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Lands withdrawn from State Forests.

(L.S.)

RANFURLY, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the lands specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto are State forests under the control of the Commissioner of State Forests appointed under "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), and the said lands are now no longer required for State-forest purposes: And whereas plans showing the extent and position of the said lands, and a statement of the reasons why they are no longer required for State-forest purposes, have been laid before both Houses of Parliament for a period of thirty days, and no resolution has been passed by either of such Houses objecting to the issue of this Proclamation:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers conferred by "The New Zealand State Forests Act Amendment Act, 1888," and of all other powers in any wise enabling him in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the Warrants and Proclamation specified in the second column of the Schedule hereto, so far as they relate to the lands described in the first column of the Schedule hereto, as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*; and doth hereby proclaim and declare that from and after such date the parcels of land described in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall be no longer subject to the provisions of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.	Second Column.
HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.	
All that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 103 acres 3 roods, more or less, being Section No. 5, Block V., Ruataniwha Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 12; towards the south-east by public-road lines; and towards the north-west by public-road lines: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, at Napier.	Warrant dated the 22nd January, 1890, and published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , No. 5, of the 30th January, 1890.
MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.	
All that area in the Marlborough Land District, situated in Block IX., Wakamarina Survey District, being Sections Nos. 2, 4, and part of 70, containing 165 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north by Sections Nos. 6 and 7, 4800 links; towards the east by Crown lands, 4600 links; towards the south by Section No. 69, 3700 links; and towards the west partly by Messrs. Brownlee's tramway, and partly by a public road.	Warrant dated the 7th September, 1886, and published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , No. 47, of the 9th September, 1886.
Also all that area, containing 31 acres, more or less, being part of Section No. 67, Block IX., Wakamarina Survey District. Bounded towards the north by Section No. 69, 1300 links; towards the east partly by Messrs. Brownlee's tramway and partly by Section No. 68, 2350 links; towards the south by Section No. 66, 500 links; and towards the west by other part of Section No. 67.	
SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.	
All that parcel of land in the Southland Land District, containing 319 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 819, Hokonui Survey District. Bounded towards the south-west by Crown lands, 7088.2 links; towards the north-west by Section No. 423 of same district, 9500 links; towards the north generally by Crown lands and a road-line, 2419 links, 652.5 links, 441 links, 320.5 links, 210.4 links, and 354.6 links respectively; towards the east by Sections Nos. 754 and 757 of same district, 2944.9 links; and towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 765, 764, 763, 768, and 769 of the same district and a road-line, 5833.6 links.	Proclamation dated the 24th February, 1886, and published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , No. 11, of the 4th March, 1886.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Approved in Council.
ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land declared to be subject to the Provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

(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.

Ashley County.—Part of Patoa Settlement.

SECTIONS 36569 and 36573, Blocks IV. and V., Waitohi Survey District; Sections 36576 and 36577, Block III., Waipara Survey District: 977 acres 3 roods.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Additional Land taken in the Borough of Sydenham for the Purposes of the Hurunui-Waitaki Railway.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in the Borough of
A. R. P. 0 2 29	Section No. 176, Block II., Christchurch S.D.	Sydenham.

In the Land District of Canterbury; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18132, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured green.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Appointing Judges of Assessment Courts under "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896," and Places where Assessment Courts shall sit.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

THE 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 appoint that the various places named in the second column of the Schedule hereto shall be the places where the Assessment Courts for the special districts named in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall sit, and that the persons named in the third column of the Schedule hereto shall be the Judges of such Assessment Courts.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.	Second Column.	Third Column.
No. 1 District	Whangarei ..	Thomas Hutchison.
	Kawakawa ..	James Stephenson Clendon.
	Rawene ..	James Stephenson Clendon.
	Mongonui ..	James Stephenson Clendon.
	Dargaville ..	Thomas Hutchison.
No. 2 District	Maungaturoto ..	Thomas Hutchison.
	Helensville ..	Thomas Hutchison.
	Papakura ..	Thomas Jackson.
	Waiuku ..	Thomas Jackson.
	Auckland ..	Herbert William Brabant.
No. 3 District	Warkworth ..	Thomas Hutchison.
	Hamilton ..	Thomas Jackson.
	Cambridge ..	Thomas Jackson.
No. 4 District	Raglan ..	Thomas Jackson.
	Thames ..	Robert Smelt Bush.
	Paeroa ..	Robert Smelt Bush.
	Te Aroha ..	Robert Smelt Bush.
	Coromandel ..	Robert Smelt Bush.
No. 5 District	Tauranga ..	John Mackintosh Roberts.
	Opotiki ..	John Mackintosh Roberts.
No. 6 District	Gisborne ..	James Booth.
	Wairoa ..	Andrew Turnbull.
No. 7 District	Napier ..	Andrew Turnbull.
	Hastings ..	Andrew Turnbull.
	Waipawa ..	Andrew Turnbull.
	Dannevirke ..	Andrew Turnbull.
	Woodville ..	William Reeve Haselden.
No. 8 District	New Plymouth ..	Robert Loftus Stanford.
	Stratford ..	Robert Loftus Stanford.
	Hawera ..	Henry William Northcroft.
No. 9 District	Patea ..	Henry William Northcroft.
	Wanganui ..	Henry William Northcroft.
	Wanganui ..	Henry William Northcroft.
	Marton ..	Alfred Greenfield.
	Hunterville ..	Alfred Greenfield.
No. 10 District	Feilding ..	Alfred Greenfield.
	Feilding ..	Alfred Greenfield.
	Palmerston N. ..	Alfred Greenfield.
	Otaki ..	Alfred Greenfield.
	Wellington ..	Harry Eyre Kenny.
No. 11 District	Pahiatua ..	William Reeve Haselden.
	Masterton ..	William Reeve Haselden.
	Carterton ..	William Reeve Haselden.
	Greytown ..	William Reeve Haselden.
	Featherston ..	William Reeve Haselden.
No. 12 District	Wellington ..	Harry Eyre Kenny.
	Nelson ..	Henry Wirgman Robinson.
	Collingwood ..	Wilson Heaps.
	Havelock ..	John Allen.
	Picton ..	John Allen.
No. 13 District	Blenheim ..	John Allen.
	Greymouth ..	Henry Aldborough Stratford.
	Westport ..	Henry Aldborough Stratford.
	Reefton ..	Henry Aldborough Stratford.
	Hokitika ..	Duncan Macfarlane.
No. 14 District	Kumara ..	Duncan Macfarlane.
	Ross ..	Duncan Macfarlane.
	Kaikoura ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Cheviot ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Culverden ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Waikari ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Amberley ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Rangiora ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Oxford ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Kaiapoi ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.

First Column.	Second Column.	Third Column.
No. 14 District	Christchurch	Richmond Beetham.
	Lyttelton ..	Richmond Beetham.
No. 15 District	Akaroa ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Little River ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Darfield ..	Helyar Wedderburn Bishop.
	Lincoln ..	Richmond Beetham.
	Leeston ..	Richmond Beetham.
	Christchurch	Richmond Beetham.
No. 16 District	Ashburton ..	Charles Allen Wray.
	Timaru ..	Charles Allen Wray.
	Geraldine ..	Charles Allen Wray.
No. 17 District	Waimate ..	Charles Allen Wray.
	Oamaru ..	Charles Allen Wray.
	Timaru ..	Charles Allen Wray.
No. 18 District	Naseby ..	Samuel Meade Daigliesh.
	Palmerston ..	Charles Allen Wray.
	Hawksbury ..	Charles Allen Wray.
No. 19 District	Dunedin ..	Edgar Hall Carew.
No. 20 District	Mosgiel ..	Edgar Hall Carew.
	Lawrence ..	Samuel Ernest McCarthy.
	Tapanui ..	Samuel Ernest McCarthy.
	Milton ..	Edgar Hall Carew.
	Balclutha ..	Edgar Hall Carew.
	Dunedin ..	Edgar Hall Carew.
No. 21 District	Queenstown ..	Samuel Ernest McCarthy.
	Cromwell ..	Samuel Ernest McCarthy.
	Clyde ..	Samuel Ernest McCarthy.
No. 22 District	Invercargill ..	Jackson Keddell.
	Riverton ..	Jackson Keddell.
	Gore ..	Jackson Keddell.
No. 23 District	Riverton ..	Jackson Keddell.
	Invercargill ..	Jackson Keddell.
	Gore ..	Jackson Keddell.
	Wyndham ..	Jackson Keddell.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations for the Disposal of the Pawaho Hamlet, Canterbury Land District, acquired under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its Amendments.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"), it is enacted that lands acquired under the principal Act, or any Act by that Act repealed, whether the same be classed as rural, suburban, or town lands, shall, subject to regulations made under the principal Act, be disposed of under the lease-in-perpetuity system, or, if pastoral, under the small-grazing-run system of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892"; and also that, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," the Governor may from time to time make all such regulations under "The Land Act, 1892," as he shall see fit for (*inter alia*) the time within which and the manner in which shall be done any act, matter, or thing in the principal Act expressed to be prescribed for the disposition of any land acquired under the principal Act, or for regulating the conditions of occupation of any such land, or for fixing the area of rural or suburban land which may be applied for or occupied by any one person, or for any other purpose relating to or in connection with the disposition of any such land:

And whereas by "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1896" (hereinafter called "the amending Act"), it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time make regulations for any purpose for which they are contemplated by the amending Act, or for any purpose which he deems necessary in order to give full effect to that Act:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by "The Land Act, 1892," the principal Act, and the amending Act, or any of them, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the following regulations to fix the terms and conditions for the disposition and occupation of the land known as the Pawaho Hamlet, in the Canterbury Land District, which has been acquired under the principal Act.

REGULATIONS.

1. The lands included in the Pawaho Hamlet are divided into allotments, which are open for selection, for workmen's homes, on lease in perpetuity, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"), and "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1896" (hereinafter called "the amending Act").

2. The lease shall be for a term of 999 years, to be reckoned from the 1st day of January or July next following the date of the lease, and shall in addition include the broken period between the date of the lease and such day.

3. The half-yearly rentals shall be the price at which the land is open for selection, and shall be payable in advance, to the Receiver of Land Revenue, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year, the first half-year's rent being due on the 1st day of January or July next following the date of the lease, and being payable out of the hereinafter-mentioned deposit.

4. The lease shall be dated as on the day whereon the Land Board declares that the applicant has succeeded in obtaining the allotment.

5. Applications for leases shall be in the form or to the effect set forth in the First Schedule hereto, and every applicant shall make the declaration therein set forth, or to that effect.

6. Applications shall be addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch (hereinafter called "the Commissioner").

7. The day on which the lands shall be first opened for selection shall be Tuesday, the 5th April, 1898.

8. Every applicant shall, to the best of his ability, answer the questions set forth in his application, and such other questions relating to his means and ability to work the land and fulfil the conditions of the lease as the Land Board may see fit to ask. Failure to answer any such question to the satisfaction of the Land Board will entail the rejection of the application.

9. No application will be considered unless it is accompanied by a deposit consisting of an amount equal to the rent for the first half-year of the term, together with the sum of one guinea to defray the cost of the lease.

10. An application may be for more allotments than one, but no person shall be allowed to acquire or to hold more than one allotment.

11. If any application comprises more allotments than one, it shall be sufficient if the prescribed deposit is duly made in respect of the allotment applied for on which the largest deposit is required.

12. If the applicant is successful in obtaining an allotment his deposit, or a sufficient part thereof, shall be retained and applied in payment of the items hereinbefore referred to in respect of such allotment, and the residue, if any, shall be returned to him.

13. No person shall be capable of applying for or holding any allotment if at the date of his application he is directly or indirectly, either by himself or jointly with any other person or persons, the tenant or occupier of any land whatsoever under the principal Act, the amending Act, or "The Land Act, 1892," or the owner in fee-simple, or the tenant or occupier under a lease for a term whereof not less than two years are unexpired, of any other land in the colony which, if town or suburban land, exceeds one-fourth of an acre, or, if rural land, exceeds fifty acres, in area, or which exceeds in value £300.

14. Before disposing of the allotments the Land Board shall determine whether or not the applicant is a workman within the meaning of the amending Act; and for that purpose "workman" shall be deemed to mean any male or female person above the age of twenty-one years who is engaged in any form of manual, clerical, or other work for hire or reward.

15. Each applicant must satisfy the Land Board (whose decision shall be final and conclusive) that he possesses the following qualifications:—

(1.) That he is a workman as hereinbefore defined.

(2.) That he has the means to erect a suitable house on the land for himself and his family, and to fence and cultivate the land, or that there is a reasonable probability that he will be able to do so with the assistance of any advance that may be made to him under the provisions in that behalf hereinafter contained, or otherwise.

(3.) That he is in all respects a deserving and suitable person.

16. If any applicant fails to satisfy the Land Board as to any of the aforesaid qualifications, his application shall be void.

17. When more applications than one are made on the same day for the same land, the right to occupy the land shall, if such applications are accepted by the Land Board, be decided by ballot in accordance with the regulations under "The Land Act, 1892."

18. Subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," as to relaxing or dispensing with the conditions relating to residence, the lessee shall reside on the land within one year from the date of the lease, and thereafter such residence shall be continuous for the period of ten years.

19. The lessee shall put on the land comprised in his lease substantial improvements of a permanent character, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, as under, that is to say,—

- (1.) Within one year from the date of his lease, a substantial dwelling-house to the value of at least £30.
- (2.) Within two years from the date of his lease, a sufficient fence, within the meaning of "The Fencing Act, 1895," round the land.
- (3.) Within three years from the date of his lease, at least one-fourth of the area of the land shall be fenced off, and be under proper cultivation as a garden or orchard.

