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Education Reserves, Canterbury, authorised to be sold by Public Auction.

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

BY virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by subsection three of the two-hundred-and-forty-third section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of every other power and authority enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and at the request of the Canterbury School Commissioners, in whom the land described herein is vested, doth hereby declare that the sections of land described in the Schedule hereto, which has been reserved for educational purposes, shall be sold subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—TOWNSHIP OF OPAWA.

Town Allotments.

SECTIONS Nos. 31, 32, 33, 34, 34A, 35, 36, 37, 38, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103.

Village Allotments.

Sections Nos. 1 to 11, 59 to 80, 121 to 200.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Approved in Council.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

"The Education Act, 1877."—District High School Fees.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this fourth day of July, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Education Act, 1877," His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, doth hereby make the regulation hereto annexed regarding district high school fees; and, with the like advice and consent, doth hereby prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATION.

At district high schools in the Education District of Nelson the fees for higher education within the meaning of section 56 of "The Education Act, 1877," shall be five pounds a year for children over twelve, and four pounds a year for children under that age.

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

Extending Time for Preparation of Burgess Roll, Borough of Pahiatua.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this fourth day of July, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS it has been made to appear that certain things required to be done by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," in connection with the making and revision of the burgess lists or rolls of the Borough of Pahiatua cannot be done by or within the time required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by the said Act, and by and

with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby extend the time for the doing of the said things in connection with the burgess lists or rolls of the said Borough of Pahiatua, and doth declare that the times for the doing of such several things shall be those which are specified in the Schedule hereunder.

SCHEDULE.

1. Burgess list to be made out on or before the 5th July, 1898.
2. Burgess and defaulters' list open for inspection, and delivery of objections thereto, until the 22nd July, 1898.
3. Inspection of lists of objections, from the 23rd July, 1898, to the 30th July, 1898.
4. Sitting of Council to determine claims and objections, between the 1st August, 1898, and the 15th August, 1898.
5. Burgess roll to come into force on the 16th August, 1898.

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

Notice of the Election of Members of the Board of Conciliation for the Westland Industrial District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

DAVID BLACKADDER, of Reefton, Blacksmith, and
JOSEPH HOLLOWES, of Denniston, Miner,

have been duly elected members of the Board of Conciliation in and for the Westland Industrial District, *vice* John Andrew Millar and John Tressman, resigned.

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

R. J. SEDDON.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.

Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity Rent, 4 per Cent.									
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.								
					A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sounds ..	Gore	{ 16 17 38 39	{ X. XI.	816 0 0	0 10 0	408 0 0	0 6	10 4 0	0 4 8	8 3 2	Principally mixed bush, with birch ridges; about 100 acres open and grassed; well watered. Eighteen miles from Picton by water. Weighted with the sum of £10 as valuation for improvements.							
Sounds ..	Gore	37	XI.	694 0 0	0 8 6	294 19 0	0 5	7 7 6	0 4	5 18 0	Moderately good soil, well watered; mixed bush on lower slopes; birch on ridges. About eighteen miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	40	XI.	379 0 0	0 9 0	170 11 0	0 5 4	4 5 3	0 4 3	3 8 2	Inferior soil; principally birch bush; well watered. About nineteen miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	41	XI.	530 0 0	0 10 0	265 0 0	0 6	6 12 6	0 4 8	5 6 0	Moderately good soil; mixed bush on lower slopes, birch on ridges; well watered. About nineteen miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	{ 42 34	{ XI. XII.	1014 0 0	0 7 0	354 18 0	0 4 2	8 17 5	0 3 8	7 1 11	Poor soil; principally birch timber; good homestead-site on Section 42. About twenty miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	*32	XII.	94 0 0	0 10 0	47 0 0	0 6	1 3 6	0 4 8	0 18 9	Moderately good soil; mixed bush; about 15 acres in grass; garden, house, &c. About twenty miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	33	XII.	285 0 0	0 8 0	114 0 0	0 4 8	2 17 0	0 3 8	2 5 7	Greater portion moderately good soil, well watered; close to wharf at Endeavour Inlet. Twenty miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	2	XV.	535 0 0	0 8 0	214 0 0	0 4 8	5 7 0	0 3 8	4 5 7	About 10 acres level; principally poor soil, with mixed bush on lower slopes; about 30 or 40 acres fern and scrub; birch on ridges; well watered. Eighteen miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	3	XVI.	123 0 0	0 10 0	61 10 0	0 6	1 10 9	0 4 8	1 4 7	Moderately good soil; steep slopes; mixed bush; partly grassed near south-east corner. About twenty miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	4	XVI.	556 0 0	0 10 0	278 0 0	0 6	6 19 0	0 4 8	5 11 2	Moderately good soil; mixed bush; well watered. About twenty-one miles from Picton by water.							
Sounds ..	Gore	6	XVI.	1575 0 0	0 5 0	393 15 0	0 3	9 16 10	0 2 4	7 17 6	Very broken country; poor soil; principally birch bush. Thirty-two miles from Picton by water.							

