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*Proclaiming certain Rivers and Creeks, together with their Tributaries, in the Land District of Nelson, to be Watercourses.*

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

WHEREAS by the one-hundred-and-fifty-second section of "The Mining Act, 1891" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor in Council may from time to time, by Proclamation published in the *Gazette*, proclaim and declare that any watercourse shall be a watercourse into which tailings, mining *débris*, and waste water of any kind used in, upon, or discharged from any claim or licensed holding shall be suffered to flow or be discharged:

And whereas not less than ninety days' notice has been published, in the manner provided by the said section, that application has been made to the Governor to proclaim the watercourses hereinafter mentioned, and their tributaries, to be watercourses for the purposes of the said section mentioned:

And whereas His Excellency the Governor has decided to exercise the powers conferred upon him by the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Excellency Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby proclaim and declare that the following rivers and creeks and all their tributaries, in the Land District of Nelson, shall be watercourses into which tailings, mining *débris*, and waste water of every kind used in, upon, or discharged from any claim or licensed holding adjacent to such watercourses shall be suffered to flow or be discharged; and, with the like advice and consent, His Excellency doth hereby prescribe that this Proclamation shall take effect on and after the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

That river known as the Maruia River, Inangahua County, and all its tributaries, from its source in the Spenser Ranges to its junction with the Buller River.

That river known as the Wharariki River, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about a mile and a half to the ocean near Cape Farewell.

That river known as Mangamangarakau, which flows north-westerly from its source for a distance of about eight

miles to West Wanganui Inlet; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That river known as Big River, which flows westerly from its source near Brown Hill for a distance of about seventeen miles to the ocean; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That river known as Kahurangi River, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about a mile to the ocean.

That creek known as Seal Creek, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about a mile to the ocean at Seal Bay.

That river known as Waimori River, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about two miles to the ocean at Waimori Bay.

That creek known as Waterfall Creek, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about a mile and a half to the ocean.

That river known as the Heaphy River, which flows westerly from its source near Mount Domett for a distance of about twenty miles to the ocean; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That river known as Kararoa River, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about five miles to the ocean.

That river known as Wekakura River, which flows westerly from its source near Mount Domett for a distance of about eleven miles to the ocean; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That river known as Kohai-hai River, which flows westerly from its source for a distance of about eleven miles to the ocean; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That creek known as Blackwater Creek, which flows northerly from its source for a distance of about two miles to the ocean.

That river known as the Ngakawhau River, which flows northerly and westerly from its source for a distance of about twelve miles to the ocean; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That creek known as Dee Creek, which flows westerly and northerly from its source in the Brunner Range until it discharges into the Buller River; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That creek known as Coal Creek, which flows westerly from its source in the Brunner Range until it discharges into the Inangahua River; and also the several tributaries thereof.

That river known as the Wareatea River, which flows north-westerly from its source in the Mount Rochfort Range until it discharges into the ocean; and also the several tributaries thereof.

**E**RRATA.—In the Warrants reserving Section 3209 (in red), Town of Orari, published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 101, of the 9th December, 1897, page 2164, and No. 9, of the 10th February, 1898, page 245, where the section is described as being "formerly sections 8, 19, 14, and 15 of Block II.," read "formerly Sections 8, 9, 14, and 15 of Block II."

That creek known as Waimea Creek, which flows north-erly and easterly from its source in the range between the Rivers Buller and Okari until it discharges into the Buller River at the foot of the Snag Falls; and also the several tributaries thereof.

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 thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

A. J. CADMAN,  
Minister of Mines.

Approved in Council.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Lands taken for Road from Victoria Valley to Main Road, Takahue and Maungataniwha Survey Districts.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto are required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain work, to wit, the construction of a portion of a road in the Mount Cerberus Survey District known as the road from Victoria Valley to Main Road:

And whereas a plan has been prepared, and the Minister has recommended the Governor to issue a Proclamation taking the land as required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities in me vested by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that, from and after the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto are hereby taken for the purposes of the construction of the said road.

SCHEDULE.

The parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Areas of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Block and Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P.				
1 0 12	21	VIII., Takahue	S.G. 20663	Pink.
3 2 16	25	Ditto	"	Blue.
1 1 7	26	"	"	"
1 3 13	27	"	"	"
1 0 19	51	"	"	"
3 0 0	50	V., Maungataniwha	"	Pink.
1 3 30	45	Ditto	"	Green.
0 1 8	46	"	"	Blue.
3 0 36	49	"	"	"
2 1 19	48	"	"	Green.
0 0 9	S.W. 47, Lots 182, 184, and 186	"	"	Pink.
0 1 2	S.W. 47	"	"	Green.
0 0 16	S.W. 47, Lots 291, 292, 293, and 294	"	"	Pink.
0 0 21	S.W. 47, Lots 295, 296, and 297	"	"	Yellow.
2 0 29	N.E. 47	"	"	Blue.
3 3 4	72A	"	"	Green.
4 1 32	S.W. 73	"	"	Pink.
1 1 36	74	"	"	Blue.
10 2 0	110, Peria (Native land)	V. and I., Maungataniwha	"	Yellow.

All in the Auckland Land District; as the said areas are delineated upon the plan marked as above stated, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Amended Description of Otago Mining District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Mining Act, 1891" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), I, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, do hereby revoke the Proclamation constituting the Otago Mining District, published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 15, of the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in lieu thereof do hereby proclaim and declare that the portion of the colony particularly described in the Schedule hereto shall be the Mining District of Otago under the said Act, with the boundaries in the said Schedule mentioned; and I do hereby further proclaim and declare that this Proclamation shall take effect as from the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO MINING DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Otago Land District bounded towards the north by the Canterbury Land District from Big Bay, on the west coast, to a point due north of Mount St. Bathans; towards the east by a straight line from that mountain; thence again towards the north by a straight line due east to the summit of the Hawkdon Mountains; towards the north-east by the summit of the said Hawkdon Mountains to Mount Ida; thence towards the north-west by a straight line to Kurow Mountain; thence by a straight line to the source of the Little Awakino Stream, and by that stream to the Waitaki River; again towards the north-east by the Waitaki River to the western boundary of the area formerly known as Awamoko Hundred; thence again towards the east by the said area formerly known as Awamoko Hundred to the area formerly known as Kakanui Hundred; towards the south and again towards the east by the said area formerly known as Kakanui Hundred to its south-western corner; again towards the south by a line due west to a point due north of Scout Hill; thence again towards the east by a straight line through Scout Hill to a point due west of Trig. Station D (Mount Difficulty), Kauroo Survey District; thence again towards the north by a straight line through the said Trig. Station D to a point due north of the north-eastern corner of Section No. 2, Block VI., Kauroo Survey District aforesaid; again towards the east by a straight line to the said corner; again towards the south and east by Section No. 2 aforesaid to Section No. 7 of the said Block VI.; thence again towards the south and west, and again towards the south and east, by the said Section No. 7, to Section No. 5, Block XV., Otepopo Survey District; thence again towards the east, north-east, north-west, and south-west by the said Section No. 5 to Section No. 7 aforesaid; thence again towards the north by Section No. 7 aforesaid to Section No. 9, Block XV., Otepopo Survey District; thence again towards the east and north by the said Section No. 9 to Section No. 2 of the said Block XV.; thence again towards the east and north by the said Section No. 2 to its south-eastern corner; thence again towards the east by Sections Nos. 1, 8, 7, 6, and 3 of Block XV. aforesaid to Section No. 4; again towards the south and east by the said Section No. 4 to a point due east of Trig. Station P, Otepopo Survey District; thence again towards the south by a straight line through the said Trig. Station P to the summit of the Kakanui Mountains; thence again towards the north-east

by the summit of the Kakanui Mountains to Run No. 109; thence again towards the north-west by Run No. 217b to Run No. 209; thence again towards the east generally by the said Run No. 209 and Run No. 11 to a stream forming the south-eastern boundary of Run No. 109 aforesaid; thence towards the south-east by that stream to the south branch of the Waianakarua River; thence again towards the south-west by the south branch of the Waianakarua River aforesaid to a point in line with the north-west boundary-line of the Moeraki Hundred; thence again towards the south-east by a straight line to and thence by the said Moeraki Hundred to the Waihemo or Shag River; thence again towards the north-east by the left bank of the said Waihemo or Shag River to a point in line with the north-western boundary-line of the area formerly known as Hawksbury Hundred; thence again towards the south-east by a straight line across the Waihemo or Shag River aforesaid, and by the said area formerly known as Hawksbury Hundred, to the south-western corner of Section No. 11, Block I., Dunback Survey District; thence again towards the north by the said Section No. 11 and Section No. 6 of the said Block I.; again towards the east by the Moeraki Survey District; again towards the south by Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of Block I. aforesaid to the north-western corner of the last-mentioned section; thence again towards the south-east by the area formerly known as Hawksbury Hundred aforesaid to the north branch of the Waikouaiti River; thence by the said north branch and the south branch of the Waikouaiti River to a point in line with the northern boundary-line of Section No. 4, Block IX., Waikouaiti Survey District; thence by a right line to the north-western corner of said Section No. 4; thence by that section, by Sections Nos. 2 and 3, said Block IX., and Sections Nos. 2, 4, and 5, Block XI., to the south-western corner of the last-mentioned section; thence again towards the south by a right line through Trig. Station U, Waikouaiti Survey District, to the right bank of the Silverstream; thence again towards the south-east by the said Silverstream to the area formerly known as the East Taieri Hundred; thence again towards the south by the said area formerly known as the East Taieri Hundred to Block II., Dunedin and East Taieri Survey District; thence again towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 9, 8, 7, and 6, Block III., Dunedin and East Taieri Survey District, and a road; thence again towards the south-west by Section No. 38, a road, 1 of 28, 2 of 28, 27, 26, a road, and Section No. 5, and a road, all of Block II. aforesaid, and by Sections Nos. 21, 20, 2 of 18, and 17, Block I., Dunedin and East Taieri Survey District, to the Taieri River; thence again towards the south-east by the left bank of that river to the road which forms the north-eastern boundaries of River Sections Nos. 49, 48, 47, and 46; thence again towards the north-east generally by that road and the road forming the north-eastern boundaries of River Sections Nos. 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, and 38; by the road forming the north-western boundaries of River Sections Nos. 37 and 36, the road forming the north-eastern boundaries of River Sections Nos. 36, 35, 34, and 33; by the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 16, 15, 14, and 13, Block XX., Taieri Survey District; by Sections Nos. 12 and 2 of said Block XX., across the railway-line, and by Section No. 11, Irregular Block; by a road forming the south-eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 11 and 12, Irregular Block; by Section No. 41, Irregular Block; and by Block VIII., Dunedin and East Taieri Survey District, to the sea: thence again towards the south-east by the sea; again towards the south-west generally by the right bank of the Tokomairiro River to the northern branch of that river; thence by the right bank of the said northern branch to a point in line with the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 68, Block II., Table Hill Survey District; thence again towards the south-east by a right line to the said north-western boundary-line and by Section No. 68 aforesaid, and by Sections Nos. 67, 2 of 58, 66, 65, 64, 33, 61, 96, and 63, Block II., Table Hill Survey District, to the Tokomairiro Survey District; thence again towards the south-west by the said Tokomairiro Survey District; again towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 215 and 208, Block XXVI., Tokomairiro Survey District; again towards the north-east by the latter section; again towards the south-east by a closed road and Section No. 202, Block XXV., Tokomairiro Survey District, to its westernmost corner; thence by a straight line across a closed road, and across the south branch of the Tokomairiro River, to the northernmost corner of Section No. 10, Block XLI., Tokomairiro Survey District; thence again towards the south-east by the said Block XLI.; again towards the south-west by Blocks XL. and XLIII.; again towards the south-east by the said Block XLIII.; again towards the south-west by Block XLV.; again towards the south-east by the said Block XLV.; again towards the south-west by the Hillend Survey District, to the south-western corner of Section No. 6, Block LIII., Tokomairiro Survey District; thence again towards the south-west by Section No. 16, Block IX., to its northernmost corner; thence again towards the south-east by Block XIII., Hillend

Survey District, to the northernmost corner of Section No. 5 of that block; thence again towards the west and north-west by the Waitahuna East Survey District; again towards the south-west by Block IX., Waitahuna East Survey District, Block VIII., Waitahuna West Survey District, Sections Nos. 20 and 19, Block VII., Waitahuna West Survey District, and by Block IX. of the last-mentioned survey district, to the northernmost corner of Section No. 15 of that block; thence again towards the south and south-east by sections Nos. 15, a road, 17, 14, 13, a road, 18, and 11, Block IX., Waitahuna West Survey District, and Sections Nos. 16, 17, and 18, Block XI., Waitahuna West Survey District, to a point in line with the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 12 of the said Block XI.; thence again towards the south-west by the said Section No. 12 to Crookburn; thence again towards the south-east by Crookburn to the Clutha River; thence again towards the west by the said Clutha River to a point in line with the northern boundary-line of Section No. 26, Block II., Pomahaka Survey District; thence again towards the south and west generally by the Pomahaka Survey District to the Pomahaka River; thence again towards the south-east by a line across the said Pomahaka River, and by that line continued parallel to that river, and 10 chains distant from the south bank thereof, until it intersects the left bank of the Waipahi River; thence again towards the east and south by the said Waipahi River to the railway-crossing on Block X., Waipahi Survey District; thence by the Southern Trunk line of railway to the Borough of Gore, as described in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 63, of the 8th November, 1890; thence by that borough to the Mataura River; again towards the east by the left bank of the Mataura River; again towards the south by the ocean; again towards the west by the right bank of the said Mataura River to the northern boundary-line of the Hokonui Survey District; thence again towards the south by the Hokonui Survey District to the Oreti River; and thence again towards the south and west by the Oreti River to the north-western boundary-line of Eyre Survey District; thence towards the north-west by that boundary-line to Eyre Peak; thence again towards the south and west generally by the summit of the western watershed of the Wakatipu Lake to Round Peak; thence again towards the south by a straight line to Moffat Peak; thence again by a straight line to Mount Eglinton, and by the latter line produced to Te Anau Lake; thence again towards the east generally by the eastern shore of the said Te Anau Lake, by the left bank of the Waiau River, by the eastern shore of the Manapouri Lake, and again by the left bank of the said Waiau River to the Mararoa River; thence by the left bank of the Mararoa River to Section No. 21, Takitimo District; thence by that section, and the road forming the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 49, 42A, 41, 43, 47, and 48; thence by Sections Nos. 48; 47, 43, 41, 42A, 49, 42, 53, 52, 44, 45, and 46, Takitimo District, to the south-eastern corner of the last-mentioned section; thence by the eastern boundary of Run No. 396 to Whare Creek; thence by the left bank of that creek to the eastern boundary-line of Section No. 56, Education Reserve; thence by the eastern boundary of that section and the eastern boundaries of Runs Nos. 173A and 173C to the Waicoe Creek; thence by the left bank of that creek to the south-western boundary-line of Run No. 415B; thence by the said Run No. 415B to the Wairaki River; thence by the right bank of that river to the Waiau River; thence again by the left bank of Waiau River to the mouth of the Orawia Stream, in the Waiau Survey District; thence again towards the north-west by the said Orawia Stream to a point in line with the south-western boundary of Section No. 105, Waiau Survey District; thence again towards the north-east and north-west generally by a straight line to the said Section No. 105, and thence by that section and Sections Nos. 82 and 7, Waiau Survey District, to the Aparima Hundred; thence again towards the east by the said Aparima Hundred to Ferdunlaw; thence again towards the north-east by a straight line to the source of the eastern branch of the Purapurakino Stream; thence by that branch and the Purapurakino Stream and Jacob's River to the ocean; thence again towards the south-west and north-west generally by the ocean (inclusive of adjacent islands) to Big Bay aforesaid, the place of commencement; exclusive of the Borough of Roxburgh.

Also all that area in the Land Districts of Otago and Southland bounded towards the north generally by a line parallel to and one mile distant from high-water mark, from Bluff Harbour to Catlin's River; towards the north-east by the said Catlin's River; towards the south generally by the ocean; and towards the west by Bluff Harbour aforesaid: exclusive of the Township of Fortrose.

Also all that area known as Campbelltown Goldfield, in the Southland Land District, comprised between low water and one chain above high-water mark of the ocean, from Section No. 1, Block V., Campbelltown Hundred, to Steep Head, and round to Pasturage Reserve; thence (said strip being lessened in width to distance between high- and low-water marks) to the southern boundary of the said reserve;

starting again at the original width, and continuing along the coast to Pilot-station Reserve, at Stirling's Point, Bluff Harbour.

Also all that parcel of land in the Southland Land District bounded on the north by a line running due east from the south-east corner of Section No. 311, Hokonui District, until it strikes the south-west boundary of Section No. 423, Hokonui District; towards the north-east and north-west by said Section No. 423; again towards the north by a continuation of the line before described running due east from the south-east corner of said Section No. 311 until it strikes the south-west boundary of Section No. 819, Hokonui District; again towards the north-east by said Section No. 819 and a road-line; towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 773, 774, 779, 780, 786, and 787, Hokonui District; and towards the south-west generally by Sections Nos. 194 and 494; Hokonui District, and the Waimumu Stream to the south-west corner of Section No. 311 aforesaid.

Also all that parcel of land in the Southland Land District bounded towards the west by Sections Nos. 6 and 2, Block VII., Lindhurst District; towards the north generally by Sections Nos. 50, 49, and 48 of Block V., Lindhurst District; towards the south-east by a road-line; towards the south-west by a road-line; and again towards the south-east by Section No. 11 of Block V. aforesaid.

Also all that parcel of land in the Southland Land District bounded towards the west by Section No. 10, Block V., Lindhurst District; towards the north by Section No. 12 of said Block V.; towards the north-west by Sections Nos. 12, 18, 19, 21, 29, and 30 of said Block V.; again towards the north by Section No. 32 of said Block V.; and towards the south-east and north-east by a road-line; towards the east by Block XXVI., Lindhurst Hundred; towards the south by Section No. 6 of Block V. aforesaid; and again towards the north-west and south-east by a road-line.

Also the additional areas comprised within the following Government reserves: That portion of the Stanley Township lying to the west of Mokomoko Inlet; the Pilot-station Reserve at Steep Head; and Section No. 1, Block IV., Campbelltown Hundred.

Also all the area known as the Stewart Island Goldfield, in the Southland Land District, being all that portion of Stewart Island north of latitude 46° 50'.

Also all that area in the Canterbury Land District bounded towards the north-west generally by the Rakaia River, the Little Rakaia River, and the Taumutu and Rakaia Road, to the road forming the north-western boundary of Allotment No. 22 of Native Reserve No. 878, Block VII., Southbridge Survey District; thence by that road to the southern boundary-line of the said Allotment No. 22; thence by the said southern boundary-line or the outlet to Lake Ellesmere; and towards the south-east generally by low-water mark of the ocean.

Given under the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy 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 eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

T. THOMPSON,  
For Minister of Mines.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Districts constituted under "The Marriage Act, 1880."*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Marriage Act, 1880," I, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, do hereby abolish the existing marriage districts known as the Nelson and Waimea South Districts, and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said districts is hereby divided anew into two marriage districts, the names and boundaries whereof shall be as follow:—

#### NELSON DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north, north-west, and south-east generally by the sea from Section No. 194, Block I., Waimea Survey District, to Elaine Bay; thence again towards the south-east by the Marlborough Land District to a point due east of the southernmost corner of Section No. 3, Block V., Rintoul Survey District; thence towards the south generally by a right line to that corner; and thence by a right line to the southernmost corner of Section No. 9, Block IV., Gordon Survey District; thence towards the west generally by Sections Nos. 9, 1 of 8, 8, 7, and 6, Block IV., Gordon Survey District, Sections Nos. 5 and 2 of 4, Block I., Rintoul Survey District, and Sections Nos. 3, 2, and 1, Block XIII., Waimea Survey District, to the road which forms the north-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned section; thence by the road which forms the north-eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 1 and 17, and forming the south-western boundary of Section No. 129, Block XIII. aforesaid; by the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 129, 131, 1 of 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137, Block XIII. aforesaid; the road forming the south-western boundary of Section No. 60, Block IX., Waimea Survey District; the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 60, 59, 58, 57, 1 of 56, and 55, Block IX. aforesaid; by the road forming the south-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 25 and 26, Block IX. aforesaid; the road forming the north-western boundary of the last-mentioned section; and by the road forming the south-western boundary of Section No. 38 to the Wai-iti River; across and by the western bank of that river to the road forming the south-western boundary of Section No. 151; by that road and the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 151, 152, 153, 154, and 155, Block IX. aforesaid; by the road intersecting Section No. 10, Block V., Waimea Survey District, and forming parts of its south-western and south-eastern boundaries, intersecting Section No. 9, and forming the northern boundary of Section No. 12, Block V. aforesaid, forming the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 13, 15, 14, and 26, Block VIII., Wai-iti Survey District, forming the eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 19 and 206, and forming the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 206, 182, and 183, Block VIII. aforesaid; by the north-western boundary of Section No. 186 and the western boundary of Section No. 37, Block VIII. aforesaid, and by the western boundaries of Sections Nos. 38, 39, and 36, Block IV., Wai-iti Survey District, to Cut Hill; thence by a right line to the southernmost corner of Section No. 192, Block I., Waimea Survey District; and thence by that section and Section No. 194, Block I. aforesaid, to the sea: including D'Urville Island, Rabbit Island, and adjacent islands.