20. The lessee shall once a year throughout the term of his lease, and at the proper season of the year, properly cut and trim all live fences on the land at the date of the lease, or subsequently planted thereon, and stub all gorse not growing as fences, and also stub all broom and sweetbriar and other noxious plants.

21. The lessee shall once a year during the term of his lease properly clean and clear from weeds, and shall at all times during the said term keep open, all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses upon the land.

22. In the event of the lessee at any time failing to comply with any of the conditions of the two last-preceding clauses hereof, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner to have such work done, and to recover the cost of the same from the lessee in the same manner as rent.

23. The Commissioner or any Crown Lands Ranger of the land district shall also have the power at any time to enter upon and make through the land any drain that he deems necessary, without payment of any compensation to the lessee.

24. The lessee shall not at any time during the term, by assignment, under-lease, mortgage, or other disposition, in any way transfer the possession or occupation of less than the whole of the land comprised in his lease.

25. The lessee shall not open up any mine on the land comprised in his lease without the previous permission of the Commissioner in writing.

26. The lessee shall not, either directly or indirectly, carry on upon the land any offensive trade as defined in "The Land Transfer Act, 1885."

27. The lessee shall pay all rates, taxes, and assessments levied on or payable in respect of the land during the term of his lease.

28. The full and free right to enter on the land comprised in the lease and search for and take and remove gravel or stone for making or maintaining roads is reserved to Her Majesty: Provided that the lessee shall be entitled to compensation for any surface damage caused thereby, but to no other compensation or remedy whatsoever.

29. The lessee shall at all times during the term of his lease keep in good repair and condition, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, all fences, buildings, and other erections for the time being on the land, and shall not destroy, pull down, or remove them, or any part thereof, without the previous permission of the Commissioner in writing.

30. Advances under section 12 of the amending Act may be made subject to the following conditions:—

- (1.) If the lessee is married an advance of not more than £20, and if he is single an advance of not more than £10, may be made to him towards the cost of fencing and planting the land comprised in his lease, or of building a dwelling-house thereon.
- (2.) Such advance shall not exceed one-half the value of the fencing, planting, and building actually done or erected by the lessee on the land.
- (3.) No advance shall be made save on the written certificate of an Inspector appointed in that behalf by the Land Board, specifying the total value of the work done by the lessee, and the amount of the advance to which he is entitled, and certifying that such work has been well and faithfully done, and to the Inspector's satisfaction.
- (4.) Such advance, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, computed from the date of the advance, shall be repayable by the lessee to the Receiver of Land Revenue on the half-yearly rent-days by equal half-yearly instalments in advance, extending over such period, being not less than five nor more than ten years, as with the approval of the Minister the Land Board thinks fit to prescribe: Provided that the lessee may, at any time during such period, repay the whole or any less number of the then future instalments under a duly proportionate rebate of interest.

(5.) The lessee shall, at his own cost in all things, insure in the name of Her Majesty all buildings and erections from time to time standing on the land comprised in his lease in a sum equal to their full insurable value, and for the purposes of this provision the covenant for insurance set out in the Fourth Schedule to "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," shall be implied in the lease.

31. If and so often as the lessee makes default in the due and full payment of any rent under the lease, or of any instalment in respect of advances as aforesaid, or of any sum in respect of cost of insurance as aforesaid, or of any other moneys payable under the lease, or in the faithful observance and performance of any other of the provisions of these regulations, or of the lease, then and in any such case the Land Board may, without any previous or other notice or demand, forfeit the lease; and in such case all his interest therein shall absolutely cease and determine, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the next following clause, respecting valuation of improvements; but such forfeiture shall not affect any right or remedy on the part of Her Majesty to recover from the lessee any money due to Her Majesty, or release the lessee from any penalty or liability in respect to anything done or omitted to be done by him.

32. In the event of the forfeiture or surrender of the lease, the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," respecting valuation of improvements and the payment or other disposal thereof shall, so far as the same are applicable, apply to the improvements made by the lessee.

33. For the purpose of distinguishing the improvements existing on the land at the date of the lease from those subsequently made by the lessee, the first-mentioned improvements and their value shall be fixed by the Land Board and be specified in the lease.

34. The lease shall be in the form or to the effect set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, and may contain such additional provisions, not inconsistent with the said Acts or these regulations, as, with the approval of the Minister, the Land Board thinks fit.

35. Subject to these regulations, the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and the regulations thereunder with respect to applications for and the grant of leases in perpetuity, the stipulations and conditions subject to which such leases may be granted, the rights and powers of Her Majesty and of every person or authority in her behalf, the rights, powers, and functions of the Land Board and the Commissioner in relation to the land and premises comprised in such leases, and the estate, interest, rights, duties, and liabilities of the lessees shall, so far as the same are applicable, apply to leases in perpetuity granted under these regulations.

36. For the purpose of the disposal of the Pawaho Hamlet, the general regulations made on the 1st day of February, 1897, and gazetted on the 4th idem, are hereby superseded by these regulations.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Form of Application.

APPLICATION for an Allotment of Land in the Pawaho Hamlet for Lease in Perpetuity as a Workman's Home under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its Amendments.

To the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Land District of

I HEREBY apply for a lease in perpetuity of one of the following allotments as a workman's home:—

Allotment.	Survey District.	Block.	Section.	Area.	Annual Payments for Rent.	Prescribed Deposit.	Remarks.
				A. R. F.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	

And I deposit herewith the sum of £ , being the half-year's rent and other payments prescribed in respect of the allotment applied for.*

In proof of my fitness and qualifications to hold the land applied for, I hereby make the following replies to the under-mentioned questions:—

* If more than one allotment is applied for, the deposit should be for the allotment requiring the largest deposit.

Question.	Answer.
1. How old were you last birthday?
2. Are you married?
3. What is your trade, business, or occupation, and are you employed thereat; if so, where and by whom?	
4. How many children have you living with you, and what are their respective ages?	
5. Do you desire the Government to assist you in building, planting, or fencing, by an advance of money? If so, to what extent, and for what purposes?	
6. What land do you hold or have an interest in? Give particulars of the block, section, area, and value of such land, and say whether it is freehold, leasehold, or what other tenure, specifying also what portion of it (if any) is rural and what portion (if any) is town or suburban land.	
7. What land does your wife (or husband) hold or have an interest in? Give particulars as above.	
8. Is the rural land (if any) mentioned in answers 6 and 7 insufficient for the maintenance of yourself and your family? If so, give your reasons.	
9. Is the town or suburban land (if any) mentioned in answers 6 and 7 insufficient for a home for yourself and your family? If so, give your reasons.	

Declaration.

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

- That I am of the age of twenty-one years and upwards.
 - That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1896," and the regulations made thereunder, am applying for a lease in perpetuity of one of the allotments described in the foregoing application.
 - That I am acquiring 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 whomsoever.
 - That I am not, directly or indirectly, either by myself or jointly with any other person or persons, the tenant or occupier of any land whatsoever under "The Land Act, 1892," or "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," or their respective amendments, nor the owner in fee-simple, nor the tenant or occupier under a lease for a term whereof not less than two years are unexpired, of any other land in the colony which, being town or suburban land, exceeds one-fourth of an acre, or, being rural land, exceeds fifty acres in area, or which exceeds in value £300.
 - That the total value of all the freehold and leasehold property owned by me does not (after deducting the encumbrances thereon) exceed £300.
 - That my answers to the foregoing questions (Nos. 1 to 9) are true and correct 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 intitled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

[Signature in full.]

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, one thousand _____, before me—

[Signature],

A Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand [or as the case may be].

Received on _____, at _____, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SECOND SCHEDULE.
(New Zealand.)

LEASE IN PERPETUITY of Land in the Pawaho Hamlet under "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and the Amendments thereof.

THIS DEED, made the _____ day of _____, one thousand _____, between Her Majesty the Queen (who, with her heirs and successors, is hereinafter referred to as "the lessor"), of the one part, and [Full name], of [Residence], in the Colony of New Zealand [Occupation] (who, with his executors, administrators, and permitted assigns, is hereinafter referred to as "the lessee"), of the other part.

Whereas the allotment of land described in the First Schedule hereto has been acquired by the lessor under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894": And whereas, pursuant to the provisions of that Act and the regulations in that behalf, the lessee duly applied for a lease in perpetuity of the said allotment as a workman's home, and on the _____ day of _____, one thousand _____, his application was duly declared to be successful by the Land

Board of the Canterbury Land District (hereinafter called the "Land Board"):

Now this deed witnesseth that, in consideration of the rent hereinafter reserved, and of the covenants, conditions, and agreements herein contained and implied, and on the part of the lessee to be paid, observed, and performed, the lessor doth hereby demise and lease unto the lessee all that piece of land, containing by admeasurement _____ acres _____ roods _____ perches, a little more or less, situated in the Land District of _____ aforesaid, and being allotment numbered _____ of the Pawaho Hamlet, as the same is more particularly described in the First Schedule hereto, and delineated in the plan drawn thereon, it being therein coloured red in outline; together with the rights, easements, and appurtenances to the same belonging: To hold the said several premises intended to be hereby demised unto the lessee for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, to be reckoned from the first day of _____, one thousand _____, and including, in addition, the broken period between the date of this lease and such day. Yielding and paying therefor during the said term unto the Receiver of Land Revenue for the said Land District of _____, free from all deductions whatsoever, the clear annual rent of _____, computed from the said first day of _____, one thousand _____, and payable in manner following, that is to say:—

- By a payment of _____ before the execution of these presents, such payment (which has been duly made) being in respect of rent in advance for the first half-year, computed as aforesaid; and also
- By the payment thereafter of _____ half-yearly in advance on the first day of January and first day of July in each and every year during the said term, the first of such payments to become due and to be made on the first day of _____, one thousand _____.

And the lessee doth hereby covenant with the lessor as follows, that is to say:—

- Subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," as to relaxing or dispensing with the conditions relating to residence, the lessee will reside on the demised land within one year from the date of this lease, and thereafter such residence shall be continuous for the period of ten years.
- The lessee will put on the demised land substantial improvements of a permanent character to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Canterbury Land District (hereinafter called "the Commissioner"), a under:—
 - Within one year from the date of this lease, a substantial dwellinghouse to the value of at least £30;
 - Within two years from the date of this lease, a sufficient fence, within the meaning of "The Fencing Act, 1895," round the land, with gates complete;
 - Within three years from the date of this lease, at least one-fourth of the area of the demised land shall be fenced off, and be under proper cultivation as a garden or orchard.
- The lessee will once a year throughout the said term, and at the proper season of the year, properly cut and trim all live fences now on the demised land, or which may be planted thereon during the said term, and stub all gorse not growing as fences, and also stub all broom, sweetbriar, and other noxious plants.
- The lessee will once a year during the said term properly clean and clear from weeds, and will at all times during the said term keep open, all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses upon the demised land.
- In the event of the lessee at any time failing to faithfully perform any of the provisions of the two last-preceding clauses hereof, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner to have such work done, and to recover the cost of the same from the lessee in the same manner as rent.
- The Commissioner or any Crown Lands Ranger shall have the power at any time to enter upon and make through the demised land any drain that he deems necessary, without payment of any compensation to the lessee.
- The lessee will not at any time during the said term, by assignment, under-lease, mortgage, or other disposition, in any way transfer the possession or occupation of less than the whole of the demised land.
- The lessee will not open up any mine on the demised land without the previous permission of the Commissioner in writing.
- The lessee will not, either directly or indirectly, carry on any offensive trade, as defined in "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," upon the demised land.
- The lessee will pay all rates, taxes, and assessments levied on or payable in respect of the demised land during the said term.
- The lessee will fully and punctually pay the rent hereinbefore reserved at the times and in the manner hereinbefore named in that behalf.

12. The lessor shall at all times have full and free right to enter upon the demised land and search for and take and remove gravel or stone for making or maintaining roads: Provided that the lessee shall be entitled to compensation for any surface-damage caused thereby, but to no other compensation or remedy whatsoever.

13. The lessee will at all times during the said term keep in good repair and condition, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, all fences, buildings, and other erections for the time being standing on the demised land, and will not destroy, pull down, or remove them, or any part thereof, without the previous permission of the Commissioner in writing.

14. With reference to any advance at any time made to the lessee under section 12 of "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1896," and the regulations relating thereto, the following special provisions shall apply:—

- (1.) Such advance, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, computed from the date of the advance, shall be repayable by the lessee to the aforesaid Receiver by equal half-yearly instalments in advance, extending over such period, being not less than five nor more than ten years, as, with the approval of the Minister, the Land Board thinks fit to prescribe: Provided that the lessee may, at any time during such period, pay the whole or any less number of the then future instalments under a duly proportionate rebate of interest.
- (2.) A certificate under the hand of the Commissioner shall at all times and from time to time be conclusive evidence as to the date and amount of the advance, the amount and due dates of the instalments, and the sums paid and unpaid in respect thereof.
- (3.) As long as any such instalment remains unpaid the lessee shall, at his own cost in all things, insure in the name of Her Majesty all buildings and erections from time to time standing on the demised land in a sum equal to their full insurable value, and for the purposes of this provision the covenant for insurance set out in the Fourth Schedule to "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," shall be implied herein.