* Weighted with £100, value of improvements.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands,

Reader, &c., House of Representatives, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ALEXANDER FRANCIS LOWE, Esq.,

to be Reader of the House of Representatives, and to be Clerk of Bills and Papers of the said House. Appointment to date from the 28th June, 1898.

J. CARROLL.

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES TAYLOR

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

J. CARROLL.

Clerk of Courts, &c., appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 6th July, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable JOHN TIMOTHY FOLEY

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's and Warden's Courts and Receiver of Gold Revenue and Mining Registrar at Collingwood, from the 1st day of July instant, *vice* Constable S. J. Dew, transferred.

T. THOMPSON.

Member of Wanganui River Trust appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 30th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in pursuance of section 2 of "The Wanganui River Trust Act, 1891," to appoint

THOMAS DICK CUMMINS

to be a member of the Wanganui River Trust, *vice* John Tiffin Stewart, resigned.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Appointment in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 5th July, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY TRENT

to be Receiver of Land Revenue for the Land District of Nelson, as from the 1st July, 1898.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 4th July, 1898.

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

East Taieri Rifle Volunteers.

Peter McLaurin to be Lieutenant.

Date of commission, 22nd June, 1898.

College Rifle Volunteers (Wellington).

Alfred de Bathe Brandon to be Captain.

Date of commission, 3rd June, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1898.

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

Civil Service Rifle Volunteers (Wellington).

David Philip James to be Surgeon-Captain. Commission to date from the 6th June, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 4th July, 1898.

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

Auckland Rifle Volunteers (Auckland),

Acceptance to date from the 21st April, 1898;

Wanganui Guards Rifle Volunteers (Wanganui),

Acceptance to date from the 25th June, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Corps disbanded.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the

Napier Naval Artillery Volunteers

being disbanded as from the 15th October, 1897; and also to approve of the transfer of

Captain FREDERICK GEORGE SMITH and
Lieutenant JOHN CAUGHLEY

from the above-named corps to the Wellington District Reserve Corps, under paragraphs 94 and 97, Volunteer Regulations, 1895, and with effect from the 15th October, 1897.

T. THOMPSON.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1898.

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

Wellington City Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant Henry Graham Snodgrass. Date of resignation, 9th June, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Formation of Infantry Battalion.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 4th July, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve, under paragraphs 211 and 213, Volunteer Regulations, 1895, of the formation of the under-mentioned Volunteer corps in the Auckland District into an infantry battalion, under the designation of the "1st Battalion, Auckland Rifle Volunteers," with effect from the 20th day of May, 1898, and with headquarters at Auckland:—

- A Company—Victoria Rifle Volunteers;
- B " Avondale Rifle Volunteers;
- C " College Rifle Volunteers;
- D " No. 1 Company, New Zealand Native Rifle Volunteers;
- E " No. 2 Company, New Zealand Native Rifle Volunteers;
- F " Auckland Rifle Volunteers;
- G " No. 3 Company, New Zealand Native Rifle Volunteers;
- H " No. 2 Company, Victoria Rifle Volunteers;

and to appoint

Major THOMAS LEITH MURRAY, Honorary Unattached List, New Zealand Volunteers,

to the command of the battalion, with his present rank;

Captain CHARLES THOMAS MAJOR, College Rifle Volunteers,

to be Adjutant;

Honorary Lieutenant GEORGE JONATHAN DORMER, Victoria Rifle Volunteers,
to be Pay- and Quarter-master;

Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel FREDERICK WILLIAM EDMUND DAWSON, Victoria Rifle Volunteers, and
Surgeon-Captain FREDERICK WILLIAM ROBERT JOHN KING, College Rifle Volunteers,

to be Medical Officers.

Commissions to date from the 20th day of May, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Justices of the Peace resigned.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 30th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of
A. GOWER, Esq.,
of Ohingaiti, of his appointment as a Justice of the Peace for the Colony.

T. THOMPSON.

Further extending Time for furnishing Report of Police Commission.

Police Department,
Wellington, 30th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to further 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 June, 1898, to the 14th July, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

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

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

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Jacobine Georgine Andersen	Housewife ..	Dannevirke.
Thomas Brown	.. Miner ..	Marsden.
Charles Eckhardt	.. Miner ..	Arrowtown.
Johan Martin	.. Master mariner ..	Onslow Borough.
Francis Morris	.. Farmer ..	Utiku.
Metta Seebeck	.. Widow ..	Rutherglen.

J. CARROLL.

Special Order made by the Wirokino Road Board, County of Horowhenua.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st July, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

SPECIAL ORDER.

THAT the Wardens for the Kereru, Shannon, and Kingston Wards shall be the Wardens to retire at the end of the first year, and that the Wardens for the remaining three wards retire at the expiration of the second year.

The foregoing special order was duly passed by the Wirokino Road Board at a meeting held on the 21st day of May, 1898, and duly confirmed at a special meeting held on the 18th day of June, 1898.