#### WAIMEA SOUTH DISTRICT.

All that area in the Nelson Land District bounded towards the north generally by a right line from Mount Arthur to the source of the River Baton; thence by that river to the Motueka River; thence by a line across the said Motueka River and by the right bank thereof to the north-eastern boundary-line of Section No. 104, Block I., Wai-iti Survey District; thence by that boundary-line to the north-eastern corner of Section No. 104 aforesaid; thence by a right line to the south-western corner of Section No. 88, Block I. aforesaid; thence by Section No. 89, Block I. aforesaid, to the River Dove; thence by the right bank of that river to the road leading from the Village of Thorpe to the Moutere; thence by the north side of that road to Section No. 111, Block II., Wai-iti Survey District; thence by that section and Sections Nos. 112 and 113, Block II. aforesaid, to the easternmost corner of the last-mentioned section; thence by a right line to the southernmost corner of Section No. 157, Block III.; thence by a right line to the westernmost corner of Section No. 20, Block III. aforesaid; thence by that section and Sections Nos. 127 and 126, Block VII., the northern boundary-line of Section No. 26, Block VII. aforesaid, and the northern boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 7 and 188, Block VIII., to the north-eastern corner of the last-mentioned section; thence by a right line to the south-western corner of Section No. 37, Block VIII. aforesaid; thence by Section No. 186; by the road forming the north-eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 183, 182, 206, 19, 26, 14, and 13, Block VIII. aforesaid, forming the northern boundary of Section No. 12, Block V., Waimea Survey District, intersecting Section No. 9, Block IX., forming parts of the south-eastern and south-western boundaries, and intersecting Section No. 10, Block V. aforesaid; by the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 155, 154, 153, 152, and 151, Block IX. aforesaid; the road forming the south-western boundary of the last-mentioned section to the Wai-iti River; by the western bank of that river to a point in line with the south-western boundary-line of Section No. 38, Block IX. aforesaid; thence to and by the road forming the south-western boundary of that section; by the road forming the south-eastern boundary of Section No. 39; the road forming the south-western boundaries of Sections

Nos. 26 and 25; by the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 55, 1 of 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60, Block IX. aforesaid; by the road forming the south-western boundary of the last-mentioned section; by the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 137, 136, 135, 134, 1 of 133, 131, and 129, Block XIII., Waimea Survey District; and by the road forming the south-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 129, 28, and 61, Block XIII. aforesaid, to the easternmost corner of Section No. 1; thence by the south-eastern boundary-line of Sections Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Block XIII. aforesaid; by the south-eastern boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 2 of 4 and 5, Block I., Rintoul Survey District; and by the south-eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 6, 7, 8, 1 of 8, and 9, Block IV., Gordon Survey District, to the southernmost corner of the last-mentioned section; thence by a right line to the southernmost corner of Section No. 3, Block V., Rintoul Survey District; and thence by a right line running due east to the western boundary of the Marlborough Land District: thence towards the east generally by the Marlborough Land District to the River Acheron: thence towards the south generally by that river and the River Severn to the junction of the Severn and Alma; thence by a spur to the watershed named Alma Heights; thence by that watershed and the southern watershed of the Wairau River to Mount Mackay: thence towards the west generally by the watershed between the Sabine and D'Urville Rivers to Lake Rotoroa; thence by the western shore of Lake Rotoroa to the River Gowan; thence by that river to its junction with the River Buller; thence by the watershed between the Rivers Hope and Owen and by the western watershed of the Motueka River to Mount Arthur aforesaid.

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

Given under the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy 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 sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

(L.S.) By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1875," I, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, do hereby abolish the existing registration districts known as the Nelson and Waimea South Districts; and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said districts is hereby divided anew into two registration districts, the names whereof shall be the Nelson and Waimea South Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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

Given under the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy 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 sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Setting apart Land in Taranaki for Leasing as a Small Grazing-run under "The Land Act, 1892."

RANFURLY, Governor.

(L.S.) By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

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, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, 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.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—CLIFTON COUNTY.

Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.
1	X.	Upper Waitara	A. R. P.
5	XIII.		4,220 0 0
3	XIV.		

Given under the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy 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 sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land set apart for State Forest Purposes in the Land District of Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.

(L.S.) By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885," 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, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby set apart the forest land described in the Schedule hereto, forming part of the Crown lands in New Zealand, as and for a State forest within the provisions of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 28 acres 3 roods, more or less, being Section No. 3, Block X., Puketoi Survey District. Bounded towards the north and east by Section No. 2; towards the south by the 1-chain reserve along the Tiramea River; and towards the west by Section No. 1: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

Given under the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy, 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 eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Commissioner of State Forests.

Approved in Council.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

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

Henry Edward Poynter Adams,  
Gervase Disney Hamerton,  
The Rev. Charles Coleridge Harper,  
Oswald James Hawken,  
James Kenworthy,  
William Rossiter, and  
Herbert Henry Taylor

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Wednesday in each month, at eleven o'clock a.m., at the Borough Council office, Patea, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
2. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman or by any two members of the Board, provided that two days' notice of such meeting be given to each member, specifying the business to be transacted at such special meeting; and no other business than that so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.
3. Any three of the said Board shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.
4. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the third Wednesday in January in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.
5. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.
6. If, by resignation, death, or incapacity, or otherwise, the office of Chairman shall be or become vacant, the members may at any monthly or special meeting appoint a Chairman.
7. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members of the Board present at a meeting.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land containing by admeasurement 5 acres 2 roods 25 perches, more or less, being Block XLIV. on the record plan of the Township of Carlyle. Bounded towards the north-east by the Taranaki Road, 120 links wide, 940 links; and towards the south-east, south-west, and north-west by Block XLV., 602, 940, and 602 links respectively. Also,—

All that parcel of land containing by admeasurement 60 acres, more or less, being Block XLV. on the record plan of the Township of Carlyle. Bounded towards the north-east by a public road, 1 chain wide, 133 and 900 links, by Middlesex Street, 120 links wide, 950 links, by Taranaki Road, 120 links wide, 191 links, by Block XLIV., 940 links, and by Taranaki Road, 836 links; towards the south-east by Block XLIV., 602 links, and by Section No. 73, 2000 links; towards the south-west by Sections Nos. 50 and 51, 3921 links; and towards the north-west by Oxford Street, 120 links wide, 1326 links, by Rutland Street, 120 links wide, 100 links, by Surrey Street, 120 links wide, 620 links, and by Block XLIV., 602 links.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

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

JOHN ABRAHAM MOORE,  
WILLIAM EDWARD HOLDER,  
CHARLES ERNEST SMITH,  
GEORGE KILBURN, and  
ALBERT PETER AGNEW

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Wednesday in each month, at eight o'clock p.m., at Tolago Bay, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
2. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman or by any two members of the Board, provided that two days' notice of such meeting be given to each member, specifying the business to be transacted at such special meeting; and no other business than that so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.
3. Any three of the said Board shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.
4. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the third Wednesday in January in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.
5. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.
6. If, by resignation, death, or incapacity, or otherwise, the office of Chairman shall be or become vacant, the members may at any monthly or special meeting appoint a Chairman.
7. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members of the Board present at a meeting.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 25 acres and 32 perches, more or less, being Block III., Township of Buckley. Bounded towards the north by Foster Street; towards the east by Discovery Street; towards the south by Banks Street; and towards the west by Cook Street.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Powers delegated to the Burke's Pass Domain Board under "The Public Domains Act, 1881."*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Public Domains Act, 1881," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand,

by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby revoke a certain Order in Council, dated the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, making delegation of certain powers in manner as therein appears; and doth, with the like advice and consent, by this present Order, delegate, but only with respect to the piece or parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto, all the powers conferred by the Act aforesaid, except the powers under or conferred by sections five and twelve thereof, to the under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Burke's Pass Domain Board, namely,—

JOHN MCGREGOR,  
JAMES O'KEEFE,  
JOHN ANNIS, and  
DONALD McMILLAN

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the second Wednesday in each month, at eight o'clock p.m., at Burke's Pass, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 45 acres and 3 perches, more or less, being Reserve No. 1595, situate in Block VIII., Burke Survey District. Bounded north-eastward by a road-line, 2236.5 links; south-eastward by a road-line, 1736.5 links, also by Reserve No. 2334, 500 links; south-westward by Reserve No. 2334, 100 links, and also by Reserve No. 1264A, 1236.5 links; north-westward by Section No. 35668, 2236.5 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Revoking Delegation of Powers under "The Public Domains Act, 1881," to the Moa Flat and Ettrick Domain Board.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Public Domains Act, 1881," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby revoke a certain Order in Council, made and issued on the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, under the said Act, and delegating all the powers conferred by the said Act (except the powers conferred by sections five and twelve of such Act) in respect of the parcel of land known as Section No. 44, Block I., Benger Survey District, Otago Land Dis-

trict, to the following persons, who are known as the Moa Flat and Ettrick Domain Board, namely:—

EDWARD TUBMAN,  
WILLIAM WESTCOTT,  
ROBERT McLEOD,  
JAMES McINTOSH, and  
JAMES ALLEN.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Changing the Purpose of a Reserve in Otago.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto was permanently reserved, on the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, for police purposes: And whereas the said reserve is for one of the purposes comprised in Class I. of the Schedule to "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," and in the opinion of the Governor it is expedient to change the purpose of such reserve:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby order and direct that the purpose of the reserve mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be changed from police purposes to a site for Borough Council offices.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

SECTION 2, Block XXXV., Town of Hampden, containing by admeasurement 1 rood, more or less.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Prescribing a Close Season for Fish in the Blake River, or Waimea Creek, Westland.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, and revoke regulations (which shall have force and effect only in any waters or places specified therein) providing for, among other things, the more effectual protection and improvement of "fish," as defined by the said Act, and for setting apart any river or other fresh or salt waters for the natural or artificial propagation of fish, and for prohibiting for any period fishing in any waters, river, or stream in which young fish or spawn have been placed or deposited:

And whereas it is expedient to make the regulations hereinafter set forth with respect to fish liberated, inhabiting, or found in the waters of the Blake River, otherwise known as the Waimea Creek, in the County of Westland:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto; and with the like advice and consent doth order that such regulations shall take effect on and after the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, and shall have force and effect in the Blake River, otherwise known as the Waimea Creek, in the County of Westland.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS.

1. THE Blake River, otherwise known as the Waimea Creek, in the County of Westland (the said river being a stream in which salmon and trout have been liberated), is hereby set apart for the natural or artificial propagation of fish.

2. No person shall fish for, take, or catch any fish in the said river or creek within a period of three years from the date of the publication hereof.

3. Any person committing a breach of the above regulation shall be liable to a penalty of not less than £1 and not exceeding £50.

4. Every penalty imposed by these regulations may be recovered in a summary manner before any two or more Justices of the Peace.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Extending Time for Preparation of Valuation List of Borough of Tauranga.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS it has been made to appear that the valuation list of the Borough of Tauranga 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 sixteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and doth also extend the time during which such valuation list shall lie open for inspection, and during which objections thereto may be made, until the fifteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Ngaroto Land-drainage District, County of Waipa, constituted.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of the fifth section of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893," a majority of the ratepayers in the district described in the Schedule hereto, situated in the County of Waipa, have presented a petition to His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand praying that the land comprised in the said district be constituted a drainage district under the provisions of the said Act:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority contained in the fifth section of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893," 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 constitute and declare the block of land described in the said petition and in the Schedule hereto to be a district for the purposes of Part I. of the said Act, and to be called by the name of the "Ngaroto Drainage District"; and also, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority contained in the ninth section of the said Act, doth hereby declare that the Board of Trustees for the said district shall consist of five members, to be elected under and in accordance with the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

NGAROTO DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, situated in the Hamilton and Panui Survey Districts, County of Waipa, bounded towards the north generally by a line along the middle of the road forming the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 87, 96, 95, 141, 142, 143, 133, 134, 135, 300A, 300, 295, 285, 284, 283, and 282, Ngaroto Parish; towards the east generally by a line along the middle of the Hamilton-Te Awamutu Road to the road forming the southern boundary of Section No. 43; thence towards the south

generally by a line along the middle of the road forming the southern boundaries of Sections Nos. 43, 40, 39A, 39, 38, 37, 35, and 36, Mangapiko Parish; and towards the south-west generally by a line along the middle of the road forming the south-western boundaries of the following sections—viz., Nos. 36, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, and 336, Mangapiko Parish Sections Nos. 120, 121, 122, 123, 128, 127, 149, 147, 148, 94A, and 93—to a point in line with the western boundary-line of the last-mentioned section; thence by a line to the south-western corner of that section; thence by the road forming the south-western boundary of Section No. 92, and its continuation through Section No. 87, Ngaroto Parish, to the road forming the southern boundary of Section No. 108, Ngaroto Parish.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Declaring the Makoura Road, in the Salisbury Block, Apiti and Umutoi Survey Districts, to be a County Road.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR 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 Makoura 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.

THE MAKOURA ROAD, IN THE SALISBURY BLOCK, APITI AND UMUTOI SURVEY DISTRICTS.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 37 acres 2 roods, more or less, situated in the Apiti and Umutoi Survey Districts, being a road not less than 1 chain in width, the centre-line of which commences at road traverse-peg xxxix., near Coal Creek, situated 120984.3 links north and 179415.3 links east of Mount Stewart Trig. Station, and proceeds thence generally in a north-easterly and south and easterly direction to road traverse-peg marked xiii., situated 119403.9 links north and 203396.3 links east of Mount Stewart Trig. Station, a distance of 37500 links from the point of starting; bounding on the north a piece of Crown lands and Section No. 12, Block XVI., Apiti Survey District; intersecting Section No. 14; bounding Sections Nos. 31, 18, 33; again bounding Section No. 18, Sections Nos. 28, 29, and 19, all of Block XVI., Apiti Survey District, and Section No. 5, Block X., Umutoi Survey District: as the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 15524, 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.

*Revoking Order in Council licensing Witting, McKenzie, and Co. to occupy a Part of Foreshore of South-west Bay, Stewart Island.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 75, of the twenty-ninth day of the same month, His Excellency the Governor in Council did, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883," license Albert William Witting, James McKenzie,



and Henry John Guildford, of Kennington, Southland, trading under the style or title of "Witting, McKenzie, and Co.," hereinafter called "the licensees," to use and occupy a part of the foreshore of South-west Bay, Stewart Island, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon a wharf in the position shown on and in accordance with plan marked M.D. 1753, and deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington:

And whereas the licensees have committed a breach of clause two of the conditions of the said Order in Council of the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, by failing to pay the annual sum of one pound specified therein:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of all the powers enabling him in that behalf, doth hereby revoke and determine the said recited Order in Council, and every right, power, and privilege conferred thereby or intended so to be.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Licensing Messrs. Allen and Carr to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore of Kaipara Harbour.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), Woolsey Allen and Ebenezer Caleb Carr, of Northern Wairoa, Kaipara, sawmillers, trading under the style or title of "Messrs. Allen and Carr" (hereinafter called "the licensees"), have applied to the Governor in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore and of the land below low-water mark of Wairoa River, at Grahamsfern, in Kaipara Harbour, in order to erect and maintain a wharf thereon; and, in accordance with the one-hundred-and-fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," have deposited a plan in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington (marked M.D. 2183) showing the position in which it is intended to erect such wharf, the area of foreshore and land below low-water mark intended to be occupied, and the manner in which it is proposed to erect the wharf: And whereas the Governor in Council has approved of the purpose for which the said license is required: And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted and issued to the licensees under the said Act for the purpose aforesaid, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

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

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

2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark occupied by the said wharf, as shown on plans marked M.D. 2183.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. In case the licensees shall—

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

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

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Terms and Conditions of Sale and Lease of Lands in the Village Settlement of Hawaenga, Wellington.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the one-hundred-and-sixty-ninth section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may fix the terms and conditions upon which the lands in any village settlement shall be disposed of, subject as in the said section is provided: And whereas by a Proclamation made under the said Act on the first

day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the lands described in the First and Second Schedules hereto have been set apart under the said Act and declared open as a village settlement, and it is expedient to fix the terms and conditions upon which the said lands shall be disposed of:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby fix the terms and conditions on which the lands mentioned in the First and Second Schedules hereto shall be disposed of, and which said terms and conditions are set forth in the Third Schedule hereto.

### FIRST SCHEDULE.

#### WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

##### Hawaenga Village Settlement.

Section.	Area.			Upset Price.		
	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
49	0	1	0	3	15	0
50	0	1	0	3	15	0
51	0	1	0	3	15	0
52	0	1	0	4	10	0
53	0	1	0	5	0	0
54	0	2	0	5	0	0
55	0	2	0	5	0	0
56	0	2	0	5	0	0

### SECOND SCHEDULE.

#### KIWITEA COUNTY.—HAWAENGA VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

##### First-class Land.

Section.	Area.			Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.		
	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£ s. d.
15, 16	45	0	0	1	1-8	1 5 11
17, 18, 19	60	0	0	1	9-2	2 13 0
42,* 43	34	2	0	2	4-8	2 1 5
45*	24	2	13	2	3-6	1 8 4

\* This allotment is weighted with £5 for improvements.

#### DESCRIPTION OF HAWAENGA VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

This settlement is situated on the east bank of the Rangitikei River, adjacent to the Kawatau Improved-farm Settlement, the access being from Mangaweka, which is about two miles and a half distant by the Mangawharariki and Kawatau Valley Roads, which will be available for dray traffic when the bridge now being constructed across the Rangitikei River is completed.

All the sections except 15, 16, and 17 are flat, and form part of the Hawaenga clearing, which is covered with grass and patches of manuka scrub. The clearing has running through it an old bed of the Rangitikei River, which in wet weather becomes swampy. The three sections referred to above as not being level throughout occupy a flat-topped sandstone hill, small portions of which are level and the balance easy slopes, covered with mixed bush, comprising kahikatea, rimu, matai, hinau, maire, &c., with an undergrowth of rangiora, karamu, horopito, &c. The soil is good throughout, resting on sandstone-and-shingle formation. The sections are watered by small creeks and swamps, which are possibly dry in summer. The improvements consist of two whares, one on Section 42, valued at £5, and the other on Section 45, also valued at £5.

### THIRD SCHEDULE.

1. The lands enumerated in the First and Second Schedules hereto are first-class lands.

2. The lands in the First Schedule are village allotments, open for sale by public auction on Wednesday, the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and each purchaser must pay one-fifth of the purchase-money on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown-grant fee, within thirty days.

3. The lands in the Second Schedule are village-homestead allotments, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and shall be open for application on Wednesday, the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

4. The prices and rental stated in the Schedules hereto shall be the prices at which the land shall be offered for sale or open for application.

5. Applications for the lands in the Second Schedule shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act, and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington.

6. Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single) and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C to the said Act.

7. Each applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease- and registration-fee, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.

8. All rents must be paid half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided.

9. Improvements and residence on the land comprised in each license or lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations.

10. No lessee shall subdivide, sublet, or transfer the land held by him under these regulations, except under and subject to the provisions of Part I. of the said Act.

