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Resuming Land held under Lease in Perpetuity for the Purposes of a Road.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.) **JAMES PRENDERGAST.**

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and twenty-five of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, resume possession of any land leased under Part III. of the said Act which in his opinion is required for any public purpose:

And whereas the land described in the Schedule hereto forms part of lands which are held on perpetual lease from Her Majesty the Queen under Part III. of the said Act, dated the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three: And whereas in the opinion of the Governor the land described in the Schedule hereto is required for a public purpose, that is to say, for the purposes of a public road or highway:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by section one hundred and twenty-five of "The Land Act, 1892," and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in that behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby proclaim and declare that I hereby resume possession of the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto for the public purpose hereinbefore mentioned, the same being part of the lands as held under lease as aforesaid; and do also hereby proclaim and declare that this Proclamation shall take effect on the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

Area of the Portion of Land taken.	Being Part of Section No.	Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 25 0 0	7	IX.	Cheviot	A.Z.	Red.

All in the Canterbury Land District; as the same are delineated upon the plan marked as above-mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the Lands and Survey Department, at Christchurch, and thereon coloured as above stated.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Approved in Council.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Declaring that the Perpetual-lease Tenant of an Educational Reserve in the Otago Provincial District may acquire the Freehold.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.) **JAMES PRENDERGAST.**

A PROCLAMATION.

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the twenty-fifth section of "The Reserves and Crown Lands Disposal and Enabling Act, 1896," and of every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the lessee of the section of land situated in the Provincial District of Otago, and enumerated in the Schedule hereto, may acquire the freehold of the said section upon payment of the capital value placed upon the land for the purposes of the lease.

ERRATA.—In the third line of the Schedule to the Warrant of 18th March, 1898, published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 20, of the 24th March, page 503, "Amending the Area of a Reserve in the Wellington Land District," for "Section No. 352, Block X., Castlepoint Survey District." read "Section No. 852, Block X., Castlepoint Survey District." Also, in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 28, of 21st April, 1898, page 658, "Clerk of Court appointed," for "Levin" read "Foxton."

SCHEDULE.
OTAGO PROVINCIAL DISTRICT.

Survey District.	Section.	Area.
Hokonui	5 of 406a ..	A. R. P. 188 3 5

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Revoking a Proclamation.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by the one-hundred-and-sixty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do by this notice hereby revoke that part of a Proclamation dated the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 29, dated the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, setting apart land for Akitio Improved-farm Special Settlement, as set forth in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Area.	Section No.	Block No.	Survey District of
A. R. P. 103 0 0	6A	III.	Mount Cerberus.
105 0 0	6B	"	"
118 0 0	4B	"	"

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proclaiming Borough of Te Aroha, County of Piako.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," the Governor is empowered by Proclamation to declare any portion of the Colony of New Zealand to be a borough under the said Act from and after a day to be named in such Proclamation:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, in the name and on behalf of His Excellency the Governor of the said Colony of New Zealand, and as his duly appointed Deputy, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby proclaim and declare that the district described in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same is hereby constituted as from the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, a borough under the said Act; and I do further proclaim and declare that the

name of such borough shall be the Borough of Te Aroha, and that the boundaries thereof shall be those described in the said Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Provincial District of Auckland situate in the Aroha Survey District. Bounded towards the north by a line running due east from a point due north of the southernmost corner of Te Ruakaka Block and due west of Te Aroha Trig. Station to the boundary-line between Emma Lipsey and others' block of land and that of Rina Mokena and others; thence towards the north-east by the latter block of land to the easternmost corner of the former; thence towards the south-east by a straight line to a point in line with the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 16, Block IX., Aroha Survey District (Hot Springs Reserve) and 2300 links distant in a north-easterly direction from the north-western corner of that section; thence again towards the north-east by a line bearing E. 51° 15' S. 2271 links; thence by a straight line to the source of the Heanga Stream; thence again towards the south-east by a line along the middle of that stream to the Waihou River; thence towards the south-west by a line along the middle of that river to a point in line with the south-eastern boundary-line of Te Ruakaka Block aforesaid; thence towards the north-west by a straight line to that block; and thence towards the west by a straight line due north to the place of commencement.

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 twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. HALL-JONES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Abolishing Papakura River District, County of Hawke's Bay.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The River Boards Act, 1884," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, on petition signed by not less than two-thirds in number of the ratepayers of a river district, abolish any such district:

And whereas a petition, signed as aforesaid, has been duly presented, praying that the Papakura River District, established under the said Act, may be abolished:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the above-recited power and authority, do hereby proclaim and declare that from and after the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the said Papakura River District shall be and the same is hereby abolished.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Alteration of Clive River District, County of Hawke's Bay.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The River Boards Act, 1884," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, on petition signed by not less than two-thirds of the ratepayers of a river district, enlarge, alter, or diminish any such district; and also that when any district is altered under the said enactment the Governor shall, in the Proclamation making such alteration, make such redistribution of the members of the Board as he shall think fit:

And whereas a petition, signed as aforesaid, has been duly presented, praying that the Clive River District may be altered, and that the boundaries thereof may be those set forth in the Schedule hereto:

And whereas it appears expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the above-recited power and authority, do hereby alter the boundaries of the Clive River District, and do hereby proclaim and declare that the boundaries of the said district shall be those set forth in the Schedule hereto; and also do hereby redistribute the members of the Clive River Board as constituted immediately before the date when this Proclamation comes into force, and declare that such members shall be the members of the Board for the said district as altered hereby, and that this Proclamation shall come into force on the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 24,300 acres, more or less, situate in the Heretaunga, Te Mata, and Clive Survey Districts, commencing at the north-east corner of the Hastings Borough boundary; thence bounded on the south-west and south-east by the Hastings Borough boundary to its intersection with the Hastings-Napier Road; thence on the south-east by the north side of the said Hastings-Napier Road to the old Ngaruroro River; thence on the west by the old Ngaruroro River to Danvers' Creek; thence on the south-east by the south-eastern boundary of the Mangatere East Blocks to the Tukituki River; thence again on the south-east by the western bank of the Tukituki River to the sea; thence on the east by the sea-coast to its intersection with a public road along the northern boundary of the Ballast Reserve; thence on the north by the said public road to the Swamp Road; thence again on the east by the Swamp Road to its intersection with a line due east from the north-west corner of Suburban Section 8, Block VIII., Heretaunga District (Papakura); thence on the north by a line due west to the north-west corner of said Suburban Section 8 (Papakura); thence on the north-east by a line from the north-west corner of said Suburban Section 8 (Papakura) to the south side of the Black Bridge, and again on the north-east by the overflow channel to the Tutaekuri River; thence on the north by the Tutaekuri River to the Redclyffe Bridge; thence generally on the north-west by the Omaha-Napier Road to the boundary-line between Subdivisions 2 and 3, Waipiro Block; thence on the south-west by the boundary between Subdivisions 2 and 3, Waipiro Block, to the northern bank of the Ngaruroro River; thence generally by the northern bank of the Ngaruroro River to the Omaha Bridge; thence on the west by the Omaha Bridge to the south bank of the Ngaruroro River; on south-west by the south bank of the Ngaruroro River to the south-eastern boundary of the Fernhill Township; on the north-west by the south-eastern boundary of the Fernhill Township to the Fernhill-Hastings Road; thence on the west and south-west by the Fernhill-Hastings Road to the Hastings Borough boundary; thence on the south-east by the Hastings Borough boundary to the commencing-point.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Naming the Government Advances to Settlers Office as a Lending Department within the Meaning of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1897."

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 subsection three (d) of section six of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1887," His Ex-

cency 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 name the Government Advances to Settlers Office as a lending department of the Government within the meaning of the aforesaid Act.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Altering the Boundaries of the Deeds Registration Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington.

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.

WHEREAS by "The Deeds Registration Act, 1868," section four, it is enacted that the Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time define and alter the limits of any deeds registration district under the said Act:

And whereas it is desirable to alter the boundaries of the Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington Deeds Registration Districts:

Now, therefore, 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, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby order that, from and after the date hereof, the boundaries of the Deeds Registration Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington shall be as described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND DEEDS REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

BOUNDED towards the north and north-east generally by the sea: towards the south-east generally by the eastern and south-eastern boundaries of Whangaparaoa No. 2 Block, the eastern and southern boundaries of Waikura Block, and the south-eastern boundary of Kumi No. 1 Block to Whanakao Trig. Station; thence by the summit of the leading range to Purahotakaha Trig. Station; thence by a right line in the direction of Puketoeoe Trig. Station to the Motu River; thence by that river to a point due east of the south-eastern corner of Whitikau No. 2 Block; thence by a right line to that corner; thence by the southern boundaries of Whitikau No. 2 and No. 3A Blocks, by the south-eastern boundaries of Oamaru Nos. 7, 6, 5, 2, and 1 Blocks, and the south-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned block produced to the western boundary of Tahora No. 2 Block; thence by the western boundary of that block and by the Waipaoa Block, the northern and western shores of Waikaremoana to a point in line with the north-western boundary of Block V., Waiau Survey District (education reserve); thence by a right line to and by that boundary-line and by the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block VIII., Mangahopai Survey District, to the Waiau River; thence by that river to the north-western boundary of Maungataniwha Block; thence by that block and the Te Hoe River to the northern boundary of Tatara-o-kina Block: thence towards the south generally by Tatara-o-kina, Tarawera, Te Matai, and Te Matai No. 1 Block, by the Mohaka River, the Oamaru Stream, and Tapapa No. 2 Block, by the Ngaruroro River, and by Kaimanawa No. 1r, Kaimanawa No. 2b, and Te Hautu Blocks to Lake Taupo; thence by a right line to the mouth of the Kuratou Stream; thence by that stream, by the north-western boundary of the Oraukura Block, and the south-eastern boundaries of the Ruamata, Pukepoto, and Waione Blocks, to the Wanganui River, by a line along the middle of that river to its intersection by a right line running from a point where the 39th parallel of south latitude intersects the Wanganui River to the source of the Mokau River; thence by that line to the source of the said Mokau River, and by a line along the middle of that river to the ocean: and thence towards the west and south-west generally by the ocean to the place of commencement: including the adjacent islands and the Kermadec Islands.

HAWKE'S BAY DEEDS REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

BOUNDED towards the north and east generally by the sea: towards the south generally by a line along the middle of the Waimata Stream and the south-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block XIII., Tautane Survey District, to Trig. Station 39A; thence by the southern boundaries of

Weber, Tahoraite, and Woodville Survey Districts to the Manawatu River, and by a line along the middle of that river to the Manawatu Gorge: thence towards the west generally by the summit of the Ruahine Range to the northern boundary of the Awarua Block; thence by that boundary to the Makirikiri Stream, by that stream, the Ikaawetea Stream, and the Taruarau River to the northern boundary of the Timahanga Block; thence by that block and the Ngaruroro River to the Auckland District hereinbefore described, and by that district to the sea: including the adjacent islands.

WELLINGTON DEEDS REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north by the Auckland District hereinbefore described; towards the east and again towards the north by the Hawke's Bay District hereinbefore described; towards the south-east and south and towards the west and south-west by the sea; and again towards the west generally by the Taranaki District: including the adjacent islands and the Chatham Islands.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulation regarding Waitapu Wharf.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

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

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

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

And whereas the management of the wharf at Waitapu was, by Order in Council dated the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, vested in the Takaka Road Board, subject to the conditions set forth in the First Schedule of the said Order in Council:

And whereas it is desirable to revoke clause No. 4 of the conditions of management contained in the First Schedule of the said Order in Council of the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, so far as it relates to the wharf at Waitapu, and to declare the vesting of the management of the said wharf in the Takaka Road Board shall be subject to an additional condition:

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 pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the fourteenth section of the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, doth hereby revoke clause No. 4 of the conditions of management contained in the First Schedule of the said Order in Council of the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, so far as it relates to the wharf at Waitapu, but not further or otherwise, and doth declare that the vesting of the management of the said wharf in the Takaka Road Board shall be subject to the following additional condition, namely:—

- 4a. Ninety per cent. of the dues and rates received on account of the wharf at Waitapu by the Takaka Road Board shall be applied to keeping the said wharf and all erections on or in connection with such wharf in good order and repair, and ten per cent. of such dues and rates shall be set aside by the said Board to form a fund for the purpose of renewing the said wharf, or building a new wharf in place thereof.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Powers delegated to the Omaka 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 twenty-sixth 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 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 Omaka Public Domain Board, namely,—

His Worship the MAYOR OF BLENHEIM,
THOMAS HORTON,
ROBERT MCARTNEY,
GEORGE CLEGHORN, M.R.C.S., and
SAMUEL MUNSON NEVILLE

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Wednesday in each month, at two o'clock p.m., at the offices of the Borough Council, Blenheim, 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 seventh day of June, 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 Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 270 acres, more or less, situate in the District of Omaka, and being Section No. 31, and Part 2 of Section No. 33, on the plan of the said district. Bounded towards the north, 3750 links, by Sections Nos. 32 and 30 on the said plan, and 1900 links by a public road 75 links wide; towards the east by the River Taylor; towards the south, 700 and 3750 links, by a public road 75 links wide; and towards the west, 5500 links, by Part 1 of Section No. 33 on the said plan.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Altering the Boundaries of the Land Registration Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

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

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section three of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," it is enacted that the Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time alter the boundaries of any land registration district:

And whereas it is desirable to alter the boundaries of the Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington Land Registration Districts:

Now, therefore, 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, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby

order that, from and after the date hereof, the boundaries of the Land Registration Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington shall be as described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north and north-east generally by the sea: towards the south-east generally by the eastern and south-eastern boundaries of Whangaparaoa No. 2 Block, the eastern and southern boundaries of Waikura Block, and the south-eastern boundary of Kumi No. 1 Block to Whanakao Trig. Station; thence by the summit of the leading range to Purahotakaha Trig. Station; thence by a right line in the direction of Puketoeoe Trig. Station to the Motu River; thence by that river to a point due east of the south-eastern corner of Whitikau No. 2 Block; thence by a right line to that corner; thence by the southern boundaries of Whitikau No. 2 and No. 3A Blocks, by the south-eastern boundaries of Oamaru Nos. 7, 6, 5/2, and 1 Blocks, and the south-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned block produced to the western boundary of Tahora No. 2 Block; thence by the western boundary of that block and by the Waipaoa Block, the northern and western shores of Waikaremoana to a point in line with the north-western boundary of Block V., Waiau Survey District (education reserve); thence by a right line to and by that boundary-line and by the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block VIII., Mangahopai Survey District, to the Waiau River; thence by that river to the north-western boundary of Maungataniwha Block; thence by that block and the Te Hoe River to the northern boundary of Tatarao-kina Block: thence towards the south generally by Tatarao-kina, Tarawera, Te Matai, and Te Matai No. 1 Blocks, by the Mohaka River, the Oamaru Stream, and Tapapa No. 2 Block, by the Ngaruroro River, and by Kaimanawa No. 1f, Kaimanawa No. 2b, and Te Hautu Blocks to Lake Taupo; thence by a right line to the mouth of the Kuratou Stream; thence by that stream, by the north-western boundary of the Oraukura Block, and the south-eastern boundaries of the Ruamata, Pukepoto, and Waione Blocks to the Wanganui River, by a line along the middle of that river to its intersection by a right line running from a point where the 39th parallel of south latitude intersects the Wanganui River to the source of the Mokau River; thence by that line to the source of the said Mokau River, and by a line along the middle of that river to the ocean: and thence towards the west and south-west generally by the ocean to the place of commencement: including the adjacent islands and the Kermadec Islands.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north and east generally by the sea: towards the south generally by a line along the middle of the Waimata Stream and the south-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block XIII., Tautane Survey District, to Trig. Station 39A; thence by the southern boundaries of Weber, Tahoraite, and Woodville Survey Districts to the Manawatu River, and by a line along the middle of that river to the Manawatu Gorge: thence towards the west generally by the summit of the Ruahine Range to the northern boundary of the Awarua Block; thence by that boundary to the Makirikiri Stream, by that stream, the Ikaawetea Stream, and the Taruarau River to the northern boundary of the Timahanga Block; thence by that block and the Ngaruroro River to the Auckland District hereinbefore described, and by that district to the sea: including the adjacent islands.

WELLINGTON LAND REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north by the Auckland District hereinbefore described; towards the east and again towards the north by the Hawke's Bay District hereinbefore described; towards the south-east and south and towards the west and south-west by the sea, and again towards the west generally by the Taranaki District: including the adjacent islands, and the Chatham Islands.

ALEX. WILLIS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Altering the Boundaries of the Land Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

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

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the twenty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," certain land districts are defined, but it is provided that the Governor by Order in Council, if

he shall deem it necessary, may from time to time alter the boundaries of any land district as he shall think fit:

And whereas it is desirable to alter the boundaries of the Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington Land Districts:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby direct and declare that, from and after the date hereof, the boundaries of the said Land Districts of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington shall be such as are described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north and north-east generally by the sea: towards the south-east generally by the eastern and south-eastern boundaries of Whangaparaoa No. 2 Block, the eastern and southern boundaries of Waikura Block, and the south-eastern boundary of Kumi No. 1 Block to Whanakao Trig. Station; thence by the summit of the leading range to Purahotakaha Trig. Station; thence by a right line in the direction of Puketoeoe Trig. Station to the Motu River; thence by that river to a point due east of the south-eastern corner of Whitikau No. 2 Block; thence by a right line to that corner; thence by the southern boundaries of Whitikau No. 2 and No. 3A Blocks, by the south-eastern boundaries of Oamaru Nos. 7, 6, 5, 2, and 1 Blocks, and the south-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned block produced to the western boundary of Tahora No. 2 Block; thence by the western boundary of that block and by the Waipaoa Block, the northern and western shores of Waikaremoana to a point in line with the north-western boundary of Block V., Waiau Survey District (education reserve); thence by a right line to and by that boundary-line and by the north-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block VIII., Mangahopai Survey District, to the Waiau River; thence by that river to the north-western boundary of Maungataniwha Block; thence by that block and the Te Hoe River to the northern boundary of Tatarao-kina Block: thence towards the south generally by Tatarao-kina, Tarawera, Te Matai, and Te Matai No. 1 Blocks, by the Mohaka River, the Oamaru Stream, and Tapapa No. 2 Block, by the Ngaruroro River, and by Kaimanawa No. 1f, Kaimanawa No. 2b, and Te Hautu Blocks to Lake Taupo; thence by a right line to the mouth of the Kuratou Stream; thence by that stream, by the north-western boundary of the Oraukura Block, and the south-eastern boundaries of the Ruamata, Pukepoto, and Waione Blocks to the Wanganui River, by a line along the middle of that river to its intersection by a right line running from a point where the 39th parallel of south latitude intersects the Wanganui River to the source of the Mokau River; thence by that line to the source of the said Mokau River, and by a line along the middle of that river to the ocean: and thence towards the west and south-west generally by the ocean to the place of commencement: including the adjacent islands and the Kermadec Islands.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north and east generally by the sea: towards the south generally by a line along the middle of the Waimata Stream and the south-western boundary-line of Section No. 1, Block XIII., Tautane Survey District, to Trig. Station 39A; thence by the southern boundaries of Weber, Tahoraite, and Woodville Survey Districts to the Manawatu River, and by a line along the middle of that river to the Manawatu Gorge: thence towards the west generally by the summit of the Ruahine Range to the northern boundary of the Awarua Block; thence by that boundary to the Makirikiri Stream, by that stream, the Ikaawetea Stream, and the Taruarau River to the northern boundary of the Timahanga Block; thence by that block and the Ngaruroro River to the Auckland Land District hereinbefore described, and by that district to the sea: including the adjacent islands.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Bounded towards the north by the Auckland Land District hereinbefore described; towards the east and again towards the north by the Hawke's Bay Land District hereinbefore described; towards the south-east and south and towards the west and south-west by the sea, and again towards the west generally by the Taranaki Land District: including the adjacent islands, and the Chatham Islands.

ALEX. WILLIS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

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.

Removal of Restrictions on Alienation of Native Land.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

WHEREAS application has been made to the Governor by the owners of the land described in the Schedule hereto, praying that the restrictions on the alienation of such land contained in the Native Land Court certificate bearing date the twenty-second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and now contained in partition order of the Native Land Court bearing date the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, may be removed: And whereas inquiry has been duly made by the Native Land Court, and the said Court has recommended that such restrictions be removed:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the fifty-second section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and in accordance with the recommendation of the Native Land Court, do hereby order and declare that all restrictions imposed by the said Native Land Court certificate and partition order on the alienation of the said land are hereby removed.

SCHEDULE.

All that parcel of land, containing 2,653 acres, situate in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, known as Awarua No. 1A No. 2 West, held under a partition order of the Native Land Court dated 14th March, 1895, in favour of

Utiku Potaka and others, and containing the following restriction: "Absolutely inalienable."

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 twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

R. J. SEDDON.

Removal of Restrictions on Alienation of Native Land.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

WHEREAS application has been made to the Governor by the Native owner of the land described in the Schedule hereto, praying that the restrictions on the alienation of such land originally imposed by section twenty-four of the First Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1886," and now contained in Land Transfer certificate bearing date the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, may be removed: And whereas inquiry has been duly made by the Native Land Court, and the said Court has recommended that such restrictions be removed:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by the fifty-second section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and in accordance with the recommendation of the Native Land Court, do hereby order and declare that all restrictions imposed by the said Act and the said Land Transfer certificate on the alienation of the said land are hereby removed.

SCHEDULE.

All that parcel of land, containing 55 acres, situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, being Subsection 4 of Section 153 of the Township of Sandon, held under Land Transfer certificate dated 26th October, 1891, in favour of Ruera te Nuku, and containing the following restrictions: "Inalienable except by lease for not exceeding twenty-one years in possession and not in reversion, without premium or foregift, and without agreement or covenant for renewal or for purchase at any future time."

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 twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

R. J. SEDDON.

Warrant authorising the Ngaruawahia Town Board to construct a Bridge over the Waipa River, at Ngaruawahia, and apportioning the Cost of the Bridge between the said Town Board, the Raglan County Council, and the Waipa County Council.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and thirteen of "The Public Works Act Amendment Act, 1894" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is, *inter alia*, enacted that, in any case where the local authority of any district desires to construct a bridge in any position that will, in its opinion, be of advantage and benefit to the whole or any considerable portion of the inhabitants of an adjacent district or districts, as well as to the inhabitants of its own district, and where it is, in the opinion of such local authority, reasonable that the local authority or local authorities of such district or districts whose inhabitants are to be so benefited should contribute to the cost of constructing or establishing the said bridge, the provisions of the said section mentioned shall have effect:

And whereas application has been made to the Governor to authorise the construction of the work mentioned in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as "the said work"), and to apportion the cost of constructing the said work between the Ngaruawahia Town Board, the Raglan County Council, and the Waipa County Council:

And whereas plans, specifications, and estimates of the work of constructing the said bridge have been prepared, and a copy of same sent to the office of the Raglan County Council and the Waipa County Council, and to the Minister for Public Works, together with a notice as required by the hereinbefore in part recited Act:

And whereas a Commissioner was appointed, and an inquiry duly held, with a view to determining what proportion of the cost of constructing the said bridge should be

borne by any local authority or authorities: And whereas such Commissioner did report to the Governor, after due inquiry, his opinion as to the matters respecting which he was appointed to report:

And whereas the Governor is of opinion that the work should be done:

Now, therefore, 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, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby authorise the Ngaruawahia Town Board to construct the said work; and I do hereby declare that the cost of constructing the said work shall be borne in the following proportions: *i.e.*, by the Raglan County Council, fifty per centum, by the Ngaruawahia Town Board, thirty per centum, Waipa County Council, twenty per centum, of half the cost of the work.

SCHEDULE.

THE bridge over the Waipa River, from a place opposite the northern end of Herschel Street, in the Town of Newcastle (Ngaruawahia), as the site of the said bridge is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 27230, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon marked A, B.

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 twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Shooting Season for Native Pigeon, Marlborough, to begin on Monday, 2nd May.

RANFURLY, Governor.
By his Deputy,
JAMES PRENDERGAST.

WHEREAS by a Warrant made under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," dated the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the seventh day of the same month, it is notified, amongst other things, that native pigeon may be taken or killed in the Marlborough District from the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, until the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, both days inclusive: And whereas it is expedient to alter the said dates as hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the aforesaid "Animals Protection Act, 1880," do hereby declare that native pigeon may be taken or killed in the Marlborough District from the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, until the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

W. C. WALKER.

Ranger under the Animals Protection Acts, Wellington District, appointed.

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

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

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 20th 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,"—

WILLIAM CAWOOD,
of Marton, has been appointed an Officer 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.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 23rd 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.
VALDEMAR RODE ANDERSON	Kuaotunu.
JOHN WATSON BAXTER	Mahurangi.
	J. CARROLL.

Inspector of Weights and Measures, Counties of Waikato, Waipa, Piako, and Raglan, and Boroughs of Hamilton and Cambridge, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 23rd April, 1898.

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

Sergeant RICHARD STAPLETON
to be an Inspector of Weights and Measures, under "The Weights and Measures Act, 1868," and the Acts amending the same, for the Counties of Waikato, Waipa, Piako, and Raglan, and for the Boroughs of Hamilton and Cambridge, *vice* Constable J. W. Forbes, transferred.

J. CARROLL.

Crown Solicitor appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 27th April, 1898.

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

JOHN FRASER MACQUEEN FRASER, Esq.,
to be Crown Solicitor at Dunedin, *vice* B. C. Haggitt, deceased.

T. THOMPSON.

Member of Taranaki Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 25th April, 1898.

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

JOHN HESLOP
to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Taranaki, as from the 5th April instant.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Inspector of Factories appointed.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 22nd April, 1898.

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

Name.	District.
Constable JOHN FORSTER ..	The North Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.
	R. J. SEDDON, Minister of Labour.

Arrangements for First Elections, &c., Ngaroto Land-drainage District.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 22nd April, 1898.

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

DUDLEY BOCKETT
to be the Returning Officer to conduct the first election of Trustees of the Ngaroto Land-drainage District; also to appoint Wednesday, the 18th day of May, 1898, to be the day, and the County Council Chamber, Ohaupo, to be the place, for holding the said election; also to appoint Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, to be the time, and the County Council Chamber, Ohaupo, to be the place, at which the first meeting of Trustees of the said drainage district shall be held.

J. CARROLL.

Commission of Volunteer Officer cancelled.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 22nd April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to approve of the cancellation, as from the 28th March, 1898, of the commission held by

WALTER HISLOP

as Surgeon-Captain of the Petone Naval Artillery Volunteers, he having left the district.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 23rd April, 1898.

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

Petone Naval Artillery Volunteers.

James Robert Purdy to be Surgeon-Captain.
The Reverend John Delacourt Russell to be Honorary Chaplain.

Commissions to date from the 29th March, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Special Order made by the Egmont Road Board, County of Taranaki.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

SPECIAL order made by the Egmont Road Board at a special meeting held on the 9th April, 1898, viz.: "That for the purpose of providing interest and other charges on a loan of £100, to form and metal the Kaipi Road, commencing at its junction with the Egmont Road in the Moa District, authorised to be raised by the said Board under the provisions of 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,' do hereby make and levy a special rate of one penny and one-sixteenth of a penny in the pound upon the rateable value on the whole of Section 48, Hua and Waiwakaiho District, Taranaki County. That such rate shall be an annual recurring rate for a period of twenty-six years, and shall be payable in two equal instalments at the office of the said Board on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each and every year during the currency of the loan. The first year's interest and cost of raising the loan to be paid out of the loan."