28th June, 1898.

E. H. SNOW,
Clerk to Board.

Notice to Mariners, No. 23 of 1898.

ALTERATION IN COLOUR OF LEADING-LIGHTS, MANAWATU RIVER,
COOK STRAIT, NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 2nd July, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after Monday, the 1st August, 1898, two red lights will be used as leading-lights for guiding vessels crossing the Manawatu bar, instead of the red and green lights at present in use.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Chart No. 2054; "New Zealand Pilot," Chapter iv., page 186.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Commercial Relations with the British Empire.

Department of Trade and Customs,
Wellington, 5th July, 1898.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

(No. 125.—Commercial.) Berlin, 27th April, 1898.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to enclose copies and translation of a Bill which was introduced in the "Reichstag" on the 21st instant, the object of which is to empower the Federal Council to extend most favoured treatment to Great Britain and her colonies after the 30th of July next, and up to the 30th of July, 1899.

Your Lordship will observe that in the Exposé des Motifs attached to the Bill it is declared to be understood that the Federal Council will only make use of this authority as regards the British Empire, or portions of the same, in so far as no restriction of the most-favoured-nation treatment of German subjects or of goods imported from Germany takes place in them, and especially, as regards British colonies and possessions, that German subjects and products are not more unfavourably treated there than those of the United Kingdom. It shall also be a necessary condition for the exercise of this authority on the part of the Federal Council that the Customs duties in the British territories in question shall not be altered in a manner unfavourable to German trade.

I have, &c.
(For Her Majesty's Ambassador),
GOUGH.

The Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., &c.

(Translation.) Berlin, 21st April, 1898.

In the name of His Majesty the Emperor, the undersigned has the honour to submit to the Reichstag, for its constitutional decision, the annexed draft of a law respecting commercial relations with the British Empire, as approved by the Federal Council.

For the Imperial Chancellor.

To the Reichstag. COUNT VON POSADOWSKY.

DRAFT OF A LAW RESPECTING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

We, William, by the grace of God, German Emperor, King of Prussia, &c., ordain in the name of the Empire, with the consent of the Federal Council and of the Reichstag, as follows:—

The Federal Council is authorised to extend to the subjects and to the products of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, as also to the subjects and products of British colonies and foreign possessions, during the period up to the 30th of July, 1899, the advantages which are accorded by the Empire to the subjects or products of the most favoured nation.

Given under our Imperial Hand and Seal, &c.

Exposé des Motifs.

On the 30th of July last Her Britannic Majesty's Government denounced the treaty of commerce between the Zollverein and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of the 30th of May, 1865. In consequence of this denunciation, the treaty, together with the supplementary agreements since made, will terminate on the 30th of July next.

As Her Britannic Majesty's Government have declared their readiness to conclude a new treaty, negotiations have been entered into, which have not, however, as yet led to a conclusion.

In order that the time necessary for the negotiations may be kept free, it is desirable that the Federal Council should be authorised to extend to the various portions of the British Empire, for one year after the termination of the treaty of the 30th of May, 1865, the most-favoured-nation treatment hitherto accorded to them. The Federal Council will only be able to make use of this authorisation with regard to the British Empire or portions of the same in so far as no alteration of most-favoured-nation treatment takes place in them to the disadvantage of the subjects or exports of Germany, and especially also in so far as in British colonies and possessions the subjects and products of Germany are not treated in a more unfavourable manner than those of the British mother-country. Similarly it will be a condition for the exercise of this authorisation on the part of the Federal Council that the Customs duties levied in the British territories in question shall not be altered in a manner materially disadvantageous to German export trade.

Rules to be observed during Hostilities between the United States and Spain.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 29th June, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs that the following circular, together with an extract from the *London Gazette*, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, be published for general information.

T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Defence.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 9th May, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government and for publication in the colony, an extract from the *London Gazette* containing a note from the United States Ambassador at this Court announcing the rules which his Government intend to observe during hostilities between the United States and Spain, together with a translation of a Royal Decree issued by the Spanish Government as to the principles which that Government will observe during the war, and a translation of the Instructions drawn up by the Spanish Minister of Marine for exercising the right of visit in accordance with Article 5 of the Royal Decree.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government
of New Zealand.

[Extract from the *London Gazette* of Tuesday, 3rd May, 1898.]

Foreign Office, 3rd May, 1898.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received the following note from the American Ambassador at this Court:—

American Embassy,
London, 23rd April, 1898.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that I have been informed of the intention of the Government of the United States, in the event of hostilities between that Government and Spain, not to resort to privateering, but to adhere to the following recognised rules of international law:—

First, the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war;

Second, neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under the enemy's flag; and

Third, blockades, in order to be binding, must be effective.

I have, &c.,
JOHN HAY.

The Most Honourable the Marquess of
Salisbury, &c.

Foreign Office, 3rd May, 1898.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received, through Her Majesty's Embassy at Madrid, the following translation of a Decree issued by the Spanish Government on the 23rd of April, 1898:—

ROYAL DECREE.