11. No person shall hold more than one allotment, and such allotment shall be held for his or her sole use and benefit, and not for the benefit of any other person whomsoever. No married woman shall be eligible as a selector of the lands enumerated in the Second Schedule, but this provision shall not apply to any married woman who may become a transferee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy.

12. The following conditions shall apply to Sections 42, 43, and 45 only: The lessee of each allotment 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 contained in his or her lease, and the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or any other person or persons authorised by him, shall 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. In the event of the lessee at any time failing to comply with the above condition, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to have such work done, and to recover the cost of the same from the lessee in the same manner as rent.

13. All the provisions of the said Act, so far as applicable, shall extend and apply to the lands affected by these regulations, and to the applications and leases to be made and issued thereunder, and generally to the interests created, and the persons whose rights, liabilities, or interests are thereby affected; and the mention of any particular provision of the said Act shall not be deemed to exclude any other provision of the said Act applicable to the particular case.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Vesting a Reserve in the Ashburton County Council.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto was permanently set apart as a reserve for river-protection purposes on the nineteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient to vest the said land in the Ashburton County Council:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof,

the reserve mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall become vested in "The Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the Ashburton County," in trust, as a reserve for river-protection purposes.

**SCHEDULE.**

ALL that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 3181 (in red), Block XIII., Ashburton Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by the south-east town belt of the Town of Ashburton; towards the north-east by the terrace forming the south-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 4873 and 4883; and towards the south-west by the River Ashburton; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Christchurch.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Vesting a Reserve in the Ashburton County Council.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto was permanently set apart as a reserve for bridge- and river-protection purposes on the tenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient to vest the said land in the Ashburton County Council:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the reserve mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall become vested in "The Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the Ashburton County," in trust, as a reserve for bridge- and river-protection purposes.

**SCHEDULE.**

ALL that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 46 acres, more or less, being Reserve No. 3189, Block V., Alford Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by the Ashburton Gorge Road; towards the north-east by the eastern bank of the River Stour's old channel; towards the south by the south branch of the River Ashburton; and towards the west by Section No. 30986: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Christchurch.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Vesting Reserves in the Pohangina County Council.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto were reserved permanently for the purposes stated in the said Schedule on the dates specified therein: And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient that the said lands should be vested in the Pohangina County Council:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the reserves mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall become vested in "The Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the Pohangina County," in trust, for the purposes specified.

**SCHEDULE.**  
APIITI SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Purpose.	Date when reserved.
12	XII.	A. R. P. 15 2 16	Rubbish	23rd August, 1888.
130	XIV.	11 0 0	Gravel ..	29th October, 1891.
131	"	4 2 0	" ..	29th October, 1891.
132	"	6 0 0	Ferry ..	29th October, 1891.
148	XI.	0 3 8	Pound-site	30th October, 1890.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR 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 appoint that, in addition to the persons and places appointed by Order in Council dated the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the 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 said Schedule shall sit, and that the persons named in the third column of the said Schedule shall be the Judges of such Assessment Courts.

**SCHEDULE.**

First Column.	Second Column.	Third Column.
No. 7 District	Opuake ..	Robert Loftus Stanford.
No. 8 District	Palmerston North	Alfred Greenfield.
No. 11 District	Takaka ..	Wilson Heaps.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Making Alterations in Appointments of Judges of Assessment Courts.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-first day of April, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR 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 appoint the person named in the third column of the Schedule hereto to be the Judge of the Assessment Courts, to be held at the places named in the second column of the said Schedule, for the special districts named in the first column thereof, in place of the person so appointed by Order in Council dated the fourth day of March, 1898.

**SCHEDULE.**

First Column.	Second Column.	Third Column.
No. 17 District ..	Waimate ..	Robert Stone Florance.
" ..	Oamaru ..	
No. 18 District ..	Palmerston ..	
" ..	Hawksbury ..	

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on and after the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase or on lease in perpetuity, or, in respect of any lands containing or supposed to contain any metal, mineral, or valuable stone, be selected on lease in perpetuity only; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

## SCHEDULE.

## AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

## Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Rodney ..	Tauhoa Parish	152	..	A. R. P. 46 2 0	s. d. 7 6	£ s. d. 17 12 6	s. d. 0 4.5	s. d. 8 10	s. d. 0 3.5	s. d. 7 3
" ..	"	153	..	47 0 0	7 6	17 12 6	0 4.5	8 10	0 3.5	7 3

Broken forest land, well watered; about four miles from Kaipara Flats Post-office.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE, Minister of Lands.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,  
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on and after the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase or on lease in perpetuity, or, in respect of any land containing or supposed to contain any metal, mineral, or valuable stone, be selected on lease in perpetuity only; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

## SCHEDULE.

## TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

## Second-class Land.

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

Clifton ..	Ngatimaru ..	19	V.	A. R. P. 840 0 0	s. d. 17 6	£ s. d. 735 0 0	s. d. 0 10.5	£ s. d. 18 7 6	s. d. 0 8.4	£ s. d. 14 14 0
Rough pastoral land; all forest, comprising tawa, tawhero, &c.; fair soil, on papa formation; well watered; usual undergrowth. Distance from Purangi Township, about four miles and a half by Pita Road, but best access at present is by the Mangaopa Road from Purangi, thence across the Waitara River to the Pita Road.										
Stratford	Ngatimaru ..	5	XIV.	200 0 0	12 6	125 0 0	0 7.5	3 2 6	0 6	2 10 0
Broken country; good soil; well watered; papa formation, with a little limestone; heavily timbered, with usual woods; bad frontage. Distance from Stratford Railway-station, about nineteen miles.										

As witness the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

Rural Land in the Auckland Land District open for Sale or Selection.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural land enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on and after the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight; and also that the land mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase or on lease in perpetuity, or, in respect of any land containing or supposed to contain any metal, mineral, or valuable stone, be selected on lease in perpetuity only; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said land shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said land shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Hokianga ..	Whangape	71	VII.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
				47 2 0	2 8 6	115 3 9	2 5.1	2 17 8	1 11.28	2 6 1

Subject to £130 for improvements, comprising 3 acres orchard, 20 acres bush felled and burnt, 40 acres grass; slab house of five rooms, shingled, and outhouse, and about 80 chains fencing. Situated about one mile from Herekino Post-office.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

Vaccination Districts constituted.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Public Health Act, 1876," I, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, do hereby abolish the existing vaccination districts known as the Nelson and Waimea South Districts, and do declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said districts is hereby divided anew into two vaccination districts, the names whereof shall be the Nelson and Waimea South Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

As witness the hand of Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, for and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and as his duly appointed Deputy, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Steamships with Non-condensing Engines used as Pleasure Yachts only to be surveyed once a Year.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

WHEREAS it is provided by the third section of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act, 1889," that the Governor may from time to time make, alter, and revoke regulations that steamers of any particular class shall be surveyed at least once in every six months:

And whereas, by Warrant dated the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 56, of the twenty-sixth day of the same month, a regulation was made by the Governor providing that every steamer having non-condensing engines which plies at any time in salt or brackish waters shall be surveyed at least once in every six months:

And whereas it is desirable to revoke the said regulation of the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight

hundred and eighty-nine, so far as it applies to steamers having non-condensing engines which are used as pleasure yachts only:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, do hereby revoke the said regulation of the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, so far as it relates to steamers having non-condensing engines, which steamers are used as pleasure yachts only; but not further or otherwise.

As witness the hand of his Excellency the Governor, this eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Notice of Intention to change the Purpose of a Reserve in the Nelson Land District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," it is, amongst other things, enacted that the Governor may declare his intention to make, change, exchange, or alter the dedication of any public reserve now or hereafter vested in Her Majesty or the Governor for any of the purposes named in Class II. of the Schedule to the said Act, whether the same be granted or not; and in the case of any reserve made under the authority of section one hundred and forty-four of "The Land Act, 1877," if it shall, in the opinion of the Governor, be expedient to change the purpose of such reserve or any part thereof from the purpose or presumed purpose for which it was set apart to any other purpose, or if it shall, in the opinion of the Governor, be expedient to exchange any of the land comprised in such reserve for other land of equal value, to be dedicated to one or more purposes named in the said Class II., the Governor may, by notice gazetted, make such change, exchange, or dedication, as the case may be, and in such notice declare the manner and terms in which the same is intended to be so made:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," aforesaid, declare my intention to change the specific purpose of the reserve described in the first column of the Schedule hereto from that named to the purpose named in the second column of the said Schedule respectively.

SCHEDULE.

Description and Purpose of Original Reserve.	Intended Purpose.
All that parcel of land in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 rood 34 perches, being Section No. 5, Block VI., Township of Waiau. Bounded towards the north-west by Section No. 4; towards the north-east by Clarence Street; towards the south-east by Section No. 6; and towards the south-west by Section No. 1: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Nelson. Reserved by warrant of the 2nd day of March, 1894, published in <i>Gazette</i> No. 19, of the 8th March, 1894, for public utility.	For a site for a pound.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Registrar of Electors, Wallace Electoral District, appointed.*

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

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to appoint

ALEXANDER GEORGE ASHBY

to be Registrar of Electors, under "The Electoral Act, 1893," for the Electoral District of Wallace, *vice* A. A. Mair, Esq., transferred.

WM. HALL-JONES.

*Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
ALEXANDER GEORGE ASHBY (on and from the 1st April, 1898) .. .. .	Riverton.
ROBERT MARTIN (on and from the 16th April, 1898) .. .. .	Porangahau.

WM. HALL-JONES.

*Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
ROBERT CHARLES GROOM .. .. .	Ormondville.
CHARLES SOMMERS WILSON .. .. .	Waiwera.
JAMES PEARSON .. .. .	Kurow.

WM. HALL-JONES.

*Officers under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," Wellington District, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

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

MARK MAXTON,  
FREDERICK PEARCE,  
FRANK AUGUST CARLSON,  
ALFRED JOHN YOUNG, and  
PETER MACKENZIE

have been appointed Officers for the purposes of that Act within the Counties of Hutt, Horowhenua, Wairarapa North, Wairarapa South, Pahiatua, Oroua, Manawatu, KIWITEA, Pohangina, and Rangitikei, and within all the town districts and boroughs situated within the said counties.

WM. HALL-JONES.

*Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
HUGH CALDERS .. .. .	Nelson.
ELIAS BAIGENT .. .. .	Waimea South.

(Appointments to date from 2nd May, 1898.)

WM. HALL-JONES.

*Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts, Wellington District, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to appoint

MARK MAXTON,  
FREDERICK PEARCE,  
FRANK AUGUST CARLSON,  
ALFRED JOHN YOUNG, and  
PETER MACKENZIE

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

*Clerk of Court appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to appoint

Constable JOHN FORSTER

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Levin, from the 4th April, *vice* Constable H. Salmon, transferred.

T. THOMPSON.

*Sittings of Magistrate's Court appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1897.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to appoint

THE MISSION HALL, TE PUKE,

to be a place wherein sittings of the Magistrate's Court shall be held.

T. THOMPSON.

*Stipendiary Magistrate appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to appoint

ROBERT STONE FLORENCE, Esq.,

to be a Stipendiary Magistrate for the colony, with ordinary and extended jurisdiction.

T. THOMPSON.

*Crown Lands Ranger, Otago Land District, appointed.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to appoint

ARCHIBALD BLACKWOOD

as a Crown Lands Ranger for the Land District of Otago, to act within that portion of the district known as the Waitaki Islands.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*School Commissioner appointed.*

Education Department,  
Wellington, 19th April, 1898.

PURSUANT to "The Education Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1882," the Education Board of the District of Hawke's Bay has appointed

THOMAS TANNER, Esq.,

to be a School Commissioner for the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, *vice* J. W. Carlile, Esq., resigned.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Education.

*Volunteer Officer appointed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointment, under paragraph 63, Volunteer Regulations, 1895:—

*Wellington Guards Volunteers.*

John Duthie, jun., to be Captain. Date of commission, 31st March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Volunteer Officers appointed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointments, under paragraph 63, Volunteer Regulations, 1895:—

*Hastings Rifle Volunteers.*

Lieutenant Bethel Charles Ware to be Captain. Date of commission, 25th March, 1898.

*Te Aroha Rifle Volunteers.*

Frederick William Wild to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 16th March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Volunteer Officer appointed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointment:—

*Te Aroha Rifle Volunteers.*

Lieutenant William Eugene Whiteley to be Captain. Commission to date from the 1st December, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

*Permanent Militia Officers appointed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointments:—

*New Zealand Permanent Militia.*

Probationary Military Cadet Herbert Edward Pilkington to be Lieutenant. Commission to date from the 1st April, 1898.

Probationary Military Cadet William Patrick Wall to be Lieutenant. Commission to date from the 2nd April, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 11th April, 1898.

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

*Coromandel Rifle Volunteers (Auckland).*

Acceptance to date from the 28th February, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Designation of Volunteer Corps changed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the designation of the

*F Battery, New Zealand Regiment Artillery Volunteers,*

being changed to the

*Napier Guards Rifle Volunteers,*

with its present seniority in the New Zealand Volunteer Force, and with effect from the 15th March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Volunteer Officer resigned.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

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

*Hawera Mounted Rifle Volunteers.*

Lieutenant Thomas Harcourt Ambrose Valentine. Date of resignation, 5th March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Volunteer Officer transferred to District Reserve Corps.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve, under paragraphs 94 and 97, Volunteer Regulations, 1895, of the transfer of

Captain ARNOLD CHARLES LEWIS

from the Hastings Rifle Volunteers to the Wellington District Reserve Corps, on resigning the command of the first-mentioned corps, and with effect from the 16th March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Name of Officer removed from Unattached Active List, New Zealand Volunteers.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the name of

Lieutenant ARNOLD CHARLES LEWIS

being removed from off the list of Lieutenants on the Unattached Active List, New Zealand Volunteers, and with effect from the 16th March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Volunteers dismissed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve, under sections 46 and 50, "The Defence Act, 1886," of the dismissal of the under-mentioned members of the Nelson Coast Guard Rifle Volunteers from the New Zealand Volunteer Force, for having, at Nelson, on the evening of Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1898, wilfully disobeyed the lawful command of their superior officer whilst doing military duty with the said corps, by persistently refusing to fall in upon parade of such Volunteer corps when ordered so to do by their superior officers:—

- No. 171, Sergeant Frederick William Dykes,
- No. 235, " John Earl Sherwood,
- No. 263, Acting-Sergeant Ernest Alfred Wood,
- No. 87, Corporal Samuel James Friend,
- No. 223, Private Robert George Carter,
- No. 317, " Mark Coles,
- No. 319, " Ernest George Emms,
- No. 275, " Arthur Nelson,
- No. 320, " Walter Sowman,
- No. 307, " Thomas Gibson Tibble,
- No. 302, " Frank Harford,
- No. 262, " Harry S. Ernst Sherwood,
- No. 281, " David McGavin,
- No. 321, " Robert Thomas Simpson,
- No. 304, " Sydney William Tebay,
- No. 318, " Samuel Joseph Talbot,
- No. 310, " William John Holmes,
- No. 279, " Charles Sutley Sherwood,
- No. 316, " Arthur Henry Bradley,
- No. 311, " Nelson Carnell.

Dismissals to date from the 9th day of March, 1898, and to be for a period of three years.

T. THOMPSON.

*Designation of Volunteer Corps changed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the designation of the

*Devonport Garrison Artillery Volunteers (Auckland)*

being changed to the

*Devonport Coast Guard Artillery Volunteers,*

with effect from the 10th February, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to accept, under clause 39 (1), "The Defence Act, 1886," the services of the under-mentioned Rifle Volunteer Corps, and in the order of seniority named:—

*Waipawa Rifle Volunteers,* } Wellington District.

*Dannevirke Rifle Volunteers,* }

Acceptance to date from the 16th April, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

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

No. 2 Company, New Zealand Native Rifle Volunteers, with headquarters at Auckland. Acceptance to date from the 14th April, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Treaty between Great Britain and Ethiopia.*

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

THE accompanying despatch, covering a copy of a treaty between Great Britain and Ethiopia, received from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 19th February, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government and for publication in the colony, copies of a treaty between Great Britain and Ethiopia signed on the 14th May, 1897, and ratified by the Queen on the 28th July, 1897.

I have, &c.,  
The Officer Administering  
the Government of New Zealand.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

*TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND ETHIOPIA.*

(Signed by the Emperor Menelek II. and by Her Majesty's envoy, at Adis Abbaba, 14th May, 1897.—Ratified by the Queen, 28th July, 1897.)

HER Majesty Victoria, by the grace of God Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and His Majesty Menelek II., by the grace of God King of Kings of Ethiopia, being desirous of strengthening and rendering more effective and profitable the ancient friendship which has existed between their respective kingdoms:

Her Majesty Queen Victoria having appointed as her special envoy and representative to His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II. James Rennell Rodd, Esq., Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, whose full powers have been found in due and proper form, and His Majesty the Emperor Menelek, negotiating in his own name as King of Kings of Ethiopia, they have agreed upon and do conclude the following articles, which shall be binding on themselves, their heirs and successors:—

*Article I.*

The subjects of or persons protected by each of the contracting parties shall have full liberty to come and go and engage in commerce in the territories of the other, enjoying the protection of the Government within whose jurisdiction they are; but it is forbidden for armed bands from either side to cross the frontier of the other on any pretext whatever without previous authorisation from the competent authorities.

*Article II.*

The frontiers of the British protectorate on the Somali Coast recognised by the Emperor Menelek shall be determined subsequently by exchange of notes between James Rennell Rodd, Esq., as representative of Her Majesty the Queen, and Ras Maconen, as representative of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek, at Harrar. These notes shall be annexed to the present treaty, of which they will form an integral part, so soon as they have received the approval of the high contracting parties, pending which the *status quo* shall be maintained.

*Article III.*

The caravan route between Zeyla and Harrar by way of Gildessa shall remain open throughout its whole extent to the commerce of both nations.

*Article IV.*

His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia, on the one hand, accords to Great Britain and her colonies, in respect of import duties and local taxation, every advantage which he may accord to the subjects of other nations.

On the other hand, all material destined exclusively for the service of the Ethiopian State shall, on application from His Majesty the Emperor, be allowed to pass through the Port of Zeyla into Ethiopia free of duty.

*Article V.*

The transit of firearms and ammunition destined for His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia through the territories depending on the Government of Her Britannic Majesty is authorised, subject to the conditions prescribed by the General Act of the Brussels Conference, signed the 2nd July, 1890.

*Article VI.*

His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II., King of Kings of Ethiopia, engages himself towards the Government of Her Britannic Majesty to do all in his power to prevent the passage through his dominions of arms and ammunition to the Mahdists, whom he declares to be the enemies of his empire.

The present treaty shall come into force as soon as its ratification by Her Britannic Majesty shall have been notified to the Emperor of Ethiopia, but it is understood that the prescriptions of Article VI. shall be put into force from the date of its signature.

In faith of which His Majesty Menelek II., King of Kings of Ethiopia, in his own name, and James Rennell Rodd, Esq., on behalf of Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, have signed the present treaty, in duplicate, written in the English and Amharic languages identically, both texts being considered as official, and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done at Adis Abbaba, the 14th day of May, 1897.

(L.S.) (Signed) JAMES RENNELL RODD.  
(Seal of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II.)

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, City of Wellington.*

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

THE following notices, received from His Worship the Mayor of the City of Wellington, are published in accordance with the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886."

WM. HALL-JONES.

In the matter of "The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897," and of Part IX. of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886."

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.  
I, JOHN RUTHERFORD BLAIR, Mayor of the City of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby, pursuant to the provisions of "The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897," and section 184 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," give you notice that, on the 11th day of March, 1898, a poll was taken, under the provisions of the said Acts, on a proposal of the Council of the said city to borrow by way of special loan, under the provisions of the said Acts, the sum of £15,000, being a portion of the amount mentioned in "The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897," a copy of which proposal is next hereinafter set out:—

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL.—PROPOSED SPECIAL LOAN.  
In the matter of "The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897," and Part IX. of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886."