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of special order that has been duly made and passed by the Egmont Road Board, as required by the Road Boards Act.

C. T. MILLS,

New Plymouth, 23rd April, 1898.

Clerk.

Special Order made by the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board, County of Wairarapa South.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

SPECIAL order passed by the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board at a meeting held on the 8th day of January, 1898, and confirmed by the same at a meeting held on the 12th day of February, 1898:—

That, for the purpose of providing the annual interest and charges on a loan of £400, to be raised under the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," and "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of constructing the following cart-traffic roads—viz., that portion of Victoria Road from the southern boundary of Section 238, Blocks 6 and 10, Tiffin Survey District, to Dalefield Road, and that portion of Dalefield Road extending in a north-westerly direction from junction of Jervois Road to south-western corner of Section 237—this Board do now make and levy a special rate, annually recurring for twenty-six years, of one-sixth of a penny in the pound, payable in two equal instalments, on the 1st day of December and the 1st day of June in each year, equally over all the rateable properties within the following boundaries, to be called "The Victoria and Dalefield Roads Special Rating District": All that area of land bounded on the south and west by Sections 232, 231, 230, and 229, Block 10, Section 238,

Allotment 10 of Section 236, Section 222 to western corner of Section 351, Block 9, all in the Tiffin Survey District; thence by a straight line from said corner of Section 351 towards Mount Waiohine to boundary of No. 6 Subdivision; thence by said boundary in a south-easterly direction to the boundary of the Borough of Carterton; thence by boundary of said borough in a south and easterly direction to Main Road; thence by Main Road in a southerly direction to Waiohine River; thence up stream in a westerly direction to north-eastern corner of Section 232, Block 10, Tiffin Survey District.

HENRY R. BUNNY,
Chairman of the Board.

I hereby certify that the above special order has been made in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," by the Taratahi-Carterton Road Board.

J. JOHNSTON WEBSTER,

Clerk to the Board.

Dated at Carterton, this 12th day of February, 1898.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, KIWITEA COUNTY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

KIWITEA COUNTY COUNCIL.—RESULT OF POLL.

THE following is the result of poll on the proposal to borrow £400 for construction of Middle Road, Apati Riding:—

Number of ratepayers on roll, 4, representing 10 votes: votes recorded for proposal, 9; number of ratepayers voting, 3; votes against, nil.

As a majority in number of the ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal, and the number so voting are entitled to more than one-half of the votes that can be exercised by the whole number of ratepayers, I hereby declare the proposal to be carried.

J. J. WILLIAMSON,
Chairman.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, PAHIATUA COUNTY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th April, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES.

PAHIATUA COUNTY.—RESULT OF POLL, PROPOSED LOAN, No. 53, MANGAMAIRE ROAD.

THE following is the result of a poll taken on the 20th April, 1898, on a proposal to borrow £330 under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," to clear, form, metal, &c., Mangamaire Road North, from Bridge Road Junction to H. Fisk's gate.

Number of ratepayers on roll, 4, representing 4 votes; number of ratepayers who voted for the proposal, 4.

I therefore declare the proposal carried.

F. E. PERRY,
County Chairman.

21st April, 1898.

Extending Time for furnishing Report of Police Commission.

Police Department,
Wellington, 26th April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased to extend the time for the furnishing of a report by the Commission to inquire into the administration, efficiency, and control of the Police Force from the 30th April, 1898, to the 30th May, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Notification of Vacancy of Seat in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Mataura.

IN compliance with the provisions of the 135th section of "The Electoral Act, 1893," I hereby notify that the seat of the Honourable George Frederick Richardson in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Mataura did, under the provisions of subsection (4) of section 130 of the said Act, become vacant on the 19th day of April, 1898, by reason of his having been adjudged a bankrupt.

Dated at Auckland, the 22nd day of April, 1898.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Kt.,
Speaker of House of Representatives.

Extension of the Grant of Imperial Medals to the New Zealand Permanent Forces.

Defence Office, Wellington, 22nd April, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the attached Regulations extending the grant of the "Distinguished Conduct," "Meritorious Service," and "Long Service and Good Conduct" Medals to the New Zealand Permanent Forces, as authorised by Royal Warrant, dated at Balmoral the 31st day of May, 1895, and to ordain that such Regulations shall come into force in the Colony of New Zealand on and from the 22nd day of April, 1898, and further to ordain that the New Zealand Long Service and Good Conduct Medal hitherto awarded to the New Zealand Permanent Militia under the authority of paragraph 211, Permanent Militia Regulations 1887, be abolished on and from the 21st day of April, 1898, and to cancel the paragraph quoted accordingly.

T. THOMPSON.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUE OF THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT, MERITORIOUS SERVICE, AND LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS TO THE NEW ZEALAND PERMANENT FORCES.

Issued under authority of the Royal Warrant of 31st May, 1895, and approved by the Secretary of State.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

1. A SILVER Medal having on one side the Royal effigy, and on the other the words "For Meritorious Service," shall be issued, on the approval of His Excellency the Governor, as a reward for "Meritorious Service," to any soldier above the rank of a Corporal, not being a Commissioned Officer, in the Permanent Force of New Zealand, either before or after discharge. The rank, name, and Corps of the recipient shall be inscribed on the rim of the Medal.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

1. A Silver Medal bearing on it the words "For Distinguished Conduct in the Field," shall be issued on the approval of His Excellency the Governor, (as a reward for the same), to any Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or private soldier, in the Permanent Force of New Zealand. The rank, name, and Corps of the recipient shall be inscribed on the rim of the Medal, together with the date of the gallant conduct.

2. In a case where a soldier, already in possession of a Medal for Distinguished Conduct under the preceding paragraph, is recommended on account of further Distinguished Conduct in the Field, a bar shall be added to the Distinguished Conduct Medal already conferred, on the approval of His Excellency the Governor, the date of the additional gallant conduct being inscribed on the bar.

MEDAL FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT.

1. On the approval of His Excellency the Governor, a Silver Medal shall be awarded to any Non-Commissioned Officer or private of the New Zealand Permanent Force who has served for eighteen years with an irreproachable character, subject to the following regulations:—

2. Any Non-Commissioned Officer or private who, within the last eighteen years, has been 12 times entered in the regimental defaulter sheet, has ten cases of drunkenness recorded against him, or has been convicted by a Court-Martial or for felony or any other offence of a disgraceful nature by the Civil power, or as a Non-Commissioned Officer has been drunk under arms, is absolutely ineligible for these rewards.

3. The Medal shall bear on one side the words "For Long Service and Good Conduct," and on the other side the Royal Arms, and shall be presented in the name of Her Majesty the Queen by the Commanding Officer on parade. It shall be worn by the recipient as an honourable testimonial of Her Majesty's approbation of his conduct.

4. The rank, name, and corps of the recipient shall be inscribed on the rim of the Medal.

5. A Non-Commissioned Officer or private, if qualified as regards length of service, who may have distinguished himself by the display of zeal and gallantry in the Service, shall also be eligible for this medal, although he may not strictly fulfil the required conditions.

6. A Non-Commissioned Officer convicted of a misdemeanour and reduced to the ranks, or to a lower grade, for any offence for which he would not necessarily have been tried as a private soldier, shall, if his conduct has been good for a continuous period of five years from the date of such reduction, not be precluded by such reduction from receiving the Medal referred to in the first paragraph hereof.

7. A Medal for "Long Service and Good Conduct" granted to a Non-Commissioned Officer or private shall be surrendered on his being awarded a Medal for "Meritorious Service."

8. When the conduct of a soldier who has earned the Medal for "Long Service and Good Conduct" has, after the award of the Medal, been such as to disqualify him from wearing the Medal, it shall be competent for His Excellency the Governor, on the recommendation of the Commander of the Forces for the time being, or in the event of there being no Commander of the Forces, then of the Under-Secretary for Defence, to deprive him of the Medal.

9. Any Medal or Decoration forfeited by a soldier under the preceding paragraph may be restored to such soldier by His Excellency the Governor on the recommendation of the Commander of the Forces for the time being, or in the event of there being no Commander of the Forces, then of the Under-Secretary for Defence.

FORFEITURE AND RESTORATION OF MEDALS.

1. Every Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or private soldier who is a recipient of the above or other Medals (except the New Zealand Cross, which is dealt with under special Regulations) shall, upon being found guilty of crime or misdemeanour, at once forfeit the same.

2. Any Medal forfeited under the terms of the article preceding may be restored on the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

PAYMENT FOR MEDALS REPLACED.

1. Medals required to be replaced through loss or otherwise shall be subject to a charge of seven shillings and sixpence (7s. 6d.) for the Medal, and eighteen pence (1s. 6d.) for the clasp.

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

(L.S.)

T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Defence.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Officiating Ministers for 1898.—Notice No. 14.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 26th 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 name of an Officiating Minister within the meaning of the said Act is published for general information:—

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

The Reverend John Knox Barklie, B.A.

[This name is published in substitution for that of the Reverend John Knox Barclay, B.A., previously published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 7th April, 1898, Notice No. 10.]

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

[In *Gazette* of 27th January, 1898, Notice No. 3, for Robert Wylie read Robert Wylie.]

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 9th day of May, 1898:—

PART I.—PASSENGERS: GENERAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS SEASON AND COMMUTATION TICKETS.

Regulation No. 30 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted, viz:—

30. Technical schools season tickets, available for any distance not exceeding sixty miles, and for three months from date of issue, will be issued to *bonâ fide* students and scholars, not exceeding twenty years of age, attending technical schools or classes (including music schools) registered with the Minister of Education, subject to the following conditions:—

The tickets will only be available for use when the holder is proceeding to or from the technical or music school for the purpose of receiving tuition. If used for any other purpose the ticket will be forfeited.

The days upon which tuition will be received must be the same in each week, and be stated in the certificate, and duly inscribed on the ticket.

The certificate of attendance at foot of ticket must be signed by certifying teacher on each day that holder of ticket attends the school.

The tickets are not transferable.

They will be charged as follows:—

	First Class.	Second Class.
For students and scholars not exceeding sixteen years of age	30s.	10s.
For students and scholars over sixteen but not exceeding twenty years of age	40s.	20s.

Twenty-trip commutation tickets, available for ten outward and ten return trips within three months from date of issue, will be issued to *bonâ fide* students and scholars attending technical schools or classes (including music schools) registered with the Minister of Education.

The name of the purchaser and the days of the week upon which tuition will be received must be duly inscribed on the ticket, which will be available only for use by the purchaser when travelling to or from the technical school or class for the purpose of receiving tuition. If used for any other purpose the ticket will be forfeited.

Any portion of the ticket punched, detached, or not used before the date on which the ticket expires will not be available for use.

The certificate of attendance attached to the ticket must be signed by certifying teacher on each day that holder of ticket attends the school.

The tickets are not transferable.

They will be charged as follows:—

Miles.	First Class.	Second Class.	Miles.	First Class.	Second Class.
2	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 2 6	12	s. d. 21 8	s. d. 10 10
3	6 8	3 4	13	23 4	11 8
4	8 4	4 2	14	25 0	12 6
5	10 0	5 0	15	26 8	13 4
6	11 8	5 10	16	28 4	14 2
7	13 4	6 8	17	30 0	15 0
8	15 0	7 6	18	31 8	15 10
9	16 8	8 4	19	33 4	16 8
10	18 4	9 2	20	35 0	17 6
11	20 0	10 0			

Applications for technical schools season and commutation tickets must be accompanied by a certificate in the following form, signed by the director of the technical school or class, or the teacher of music school:—

I hereby certify that A.B., residing at _____, whose age is _____ years _____ months, is a *bond fide* student or scholar in attendance at _____ Technical [Music] School [Class]*, and request that a † class‡ ticket, available for use on § _____, be issued to enable || _____ to attend the Technical [Music] School [Class]; and I undertake to keep a roll of the attendance at the school [class], such roll to be open for inspection by any officer of the Railway Department. The attendance of A.B. at the school [class] will be certified by Mr. _____, whose signature appears in the margin hereof.

* Insert "duly registered with Minister of Education." † Insert class of ticket. ‡ Insert "technical schools season" or "technical schools twenty-trip." § Insert day of week on which tuition will be received. || Insert "him" or "her."

These tickets will be issued conditionally on a roll of attendance being kept at each technical or music school or class, such roll to be open for inspection by any officer of the Railway Department deputed for that purpose.

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

BICYCLES, TRICYCLES, VELOCIPEDES, AND PERAMBULATORS.

Bicycles, tricycles, or velocipedes accompanying passengers must be fully and legibly addressed with the name and destination of passenger, and be at the railway-station at least fifteen minutes before the advertised time of departure of the train by which they are to be carried.

The department will not be responsible for bicycles, tricycles, velocipedes, or perambulators improperly left about the station premises.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

Except where otherwise specified, goods of Class F consigned direct from ship at Greymouth to stations on the Hokitika line, or from stations on the Hokitika line to Greymouth for shipment, will be charged 8s. 6d. per ton, weight or measurement, at the option of the department, including wharfage and all charges.

Chaff consigned direct from ship at Greymouth to Kumara, or from Kumara to Greymouth for shipment, will be charged 7s. per ton, including wharfage and all charges at Greymouth. Minimum quantity, 2 tons, calculated at twenty-five bags to the ton.

HOKITIKA-BRUNNERTON SECTION.

Wood Ashes.

Wood ashes for manufacture of caustic potash consigned to Kaiata will be charged Class Q. Minimum quantity, 4 tons per four-wheel truck, otherwise Class P rates. The minimum quantity to be charged Class P will be 1½ tons; any less quantity will be charged Class E (actual weight), single rate.

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

Cancel.—Scab specific, packed, Class B.

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister for Railways.

