £556 13s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £948 10s. 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: £131 9s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Southern Cross Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 263

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Moa Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 5th August, 1896; 2nd September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
 Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £532 12s. 1d.
 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: 1⁶/₆₄.
 Amount called up per share: 3^d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £134 1s. 3d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 64,350.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 64,350; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 47.
 Present number of shareholders: 43.
 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: £260 0s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £516 12s. 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: £15 19s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Moa Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 267

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Great United Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 25th September, 1895; 10th October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
 Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £7,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,181 5s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 70,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 65,000.
 Amount paid per share: 4³/₃₂.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £39 11s. 8d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 9,500.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 9,500; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 71.
 Present number of shareholders: 104.
 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: £143 2s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,175 5s. 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: £5 19s. 8d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Great United Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 268

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Asteroid Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 4th September, 1895; 26th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager:
 Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,156 13s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3⁴/₆₄.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 51; £119 1s. 3d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 57,150.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 22,850; £5 12s. 9d.

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 44.
 Present number of shareholders: 46.
 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: £189 4s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,222 12s. 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: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £60 6s. 4d.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Asteroid Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 269

S STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Queen of the North Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 16th September, 1897; 2nd December, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £1,733 6s. 8d.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £146 10s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 52,000.
 Amount paid per share: 0.6d.
 Amount called up per share: Nil.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 24.
 Present number of shareholders: 24.
 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: £91 10s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £91 10s. 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: £54 19s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Queen of the North Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 264

S STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Prince of Waihi Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th June, 1896; 19th July, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £634 6s. 11d.
 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: 1.9d.
 Amount called up per share: 1.4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 3,516.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 3,516; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 34.
 Present number of shareholders: 71.
 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: £433 16s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £582 6s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £52 0s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Prince of Waihi Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 265

S STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Prospect Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 16th October, 1896; 15th December, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £18,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £18,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,662 10s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 120,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 120,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3.3d.
 Amount called up per share: 1.4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 5,633.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 5,633; £11 4s. 3d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 45.
 Present number of shareholders: 124.
 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: £479 12s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,581 13s. 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: £80 16s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Prospect Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 266

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: My Sweetheart Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 6th June, 1896; 6th July, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £15,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £12,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,000.
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: 120,000.
Number of shares allotted: 100,000.
Amount paid per share: 2-4d.
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: 54.
Present number of shareholders: 85.
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: £525 7s. 7d.
Total expenditure since registration: £1,000.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the My Sweetheart 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 273

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Invicta North Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 26th July, 1895; 4th September, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £6,500.
Amount of capital subscribed: £6,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £750.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 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: 65,000.
Number of shares allotted: 65,000.
Amount paid per share: 2-7d.
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: 42.
Present number of shareholders: 154.
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: £57 3s. 8d.
Total expenditure since registration: £750.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Invicta North 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 274

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Look Out Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
When formed, and date of registration: 27th July, 1896; 22nd August, 1896.
Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
Nominal capital: £4,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £3,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £220.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
Amount paid per share: 0-88d.
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: 31.
Present number of shareholders: 36.
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: £47 13s. 9d.
Total expenditure since registration: £220.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: Nil.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Look Out 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 275

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Evening Star Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 10th July, 1896; 6th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £850.
 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: 2½d.
 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: 39.
 Present number of shareholders: 52.
 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: £1,032 6s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,461 2s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £288 17s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Evening Star Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 241

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Empress Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 21st September, 1895; 30th October, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £4,250.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £4,125 11s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £660 16s. 9d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 85,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 82,511.
 Amount paid per share: 18d.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £91 12s. 11d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 5,044.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,250; £2 1s. 7d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 75.
 Present number of shareholders: 202.
 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: £461 17s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,116 14s. 2d.