I hereby give notice that the Council of the City of Wellington proposes to borrow the sum of £15,000 by way of special loan, under the provisions of the above-named Acts, such sum to be appropriated to the purposes following, the sum set opposite each of the following eight items to be appropriated exclusively to the purposes described in such item:—

	£
1. For providing four new cells to the Destructor	2,000
2. For providing public baths at Te Aro	2,000
3. For erecting a fire-brigade station at Cuba Street Extension	3,000
4. For providing a fire-brigade station at Newtown	1,000
5. For constructing new storm-water culverts in Grey Street, Hunter Street, and Reclaimed Land	2,000
6. For lowering and widening Adelaide Road, south of Luxford Street	1,500
7. For widening and improving Clyde Quay and Esplanade at Oriental Bay	2,000
8. For completing Thorndon Quay to its full width	1,500

J. E. PAGE,  
Town Clerk.

And I also give you notice that the numbers of votes recorded, upon the taking of the said poll, for and against the said proposal were as follow: For the proposal, 1,212 votes; against the proposal, 465 votes: majority for the proposal, 747 votes. And, it being provided by the first above-mentioned Act that the said proposal was to be deemed carried if a majority of three-fifths of the votes given on the taking of the said poll should be in favour of the said proposal, I hereby further give you notice that the said proposal of the Council of the City of Wellington was duly carried upon the taking of such poll.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1898.

J. R. BLAIR,  
Mayor of Wellington.



In the matter of "The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897," and of Part IX. of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886."

I, John Rutherford Blair, of Wellington Terrace, in the City of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, Mayor of the said city, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

1. That all the proceedings which, by the joint operation of the above-named Acts, were required to be taken in or towards obtaining the sanction of the citizens of the said City of Wellington to a proposal of the Council of the said city to raise by way of special loan, under the provisions of the said Acts, the sum of £15,000, being part of the amount mentioned in section 4 of "The Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897," which proposal is set out in the voting-paper hereunto annexed and marked with the letter A, have been duly taken.

2. That, upon a poll of the said citizens taken on the said proposal on the 11th day of March, 1898, the said proposal was duly carried within the meaning of the above-named Acts (read together).

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

J. R. BLAIR,  
Mayor.

Declared at the City of Wellington, this 18th day of April, 1898, before me—T. F. Martin, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

A.

FORM OF VOTING-PAPER FOR SPECIAL LOANS.

Proposal to raise a Special Loan upon which a Poll will be taken upon the 11th Day of March, 1898.

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J. E. PAGE,  
Town Clerk.

28th January, 1898.

1. I vote for the above proposal.
2. I vote against the above proposal.

N.B.—The voter must erase the line marked 2 if he wishes to vote for the proposal, and line 1 if he wishes to vote against it.

This is the voting-paper, marked A, referred to in the annexed declaration of John Rutherford Blair declared before me this 18th day of April, 1898.

T. F. MARTIN,  
A Solicitor, &c.

Special Order made by the Wairarapa North County Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

SPECIAL ORDER made by the Council of the County of Wairarapa North, altering the Boundaries of the Akitio, Castlepoint, Masterton, and Upper Taueru Road Districts, and the Alfredton Outlying District.

IN PURSUANCE and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf, the Council of the County of Wairarapa North doth hereby make the following special order:—

C

Akitio Road District.

That the boundaries of the Akitio Road District be and the same are hereby amended in the following manner, that is to say: Commencing from a point on the Puketoi Range where the eastern boundary of the Pahiatua County joins the boundary of the Wellington Provincial District, in Block XII., Mount Cerberus; thence eastwards bounded by the boundary of the said provincial district to the mouth of the Waimata River; thence by the sea to the south-east corner of Section 724, in Block VIII., Castlepoint Survey District; thence by the south-west boundaries of Sections 724, 723, and 722, Block VIII., Castlepoint Survey District, by the south boundaries of Sections 721 and 720, Block V., Castlepoint Survey District, and of Sections 719 and 718, Block IV., Castlepoint, to the south-west corner of the said Section 718, on the Tinui River; thence by the Tinui River to the westernmost corner of Section 471, in Block I., Castlepoint; thence by the north-western and western boundaries of Sections 471, 472, and 473, Block I., Castlepoint, 474, 475, 476, 477, Block XIII., Aohanga, to the westernmost corner of Section 477 aforesaid, on the Pakowai River; thence by that river to its intersection by the north boundary of Section 819, Block XIII., Aohanga; thence by the said north boundary of Section 819 and by the west boundaries of Section 817, Block IX., Aohanga, to the north-east corner of Section 21, Block XII., Puketoi; thence by a public road and the crossing of the said road to the south-west corner of Section 221, Block XII., Puketoi; and thence by the west boundary of the said Section 221 to its intersection by the south boundary of Section 16, Block XII., Puketoi; thence by the south and west boundaries of the said Section 16, and by the west boundary of Section 1 of Block VIII., Puketoi, and the crossing of the Waihoki Valley Road; thence by that road to the south-west corner of Section 4, Block V., Aohanga; thence by the western boundary of the said Section 4, by the southern boundary of Sections 28 and 29, Block V., Aohanga, by part of the west boundary of Section 29 aforesaid, to the south corner of Section 7, Block VIII., Puketoi; thence by the south-west boundary of the said Section 7 and the crossing of the Alfredton-Weber Road; thence by that road to the south-west corner of Section 28, Block IV., Puketoi, by the south-west boundaries of the said Section 28, by the south boundaries of Sections 29 and 7, Block IV., Puketoi, by the south-west boundaries of Sections 6, 5, 4, and 3 of Block IV., Puketoi, to the Hutewai Road, by the crossing of that road, and by the south-west boundaries of Sections 25 and 28, by the north-east boundary of Section 28, all of Block III., Puketoi; and thence by traverse lines along the watershed to Peg VIII. on the top of the Puketoi Range, being on the boundary of the Pahiatua County; and thence by the Pahiatua County to the point of commencement.

Castlepoint Road District.

That the boundaries of the Castlepoint Road District be and the same are hereby amended in the following manner, that is to say: Commencing from the north-west corner of Section 19, Block XII., Puketoi, and proceeding eastwards; bounded thence by a public road to the boundary of the Akitio Road District as hereinbefore described; thence by the said boundary of the Akitio Road District to the sea; thence by the sea to the mouth of the Whareama River; thence by that river to the confluence of the Mangapokia River; thence by that river to the south-east corner of Section 240, Block III., Rewa Survey District, by the eastern boundaries of the said Section 240 and of Section 260, by the northern boundaries of Section 260, part of the eastern boundary of Section 262 and northern boundary of Section 261, all in Block III., Rewa Survey District; thence by the southern boundaries of Sections 266, 267, 268 in Block II., Rewa, of Section 729 and part of the southern boundary of Section 725, in Block XIV., Mangapakeha, by the eastern and part of the south-western boundary of Section 616, and the southern boundaries of Sections 519 and 518, all in Block XIII., Mangapakeha, by part of the north-western boundary of the said Section 518, the western and part of the northern boundary of Section 867 in Block XIII., Mangapakeha, by the western and northern boundaries of part 2 of Section 874 in Block X., Mangapakeha, by the eastern boundary of part 1 of Section 874, the crossing of the Mangapakeha Road, by that road, by the eastern boundary of Section 875, by part of the northern boundary of Section 875, the north-eastern boundary of Section 872, all in Block X., Mangapakeha, by part of the south-eastern and the north-eastern boundaries of Section 293, the north-eastern boundary of Section 292, the eastern boundaries of Sections 789, 788, 787, and 150, all in Block VI., Mangapakeha, and of Sections 151, 152, 147, 146, 145, and 157, all in Block II., Mangapakeha; thence by the northern boundary of the said Section 157 and its production to the centre of the Taueru River, by the centre of that river to a point where it is cut by the production of the north-western boundary of Section 175 in Block XV., Pu-

ketoi, by the said production and by the said boundary, by the north-western boundaries of Section 174, Block XI., Puketoi, to the Waitawhiti Stream; thence by the Waitawhiti Stream to its intersection by the north boundary of Section 193, Block XII., Puketoi; thence by the said north boundary of Section 193 and part of the east boundary of Section 194, by the south boundaries of Sections 14, 15, 22, all of Block XII., Puketoi, and by the east boundary of the said Section 22 to the point of commencement.

*Alfredton Outlying District.*

That the boundaries of the Alfredton Outlying District be and the same are hereby amended so as to agree with the amended boundaries of the Castlepoint and Akitio Road Districts as hereinbefore described, as from the western corner of Section 193, Block XII., Puketoi, on the Waitawhiti Stream, and bounded thence generally by the boundaries of the Castlepoint and Akitio Road Districts to Peg VIII., in Block III., Puketoi, on the boundary of the Pahiatua County, and thence bounded by Pahiatua County to trig. Puketoi, in Block II., Puketoi Survey District.

And also that all that portion of the Alfredton Outlying District comprising Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, in Block I., Mangapakeha Survey District, be and the same is hereby annexed to the Upper Taueru Road District, and that the boundaries of the Alfredton Outlying District, from the eastern corner of Section 17, Block IV., Kopuaranga, to the south corner of the College Reserve Section 210, in Block I., Mangapakeha, are hereby amended so as to exclude the said Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 of Block I., Mangapakeha, from the Alfredton Outlying District.

*Masterton Road District.*

That all that portion of the Upper Taueru Road District being Section 119 of Block XI., Kopuaranga Survey District, be and the same is hereby annexed to the Masterton Road District, and that the boundaries of the Masterton Road District be and the same are hereby amended from the south-east corner of Section 120, Block XI., Kopuaranga Survey District, to the south east corner of Section 210, Block VII., Kopuaranga Survey District, so as to include the said Section 119, Block XI., Kopuaranga Survey District, within the Masterton Road District, and the boundary of Subdivision 2 thereof is altered accordingly.

*Upper Taueru Road District.*

That the boundaries of the Upper Taueru Road District are hereby amended, from the eastern corner of Section 17, Block IV., Kopuaranga, to the southernmost corner of the College Reserve, Section 210, in Block I., Mangapakeha, so as to include Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 of Block I., Mangapakeha, within the Upper Taueru Road District; and that the boundaries be also amended from the south-east corner of Section 120, Block XI., Kopuaranga, to the south-east corner of Section 210, Block VII., Kopuaranga, so as to exclude Section 119 from the Upper Taueru Road District.

That the boundaries of the Akitio, Castlepoint, Alfredton, and Masterton Ridings of the County of Wairarapa North be and the same are hereby amended in accordance with the alterations made in the boundaries of the several road and outlying districts hereinbefore set forth.

That, in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of "The Road Boards Act, 1892," and its amendments, the Boards of the Akitio, Castlepoint, Masterton, and Upper Taueru Road Districts are hereby dissolved, and this Council directs that the elections of the new Boards for the said districts shall take place on the days fixed or to be fixed in the several districts respectively for the annual elections of members during the first week in the month of May now next ensuing, and the Returning Officers of the said districts respectively are hereby appointed to conduct the said elections.

This special order shall take effect on the 21st day of April, 1898.

Passed at a special meeting of the Council, this 10th day of March, 1898.

Confirmed by the said Council this 14th day of April, 1898.

The Common Seal of the Chairman, Council, and Inhabitants of the County of Wairarapa North was affixed hereto, in the presence of—

R. MAUNSELL,  
County Chairman.

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

F. G. MOORE,  
County Clerk.

*Notice to Local Authorities under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 12th April, 1898.

PURSUANT to section 16 of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," the Colonial Treasurer hereby gives notice that on Wednesday, the 1st June, 1898, he will be prepared to consider applications from local authorities for loans under the Act.

Applications should be addressed to the Colonial Treasurer, and must be posted so as to arrive at the Treasury on or before the 31st May, 1898.

R. J. SEDDON,  
Colonial Treasurer.

*Notice of the Laying-off of Road through Omaha No. 2 Block, in Block IX., Heretaunga Survey District.*

NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, under the authority of section 92 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," that the road described in the Schedule hereto was, on the 11th January, 1898, duly taken and laid off through the land specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 27th December, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of the Portion of Land taken.	Being Portion of Block	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 3 0 8	Omahu No. 2	Heretaunga	863	Red.

As the said area is delineated upon the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the Lands and Survey Department, at Hawke's Bay, in the Hawke's Bay Land District, and thereon coloured as above stated.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1898.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Notice of the Laying-off of Roads through part of Awarua Ia No. 2 East, Blocks VII. and VIII., Hautapu Survey District.*

NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, under the authority of section 92 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," that the roads described in the Schedule hereto were, on the 23rd December, 1895, and the 27th December, 1897, duly taken and laid off through the land specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 27th March, 1895.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of the Portion of Land taken.	Being Portion of Native Block	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan	Marked on Plan
A. R. P. 16 1 16	Awarua Ia No. 2 East	Hautapu	27	Brown	C to D.
20 2 24	Ditto	"	"	"	A to B.

As the said areas are delineated upon the plans marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above stated.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1898.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Fees for Survey of Steamers used as Pleasure Yachts only.*

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 4 of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act, 1889," I, William Hall-Jones, the Minister having Charge of the Marine Department, do hereby direct that on and after the date hereof the sum of one pound ten shillings shall be the fee to be charged for every certificate issued in respect of the survey of a steamship which is used as a pleasure yacht only.

Given under my hand, this eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Notice to Mariners, No. 14 of 1898.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1898.

THE following Notice to Mariners, received from the Marine Board, Hobart, Tasmania, is published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

RED SECTOR COVERING THE HEBE REEF DANGERS ENTRANCE TO THE RIVER TAMAR.

A RED sector is fixed in the Low Head Light tower, 20 ft. below the main light, showing a fixed red light from S. 84° E. on the northern side to N. 86° E. on the southern side. Bearings are magnetic, taken from seaward.

The arc of visibility cuts 100 yards N.E. of the Hebe Reef buoy on the northern side, and at Flinders Point on the southern side.

The light is visible in a mean state of the atmosphere seven miles, and in very clear weather a greater distance.

This light will be exhibited from sunset to sunrise on and after 1st May, 1898.

HENRY SMITH,  
Secretary.

Marine Board, Hobart, 25th March, 1898.

Notice to Mariners, No. 15 of 1898.

DISCONTINUANCE OF BEACONS, RAGLAN HARBOUR.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 20th April, 1898.

THE Raglan Harbour Board has given notice that the beacons at the entrance to Raglan (Whaingaroa) Harbour have been taken down, pending a survey of the channel being made. Due notice of the re-erection of the beacons will be given.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Notice to Mariners, No. 16 of 1898.

KAIPARA HARBOUR. — LEADING BEACONS RE-ERECTED AND MARK-BUOYS PLACED OFF TORY SHOAL.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 20th April, 1898.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 5 of 1898, concerning the removal of the leading beacons at Kaipara North Head to a more suitable position for marking Galatea Channel, it is now hereby notified that the two top beacons have been re-erected in a position two miles west from the Lighthouse. The top beacon stands on the highest sand-hill in that locality, and is painted black. The lower beacon stands in a cluster of native bush, and is painted white.

The beacons are about 2,000 ft. apart, and bear from each other N.E. by N.  $\frac{3}{4}$  N. and S.W. by S.  $\frac{3}{4}$  S. respectively.

The least water on the line of leading beacons in Galatea Channel is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms at low tide.

MARK-BUOYS OFF TORY SHOAL.

It is also further notified that two mark buoys (a large one and a small one) have been moored off Tory Shoal to mark that danger. The buoys are about four cables length apart, and are painted red. The large buoy marks the western edge of the shoal, and the small buoy the north-west edge.

SAILING DIRECTIONS.

Vessels bound in, before approaching the bar, should bring the leading beacons in a line N.E. by N.  $\frac{3}{4}$  N., and steer in on that line till after passing the large red buoy on the starboard hand, and then haul up gradually towards the North Head, taking care to pass a reasonable distance inshore of the small red buoy, then steer by the land or by directions given from the signal-station near the lighthouse.

Mariners are reminded that the constant use of the lead is necessary when navigating these waters.

All bearings are correct magnetic; and the soundings are calculated for low-water springs.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2543 and 2614; New Zealand Pilot, chapter vi., pages 249 to 255.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Certificate and Declaration of Execution of Criminal.

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

THE following certificate and declaration are published in conformity with the provisions of "The Criminals Executions Act, 1883."

T. THOMPSON.

I, ROBERT BURNS, the Medical Officer in attendance at the execution of Charles Clements, at the prison of Dunedin, do hereby certify and declare that I have this day witnessed the execution of the said Charles Clements at the said prison; and I do further certify and declare that the said Charles Clements was, in pursuance of the sentence of the Supreme Court, hanged by the neck until his body was dead.

Given under my hand, this twelfth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at the prison of Dunedin.

ROBERT BURNS, F.R.C.S. Ed.

We do hereby testify and declare that we have this day been present when the extreme penalty of the law was carried into execution on the body of Charles Clements, convicted at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court held at Dunedin on the 28th day of February last, and sentenced to death; and that the said Charles Clements was, in pursuance of the said sentence, hanged by the neck until his body was dead.

Dated this twelfth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at the prison of Dunedin.

COLIN MCK. GORDON,  
Sheriff.

SAM. CHAS. PHILLIPS,  
Gaoler.

THOMAS VINCENT,  
Warder.

ALEX. GEO. CHRISTOPHER, J.P.

HENRY SYMES, J.P.

ROBERT G. THOMSON.

HORACE F. BASTINGS.

JOHN ADAM.

CHRISTOPHER G. ROBINSON,  
Archdeacon.

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

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under "The Public Works Act, 1894," and any amendment thereof, and also of "The Government Railways Act, 1894," I, Alfred Jerome Cadman, the Minister for Railways, do hereby make the following alterations in the scale of fares, rates, and charges in force on the New Zealand Government railways open for traffic, such alterations to come into force on and after the 25th day of April, 1898:—

PART I.—PASSENGERS: GENERAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

DELEGATES TO MEETINGS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Delegates travelling to attend annual meetings of religious bodies may be granted first-class tickets at holiday excursion fares, specified in Regulation 10, on production of a certificate in the following form, signed by the secretary or other duly-authorized officer:—

"I hereby certify that Rev. (Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_ is a duly-appointed delegate to (a) \_\_\_\_\_, and that he is proceeding from \_\_\_\_\_ station to \_\_\_\_\_ station for the purpose of attending same, and that he is entitled to a first-class ticket.

" Secretary, \_\_\_\_\_ "

(a) Insert here name of meeting.

Written application, specifying dates on which delegates will travel, and the name or names of persons who will sign certificates, must first be made by the secretary of the religious body to the General Manager of the New Zealand Government Railways, Wellington, not less than two months before the date of meeting.

Delegates are allowed to travel as many times as necessary during the sitting of the meeting, but a fresh ticket must be taken out and paid for for each double journey, and a fresh certificate from the authorised officer must be presented for each ticket. Tickets will be granted for seven days previous to the first day of sitting, and will be available for return for one month from date of issue.

The department reserves to itself the right to decline any application.

LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

WESTPORT SECTION.

Commutation Season-tickets.

Commutation season-tickets issued between Westport and stations on the Waimangaroa Branch line will be charged the following rates in addition to the through ordinary rates:—

Single commutation tickets, 50-trip, first class 3s., second class 2s.

Family commutation tickets, 50-trip, first class 3s. 6d., second class 2s. 6d.

Workmen's commutation tickets, 12-trip, second class 1s.

## PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

## LEFT LUGGAGE.

*Cancel.*—In all cases where a luggage-room ticket is given for more than one package, and the holder of the ticket applies for and takes some, *but not all*, of the packages away, a fresh ticket will be issued for the packages left, and the usual booking-fee for the fresh ticket will be charged.

*Insert.*—When passengers who have deposited their luggage in cloak-rooms require to remove one or more of the articles so left (leaving the remainder until a future day) the storage due on the articles removed must be paid, the cloak-room ticket held by the passenger, and also the butt of ticket, must be indorsed showing what articles have been removed, depositor's signature being taken on the butt. Any additional charge accruing upon the articles left for the longer period must be paid when those articles are taken away.

## HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

*Cancel.*—Horses, Shetland and polo ponies, foals, mules, and asses may be sent in cattle-trucks, at rates charged for cattle in truck-loads.

*Insert.*—Horses, Shetland and polo ponies, foals, mules, asses, and hounds may be sent in cattle-trucks, at rates charged for cattle in truck-loads; but, if so charged, the department will reserve the right to forward by goods trains if inconvenient to do so by passenger or mixed trains.