Alteration and Addition to the Special Scale of Fares, Rates, and Charges in Force for Traffic interchanged between Stations on the Greymouth Section of the New Zealand Government Railways and Stations on the New Zealand Midland Railway Company's Railway, and for Local Traffic on the New Zealand Midland Railway Company's Railway.

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 alteration in and addition to the special scale of fares, rates, and charges for traffic interchanged between stations on the Greymouth Section of the New Zealand Government Railways and stations on the New Zealand Midland Railway Company's railway, and for local traffic on the New Zealand Midland Railway Company's railway; to come into force on and after the 9th day of May, 1898:—

PART III.—GOODS: REGULATIONS.

(11.) CLASS Q.—ROAD MATERIALS, ETC.

Wood Ashes.

Wood ashes for manufacture of caustic potash consigned to Kaiata will be charged at the rates for Class Q for conveyance over the Midland Railway Company's line to Brunner. Minimum quantity to be charged at Q rates, 4 tons per four-wheel truck, otherwise Class P rates. The minimum quantity to be charged at P rates to be 1½ tons; any less quantity will be charged at the rates for Class E (actual weight), single rate. Such rates will be in addition to the charges for conveyance upon the Government railway from Brunner to Kaiata.

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister for Railways.

IN the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and in the matter of the affidavit and application of two directors of the Napier Sterilised Milk, Chilled Butter, and Ice Company (Limited).

I HEREBY notify that, no objection to such application having been made and lodged with me as by the said Act required, I do now declare such company to be dissolved.

Dated at Napier, this 18th day of April, 1898.

ANDREW TURNBULL,
Registrar.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 1 acre, more or less, being Allotment 231, Section 2, Town of Opotiki, in the Provincial District of Auckland. The last registered owner is Michael Nolan, described as of Opotiki, Military Settler, and the land is now in the occupation of Thomas Green, of Opotiki.

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

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

Dated this 21st day of April, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, being the eastern half of the eastern moiety of Section No. 10, Block No. 17, Borough of Patea, containing 10 perches, more or less. Bounded on the east by Section 11, 200 links; on the south by Bedford Street, 31 links; on the west by other part of said Section 10 hereunder described, 200 links; and on the north by Section 5, 31 links: be the said measurements a little more or less: the owner being, according to the Deeds Registry, one Henry Davy, who, in 1871, mortgaged to "Lewis Brothers," none of whom can be traced. And also: To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, being the western half of the eastern moiety of the said Section 10, Block 17, Borough of Patea, containing 10 perches, more or less. Bounded on the east by other part of said Section 10 above described, 200 links; on the south by Bedford Street, 31 links; on the west by other part of said Section 10, 200 links; and on the north by Section 5, 31 links: be the said measurements a little more or less: the owner being, according to the Deeds Registry, one Samuel Taplin, who cannot be traced. It may be affected by the above-mentioned mortgage.

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

Now, this notice calls upon such owner or owners, within six months of the date of the publication of this notice in this Gazette, to establish to the satisfaction of the Public Trustee his or their title to either parcel or both parcels of land specified in this notice; and, if such owner does or

owners do not, within the time limited, so establish his or their title, the Public Trustee will exercise the powers and authorities granted to him in and by "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894," in respect of either or both parcels of land.
Dated this 21st day of April, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 10.2 perches, more or less, being Allotment 16, Block XI., in the extension of the Township of South Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, having a frontage to Broughton Street of 55 links. The last equitable owner known is — Howard, who bought the land about 1875, and is stated to have gone to America, and is supposed to have died since.

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1898.
JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 1 acre, more or less, being section 130, Town of Waverley, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and having a frontage to Werarou Road of 251 links. The grantee and last registered owner is John Norman, described as an ensign in the Taranaki Military Settlers, who is supposed to have died many years ago.

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1898.
JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 21st 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.

James Dunphy, otherwise known as James Dumphy, late of Oxford, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Farmer. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

John Cook, late of Livingstone, in the Provincial District of Otago, Miner. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Albert Edward Spring, late of Makuri, in the Provincial District of Wellington, Labourer. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Ralph John Newton, late of Hunterville, in the Provincial District of Wellington, Carrier. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

William Moorhouse, otherwise known as William Reid, of Blenheim, in the Provincial District of Marlborough, Bus-driver. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Thomas Porter, late of Middlemarch, in the Provincial District of Otago, Labourer. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Patrick McNamai, otherwise known as Patrick McNamee, late of Waitekauri, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Miner. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

John Richings, late of Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, Butcher. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

George Evered Garrett, late of Nelson, in the Provincial District of Nelson, Plumber. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

John Blair, late of Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, Fireman. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Alexander Cavenus, otherwise known as Arvid Werner Cavenius, late of Winfield, in the Provincial District of Otago, Labourer. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

James Brown, late of Winton, in the Provincial District of Otago, Labourer. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

William Mellor, late of Carterton, in the Provincial District of Wellington, Carpenter. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

John Storey, late of Waitahuna, in the Provincial District of Otago, Labourer. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Dinah Rudge, late of North-east Valley, in the Provincial District of Otago, Widow. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

James Brand, late of Waikara, in the Provincial District of Otago, Miner. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Patrick Hennessey, late of the Thames, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Bootmaker. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Patrick Ryan, late of Waitekauri, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Miner. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

Henry Taylor, late of Woodville, in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, Slaughterman. Filed on the 20th April, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Crown Lands Notices.

Village-homestead Allotments, Southland, open for Lease upon Application.

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

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on Thursday, the 26th May, 1898.

If more than one application is received for the same section on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on the following day at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.
Village-homestead Allotments.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
MAKAREWA TOWNSHIP.				
		A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
14	V.	13 3 0	3 2.4	1 2 0
Bush land; adjacent to Main North Road, six miles from Invercargill; soil fair. Limit of holding in this village, 20 acres.				
SEAWARD BUSH TOWNSHIP.				
32	III.	5 0 0	4 0	0 10 0
33	"	5 0 0	4 0	0 10 0
Land nearly flat, covered with mixed bush, soil fair; distance from Tisbury Railway-station, one mile. Limit of holding in this village, 10 acres.				
HOKONUI.—CENTRE BUSH VILLAGE.				
725	..	24 6 20	1 2.4	0 14 9
Situated about one mile and a half from Centre Bush Railway-station; soil fair, bush light. Limit of holding in this village, one allotment.				
LONGWOOD VILLAGE.				
53	V.	6 3 0	1 7.2	0 5 5
54	"	9 3 11	1 7.2	0 7 10
Situated about one mile and a half from Wakapatu Railway-station; soil fair, mostly bush land. Limit of holding in this village, 100 acres. Section 54 is burdened with £3 10s. as valuation for fencing.				
NIAGARA VILLAGE.				
41	..	5 1 9	0 7.2	0 1 7
Situated about three miles from Waikawa Township; light bush land, soil fair. Limit of holding, one allotment.				

D. BARRON,
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 1s. 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 above 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 to be 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.

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 1s. 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.
1 5 3	X. XIII. XIV.	A. R. P. 4,220 0 0	s. d. 0 4 2	£ s. d. 37 0 6

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.
Weber	..	III.	A. R. P. 74 0 0	£ s. d. 3 0 0
"	..	VII.	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 1s. 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 389,688 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.

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.

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.
4	X.	A. R. P. 0 1 5	£ s. d. 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.
3, 4, 5, 6	IX.	A. R. P. 19 3 30	£ s. d. 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.

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 1s.

No. of Run.	Area.	Locality.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
	Acres.		£ s.	
23	23,000	Landsborough River	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.

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.

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 on 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.

Banking Returns.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. ..	..	582,311	10	9
Bills in circulation .. ..	..	18,130	6	7
Balances due to other Banks ..	..	15,093	9	10
Government deposits .. ..	..	745,172	4	5
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	2,492,572	5	7
Bearing interest .. ..	..	3,238,467	12	10
Total average liabilities ..	..	£7,091,747	10	0

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. ..	..	931,745	1	11
Gold and silver in bullion or bars ..	..	63,067	11	1
Notes and bills of other Banks ..	..	34,333	19	7
Balances due from other Banks ..	..	5,563	3	5
Landed property .. ..	..	147,603	18	11
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted ..	..	866,155	17	3
2. Colonial Government securities ..	..	678,251	11	4
3. Other funded securities .. ..	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) ..	..	3,117,768	12	9
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. ..	..	2,190,191	15	10
Total average assets .. ..	..	£8,034,681	12	1

4-per-cent. guaranteed stock, £2,000,000.
Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of New Zealand, £500,000.
Capital payable by shareholders, £500,000.
Reserve fund, £23,474 7s. 4d.

Dated at Wellington, this 18th day of April, 1898.

C. G. TEGETMEIER,
General Manager.

RICHD. W. GIBBS,
Accountant.

STATEMENT of the amount of the average Liabilities and Assets of the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, at the Branches in the Colony of New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	120,470	8	9
Bills in circulation	.. ..	13,083	19	7
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	1,048,431	18	2
Bearing interest	.. ..	1,257,446	15	5
Total average liabilities		£2,439,432	16	11

ASSETS.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	614,172	13	5
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	534	8	5
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	5,827	9	5
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Landed property	.. ..	72,034	17	9
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	186,963	15	5
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,014,502	7	9
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	66,154	17	11
Total average assets		£1,960,190	10	1

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1898, £1,500,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared, £37,500.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £812,003 1s. 10d.

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

G. E. TOLHURST, Resident Inspector.
GEO. H. MEE, Chief Clerk.

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Colony of New Zealand, taken from the several weekly statements during the Quarter from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1898.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	82,566	6	2
Bills in circulation	.. ..	10,954	0	3
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	594,513	2	7
Bearing interest	.. ..	596,810	3	7
Total average liabilities		£1,284,843	12	7

ASSETS.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	345,043	3	11
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	682	0	0
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	2,993	11	5
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Landed property	.. ..	62,965	19	1
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	239,525	15	3
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,199,485	3	6
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	2,220	6	0
Total average assets		£1,852,915	19	2

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £1,600,000.
Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared, £40,000.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £817,997.

Dated at Wellington, this 7th day of April, 1898.

G. WINTER, Inspector.
J. W. PICKERSGILL, pro Accountant.

STATEMENT of the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New South Wales, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	120,854	15	5
Bills in circulation	.. ..	6,491	18	2
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	3,681	5	3
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	894,084	4	5
Bearing interest	.. ..	1,465,854	12	3
Total average liabilities		£2,490,966	15	6

ASSETS.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	533,319	5	9
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	23,345	12	10
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	4,450	7	9
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	15,103	6	2
Landed property	.. ..	94,737	4	1
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	186,571	12	11
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	50,200	0	0
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	59,988	7	11
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,823,010	0	1
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	88,023	16	2
Total average assets		£2,878,749	13	8

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1898, £1,950,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 9 per cent. per annum.

Amount of last dividend declared, £87,750.

Amount of the reserved profits after declaring such dividend, £1,200,000.

Dated at Wellington, this 20th day of April, 1898.

J. A. BRYANT, pro Inspector.
G. W. HARDEN, Inspector's Accountant.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the National Bank of New Zealand, Limited, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	161,420	18	6
Bills in circulation	.. ..	3,612	12	0
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	23,752	3	9
Government deposits	.. ..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	756,701	1	9
Bearing interest	.. ..	1,220,747	3	8
Total average liabilities		£2,166,233	19	8

ASSETS.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	.. ..	310,223	15	10
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	20,405	12	11
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	3,840	18	9
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	3,592	10	6
Landed property	.. ..	90,141	11	2
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	244,321	10	3
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	1,529,902	15	9
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	12,340	19	3
Total average assets		£2,214,769	14	5

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1898, £250,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 5 per cent. per annum.

Amount of last dividend declared for half-year, £6,250.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £33,657.

Dated at Wellington, this 7th day of April, 1898.

J. H. B. COATES,
General Manager.

STATEMENT of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the under-mentioned BANKS in the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND for the QUARTER ended 31st March, 1898.

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THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

BANKS.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Government.	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand	582,311 10 9	18,130 6 7	15,093 9 10	745,172 4 5	2,492,572 5 7	3,238,467 12 10	7,091,747 10 0
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	120,470 3 9	13,083 19 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,048,431 18 2	1,257,446 15 5	2,439,432 16 11
Bank of New South Wales	120,854 15 5	6,491 18 2	3,681 5 3	.. .. .	894,084 4 5	1,465,854 12 3	2,490,966 15 6
Bank of Australasia	82,566 6 2	10,954 0 3	.. .. .	.. .. .	594,513 2 7	596,810 3 7	1,284,843 12 7
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	161,420 18 6	3,612 12 0	23,752 3 9	.. .. .	756,701 1 9	1,220,747 3 8	2,166,233 19 8
Totals	1,067,623 14 7	52,272 16 7	42,526 18 10	745,172 4 5	5,786,302 12 6	7,779,326 7 9	15,473,224 14 8

ASSETS.

BANKS.	Coined Gold and Silver and other Coined Metal.	Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted.	Colonial Government Securities.	Other Funded Securities.	Debts due to Bank, exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad.	Securities not included under other Heads.	Total Assets.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand	931,745 1 11	63,067 11 1	34,333 19 7	5,563 3 5	147,603 18 11	866,155 17 3	673,251 11 4	.. .. .	3,117,768 12 9	2,190,191 15 10	8,034,681 12 1
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	614,172 13 5	534 8 5	5,827 9 5	.. .. .	72,034 17 9	186,963 15 5	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,014,502 7 9	66,154 17 11	1,960,190 10 1
Bank of New South Wales	533,319 5 9	23,345 12 10	4,450 7 9	15,103 6 2	94,737 4 1	186,571 12 11	50,200 0 0	59,988 7 11	1,823,010 0 1	88,023 16 2	2,878,749 13 8
Bank of Australasia	345,043 3 11	682 0 0	2,993 11 5	.. .. .	62,965 19 1	239,525 15 3	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,199,485 3 6	2,220 6 0	1,852,915 19 2
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	310,223 15 10	20,405 12 11	3,840 18 9	3,592 10 6	90,141 11 2	244,321 10 3	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,529,902 15 9	12,340 19 3	2,214,769 14 5
Totals	2,734,504 0 10	108,035 5 3	51,446 6 11	24,259 0 1	467,483 11 0	1,723,538 11 1	1,728,451 11 1	459,988 7 11	8,684,668 19 10	2,358,931 15 2	21,694,130 9 5

CAPITAL AND PROFITS.