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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: £15 4s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Empress Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 242

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Flossie Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th September, 1897; 4th November, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £2,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £1,925.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £113 18s. 9d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 57,750.
 Amount paid per share: 0-44d.
 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: 37.
 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: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £107 5s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £107 5s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £6 13s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Flossie Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 243

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Harp of Tara Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 15th July, 1896; 16th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £7,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,262 10s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £632 14s. 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: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 83,500.
 Amount paid per share: 1'8d.
 Amount called up per share: 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £110 14s. 7d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 53,150.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 53,150; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 58.
 Present number of shareholders: 71.
 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: £513 11s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £621 13s. 2d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £11 1s. 5d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Harp of Tara Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON, Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 232

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Sybil Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 22nd June, 1896; 16th July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £735 7s. 6d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2'2d.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 33,510.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 33,510; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 33.
 Present number of shareholders: 103.
 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: £296 2s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £730 11s. 9d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £4 15s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Sybil Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON, Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 233

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Britannia Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 12th August, 1895; 4th September, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,854 3s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 5'5d.
 Amount called up per share: 2d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 30.
 Present number of shareholders: 117.
 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: £1,497 7s. 10d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £3,795 17s. 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: £20 5s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Britannia Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol J.P. 234

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Anchor Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd July, 1895; 14th August, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £15,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £13,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,906 2s. 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: 150,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 130,000.
 Amount paid per share: 3'4d.
 Amount called up per share: 1'3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £103 5s. 5d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 31,334.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,000; £1 11s. 2d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 89.
 Present number of shareholders: 193.
 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: £701 4s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,709 3s. 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: £36 2s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Golden Anchor Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 244

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden Hill Extended Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 17th June, 1895; 11th July, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,850.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,121 5s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 88,500.
 Amount paid per share: 5 7d.
 Amount called up per share: 3d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 1,300.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,300; £7 12s.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 66.
 Present number of shareholders: 278.
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 3 oz. 13 dwt.; £11 2s. 1d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £264 15s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,172 4s. 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: £6 18s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Golden Hill Extended Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 245

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Goodenough Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 3rd August, 1896; 8th October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £5,550.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £365.
 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: 74,000.

Amount paid per share: 1 16d.
 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: 54.
 Present number of shareholders: 59.
 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: £283 7s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £344 7s. 3d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £20 12s. 9d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Goodenough Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 246

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Buffalo Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 10th July, 1895; 2nd August, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,533 6s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 4 6d.
 Amount called up per share: 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 142.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 142; 16s. 1d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 47.
 Present number of shareholders: 171.
 Number of men employed by company: None.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £5 3s. 6d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £5 3s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £173 2s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,535 17s. 7d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £4 7s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Buffalo 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 238

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Cuvier Light Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 13th July, 1896; 14th August, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £7,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £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: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 70,000.
 Amount paid per share: 2 4d.
 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: 39.
 Present number of shareholders: 52.
 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: £455 17s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £673 7s. 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: £26 12s. 4d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Cuvier Light Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 239

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Caspian Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 16th September, 1896; 21st October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £8,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £588 1s. 5d.
 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: 1 7d.
 Amount called up per share: 3 4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £98 11s. 11d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 47,326.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 47,326; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 40.
 Present number of shareholders: 25.
 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 18s. 1d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £582 10s. 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: £5 11s.
 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Caspian Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 240

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Aorere Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 31st July, 1895; 22nd August, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,457 6s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 60,000.
 Amount paid per share: 5 8d.
 Amount called up per share: 2 3 4d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 1; £67 13s. 4d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 1,081.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 1,081; £4 10s. 1d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 41.
 Present number of shareholders: 145.
 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: £629.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,430 7s.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £26 19s. 8d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Aorere Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 31st day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 235

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: A. J. C. Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 4th July, 1896; 17th October, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Hobson's Buildings, Auckland; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital: £6,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £520 0s. 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 : 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 80,000.
 Amount paid per share : 1'6d.
 Amount called up per share : ¾d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 1 ; £46 12s. 9d.
 Number of shares forfeited : 39,385.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 17,000 ; £35 8s. 4d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 30.
 Present number of shareholders : 28.
 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 : £913 14s. 8d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £499 0s. 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 : £20 19s. 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, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the A. J. C. Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON, Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 236