Horses, Shetland and polo ponies, foals, mules, and asses, when loaded in cattle-trucks, may be charged at the rates for cattle in truck-loads, or at the rate for horses in horse-boxes if cheaper.

## STUD PIGS.

Stud pigs not exceeding the sum of £3 in value, properly secured in crates, baskets, or sacks, so as to prevent injury to other goods, will be carried at parcel rates.

## PART III.—GOODS: REGULATIONS.

## (8.) CLASS M.—LIVE-STOCK.

Mixed consignments of horses and hounds will, at the option of the sender, be charged separately or as one lot, as cattle.

Stud pigs not exceeding £3 in value, properly secured in crates, baskets, or sacks, so as to prevent injury to other goods, may be sent as goods, Class A. In all such cases the department reserves to itself the right to load such stock in a truck with other goods.

## PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

## NAPIER—TARANAKI SECTION.

## Class H.—Wool, &amp;c.

Wool, undumped, from Spit to Hastings will be charged 11d. per bale.

## PART V.—CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS, LIVE-STOCK, PARCELS, AND LUGGAGE.

Cowtips .. .. .	Class B
Drainpipes, concrete. Owners' risk .. .. .	" N
Pipes, concrete, drain. Owners' risk .. .. .	" N
Sheep medicines (colonial manufacture) .. .. .	" D

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

A. J. CADMAN,  
Minister for Railways.

## 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.

## Kaitangata Relief Fund.

## STATEMENT of account of Public Trustee's administration to 31st March, 1898:—

		£	s.	d.
1897.	<i>Cr.</i>			
April 1.	By Balance as per account to 31st March, 1898 .. .. .	3,677	7	3
1898.				
Mar. 31.	Rent from mortgage security No. 2 to 1st March, 1898 .. .. .	60	14	3
	Rent from mortgage security No. 4 to 18th February, 1898 .. .. .	100	0	0
	Proportion of rates to 31st March, 1898, paid by tenant of mortgage security No. 4 .. .. .	5	16	0
	Interest added by Public Trust Office on current balances from 1st April, 1897, to 31st March, 1898 .. .. .	128	2	5
		<u>£3,971</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>
1898.	<i>Dr.</i>			
Mar. 31.	To Costs of lease of mortgage security No. 2 .. .. .	1	5	0
	Proportion of premium for insurance on buildings on mortgage security No. 2 .. .. .	2	6	10
	Paid rates on mortgage security No. 4 to 31st March, 1898 .. .. .	12	12	0
	Paid premium for insurance on mortgage security No. 4 .. .. .	4	0	0
	Paid for repairs at mortgage security No. 4 .. .. .	4	9	6
	Paid telegrams .. .. .	0	6	4
	Paid twenty-one beneficiaries amounts of their allowances from 26th March, 1897, to 7th May, 1897 .. .. .	109	16	5
	Paid twenty-two beneficiaries amounts of their allowances from 7th May, 1897, to 21st May, 1897 .. .. .	38	10	0
	Paid twenty-one beneficiaries amounts of their allowances from 21st May, 1897, to 25th March, 1898 .. .. .	813	8	0
	Public Trust Office commission .. .. .	8	0	9
	Balance .. .. .	2,977	5	1
		<u>£3,971</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>

J. C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

M. C. BARNETT,  
Accountant.

Public Trust Office, Wellington, N.Z., 19th April, 1898.

## Kaitangata Relief Fund.

## STATEMENT of account of Public Trustee's administration to 31st March, 1898:—

		£	s.	d.
1898.	POSITION OF FUNDS.			
April 1.	By Cash in hand .. .. .	2,977	5	1
	*Mortgage security No. 2 in default .. .. .	2,500	0	0
	*Mortgage security No. 4 in default .. .. .	1,600	0	0
	Value of fund at 1st April, 1898 .. .. .	<u>£7,077</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

J. C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

M. C. BARNETT,  
Accountant.

Public Trust Office, Wellington, N.Z., 19th April, 1898.

\* Investment of former trustees.

## SCHOOL FOR DEAF-MUTES, SUMNER, NEAR CHRISTCHURCH.

Under the control and supervision of the Education Department.

Director: Mr. G. VAN ASCH.

FOR Deaf Children of sound intellect. Instruction by the articulation method, by which the pupils acquire the power of speech. Age for admission, six to twelve years.

Charges for board and education remitted partially or entirely in cases of necessity.

For further information apply to

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION,  
Wellington.



**NOTICE UNDER "THE VICTORIA COLLEGE ACT, 1897," AND THE REGULATIONS MADE BY VIRTUE THEREOF.**

IT is hereby notified that, in pursuance of "The Victoria College Act, 1897," and the regulations made thereunder dated the 28th January, 1898, the under-mentioned persons have been duly elected members of the Victoria College Council, viz.:-

- By electors on the Parliamentary Electoral Roll—  
The Reverend Felix Joseph Watters, D.D.,  
William Allan Chapple, Esq., M.B., Ch.B.,  
Charles Wilson, Esq., M.H.R.
- By electors on the Education Boards' Electoral Roll—  
John Rutherford Blair, Esq.,  
Arthur Penrose Seymour, Esq.,  
Robert George Bauchope, Esq.
- By electors on the Graduates' Electoral Roll—  
The Honourable Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G.,  
The Right Reverend Frederic Wallis, M.A., D.D.,  
Joseph Firth, Esq., B.A.
- By electors on the Teachers' Electoral Roll—  
Thomas Reid Fleming, Esq., M.A., LL.B.,  
Clement Watson, Esq., B.A.,  
The Reverend William Albert Evans.

E. O. GIBBES,

Education Department, Wellington, 18th April, 1898. Returning Officer.

*Officiating Ministers for 1898.—Notice No. 13.*

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 19th April, 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 John Geoffrey Sherry Bartlett.  
The Reverend Richard Twitchell Mathews, B.A.

*Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.*

The Reverend William Thomson, M.A., B.D.

*Baptists.*

The Reverend Edwin Herbert Soper.

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, 20th April, 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.

George Curle, late of Richmond, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Farmer. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Catherine Maria Elizabeth Gerken, late of Hornby, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Widow. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Cholmondely Heaton Locke, late of Edenham, in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, Gentleman. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Frank Edwin Chisnall, late of Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Salesman. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Henry Brown, late of Hanmer Plains, in the Provincial District of Nelson, Labourer. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Ann Walker, late of St. Albans, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Widow. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Augusta Agnes Relph, late of Rangiora, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Married Woman. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

James Young, late of Orepuke, in the Provincial District of Otago, Miner. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Hannah Ann Scott, late of Newmarket, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Widow. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Alfred Jennison, late of Mistake Station, Fairlie, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Rabbitier. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Margaret Gibson, late of Timaru, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Widow. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Robert Milburn, late of Hokitika, in the Provincial District of Westland, Labourer. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Henry Mudford, late of Rongotea, in the Provincial District of Wellington, Labourer. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

Elizabeth Hardesty, late of Upper Riccarton, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Spinster. Filed on the 15th April, 1898.

J. C. MARTIN,  
Public Trustee.

*Government Observatory.*

METEOROLOGICAL Observations, Wellington, for the month of March, 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.			Veloc. Wind, in Miles.
1	30.240	Fah. 65.0	Fah. 44.5	Fah. 54.7	Fah. 123	Fah. 33	..	120	2	N.W.
2	30.169	72.2	57.5	64.8	126	44	..	240	3	N.W.
3	29.944	70.0	60.0	65.0	122	52	..	570	4	N.W.
4	30.018	69.0	52.0	60.5	131	45	.900	380	6	S.E.
5	29.913	69.2	50.0	59.6	121	39	..	110	4	N.E.
6	30.100	69.0	55.3	62.1	124	49	..	130	6	S.
7	30.154	66.0	53.0	59.5	122	40	..	130	4	Cal'm
8	30.218	75.0	49.0	62.0	126	40	..	90	5	S.E.
9	30.258	69.0	54.3	61.6	110	45	..	180	6	S.E.
10	30.086	63.0	53.0	58.0	107	43	.040	160	5	S.E.
11	29.829	63.5	53.0	58.2	120	41	..	160	5	S.E.
12	29.798	60.0	52.0	56.0	87	34	.200	430	7	S.E.
13	30.000	57.3	50.3	53.8	89	42	.150	120	4	S.E.
14	29.849	63.0	54.9	58.9	116	46	.050	80	6	Cal'm
15	29.766	60.0	55.7	57.8	80	46	.040	70	6	N.W.
16	29.499	65.5	58.0	61.7	120	46	.040	470	3	N.W.
17	29.400	67.3	57.0	62.1	115	49	.130	650	4	N.W.
18	29.758	64.0	45.0	54.5	115	35	.050	250	3	N.W.
19	29.614	63.5	53.0	58.2	113	42	.310	610	4	N.W.
20	30.130	62.5	44.0	53.2	108	33	.070	95	3	N.W.
21	29.913	63.0	55.0	59.0	118	42	..	515	5	N.W.
22	29.786	61.3	53.0	57.1	112	40	.320	680	3	W.
23	30.198	65.5	43.0	54.2	115	33	..	90	2	S.
24	30.168	67.0	45.0	56.0	112	30	..	60	4	N.W.
25	29.932	65.5	54.5	60.0	115	39	..	360	4	N.W.
26	29.980	66.5	55.5	61.0	120	39	..	420	2	Cal'm
27	30.400	69.0	47.5	58.2	126	35	.170	160	3	S.
28	30.274	65.0	53.0	59.0	113	39	..	270	3	N.W.
29	30.398	69.0	49.0	59.0	118	37	.001	180	5	S.E.
30	30.367	62.3	49.0	55.6	109	35	..	230	3	S.E.
31	30.203	59.5	42.0	50.7	107	33	..	90	4	N.W.
*	30.011	65.4	51.5	58.4	114.1	40.1	2.471	261	4.1	..
†	30.013	..	..	62.1	..	..	3.542	..	..	..

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

NOTE.—Generally a fine month; light showers during middle and end. The maximum rainfall recorded on the 4th, 0.900 in.; prevailing winds from N.W. and S.E., and frequently strong from former quarter; some very fine warm weather in early part. Maximum temperature in shade 75°, minimum 42°; mean temperature of dew-point, 50° 6; mean humidity, 75. Slight earth shock on 10th at 11.35 p.m.

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.

Rainfall for March.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).	Total Fall since Beginning of Year.	Days of Rain since Beginning of Year.
<b>NORTH ISLAND.</b>						
<b>(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.</b>						
Parengarenga ..	A. R. Crane ..	2.50	10	0.64 on 10th	5.83	16
Pakarakā * ..	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. ..	2.64	13	0.91 on 5th	6.69	20
Parua Bay ..	D. Davidson ..	5.53	14	2.67 on 7th	10.35	26
Auckland ..	Government Observer ..	3.02	11	1.26 on 14th	6.94	24
Cuvier Island ..	Lightkeeper ..	..	..	..	..	..
Tauranga ..	R. O. Stewart ..	3.18	10	1.60 on 5th	9.17	21
Athenree (Tauranga) ..	Captain Stewart ..	4.16	10	1.59 on 14th	12.94	27
Rotorua ..	Dr. Ginders ..	2.59	9	1.21 on 5th	7.27	19
<b>(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT.</b>						
Kaitiaki ..	W. G. Puckey ..	2.60	8	1.37 on 5th	4.66	14
Paihia (Russell) ..	Captain Burleigh ..	4.43	9	2.00 on 5th	..	..
Awakino ..	N. A. Robison ..	3.30	11	0.80 on 3rd	9.98	26
Raglan ..	H. V. Rutherford ..	..	..	..	..	..
Te Kopua (Waikato) ..	Rev. H. Young ..	2.85	7	0.72 on 4th	5.92	15
New Plymouth ..	E. Veale ..	4.73	10	1.24 on 4th	10.42	23
Upper Mongorei ..	Mrs. Monro ..	7.00	12	2.06 on 4th	17.02	32
Inglewood ..	Miss E. Trimble ..	7.17	11	1.51 on 14th	18.01	27
Ngatimaru ..	R. Drummond ..	4.60	11	1.08 on 22nd	15.94	23
<b>(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.</b>						
Mangaraka (Waitara) † ..	D. Wilkie ..	4.60	9	1.50 on 14th	10.97	23
Upper Waitotara ..	E. F. Liffiton ..	4.11	13	0.65 on 15th	9.32	29
Omata Valley ..	C. Forde ..	3.13	14	0.45 on 22nd	6.23	27
Stratford ..	Miss Bobin ..	4.42	10	1.05 on 22nd	11.72	27
Opunake ..	A. H. Moore ..	2.17	10	..	5.48	24
Mania ..	G. A. Hurley ..	3.39	8	0.64 on 17th	7.11	18
Hawera ..	J. Livingston ..	2.90	9	0.59 on 14th	6.29	22
Kaponga ..	C. Maclean ..	4.08	8	0.79 on 14th	7.69	19
Aramoho (Wanganui) ..	J. T. Stewart ..	2.58	11	0.45 on 22nd	4.66	26
Wanganui ..	H. F. Seager ..	2.44	7	0.50 on 19th and 22nd	4.59	16
Kaitoke ..	A. Wygodil ..	2.05	9	0.40 on 19th	3.80	22
No. 2 Line (Wanganui) ..	H. I. Jones ..	2.70	9	0.49 on 19th	4.77	22
Raetihi (Wanganui) ..	G. T. Murray ..	4.75	14	0.76 on 19th	11.99	31
Parapara School (Wanganui) ..	J. Katterns Manning ..	..	..	..	..	..
Campbelltown ..	H. Sanson ..	2.63	11	0.65 on 16th	5.96	22
Feilding ..	S. Goodbehere ..	2.05	11	0.55 on 17th	4.68	25
Te Kumu ..	G. S. Fulton ..	2.79	10	0.54 on 18th and 20th	5.19	20
Hunterville ..	G. L. Cook ..	3.55	15	0.96 on 14th	6.24	31
Erehwon ..	Mrs. Caccia-Birch ..	2.44	14	0.56 on 18th	4.37	31
Ruanui † ..	J. F. Studholme ..	2.56	10	0.70 on 15th	5.84	26
West Waitapu ..	J. Gurflee ..	2.55	13	0.45 on 15th	5.21	30
Ashurst ..	H. Barnes ..	1.89	14	0.29 on 17th	5.17	28
Bull's ..	E. J. Keiller ..	2.41	9	0.45 on 17th	4.91	20
Palmerston North ..	C. J. Monro ..	2.25	14	0.52 on 17th	6.56	27
State Farm (Levin) ..	O. J. Blaine ..	2.37	11	0.62 on 22nd	5.84	26
Otaki ..	M. H. Ayre ..	2.15	10	0.72 on 3rd	5.36	22
Kereru ..	C. A. Muggleton ..	2.66	6	0.61 on 21st	7.02	16
Pukerua ..	W. Bell ..	2.55	9	0.96 on 4th	4.96	17
<b>(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.</b>						
Waipiro ..	J. S. Dodgshun ..	4.65	9	2.16 on 9th	11.28	17
Matahiia ..	F. J. Kemp ..	5.72	9	2.26 on 9th	12.40	14
Tolago Bay (*) ..	A. Reeves ..	3.88	5	2.40 on 9th	8.93	7
Gisborne ..	Rev. H. W. Williams ..	3.97	17	0.82 on 9th	8.32	29
Patutahi ..	H. N. Watson ..	4.26	14	1.12 on 11th	8.30	21
Maraetaha ..	J. Woodbine Johnson ..	3.14	15	0.96 on 9th	6.66	23
Tiniroto (b) ..	J. Cook ..	5.04	17	1.80 on 12th	6.19	25
Waikaremoana ..	Fenton Lambert ..	3.63	16	0.83 on 8th	8.64	28
Tutira Lake § ..	H. Guthrie-Smith ..	..	..	..	..	..
Rakamoana ..	J. Moore ..	7.53	17	2.49 on 9th	11.12	27
Te Kowhai ..	J. H. Absolom ..	7.29	11	2.20 on 8th	10.23	21
Petane ..	W. H. Smith ..	5.76	9	2.45 on 9th	7.68	16
Napier (c) ..	E. Lyndon ..	2.11	4	1.30 on 8th	4.84	7
Hastings ..	J. N. Williams ..	2.45	12	0.75 on 9th	3.31	18
Waimarama ..	Thomas R. Moore ..	4.00	14	1.53 on 11th	4.88	20
Mangakuri ..	G. C. Williams ..	4.17	14	1.41 on 12th	4.73	18
Te Aute ..	S. B. Ludbrook ..	3.52	14	1.41 on 15th	3.86	20
Maraekakaho ..	A. Lockie ..	3.13	12	1.06 on 15th	3.88	19
Gwavas ..	J. Nicoll ..	3.91	16	1.50 on 15th	4.61	26
Mount Vernon ..	J. W. Harding ..	2.07	15	0.40 on 9th	2.26	20
Ormondville ..	J. C. Westall ..	3.08	18	0.78 on 12th	3.91	27
Woodville ..	J. Leithead ..	2.59	16	0.53 on 20th	5.77	33
Pahiatua ..	W. Tosswill ..	3.62	15	0.90 on 17th	7.63	26
Tane ..	H. A. Lambert ..	4.17	18	1.10 on 13th	8.95	31
Eketahuna (b) ..	T. Lewis ..	2.61	3	1.47 on 22nd	4.01	9
Otauhao ..	Miss E. A. D. Bennett ..	2.43	17	0.42 on 8th	3.53	22
Carterton ..	H. Braithwaite ..	2.48	16	0.42 on 17th	3.94	22
Featherston ..	G. G. Wellsted ..	1.30	5	0.44 on 19th	2.72	9
Summit ..	M. Cronin ..	8.86	15	1.50 on 15th	16.11	23
Upper Hutt ..	M. Maher ..	3.50	6	1.50 on 21st	8.70	12
Taita ..	T. Mason ..	3.04	15	0.65 on 4th	7.22	25
Wainuiomata ..	J. Quaintance ..	5.39	13	1.40 on 13th	9.21	23
Lower Hutt ..	Miss Heaton ..	2.94	13	0.62 on 4th	6.60	24
Petone ..	Sir J. Hector ..	2.86	11	0.73 on 4th	6.33	24
Wellington ..	Government Observer ..	2.47	14	0.90 on 4th	5.27	27
Karori ..	W. Edmonds ..	2.01	13	0.83 on 4th	3.96	21
<b>Late returns—</b>						
* February ..	..	0.99	2	0.60 on 7th	..	..
† January ..	..	2.40	6	1.57 on 13th	..	..
February ..	..	3.97	8	1.89 on 13th	..	..
‡ February ..	..	1.20	7	0.35 on 8th	..	..
§ February ..	..	1.01	3	0.76 on 10th	..	..

(\*) February return not included in totals.

(b) January return not included in totals.

(c) Number of days in

February not included in total.