In accordance with the advice of my Council of Ministers; in the name of my son, King Alfonso XIII., and as Queen-Regent of the Kingdom,

I decree as follows:—

Art. I. The state of war existing between Spain and the United States terminates the treaty of peace and friendship of the 27th October, 1795, the protocol of the 12th January, 1877, and all other agreements, compacts, and conventions that have been in force up to the present between the two countries.

Art. II. A term of five days from the date of the publication of the present Royal Decree in the *Madrid Gazette* is allowed to all United States ships anchored in Spanish ports, during which they are at liberty to depart.

Art. III. Notwithstanding that Spain is not bound by the declaration signed in Paris on the 16th April, 1856, as she expressly stated her wish not to adhere to it, my Government, guided by the principles of international law, intends to observe and hereby orders that the following regulations for maritime law be observed:—

(a.) A neutral flag covers the enemy's goods, except contraband of war.

(b.) Neutral goods, except contraband of war, are not liable to confiscation under the enemy's flag.

(c.) A blockade, to be binding, must be effective—that is to say, maintained with a sufficient force to actually prevent access to the enemy's coast.

Art. IV. The Spanish Government, while maintaining their right to issue letters of marque, which they expressly reserved in their note of the 16th May, 1857, in reply to the request of France for the adhesion of Spain to the Declara-

tion of Paris relative to maritime law, will organize for the present a service of "auxiliary cruisers of the navy," composed of ships of the Spanish mercantile navy, which will co-operate with the latter for the purposes of cruising, and which will be subject to the statutes and jurisdiction of the navy.

Art. V. In order to capture the enemy's ships, to confiscate the enemy's merchandise under their own flag, and contraband of war under any flag, the Royal Navy, auxiliary cruisers, and privateers, if and when the latter are authorised, will exercise the right of visit on the high seas and in the territorial waters of the enemy, in accordance with international law and any regulations which may be published for the purpose.

Art. VI. Under the denomination "contraband of war," the following articles are included:—

Cannons, machine-guns, mortars, guns, all kinds of arms and firearms, bullets, bombs, grenades, fuses, cartridges, matches, powder, sulphur, saltpetre, dynamite, and every kind of explosive; articles of equipment like uniforms, straps, saddles, and artillery and cavalry harness, engines for ships and their accessories, shafts, screws, boilers, and other articles used in the construction, repair, and arming of warships, and in general all warlike instruments, utensils, tools, and other articles, and whatever may hereafter be determined to be contraband.

Art. VII. Captains, commanders, and officers of non-American vessels or of vessels manned as to one-third by other than American citizens, captured while committing acts of war against Spain, will be treated as pirates, with all the rigour of the law, although provided with a license issued by the Republic of the United States.

Art. VIII. The Minister of State and the Minister of Marine are charged to see the fulfilment of the present Royal Decree, and to give the orders necessary for its execution.

Madrid, 23rd April, 1898. MARIA CRISTINA.

Foreign Office, 3rd May, 1898.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received, through Her Majesty's Embassy at Madrid, the following translation of the instructions drawn up by the Spanish Minister of Marine for exercising the right of visit in accordance with Article V. of the Royal Decree which was issued on the 23rd April, 1898.

ROYAL ORDER.

(Translation.) Madrid, 24th April, 1898.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—His Majesty the King, and in his name the Queen-Regent, have been pleased to approve of the annexed instructions for exercising the right of visit. They have been drawn up by the Minister of Marine in accordance with Article V. of the Royal Decree issued by the President of the Council of Ministers on yesterday's date.

(Signed) SEGISMUNDO BERMEOJO.

To the President of the Council of the Fleet.

Instructions for the Exercise of the Right of Visit.

(Translation.)

1. Right of visit can only be exercised by belligerents; hence it can evidently be only resorted to during international conflicts by one or other of the States at war, as also during internal civil or insurrectionary wars, when one or more foreign Powers have recognised the insurrectionary party as belligerents. In such circumstances, right of visit can be exercised by the Mother-country; but it is restricted to the merchant-vessels of the nation or nations who have given this recognition, and who are for such reason in the position of neutrals.

2. In accordance with the position laid down in the preceding article, ships of war and merchant-vessels of the belligerents, when legally armed either as auxiliary cruisers of their navy or as privateers, if and when they are authorised, may in their own territorial waters, or those under the jurisdiction of the enemy, or in the open seas, detain such merchant-vessels as they meet with in order to verify the legitimacy of their flag, and, if neutrals, and proceeding to a port of the other belligerent, the nature of their cargo.

3. Seas subject to the sovereign jurisdiction of neutral Powers are absolutely inviolable: right of visit may not therefore be resorted to within them, even if it be alleged that it was attempted to exercise such right in the open sea, and that, on chase being given, and without losing sight of the vessel pursued, the latter penetrated into neutral waters.

Neither may the violation of the rights attaching to such waters be justified under the pretext that the coast washed thereby was undefended or uninhabited.