BANKS.	Capital paid up.	Rate per Annum of Last Dividend.	Amount of Last Dividend declared.	Amount of Reserved Profits at Time of declaring such Dividend.
Bank of New Zealand—	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4-per-cent. stock guaranteed by the Government of N.Z. ..	2,000,000	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of N.Z.	500,000	Nil .. .. .	.. .. .	23,474 7 4
Capital payable by shareholders	500,000	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,500,000	Five per cent.	37,500 0 0	812,003 1 10
Bank of New South Wales	1,950,000	Nine per cent.	87,750 0 0	1,200,000 0 0
Bank of Australasia	1,600,000	Five per cent.	40,000 0 0	817,997 0 0
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited	250,000	Five per cent.	6,250 0 0	33,657 0 0

The Treasury, Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Secretary to the Treasury.

Population of the Colony.

RETURN of the Estimated Population (exclusive and inclusive of Maoris) of the Colony of New Zealand on the 31st March, 1898.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris) on 31st December, 1897							384,708	344,353	729,056
Increase during March quarter, 1898—									
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
By Births	..	..	..	2,434	2,286	4,720			
" Arrivals	..	..	..	3,586	1,853	5,469			
							6,020	4,169	10,189
Decrease during March quarter, 1898—									
By Deaths	..	..	..	1,135	755	1,890			
" Departures	..	..	..	3,609	2,033	5,642			
							4,744	2,788	7,532
Net increase during March quarter, 1898							1,276	1,381	2,657
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris) on 31st March, 1898							385,979	345,734	731,713
Maori population, census, 1896*							21,673	18,181	39,854
Total estimated population of the colony on 31st March, 1898							407,652	363,915	771,567

* Later information cannot be given, as the births and deaths of Maoris are not recorded.

REMARKS.—The above figures show that for the March quarter there was a natural increase to the population of the colony amounting to 2,830 persons, being the excess of births over deaths. This natural increase is not so great as that for the March quarter of 1897, when the colony added 2,959 persons to its numbers by births over deaths.

In regard to arrivals and departures, it will be seen that New Zealand lost, during the three months, 173 persons, being the excess of departures over arrivals. In the March quarter of 1897 the movement was more satisfactory, as the colony gained 528 persons by excess of arrivals.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 27th April, 1898.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

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

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

[Auckland, 98-28.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1318	Paora Ngarua, Wi Porangi, Poutukua Ngarua, and others (477-1, 3/82)	Manuaitu No. 1.
1319	Tahuri Kaora, for Hone Kaora, Te Aomangi Kaora, and Hone te One (363-6, 3/85)	Mokaikainga (Kawhia W.)
1320	Ratima Pekamu (315-37, 3/87)	Umukaimata No. 2 (Kaiatenganga).
1321	John Grice and Richard Grice (328-2, 3/6)	Puahue No. 2, Section 7.
1322	John Grice and Richard Grice (328-3, 3/7)	Puahue No. 2, Section 5.
1323	John Grice and Richard Grice (328-4, 3/8)	Puahue No. 2, Section 6.
1324	Edwin Barnes Walker (328-10, 3/23)	Puahue No. 1A.
1325	Edwin Barnes Walker (328-11, 3/24)	Puahue No. 2, Section 7.
1326	Edwin Barnes Walker (328-12, 3/25)	Puahue No. 2, Section 5.
1327	The Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited), (by their solicitors, Hesketh and Richmond), (328-20, 3/94)	Puahue No. 1A.
1328	The Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited), (by their solicitors, Hesketh and Richmond), (328-21, 3/95)	Puahue No. 1D.
1329	Edwin Barnes Walker (290-3, 3/26)	Pukekura No. 18.
1330	The Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited), (by their solicitors, Hesketh and Richmond), (290-18, 3/96)	Pukekura No. 18.

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1419	Tahuri Kaora for Hone Kaora, Te Aomangi Kaora, and the share of Hone Te One (363-7, 3/86)	Mokaikainga (Kawhia W.).

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

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1423	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands (197-17, 3/88)	Puketarata No. 2B.
1424	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands (463-1, 3/89)	Kinohaku West R.
1425	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands (92-12, 3/104)	Aorangi.
1426	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands (31T-74, 2/138)	Pouakani C, No. 2 (Whatapo).

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

No.	Names of Applicants.	Names of Lands to be exchanged.
1427	{ Te Weta Tnaea (132-11, 3/110)	Kekepuku No. 2 (Pitoritori).
	{ Waimarama Paratene, alias Hemoata Meri (135-15, 3/110)	Kekepuku No. 5 (Paharakeke).
1428	{ Rautaramoa Maapi (132-12, 3/111)	Kekepuku No. 2 (Pitoritori).
	{ Waimarama Paratene, alias Hemoata Meri (136-12, 3/111)	Kekepuku No. 6 (Tangitekorehe).
	{ Ngareta te Rira, Te Kapa te Aira, Emani te Hau, Te Hau, Kotuku te Rira, Kuia Puru, Te Ripo te Huia, Ngara te Rira, Taura te Rira, Waata te Rira, Topuni, Taruke, and Tamihana Korota (77-4, 3/112)	Mangapapa B No. 2, Section 3.
1429	{ George Stockman (537-1, 3/112)	Waihi No. 4 (Taranaki District).
1430	{ Hone Omipi (191-27, 3/113)	Orahiri No. 2d.
	{ Taare Omipi (145-17, 3/113)	Kopua No. 1B ² .

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 39 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Nature of Application.
1431	Rangiaho Waitai (380-11, 1/117)	Kawhia C No. 4, Kawhia F, Kawhia P, and Kawhia T	Application to amend the order, by increasing the interest of Tete Tawhiao.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1432	Conveyance (C.A. 98-30) ..	30th March, 1898 ..	Pukekura Section 11	Aitu te Moa and Te Waaka Tamaira to John Munro Fraser.

The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 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 Gisborne on the 16th day of May, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 98-17.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
631	Transfer	18th June, 1895 ..	Aorangimaunga No. 1	Hori Matakū, Pani Hōea Poata, Mihi Tipare, Pekama Pouaka, Renata Kawhena, and Hamiora Kaipiro (trustees for Riwai te Iwinui) to J. N. Williams.
632	Lease	23rd January, 1897 ..	Matahiia	Iraia Moeke, Hirini Patiana, Nepia Mahuika, Te Rauhuia, Wharepapa te Ao, Karauria Kauri, Tuta Tamati, and Iritana Kakano (trustees for Arihia Tamati, Timi Tamati, Henerieta Tamati, Te Oti Tamati, Te Ruia Tamati, and Horiama Tamati), Tihema Pakura (trustee for Koroniria Pakura), and Mae Apatahi (trustee for Ruka Apatahi) to William Busby.
633	Lease	23rd January, 1897 ..	Pahitaua	Tuta Tamati or Pehu, Hori Kahu, Tuta Pehu, Hanara Tirarua, Tuta Tamati (trustee for Hotene Huhu), and Wiremu Pokiha (trustee for Te Haku) to J. N. Williams.
634	Transfer	6th September, 1895 ..	Taitai No. 1B	Hone Pohutu, Nepia Mahuika, Wiremu te Au, Hati Pakaroa, Aramata Kaki, Hiria Rangiwaha, Ripaka Pawa or Tawa, Erete, Tangopahika, Hirini Pahau, Hariata te Iri, Keita Okawhe, Rose Horomia (trustee for Mere Horomia, Hekiera Horomia, Peta Horomia, and Te Rito Horomia), Henare Peti (trustee for Ani te Opapaki, Watene Waititi, Moeke Waititi, Henare Waititi, and Hemi Waititi), Riria Poita, and Raihana Hana, to J. N. Williams.
635	Transfer	10th December, 1895	Taitai No. 1c	Iritana Tauwiwi, Wiremu Taikēhu, Hiria Rangiwaha (trustee for Ani Tuta), Henare Peti (trustee for Watene Waititi, Moeke Waititi, Himi Waititi, Ani te Opapaki, and Henare Waititi) to J. N. Williams.
636	Transfer	10th June, 1895 ..	Taitai No. 1E	Panikera Kaa, Miriama Haki, Tuhaka Mokena, Hirawanu Mokena, Te Waara Mokena, Reweti Mokena, Tuhaka Mokena (trustee for Kerenapu Mokena, Poihipi Mokena, Henare Mokena, and Tawhai Mokena) to J. N. Williams.
637	Mortgage	1st March, 1898 ..	Ruangarehu A and B	Riria Mauaranui and Arapera Pere to True Gertrude Hughes.

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

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 22nd 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.
 [Gisborne, 98-18.] JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
638	Conveyance in trust ..	20th April, 1898 ..	Mangatu No. 1 (portion)	Mangatu No. 1 Corporation to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Hawke's Bay District.
			Makauri, Section 31 ..	Wiremu Pere,
			Makauri, Subdivision B, Lot 1, Section 35	Arapera Pere,
			Makauri, Subdivision C, Lot 1, Section 35	Riria Mauaranui,
			Pukepapa F No. 2 ;	Wiremu Pere,
			Ngakoroa, Subdivision A, Block C1 ; Karaka, Section 14 ; Karaka, Sections 18, 19, 20, and 21 ; Ruangarehu, Subdivision 2, Block E	
639	Conveyance in trust ..	20th April, 1898	Repongaere, Subdivision B, Block IV.	Wiremu Pere and Riria Mauaranui, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Hawke's Bay District.
			Tangihanga No. 1A ; Tutoko, Lot 88, Block I., Waimata S.D. ; Makauri, Section 7 ; Makauri, Section 7A ; Ngakoroa A, Subdivision 2 ; Whataupoko A, Subdivision 1, Lot 130 ; Kaiti 302 ; Kaiti 104	Wiremu Pere,
640	Transfer in trust ..	20th April, 1898	Kaiti 301 ..	Riria Mauaranui,
			Makauri, Subdivision A, Lot 1, Section 35 ; Ngakoroa, Subdivision A, Block C1	Arapera Pere,
			Pukepapa A ..	Wi Pere and Arapera Pere,
			Ruangarehu A ; Ruangarehu B	Arapera and Riria Mauaranui,
			Te Koutu No. 4 ..	Arapera Pere and Hetekia te Kani Pere, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Hawke's Bay District.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 26th 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 Wellington on the 5th day of May, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.
 [Wellington, 98-27.] R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
504	Mortgage (98-54) ..	14th June, 1897 ..	Matakitaki No. 1 ..	Heta Hemi to Charles Pharazyn.
505	Memorandum of mortgage (98-55)	14th June, 1897 ..	Te Kopi ..	Archibald Richard MacFarlane and Aporo Hare Kumeroa to Charles Pharazyn.
506	Mortgage (98-56) ..	14th June, 1897 ..	Kawakawa No. 1 and Matakitaki No. 1	Archibald Richard MacFarlane and Aporo Hare Kumeroa to Charles Pharazyn.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 25th 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, 98-9.] R. C. SIM, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Mortgage (98-93) ..	7th April, 1898 ..	Manawatu-Kukutaauaki No. 3, Section 1A, No. 39	Whata Hakaraia to Percy Edward Baldwin.
2	Transfer (98-95) ..	4th March, 1898 ..	Manawatu-Kukutaauaki No. 3, Section 1B, Section 2D	Para Maihi to Percy Edward Baldwin.
3	Transfer (98-97) ..	18th April, 1898 ..	Koparakore A, No. 3 ..	Petera Wheraro to Mabel Ellison.