Rainfall for March—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).	Total Fall since Beginning of Year.	Days of Rain since Beginning of Year.
SOUTH ISLAND.						
(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE CAMPBELL TO KAIKOURA.						
Nelson .. .. .	Dr. Hudson .. .. .	1.93	11	0.60 on 3rd	5.25	21
Stephens Island .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
The Brothers .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	1.23	8	0.33 on 17th	2.61	16
Avondale Station (Blenheim) .. .. .	C. de V. Teschemaker .. .. .	0.96	5	0.40 on 19th	..	..
Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds) .. .. .	W. B. Tosswill .. .. .	5.14	15	1.10 on 4th	8.33	29
Blenheim .. .. .	N. T. Prichard .. .. .	2.35	11	0.51 on 4th	3.19	17
Cape Campbell* .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	2.18	12	0.64 on 4th	4.22	20
Flaxbourne .. .. .	W. Tatchell .. .. .	2.81	13	0.41 on 4th	5.89	24
Kekerangu .. .. .	W. J. White .. .. .	3.35	17	0.50 on 9th	7.34	34
Mount Fyffe (Kaikoura) .. .. .	Miss H. Collins .. .. .	3.43	18	0.79 on 10th	7.20	31
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.						
Farewell Spit .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	2.02	8	0.45 on 16th	6.17	19
Pakawau .. .. .	T. C. V. Field .. .. .	4.19	13	1.20 on 4th	15.01	30
Westport .. .. .	H. S. Ewan .. .. .	8.51	16	3.17 on 4th	20.54	45
Ngahere .. .. .	J. Scott .. .. .	10.26	15	2.24 on 21st	26.85	44
Greymouth .. .. .	J. Conner .. .. .	9.75	11	1.92 on 17th	27.75	40
Hokitika .. .. .	A. D. Macfarlane .. .. .	10.77	11	2.94 on 3rd	30.54	32
Dusky Sound .. .. .	R. Henry .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Puysegur Point .. .. .	Lightkeeper .. .. .	21.11	16	5.12 on 22nd	74.90	69
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.						
Waiau .. .. .	F. S. Northcote .. .. .	2.56	14	0.60 on 4th	5.16	25
Akaroa .. .. .	Miss Jacobson .. .. .	2.11	12	0.78 on 4th	5.37	27
Port Hills (Christchurch) .. .. .	Miss M. L. Higgins .. .. .	1.00	7	0.50 on 4th	3.57	22
Christchurch† .. .. .	A. L. Taylor .. .. .	0.91	5	0.56 on 4th	4.18	14
Linwood .. .. .	J. A. Biltliff .. .. .	0.91	10	0.44 on 4th	4.17	26
Lincoln .. .. .	J. W. Mellor .. .. .	1.02	7	0.73 on 4th	3.72	20
Southbridge‡ .. .. .	J. McMillan .. .. .	1.07	6	0.80 on 4th	3.64	18
Honorata .. .. .	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G. .. .. .	1.58	8	0.70 on 4th	4.39	20
Kapunatiki .. .. .	Hon. W. Rolleston .. .. .	0.99	10	0.60 on 4th	3.16	23
Orari .. .. .	John Murray .. .. .	1.33	8	0.60 on 3rd	3.92	26
Bealey .. .. .	C. White .. .. .	6.00	6	1.70 on 23rd	17.41	22
Mt. Peel .. .. .	Mrs. O. Scott Thompson .. .. .	2.68	12	0.70 on 22nd	6.08	33
Peel Forest .. .. .	W. E. Barker .. .. .	2.76	10	0.77 on 22nd	7.81	29
Methven .. .. .	H. G. Baker .. .. .	2.59	10	0.87 on 4th	6.75	29
Drayton (Methven) .. .. .	E. P. Chapman .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Ashburton .. .. .	A. E. Hart .. .. .	1.45	7	0.26 on 22nd	3.49	15
Timaru .. .. .	C. H. Inglis .. .. .	1.23	7	0.72 on 3rd	4.05	22
Fairlie .. .. .	D. H. Gillingham .. .. .	1.99	7	0.76 on 4th	4.09	25
Waimate§ .. .. .	W. S. Hamilton .. .. .	1.16	10	0.57 on 4th	3.87	29
Geraldine .. .. .	A. L. Temple .. .. .	1.49	12	0.54 on 4th	4.66	31
Windsor Park (Oamaru) .. .. .	E. Menlove .. .. .	0.96	8	0.43 on 3rd	2.65	23
Oamaru .. .. .	G. Anderson .. .. .	0.93	6	0.37 on 4th	2.52	18
Maheno .. .. .	C. de S. Teschemaker .. .. .	0.61	4	0.25 on 4th	2.15	14
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.						
Macetown .. .. .	W. J. Stanford .. .. .	3.98	9	1.37 on 22nd	8.93	29
Queenstown .. .. .	L. Hotop .. .. .	2.30	7	0.97 on 25th	7.57	22
St. Bathans   .. .. .	J. Ewing .. .. .	2.78	8	0.79 on 22nd	5.61	24
Gladbrook Station .. .. .	D. Crawford .. .. .	2.19	9	0.41 on 22nd	6.81	31
Roxburgh .. .. .	Dr. W. J. Mullin .. .. .	1.54	7	0.32 on 19th	5.14	27
Kokonga .. .. .	R. W. Glendinning .. .. .	1.17	6	0.30 on 17th	2.21	21
Dunedin .. .. .	Government Observer .. .. .	1.59	13	0.56 on 16th	6.97	45
Eweburn .. .. .	H. J. Mathews .. .. .	1.21	5	0.49 on 22nd	1.96	9
Tapanui .. .. .	J. Gleeson .. .. .	3.43	14	0.90 on 17th	9.03	49
Kaitangata .. .. .	W. M. Shore .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Balclutha .. .. .	C. C. Halliday .. .. .	1.28	4	0.37 on 16th	5.70	29
Naseby .. .. .	G. L. Stewart .. .. .	1.34	6	0.65 on 23rd	2.59	18
Clyde .. .. .	L. D. Macgeorge .. .. .	1.42	4	0.55 on 22nd	2.27	7
Wyndham .. .. .	W. H. Rodney .. .. .	2.79	..	..	13.14	..
Dipton .. .. .	R. D. MacLachlan .. .. .	3.16	9	0.65 on 25th	9.28	26
Ratanui .. .. .	G. M. Draper .. .. .	3.85	13	0.95 on 17th	14.96	50
Invercargill .. .. .	J. L. Bush .. .. .	1.08	8	0.50 on 16th	15.43	44
Otautau .. .. .	N. A. McLaren .. .. .	4.87	11	1.26 on 22nd	17.10	44
Nightcaps .. .. .	J. Ritchie .. .. .	3.42	9	0.87 on 22nd	9.52	33
Chatham Islands¶ .. .. .	A. Shand .. .. .	2.14	17	0.25 on 5th	5.85	49
Late returns—						
* February .. .. .	.. .. .	1.34	7	0.75 on 8th	..	..
† January .. .. .	.. .. .	0.82	2	0.46 on 18th	..	..
February .. .. .	.. .. .	2.45	7	0.85 on —	..	..
‡ February .. .. .	.. .. .	1.96	9	0.67 on 5th	..	..
§ January .. .. .	.. .. .	1.03	9	0.36 on 18th	..	..
February .. .. .	.. .. .	1.68	10	0.60 on 12th	..	..
February .. .. .	.. .. .	0.69	6	0.26 on 8th	..	..
¶ February .. .. .	.. .. .	1.92	22	0.36 on 4th	..	..

**Crown Lands Notices.**

*Land in Canterbury Land District forfeited.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 15th April, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that, the lease of the under-mentioned Crown land having been forfeited by resolution of the Canterbury Land Board, the said land has reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

**SCHEDULE.**

Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Held by	Tenure.
17, Braco Settlement	X.	Christchurch	Charles H. Clarke	Lease in perpetuity.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Forfeiture of Leases, Hawke's Bay District.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 19th April, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned leases were forfeited by the Hawke's Bay Land Board at the meetings the dates of which are given:—

Lease in Perpetuity No. 149: Section 2, Block XVI., Pohui Survey District, held by Edward William Hughes. Forfeited 18th March, 1898.

Lands for Settlement Lease No. 73: Section 18, Block I., Waimata Survey District, held by James Bray. Forfeited 18th March, 1898.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Rescinding of the Forfeiture of Leases, Hawke's Bay District.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 19th April, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the forfeiture of the under-mentioned leases was duly rescinded by the Hawke's Bay Land Board at the meeting the date of which is given:—

O.R.P. License No. 33: Section 6, Block VIII., Norsewood Survey District, held by Patrick McGrath. Forfeited on 16th July, 1897. Forfeiture rescinded on 17th December, 1897.

Lease in Perpetuity No. 156: Section 10, Block XIV., Takapau Survey District, held by Gilbert Nisbet Johnston. Forfeited on 15th January, 1897. Forfeiture rescinded on 24th April, 1897.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Crown Land in Southland open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 16th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened for selection on lease in perpetuity on and after Friday, 20th May, 1898:—

OTAHU SETTLEMENT.—WAIU SURVEY DISTRICT.  
*First-class Land.*

Section.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
		Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
4	A. R. P. 640 0 0	s. d. 2 4	£ s. d. 11 14 0*
			37 6 8

\* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £300, repayable by half-yearly instalments of £11 14s.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Runs, Westland, for Lease by Public Auction.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Hokitika, 19th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the licenses of the pastoral runs set out below will be offered by public auction, at the Lands Office, Hokitika, on Wednesday, the 15th day of June next, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the prices and for the terms given, and subject to any rights of renewal or resumption as may be prescribed by the Land Acts or other constituted authority, and subject to the necessary declarations being taken. Maps may be seen at the Lands Office, Hokitika, where other full particulars as to conditions of sale and license, &c., may be ascertained.

Payments to be made on the fall of the hammer, and consist, with regard to the said licenses, of six months' rent in advance and license-fee of £1 ls.

No. of Run.	Area.	Locality.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
23	Acres. 23,000	Landsborough River	£ s. 11 10	Ten years from 1st Mar., 1899.
32	7,000	Wainihinihi River	7 0	Ditto.
34	5,500	Kawhaka River ..	5 10	"
47	15,000	Okuru River ..	15 0	"
49	12,000	Kakapotahi River	6 0	"
55	17,000	Poerua River ..	17 0	"
59	10,000	Cascade Plateau ..	5 0	"
69	10,000	Cascade River ..	10 0	"
87	7,000	Upper Haast River	7 0	"
93	10,000	Mount Meta Range	10 0	"
97	5,000	Fox Range ..	5 0	"
103	5,000	Lake Kanieri ..	5 0	"
105	5,000	Upper Taipo River	5 0	"

*Description.*—Run No. 23, 23,000 acres, Clark and Haast Valleys: Principally cattle-feed in bush on hillsides and flats; lower open country. Access by Haast Pass Track and Clark River bed.

Run No. 32, 7,000 acres, Wainihinihi Valley: Rough hillsides and terrace-slopes; all forest country. Easy access by open river-beds from Hokitika-Christchurch Road.

Run No. 34, 5,500 acres: Comprises upper valley of Kawhaka River; densely timbered country. Average altitude, 1,000 ft. Access from main road *via* track to Government Reservoir and river-bed.

Run No. 47, 15,000 acres, Upper Okuru Valley: Comprises river-flats, marginal terraces, and hillsides; altogether cattle country, with mixed forest. Access by Okuru River bed.

Run No. 49, 12,000 acres, in Happy Valley, Kakapotahi River: Mainly suited for cattle; open flats will graze a few horses; the balance heavily bushed. Access by Rangitoto Road and rough bush-track.

Run No. 55, 17,000 acres, Lower Poerua Valley: Bulk of run is thickly timbered, and only fitted for cattle; balance consists of river-flats and islands, partly open, suitable for horses and sheep. Access by Main South Road, which bounds the block.

Run No. 59, 10,000 acres, Cascade Plateau, South Westland: High terraced country, partly open, with stunted scrub, low fern, and poor tussock; will keep store sheep. Access from main road *via* Cascade River bed and Laschellis Creek, or by old pack-track from Jackson Bay.

Run No. 69, 10,000 acres, Cascade River: Chiefly cattle-feed on slopes of bush-clad hills. Access by Barn Bay Track from main road.

Run No. 87, 7,000 acres: Comprises rough bush-clad mountain-sides and small flats in Upper Haast Valley; only suitable for feeding cattle. Access by Haast Pass Road.

Run No. 93, 10,000 acres: Summer sheep country, on summits and upper spurs of Mount Meta Range; scanty tussock. Average altitude, 3,800 ft. Access from Mathias River in Canterbury, and from Whitcombe Pass Track in Westland.

Run No. 97, 5,000 acres: Good tussock country; tops and upper slopes of the Fox Range; altogether sheep pastures. Average altitude equals 3,700 ft. Access from Cook and Fox River beds.

Run No. 103, 5,000 acres: Low heavily timbered hills between Lake Kanieri and Kokatahi Settlement; wholly cattle country. Access from Kokatahi Road.

Run No. 105, 5,000 acres, Upper Taipo Valley: Bush-clad hillsides, with small patches of open flats and islands. Access by Taipo Track and river-bed.

W. G. MURRAY,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.



*Pastoral Runs, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Blenheim, 19th April, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands will be offered by auction, at the Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

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

Arapawa Survey District: Run No. 66: 1,100 acres; term, fourteen years; upset annual rent, £4.

Arapawa Survey District: Run No. 106: 200 acres; term, ten years; upset annual rent, £2.

One half-year's rent and £1 ls. lease-fee, in each case, must be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the necessary declaration furnished.

C. W. ADAMS,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Small Grazing-run, Taranaki, for Lease upon Application.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
New Plymouth, 19th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease upon application at this office on Wednesday, 8th June, 1898.

If more than one application be received priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—CLIFTON COUNTY.—UPPER WAITARA SURVEY DISTRICT.

*Second-class Land.*

Section.	Block.	Area.			Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.			
		A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1	X.	4,220	0	0	0	4	2	37	0	6
5	XIII.									
3	XIV.									

All forest, principally tawa, towai, rata, matai; a little totara on ridges, and manuka in gullies. Rough pastoral country, with broken spurs, landslips, and papa gutters; well watered. Access by the Ngatoto Road and Waitara River. Distance from Purangi, about two miles and a half.

JOHN STRAUCHON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Crown Lands, Hawke's Bay, for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Napier, 12th March, 1898.

THE under-mentioned sections in the Weber Survey District will be offered for lease by public auction, for a term of fourteen years, at the Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Wednesday, 4th May, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

Survey District.	Block.	Section.	Area.			Upset Annual Rental.			
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	
Weber	..	III.	6	74	0	0	3	0	0
"	..	VII.	5	220	2	30	11	0	0

Section 6 contains medium soil, with thick undergrowth and a little timber. It is well watered, and easy of access, as it adjoins the main road from Dannevirke to Herbertville. Section 5 contains soil of fair quality, with some timber and undergrowth still on the section. Well watered, and accessible from the main Dannevirke-Herbertville Road, distant one mile and a half.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

The leases shall be for a term of fourteen years, commencing from the 1st July, 1898. The successful bidder at the auction shall pay one year's rent on the fall of the hammer, together with £1 ls. lease-fee. No compensation shall be allowed nor shall any be claimed at the termination of the lease for any improvements effected on the land during the term of lease.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.*

Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 13th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kauri timber, standing upon western portion of Section 46 and Section 47, Parish of Ruakaka, Whangarei County, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 3rd day of June, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

249 kauri-trees, containing about 389,683 superficial feet; upset price, £194 16s. 6d. Timber is about six miles from Mangapai.

Conditions of Sale.—One-half the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer, the balance within six months thereafter.

Timber to be removed within two years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Rural Land, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 12th March, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned township and rural lands will be submitted for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 29th day of April, 1898, at 11 a.m.

Township of Tokatoka.—Lot 44: 1 rood 33 perches; upset price, £9 7s. 6d.

Kaero Parish (Whangaroa County).—Section 76: 4 acres 2 roods 27 perches; upset price, £14 1s. 3d. Grass land, on main road, one mile from Kaero.

Hukerenui Survey District (Bay of Islands County).—Block V., Section 11A: 7 acres and 15 perches; upset price, £10 10s. Section 14A: 7 acres 1 rood 18 perches; upset price, £14 15s. Both lots partly grassed; situated on formed road, one mile from Towai.

Titirangi Parish (Eden County).—Section 87B: 26 acres 3 roods 15 perches; upset price, £302 13s. 3d. Section 94: 12 acres and 17 perches; upset price, £181 17s. 6d. Situated between Mount Albert and Mount Roskill. Lot 87B adjoins the Wesleyan Mission Estate and swamp. Both lots are a little over one mile from Mount Albert Railway-station.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Reserves in Auckland for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 12th March, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a lease, for a term of seven years, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," will be submitted to public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 13th day of May, 1898, at 11 a.m.

Suburbs of Auckland.—Lot 101, Section 6 (Asylum Reserve), containing 1 acre 1 rood 26 perches, situated on corner of Eden Street and Normanby Road, off the Mount Eden Road, and about 12 chains from the Mount Eden Railway-station. Upset annual rent, £2.

Terms of Lease.—Seven years without right of renewal. No compensation for improvements will be paid by Government at any time, but the lessee shall have the right to remove within one month of the expiration of the term of lease all wood fences and buildings that may have been erected. The lease conveys no right to the scoria or stone upon the land. A tramway-line of 28 perches is reserved through the land, with full rights of ingress, egress, and regress to authorised persons.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Suburban Land in Auckland for Sale by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 12th March, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned suburban lands will be submitted for sale by public auction at this office on Friday, the 29th day of April, 1898, at 11 a.m.

Suburbs Ngongotaha.—Lots 1 and 2: Each 1 acre; upset price, £2 per lot. Adjoining the Ngongotaha Railway-station.

Opakeke Parish (Manukau County).—Lot 59: 6 acres; upset price, £3 per acre. About two miles from Drury Railway-station.

Pokeno Suburbs.—Lot 262: 1 acre 2 roods 31 perches; upset price, £3 10s. per lot. Lot 263: 1 acre 3 roods 29 perches; £4. Lot 285: 1 acre; £2. Lot 285A: 1 acre and 7 perches; £2 2s. Lot 286: 39 perches; 10s. Lot 287: 3 roods 8 perches; £1 12s. Adjoining Village of Pokeno.

Tokatoka Survey District (Otamatea County).—Block X., Lot 1: 1 acre; upset price, £3. Subject to £75 for house.

Terms of Sale.—One-fifth cash on fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown grant, within thirty days thereafter.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Auction Sale of Town Lands and Leases of Reserves in the Township of Waiau, Nelson Land District.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Nelson, 17th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned town lands will be submitted to public auction for cash and lease, at the Courthouse, Waiau, on Wednesday, the 27th of April, 1898, at noon.

SCHEDULE.

TOWNSHIP OF WAIU (AMURI COUNTY).  
For Cash.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Price per Section.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
1	XVII.	0 1 0	5 0 0
2	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
3	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
4	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
5	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
6	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
7	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
8	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
9	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
10	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
11	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
12	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
13	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
14	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
15	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
16	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
17	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
18	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
19	"	0 1 0	5 0 0
20	"	0 1 0	5 0 0

*Terms of Sale.*—One-fifth of the purchase-money must be deposited on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with £1 Crown-grant fee, within thirty days, or the deposit will be forfeited and the sale be null and void.

*Reserves for Leasing.*

Block.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.	Term of Lease.
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
XXIV.	2 2 0	2 0 0	10 years.
XXV.	2 2 0	2 0 0	10 "
XXII.	3 0 28	2 0 0	5 "

*Terms of Sale.*—A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 1s. lease-fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer. Lessee will not be entitled to compensation at the end of the term on account of any improvements that may be effected.

THOMAS HUMPHRIES,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Crown Lands in Orari Township for Sale and Lease by Public Auction.*

Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 12th March, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of "The Land Act, 1892," that the under-mentioned town lands will be offered for sale and lease by public auction, at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, on Wednesday, 4th May, 1898, at 3 o'clock p.m.

In the event of the lots not being disposed of at auction, they will immediately thereafter be open for selection by application, on the same terms and conditions.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN LANDS TO BE SOLD FOR CASH BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ORARI TOWNSHIP.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Total Upset Price.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
4	X.	0 1 5	10 0 0

*Terms of Sale.*

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown-grant fee,

within thirty days thereafter; otherwise the part of the purchase-money paid by way of deposit shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void.

There are no restrictions or limitations imposed on purchasers of cash lands at auction.

TOWN LANDS TO BE LEASED BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ORARI TOWNSHIP.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.	Term of Lease.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	
3, 4, 5, 6	IX.	19 3 30	2 0 0	7 years.

*Conditions of Lease.*

1. There are no restrictions or limitations as to the acquisition of the lease, and no declaration is required. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. No compensation shall be claimed by the lessee, nor shall any be allowed by the Government, on account of improvements effected by the lessee, nor for any other cause.

2. Possession will be given on the date of acceptance of tender.

3. The lease shall be for a term of seven years, but shall be subject to termination by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by Government.

4. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance.

5. The lands are let for grazing purposes, and the lessee will not be permitted to break up or crop any of the same without the written permission of the Land Board first had and obtained.

6. The lessee shall use all reasonable means to prevent the spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in his lease.

7. The lessee shall destroy rabbits on the land, and shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands or the Stock Department.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*University College Lands, Auckland, for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

District Lands and Survey Office.