4. The following is the method of exercising right of visit:—

(A.) Notification to the vessel to be visited to lay-to and state its nationality is made by the visiting vessel hoisting her national flag and firing a blank shot, a signal upon which the merchant-vessel is bound to hoist the flag of the nation to which it belongs, and lay-to.

The circumstance that the papers are written in a language unknown to the officer making the visit does not authorise the detention of the vessel.

11. Merchant-vessels sailing under convoy, under charge of one or more ships of the navy of their nation, are absolutely exempt from the visit of the belligerents, being protected by the immunity enjoyed by the warships.

As the formation of a convoy is a measure emanating from the Government of the State to which belong the vessels protecting the convoy as well as the vessels under convoy, it must be taken as certain that the Government in question not only will not allow fraud of any kind, but has employed the strictest measures to avoid fraud being committed by any of the vessels under the convoy.

It is therefore useless for the belligerent to inquire of the chief officer of the convoy whether he guarantees the neutrality of the ships sailing under his charge, or of the cargo they carry.

12. On the visit taking place, it is not permissible to give orders to open the hatchways in order to examine the cargo, nor to open any article of furniture to search for documents. The ship's papers presented by the captain to prove the legitimacy of the flag and the nature of the cargo are the only proof which international law allows.

13. Although it very seldom occurs that the principal ship's papers, whether those referring to her nationality or to the nature of her cargo, are lost, mislaid, or left on shore by mistake, if such a case should occur, and by other papers or means the captain can convince the officer visiting the ship of the neutrality of the ship and her cargo, he may authorise the captain to continue his voyage; but if an explanation cannot be given the ship will be detained and conducted to the nearest Spanish port until the necessary investigation concerning the point or points in question is made.

14. The commander of the vessel carrying out the visit and the officer commissioned to make the visit, the former in ordering and the latter in carrying it out, should act without prejudice to the good faith of the neutral being visited, and without losing sight of the consideration and respect that nations owe to one another.

Note relative to the First Section of Article 10.—The clauses of the Geneva Convention of the 22nd August, 1864, and those of its additional articles drawn up at the second Diplomatic Conference of the 20th October, 1868, are as follows:—

Articles concerning the Marine.

Article VI. The boats which, at their own risk and peril, during and after an engagement, pick up the shipwrecked or wounded, or which, having picked them up, convey them on board a neutral or hospital ship, shall enjoy, until the accomplishment of their mission, the character of neutrality, as far as the circumstances of the engagement and the position of the ships engaged will permit.

The appreciation of these circumstances is intrusted to the humanity of all the combatants. The wrecked and wounded thus picked up and saved must not serve again during the continuance of the war.

Article VII. The religious, medical, and hospital staff of any captured vessel are declared neutral, and, on leaving the ship, may remove the articles and surgical instruments which are their private property.

Article VIII. The staff designated in the preceding article must continue to fulfil their functions in the captured ship, assisting in the removal of the wounded made by the victorious party; they will then be at liberty to return to their country in conformity with the second paragraph of the 1st Additional Article.*

The stipulations of the 11th Additional Article are applicable to the pay and allowance of the staff already mentioned.

Article IX. The military hospital-ships remain under martial law in all that concerns their stores; they become the property of the captor, but the latter must not divert them from their special appropriation during the continuance of the war.

Article X. Any merchantman, to whatever nation she may belong, charged exclusively with removal of sick and wounded, is protected by neutrality; but the mere fact, noted on the ship's books, of the vessel having been visited by an enemy's cruiser renders the sick and wounded incapable of serving during the continuance of the war. The cruiser shall even have the right of putting on board an officer in order to accompany the convoy, and thus verify the good faith of the operation.

If the merchant-ship also carries a cargo her neutrality will still protect it, provided that such cargo is not of a nature to be confiscated by the belligerents.

* This article states that the time of departure will be fixed by the commander of the boarding-party.

The belligerents retain the right to interdict neutralised vessels from all communication, and from any course which they may deem prejudicial to the secrecy of their operations. In urgent cases special conventions may be entered into between commanders-in-chief in order to neutralise temporarily and in a special manner the vessels intended for the removal of the sick and wounded.

Article XI. Wounded or sick sailors and soldiers, when embarked, to whatever nation they may belong, shall be protected and taken care of by their captors.

Their return to their own country is subject to the condition that they are bound not to bear arms again during the war.

Article XII. The distinctive flag to be used with the national flag, in order to indicate any vessel or boat which may claim the benefits of neutrality, is a white flag with a red cross. The belligerents may exercise in this respect any mode of verification which they may deem necessary.

Military hospital-ships shall be distinguished by being painted white outside, with green strake.

Article XIII. The hospital-ships which are equipped at the expense of the aid societies recognised by the signatory Powers to the Geneva Convention, and which are furnished with a commission emanating from the sovereign, who shall have given express authority for their being fitted out, and with a certificate from the proper naval authority that they have been placed under his control until their final departure, and that they were then appropriated solely to the purpose of their mission, shall be considered neutral, as well as the whole of their staff. They shall be recognised and protected by the belligerents.