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Bay View Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 9th April, 1896 ; 7th May, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland ; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital ; £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £4,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £360 17s.
 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 : 1'08d.
 Amount called up per share : ¾d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 1 ; £6 17s. 2d.
 Number of shares forfeited : 3,291.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : 500 ; £1 0s. 10d.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 32.
 Present number of shareholders : 179.
 Number of men employed by company : 2.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : 25 oz. ; £61 4s. 2d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 45 oz 14 dwt. ; £111 1s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £548 6s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £905 2s. 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 : £61 10s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand : £7 15s. 10d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Bay View Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON, Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of January, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 237

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Rangipuhi Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration : 13th August, 1896 ; 18th September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland ; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £4,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £3,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £240.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 60,000.
 Amount paid per share : 0'96d.
 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 : 26.
 Present number of shareholders : 30.
 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 : £81 7s.
 Total expenditure since registration ; £240.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : Nil.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : £9 4s. 1d.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Rangipuhi Gold-mining Company (No Liability), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st day of December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

J. H. HARRISON,

Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898, before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 276

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Hit or Miss Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 10th June, 1895 ; 13th June, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager : Hobson's Buildings, Auckland ; John Hunter Harrison.
 Nominal capital : £15,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £166 13s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : Nil.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 40,000.
 Amount paid per share : 1d.
 Amount called up per share : 1d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 6.
 Present number of shareholders : 38.
 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 : £182 10s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £637 0s. 1d.
 Total amount of dividends declared : Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid : Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends : Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's : 9s. 6d.
 Amount of cash in hand : Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company : Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good : Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any) : Nil.

I, John Hunter Harrison, of Auckland, the Manager of the Hit or Miss 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."

J. H. HARRISON,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 3rd day of February, 1898,
 before me—M. Niccol, J.P. 277

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company : Bakery Flat Sluicing Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration : 10th September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not : In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager :
 Dunedin ; A. J. C. Brown.
 Nominal capital : £3,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed : £2,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash : £1,762 10s.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any) : £500 ; no cash.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid : £500.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided : 3,000.
 Number of shares allotted : 3,000.
 Amount paid per share : 14s. 6d.
 Amount called up per share : 14s. 6d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear : 2 ; £50.
 Number of shares forfeited : Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same : Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company : 24.
 Present number of shareholders : 27.
 Number of men employed by company : 12.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year : 142 oz. 17 dwt. 15 gr. gold ; £547 13s.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration : 181 oz. 12 dwt. 22 gr. gold ; £694 14s. 7d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year : £1,254 16s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration : £1,949 10s. 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 : £142 8s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand : £23 14s. 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, Alexander Johnston Cree Brown, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Bakery Flat 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."

A. JOHNSTON C. BROWN,
 Manager.

Declared at Dunedin, this 4th day of February, 1898,
 before me—Thos. M. Wilkinson, J.P. 278

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the New Zealand Gold-dredging Company (Limited) under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the New Zealand Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is on the Manuhierikia River, near Manorburn Junction, Alexandra South, Otago.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at 24, Manse Street, Dunedin.
4. The nominal capital of the company is three thousand two hundred pounds, in three thousand two hundred shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is two thousand six hundred, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the company.

6. The number of paid-up shares is one thousand two hundred.
7. The amount already paid up is nil.
8. The name of the Manager is Andrew John Park.
9. The names, addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow :—

	No. of Shares.
Butterworth, Harry R., Dunedin, Mining Engineer ..	550
Park, Margaret Dunbar, Dunedin, Lady	100
Wain, Job, Opoho, Gentleman	500
Richardson, Charles Ernest, Manorburn, Engineer ..	50
Butterworth, Charles P., Dunedin, Warehouseman ..	250
Fergusson, H. Lindo, Dunedin, Surgeon	250
Park, Andrew John, Dunedin, Solicitor	100
Wright, John Thomas, Merchant, Dunedin	100
Park, Herbert, Alexandra South, Engineer	200
Wain, Job J., Manorburn, Dredgeman	100
Haggitt, Cecil S., Manorburn, Dredgeman	100
Ryan, Laurence, Alexandra South, Mining Agent ..	100
Park, Albert Alexander, Alexandra South, Dredge-master	200
Park, Andrew John, Dunedin, Solicitor (in trust for the company	600
Total	3,200

Dated this 12th day of February, 1898.
 A. J. PARK,
 Manager.