Auckland, 12th March, 1898.

THE under-mentioned land will be open on lease in perpetuity under Part III. of "The Land Act, 1892," subject to the provisions of section 121 of the said Act, on and after Wednesday, 27th April, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ENDOWMENT LAND.  
*Second class Land.*

County.	Survey District.	Section.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Half-yearly Rent.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Waikato	Taupiri	Lot 17 of Section 463	109 0 0	1 1 10

Open fern and tea-tree land at Kimibi, Huntly.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Totara and Kauri Timber for Sale at Auckland.*

Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 12th March, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned totara and green and dead kauri timber, standing on Section 176, Parish of Oruawharo, will be offered for sale by public auction at this office on Friday, the 13th day of May, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

41 totara-trees, containing 30,000 superficial feet.  
78 green kauri-trees and 129 dead kauri-trees, containing 180,000 superficial feet.

Upset price, £105.  
*Conditions of Sale.*—One-half the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer, the balance within three months thereafter. Timber to be removed within two years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Small Grazing-run, Canterbury, open for Lease on Application.*

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, the 18th May, 1898, at the annual rental noted below. Should the section not be applied for on the 18th May, 1898, it will be open for application thereafter at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch. In case of more than one application on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at Christchurch, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

ASHLEY COUNTY.

*Second-class Pastoral Country.*

Sections Nos.	Survey Districts.	Blocks	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Annual Rental.
36569, 36573 36576, 36577	Waitohi Waipara	IV., V. III.	A. R. P. 977 3 0	s. d. 1 0	£ s. d. 48 17 9

These sections are situated between the Hurunui and Waitohi Rivers, to the west of the northern railway; the distance from the Medbury Railway-station to the land being between 2½ and 4½ miles. The block consists of open, plain, light land, carrying tussock pasture and patches of stunted manuka. Sections 36576 and 36577 front on the Waitohi River.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Reserves in Taihape Township for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 4th April, 1898.

THE under-mentioned reserves will be offered for lease by public auction at Wanganui, on Wednesday, the 25th May, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

TAIHAPE TOWNSHIP.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rent.	Term.
10	I.	A. R. P. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 1 0 0	7 years.
1	II.	0 1 0	2 10 0	7 "
3	III.	0 1 0	1 0 0	7 "
2	IV.	0 1 0	1 0 0	7 "
6	"	0 1 0	1 0 0	Year to year.
3	V.	0 1 0	1 0 0	7 years.
1	VI.	0 1 0	1 10 0	7 "
3	"	0 1 0	1 0 0	7 "

TERMS OF LEASE.

1. A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 Is. lease-fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer.
2. There are no restrictions or limitations as to the number of sections which one person may lease, and no declaration is required. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. No compensation shall be claimed by the lessees, nor shall any be allowed by the Government, on account of improvements effected by the lessee, nor for any other cause.
3. Possession will be given on the day of sale.
4. The leases shall be for the term of years as specified in the foregoing Schedule, but shall be subject to termination by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by the Government.
5. The rent shall be payable half-yearly, in advance.
6. The lands are let for grazing purposes, and the lessees will not be permitted to break up or crop any of the same without the written permission of the Land Board first had and obtained.
7. The lessee shall use all reasonable means to prevent the spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in his lease.

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

*Crown Land in Canterbury open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 12th May, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

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

*First-class Land.*

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

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

Lot 17 is weighted with a valuation of £1 6s. for boundary-fencing, which sum must be paid on allotment, in addition to the usual deposit and fees.

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Crown Lands in Otago for Lease.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Dunedin, 13th April, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity at this office on Wednesday, the 1st June, 1898, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—COUNTY OF WAITAKI.

*First-class Land.*

Survey District.	Allotment.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

ARDGOWAN ESTATE.

	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Oamaru ..	125	16 1 15	14 0   5 14 5

Level and gently sloping agricultural land; good strong soil. Situated two miles and a half from Oamaru Railway-station. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £49 13s. 6d.

TEANERAKI SETTLEMENT.

	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Oamaru and Awamoko	1	5 0 0	19 2   2 8 1

First-class agricultural land. Situated one mile and a half from Enfield Railway-station. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £2.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Native Land Court Notices.*

*Native Land Court Agent licensed.*

[In continuation of notice, dated 19th March, 1898, and published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 20, of 24th idem, page 523.]

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT,  
NEW ZEALAND.

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

ROKA HOPERE.

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

R. C. SIM,

Registrar.

## "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 15th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Appellate Court will be held at Kihikihī, Waikato, on the 10th day of May, 1898, to hear and determine the several appeals against 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.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 98-25.]

## SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Decision in respect of which Appeal is made.
1	Te Papanui Tamahiki, by his Solicitor, J. R. Reed (102-21, 1/39)	Te Tihoi .. ..	Decision, dated the 5th day of June, 1897, partitioning the said land and defining the relative interests of the owners.
2	Te Rehina te Hina, Ria Waraki, Purewa Kapu, Ngarangi Kapu, Te Uranga Ringahora, Tamakibia Kiria, Te Awaawa Kiria, Makuini Te Whakarehu, Te Hapimana Hoani, Waraki Kapu, Tamatehura Pita, Te Rangikataua, Te Miri Rangitoheriri, Wereta Hoani, Hemi Moetu Rota, Rangitoheriri Areta, Ha Moetu, Werohia te Hiko, Karawhira Paretaupo, Keita Horiana, Areta Tuarua and all Ngatihāa (102-25, 1/43)	Te Tihoi .. ..	Decision, dated the 5th day of June, 1897, partitioning the said land and defining the relative interests of the owners.

APPLICATION under Section 39 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," empowered by Order in Council dated the 9th day of August, 1897, to be heard as an appeal under Section 62 of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895.

No.	Name of Appellant.	Block affected.	Nature of Appeal.
3	Piriana te Amene (102-29, 1/50)	Te Tihoi .. ..	Appeal from the decision of the Native Land Court, dated the 20th day of February, 1897, appointing successors to the interest of Paratene Te Amene, deceased.

## "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 15th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, High Street, Auckland, on the 2nd day of May, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 98-26.]

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
5	Conveyance (C.A. 97-153)	24th September, 1897	Waimate No. 2 ..	Hori Kukutai, of Waikato, to John Henry Dashwood, of Waimate, Port Waikato.

## "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Te Hinahina Block.—In the Native Appellate Court, New Zealand.

In the matter of an appeal by Rahera Tanui and Erana te Onerere against the decision of the Native Land Court, dated the 11th day of October, 1897, appointing successors to the interest of Repiu Tokata in Te Hinahina and other blocks.

IT is hereby notified that, by notice to the Registrar and with leave of the Chief Judge, the said appeal has been withdrawn so far as it relates to the interest of the deceased in the said Te Hinahina Block.

Dated at Auckland, this 13th day of April, 1898.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

## "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 18th April, 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 New Plymouth on the 4th day of May, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 98-24.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
149	Transfer (98-73) ..	1st March, 1898 ..	Katere (part of Waiwakaiho Block)	Ani Kaitawa to Deborah Grace Mason Bayly.
150	Transfer (98-74) ..	23rd May, 1894 ..	Mangarei (Native Reserve N)	Rina te Ahititi to George Jordan.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
169	Roera and others .. .. .	Waitara, Block VII., Section 98.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

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

[Sec. 55, 98-8.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Conveyance (98-86) ..	28th March, 1898 ..	Part of Kaakaoroa ..	Hone Rautahi to William John Douglas.
2	Transfer (98-90) ..	29th March, 1898 ..	Kakiraawa, Lot 2 ..	Louis Cannon to William John Douglas.
3	Mortgage (98-92) ..	31st March, 1898 ..	Otago Native Reserve, Lot 19	Hori Kerei Taiaroa and Riki Mairaki Taiaroa to the Perpetual Trustees Estate and Agency Company of New Zealand (Limited).

*"The Native Land Court Act, 1886," and its Amendments.*—Puketarata Rehearing.

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 14th April, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Rehearing Court under the above Act will sit at Whanganui on the 20th day of May, 1898, to determine the boundary between the Puketarata and Paetawa Blocks, and the other matters in connection with the said rehearing, the consideration of which was adjourned by the Court which sat at Whanganui in September, 1897.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 18th April, 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 5th day of May, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 98-25.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
ADJOURNED CASES.				
360	Lease (98-29) .. ..	28th February, 1896 ..	Awa-o-totara ..	Toha Rahurahu and others to Isaac Forsyth MacAndrew.
361	Lease (98-30) .. ..	28th February, 1896 ..	Heru-o-turei ..	Toha Rahurahu and others to Isaac Forsyth MacAndrew.
362	Lease (98-31) .. ..	28th February, 1896 ..	Te Kuta .. ..	Toha Rahurahu and others to Isaac Forsyth MacAndrew.
363	Lease (98-32) .. ..	15th August, 1895 ..	Otawhao A (part) ..	Hanita Pukehaehae to William Nelson.
364	Lease (98-33) .. ..	22nd July, 1895 ..	Otawhao A (part) ..	Wi Hopihana Tamihana to William Nelson.
NEW CASES.				
365	Lease (98-75) .. ..	11th March, 1895 ..	Tatara-a-kina ..	Perarika Harawena and others to John Anderson.
366	Lease (98-76) .. ..	1st March, 1895 ..	Tarawera .. ..	Kerei te Aho and others to John Anderson.
367	Lease (98-87) .. ..	15th July, 1891 ..	Tongoio South ..	Mereana Awakore (as trustee for Te Ropoama te Rakatairi and Eriata Pokai) to John Bernard Chalmers, Arthur Towgood, and William Henry Tylee.
368	Lease (98-88) .. ..	17th September, 1894	Arapaoanui ..	Riripeti Tangai to John Bernard Chalmers, Arthur Towgood, and William Henry Tylee.
369	Lease (98-89) .. ..	17th September, 1894	Arapaoanui ..	Airini Tonore and others to John Bernard Chalmers, Arthur Towgood, and William Henry Tylee.

## APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
ADJOURNED CASES.		
381	Hori Herehere and another .. .. .	Tamaki No. 4.
382	Tamati Tautuhi, for Rora Hokowaka .. .. .	Mangaorapa.
383	Tamati Tautuhi (as agent for Ruiha Pareihe and others) .. .. .	Patangata No. 3.
384	Tamati Tautuhi (as agent for Ruiha Pareihe and others) .. .. .	Patangata No. 2.
385	Tamati Tautuhi (as agent for Ruiha Pareihe and others) .. .. .	Patangata No. 1.
386	Airini Tonore and others .. .. .	Omahu No. 4.
387	William Douglas .. .. .	Kakiraawa.
388	Maata te Heiporo and Henare te Atua (by their solicitor, David Scannell)	Mangamaire.
389	Maata te Heiporo and Henare te Atua (by their solicitor, David Scannell)	Porangahau No. 1B No. 4.
390	Peni te Ua and another .. .. .	Koparakore B No. 2.
391	Te Teira Tiakitai and Airini Tonore (by their solicitor, T. W. Lewis)	Waipuka No. 2.
392	Arapera Waipari and another .. .. .	Waikopiro 2B No. 2.
393	Arapeta Meha and others .. .. .	Tapairu.
394	Anaru te Wanikau and another .. .. .	Awarua No. 2c No. 3.
395	Hori Heriheri and another .. .. .	Tiratu (Manawatu 4d).
396	Henare Pangopango and another .. .. .	Tutira.
397	Renata Pukututu .. .. .	Te Pouputahi.
398	Renata Pukututu .. .. .	Te Ipuotaraiia.
399	Renata Pukututu .. .. .	Matatuowhiro.
400	Waikari Karaitiana .. .. .	Mangaohane No. 1A.
401	Kihikihi Ngahika .. .. .	Tahoraiti No. 1.
402	Kihikihi Ngamoia .. .. .	Tamaki.
403	Kihikihi Ngahika .. .. .	Tahoraiti No. 2.
404	Kihikihi Ngamoia .. .. .	Tiratu.
405	Ripeka Nohoturuturu .. .. .	Porangahau No. 2B.
406	Marereira te Kahuirangi .. .. .	Te Pouputahi.
407	Ruhia Puri.. .. .	Whawhatiruahine B.
408	Atenata te Wharekiri .. .. .	Tamaki, Block III.
409	Takerei te Hauparao .. .. .	Te Whakakoro No. 2.
410	Maku Erihana .. .. .	Koparakore A No. 3, Section 1.
NEW CASES.		
411	Ani Kanara Hinekohe .. .. .	Rotoakiwa (Te Ake).
412	Ani Kanara Hinekohe .. .. .	Te Aramouku (Te Rotoakiwa No. 2).

## APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
ADJOURNED CASES.		
502	Airini Tonore and others .. .. .	Omahu No. 4.
503	Hone te Wharemakao and another .. .. .	Section 1, Block IV., Ruataniwha S.D.
504	Wi Ngamaiaia .. .. .	Lot 3c, Section 16; Lot 2, Subdivision E., Te Mata S.D.

## APPLICATION TO DETERMINE INTERESTS ACQUIRED BY THE CROWN.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
ADJOURNED CASE.		
505	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands .. .. .	Piripiri (Manawatu No. 2).

## APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 3 OF "THE NATIVE LANDS CLAIMS AND BOUNDARIES ADJUSTMENT AND TITLES EMPOWERING ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
ADJOURNED CASES.		
506	Anaru te Wanikau and others .. .. .	Ikawetea.
507	Anaru te Wanikau and others .. .. .	Kuao-Waitutaki.

## APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 77 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," TO ASCERTAIN THE OWNERS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
ADJOURNED CASE.		
510	P. Sheridan, Land Purchase Officer (Na. 420-1) .. .. .	Puketitiri (500 acres).

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDER.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Block.	Amount.
ADJOURNED CASES.			
			£ s. d.
518	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 174-17, S.L. Reg. 2/29) ..	Okaihau No. 3 .. .. .	80 4 10
519	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 174-15, S.L. Reg. 2/29) ..	Okaihau No. 2 .. .. .	16 11 11
520	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 174-13, S.L. Reg. 2/28) ..	Okaihau No. 1 .. .. .	45 16 0
521	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 331-3, S.L. Reg. 2/28) ..	Waipuka No. 3 .. .. .	125 3 1
522	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 330-7, S.L. Reg. 2/27) ..	Waipuka No. 2 .. .. .	15 2 4
523	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 329-5, S.L. Reg. 2/27) ..	Waipuka No. 1 .. .. .	13 10 7
524	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 305-21, S.L. Reg. 2/26) ..	Waimarama No. 3 .. .. .	202 17 0
525	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 305-19, S.L. Reg. 2/26) ..	Waimarama No. 2 .. .. .	12 4 10
526	Charles Dugald Kennedy (Na. 305-17, S.L. Reg. 2/25) ..	Waimarama No. 1 .. .. .	8 17 6

*Land referred to the Native Land Court under Section 51 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1886."*

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

IN pursuance of an Order in Council dated the 18th day of November, 1889, it is hereby notified that, at a sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Hastings on the 5th May, 1898, and succeeding days, the Court will proceed to inquire into the matters brought within its jurisdiction with respect to the land described in the Schedule hereto.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Land.	Name of District.	Area.
527	Aorangi Reserve .. .. .	Matapiro District, Hawke's Bay	750 acres.

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

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 15th January, 1898.

IN pursuance of Orders in Council, dated as under, declaring that it shall be within the jurisdiction of the Native Land Court to determine whether or not the lands set forth in the Schedule hereto, or any part thereof, were, on the investigation of title thereto, intended by the Native Land Court, or by the nominal owner or owners of such lands, to be held by such nominal owner or owners in trust for Natives not named in the title, and to determine who are the Natives (if any) entitled beneficially to such lands, and to order the inclusion of such Natives in the title, either together with or in lieu of the nominal owners or any of them, and for the purpose aforesaid to order the cancellation or amendment of any existing instrument of title, and the issue of such new Crown grants or other instruments of title as may be necessary, and generally to exercise in respect of the said land all the jurisdiction and powers conferred on the Native Land Court by subsection (10) of section 14 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," it is hereby notified that at a sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Hastings on the 16th February, 1898, and succeeding days, the Court will proceed to inquire into the above cases, in accordance with the terms of the said Orders in Council.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Land.	District.	Area.	Date of Order in Council.
528	Te Whitiataru (Na. 109-9, O. of Ref. 2/97)	Hawke's Bay	1,370 acres, more or less ..	27th April, 1896.
529	Wharerangi (Na. 345-1, 2/120) ..	Hawke's Bay	1,845 acres, more or less ..	14th June, 1897.
530	Tuhirangi (Na. 289-7, 2/119) ..	Hawke's Bay	1,025 acres, more or less ..	14th June, 1897.
531	Tautane (Na. 269-5, 2/121) ..	Hawke's Bay	1,052 acres, more or less ..	4th November, 1897.
532	Manawatu 4d (Na. 105-15, 2/122)	Hawke's Bay	7,027 acres, more or less ..	6th December, 1897.
533	Te Wi (Na. 364-1, 2/123) ..	Manawatu ..	688 acres, more or less ..	15th February, 1898.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 40 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR AMENDMENT OF SURVEY.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
534	The Chief Surveyor, Napier .. .. .	Mangamaire B.

*Piripiri Block.*

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 18th April, 1898.

WHEREAS a doubt has arisen whether the person who signed the deed of sale to Her Majesty of the interest of Tuhuru Pcmare in the above block was the person entitled to sign the same: Notice is hereby given that an inquiry as to the above matter will be held by the Native Land Court sitting at Hastings, on Wednesday, 5th day of May, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow. All persons interested are hereby notified to attend.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

*Application to the Validation Court under "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893."*

IN THE VALIDATION COURT AT WANGANUI.

In the matter of "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893"; and in the matter of the block or parcel of land known as Section No. 13E of Awarua No. 2c Block.

**R**OBERT THOMPSON BATLEY, of Moawhango, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and Colony of New Zealand, storekeeper, desires to appear before the Validation Court at Wanganui on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and to ask that the estate and interest of Horima Paerau, of Moawhango aforesaid (now deceased), in the said Section No. 13E of Awarua No. 2c, containing by admeasurement 50 acres, more or less—which estate and interest the said Horima Paerau agreed to convey and assure to the said Robert Thompson Batley by memorandum of agreement dated the 31st day of December, 1886, made by the said Horima Paerau, and delivered by him on the said 31st day of December, 1886, to the said Robert Thompson Batley—he vested in him, the said Robert Thompson Batley, for an estate in fee-simple. The consideration for the said agreement was services rendered by the said Robert Thompson Batley to the said Horima Paerau, extending over the period from the year 1882 to the year 1886, and the love which the said Horima Paerau bore to the said Robert Thompson Batley, together with the further consideration of services rendered by the said Robert Thompson Batley to the said Horima Paerau from and after the said 31st day of December, 1886, to the date of the death of the said Horima Paerau on the 7th day of April, 1897, and moneys expended by the said Robert Thompson Batley on behalf of the said Horima Paerau during both of the above periods.

2. At the time of the said agreement the said Horima

Paerau was entitled to an undivided share in the Awarua Block, of which the above-mentioned section is a portion, but the extent of such interest was not at the date of the said agreement ascertained. Since then the said Awarua Block has been partitioned, and the title to the said Section No. 13E of Awarua No. 2c is an order of the Native Land Court, dated the 13th day of August, 1896, vesting the said land in the said Horima Paerau.

3. The estate or interest in the land which the applicant seeks to obtain through the aid of the Court is an estate in fee-simple in the said Section No. 13E of Awarua No. 2c.

4. The said Horima Paerau became invested with his title to the said section by virtue of the said order of the Native Land Court dated the 13th day of August, 1896; the said Robert Thompson Batley became invested with such title as he holds by virtue of the above-mentioned agreement, and also by virtue of an order of the Governor, dated the 9th day of March, 1897, ordering and declaring that all restrictions imposed by the certificate of title and partition order of the said land on the alienation of the said land be thereby removed, and also by virtue of an order of the Governor in Council, dated the 8th day of March, 1897, excepting from the operation of the 117th section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," for the purpose of absolute alienation to the said Robert Thompson Batley, all the estate, right, title, and interest of the said Horima Paerau in the said Section No. 13E of Awarua No. 2c.