And it is hereby decreed and declared as follows, that it is to say:—

- (a.) Subject to the provisions herein contained and implied, the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and the regulations thereunder with respect to applications for and the grant of leases in perpetuity, the stipulations and conditions subject to which such leases may be granted, the rights and powers of Her Majesty and of every person and authority in her behalf, the rights, powers, and functions of the Land Board and the Commissioner in relation to the land and premises comprised in such leases, and the estate, interest, rights, duties, and liabilities of the lessees, shall, so far as the same are applicable, apply to this lease as fully as if they were fully set out herein.
- (b.) If and so often as the lessee makes default in the due and full payment of any rent hereby reserved, or in respect of any advance as aforesaid, or of any other moneys payable under this lease, or in the faithful observance and performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, or stipulations herein contained or implied, and by him to be observed or performed, then and in any such case the Land Board may, without any previous or other notice or demand, forfeit this lease; and in such case all the lessee's interest therein shall absolutely cease and determine, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the next following clause respecting valuation of improvements; but such forfeiture shall not affect any right or remedy on the part of the lessor to recover from the lessee any money due to the lessor, nor release the lessee from any penalty or liability in respect to anything done or omitted to be done by him.
- (c.) In the event of the forfeiture or surrender of this lease, the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," respecting valuation of improvements and the payment or other disposal thereof shall, so far as the same are applicable, apply to the improvements made by the lessee.
- (d.) For the purpose of distinguishing the improvements existing on the demised land at the date of this lease from those subsequently made by the lessee, the first-mentioned improvements and their value shall be deemed to be those specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

[Insert such additional provisions (if any), not inconsistent herewith, as, with the approval of the Minister, the Land Board thinks fit.]

In witness whereof the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Land District of Canterbury, on behalf of the lessor, hath hereunto set his hand, and these presents have been also executed by or on behalf the lessee.

The First Schedule hereinbefore referred to.

Description of the demised land:

The Second Schedule hereinbefore referred to.

Improvements now existing on the demised land, and their value:—

Improvements:	Valua.
	£ s. d.
[Specify improvements in detail, with their respective values]	
Total value	£

Signed by the Commissioner, on behalf of the lessor, in the presence of—
Signed by or on behalf of the above-named as lessee, in the presence of—

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Sale of Land under "The Public Works Act, 1894."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by the twenty-ninth section of "The Public Works Act, 1894" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that if it is found that any land held, taken, purchased, or acquired at any time under this or any other Act or Provincial Ordinance, or otherwise howsoever, for any public work, is not required for such public work, the Governor may, by an Order in Council publicly notified and gazetted, cause the same to be sold under the conditions set forth in the said Act: And whereas a plan has been prepared, and the lands described in the Schedule hereto are not now required for the purpose of a public work, that is to say for road purposes, and it is desirable to sell the same:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers and authority conferred upon him by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby direct the sale of the lands described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 acre 1 rood 26 perches, more or less, being a strip of land 110 links wide for a length of 1255 links, and 55 links wide for a length of 60 links, adjoining and to the north-east of Section No. 49, Block V., Paritutu Survey District; as the same is delineated upon the plan hereinafter mentioned, and coloured red.

Also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement 3 roads 29 perches, more or less, being a strip of land 60 links wide adjoining and to the north-west of Section No. 63, Block V., Paritutu Survey District; as the same is delineated upon the plan hereinafter mentioned, and coloured green.

Also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 rood 4 perches, more or less, being a strip of land 55 links wide adjoining and to the north-east of Section No. 63, Block V., Paritutu Survey District; as the same is delineated upon a plan hereinafter mentioned, and coloured purple.

As the three several areas above described are delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 37155, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above noted.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Declaring Part of the Makieke Road, Salisbury and Delaware Blocks, in the Apiti Survey District, to be a County Road.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of all other

powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order that the portion of road known as the Makiekie Road described in the Schedule below, and which was made by the Governor under the powers contained in "The Public Works Act, 1882," and has hitherto been a Government road, shall, on and after the date of this Order in Council, become a county road.

SCHEDULE.

PORTION OF THE MAKIEKIE ROAD RUNNING THROUGH THE SALISBURY AND DELAWARE BLOCKS.

THAT part of the Makiekie Road extending from its junction with the Makoura Road, near the southernmost corner of Section No. 16, Block XII., Apiti Survey District, to the production of the south-western boundary-line of Section No. 2 of Block XVI., and lying wholly in said Block XVI.; as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 20797, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured brown.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Extending Time for Preparation of Valuation List of Borough of Foxton.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS it has been made to appear that the valuation list of the Borough of Foxton cannot be completed by or within the time mentioned in "The Rating Act, 1894":

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers vested in him by the said "Rating Act, 1894," and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby extend the time for completing the preparation of such valuation list until the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and doth also extend the time during which such valuation list shall be open for inspection and during which objections thereto may be made until the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority 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 direct that the valuations for the time being appearing in the general valuation roll shall, in addition to the purposes specified in the Order in Council making regulations, dated the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, be used for the purposes following, that is to say:—

The assessment of stamp duties under "The Stamp Act, 1882," and duties under "The Deceased Persons' Estates Duties Act, 1881."

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Appointing Day for closing under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS the local authority of the Town Board of Opunake, being duly authorised by "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," to appoint by special resolution, in the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, the day on which shops in the said Town Board are to be closed in accordance with the said Act, has failed so to appoint a day:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers in this behalf conferred upon me by section ten of the said Act, do hereby appoint Wednesday to be the day on which shops shall be closed in the said Town Board of Opunake, in accordance with the said Act.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

The Northern Wairoa Agricultural and Pastoral Association incorporated.—Notice No. 511.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fourth day of March, 1898.

Present:

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

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Agricultural and Pastoral Societies Act, 1877," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby incorporate the members of the Northern Wairoa Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and such persons as shall hereafter be admitted members of the said association agreeably to the rules of the said association and the provisions of the said Act, into a body corporate under the said Act, under the style and title of "The Northern Wairoa Agricultural and Pastoral Association."

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Vaccination Station, Wellington District, appointed.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Public Health Act, 1876," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint the place mentioned in the second column of the Schedule hereto as and to be the place at which the Public Vaccinator appointed for the district mentioned in the first column of the said Schedule shall attend for the performance of vaccination, as required by the said Act; and I do hereby give notice that such Public Vaccinator will attend at the place aforesaid, for the purpose of performing such vaccination, on the days and at the hours set forth in the third column of the said Schedule opposite the name of such place; and, further, that at such place as last aforesaid the Public Vaccinator will attend, for the purpose of inspecting the progress of such vaccination in the persons so vaccinated, on the days and at the hours respectively set forth in the fourth column of the said Schedule opposite the name of such place.

SCHEDULE.

District for which Public Vaccinator appointed.	Place where Vaccination to be performed.	Days and Hours fixed for Performance of Vaccination.	Days and Hours fixed for inspecting the Progress of Vaccination.
Wellington	Surgery of Dr. Teare, 88, Cuba Street, Wellington	Every Monday and Thursday, 2 to 3 p.m.	Every Monday and Thursday, 2 to 3 p.m., after performance of vaccination.

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

J. CARROLL,

Lands permanently reserved.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

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

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

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby permanently reserve the lands so temporarily reserved as aforesaid, and enumerated in the first column of the Schedule hereto, for the purposes specified in the second column of the said Schedule, being the same purposes for which the said lands were so temporarily reserved as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE.

First Column. DESCRIPTION OF RESERVES.					Second Column.	Third Column.	Fourth Column.
Land District.	Locality.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Date of Warrant.	<i>Gazette</i> .
Auckland ..	Hukerenui S.D. ..	40	X.	A. R. P. 5 0 0	Public-school site ..	1897. 21 Dec.	1898. No. 1, 6 Jan.
" ..	Te Kuri S.D. ..	30	II.	10 0 0	Public cemetery ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Whangarei S.D. ..	7	III.	1 2 16	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Waipoua S.D. ..	16	VIII.	4 2 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Opuawhanga S.D.	18A	XI.	10 1 22	Agricultural and Pastoral Society's showground	" ..	" ..
" ..	Rangitoto S.D. ..	1	"	49 2 0	For Auckland Harbour Board purposes	" ..	" ..
" ..	Waimana Parish ..	332	"	10 0 0	Public cemetery ..	" ..	" ..
Hawke's Bay	Uawa S.D. ..	14	XII.	4 2 0	Quarry ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Weber S.D. ..	9	XVI.	103 1 2	Preservation of scenery	" ..	" ..
Taranaki ..	Village of Purangi	40	"	3 3 26	Government paddock ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Ngatimaru S.D. ..	39	II.	2 0 20	Public cemetery ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Omona S.D. ..	21	VII.	8 0 0	Quarry ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	20	"	6 0 0	Public-pound site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	1	XI.	16 0 0	For a resting-place for travelling stock	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	25	"	9 0 0	Public cemetery ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	3	VII.	10 0 0	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	12	X.	12 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Vill. of Tongaporutu	23	"	4 1 24	Public recreation ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	27	"	4 2 29	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	18	"	1 1 16	Site for public buildings of the General Government	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	25	"	7 0 20	Pilot-station ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Mimi S.D. ..	31	I.	319 0 0	Growth and preservation of timber	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	7	XIII.	10 0 0	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	13	IV.	10 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	30	IX.	67 0 0	Growth and preservation of timber	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	8	"	4 0 0	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Village of Purangi	16	"	0 2 0	Police purposes ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	12 and 13	"	0 2 0	Site for public buildings of the General Government	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	22	"	1 2 0	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Huiroa S.D. ..	60	III.	0 2 26	Gravel-pit ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	13	IV.	2 2 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	20	"	1 1 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Waitara S.D. ..	4	XVI.	3 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Ngatimaru S.D. ..	11	I.	3 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
Wellington	Ohinewairua S.D. ..	8A	IX.	10 1 37	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Manganui S.D. ..	17	VIII.	10 2 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Town of Richardsön	7	III.	2 0 32	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	" ..	6	"	1 3 20	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Hautapu S.D. ..	44	X.	5 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..
Nelson ..	Mokihinui S.D. ..	4A	"	3 1 34	Public cemetery ..	" ..	" ..
Otago ..	Town of Waipahi ..	14	VII.	5 2 16	Public recreation ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Town of Sutton ..	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24	XII.	6 2 29	Public-school site ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Maniototo S.D. (Komaako Village)	40 and 66	XI.	9 0 26	" ..	" ..	" ..

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Changing the Purposes of Reserves in Auckland and Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS the provisions and the requirements of the seventh section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," have been duly complied with in respect of the lands described in the first column of the Schedule hereto: And whereas notices in the *Gazette* have been duly published for four consecutive weeks, and laid before both Houses of the Assembly as provided by the said section of the said Act: And whereas no resolution of either House of Assembly has been passed that such House does not concur in the intention declared in any such notices:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the Act aforesaid, do hereby change the specific purposes of the reserves described in the first column of the Schedule hereto to the specific purposes set opposite such descriptions in the second column of the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

FIRST COLUMN. Description and Original Purpose of Reserve.	SECOND COLUMN. Purpose.
AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.	
All that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 1 acre and 12 perches, more or less, being Lot No. 38 in the Parish of Okura, Block XL, Waiwera Survey District, Auckland Land District. Bounded towards the north-east by a road, 468 links; towards the south by a road, 598 links; and towards the north-west by a road, 477 links, to the point of commencement. Reserved on the 26th July, 1881, by a warrant published in <i>Gazette</i> No. 61, of the 28th July, 1881, page 960, as a site for a public hall.	Site for offices and buildings of the General Government.
WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.	
All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 7, Township of Palmerston North. Bounded towards the north-west by Section No. 6; towards the north-east by Section No. 9; towards the south-east by Main Street East; and towards the south-west by Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. Reserved and set apart for the use of the Public Works Department of New Zealand on the 20th July, 1871, by Proclamation published in the Wellington Provincial <i>Gazette</i> of the 31st July, 1871.	For a site for buildings and for other purposes of the Department of Agriculture.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Appointing a Trustee for Waimea South Cemetery.

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

ROBERT BODDINGTON

to be a Trustee, in the place of William Ratt, deceased, to provide for the maintenance and care of the Waimea South Public Cemetery, in conjunction with the other persons appointed by a warrant under the hand of His Excellency the Governor on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Trustees for the Seddonville 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

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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.
George Herbert Broome, Timothy Corby, James Walker Marshall, Cornelius Dean, Thomas Alexander, Detlef Peter Mumm, and Peter Park Ballantine.	SEDDONVILLE. All that parcel of land in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement 3 acres 1 rood 34 perches, more or less, being Section No. 4A, Block X., Mokihinui Survey District. Bounded towards the north by a public road on the banks of the Mokihinui River, 769.5 links; towards the east partly by Section 116, Town of Mokihinui, and partly by Crown lands, 743 links; towards the south-west by Section 4, Block X., Mokihinui Survey District, 338.5 links; and towards the west by Section 4 aforesaid, 664 links: as the same is delineated on the map deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Nelson.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Appointment of Vice-Consul for the Netherlands at Auckland recognised provisionally.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has provisionally recognised the appointment by the Consul-General for the Netherlands at Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, of

AMBROSE MILLAR, Esq.,
as Vice-Consul for the Netherlands at Auckland.
J. CARROLL.

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ALEXANDER HUGH CAMPBELL
to be the Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages and of Births and Deaths for the District of Wairoa.
J. CARROLL.

Public Vaccinators, Brunner and Little River Districts, appointed.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Public Vaccinators, under "The Public Health Act, 1876," for the districts set respectively opposite their names, viz:—

Name.	District.
ALEXANDER JAMES McILROY, Esq., M.B. and Mast. Surg. Univ. Edin.	Brunner.
WILHELM MORRIS, Esq., Phys. and Surg. Univ. Erlangen.	Little River.

J. CARROLL.

Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ALEXANDER GAW
to be Registrar of Marriages and of Births and Deaths, and also to be Vaccination Inspector, for the District of Wyndham, vice A. W. Kirton, transferred, on and from the 15th March, 1898.

J. CARROLL.

Member of Licensing Committee appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 3rd March, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

GEORGE WHITESIDE

to be a member of the Licensing Committee for the District of Ashley, *vice* D. Dick, resigned.