RETURN of REVENUE collected at the GENERAL POST OFFICE and in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

	POSTAL REVENUE.							TELEGRAPH REVENUE.				Total Post and Telegraph Revenue.
	Private Box and Bag Rents.	Money-order Commission.	Stamps sold, and credited to Stamp Revenue.	Postal Guides.	Postal-note Commission.	Miscellaneous Receipts (Postal).	Total Postal.	Telegrams.	Telephone Exchanges.	Miscellaneous Telegraph.	Total Telegraph.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Post Office ..	..	48 6 6	..	..	..	13,332 10 0	13,380 16 6	588 9 8	1,883 10 11	23 8 1	2,495 8 8	15,876 5 2
Auckland	357 10 0	765 17 11	7,004 7 5	13 18 0	119 19 7½	0 1 0½	8,261 14 0	4,657 17 10½	217 0 5	161 14 3	5,036 12 6½	13,298 6 6½
Blenheim	69 10 0	47 3 9	735 1 4	3 8 6	10 3 4½	..	865 6 11½	406 10 3½	33 15 0	0 10 0	440 15 3½	1,306 2 3
Christchurch	427 0 0	352 6 9	5,969 1 10½	7 11 0	71 15 9	0 6 6	6,828 1 10½	3,152 15 4	325 18 6	104 5 3	3,582 19 1	10,411 0 11½
Dunedin	334 0 0	335 2 0	5,040 7 3	8 3 6	82 1 0½	0 3 0	5,799 16 9½	3,486 11 0½	97 0 1	161 0 0	3,744 11 1½	9,544 7 11
Gisborne	77 0 0	42 16 9	865 13 8½	0 7 6	5 18 3	..	991 16 2½	591 2 5½	7 9 1	6 0 7	604 12 1½	1,596 8 4
Greymouth	78 0 0	83 14 3	1,096 9 2	1 14 0	11 13 0	..	1,271 10 5	657 7 6	26 2 7	6 16 11	690 7 0	1,961 17 5
Hokitika	43 0 0	31 11 6	448 15 5½	0 19 0	6 11 2	0 0 6	530 17 7½	337 13 1½	..	6 10 0	344 3 1½	875 0 9
Invercargill	290 10 0	136 6 6	3,336 6 8	0 12 6	42 17 5½	..	3,806 13 1½	1,408 10 5	30 0 7	63 13 4	1,502 4 4	5,308 17 5½
Napier	333 10 0	196 3 9	2,763 4 3	1 14 6	42 17 2½	..	3,337 9 8½	1,652 18 7½	114 2 7	22 10 0	1,789 11 2½	5,127 0 11
Nelson	57 10 0	68 2 6	1,390 17 5½	2 1 6	13 17 5	..	1,532 8 10½	485 1 5	1 0 0	3 10 0	489 11 5	2,022 0 3½
New Plymouth	83 10 0	113 15 9	1,160 4 2½	2 8 0	24 10 2	..	1,384 8 1½	762 16 2	7 3 3	5 10 4	775 9 9	2,159 17 10½
Oamaru	90 10 0	42 3 3	1,362 10 3	3 1 0	13 12 10½	..	1,511 17 4½	421 2 8	10 17 6	..	432 0 2	1,943 17 6½
Thames.. ..	58 0 0	199 14 6	2,371 18 10	1 16 0	31 3 7	..	2,662 12 11	1,040 15 4	3 9 6	1 0 0	1,045 4 10	3,707 17 9
Timaru	151 0 0	80 6 6	2,807 19 0	1 8 0	22 6 8	..	3,063 0 2	609 7 1	3 5 0	5 0 0	617 12 1	3,680 12 3
Wanganui	204 0 0	176 16 6	4,806 1 4½	1 17 0	49 0 2	0 0 8	5,237 15 8½	1,441 10 0½	17 4 2	18 12 2	1,477 6 4½	6,715 2 1
Wellington	551 0 0	666 3 3	8,467 6 7	4 19 6	108 18 4½	55 11 0	9,853 18 8½	4,268 19 2½	231 9 1	498 14 5	4,999 2 8½	14,853 1 5
Westport	39 0 0	81 2 6	671 3 3½	0 5 6	11 16 3½	..	803 7 7	463 4 6	..	28 0 0	491 4 6	1,294 12 1
Total first quarter in 1898	3,244 10 0	3,467 14 5	50,297 8 1½	56 5 0	669 2 5	13,388 12 8½	71,123 12 8	26,432 12 9	3,009 8 3	1,116 15 4	30,558 16 4	101,682 9 0
Total first quarter in 1897	3,148 10 0	3,218 9 9	49,339 6 9	62 14 0	638 8 1	15,282 7 1	71,689 15 8	24,705 8 4	2,602 16 4	986 12 10	28,294 17 6	99,984 13 2

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th April, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Ordinary Telegrams.		Urgent Ordinary Telegrams.		Press Telegrams.*		Bureau Communications.		Total.		Government Telegrams.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Value.
Auckland	171	101,045	£ 3,702 6 4½	5,906	£ 508 5 5	6,144	£ 314 18 7	6,385	£ 132 7 6	119,480	£ 4,657 17 10½	9,134	£ 755 7 11
Blenheim	19	8,690	303 0 3½	652	48 1 0	148	39 14 1	670	15 14 11	10,160	406 10 3½	1,104	75 11 0
Christchurch	86	63,775	2,370 17 7	3,452	296 8 11	2,639	422 10 4	2,478	62 18 6	72,344	3,152 15 4	5,159	419 6 6
Dunedin	125	75,649	2,859 7 9½	3,368	237 5 4	4,930	205 4 11	5,884	134 13 0	89,831	3,486 11 0½	4,613	424 16 0
Gisborne	15	10,364	417 13 9½	747	76 16 4	437	55 0 10	1,211	41 11 6	12,759	591 2 5½	1,069	83 11 4
Greymouth	12	13,950	488 0 8	743	67 1 1	571	102 3 3	5	0 2 6	15,269	657 7 6	1,513	137 3 4
Hokitika	20	7,103	258 10 11½	200	15 0 8	149	64 1 6	..	..	7,452	337 13 1½	749	80 11 8
Invercargill	62	28,618	1,016 4 4	681	59 19 1	1,047	88 17 0	9,530	243 10 0	39,876	1,408 10 5	2,352	200 12 5
Napier	44	33,371	1,231 19 1½	2,623	225 4 11	2,294	160 1 9	1,303	35 12 10	39,591	1,652 18 7½	2,575	187 10 3
Nelson	32	15,004	391 13 1	628	33 15 10	21,429	59 9 3	8	0 3 3	37,069	485 1 5	2,046	126 5 9
New Plymouth	19	15,678	553 5 5	1,667	124 15 9	829	75 5 6	328	9 9 6	18,502	762 16 2	1,728	151 16 5
Oamaru	21	8,174	280 3 1	395	26 11 10	854	89 15 6	765	24 12 3	10,188	421 2 8	544	41 4 8
Thames	23	25,357	821 9 10½	1,316	105 13 8	392	101 8 9½	370	12 3 0	27,435	1,040 15 4	2,396	159 14 9
Timaru	20	13,426	474 2 4	492	48 13 8	456	86 11 1	..	..	14,374	609 7 1	1,046	69 1 7
Wanganui	33	33,279	1,134 0 0½	2,704	176 5 11	1,617	124 9 4	260	6 14 9	37,860	1,441 10 0½	1,777	130 11 2
Wellington	102	100,466	3,230 12 11½	8,106	677 6 9	15,492	250 12 3	3,559	110 7 3	127,623	4,268 19 2½	22,717	3,616 12 8
Westport	20	10,077	361 17 3	479	55 11 5	160	45 15 10	..	..	10,716	463 4 6	1,556	115 12 5
Total first quarter in 1898	824	564,026	19,895 4 11½	34,159	2,832 17 7	59,588	2,285 19 9½	32,756	830 0 9	690,529	25,844 3 1	62,078	6,775 9 10
Total first quarter in 1897	780	518,241	19,364 18 2	29,002	2,571 5 4	52,818	2,091 5 6	28,690	677 19 4	628,751	24,705 8 4	59,682	5,445 9 2

*The bulk of Press telegrams are forwarded as "Collect" on delivery.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th April, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of POSTAL-NOTE TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	No. of Postal-note Offices open at the End of the Quarter.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD.												Total Amount of Postal Notes sold.	Commission on Postal Notes sold.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES PAID.												Total Amount of Postal Notes paid.						
		At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/6	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At 17/6	At £1.	At £5.	Total.			At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/6	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At 17/6	At £1.	At £5.	Total.							
Auckland ..	95	3,899	3,373	1,939	2,885	1,231	2,371	660	846	300	1,252	24	18,780	£ 5,860	s. 3	d. 1½	£ 119	s. 19	d. 7½	4,526	4,191	2,482	3,360	1,450	2,974	843	1,020	395	1,489	34	22,764	£ 7,018	s. 2	d. 6
Blenheim ..	8	327	216	137	254	80	230	58	56	29	120	2	1,509	£ 501	s. 19	d. 4½	£ 10	s. 3	d. 4½	122	110	71	107	37	118	37	46	14	90	1	753	£ 287	s. 14	d. 6
Christchurch ..	56	2,039	1,775	870	1,544	668	1,525	425	530	194	888	19	10,477	£ 3,630	s. 9	d. 9	£ 71	s. 15	d. 9	3,029	2,489	1,326	1,995	985	1,978	640	755	304	1,142	24	14,667	£ 4,855	s. 5	d. 0
Dunedin ..	52	2,547	2,222	1,082	1,634	766	1,618	469	570	279	1,081	32	12,300	£ 4,221	s. 16	d. 0½	£ 82	s. 1	d. 0½	3,351	2,945	1,432	2,351	1,060	2,105	658	672	351	1,362	35	16,322	£ 5,364	s. 11	d. 0
Gisborne ..	4	190	189	99	131	47	117	30	41	17	69	3	933	£ 299	s. 4	d. 3	£ 5	s. 18	d. 3	83	59	35	62	22	34	17	19	2	43	2	378	£ 133	s. 6	d. 6
Greymouth ..	10	351	233	138	236	109	295	57	79	32	133	1	1,664	£ 572	s. 3	d. 6	£ 11	s. 13	d. 0	221	174	84	151	58	174	44	53	23	80	6	1,068	£ 378	s. 9	d. 6
Hokitika ..	8	198	125	77	137	64	152	31	46	14	87	2	933	£ 332	s. 16	d. 8	£ 6	s. 11	d. 2	70	60	42	77	26	82	19	21	11	57	..	465	£ 177	s. 10	d. 0
Invercargill ..	32	1,279	991	559	915	454	893	286	322	107	485	6	6,297	£ 2,125	s. 7	d. 11½	£ 42	s. 17	d. 5½	797	625	332	543	308	630	182	246	75	351	13	4,102	£ 1,474	s. 7	d. 0
Napier ..	28	1,362	1,342	578	993	450	884	246	357	143	341	9	6,705	£ 2,075	s. 9	d. 8½	£ 42	s. 17	d. 2½	944	832	383	708	301	613	168	227	94	253	6	4,529	£ 1,394	s. 7	d. 0
Nelson ..	15	498	443	207	333	143	256	90	86	42	142	3	2,243	£ 677	s. 4	d. 11	£ 13	s. 17	d. 5	415	336	187	278	109	294	88	87	47	166	6	2,013	£ 684	s. 1	d. 6
New Plymouth ..	11	864	672	355	506	257	442	167	194	99	260	..	3,816	£ 1,202	s. 17	d. 2	£ 24	s. 10	d. 2	546	385	199	302	161	317	97	139	76	176	1	2,399	£ 787	s. 16	d. 0
Oamaru ..	9	409	299	188	291	140	274	75	98	45	176	2	1,997	£ 688	s. 0	d. 4½	£ 13	s. 12	d. 10½	246	196	93	188	72	230	61	74	30	136	3	1,329	£ 498	s. 10	d. 0
Thames ..	17	896	784	467	708	349	684	174	230	98	274	6	4,670	£ 1,514	s. 0	d. 7	£ 31	s. 3	d. 7	392	303	139	292	133	301	66	108	38	198	2	1,917	£ 638	s. 9	d. 0
Timaru ..	12	625	553	241	478	195	467	153	169	88	252	6	3,227	£ 1,132	s. 13	d. 8	£ 22	s. 6	d. 8	339	307	155	272	90	280	63	87	40	219	2	1,854	£ 669	s. 14	d. 6
Wanganui ..	25	1,540	1,355	826	1,045	509	1,007	275	325	161	523	5	7,571	£ 2,391	s. 0	d. 2	£ 49	s. 0	d. 2	874	761	406	624	301	599	164	187	87	350	10	4,363	£ 1,438	s. 15	d. 6
Wellington ..	55	3,061	2,721	1,453	2,493	975	2,312	563	789	293	1,358	27	16,045	£ 5,485	s. 10	d. 10½	£ 108	s. 18	d. 4½	4,096	3,467	1,899	3,386	1,279	3,014	665	1,013	371	1,574	22	20,786	£ 6,719	s. 6	d. 6
Westport ..	15	290	330	172	243	120	251	84	82	46	108	6	1,732	£ 596	s. 1	d. 3½	£ 11	s. 16	d. 3½	107	101	46	73	39	84	23	28	17	57	3	578	£ 215	s. 16	d. 0
Total 1st quarter in 1898	452	20,375	17,623	9,388	14,826	6,557	13,778	3,843	4,820	1,987	7,549	153	100,899	£ 33,306	s. 19	d. 5	£ 669	s. 2	d. 5	20,158	17,341	9,311	14,769	6,436	13,827	3,835	4,782	1,975	7,683	170	100,287	£ 32,736	s. 2	d. 0
Total 1st quarter in 1897	440	18,553	15,919	9,070	13,924	6,250	12,867	3,774	4,410	1,858	7,840	213	94,678	£ 32,348	s. 19	d. 7	£ 638	s. 8	d. 1	18,513	15,564	8,930	13,863	6,211	12,853	3,730	4,364	1,819	7,818	213	93,878	£ 31,509	s. 9	d. 0

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th April, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of MONEY-ORDER and SAVINGS-BANK TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1898.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Money-order Offices open at End of Quarter.	MONEY-ORDERS.						Savings-Bank Offices open at End of Quarter.	SAVINGS-BANKS.							
		Issued.		Paid.		Accounts.			Number of Deposits.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Deposits.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits.		
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Opened.	Closed.									
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Auckland	87	14,029	48,343 19 2	13,306	49,121 2 8	87	1,380	1,082	9,692	7,100	122,302 8 1	132,931 11 10	..	10,629 3 9		
Blenheim	8	1,200	3,648 10 11	587	2,044 13 3	8	175	137	1,063	649	12,765 15 0	13,506 3 6	..	740 8 6		
Christchurch	49	7,857	27,627 13 4	7,508	30,489 18 2	49	1,648	1,136	13,913	9,218	173,844 11 3	161,440 11 4	12,403 19 11	..		
Dunedin	46	8,498	26,559 17 4	8,735	35,493 9 5	43	1,321	875	10,444	6,648	117,631 16 0	114,086 19 2	3,544 16 10	..		
Gisborne	3	763	2,384 15 5	274	1,105 17 6	3	195	133	1,226	676	14,034 9 5	10,074 1 0	3,960 8 5	..		
Greymouth	10	1,762	5,305 3 8	945	3,295 4 5	10	190	125	1,007	765	14,464 3 2	13,240 3 0	1,224 0 2	..		
Hokitika	6	698	1,978 0 11	463	1,992 11 9	6	52	51	420	336	5,408 5 6	7,217 7 4	..	1,809 1 10		
Invercargill	27	3,451	10,624 2 8	2,003	7,123 6 9	27	403	307	2,432	1,491	26,707 17 4	29,240 4 6	..	2,532 7 2		
Napier	23	4,212	12,825 11 6	2,504	8,949 1 7	21	469	342	3,417	1,903	38,477 1 11	34,567 4 4	3,909 17 7	..		
Nelson	13	1,586	4,994 4 11	1,531	6,160 14 3	13	209	163	1,469	1,034	19,929 14 0	22,995 18 9	..	3,066 4 9		
New Plymouth	7	2,582	8,921 9 6	1,603	7,022 1 7	7	300	177	1,762	1,012	22,585 2 8	17,974 0 2	4,611 2 6	..		
Oamaru	9	1,246	6,618 10 0	754	2,961 17 8	9	166	136	1,074	735	13,397 6 1	13,308 11 3	88 14 10	..		
Thames	15	4,579	14,799 4 3	1,583	6,576 1 1	15	476	333	2,675	2,099	27,552 2 9	30,395 13 0	..	2,843 10 3		
Timaru	12	2,143	8,684 9 1	831	3,192 19 2	12	273	211	1,739	1,135	22,869 1 11	27,036 4 6	..	4,167 2 7		
Wanganui	24	4,179	15,823 14 7	2,334	7,871 16 8	23	584	433	3,239	1,933	40,390 5 8	39,023 3 11	1,367 1 9	..		
Wellington	49	12,537	39,713 8 7	10,976	42,196 14 11	46	2,148	1,375	15,315	9,792	158,945 16 10	150,638 13 4	8,307 3 6	..		
Westport	12	1,794	5,657 8 11	397	1,532 8 8	12	127	79	803	534	10,136 8 3	10,146 17 1	..	10 8 10		
Total 1st quarter in 1898	400	73,116	244,510 4 9	56,334	217,179 19 6	391	10,116	7,145	71,745	47,160	841,442 5 10	827,823 8 0	13,618 17 10	..		
Total 1st quarter in 1897	383	68,577	232,210 11 6	53,674	208,669 5 3	375	9,764	6,476	68,009	43,024	822,397 1 0	738,871 14 3	83,525 6 9	..		