5. The applicant names the office of Messrs. Bell, Gully, and Bell, in Wellington, as the place where notices, orders, and other documents may be served on the applicant by leaving the same at such place for him.

6. The applicant names Hakopa te Ahunga, of Moawhango aforesaid, and Hiraani te Hei, of Ponsonby, Auckland, as the persons upon whom the applicant requires that a copy of this application shall be served.

R. T. BATLEY.

Hastings, 29th March, 1898.

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*Offices opened and closed; Designation corrected.*

Post and Telegraph Department,  
General Post Office, Wellington, 5th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,

For the Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

Name.	District.	Date.
POST-OFFICES OPENED.		
Mahoenui .. .. .	New Plymouth .. .. .	1 March, 1898.
Umutoi .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	19 Feb., "
White's Point (reopened)	Westport .. .. .	1 March, "
POST-OFFICES CLOSED.		
Pukewhau .. .. .	Thames .. .. .	29 Jan., 1898.
Waitapu .. .. .	Auckland .. .. .	31 " "
MONEY-ORDER OFFICES AND POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANKS OPENED.		
Burnett's Face .. .. .	Westport .. .. .	8 March, 1898.
Gladstone .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	16 " "
MONEY-ORDER OFFICE OPENED.		
Blackburn .. .. .	Napier .. .. .	24 March, 1898.
TELEPHONE-OFFICES OPENED.		
Aicken's* .. .. .	Hokitika .. .. .	7 March, 1898.
Brookdale† .. .. .	Christchurch .. .. .	1 " "
Kiwitea (reopened)‡ .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	7 " "
Lynton Downs† .. .. .	Christchurch .. .. .	24 " "
Mendip Hills† .. .. .	" .. .. .	1 " "
Tarata* .. .. .	New Plymouth .. .. .	7 " "
Waipatiki* .. .. .	Napier .. .. .	18 " "
Weber* .. .. .	" .. .. .	18 " "
TELEPHONE-OFFICE CLOSED.		
Tawataia .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	14 Jan., 1898.
TELEPHONE BUREAU OPENED.		
Kiwitea .. .. .	Wellington .. .. .	7 March, 1898.

\* Now post and telephone combined.

† No post-office.

‡ Again post and telephone combined; also now bureau.

DESIGNATION CORRECTED.

Description.	Office.		District.	Date.
	From	To		
Post-office .. .. .	Marowhenua ..	Maerewhenua ..	Oamaru ..	1 April, 1898.



Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,  
General Post Office, Wellington, 5th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,

For the Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Date.
Coughlan, Richard James .. ..	Junior Exchange Clerk .. ..	Auckland .. ..	14 Oct., 1897.
Hume, Harold Clive .. ..	P.O. Boy Messenger .. ..	Auckland .. ..	6 Nov., "
Hutchinson, William Alexander .. ..	Cadet, Telegraph-office .. ..	Auckland .. ..	11 Oct., "
Parton, David Edwin .. ..	Cadet .. ..	Masterton .. ..	6 July, "

NON-PERMANENT.

Name.	Office.	District.	Date.
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POSTMASTER AND TELEGRAPHIST.

Railway Officer.

Brown, William Arthur .. .. | Eltham .. .. | Wanganui .. .. | 15 Feb., 1898.

POSTMASTERS.

Amon, Elizabeth Davidson .. ..	Scott's Ferry .. ..	Wanganui .. ..	12 Feb., 1898.
Beuke, Amelia .. ..	Neudorf .. ..	Nelson .. ..	1 Feb., "
Dennison, George Corney .. ..	Hilderthorpe .. ..	Oamaru .. ..	1 Jan., "
Elliot, John .. ..	Mahoenui .. ..	New Plymouth .. ..	1 Mar., "
Fairhall, Sarah .. ..	White's Point .. ..	Westport .. ..	1 Mar., "
Funnell, Henry .. ..	Umutoi .. ..	Wellington .. ..	19 Feb., "
Gullery, Mary Jane .. ..	Kenepuru .. ..	Blenheim .. ..	1 Mar., "
Hailey, David Trail .. ..	Te Kaha .. ..	Thames .. ..	22 Feb., "
Jacob, Lionel .. ..	Mokau .. ..	New Plymouth .. ..	1 Mar., "
Levert, Minnie Lucy .. ..	Te Kaha .. ..	Thames .. ..	1 Feb., "
McKenzie, Roderick .. ..	Blackmount .. ..	Invercargill .. ..	1 Mar., "
McNee, George Duncan .. ..	Upper Matakitaki .. ..	Westport .. ..	1 Mar., "
Stroak, Archibald .. ..	Rakaunui .. ..	Wellington .. ..	5 Feb., "
Sutherland, Frederick .. ..	Wendon .. ..	Invercargill .. ..	1 April, "
Williams, Walter .. ..	Nihoniho .. ..	Auckland .. ..	1 Mar., "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Auty, Robert Richard .. ..	Porirua .. ..	Wellington .. ..	1 Mar., 1898.
Horn, William .. ..	Maori Point .. ..	Invercargill .. ..	1 Mar., "
Johnston, James .. ..	Clarence Bridge .. ..	Blenheim .. ..	1 April, "
Miles, Thomas John .. ..	Weatherstone .. ..	Dunedin .. ..	24 Feb., "
Roche, Harriett .. ..	Maharahara .. ..	Napier .. ..	15 Feb., "
Weber, Hylda Annie .. ..	Martinborough .. ..	Wellington .. ..	19 Feb., "
Williams, Elizabeth .. ..	Hyde .. ..	Dunedin .. ..	3 Feb., "

TELEPHONISTS.

*Church, George Paget .. ..	Kiwitea .. ..	Wellington .. ..	7 Mar., 1898.
*Gerraghty, Michael .. ..	Blackball .. ..	Greymouth .. ..	18 Feb., "
Henderson, Agnes .. ..	Island Cliff .. ..	Oamaru .. ..	14 Feb., "
*Jones, Thomas .. ..	Tokarahi .. ..	Oamaru .. ..	14 Feb., "
Rutherford, Alexander William .. ..	Brookdale .. ..	Christchurch .. ..	1 Mar., "
Rutherford, Alexander William .. ..	Mendip Hills .. ..	Christchurch .. ..	1 Mar., "
Weld, Everard Aloysius .. ..	Flaxbourne .. ..	Blenheim .. ..	1 Mar., "
Wrenn, Thomas Avery (Bureau Keeper) .. ..	Sumner (Bureau No. 2) .. ..	Christchurch .. ..	8 Feb., "

\* Now Postmaster and Telephonist.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE GLASSFORD and JAMES HERON, Junior, of Napier, Bakers, lately carrying on business as "Glassford and Heron," were this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

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

Napier, 15th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that MATTHEW McNELIES, of Kaponga, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

C. A. BUDGE,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Hawera, 7th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that RICHARD NICOLL, Manager for General Dealer, of Masterton, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, at Masterton, on Friday, the 22nd day of April, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. B. CHENNELLS,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE FREDERICK RICHARDSON, of Wellington, Surveyor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,  
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 19th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that SYDNEY EVELYN WRIGHT, of Wellington, Cycle Dealer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,  
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

Mining Notices.

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Snowy Creek Gold-mining Company (Limited) as a limited company under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894," and the amendments thereof.

1. The name of the company is to be the Snowy Creek Gold-mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of intended operations is at Snowy Creek, in the County of Inangahua, Colony of New Zealand.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Bridge Street, Reefton, in the county and colony aforesaid.
4. The nominal capital of the company is three thousand pounds (£3,000), in twenty-four thousand shares of two shillings and sixpence each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is twenty-four thousand (24,000), being the entire number of shares in the company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid up is nil.
8. The name of the Manager is Thomas Hubert Lee.
9. The names, and addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as below:—

	No. of Shares.
Duffy, Robert, Cronadun, Miner .. ..	1,000
Bitera, George, Mawhera-iti, Farmer .. ..	1,000
Flynn, Daniel, Little Grey Junction, Farmer .. ..	5,000
Scarlett, James, Reefton, Hotelkeeper .. ..	600
Budge, Henry Forbes, Reefton, Bootmaker .. ..	1,750
Scarlett, Frances, Reefton .. ..	1,150
Creagan, William, Reefton, Miner .. ..	5,000
Green, J. R., Reefton, Butcher .. ..	1,000
Marshall, James, Totara Flat, Farmer .. ..	500
Cohen, Jacob, Totara Flat, Storekeeper .. ..	500
Irvine, James, Totara Flat, Miner .. ..	500
Duncan, William, Totara Flat, Blacksmith .. ..	500
Fitzgerald, John, Little Grey Junction, Farmer .. ..	500
O'Malley, James, Ikamatua, Farmer .. ..	250
Lee, T. Hubert, Reefton, Mining Agent .. ..	1,000
Lee, T. Hubert (Manager, in trust for absent shareholders), Reefton, Mining Agent .. ..	3,750
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>24,000</b>

Dated this 14th day of April, 1898.

T. HUBERT LEE,  
Manager.

Witness to signature—James Thorburn, Mining Investor, Reefton.

I, Thomas Hubert Lee, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

1. I am the Manager of the said intended company.
  2. The above statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular.
- And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

T. HUBERT LEE.

Taken before me, at Reefton, this 14th day of April, 1898  
—James Thorburn, J.P. 508

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and "The Mining Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1897"; and in the matter of the Colonial Exploitation Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named company will voluntarily cease to carry on business in the Colony of New Zealand at the expiration of three months from the 15th day of April, 1898.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1898.

ANDRÉ P. GRIFFITHS,  
Attorney for the said Company.

208-9, Victoria Arcade, Auckland. 493

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of the above-named company has been removed from 31, Palmerston Buildings, to Brown, Campbell, and Co.'s Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland.

BUDDLE, BUTTON, AND CO.,  
Solicitors for the Attorney.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1898. 492

NEW ZEALAND BROKEN HILLS GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and "The Mining Act, 1891," that the situation or locality of the Office or place of business in New Zealand of the above-named company has been changed to No. 31, Shortland Street, Auckland.

HESKETH AND RICHMOND,  
Solicitors for the said Company.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1898. 491

THE WINDING CREEK GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," "The Mining Act, 1891," "The Mining Companies Act, 1894," and the several amendments of those Acts.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Winding Creek Gold-mining Company (Limited), incorporated in England, and whose Registered Office is at 11, Cornhill, London, intends to commence and carry on business at Waikais, in the Provincial District of Otago, and that its office or place of business in this colony, where legal proceedings of any kind may be served upon it, and to which notices of any kind may be addressed or given, will be situated in High Street, Dunedin.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1898.

R. HAY,  
Attorney.

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STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waitekauri United Gold-mining Company (Limited) (being a foreign company as defined by section 2 of "The Mining Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1897").

When formed, and date of registration of office of company in colony: 22nd April, 1896; 1st July, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation. Where business is conducted, and name of Attorney or Attorneys: Auckland; Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell.

Where mine is situate: Waitekauri.

Nominal capital: £150,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £135,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash in colony: Nil.

Price paid to vendors of mine—

- (a.) In fully paid-up shares: £50,000.
- (b.) In partly paid-up shares, credited as £ paid up: Nil.
- (c.) In cash: Nil.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 150,000.

Number of shares on Colonial Register: 42,638.

Amount paid per share (Colonial Register): £1.

Amount called up per share (Colonial Register): Nil.

Number and amount of calls in arrear (Colonial Register): Nil.

Number of shares forfeited (Colonial Register): Nil.

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

Number of shareholders on Colonial Register: 180.

Number of men employed by company in colony: 45.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during period since last statement: Nil.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration of office of company in the colony: Nil.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on mining operations in colony during period since last statement: £8,033 1s. 7d.

Total expenditure since registration of office of company in colony: £12,639 1s. 8d.

Total amount of dividends paid in colony: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's in colony: £360 5s. 4d.

Amount of cash in hand in colony: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company in colony: Nil.

Amount of such debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of liabilities of company (if any) in colony: £247 14s. 6d.

I, Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell, of Auckland, the Attorney of the Waitekauri United Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company as on the 31st day of August, 1897, being the date of the last balance-sheet; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

D. G. MACDONNELL.

Declared at Auckland, this 15th day of April, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 509

### STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Tokatea Consols Gold Mines (Limited) (being a foreign company as defined by section 2 of "The Mining Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1897").

When formed, and date of registration of office of company in colony: 21st May, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Attorney or Attorneys: Auckland; Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell.

Where mine is situate: Coromandel.

Nominal capital: £100,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £88,107.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash in colony: Nil.

Price paid to vendors of mine—

(a.) In fully paid-up shares: £66,000.

(b.) In partly paid-up shares, credited as £ paid up: Nil.

(c.) In cash: £10,000.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 100,000.

Number of shares on Colonial Register: 34,500.

Amount paid per share (Colonial Register): £1.

Amount called up per share (Colonial Register): Nil.

Number and amount of calls in arrear (Colonial Register): Nil.

Number of shares forfeited (Colonial Register): Nil.

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

Number of shareholders on Colonial Register: 1—viz., the company in trust.

Number of men employed by company in colony: 10.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during period since last statement: £135 6s. 4d.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration of office of company in colony: £135 6s. 4d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on mining operations in colony during period since last statement: £2,482 4s. 3d.

Total expenditure since registration of office of company in colony: £2,482 4s. 3d.

Total amount of dividends paid in colony: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's in colony: £70 6s. 3d.

Amount of cash in hand in colony: Nil.

Amount of debts directly due to company in colony: Nil.

Amount of such debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of liabilities of company (if any) in colony: Nil.

I, Dennis Gilmore MacDonnell, of Auckland, the Attorney of the Tokatea Consols Gold Mines (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company as on the 31st day of October, 1897, being the date of the last balance-sheet; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

D. G. MACDONNELL.

Declared at Auckland, this 15th day of April, 1898, before me—Frederick L. Prime, J.P. 510

### Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

725. JANE MARIA RICHMOND, EMILY ELIZABETH RICHMOND, EMMA JANE RICHMOND, MAURICE WILSON RICHMOND, and EMMA TUDOR ATKINSON.—Section 593, Town of New Plymouth, 1 rood. Occupied by Andrus Raynes.

Diagram may be inspected at this office (Plan 1126).

Dated this 15th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,  
District Land Registrar.

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

726. EMILY ELIZABETH RICHMOND.—Sections 594, 595, 596, and part of Section 597, 3 roods 6 perches. Occupied by Andrus Raynes.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1127).

Dated this 15th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,  
District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 20th day of May next.

1157. WIREMU PERE and PEKA KEREKERE.—Lot A<sup>2</sup>, Subdivision A, Ngakoroa Block, on deposited Plan No. 1094, containing 500 acres 3 roods 3 perches. Occupied by Applicants.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Gisborne.

C. H. WALTER DIXON,  
Assistant Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 21st day of May, 1898.

2744. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY and HENRY IRESON JONES.—1 rood, part Suburban Section 40, Town of Wanganui. Occupied by William Butler as tenant.

2752. JAMES BRUCE.—101 acres 3 roods 22 perches, and right of road, part Section 54, Rangitikei District. Occupied by Applicant.

2774. BARTOLO RUSSO.—94 acres 2 roods, part Sections 37 and 39, Harbour District. Part occupied by Applicant, and other parts by Annie Anslow, Emily Flockton, Edward Page, Hubert Wright, J. H. Warboys, Nellie F. Hibbert, A. H. Hollis, Emily Danks, and H. J. Rodgers.

2775. GEORGE EDWARD PRINCE.—15·3 perches, part Section 777, City of Wellington. Occupied by Henry Taylor Beck, Alexander Clark, Joseph Day, Edward Herbert Hearle, and George Dickson.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,  
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 date of Gazette containing this notice.

7864. ROBERT JAMIESON.—1 acre 2 roods, Lots 4, 6, and 8, Plan 56, part of Rural Section 4949, Town District of Hampstead. Occupied by Applicant.

8223. WALTER EDWARD MUNDAY.—19½ perches, part of Rural Section 79, Borough of Sydenham. Occupied by Applicant.

8236. ISABELLA THOMPSON.—14 perches, part of Lot 94, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by — Mulecock and — Toly.

8247. ELIZABETH ELLEN GREEN.—28½ perches, part of Lot 95, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by Applicant.

8249. MARJORY KER.—1 rood ½ perch, Section 128, City of Christchurch. Unoccupied.

8250. ELIZABETH HARDIE TAIT.—1 rood ½ perch, Section 130, City of Christchurch. Unoccupied.

8252. HENRY A'COURT.—1 rood, parts of Rural Sections 148 and 252, Borough of St. Albans. Occupied by — Perkins.

8253. GEORGE TAYLOR CHISNALL.—2 roods 8 perches, part of Lot 92, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by George Howe and Henry Pine.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,  
District Land Registrar.

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

1800. JOHN INGLIS and WILLIAM HADDOW.— 20 acres, part of Section 62, Motueka Rural. Occupied by John Grooby.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Nelson.

H. W. ROBINSON,  
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto subsisting between the undersigned, ROBERT HODGSHON POSTLETHWAITE, THOMAS STEVENSON, and ARTHUR HUGH POOLE, carrying on business in Castle Street, Dunedin, as Engineers and Electricians, under the style of "The New Zealand Engineering and Electrical Company," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent as regards the undersigned Robert Hodgshon Postlethwaite, who retires from the firm, having left New Zealand.

The business will be carried on under the same style and at the same premises as heretofore by the undersigned Thomas Stevenson and Arthur Hugh Poole, and they will receive all moneys owing to and discharge all liabilities of the late partnership.

Dunedin, 5th April, 1898.

R. H. POSTLETHWAITE  
(By his Attorney, J. F. Woodhouse).  
THOMAS STEVENSON.  
ARTHUR H. POOLE.

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THE SOUTHLAND TIMES COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company duly convened and held at the office of the said company in Esk Street, Invercargill, on Friday, the 8th day of January, 1897, the following resolutions were duly passed; and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the said company, also duly convened and held at the same place on Friday, the 29th day of January, 1897, the said resolutions were duly confirmed.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the company, having sold its assets and ceased to carry on its business, be wound up voluntarily.

2. That Messrs. D. L. Matheson, Robert Tapper, and T. M. Macdonald be and they are hereby appointed liquidators of the said company.

Dated at Invercargill, this 14th day of April, 1898.

D. L. MATHESON,  
ROBT. TAPPER, } Liquidators.  
THOS. M. MACDONALD,

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AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Education Board,  
Auckland, 5th April, 1898.

IN pursuance of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1877," and of the regulations thereunder for the election of Governors by the Education Board of the District of Auckland, it is hereby notified that THOMAS COOPER has been duly re-elected a Governor of the Board of Governors constituted by the said Act.

RICH. HOBBS,  
Chairman of Meeting.

AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

IN accordance with the provisions of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1880," it is hereby notified that on the 4th day of March last the Honourable J. A. Tole, B.A., LL.B., and Dr. Ernest Robertson, M.D., M.R.C.S., were elected members of the Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School.

W. WALLACE KIDD,  
Returning Officer.

Auckland, 6th April, 1898.

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ALEXANDER GILLESPIE (son of the late John Gillespie, Postmaster, Bannockburn, Stirlingshire, Scotland), who was for some time in New Zealand, afterwards in Melbourne, and later possibly in Sydney, will hear of something to his advantage by applying to John Paterson, 541, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, or the subscribers; or any information regarding him will be thankfully received.

A. AND J. JENKINS,  
Solicitors, Stirling, Scotland.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned, CHARLES RINGWOOD and ARTHUR SHIRLEY WOOLMER, as Hotelkeepers, at Mania, under the style or firm of "Charles Ringwood and Company," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will in future be carried on by the said Charles Ringwood in his name, and who will receive and pay respectively all debts now due to and by the late firm of Charles Ringwood and Company.

Dated at Mania, this 1st day of April, 1898.

CHAS. RINGWOOD.  
ARTHUR S. WOOLMER.

Signed by the said Charles Ringwood and the said Arthur Shirley Woolmer, in the presence of—A. G. Bennett, Solicitor, Mania.

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NELSON SAVINGS-BANK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the rate of interest upon deposits with this bank will be reduced to three per centum per annum on and after 1st May, 1898.

Nelson, 4th February, 1898.

H. EDWARDS,  
Vice-President.

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