T. THOMPSON.

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

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 8th March, 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 Papakaio portion of the Waitaki islands, in terms of Regulation No. 1 of the regulations for the management of the aforesaid portion of the said islands, dated the 26th January, 1898, *viz.* :—

THOMAS YOUNG DUNCAN,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
ALEXANDER WALKER,
JOHN MCGIMPSEY, and
WILLIAM JOSEPH WILLIAMS.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Inspector of Sea-fishing appointed.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 2nd March, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him by subsection (2) of section 6 of "The Sea-fisheries Act, 1894," to appoint

FREDERICK WILD,

of Devonport, Auckland, police sergeant, to be an Inspector of Sea-fishing under the above-mentioned Act.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Harbourmaster and Pilot, Manukau, appointed.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 5th March, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him by section 13 of "The Harbours Act, 1878," to appoint

JOHN NEALE

to be Harbourmaster and Pilot for the Port of Manukau, in the place of John Robertson, resigned.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Manager of Private Industrial School appointed.

Education Department,
Wellington, 8th March, 1898.

PURSUANT to section 11 of "The Industrial Schools Act, 1882,"

The Reverend WILLIAM JOSEPH LEWIS has been approved of as Manager of St. Joseph's Providence, in Wellington, *vice* the Rev. T. G. Dawson, resigned.

W. C. WALKER.

Result of Polls for Proposed Loans, Clifton County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 2nd March, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

CLIFTON COUNTY.—OKOKE ROAD LOAN.

RESULT of poll taken on the 21st day of February, 1898, upon the proposal to borrow £1,000, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," to form and fence a deviation of the Okoke Road through Sections 9 and 10, Block VIII., Waitara Survey District, form a road through the unsurveyed lands of Block V., Waitara Survey District, to bridge the Urenui River, and form a portion of the Okoke Road :—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 13, exercising 13 votes : Number of ratepayers who voted for the proposal, 8,

exercising 8 votes ; number of ratepayers who did not vote, 5, exercising 5 votes.

I therefore declare the above proposal to be carried.

R. H. PIGOTT,

Waitara, 26th February, 1898.

Chairman.

CLIFTON COUNTY.—ONAERO ROAD LOAN.

RESULT of poll taken on the 22nd day of February, 1898, upon the proposal to borrow £200, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," to purchase land for road purposes, forming and fencing the same through Section 2, Block VII., Waitara Survey District :—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 5 ; number of votes exercisable, 7 : Number of ratepayers who voted for the proposal, 4, exercising 6 votes ; number of ratepayers who did not vote, 1, exercising 1 vote.

I therefore declare the above proposal to be carried.

R. H. PIGOTT,

Waitara, 26th February, 1898.

Chairman.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th March, 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.
Even Christensen ..	Seaman ..	Dunedin.
Ernest Elbe ..	Master Mariner ..	Wellington.
Morten Jensen ..	Weaver ..	Petone.
Peter Lausten ..	Miner ..	Red Jack's, Grey Valley.
Collin Francis Post ..	Master Mariner ..	Wellington.
Estere Savieri ..	Laundress ..	Wellington.
Frank Sponheimer ..	Miner ..	Red Jack's, Grey Valley.

J. CARROLL.

Special Order made by the Waipapu County Council, altering the Boundaries of Ridings.

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

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

J. CARROLL.

WAIAPU COUNTY COUNCIL.—SPECIAL ORDER.

RESOLVED, That the boundaries of the Tokomaru and Waipiro Ridings be altered, and that, on and after the date of the publication in the *New Zealand Gazette* of this resolution, the boundaries of the aforesaid Tokomaru and Waipiro Ridings shall be those set forth under their respective headings in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Tokomaru Riding.

Bounded towards the east by the sea from the southern boundary of the Waipiro Block to the southern boundary of the Anaura Block : thence towards the south generally by the southern boundary of the last-named block to the Hikuwai Stream ; thence by that stream and the southern boundaries of the Tauwhareparae Nos. 1 and 3 Blocks to the south-westernmost corner of the last-mentioned block ; thence by the western boundary-line of Tauwhareparae No. 3 Block, 12800 links ; thence by a line bearing due west, 12000 links, to Trig. Station No. 171 ; thence by a line bearing south 82° west, 12400 links, to Pakaurangi ; thence by lines bearing south 6° 45' east, 8700 links, and south 30° 30' west, 5200 links, to Rimututahi ; thence by lines bearing north 46° west 1400 links, north 32° west 1100 links, north 65° 30' west 2800 links, north 10° 19' west 5669 links, north 14° 39' west 1098 links, north 15° 30' west 10800 links, north 74° 30' east 4500 links, north 9° 30' east 6600 links, north 87° west 7500 links, north 45° west 1600 links, north 61° 30' west 11800 links, south 87° west 2550 links, south 78° west 4500 links, north 20° 29' east 17000 links, to the southern boundary-line of Tauwhareparae No. 2 Block ; thence by that boundary-line to the Mangamaunu River ; thence by that river to its confluence with the Mata River ; thence by the right bank of the Mata River to the eastern boundary-line of Huiarua No. 1 Block ; thence by the eastern and south-western boundary-lines of Huiarua No. 1 Block and a portion of the western boundary-line of Huiarua Block to its intersection with the Whakatane County boundary near Arowhana Trig. Station : thence towards the west by the Whakatane County boundary to its

intersection with the southern boundary-line of Maungawaru Block: and thence generally towards the north by the southern boundary-lines of Maungawaru, Waitahaia, and Hauturu Blocks to the Whakoau Stream; thence by that stream to its confluence with the Mata River; thence by the Mata River to the mouth of the Pora Stream; thence by that stream to its intersection with the northern boundary-line of Small Grazing-run No. 55; thence by Ruangarehu No. 1 Block to Tuakau-Pirana No. 1A Block; thence by the last-mentioned block to its junction with other portion of the aforesaid Ruangarehu No. 1 Block; thence by the last-mentioned block to the Pawariki Stream; thence by that stream to its intersection with the southern boundary-line of the Rakautautini Block; thence by the Rakautautini, Poroikamoana, Waipiro No. 2 or Kaupekaahaumia, and Waipiro Blocks to the sea.

Waipiro Riding.

Bounded generally towards the south by the Tokomaru Riding as above described: towards the west and north-west by the Whakatane County to Hikurangi: thence generally towards the north by Tapuwaeroa No. 2, Aorangiwai No. 1, and Taoroa Blocks to the Mangapeka Stream; thence by that stream to its confluence with the Mata River; thence by the Mata River to the mouth of the Wharau Stream; thence by that stream to its intersection with the southern boundary-line of Makarika Block; thence by that block to the Makarika Stream; thence by that stream to its intersection with the southern boundary-line of Te Ahiote-ataua Block; thence by the last-named block to the Mangaehu Stream; thence by the Mangaehu Stream to its intersection with the Waipiro-Makarika Road; thence by a line along the middle of that road to the sea at Waipiro Bay; thence towards the east by the sea to the southern boundary of the Waipiro Block.

I certify that the above special order has been duly made.

WILLIAM O'RYAN,
Clerk.

Teachers' Examination, 1898.

Education Department,
Wellington, 8th March, 1898.

IN addition to the candidates named in the Supplement to the *Gazette* of 24th February, the following candidates, examined at Tauranga, have passed the examination for Class E:—

Brain, Alice Jeannette.
Brain, Eleanor Esther.

W. C. WALKER,
Minister of Education.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 5th March, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the commission held by the under-mentioned officer:—

Devonport Naval Artillery Volunteers.

Lieutenant Frederick William Thomas. Date of resignation, 16th February, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Notice to Imprestees under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891."

The Treasury,
Wellington, 23rd February, 1898.

EVERY officer holding advances of public money is hereby required to pay to the Public Account, at the nearest branch of the Bank of New Zealand, the unexpended balance in his hand on or before Thursday, the 31st March proximo, and forthwith to transmit to the Treasury at Wellington the bank-receipt for such repayment, together with an account of his expenditure to the same date, as required by clause 4 of the Treasury Regulations.

As respects disbursements which officers may require to make immediately after the close of the financial year, requisitions for the amount required are to be made in such time as to enable them to reach Wellington not later than the 16th March, so that the requisite funds may be placed at the disposal of the officer on the 1st April.

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

Bonus for the Production of Quicksilver.

Mines Office,
Wellington, 17th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of fourpence (4d.) per pound will be paid on the production of the first one hundred thousand pounds weight (100,000lb.) of

good marketable retorted quicksilver, free from all impurities, from any mine in New Zealand, on the following conditions, that is to say:—

1. That at least one-third of the quantity is produced on or before the 31st March, 1900, and the remaining two-thirds on or before the 31st March, 1901.

2. No bonus will be payable until the whole of the one hundred thousand pounds (100,000 lb.) of quicksilver has been produced as stipulated to the satisfaction of an officer to be appointed by the Minister of Mines, and on whose certificate alone the bonus will be paid.

3. In the event of more than one person producing the required quantities of quicksilver before the dates named, inquiry will be made by the officer above referred to, when, if it is found that each applicant is equally entitled to a bonus, the amount will be divided in proportion to the quantities produced by each applicant, but in no case shall any bonus be paid until at least one hundred thousand pounds (100,000 lb.) of quicksilver has been produced in the aggregate.

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister of Mines.

Memorandum to Receivers of Public Moneys.

WITH a view to the early completion of the Treasury accounts of the current financial year ending on Thursday, the 31st instant, Receivers are directed to prepare copies of their cash-books for a special period to end on that day, and to transmit the same by post to the Receiver-General immediately after the close of the bank on that date.

The account for the special period is to include all receipts after bank hours on Saturday, the 26th March, and the whole of the subsequent transactions up to the time when the bank closes on Thursday, the 31st instant.

Officers who render four-weekly accounts will extend their account to Thursday, the 31st instant, so as to embrace all transactions from the closing of the bank on the 26th February to the 31st March.

If any bank receipts for moneys paid in on or before the 31st instant are received from sub-offices after copies of cash-books have been posted, Receivers are directed to enter all such receipts in a supplementary account, and to transmit a copy thereof to the Receiver-General on the same day.

The first ordinary account for the new year shall be for the period from the 1st to the 9th April, both inclusive, and is only to contain such revenue as may have been paid to the Public Account subsequent to the 31st instant, or collected after bank hours on that date.

The first four-weekly account shall be for the period from the 1st to the 23rd April, both inclusive.

Receivers are requested to take great care that the copies of their cash-books to be rendered during the current month are promptly posted.

The foregoing instructions are also to apply to deposits and law trust accounts.

JAMES B. HEYWOOD,
Receiver-General.

The Treasury, Wellington, 1st March, 1898.

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

Education Department,
Wellington, 7th February, 1898.

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

The members to be elected are,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. O. GIBBES,
Returning Officer.

Officiating Ministers for 1898.—Notice No. 6.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 3rd March, 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 names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Reverend Frederick George Masters, M.A.
The Reverend John Walker, B.A.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 2nd March, 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.

Frederick Albert Horne, otherwise called Frederick Horne, late of Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, bootmaker. Filed on the 16th February, 1898.

Reginald Thomas Zealandia Maxwell, late of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, minor. Filed on the 25th February, 1898.

Frederick Stephen Earle Gortley, late of Moawhango, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 25th February, 1898.

Robert Pryce, late of Ponsonby, in the Provincial District of Auckland, miner. Filed on the 25th February, 1898.

Patrick Duggan, late of Fendalton, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, labourer. Filed on the 25th February, 1898.

Peter Moore, late of Okura, in the Provincial District of Westland, labourer. Filed on the 25th February, 1898.

Henry Fenwick, late of Petone, in the Provincial District of Wellington, carriage-trimmer. Filed on the 1st March, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of both or either of the following sections of land, situate in the Parish of Waioeka, in the Provincial District of Auckland—namely, Section 216, containing 50 acres; Section 241, containing 50 acres. The last registered owner of both sections is Henry Reed, described as of Opotiki, 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 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 4th day of March, 1898.

A. A. DUNCAN,
Deputy Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 1 acre, more or less, being Allotment 185 of Section 2, in the Town of Opotiki, County of Whakatane, in the Provincial District of Auckland. The land was Crown-granted to one John Fitzgerald, who never lifted his title, and of whose whereabouts nothing can be traced. The land is now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Green, of Opotiki.

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 4th day of March, 1898.

A. A. DUNCAN,
Deputy Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 30 acres, more or less, being Rural Section 5737, Block VII., Alford Survey District, in the Provincial District of Canterbury. The land was Crown-granted to Tom Poole Dines, described as of Mount Peel, carpenter, 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 5th day of March, 1898.

A. A. DUNCAN,
Deputy Public Trustee.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies' Registry Office,
Wellington, 4th March, 1898.

THE Lily of the South, registered No. 110 (44), situated at Invercargill, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand Central District Independent Order of Rechabites (Salford Unity) Friendly Society, under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," this 4th day of March, 1898.

EDMUND MASON,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Examination for Land Surveyors.