General Post Office,
Wellington, 25th April, 1898.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

Vital Statistics, March, 1898.

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

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANU-ARY, 1898.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1898.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 1898.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 to Mean Population in the Year 1897.
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Auckland	57,616	32,274	73	14	1	23	9	1	8	56	1.74	12.99		
Birkenhead		720	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.64
Devonport		3,205	12	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	0.94	8.63
Newmarket		2,041	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.49	12.53
Newton		2,580	5	3	..	3	..	..	..	6	2.33	6.18
Parnell		4,233	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.71	12.65
Other suburbs		*	
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	45,053	107	20	1	29	9	1	9	69	1.53	12.14		
Wellington	41,758	40,220	113	11	3	14	8	2	8	46	1.14	12.03		
Karori		1,038	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.96	6.76
Melrose		2,220	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.34
Onslow		1,313	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.76	4.63
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	44,791	123	11	3	15	8	2	9	48	1.07	11.25		
Christchurch	51,330	17,257	22	1	..	6	2	..	7	16	0.93	13.15		
Linwood		6,348	16	..	..	2	1	..	4	7	1.10	11.47
St. Albans		6,265	13	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.32	9.42
Sydenham		10,630	24	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	0.38	10.63
Woolston		2,228	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.90	9.30
Other suburbs		*	
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	42,728	77	1	..	11	5	..	14	31	0.73	11.54		
Dunedin	47,280	23,323	39	4	..	17	..	..	11	32	1.37	11.81
Caversham		4,829	13	1	..	8	..	1	1	11	2.28	15.59		
Maori Hill		1,548	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.65	6.56
Mornington		3,787	6	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	1.32	6.04
North-east Valley		3,515	8	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	1.14	10.17
Roslyn		4,219	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.24	8.10
St. Kilda		1,294	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.61
South Dunedin		4,762	10	..	..	2	2	..	1	5	1.05	9.46
West Harbour	1,395	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.05	
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	48,672	87	6	..	34	2	1	16	59	1.21	10.45		

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

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

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 394, against 320 in February, an increase of 74. The deaths in March were 207, an increase of 51 on the number in February. Of the total deaths, males contributed 131, females 76. Seventy of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 33.82 per cent. of the whole number; 62 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 42 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Eleven men, 67, 68 (two), 69, 72 (two), 74, 75, 78, 80, 81, and three women, 65, 78, 96, died at Auckland; four men, 67, 70, 73 (two), and three women, 76, 82, 83, at Wellington; five men, 66, 70, 74, 76, 87, and two women, 78, 84, at Christchurch; and nine men, 65 (two), 67 (two), 69, 73, 78, 79, 89, and five women, 65, 66, 70, 73, 76, at Dunedin.

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

CLASS.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	12	7	10	3	..	3	5	3	43	20.77
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	..	9	1	4	2	7	..	18	41	19.81
V.	Developmental Diseases	1	4	2	..	1	2	1	1	12	5.80
VI.	Local Diseases	14	13	3	15	2	13	3	22	85	41.06
VII.	Violence	..	5	1	1	..	..	..	5	12	5.80
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	4	..	7	1	1	..	..	1	14	6.76
	Totals	31	38	24	24	6	25	9	50	207	100.00

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic,—</i>									
Influenza	3	..	1	..	1	1	2	8
Diphtheria	1	..	..	1
Typhoid Fever	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	5
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrhoeal,—</i>									
Cholera Infantum	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Diarrhoea	9	1	8	1	..	..	4	..	23
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Venereal,—</i>									
Congenital Syphilis	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic,—</i>									
Puerperal Septicæmia	1	1
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Acute Rheumatism	1	1
Rheumatic Endocarditis	1	1
Cancer	3	..	4	..	3	..	8	18
Tabes Mesenterica	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	..	1
Phthisis	4	..	..	..	4	..	7	15
General Tuberculosis	1	1
Diabetes	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	5
Old Age	4	..	..	..	2	..	1	7
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>									
Meningitis	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Encephalitis	1	1
Apoplexy	1	..	2	3
Epilepsy	1	..	..	..	..	1
Convulsions	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5
Chronic Myelitis	1	..	..	1
Spinal Abscess	1	1
Cerebral Abscess	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Brain-disease	1	..	..	..	..	1
Chronic Degeneration of Nervous System	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cerebral Tumour	1	1
Cranial Abscess	1	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>									
Heart-disease	6	..	5	..	3	..	5	19
Angina Pectoris	1	..	..	..	1	2
Syncope	2	..	..	..	1	3
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>									
Asthma	1	..	..	..	..	1
Bronchitis	1	1	1	..	1	4
Pneumonia	1	..	..	1	3	1	2	8
Empyema	1	1
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System,—</i>									
Dentition	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Acute Indigestion	1	..	..	1
Gastritis	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Enteritis	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	8
Perforation of Appendix	1	1
Hernia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Peritonitis	1	..	1	..	..	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Jaundice	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System,—</i>									
Exophthalmic Goitre	1	1
Addison's Disease	1	1
ORDER 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Bright's Disease	1	..	..	..	..	1
Prostatic Catarrh	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enlarged Prostate	1	1
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
Uterine Disease	1	..	..	1
Post Partum (Hæmorrhage)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Childbirth	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		TOTAL.	
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.		
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.										
ORDER 1:—										
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>										
Fracture of Skull	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Compound Fracture	1	1
Fracture of Hip	1	1
Fall on Head	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Fall down Hold of Ship	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Beam falling	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Run over by Train	1	1
Scalds	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drowned	2	2
ORDER 3:—										
<i>Suicide,—</i>										
By Shooting	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Poison ("Rough on Rats")	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VIII. — ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.										
Marasmus, &c.	4	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	1	13
Multiple Sclerosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals	31	38	24	24	6	25	9	50	207	

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

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the death-rate at each of the four centres. The rates for March are:—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	1.74
" and five suburban boroughs	1.53
Wellington City	1.14
" and three suburban boroughs	1.07
Christchurch City	0.93
" and four suburban boroughs	0.73
Dunedin City	1.37
" and eight suburban boroughs	1.21

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

Compared with March, 1897, the results are,—

	March, 1897.	March, 1898.
Auckland and suburbs	1.10	1.53
Wellington and suburbs	1.10	1.07
Christchurch and suburbs	0.80	0.73
Dunedin and suburbs	0.87	1.21

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—There were 43 deaths from this class of disease in March, against 53 in February. Influenza was not so fatal last month, when there were only 8 deaths, as in February, when 22 deaths occurred in the four centres and their suburbs: three of these eight deaths were at Auckland, 1 at Wellington, 1 at Christchurch, and 3 at Dunedin. Diphtheria is found to have been fatal at Christchurch, where there was 1 death in March. Typhoid fever caused 3 deaths at Auckland, 1 at Wellington, and 1 at Christchurch. The total of 5 deaths is a slightly greater mortality than that which obtained in February, when 4 deaths were recorded. Diarrhoeal diseases show 26 deaths—12 at Auckland, 10 at Wellington, and 4 at Dunedin. Two children died of congenital syphilis; and there was 1 death from puerperal septicæmia.

Constitutional Diseases.—The mortality for March was heavy, being 41 deaths at the four towns, against 24 in February. Cancer contributed 18 deaths for March, phthisis 15, and diabetes 2.

Local Diseases.—Deaths under this head increased from 50 in February to 85 in March. Diseases of the nervous system caused 19 deaths; of the circulatory, 24; of the respiratory, 14; of the digestive, 20; of the lymphatic, 2 (1 exophthalmic goitre); of the urinary, 3 (1 Bright's); and of the reproductive, 3.

Violent Deaths.—There were 10 accidental deaths and 2 suicidal. A sharebroker was killed by fracture of skull, the result of a fall; a child by the fall of a beam; and a labourer from apoplexy, caused by falling on his head—all at Auckland. At Dunedin a master mariner died from fracture, and a woman from the same cause. Two boys were drowned in the harbour, and an adult male was run over by a train. At Wellington, a labourer was scalded to death, and another killed by falling down the hold of a ship.

At Auckland, there was a case of suicide by shooting, and another by taking "Rough on Rats."

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

Towns	SIX PRINCIPAL SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG-DISEASES.							
	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Typhoid and other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping-cough.		Diarrheal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	3	3	..	..	..	..	12	14	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..
Wellington and suburban boroughs	1	1	..	..	..	..	10	8	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	2	..	..	4	1	..	..
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	4	..	1	1	1	..	3	2	..	..
Totals	5	4	..	..	..	..	26	27	4	5	1	1	8	7	..	..

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

BOROUGHES.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1898.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHES.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHES REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1898.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 1898.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1897.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Thames	5,500	21	4	1	1	2	..	2	10	1.82	11.64		
New Plymouth	4,081	18	3	..	3	1	1	9	2.21	10.49			
Napier	9,388	26	1	..	8	2	1	14	1.49	12.07			
Wanganui	6,103	14	1	..	..	1	..	4	0.66	11.53	
Palmerston North	6,143	19	2	1	2	2	..	7	1.14	7.40			
Blenheim	3,148	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.32	12.21
Nelson	6,804	16	3	..	4	..	..	8	1.18	9.76	
Greymouth	3,319	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	0.30	14.87
Hokitika	2,252	6	1	..	1	1	1	4	1.77	18.33			
Lyttelton	4,053	8	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.25	11.21
Timaru	3,732	9	1	..	2	1	..	4	1.07	11.62			
Oamaru	5,309	10	..	..	2	..	..	2	0.38	8.68
Invercargill	5,689*	10	..	1	2	..	..	5	0.88	8.94	

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 20th April, 1898.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR MARCH, 1898.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month* Average same month previous years* ...	62.0 86.2	58.4 82.1	56.6 57.9	52.7 55.3
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	73.0 on 7th	75.0 on 8th	80.0 on 3rd	77.0 on 2nd
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	47.0 on 27th	42.0 on 31st	31.4 on 30th	35.0 on 30th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	137.0 on 10th	131.0 on 4th	120.5 on 26th	130.0 on 11th
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	43.0 on 30th	30.0 on 24th	27.6 on 30th	32.0 on 31st
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	72	75	71	73
Average same month previous years ...	73	74	73	72
Total Rainfall, in inches	3.020	2.471	1.026	1.590
Average same month previous years ...	2.632	2.542	1.932	2.724
Number of Days of Rain	11	14	7	13
Average same month previous years ...	10	9	8	12

* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 19th April, 1898.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

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

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom	97	30	8	5	140	150	88	19	18	275
New South Wales	544	221	48	30	843	748	454	59	59	1,320
Queensland .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria	223	124	13	18	378	253	186	20	14	473
South Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	75	27	2	2	106	50	33	..	3	86
Fiji	7	7	2	3	19	9	5	..	..	14
Other British possessions	14	6	..	..	20*	156	13	4	2	175†
Pacific Islands	8	5	2	2	17‡	9	2	..	..	11§
Other foreign ports	1	2	1	..	4||	42	11	..	..	53¶
Totals, March, 1898	969	422	76	60	1,527	1,417	792	102	96	2,407
Totals, March, 1897	1,006	482	125	103	1,716	1,104	744	101	97	2,046

* From Cook Islands, 10; Vancouver, 10. † For British Columbia, 39; Cook Islands, 3; Vancouver, 133. ‡ From Friendly Islands, 17. § For Friendly Islands, 11. ¶ For United States of America, West Coast, 53. || From United States of America, West Coast, 4.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Kaipara .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	4	6	10
Auckland	434	45	338	141	479	797	68	569	296	865
Wellington	506	52	390	168	558	882	89	621	350	971
Westport .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	2	4
Greymouth .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	2
Lyttelton	1	4	3	2	5	..	..	..	..	..
Timaru	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill	449	35	313	171	484	518	37	322	233	555
Totals, March, 1898	1,391	136	1,045	482	1,527	2,209	198	1,519	888	2,407
Totals, March, 1897	1,488	228	1,131	535	1,716	1,848	198	1,205	841	2,046

CHINESE.—Arrivals at Auckland, 2; Wellington, 1. Departures from Auckland, 2; Wellington, 6.