Witness to signature—H. S. Valentine, Auctioneer, Dunedin.

I, Andrew John Park, of Dunedin, Solicitor, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. I am the Manager of the said intended company.
 2. The above statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular.
- And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

A. J. PARK.

Taken and declared before me, this 12th day of February, 1898—H. S. Valentine, J.P. 293

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT WATER-RACE.

Otago Mining District, 11th February, 1898.

To the Warden at Livingstone.

I HEREBY give notice that I intend to construct a water-race to divert and use water for irrigation and industrial purposes, commencing at a point 60 chains up the Big Awakino Creek from the district-road-crossing at the coal-pits, and terminating at the aforesaid road-crossing opposite the coal-pits, where the water is returned to its natural channel.

The length of such race is 60 chains or thereabouts, and its intended course is through a portion of Small Grazing-run 5 of 23, in a northerly direction.
 The mean depth of such race is 1 ft. 6 in., and the mean breadth is 2 ft. 6 in., and it is proposed to divert three Government heads of water.

License required for fifteen years.
 Cost of construction : £20.
 Time required for construction : Two months.
 Number and date of miner's right : 29,996 ; 11/2/98.
 ANNA L. CHAPMAN,
 Applicant.

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

Hearing at 11 o'clock on the 25th March, 1898.
 HENRY H. G. RALFE,
 Pro Warden.

Warden's Office, 11th February, 1898.
 Recd. 3.10 p.m., 11/2/98.
 H.H.G.R., For Mining Registrar. 292

THE TARAWERA MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY), PRESERVATION INLET.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Tarawera Mining Company (No Liability), Preservation Inlet, is situated at No. 140, Hereford Street, Christchurch, and that Mr. H. A. Bruce has been appointed Legal Manager thereof. FRED. W. THOMPSON, }
 JAMES TRENT, } Directors.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1898. 311

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Tarawera Mining Company (No Liability) as a no-liability company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Tarawera Mining Company (No Liability).

2. The place of operations is at Preservation Inlet, near Invercargill, in the Provincial District of Otago.

3. The registered office of the company will be situated at 140, Hereford Street, Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury.

4. The value of the company's property, including, claim, leased ground, and machinery, is twelve thousand pounds.

5. The number of shares in the company is twenty-four thousand, of one pound each.

6. The number of shares subscribed for is twenty-four thousand.

7. The name of the Manager is Harry Aulsebrook Bruce.

8. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Bradshaw, Charles, Petone, Hotelkeeper ..	858
Whealer, Guy Anson, Bluff, Commission Agent ..	857
Bradshaw, Edward, Cromarty, Storekeeper ..	1,714
Roope, Lavington G., Invercargill, Brewer ..	857
Ward, Mrs. Theresa, Bluff, Housewife ..	857
Bradshaw, William, Cromarty, Miner ..	857
Trent, James (in trust), Christchurch, Gentleman ..	2,900
Sinclair, James John, Christchurch, Gentleman ..	1,300
Wilcox, John, Preservation Inlet, Mine-manager ..	1,000
Thompson, F. W., Christchurch, Dentist ..	400
Fisher, R. Hill, Christchurch, Sharebroker ..	50
Henderson, J., Christchurch, Sharebroker ..	675
Trent, James, Christchurch, Gentleman ..	675
Duffy, Thomas, Christchurch, Gentleman ..	500
Jennings, Edward, Christchurch, Doctor of Medicine ..	1,000
Knight, James, Christchurch, Gentleman ..	500
Ritchie, Thomas, Christchurch, School Inspector ..	300
Milne, Charles Law, Akaroa, Gentleman ..	1,000
Tyree, Alice, Christchurch, Housewife ..	1,000
Warren, Frederick M., Christchurch, Accountant ..	500
Morton, Richard May, Christchurch, Gentleman ..	1,000
Cottrell, Henry, Christchurch, Solicitor ..	1,000
Kirton, Robert, Christchurch, Civil Service ..	250
Stevens, Sydney Pope, Christchurch, Chemist ..	250
Cameron, Duncan, Springfield, Methven, Gentleman ..	500
Macdonald, Herbert Alexander, Invercargill, Solicitor ..	900
Kennedy, A. F., Gisborne, Gentleman ..	900
Kennedy, C. D., Napier, Gentleman ..	900
Palethorpe, Thomas, Burnham, Gentleman ..	200
Tomlinson, Thomas Ernest, Waikuku, Schoolmaster ..	300
Total	24,000

Dated this 8th day of February, 1898.