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

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

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

Government Observatory.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations, Wellington, for the month of February, 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.						Amount of Cloud, 0 to 10.	Direction of Wind.	
		Max. Temp. in Shade.	Min. Temp. in Shade.	Mean Temp. in Shade.	Solar Radiation.	Terrestrial Radiation.	Rainfall, in Inches.			
1	29.447	75.0	58.5	66.7	133	49	..	180	3	N.W.
2	29.842	73.0	44.0	58.5	128	39	.720	390	6	S.W.
3	29.700	65.0	45.0	55.0	126	39	.200	270	5	N.W.
4	29.592	64.0	49.5	56.7	118	42	.020	300	4	E.
5	29.703	63.0	45.0	54.0	116	39	.100	200	3	S.E.
6	29.700	60.0	47.0	53.5	122	37	..	175	4	N.W.
7	29.301	67.0	58.0	62.5	100	50	.140	285	6	N.W.
8	29.337	66.3	52.0	59.1	92	44	.500	430	3	N.W.
9	29.900	66.0	55.8	60.9	100	46	..	390	3	N.W.
10	29.803	67.0	59.0	63.0	120	52	..	700	5	N.W.
11	29.897	65.5	54.0	59.7	110	42	..	330	3	N.W.
12	29.958	70.0	49.0	59.5	122	39	..	220	3	S.E.
13	30.050	65.3	47.0	56.1	124	39	..	150	4	N.W.
14	30.154	67.0	49.0	58.0	126	39	..	120	3	S.
15	30.190	72.0	55.0	63.5	129	44	..	200	4	S.E.
16	30.170	66.0	50.5	58.2	125	41	..	140	3	Calm
17	30.010	72.3	57.0	64.6	130	45	..	260	5	N.W.
18	29.773	65.5	58.0	61.7	88	51	.080	400	6	N.W.
19	29.780	65.3	54.3	59.8	117	43	..	510	4	N.W.
20	29.860	65.0	57.0	61.0	130	49	..	500	4	N.W.
21	29.957	66.0	55.0	60.5	123	43	..	420	3	N.W.
22	30.096	69.0	56.0	62.5	123	57	..	310	3	N.W.
23	30.204	71.5	54.0	62.7	124	48	..	210	5	S.E.
24	30.123	71.5	47.0	59.2	125	36	..	120	5	N.W.
25	29.791	69.0	50.0	59.5	124	39	..	160	4	N.W.
26	29.706	66.0	54.0	60.0	122	42	..	250	4	S.
27	29.700	67.5	55.0	61.2	128	43	..	170	5	S.E.
28	30.063	63.9	48.0	55.9	122	36	.090	180	3	S.E.
*	29.850	67.3	52.2	59.7	119.7	43.3	1.850	284	4.0	..
†	29.949	..	..	62.5	..	..	3.542	..	..	..

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

NOTE.—Showery up to 7th—the maximum rainfall recorded on 2nd, 0.72 in. On 1st sudden squall from S., causing a severe dust-storm, barometer fell to 29.3, also heavy rain and hail squalls; rain on 2nd, and hail; remainder of month tolerably fine, but generally strong N.W. winds; fog on 17th and 18th. Maximum temperature in shade 75°, minimum 44°; mean temperature of dew-point, 52°·8; mean humidity, 79. Slight earthquake before midnight on 13th.

R. B. GORE, Observer.

Civil Service Senior Examination.

Education Department, Wellington, 21st October, 1897.

IN pursuance of regulations under "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886," notice is hereby given that for the Senior Examination of January, 1899, the period of literature will be the reign of Queen Anne, and the special books will be Shakespeare's "King Henry V." and Lamb's "Essays of Elia."

W. C. WALKER, Minister of Education.

Patent Office Supplement.

A SPECIAL Supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette* is now published fortnightly, containing all notices concerning patents and trade-marks required by law to be gazetted; also, particulars of lapsed applications for patents, expired letters patent, and other information useful to inventors, manufacturers, and others. The Supplement will be issued free to subscribers to the *Gazette*, and to others on payment of a subscription of ten shillings per annum, payable in advance to the Government Printer.

Bankruptcy Notices.

THE public are informed that extracts from the *New Zealand Gazette*, containing all Bankruptcy Notices that appear in each issue, are published weekly, and will be sent post-free to any address on payment of a subscription of 10s. per annum. Single copies, 3d. each. Orders should be addressed and subscriptions made payable to JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer.

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Crown Lands Notices.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned 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.

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

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

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

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

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

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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.

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

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 1st March, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, on the 16th day of March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Auckland, 98-15.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
211	Wiremu Haeata, Wiremu Paraiweti, and others (311-31, 3/79) ..	Opape No. 1.
212	Porikapa Konohirehe, Patene Kuariro, Pirihiira, and others (322-22, 3/80)	Awaawakino.
213	Pirihiira, Te Hata, and others (309-18, 3/81)	Waiohoata.

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

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 7th March, 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.

[Auckland, Section 55, 98-2.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Mortgage (C.A. 98-19) ..	15th February, 1898..	Totarawhakaturia No. 2B	Akinihi te Tuhi, wife of Alfred Azariah Preece, of Coromandel, to William Ledingham, of the City of Auckland.
2	Mortgage (C.A. 98-20) ..	15th February, 1898..	Tikouma No. 4 ..	Akinihi Pirihi, wife of Alfred Azariah Preece, of Coromandel, to William Ledingham, of the City of Auckland.
3	Mortgage (C.A. 98-21) ..	25th February, 1898..	Totarawhakaturia No. 2B	Akinihi te Tuhi, of Coromandel, to Alexander Neill, of Auckland.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Hastings on the 28th day of March, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 98-10.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
465	Transfer	7th September, 1894..	Opoho No. 4 ..	Apikara Matehaere to R. G. Vaughan.
466	Conveyance	5th September, 1895..	Kauhoroa No. 3 ..	Rakera Apatu, Tamihana Teketeke, Wiremu Taura, Horiana Nohoroa, Ramakiri Wairoa, and Riripeti Wairoa, to J. E. Taylor.

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

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, 98-5.]

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Mortgage (98-52) ..	1st March, 1898 ..	Part of Section 3B, Aorangi No. 1	Mangu Tauranga to John Sidney Saunders.
2	Conveyance (98-57) ..	2nd December, 1897	Otaki, Sections 59 and 60	Ihaka Karipa to Frances Mary Simcox.
3	Lease (98-59)	25th February, 1898..	Part of Aorangi 3r No. 1	Emiri Mokena to James Bruce Beale.
4	Transfer (98-60).. ..	25th February, 1898..	Aorangi 3H No. 8 ..	Rahira Horima to James Bruce Beale.
5	Conveyance (98-61) ..	1st March, 1898 ..	Part Kaokaoroa Block	Peni te Puna to William John Douglas.
6	Conveyance (98-62) ..	1st March, 1898 ..	Part Kaokaoroa Block	Peni te Puna (as trustee for Solomon Koko) to William John Douglas.
7	Transfer (98-64).. ..	1st March, 1898 ..	Taonui Ahuaturanga, part Section 5A	Hanapeka Rangiputangatahi to James Petrie Innes.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 7th March, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Native Appellate Court will sit at Whanganui on the 31st day of March, 1898, to hear and determine the appeals against the decisions of the Native Land Court set forth in the Schedule hereto. All persons interested are hereby notified to attend at the time and place aforesaid.

[Wellington, 98-16.]

SCHEDULE.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Registrar.

No.	Name of Appellant.	Name of Land.	Decision in respect of which Appeal is made.
1	Eruini Akatarewa and another ..	Awarua No. 3D No. 3 ..	Decision, dated 2nd December, 1896, on partition.
2	Wereta Rawiri and another ..	Awarua No. 3D No. 3 ..	Decision, dated 2nd December, 1896, on partition.
3	Aperahama Tahunuiarangi ..	Kaiwaka	Decision, dated 11th October, 1897, on partition.
4	Ria Poma and another	Kaiwhaiki	Decision, dated 19th January, 1898, on partition.
5	Ihaka Peina and others	Kaiwhaiki	Decision, dated 19th January, 1898, on partition.
6	Karehana Tahua and others ..	Kaiwhaiki	Decision, dated 19th January, 1898, on partition.
7	Ani Paki and others	Motukawa No. 2 ..	Decision, dated 3rd October, 1896, appointing successors to Te Awaawa, deceased.
8	Hiraani te Hei	Mangaohane No. 1A, Motukawa No. 2A, Rangipowai, Awarua No. 2C and No. 12B, No. 2C and 12F, No. 2 and No. 14, No. 13, No. 13I, No. 13K, No. 13N, No. 3B and No. 2D, No. 4C and No. 6, and Omahu No. 2	Decision, dated 16th August, 1897, appointing successors to Horima Paerau, deceased.
9	Hohi Matene	Ngaurokehu A No. 2, Raketapauma No. 1D, Ruanui No. 1, Subdivision No. 7, and Motukawa No. 2D	Decision, dated 20th January, 1897, appointing successors to Ruka Puhaki, deceased.
10	Nika Waiata and others	Otiranui No. 4	Decision, dated 23rd July, 1897, on investigation of title.
11	Pita te Rahui and others	Otiranui	Decision, dated 23rd July, 1897, on investigation of title.
12	Raihana Takapa and others ..	Otiranui	Decision, dated 23rd July, 1897, on investigation of title.
13	Hawira Rehe te Uira and others	Ohotu No. 1	Decision, dated 13th May, 1897, on investigation of title.
14	Rora te Oiroa Potaka and others	Ohotu No. 1	Decision, dated 16th March, 1897, on investigation of title.
15	Hami te Kee and others	Ohotu No. 3 (Waipuna) ..	Decision, dated 17th July, 1897, on investigation of title.
16	Nika Waiata and others	Ohotu No. 8	Decision, dated 5th July, 1897, on investigation of title.
17	Winiata Puhaki	Ohotu No. 8	Decision, dated 5th July, 1897, on investigation of title.
18	Wera Potaka	Oruamatua No. 1	Decision, dated 30th September, 1897, on partition.
19	Patahipa Matekino	Rangiwaia No. 4A	Decision, dated 15th January, 1898, on partition.
20	Rangihouapu Henare	Te Reureu No. 1 and Puketarata No. 6B	Decision, dated 16th November, 1897, appointing successors to Hue te Huri, deceased.
21	Hiraani te Hei .. ..	.. ..	Decision, dated 16th August, 1897, granting probate of will of Horima Paerau, deceased.

Rainfall for 1897.

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 ..	50.53	130	3.05 on 26th Feb.
Pakaraka ..	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. ..	56.36	151	4.00 on 27th Feb.
Parua Bay ..	D. Davidson ..	65.13	190	3.58 on 16th August.
Auckland ..	Government Observer ..	45.36	187	2.78 on 30th Jan.
Cuvier Island ..	Lightkeeper ..	44.38	124	3.56 on 13th March.
Katikati ..	L. A. Shadwell ..	88.29	201	8.30 on 29th Jan.
Rotorua* ..	Dr. Ginders ..	67.79	154	7.18 on 30th Jan.
(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT.				
Kaitiaki ..	W. G. Puckey ..	51.54	141	3.92 on 27th Feb.
Okaihau† ..	H. C. Burleigh ..	73.12	157	4.81 on 16th August.
Awakino ..	N. A. Robison ..	63.96	177	3.16 on 11th Oct.
Raglan* ..	H. V. Rutherford ..	85.18	163	6.37 on 15th Jan.
Te Kopua (Waikato) ..	Rev. H. Young ..	71.67	171	3.30 on 29th Jan.
New Plymouth ..	E. Veale ..	72.53	176	4.43 on 23rd May.
Inglewood ..	Miss E. Trimble ..	120.65	200	5.75 on 28th May.
Ngatimaru ..	R. Drummond ..	96.30	166	5.08 on 28th May.
(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.				
Opuhi* ..	D. Wilkie ..	51.29	139	3.45 on 27th Feb.
Upper Waitotara ..	E. F. Liffiton ..	68.86	195	2.62 on 30th Jan.
Omata Valley* ..	C. Forde ..	52.28	164	2.38 on 30th Jan.
Stratford ..	Miss Bobin ..	80.25	186	3.30 on 27th Feb.
Opunake ..	A. H. Moore ..	53.10	189	3.30 on 12th Feb.
Manaiā ..	G. A. Hurley ..	42.00	119	2.94 on 27th Feb.
Hawera ..	J. Livingston ..	46.63	145	3.01 on 12th Feb.
Wanganui ..	H. S. Seager ..	40.81	114	2.50 on 30th Jan.
Kaitoke ..	A. Wyehodil ..	37.81	165	2.31 on 30th Jan.
No. 2 Line (Wanganui) ..	H. I. Jones ..	44.06	129	2.65 on 30th Jan.
Raetihi (Wanganui) ..	G. T. Murray ..	80.66	205	3.33 on 16th April.
Parapara School (Wanganui)* ..	J. Katterns Manning ..	60.92	167	3.91 on 17th April.
Campbelltown ..	H. Sanson ..	43.10	116	2.30 on 11th Feb.
Feilding ..	S. Goodbehere ..	37.19	175	2.05 on 30th Jan.
Erewhon ..	W. J. Birch ..	50.13	171	4.12 on 16th April.
Ruanui ..	J. F. Studholme ..	53.59	178	7.00 on 16th April.
West Waitapu ..	J. Gurflee ..	49.06	209	2.54 on 30th Jan.
Ashurst ..	H. Barnes ..	45.73	168	2.87 on 30th Jan.
Bull's ..	Miss M. E. C. Keiller ..	40.38	128	2.13 on 30th Jan.
State Farm (Levin) ..	O. J. Blaine ..	42.54	155	2.53 on 25th March.
Otaki ..	M. H. Ayre ..	37.03	175	1.65 on 29th Jan.
Kereru ..	C. A. Muggleton ..	47.97	111	2.14 on 29th Jan.
Pukerua* ..	W. Bell ..	35.50	132	2.55 on 15th Jan.
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALMER.				
Waipiro ..	J. S. Dodgshun ..	51.36	138	3.14 on 30th Jan.
Matahiia ..	F. J. Kemp ..	64.09	143	6.23 on 30th Jan.
Tolago Bay ..	A. Reeves ..	50.31	67	6.40 on 28th March.
Gisborne ..	Rev. H. W. Williams ..	48.61	156	5.78 on 28th March.
Patutahi ..	H. N. Watson ..	45.77	118	7.22 on 28th April.
Maraetaha ..	J. Woodbine Johnson ..	48.91	140	3.24 on 28th March.
Tiniroto* ..	J. Cook ..	67.04	152	3.47 on 18th April.
Waikaremoana ..	Fenton Lambert ..	65.91	142	3.16 on 27th March.
Tutira Lake* ..	H. Guthrie-Smith ..	72.83	97	6.89 on 28th March.
Rakamoana ..	J. Moore ..	88.25	170	8.46 on 28th March.
Te Kowhai ..	J. H. Absalom ..	109.09	135	12.49 on 17th April.
Petane ..	W. H. Smith ..	60.56	112	4.26 on 17th April.
Napier ..	E. Lyndon ..	41.28	89	3.50 on 16th April.
Hastings ..	J. N. Williams ..	52.08	132	7.65 on 17th April.
Waimarama ..	Thomas R. Moore ..	44.76	135	4.85 on 16th April.
Mangakuri ..	G. C. Williams ..	42.56	130	3.92 on 17th April.
Te Aute ..	S. B. Ludbrook ..	46.65	146	5.97 on 17th April.
Maraekakaho ..	A. Lockie ..	49.92	124	7.30 on 17th April.
Gwavas ..	J. Nicoll ..	55.22	179	5.66 on 17th April.
Mount Vernon ..	R. Harding ..	42.23	104	4.00 on 17th April.
Woodville ..	J. Leithead ..	59.49	207	3.14 on 16th April.
Pahiatua ..	W. Tosswill ..	54.54	146	3.50 on 17th April.
Newman† ..	W. H. Herbert ..	72.63	133	3.84 on 17th April.
Tane† ..	H. A. Lambert ..	58.21	161	3.18 on 17th April.
Otahuao ..	Miss E. A. D. Bennett ..	38.25	152	3.03 on 17th April.
Masterton† ..	B. Couborne ..	34.70	95	2.17 on 17th April.
Carterton ..	H. Braithwaite ..	35.79	123	2.96 on 17th April.
Featherston* ..	G. G. Wellsted ..	33.51	76	3.35 on 12th Feb.
Summit ..	M. Cronin ..	84.60	159	4.10 on 13th Feb.
Upper Hutt ..	M. Maher ..	65.75	72	4.00 on 25th Sept.
Taita ..	T. Mason ..	57.22	148	5.99 on 16th April.
Wainuiomata ..	J. Quaintance ..	72.86	111	9.36 on 17th April.
Petone ..	Sir J. Hector ..	47.70	146	3.90 on 25th Sept.
Wellington ..	Government Observer ..	48.49	184	3.20 on 15th Jan.
Karori ..	W. Edmonds ..	42.40	168	3.03 on 15th Jan.