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 22nd April, 1898.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General

Bankruptcy Notices.

In Bankruptcy.

In the estate of EMILY REARDON, of Mokau, Storekeeper.
A FIRST dividend of 13s. 5d. (thirteen shillings and five-pence) in the pound has been declared.
In the estate of ALEXANDER LAING, of Inglewood, Farmer.
A third and final dividend of 2s. 3d. (two shillings and threepence) in the pound has been declared.
Both dividends will be payable on and after Friday, 22nd instant, at my office, Brougham Street, New Plymouth.
ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
Deputy Official Assignee.
New Plymouth, 19th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE JOSEPH HARFORD, of Marton, Painter, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Marton, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 1898, at 3.15 o'clock p.m.
JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Wanganui, 26th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM GEORGE EMENY, of Wellington, Builder, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 29th day of April, 1898, at 11 o'clock.
JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.
Wellington, 22nd April, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

In the estate of WILLIAM MCKEOWN THOMSON, of Timaru, Builder.
A FIRST and final dividend, of 6½d. in the pound, on all accepted proved claims is now payable at my office, Arcade, Timaru.
ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Timaru, 18th April, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of the bankruptcy of DAVID OWERS, of Timaru, Grocer.

I HEREBY give notice that, having filed the necessary affidavit in Court, it is intended to hold a public examination of the above-named bankrupt in the District Court, Timaru, on the 18th day of May, 1898, at 11 a.m.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 18th April, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of the bankruptcy of WILLIAM OWERS, of Timaru, Grocer.

I HEREBY give notice that, having filed the necessary affidavit in Court, it is intended to hold a public examination of the above-named bankrupt in the District Court, Timaru, on the 18th day of May, 1898, at 11 a.m.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 21st April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE WARD DRAPER, of Ratanui, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

Dunedin, 16th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1898, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1898.

No. 2/96. Helen Perrell, of Arrowtown, Widow, on account of further property.

No. 1/97. Joseph Mayne, of Lake Hayes, Publican.

F. W. F. GEISON,
Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that LOUIS RODGERS (trading as "Rodgers Bros."), of Invercargill, Bookseller and Stationer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 29th day of April, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 20th April, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT WILLIAM BROWN STEVENS, of Gummies Bush, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 21st April, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

DIVIDENDS in the under-mentioned estates are now payable at my office:—

William Sloan, second and final, 3s. 6d. in the pound.
W. A. Thornhill, first and final, 2s. 5d. in the pound.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 21st April, 1898.

Mining Notices.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Waihi Gladstone 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: 24th April, 1896; 23rd July, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Attorney: New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Auckland; Henry Gilfillan, jun.

Where mine is situate: Waihi.

Nominal capital: £100,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £90,000.

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

Price paid to vendors of mine—

(a.) In fully paid-up shares: £70,000.

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

(c.) In cash: £5,000.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 10,000.

Number of shares on Colonial Register: Nil.

Amount paid per share (Colonial Register): Nil.

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: Nil.

Number of men employed by company in colony: 28.

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 colony: Nil.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on mining operations in colony during period since last statement: £4,041 8s. 7d.

Total expenditure since registration of office of company in colony: £4,041 8s. 7d.

Total amount of dividends paid in colony: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's in colony: £19 5s. 8d.

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: £353 8s. 5d.

I, Henry Gilfillan, jun., of Auckland, the Attorney of the Waihi Gladstone 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 30th day of June, 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."

H. GILFILLAN, JUN.

Declared at Auckland, this 20th day of April, 1898,
before me—D. G. MacDonnell, J.P. 518

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Monowai Gold-mines (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 20th June, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Waiomo, Thames, Auckland; Wm. Henry Williams, Manager.

Nominal capital: £150,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £25,000.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash to 31st December, 1897: £12,260.

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

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £125,000.

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

Number of shares allotted: 150,000.

Amount paid on 25,000 shares: £12,260.

Amount called up per share: 10s. per share on 25,000, £12,500.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: One call; £240.

Number of shares forfeited: Nil.

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

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

Present number of shareholders: 324—i.e., Great Britain, 189; New Zealand, 135.

Number of men employed by company: 30.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: Remitted and spent on account of plant, &c., during 1897, £6,469 14s. 4d.
 Total expenditure since registration, in Great Britain and Auckland: £10,039 14s. 4d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: Glasgow, £1,856 18s. 6d.; Auckland, £356 0s. 11d.: total, £2,212 19s. 5d.
 Amount of cash in hand: Glasgow, £3 9s. 4d.; Auckland, £3 16s. 11d.: total, £7 6s. 3d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company above unpaid call: £240.
 Amount of debts considered good above unpaid call: £240.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, William McOhie, of Glasgow, Scotland, the Secretary of the Monowai Gold-mines (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the 31st December, 1897; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

Declared at Glasgow, this 3rd day of March, 1898, before me—R. Hunter Dunn, Justice of the Peace for the County of the City of Glasgow. 521

THE NEW ZEALAND EXPLORATION COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the New Zealand Exploration Company (Limited) intends to cease to carry on business in the Colony of New Zealand at the expiration of three months from the first publication of this notice.
 Dated at Auckland, this 18th day of April, 1898.

R. R. HUNT,
 Attorney.

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In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of the Woodstock North Gold-mining Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the above company, held at No. 3, Mercantile Chambers, Auckland, on the 4th day of April, 1898, the following resolutions were unanimously passed; and, at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting, held at the same place, on the 19th day of April, 1898, the said resolutions were confirmed, viz.:—

That the Woodstock North Gold-mining Company (Limited) be wound up, and wound up voluntarily.

That Mr. Joseph Barber and Mr. William Kayll be the liquidators.

B. C. ROBERTS,
 Chairman at both meetings.

Auckland, 20th April, 1898. 520

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT WATER-RACE.

Otago Mining District,

To the Warden at Lawrence. 23rd April, 1898.

WE hereby give notice that we intend to construct a water-race to divert and use water for mining purposes, commencing at a point on the east bank of Buntown Creek, about half a mile below McCormick's fence on the southern boundary of Section 3, Block VIII., Tuapeka East District; thence through Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block VII., of said district; thence across the said creek by a pipe-line; thence through Sections 30 and 32, Block VI., 4, Block VII., and 19, Block VI., in said district, and terminating at prospecting area on German Flat granted to Alexander Sutherland.

The length of such race is four miles or thereabouts, and its intended course is south-westerly.

The mean depth of such race is 1 ft. 8 in., and the mean breadth is 3 ft. 6 in.; and it is proposed to divert fifteen Government heads of water.

Cost of construction: £600.

Time required for construction: Six months.

Numbers and dates of miners' rights: 19399, dated 1/11/97; 29356, dated 3/12/97; 29367, dated 21/4/98; 29368, dated 21/4/98; 29369, dated 21/4/98; 33482, dated 21/3/98.

ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND,
 JOHN GRANT,
 JAMES S. WILLIAMSON,
 WILLIAM D. WILLIAMSON,
 NEIL SHAW,
 PETER PETERSON,
 Applicants,

(By their Solicitor, F. G. DALZIELL).

Any person objecting to the granting of this application must lodge his objection in writing at the Warden's Office at Lawrence within fourteen clear days from the date hereof.

Hearing at 10 o'clock on the 26th May, 1898, at the Warden's Office, Lawrence.

A. M. EYES,
 Pro Warden.

Warden's Office, 25th April, 1898.

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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.

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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.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

3362. THOMAS JAMES BRASSEY.—Allotment 258 of the Town of Hamilton West, containing 1 acre. Unoccupied.

3445. JOHN LEE and MARY JANE LEE.—Part of Lot 25 of Allotment 22, Section 4, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 14 perches. Occupied by Tenant.

3452. WILLIAM AITKEN.—Allotment 54, Parish of Ngaroto, containing 51 acres 3 roods. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 23rd day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

J. M. BATHAM,
 Deputy 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 calendar month from date of publication hereof.

Section 7 and parts of Section 13, Block III., Anderson's Bay District; Section 17 and part of 16, Block VII., Otago Peninsula District.—HENRY RUTHERFURD and WILLIAM GORDON RUTHERFURD, Applicants. Occupied by Hutton and Robert Pryde. No. 4234.

Allotments 22 and 23, Township of Glenury.—ELIZABETH WAGHORNE, JANE STEWART, ANN ILES, and CATHERINE SEWELL, Applicants. Occupied by William Robin. No. 4235.

Parts of Sections 29 and 30, Block IV., District of Waikouaiti.—WALTER HISLOP, Applicant. Occupied by Jane Petre Bowling. No. 4236.

Part of Section 62, Block XXXII., Town of Dunedin.—JOHN RICHARD MORRIS, the younger, Applicant. Occupied by Applicant. No. 4237.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 25th day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

H. TURTON,
 District Land Registrar,

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

8229. JOHN GEORGE ALEXANDER RUDDENKLAU, FREDERICK WILLIAM RUDDENKLAU, and CHARLES RUDDENKLAU.—678 acres and 8 perches, Rural Section 10813 and part of Rural Section 3773, Rangiora and Mairaki Survey Districts. Occupied by J. G. A. Ruddenklaus.

8251. FANNY LUCY FISHER and HENRY SLATER (executors of Stephen Fisher, deceased).—67 acres 2 roods 12 perches, Rural Section 2046 and parts of Rural Sections 551 and 1335, Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by various purchasers.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

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G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

Private Advertisements.

THE partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned as Stock and Share Brokers and Commission Agents, under the style of "Quick and Smith," at Princes Street, Dunedin, is this day dissolved by effluxion of time.

Dunedin, 1st April, 1898.

EDMUND E. C. QUICK.
EDMUND R. SMITH.

With reference to the above, I beg to announce that, having purchased Mr. Quick's interest in the business, I shall continue it as heretofore, under the style of "Quick and Smith."

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E. R. SMITH.

I, ALEXANDER LANG MURRAY, Licentiate of the I., Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, Edinburgh, and Licentiate of the Faculty of Surgeons and Physicians, Glasgow, now residing in Wellington, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the twenty-sixth of May next to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar-General.

ALEXANDER LANG MURRAY,
Pukekohe, Auckland.

Dated at Wellington, 25th April, 1898.

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I, RICHARD SIMMONDS, of Coromandel, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Clerk, do hereby give public notice that by deed-poll bearing date the 6th day of April, 1898, I did, for and on behalf of myself and my heirs lawfully begotten, formally wholly and absolutely renounce and relinquish the use of my proper surname of Smith, and therein did declare that I had assumed adopted determined and intended thenceforth in all records deeds documents and writings, in all actions suits and proceedings, in all dealings transactions and things, and upon all occasions whatsoever, to use and subscribe myself by the name of Richard Simmonds instead of Richard Simmonds Smith, so as to be at all times thereafter called known described and distinguished by the name of Richard Simmonds exclusively. And furthermore, as regards and for the purposes of all records deeds documents writings actions and proceedings, dealings transactions and things, in which I had used or subscribed or been called or known by the said name of Richard Simmonds since my arrival in the Colony of New Zealand until the date of such deed, I did in the said deed declare and acknowledge that I had assumed and adopted the said name of Richard Simmonds instead of the said name of Richard Simmonds Smith.

Dated at Coromandel, this 18th day of April, 1898.

RICHD. SIMMONDS.

Witness—Chas. B. Walker, Solicitor, Coromandel.

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I, EMILY SELINA SIMMONDS, wife of Richard Simmonds, of Coromandel, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Clerk, do hereby give public notice that by deed-poll bearing date the 6th day of April, 1898, I did formally wholly and absolutely renounce and relinquish the use of the surname Smith, in which name the said Richard Simmonds was married to me, and therein did declare that I had assumed adopted and determined and intended thenceforth in all deeds documents and writings, in all actions suits and proceedings, in all dealings transactions and things, and upon all occasions whatsoever, to use and subscribe myself by the name of Emily Selina Simmonds exclusively.

And furthermore, as regards and for the purposes of all records deeds documents writings actions and proceedings, dealings transactions and things, in which I had used or subscribed or been called or known by the said name of Emily Selina Simmonds since my marriage with the said Richard Simmonds until the date of such deed, I did in the said deed declare and acknowledge that I had assumed and adopted the said name of Emily Selina Simmonds instead of the said name of Emily Selina Smith.

Dated at Coromandel, this 18th day of April, 1898.

EMILY SELINA SIMMONDS.

Witness—Chas. B. Walker, Solicitor, Coromandel.

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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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BOROUGH OF KARORI.

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the 26th day of April, 1898, in accordance with "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," a poll was taken over the borough on the proposal, "That 'The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896,' be adopted in the Borough of Karori, and henceforth property be rated on the basis of the unimproved value thereof."

The following was the result:—

Total number of ratepayers	222
Number of ratepayers who voted at the poll ..	86
Votes for the proposal	93
Votes against the proposal	3
Informal	1

As more than one-third of the ratepayers voted, and a majority of votes being in favour, I hereby declare the proposal carried.

RICHARD C. BULKLEY,

Mayor of the Borough of Karori.

27th day of April, 1898.

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I, WILLIAM ARCHIBALD LOGAN, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of New Zealand, now residing in Dunedin, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 23rd May, 1898, to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Dunedin.

W. A. LOGAN, M.B., Ch.B.,

Dunedin.

Dated at Dunedin, 23rd April, 1898.

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NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour John Edward Denniston, a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, has this day appointed HERBERT WARREN, of 32, Bedford Row, in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, in England, a Commissioner of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in England, for the purpose of administering and taking oaths, affidavits, and affirmations under section 2 of "The Commissioners of the Supreme Court Act, 1875."

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

R. G. THOMAS,

Registrar.

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