H. A. BRUCE,
Manager.

Witness to signature—J. Henderson, J.P.

I, Harry Aulsebrook Bruce, of Christchurch, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

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

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

H. A. BRUCE.

Taken at Christchurch, this 8th day of February, 1898, before me—J. Henderson, J.P. 310

THE PURIRI GOLD ESTATES (LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the office of the above-named company is situate at the office of Seering Hall Matthews, Esq., Hobson's Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1898.

JAMES RUSSELL,

Attorney for the said Company in New Zealand.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL, Shortland Street, Auckland,
Solicitors for the said Company. 312

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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Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Waitekauri South Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
W. READ BLOOMFIELD, } Directors.
W. GORRIE,
WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 297

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Tairua Proprietary Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. ALISON, } Directors.
W. READ BLOOMFIELD,
WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 298

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Waitekauri No. 2 Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
W. READ BLOOMFIELD, } Directors.
J. DUDER,
WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 299

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Progress Castle Rock Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
H. BURTON, } Directors.
C. B. STONE,
WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 300

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Royal Gold-mining Company (Limited) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
E. McDONNELL, } Directors.
J. MACFARLANE,
WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 301

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Teutonic Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 W. READ BLOOMFIELD, } Directors.
 R. W. KEALS, }
 WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 302

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Sunlight Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 J. H. FLEMING, } Directors.
 JOHN ENDEAN, }
 WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 303

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Big Reef Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 ARTHUR WRIGHT, } Directors.
 W. GORRIE, }
 WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 304

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Kuranui Gold-mining Company (Limited) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 W. READ BLOOMFIELD, } Directors.
 PETER C. HANSEN, }
 WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 305

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Mount Waihi Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 THOS. N. BAKER, } Directors.
 CHARLES GREY, }
 WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 306

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Karangahake Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 R. W. KEALS, } Directors.
 JAMES B. FAIRS, }
 WM. CLARKE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 307

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the City of Auckland Gold-mining Company (No Liability) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
 THOS. J. DUDER, } Directors.
 ARTHUR WRIGHT, }
 WM. CLARE, Legal Manager.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 308

Auckland, N.Z., 1st February, 1898.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the Hauraki South Gold-mining Company (Limited) has been removed from Legal Chambers (next to Bank of

New South Wales), Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. BOWICK, Attorney.
 WM. CLARKE, Local Secretary.

To the Registrar, Supreme Court, Auckland. 309

Land Transfer Act Notices.

A PPLICATIONS having been made for the issue of a provisional title for Sections 65 and 66, Block XVII., Town of Matura Bridge, registered in Vol. xxviii., folio 254, and evidence having been lodged as to the destruction by fire of the original title, I hereby give notice that I shall issue a provisional title as requested unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within fourteen days from the date of the gazetting of this notice.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill. F. G. MORGAN,
 284 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 the gazetting of this notice.

JAMES EWART HANNAH and JOHN TURNBULL.—2 roods, being part of Section 81, Block I., Hundred of Invercargill. Unoccupied. No. 2683.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 4th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill. F. G. MORGAN,
 285 District Land Registrar.

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

8201. ELIZA HOWARD HUNTER.—21 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, part of Lot 139, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 14th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
 318 District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 18th day of March, 1898.

1181. Applicant: NELSON BROTHERS (LIMITED).—579 acres, portions of Blocks 71 and 102, Puketapu District. In occupation of Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
 Dated the 12th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

THOS. HALL,
 319 District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 17th day of March, 1898.