They shall make themselves known by hoisting, together with their national flag, the white flag with a red cross. The distinctive mark of their staff, while performing their duties, shall be an armlet of the same colours. The outer painting of these hospital-ships shall be white, with red strake.

These ships shall bear aid and assistance to the wounded and wrecked belligerents, without distinction of nationality.

They must take care not to interfere in any way with the movements of the combatants. During and after the battle they must do their duty at their own risk and peril.

The belligerents shall have the right of controlling and visiting them; they will be at liberty to refuse their assistance, to order them to depart, and to detain them if the exigencies of the case require such a step.

The wounded and wrecked picked up by these ships cannot be reclaimed by either of the combatants, and they will be required not to serve during the continuance of the war.

Article XIV. In naval wars, any strong presumption that either belligerent takes advantage of the benefits of neutrality with any other view than the interest of the sick and wounded gives to the other belligerent, until proof to the contrary, the right of suspending the convention as regards such belligerent.

The Minister of Marine,

(Signed) SEGISMUNDO BERMEJO.

Madrid, 24th April, 1898.

Bonus for the Production of Quicksilver.

Mines Office,

Wellington, 17th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of fourpence (4d.) per pound will be paid on the production of the first one hundred thousand pounds weight (100,000lb.) of good marketable retorted quicksilver, free from all impurities, from any mine in New Zealand, on the following conditions, that is to say:—

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

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

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister of Mines.

Election of Trustee of Sluggish River Drainage District, County of Manawatu.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 6th July, 1898.

THE following result of the election of a Trustee of the Sluggish River Drainage District has been received from the Returning Officer, and is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893."

HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Sluggish River Drainage District:
William Amon.

Notice of Vesting of Land in the Public Trustee under "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894."

WHEREAS I, the undersigned, the Public Trustee, have for the purposes of "The Unclaimed Lands Act, 1894," made due inquiries with respect to the land described in the Schedule hereunder written, and the owner thereof, and have, in respect of the said land, given the notices prescribed by section 4 of the said Act, and have in all respects complied with the provisions of the said section: And whereas I have not thereby ascertained who the owner is, and believe that such owner is not in the colony, nor has such owner established his title to the said land, as required by the said Act: I hereby give notice that the said land is, under and by virtue of the said Act, vested in me, as the Public Trustee as aforesaid, as from the date of the publication hereof, and will be administered under the said Act, the assessed value of the said land being less than £100.

Dated at Wellington, this 4th day of July, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 17.3 perches, more or less, being Allotment 12, Block 16, situated in the Extension of the Township of Forbury, near Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago.

Crown Lands Notices.

Lands in Otago Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 5th July, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that, the leases of the under-mentioned Crown lands having been declared forfeited by resolutions of the Otago Land Board, the said lands have reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

Section.	Block.	District.	Lessee.	Tenure.
18	VIII	Warepa	James Donald ..	P.L.
5	I.	Kyeburn	John Fennessey ..	S.G.R.
28	III.	Maniototo	Michael Fennessey, jun.	"
29	"	"	William Bleach ..	"
46	I.	Naseby ..	Michl. Fennessey	"
26	III.	Maniototo	Margaret Crane ..	"
32	I.	U. Wakatipu	Sarah Boulton ..	P.L.
33	"	"	" ..	"
34	"	"	" ..	"
35	"	"	" ..	"
36	"	"	Philip Burbridge Boulton	"
R. 199a	..	Teviot ..	Moses David Manuel	S.G.R.
R. 244b	..	Tiger Hill	Bridget Theresa Harrington	"
2	IX.	Hummock	Ewen Cameron	"
4	VIII.	Nenthorn		
8	"	Silver P'k		

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Lands in Rotorua Township for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 5th July, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease for a term of fourteen years of the under-mentioned land in the Township of Rotorua will be offered for sale by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, on Friday, the 2nd day of September, 1898, at 11 a.m.

TOWNSHIP OF ROTORUA.

Block XLVI., containing 2 acres 1 rood 8 perches. Upset annual rent, £3.

Conditions of Lease.

1. Term of lease, fourteen years.
2. Rent is payable half-yearly in advance to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Auckland; and the first half-yearly payment is to be made on the fall of the hammer.
3. No lease to be assigned, underlet, or the possession thereof parted with except with the consent in writing of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland.
4. All rates, taxes, charges, and assessments whatsoever to be paid by the lessee.
5. All buildings erected to be kept in good repair and condition, and in the erection of any building upon the sections within the town the lessee must abide by and conform to the alignment of streets and roads, and to all by-laws and regulations made by the local authority intrusted with the administration of the local affairs of the Township of Rotorua.
6. Privies, ashpits, and other works of a similar character to be constructed and maintained as directed by the local authority. All drains and channels, and the sanitary state and condition of the premises, to be subject to the by-laws and regulations of the local authority.
7. No wells to be sunk or any excavations to be made without the consent in writing of the local authority.
8. The trade or business of a soap-boiler, tallow-chandler, tanner, slaughterman, meat-curer or preserver, or any noisy, noxious, or offensive trade or manufacture of any kind whatever will not be permitted.
9. No valuation for improvements will be paid by the Crown; but lessees will have the right to remove fences and buildings on expiration of the term of lease.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Hawke's Bay District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 5th July, 1898.