* Eleven months.

† Ten months.

Rainfall for 1897—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	37·94	124	3·30 on 14th Jan.
Stephens Island	Lightkeeper	31·41	94	1·65 on 9th Feb.
The Brothers	Lightkeeper	27·46	100	2·75 on 15th Jan.
Blenheim	N. T. Prichard	22·55	102	2·11 on 15th Jan.
Cape Campbell	Lightkeeper	22·86	59	2·50 on 15th Jan.
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	35·08	111	3·00 on 15th Jan.
Kekerangu	W. J. White	32·74	114	4·10 on 12th Feb.
Kaikoura	Miss H. Collins	36·91	105	4·00 on 12th Feb.
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Farewell Spit	Lightkeeper	32·99	119	1·73 on 9th Feb.
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	81·21	221	4·10 on 11th Oct.
Westport	H. S. Ewan	78·17	202	1·96 on 10th March.
Ngahere	J. Scott	136·95	215	6·76 on 9th March.
Greymouth	J. Conner	114·05	191	4·28 on 10th March.
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	129·83	173	5·16 on 21st Oct.
Puysegur Point	Lightkeeper	258·60	270	12·83 on 18th Nov.
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.				
Waiau	F. S. Northcote	24·61	88	1·92 on 9th Feb.
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	23·90	112	1·30 on 18th Aug.
Port Hills (Christchurch)*	Miss M. L. Higgins	13·22	87	1·15 on 29th May.
Christchurch	A. L. Taylor	15·65	84	1·15 on 15th Feb.
Linwood	J. A. Biltcliff	14·77	100	1·13 on 15th Feb.
Lincoln	C. O. Lillie	14·41	103	1·19 on 4th Nov.
Southbridge	J. McMillan	12·80	90	0·94 on 9th Feb. and 26th March.
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	19·28	106	1·15 on 15th Feb.
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	14·02	97	1·71 on 4th Nov.
Bealey	C. White	61·05	88	3·50 on 10th March.
Mt. Peel	Miss L. A. D. Acland	28·43	137	1·70 on 4th Nov.
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	31·45	110	1·87 on 4th Nov.
Methven	H. G. Baker	29·44	130	2·39 on 1st March.
Drayton (Methven)	E. Chapman	28·91	122	1·70 on 15th Feb.
Ashburton	A. E. Hart	15·50	66	1·43 on 4th Nov.
Timaru	C. H. Inglis	12·57	66	0·94 on 4th Nov.
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	19·56	111	2·15 on 4th Sept.
Geraldine	Captain E. F. Temple	19·68	100	1·65 on 4th Nov.
Oamaru	E. Menlove	14·12	100	0·81 on 13th Jan.
Maheno	R. A. Chaffey	11·35	63	0·96 on 14th Jan.
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Macetown*	W. J. Stanford	37·73	109	1·80 on 28th Nov.
Queenstown*	L. Hotop	30·56	92	1·79 on 3rd Aug.
St. Bathans	J. Ewing	28·65	115	2·13 on 21st Oct.
Gladbrook Station	D. Crawford	22·46	127	2·30 on 28th Nov.
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	14·94	121	1·39 on 28th Nov.
Dunedin	Government Observer	28·07	152	2·10 on 28th Nov.
Eweburn	H. J. Mathews	11·71	60	1·44 on 28th Nov.
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore	31·13	110	2·11 on 28th Nov.
Balcutha	C. C. Halliday	26·37	107	1·31 on 21st March.
Naseby	G. L. Stewart	17·29	87	1·26 on 14th Jan.
Clyde	L. D. Macgeorge	11·70	60	1·50 on 28th Nov.
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	35·10	123	1·56 on 4th Dec.
Ratanui	G. M. Draper	61·56	182	5·38 on 21st March.
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	52·80	169	0·98 on 18th and 28th Nov., and on 4th Dec.
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	55·78	142	1·72 on 1st June.
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	42·62	157	1·99 on 20th March.
Chatham Islands	A. Shand	24·29	185	0·94 on 27th Oct.

* 11 months.

J. HECTOR, Director.

Meteorological Office, Museum, Wellington, New Zealand.

Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 5th February, 1898, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1897.

KAWAKAWA SECTION.						
	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	93	38	131	52	34	86
2nd Class	272	636	908	194	202	396
Total	365	674	1,039	246	236	482
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	1
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	81	..	..	92
Horses	..	..	4	..	..	1
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dogs	..	..	7	..	..	1
Total	..	..	92	..	..	95
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	1	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	1	..	..	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	..	..	..	..
Timber	..	..	6	..	..	17
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	114	..	..	96
Minerals	..	..	1,142	..	..	984
Total	..	..	1,262	..	..	1,047
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	46 8 10	..	..	29 18 5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	6 14 0	..	..	6 16 5
Goods	..	..	166 19 7	..	..	142 7 4
Miscellaneous	..	..	2 5 0	..	..	3 18 6
Rents and Commission	..	..	2 7 0	..	..	3 19 8
Total	..	..	£224 14 5	..	..	£187 0 4

WHANGAREI SECTION.

WHANGAREI SECTION.						
	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	284	270	554	732	..	732
2nd Class	960	1,544	2,504	6,425	..	6,425
Total	1,244	1,814	3,058	7,157	..	7,157
Season Tickets	..	..	7	..	..	5
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	104	..	..	..
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	5	..	..	..
Total	..	..	109	..	..	..
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	8	..	..	4
Cattle	..	..	38	..	..	22
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	28	..	..	7
Pigs	..	..	17	..	..	..
Total	..	..	91	..	..	33
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	12	..	..	10
Firewood	..	..	66	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	1,760	..	..	955
Grain	..	..	125	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	253	..	..	345
Minerals	..	..	4,366	..	..	3,148
Total	..	..	6,582	..	..	4,464
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	134 5 3	..	..	126 16 9
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	8 6 8	..	..	16 19 2
Goods	..	..	1,061 9 2	..	..	700 7 10
Miscellaneous	..	..	15 16 2	..	..	10 5 5
Rents and Commission	..	..	3 13 5	..	..	2 3 8
Total	..	..	£1,223 10 8	..	..	£856 12 10

KAIHU SECTION.

KAIHU SECTION.						
	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	12	154	166	18	112	130
2nd Class	211	1,156	1,367	284	1,158	1,442
Total	223	1,310	1,533	302	1,270	1,572
Season Tickets	..	..	2	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	127	..	..	144
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	11	..	..	9
Total	..	..	138	..	..	153
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	3
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	..	..	..	6
Timber	..	..	2,142	..	..	2,239
Grain	..	..	4	..	..	1
Merchandise	..	..	137	..	..	143
Minerals	..	..	23	..	..	110
Total	..	..	2,306	..	..	2,499
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	98 1 5	..	..	110 11 9
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	10 5 3	..	..	12 18 7
Goods	..	..	488 9 2	..	..	533 8 6
Miscellaneous	..	..	27 4 3	..	..	20 17 1
Rents and Commission	..	..	2 0 0	..	..	3 0 0
Total	..	..	£626 0 1	..	..	£680 15 11
AUCKLAND SECTION.						
AUCKLAND SECTION.						
	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	1,941	4,270	6,211	1,966	4,250	6,216
2nd Class	8,950	27,358	36,308	9,070	24,722	33,792
Total	10,891	31,628	42,519	11,036	28,972	40,008
Season Tickets	..	..	655	..	..	686
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	5,683	..	..	4,959
Horses	..	..	49	..	..	46
Carriages	..	..	8	..	..	3
Dogs	..	..	172	..	..	162
Total	..	..	5,912	..	..	5,170
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	7	..	..	14
Cattle	..	..	724	..	..	741
Calves	..	..	232	..	..	85
Sheep	..	..	18,401	..	..	13,544
Pigs	..	..	185	..	..	87
Total	..	..	19,549	..	..	14,471
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	504	..	..	492
Firewood	..	..	102	..	..	94
Timber	..	..	396	..	..	216
Grain	..	..	1,561	..	..	1,529
Merchandise	..	..	933	..	..	751
Minerals	..	..	2,661	..	..	2,472
Total	..	..	9,377	..	..	8,039
Total	..	..	15,584	..	..	13,593
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	5,151 0 6	..	..	5,194 4 1
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	517 16 0	..	..	475 4 7
Goods	..	..	7,175 5 0	..	..	6,357 4 5
Miscellaneous	..	..	14 5 6	..	..	44 8 9
Rents and Commission	..	..	185 7 8	..	..	130 12 7
Total	..	..	£13,043 14 8	..	..	£12,201 14 5

WELLINGTON-NAPIER-NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION.

1898.			1897.					
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
1st Class	3,357	18,916	22,273	3,082	19,490	22,572		
2nd Class	15,857	77,458	93,315	15,215	72,814	88,029		
Total	19,214	96,374	115,588	18,297	92,304	110,601		
Season Tickets	1,481	..	..	1,228		
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.	No.				
Parcels	12,681	..	..	11,146		
Horses	372	..	..	539		
Carriages	21	..	..	20		
Dogs	715	..	..	636		
Total	13,789	..	..	12,341		
GOODS,—			No.	No.				
Drays	19	..	..	16		
Cattle	996	..	..	530		
Calves	30	..	..	52		
Sheep	126,284	..	..	118,519		
Pigs	549	..	..	303		
Total	127,878	..	..	119,420		
Chaff, Lime, &c.			Tons.	Tons.				
Chaff, Lime, &c.	696	..	..	372		
Wool	3,232	..	..	3,480		
Firewood	2,804	..	..	3,330		
Timber	7,947	..	..	5,417		
Grain	3,039	..	..	1,824		
Merchandise	9,411	..	..	7,562		
Minerals	3,448	..	..	6,542		
Total	30,577	..	..	28,527		
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	12,838	6	5	11,428	2	5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	1,796	6	4	1,514	9	1
Goods	17,997	17	1	15,525	5	3
Miscellaneous	492	1	1	464	2	9
Rents and Commission	294	9	4	231	18	0
Total	£33,419	0	3	£29,163	17	6

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

1898.			1897.					
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
1st Class	6,169	26,696	32,865	6,459	29,150	35,609		
2nd Class	25,944	123,674	149,618	23,027	120,268	148,295		
Total	32,113	150,370	182,483	34,486	149,418	183,904		
Season Tickets	2,570	..	..	1,911		
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.	No.				
Parcels	24,222	..	..	22,882		
Horses	270	..	..	478		
Carriages	37	..	..	35		
Dogs	686	..	..	749		
Total	25,215	..	..	24,144		
GOODS,—			No.	No.				
Drays	62	..	..	64		
Cattle	1,037	..	..	602		
Calves	43	..	..	104		
Sheep	155,332	..	..	124,629		
Pigs	1,832	..	..	1,406		
Total	158,306	..	..	126,805		
Chaff, Lime, &c.			Tons.	Tons.				
Chaff, Lime, &c.	2,688	..	..	2,208		
Wool	15,475	..	..	15,477		
Firewood	1,668	..	..	1,332		
Timber	7,165	..	..	6,630		
Grain	17,869	..	..	15,782		
Merchandise	26,224	..	..	23,259		
Minerals	27,634	..	..	24,247		
Total	98,723	..	..	88,935		
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	20,775	7	6	20,192	19	11
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	2,775	8	9	2,658	1	3
Goods	37,448	11	9	35,091	7	8
Miscellaneous	818	17	3	847	18	6
Rents and Commission	811	1	10	320	19	9
Total	£62,629	7	1	£59,111	7	1