2720. CATHERINE ELIZABETH WALLACE, PHEBE CHARLOTTE HUNT, MARY ROLLASON WALLACE, WILLIAM HENRY WALLACE, and ROBERT DOUGLAS WALLACE.—2 acres 2 roods 18 perches, Section 733 and part Sections 731 and 735, City of Wellington. Occupied by Henry Crump.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 16th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
 320 District Land Registrar.

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

3395, 3442. RICHARD HELLABY and WILLIAM HELLABY.—Parts of Allotment 22, Section 4, City of Auckland, containing 38 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3419. OWEN JONES.—Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 of Lots 3 and 4, Lot 62 of Lots 1 and 2, and part of Lots 8 and 9 of Allotment 12, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland; and Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and part Lot 28 of Allotment 13,

Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland; containing 2 acres 1 rood 35 perches. Partly unoccupied and partly occupied by tenants.

3420. ARTHUR KNIGHT.—Lots 4, 23, 24 of Allotment 21, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 25 perches. Occupied by Applicant and tenants.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,

321 District Land Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land herein after 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.

1. MARY PAGAN, Trustee and Devisee under the Will of WILLIAM PAGAN, deceased, Applicant. Occupied by Robert McCracken. No. 4232.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

H. TURTON,

329 District Land Registrar.

Private Advertisements.

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that, by an agreement in writing, dated the 9th day of October, 1897, and made between the Midhirst Sawmilling Company (Limited) of the one part, and George Syme of the other part, all timber, tramway, and water rights held by the said company were assigned and transferred to the said George Syme.

Dated at Hawera, this 7th day of February, 1898.

313 GEO. SYME.

COUNTY OF TARANAKI.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the County of Taranaki propose to take, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," for the purpose of a deviation of the South Road, a portion of the section numbered forty on the map of the Omata District, containing one acre two roods and ten perches, more or less. A plan of such land is open for inspection at the Omata toll-gate. All persons affected are hereby required to set forth in writing any well-grounded objection to the execution of such works or to the taking of such land, and to send such writing within forty days from the publication of this notice to the Taranaki County Council, at its office, Devon Street, New Plymouth.

H. OKEY, Chairman,

C. T. MILLS, Clerk,

330 Taranaki County Council.

COUNTY OF WAIPAWA.

NOTICE is hereby given that on 2nd February, 1898, in accordance with "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," a poll was taken over the above county on the proposal "That 'The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896,' be adopted in the County of Waipawa, and that henceforth property be rated upon the basis of the unimproved value thereof." The result was as follows:—

The total number of ratepayers ..	1,155
There voted at the poll 406 ratepayers.	
Votes for the proposal ..	462
Votes against the proposal ..	28
Informal ..	3

As more than one-third of the ratepayers voted, and a majority of the votes being in favour, I hereby declare the proposal carried.

A. E. JULL,

Chairman, Waipawa County Council.

9th February, 1898. 331

I, PHILIP OSWALD ANDREW, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London, now residing in Nelson, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 28th March next to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar-General.

PHILIP OSWALD ANDREW.

Dated at Wellington, 16th February, 1898. 322

THE WALTON PARK COAL AND POTTERY COMPANY (LIMITED), IN LIQUIDATION.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Companies Act, 1882," notice is hereby given that a meeting of shareholders in the above company will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, Crawford Street, Dunedin, on Monday, the 18th April next, at 3 p.m., for receiving the liquidators' statement of accounts, and determining what is to be done with the books and documents of the company.

E. E. C. QUICK,

ANDREW MELVILLE,

Liquidators.

Dunedin, 9th February, 1898. 287

PROPOSAL TO RATE THE BOROUGH OF PICTON UNDER "THE UNIMPROVED VALUE ACT, 1896."

RESULT of Poll taken on the 9th day of February, 1898:—

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 27; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 73; informal vote, 1: majority against the proposal, 46.

I therefore declare the proposal to be rejected.

THOMAS PHILPOTTS,

Mayor.

Picton, 12th February, 1898. 294

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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GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

ESTABLISHED 1821.

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

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

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

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JOHN PARKER.

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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