THE under-mentioned sections in the Tahoraite Survey District will be offered by public auction for lease at the Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Wednesday, the 31st August, 1898, at 11 a.m., at the upset rentals and for the term of years noted below.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.
For Lease for Seven Years.

Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
6	XIV.	Tahoraite ..	A. R. P. 21 1 34	£ s. d. 3 10 0
7	"	" ..	20 1 13	3 7 0

Each lease will be for the term of seven years, commencing from the 1st January, 1899. Half-year's rent, and £1 ls. lease-fee, must be paid by the successful bidder at the close of the auction. No compensation will be allowed for any improvements effected by the lessee during the term of his lease.

Good level land, about four miles from the Kumeroa Village. The sections have lately been in the occupation of Messrs. Laws and Little, and are well adapted for grazing purposes.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Marlborough open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 27th June, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned forfeited section on the Blind River Estate will be open for application for lease in perpetuity at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Wednesday, the 24th day of August, 1898.

Section 9, Block XII., Clifford Bay: Area, 148 acres; half-yearly rent, £13 11s. 4d.; weighted with £10 8s., value of improvements.

One half-year's rent and £1 1s. lease-fee must be deposited with each application.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village Allotments and Village-homestead Allotments, Hawke's Bay Land District, open for Sale and Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 27th June, 1898.

THE under-mentioned lands will be open for selection at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Wednesday, the 24th August, 1898.

If more than one application be 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., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier.

SCHEDULE.

VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS.

Open on the Optional System.

Section.	Village Settlement.	Area.	Cash Price per Section.	Half-yearly Rental.	
				O.R.P. System.	L.P. System.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
37	Whetukura	1 0 0	5 0 0	0 2 6	0 2 0
41	"	1 0 0	7 10 0	0 3 9	0 3 0
43	"	1 0 0	7 10 0	0 3 9	0 3 0
46	"	0 2 27	10 0 0	0 5 0	0 4 0

VILLAGE-HOMESTEAD SECTIONS.

Open for Disposal on Lease in Perpetuity only.

Section.	Village Settlements.	Area.	Half-yearly Rental.	
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.
31	Whetukura	.. ..	3 2 10	0 7 8
76	Hangaroa	.. ..	6 2 35	0 8 0
70	Tiniroto	.. ..	30 0 26	0 12 0

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Waimarie Settlement, Hawke's Bay, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 13th June, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection at the Lands and Survey Office, Napier, or the Local Land Office, Gisborne, on Wednesday, 3rd August, 1898.

WAIMATA SURVEY DISTRICT.—COOK COUNTY.
Agricultural Land.

SECTION 18, Block I.: Area, 25 acres and 35 perches; half-yearly rent, £13 11s. 6d.

First-class land, lately in crop. It is fenced front and back, and a fence of about 30 chains runs near the boundary against Section 17, which can be removed to the boundary.

The Waimarie Settlement is situated ten miles from Gisborne, on the main road from that town to Motu and Opotiki, the upper end reaching to within half a mile of the Ormond Village. There is a cheese-factory in the vicinity, but just at present it is not in operation. The main road from Gisborne is of the best, level, and gravelled the whole distance, and at the present time two lines of coaches are running, making communication with the town and port easy, frequent, and inexpensive.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Grazing Leases of Lands in Waipa Parish for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 1st June, 1898.

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

SCHEDULE.

RAGLAN COUNTY.—PARISH OF WAIPA.

(Being a Subdivision of Forest Reserve Section 27).

Lots 1, 3, and 4: Each 50 acres; upset annual rent [per lot, £1 17s. 6d.

Lot 5: 65 acres; upset annual rent, £2 8s. 9d.

Lot 6: 64 acres; upset annual rent, £2 8s.

Lot 7: 46 acres; upset annual rent, £1 14s. 6d.

Lot 8: 42 acres; upset annual rent, £1 11s. 6d.

Lot 9: 49 acres; upset annual rent, £1 16s. 9d.

Lot 10: 22 acres; upset annual rent, 16s. 6d.

These areas front the formed road, about one mile and a half from Ngaruawahia Railway-station, and have been denuded of forest.

Term of Lease.—Twenty-one years, for grazing purposes only.

The leases convey no right to fell or remove any live or dead trees or timber, whether standing or lying on the ground. Full rights reserved of ingress, egress, and regress, and for the felling or removal from the land of any trees or timber, to authorised persons. No compensation for improvements at any time, but lessees may remove all fencing and buildings erected on the lands.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 13th June, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for sale or selection in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Wednesday, the 20th July, 1898.