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

1898.			1897.					
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
1st Class	151	382	533	139	482	621		
2nd Class	1,017	8,282	9,299	1,351	4,894	6,245		
Total	1,168	8,664	9,832	1,490	5,376	6,866		
Season Tickets	41	..	..	43		
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.	No.				
Parcels	613	..	..	528		
Horses	6	..	..	18		
Carriages	5	..	..	1		
Dogs	15	..	..	29		
Total	639	..	..	576		
GOODS,—			No.	No.				
Drays	3	..	..	1		
Cattle	1	..	..	7		
Calves		
Sheep	204	..	..	404		
Pigs	13	..	..	28		
Total	221	..	..	440		
Chaff, Lime, &c.			Tons.	Tons.				
Chaff, Lime, &c.	36	..	..	24		
Wool	11	..	..	7		
Firewood	480	..	..	48		
Timber	1,172	..	..	827		
Grain	136	..	..	106		
Merchandise	395	..	..	298		
Minerals	8,856	..	..	10,023		
Total	11,086	..	..	11,333		
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	240	14	5	224	19	0
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	26	7	1	20	16	11
Goods	1,292	18	1	1,278	9	5
Miscellaneous	135	7	11	93	13	10
Rents and Commission	1	8	0	7	4	0
Total	£1,696	15	6	£1,625	3	2

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

1898.			1897.					
PASSENGERS,—	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.		
1st Class	125	566	691	137	826	963		
2nd Class	800	4,816	5,616	807	5,030	5,837		
Total	925	5,382	6,307	944	5,856	6,800		
Season Tickets	80	..	..	94		
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.	No.				
Parcels	223	..	..	195		
Horses	5	..	..	36		
Carriages		
Dogs	10	..	..	15		
Total	243	..	..	246		
GOODS,—			No.	No.				
Drays	2	..	..	..
Cattle	6	..	..	..
Calves		
Sheep	130	..	..	..
Pigs	60		
Total	138	..	..	60		
Chaff, Lime, &c.			Tons.	Tons.				
Chaff, Lime, &c.		
Wool	4	..	..	1		
Firewood	48	..	..	258		
Timber	417	..	..	270		
Grain		
Merchandise	548	..	..	419		
Minerals	130	..	..	57		
Total	1,147	..	..	1,005		
REVENUE,—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	470	18	2	538	19	3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	28	0	1	41	19	7
Goods	929	18	6	262	16	9
Miscellaneous	0	16	10	0	16	5
Rents and Commission	3	14	0	5	16	0
Total	£833	7	7	£850	8	0

WESTPORT SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	4	40	44	4	82	86
2nd Class	611	3,200	3,811	611	2,826	3,437
Total	615	3,240	3,855	615	2,908	3,523
Season Tickets	6	..	..	3
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	..	..	No.
Parcels	309	..	..	161
Horses
Carriages
Dogs	5	..	..	9
Total	314	..	..	170
GOODS,—	No.	..	..	No.
Drays
Cattle	1	..	..	..
Calves	1	..	..	..
Sheep	27
Pigs
Total	2	..	..	27
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	6	..	..	18
Firewood	252	..	..	264
Timber	297	..	..	267
Grain	3	..	..	2
Merchandise	190	..	..	239
Minerals	21,626	..	..	22,413
Total	22,374	..	..	23,203
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.	..	..	£ s. d.
Passengers	207 12 11	..	..	203 3 6
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	21 11 0	..	..	14 14 11
Goods	2,872 11 0	..	..	2,972 3 0
Miscellaneous	67 12 1	..	..	74 3 9
Rents and Commission	6 4 0	..	..	3 18 4
Total	£3,175 11 0	..	..	£3,268 3 6

NELSON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	62	454	516	81	126	207
2nd Class	1,050	5,790	6,840	891	2,842	3,733
Total	1,112	6,244	7,356	972	2,968	3,940
Season Tickets	19	..	..	18
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	..	..	No.
Parcels	245	..	..	314
Horses	1	..	..	1
Carriages	1
Dogs	16	..	..	8
Total	262	..	..	324
GOODS,—	No.	..	..	No.
Drays
Cattle	1	..	..	..
Calves
Sheep
Pigs
Total	1	..	..	..

NELSON SECTION—continued.

	1898.			1897.		
	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	24	..	..	96
Wool	19	..	..	22
Firewood	120	..	..	114
Timber	228	..	..	54
Grain	147	..	..	62
Merchandise	103	..	..	206
Minerals	259	..	..	220
Total	900	..	..	774
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.	..	..	£ s. d.
Passengers	346 10 7	..	..	263 3 6
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	21 6 2	..	..	23 8 1
Goods	446 2 1	..	..	320 4 4
Miscellaneous	60 5 2	..	..	27 17 10
Rents and Commission	24 9 0	..	..	10 3 0
Total	£898 13 0	..	..	£644 16 9

PICTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1898.			1897.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	142	394	536	130	236	416
2nd Class	508	2,078	2,586	671	1,368	2,039
Total	650	2,472	3,122	801	1,654	2,455
Season Tickets	4	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.	..	..	No.
Parcels	1	..	..	..
Horses	2	..	..	..
Carriages
Dogs	8	..	..	15
Total	11	..	..	15
GOODS,—	No.	..	..	No.
Drays	1	..	..	..
Cattle	1	..	..	4
Calves
Sheep	70	..	..	205
Pigs
Total	72	..	..	209
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	252	..	..	90
Firewood	352	..	..	149
Timber	234	..	..	156
Grain	2	..	..	..
Merchandise	118	..	..	162
Minerals	199	..	..	112
Total	297	..	..	144
REVENUE,—	£ s. d.	..	..	£ s. d.
Passengers	196 0 2	..	..	183 3 10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	9 11 1	..	..	13 0 8
Goods	429 7 10	..	..	242 1 5
Miscellaneous	35 2 5	24 10 9
Rents and Commission	23 0 0
Total	£693 1 6	£462 16 8

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Railway Department, 8th March, 1898.

N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1897-98.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 5th February, 1898.

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.		FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.		
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.
NORTH ISLAND,—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ s. d. 224 14 5	£ s. d. 1,943 1 3	£ s. d. 235 2 6	£ s. d. 2,645 6 11	136.14	£ s. d. 287 0 10	£ s. d. 390 15 9
Whangarei ..	18	1,233 10 8	10,157 7 6	537 1 4	7,541 16 7	74.25	666 17 11	495 3 3
Kaihu ..	17	626 0 1	10,007 17 3	363 19 8	4,623 10 3	46.20	695 14 8	321 8 5
Auckland ..	312	13,043 14 8	123,416 8 9	7,353 3 5	78,374 11 4	63.50	468 10 2	297 10 5
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth ..	451	33,419 0 3	282,215 14 6	20,890 11 8	196,748 15 0	69.72	752 1 3	524 6 3
Total ..	806	48,547 0 1	427,740 9 3	29,379 18 7	289,934 0 1	67.78		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,142	62,629 7 1	634,787 2 8	37,401 17 10	390,354 2 8	61.49	£ s. d. 660 4 8	£ s. d. 406 0 0
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,696 15 6	21,012 12 11	931 16 7	10,608 17 2	50.49	3,104 2 10	1,567 4 4
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	833 7 7	8,222 12 8	478 16 0	5,108 19 0	62.13	404 18 0	251 11 5
Westport ..	31	3,175 11 0	38,405 8 7	1,173 11 5	15,933 5 4	41.49	1,464 2 9	607 8 6
Nelson ..	23	898 13 0	8,314 7 5	689 1 1	7,805 16 11	93.88	427 4 5	401 31 10
Pictou ..	21	693 1 6	6,312 14 0	807 6 2	7,197 0 5	114.01	355 5 2	405 0 6
Total ..	1,249	69,926 15 8	717,054 18 3	41,482 9 1	437,008 1 6	60.94		
Grand total ..	2,055	118,473 15 9	1,144,795 7 6	70,862 7 8	726,942 1 7	63.50		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.		FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.		
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.
NORTH ISLAND,—								
Kawakawa ..	8	£ s. d. 187 0 4	£ s. d. 2,185 16 5	£ s. d. 183 0 5	£ s. d. 2,336 19 4	106.91	£ s. d. 322 18 1	£ s. d. 345 4 8
Whangarei ..	18	856 12 10	7,467 8 9	581 12 5	6,809 11 1	91.19	557 18 3	508 15 4
Kaihu ..	17	680 15 11	7,495 14 1	444 9 1	3,294 8 4	43.95	521 1 0	229 0 5
Auckland ..	309	12,201 14 5	113,507 12 6	6,219 17 4	74,150 8 5	65.33	434 2 6	283 12 0
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth ..	426	29,163 17 6	248,057 16 6	15,842 11 2	156,244 4 9	62.99	688 3 4	433 9 1
Total ..	778	43,090 1 0	378,714 8 3	23,271 10 5	242,835 11 11	64.12		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,133	59,111 7 1	595,820 13 1	34,954 9 10	356,432 17 0	59.82	£ s. d. 621 12 10	£ s. d. 371 17 7
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	1,625 3 2	20,802 16 1	993 17 6	11,597 0 7	55.75	3,073 2 10	1,713 3 11
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	850 8 0	7,603 19 11	395 1 11	3,838 2 10	50.48	374 8 9	189 0 0
Westport ..	31	3,263 3 6	35,608 1 1	1,544 10 4	15,877 8 10	44.59	1,357 9 10	605 5 11
Nelson ..	23	644 16 9	7,690 12 8	641 9 1	7,133 7 9	92.75	395 3 5	366 10 9
Pictou ..	21	462 16 8	5,635 0 11	615 1 5	6,026 14 3	106.95	317 2 5	339 3 4
Total ..	1,240	65,962 15 2	673,161 3 9	39,144 10 1	400,905 11 3	59.56		
Grand total ..	2,018	109,052 16 2	1,051,875 12 0	62,416 0 6	643,741 3 2	61.20		

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Railway Department, 8th March, 1898.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1897, to 5th February, 1898.

All Sections.	Passengers.						Season Tickets.	Number.					Number.					
	First Class.		Second Class.		Total.	Total.		Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
	S.	R.	S.	R.														
1898	98,422	569,172	496,196	2,756,526	3,920,316	40,519	445,224	8,301	724	19,483	473,732	753	34,663	3,088	1,740,738	35,745	1,814,987	
1897	101,720	557,616	504,874	2,484,730	3,648,940	35,140	403,700	9,506	632	19,025	432,863	658	28,261	2,513	1,430,546	44,929	1,506,907	
Inc.	..	11,556	..	271,796	271,376	5,379	41,524	..	92	458	40,869	95	6,402	575	310,192	..	308,080	
Dec.	3,298	..	8,678	..	..	..	..	1,205	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,184	..

All Sections.	Tons.															
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.	
	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.
1898	65,362	0 0	89,469	4 0	70,344	0 0	263,024	5 0	346,729	17 0	381,231	17 0	885,911	17 0	2,102,123	0 0
1897	52,216	0 0	82,924	8 0	67,544	0 0	209,289	1 0	340,727	9 0	327,865	4 0	861,471	18 0	1,942,038	0 0
Increase	13,146	0 0	6,544	16 0	2,800	0 0	53,735	4 0	6,002	8 0	53,416	13 0	24,439	19 0	160,085	0 0
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

ESTIMATED COST of CONSTRUCTION, ALL LINES, to 31st March, 1897, as furnished by Public Works Department, including Public Works Loan Expenditure on Harbour-works forming Part of the Railway System.

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.	Cost of Unopened Lines.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kawakawa	90,638 0 0	.. .. .
Whangarei-Kamo	137,734 0 0	1,195 0 0
Kaihu	54,990 0 0	.. .. .
Marion-Te Awamutu (north end)	184,624 0 0	119,713 0 0
Auckland	1,979,071 0 0	110,371 0 0
Napier	872,931 0 0	.. .. .
Marion-Te Awamutu (south end)	143,630 0 0	98,761 0 0
Wanganui	1,446,564 0 0	.. .. .
Wellington-Foxton (private line) .. .. .	.. .. .	42,116 0 0
Wellington	1,098,418 0 0	116,470 0 0
Surveys .. .. .	.. .. .	28,597 0 0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	5,169 0 0
Hurunui-Bluff	8,551,104 0 0	129,967 0 0
Greymouth	200,288 0 0	15,959 0 0
Greymouth Harbour Works .. .. .	.. .. .	127,234 0 0
Greymouth-Hokitika	192,597 0 0	.. .. .
Westport	227,494 0 0	.. .. .
Westport Harbour Works .. .. .	.. .. .	14,111 0 0
Nelson	166,736 0 0	12,537 0 0
Piston	205,573 0 0	58,637 0 0
Stock .. .. .	.. .. .	82,788 0 0
Stock in suspense	25,000 0 0
Surveys	38,795 0 0
Miscellaneous	5,168 0 0
Total	15,577,392 0 0	957,588 0 0

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES DOOLEY, of Coromandel, Miner, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr. J. S. Edgecumbe's office, Hamilton, on Thursday, the 10th day of March, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 26th February, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that EDWIN ARTHUR BUTLER, of Devonport, Grocer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 2nd March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that FREDERICK WILLIAM SEARS, of Wellington, Draughtsman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 10th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 3rd March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that STEPHEN AUGUSTUS HARRIS and HENRY FIRTH, trading as "Harris and Firth," of Wellington, Builders, were this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 4th March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that LOUISA TIPPLER, of Wellington, Grocer, 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 March, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 5th March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM HERBERT, of Wellington, Painter, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 7th March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that BASIL EDWARD SEYMOUR STOCKER, of Wellington, Clerk, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 7th March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that HENRY VENNEL, of Kahurangi, Station-hand, and ALFRED VENNEL, Clerk, Wellington, were this day adjudged bankrupts; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Masterton, on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. B. CHENNELLS,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Masterton, 7th March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that MARY HARTLEY (widow), of German Bay, Dairy-farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 8th day of March, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

G. L. GREENWOOD,
Official Assignee.

Christchurch, 2nd March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that THOMAS CONNELLY, of Winchester, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1898, at 3 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 2nd March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSEPH SHEPHERD BENNETT, of Timaru, Dealer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 8th March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN HENDERSON, of Centre Bush, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 3rd March, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1898, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 4th day of March, 1898.

Elias Drake, Hotel-keeper, Wyndham.
Robert McKenzie, Farmer, Wyndham.
John Hansen, Contractor, Colac.
Thomas Porter, Carpenter, Otautara.
Charles Gatley, Farmer, Otautau.
Mary Templeton, Storekeeper, Wyndham.
George Manning, Carpenter, Riverton.
Charles Hansen, Contractor, Invercargill.
Edmund Argyle, Contractor, Otama.
Andrew White, Stock and Station-agent, Invercargill.
James A. Gilmour, Farmer, Oreti Plains.
C. A. Lovell, Miner, Round Hill.
Harry King, Labourer, Kennington.
John Millar, Baker, Invercargill.
Rolf S. Mason, Farmer, Grove Bush.
Mary Lawson, Boardinghouse-keeper, Cromarty.
Robert Low, Saddler, Riversdale.
David McDonald, Contractor, Edendale.
Henry Todd, Labourer, Mataura.
Josiah G. Cox, Dentist, Invercargill.
David Robert, Labourer, Gore.
James McKechnie, Baker, Gore.
George W. Green, Labourer, Riverton.
William C. Wilkins, Ironmonger, Invercargill.
Richard Wilson, Farmer, Dipton.
John White, Labourer, Gore.
Peter Barron, Farmer, Wyndham.
Albert I. Parkes, Fruiterer, Invercargill.
Frank Hewitt, Boardinghouse-keeper, Invercargill.
Max Hoffman, Labourer, Gore.
John Adamson, Farmer, Eastern Bush.
Alex. Millar, Labourer, Riverton.
Donald Holloway, Binder Expert, Otautau.
Alex. Jenkins, Farmer, Dipton.
William Field, Butcher, Invercargill.
Patrick McInerney, Farmer, Wallacetown.
John Small, Commission Agent, Gore.
Denis Hogan, Farmer, Makarewa.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Mining Notices.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Pigmy Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th October, 1895; 21st November, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Auckland; William Elliot.
 Nominal capital: £13,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,350 8s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 8d.; £1,350 8s. 4d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: 8d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 90,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 72,200.
 Amount paid per share: 8d.
 Amount called up per share: 8d.
 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: 93.
 Present number of shareholders: 149.
 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: £231 14s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,442 18s. 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: £407 6s. 1d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £3.

I, William Elliot, of Auckland, the Manager of the Pigmy 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."

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 12th day of February, 1898, before me—Richard John Gill, J.P. 405

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Scandinavian Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 10th October, 1895; 21st November, 1895.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Auckland; William Elliot.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £11,250.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,745 16s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 8d.; £2,745 16s. 8d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: 8d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 75,000.
 Amount paid per share: 8d.
 Amount called up per share: 8d.
 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: 61.
 Present number of shareholders: 162.
 Number of men employed by company: Nil.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £11 0s. 10d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £140 1s. 10d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,541 14s. 3d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £4,319.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £1,093 15s.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £1,093 15s.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £84 8s. 11d.
 Amount of cash in hand: 12s. 1d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £7 18s.

I, William Elliot, of Auckland, the Manager of the Scandinavian 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."

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 12th day of February, 1898, before me—Richard John Gill, J.P. 406

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Atlas Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th July, 1896; 23rd July, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Auckland; William Elliot.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £9,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,703 6s. 2d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): ½d.; £1,703 6s. 2d.
 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: ½d.
 Amount called up per share: ½d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 60; £58 13s. 11d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 5,218.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 5,218; Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 30.
 Present number of shareholders: 96.
 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: £836 6s.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,692 13s. 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: £23 2s.
 Amount of cash in hand: £1 16s. 11d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £58 13s. 11d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £58 13s. 11d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £8 10s.

I, William Elliot, of Auckland, the Manager of the Atlas 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."

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 12th day of February, 1898, before me—Richard John Gill, J.P. 407

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Monarch of All Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 22nd November, 1895; 17th January, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Auckland; William Elliot.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £8,562 10s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,266 5s. 2d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 8d.; £1,266 5s. 2d.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: 8d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 68,500.
 Amount paid per share: 8d.
 Amount called up per share: 8d.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
 Number of shares forfeited: 34,522.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: 34,522; nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 69.
 Present number of shareholders: 61.
 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: £115 2s. 9d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,235 2s. 6d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £44 10s. 2d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £1 17s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £7 18s. 5d.

I, William Elliot, of Auckland, the Manager of the Monarch of All 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."

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 12th day of February, 1898, before me—Richard John Gill, J.P. 408

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: King of Whangamata Gold-mining Company (No Liability).
 When formed, and date of registration: 5th August, 1896; 9th September, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Auckland; William Elliot.
 Nominal capital: £10,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,200.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): 7d.; £1,200.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: 7d.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
 Amount paid per share: 7d.
 Amount called up per share: 7d.
 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: 73.
 Present number of shareholders: 94.
 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: £497 8s. 7d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £1,042 11s. 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: £161 8s. 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): £17 7s. 6d.

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I, William Elliot, of Auckland, the Manager of the King of Whangamata 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."

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
 Manager.

Declared at Auckland, this 12th day of February, 1898, before me—Richard John Gill, J.P. 409

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

1. The name of the company is to be the Imperial Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
2. The place of operations is on the Wakamarina River, in the Marlborough Gold-mining District.
3. The registered office of the company will be situate at No. 35, Featherston Street, in the City of Wellington.
4. The nominal capital of the company is five thousand pounds, in five thousand shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is five thousand, being the whole of the capital of the company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is two thousand five hundred.
7. The amount already paid up is nil.
8. The name of the Manager is George Albert Perry.
9. The names and addresses and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow:—

	No. of Shares.
Brandon, Alfred de Bathe, Wellington, Solicitor ..	200
Hislop, Thomas William, Wellington, Solicitor ..	200
Hislop, Thomas William, Wellington, Solicitor (in trust) ..	200
Erley, Albert Edward, Wellington, Gentleman ..	200
Farmar, Frederick Broadley, Wellington, Agent ..	200
Palliser, Charles, Wellington, Contractor ..	200
Van Staveren, H., Wellington, Rabbi ..	100
McLellan, James, Wellington, Company's Attorney ..	125
Gale, T. J. W., Wellington, Merchant ..	125
Rotherham, J. F., Wellington, Engineer ..	125
Macdonald, Thos. Kennedy, Wellington, Valuer ..	125
Young, John, Wellington, Insurance Agent ..	125
Lodder, Arthur, Wellington, Hotel-keeper ..	125
Field, Wm. Hughes, Wellington, Solicitor ..	62
Treadwell, Chas. H., Wellington, Solicitor ..	63
Leicester, Robert, Wellington, Banker ..	100
Barraud, W. F., Wellington, Gentleman ..	100
Douslin, Paul, Wellington, Clerk ..	1,000
Skerrett, Chas. P., Wellington, Solicitor ..	125
Wilson, A. F. (in trust for allotment in terms of a certain agreement dated the 23rd day of February, 1898) ..	1,500
Total ..	5,000

Dated this 5th day of March, 1898.

GEO. PERRY,
 Manager.

Witness to signature—F. J. Rolleston, Solicitor, Wellington.

I, George Albert Perry, 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 intitled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." GEO. PERRY.

Taken before me, at Wellington, this 5th day of March, 1898—Martin Chapman, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. 417

WESTPORT TWIN GOLD-MINES (LIMITED).

ADVISORY BOARD'S OFFICE.

THE Office of the Secretary, Palmerston Street, West port.

FRANK SLEE,
 Secretary.

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THE MAY QUEEN (HAURAKI) LIMITED.

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company has been changed from the office of Mr. Roderick McDonald Scott, in the New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, to the office of the Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate (Limited), situate in the Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1898.

JAMES PARK,
Attorney for the said Company
in New Zealand.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL,
Shortland Street, Auckland,
Solicitors for the said Company.

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THE MOANATAIARI GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above-named company has been changed from the office of Mr. Francis Angus White, Queen Street, Auckland, to the office of the Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate (Limited), situate in the Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1898.

JAMES PARK,
Attorney in New Zealand for
the said Company.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL,
Shortland Street, Auckland,
Solicitors for the said Company.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT WATER-RACE.

Otago Mining District, 21st 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 irrigating purposes, commencing at a point 25 chains above the junction of the Waterfall Creek with the Awakino Creek, and terminating at the saddle on Section 13, Block X.

The length of such race is five miles or thereabouts, and its intended course is north-east.

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 eight Government heads of water.

Cost of construction: £250.

Time required for construction: Eighteen months.

Number and date of miner's right: 29,999; 22nd February, 1898.

J. H. CHALMERS,
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 day of March, 1898.

HENRY H. G. RALFE,
Pro Warden.

Warden's Office, 23rd February, 1898.

Recd. 11.45 a.m., 23/2/98.

H.H.G.R., for Mining Registrar.

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IN THE MATTER OF "THE MINING COMPANIES ACT, 1894."

To the Registrar at Auckland of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

NOTICE is hereby given that the situation of the Registered Office of the Chicago Gold-mining Company (No Liability) is No. 208, Hereford Street, in the City of Christchurch, New Zealand, and that the name of the Manager of the said Company is WILLIAM NICOL MACBETH.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

The common seal of the Chicago Gold-mining Company (No Liability) was set, affixed, and impressed hereon on the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at a meeting and by order of the Board of Directors of the Company, in the presence of—

T. DUFFY,
H. GROSSMANN, } Directors.
W. N. MACBETH, Manager.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 11th day of April, 1898.

2680. GEORGE YATES LETHBRIDGE.—2,045 acres 2 roods 15 perches, Section 53 and part Sections 42 and 54, Turakina District; also part Sections 63, 69, and 70, Rangitikei District; and Section 22 and part 23, Agricultural Reserve, Rangitikei District. Occupied by Frederick Carl Lippelt.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to me for the issue of provisional certificates of title for Lot 7 and part of Lots 8 and 9, Plan 497, part of Rural Section 1575, Oxford Survey District, comprised in certificates of title, Vol. cxii., folio 76, Vol. cxxxi., folio 207, and Vol. civi., folio 276, whereof JAMES ALLEN, of West Oxford, is the registered proprietor, and proof of the destruction by fire of the original certificates of title having been furnished, I hereby give notice that I will issue such provisional certificates at the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the Gazette containing this notice.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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

8205. DANIEL GORRIE.—266 acres 2 roods 5 perches, Rural Sections 2507, 2902, 3723, 10572, 11202, and 11435, and parts of Rural Sections 1418, 2320, 1968, 1984, 5859, 7739, and 11201, Rangiora Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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

1297. ELLEN ROLLET and CHARLES YATES FELL.—Sections 29 and 99, Square 5, containing 81 acres. Occupied by Joseph Leonard Frontin Rollet.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 4th day of March, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

H. W. ROBINSON,
District Land Registrar.

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

477. BERNARD REDWOOD WARD and GILBERT JULIUS WARD.—2,751 acres, Sections 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 83, District of Kaikoura (Claverly Estate, Amuri Bluff); 26 acres 1 rood 18 perches, Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, Village of Amuri. Occupied by Wm. Smith.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Blenheim.

J. ALLEN,
District Land Registrar.

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In the matter of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885"; and in the matter of application of Edward Elliston, late of Eketahuna, now of Feilding, to register re-entry and recovery of possession by him of Section 18, Block VII., Mangaone Survey District, leased to Angus James McLeod, late of Masterton.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named Edward Elliston will, on the 15th day of April, 1898, apply to the District Land Registrar at Wellington, under the provisions of section 92 of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," to register re-entry and recovery of possession by the said Edward Elliston of Section 18, Block VII., Mangaone Survey District, the same having been abandoned by the lessee above-named, and also on breach of covenants on the part of the said lessee, under memorandum of lease dated 28th September, 1894, numbered 2451, and registered Vol. lxxii., folio 82.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1898.
414 EDWARD ELLISTON.

Private Advertisements.

THE Partnership hitherto carried on by the undersigned as Drapers at Masterton is this day dissolved. The business will in future be carried on by the undersigned ALFRED WELCH, to whom all debts must be paid, and who will pay all liabilities of the late Partnership.

Masterton, 2nd March, 1898.
ALFRED WELCH.
W. PLATT.

Witness—
Wm. Gascoyen Beard, Solicitor, Masterton. 418

I, WILLIAM ALOYSIUS CONLON, Bachelor of Medicine, now residing in Kumara, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 16th 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 at Hokitika.

Dated at Hokitika,
this 16th day of February, 1898.
(Signed)

408 W. A. CONLON.

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. 215

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