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

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
				A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Whangarei	Waipu Parish	349	..	412 0 0	7 6	154 10 0	0 4 5	3 17 3	0 3 6	3 1 10

All mixed-forest land; broken, with flat ridges; well watered; soil medium; nine miles from Waipu. Contains a few scattered kauri-trees of no commercial value.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the Charge of the PUBLIC TRUSTEE for Management during the Month of June, 1898.

No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Order, or Date of Filing of Election to administer.	Value or Estimated Value of Estate (gross).	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
1	Baillie, Frederick ..	Sydenham ..	Co. Down ..	17 June, 1898	Under £1,250	14 May, 1898	Probate.
2	Barcham, Angelina, otherwise known as Anna Barcham	Dunedin ..	Kent, England	9 June, 1898	£10	9 May, 1898	
3	Braden, Johan Bedart	Frankton ..	Hanover ..	17 June, 1898	£1,700	3 April, 1898	Relatives known.
4	Byfield, Arthur Edward Neill	South Rakaia..	..	13 June, 1898	£5	11 April, 1898	..
5	Carolan, Joseph James	Ohakune ..	..	10 June, 1898	£20	30 Mar., 1898	..
6	Christie, Euphemia	Puerua ..	..	9 June, 1898	£45	14 Feb., 1898	Relatives known.
7	Devin, Henry ..	Karangahake ..	Ireland ..	10 June, 1898	£15	19 Jan., 1898	Relatives known.
8	Flanagan, Michael	Charleston ..	Co. Derry ..	2 June, 1898	£200	18 Jan., 1898	Relatives known.
9	Gough, Alfred ..	Thames ..	England ..	25 June, 1898	£70	1 May, 1898	Relatives known.
10	Hamilton, James ..	Wanganui ..	..	9 June, 1898	£25	3 April, 1898	Relatives known.
11	Hancock, Thomas ..	Te Awamutu ..	..	9 June, 1898	£8	19 April, 1898	..
12	Henderson, Andrew	Timaru ..	Scotland ..	17 June, 1898	£1,200	20 May, 1898	Relatives known.
13	Herlihy, Daniel ..	Otaki ..	..	25 June, 1898	£55	14 April, 1898	Relatives known.
14	Holmes, Julia ..	Christchurch ..	England ..	10 June, 1898	£45	17 Mar., 1898	Relatives known.
15	Jensen, Thomas ..	Melbourne ..	Victoria ..	9 June, 1898	£40	26 Dec., 1897	Relatives known.
16	Marsh, Philip ..	Ashburton ..	..	..	£5	15 Feb., 1898	..
17	Moncrieff, Agnes ..	Dunedin ..	Scotland ..	9 June, 1898	£40	7 April, 1898	Relatives known.
18	McCullough, John Hamilton	Puketi ..	Ireland ..	9 June, 1898	£35	19 April, 1898	..
19	McNamara, George, otherwise named George Francis McNamara	Wellington ..	..	21 June, 1898	£300	24 May, 1898	Probate.
20	Nation, Charles ..	Matariki ..	England ..	..	£5	24 Mar., 1898	..
21	Nicholson, Daniel..	Komata ..	Shetland Islands	9 June, 1898	£90	24 Jan., 1898	..
22	Page, Alfred ..	Hellyer's Creek	England ..	25 June, 1898	£240	29 May, 1898	Relatives known.
23	Porter, Joseph James	Oamaru ..	..	2 June, 1898	£330	7 May, 1898	Relatives known.
24	Preece, Thomas ..	Christchurch ..	Worcestershire	17 June, 1898	£200	16 Jan., 1898	Will annexed.
25	Reid, William ..	Ellesmere ..	Aberdeen ..	10 June, 1898	£30	13 May, 1898	Relatives known.
26	Read, William, or Reid	Ashton ..	Caladon, Co. Tyrone	9 June, 1898	£25	13 April, 1898	Relatives known.
27	Ross, John ..	St. Bathans ..	Scotland ..	17 June, 1898	£3,200	20 April, 1898	Relatives known.
28	Slatery, John ..	Geraldine ..	..	9 June, 1898	£20	30 Mar., 1898	Relatives known.
29	Turney, Joseph ..	Rotorua ..	..	..	£10	21 Jan., 1898	..
30	Walker, Edwin Barnes	Auckland ..	England ..	10 June, 1898	£180	7 Feb., 1898	Relatives known.
31	Wilson, Helen ..	Wellington ..	Scotland ..	10 June, 1898	£87	10 Mar., 1898	Relatives known.

Dated the 2nd day of July, 1898.

JAMES C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Sitting of Court adjourned.

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 5th July, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of the Native Land Court advertised to take place at Levin on the 16th July, 1898, has been adjourned to the 8th August, 1898, at the same place.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 5th July, 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 Otaki on the 20th day of July, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 98-40.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
251	Mortgage (98-43)	1st December, 1897	Otago Heads, part of Lot 15A	Teone Wiwi Kerei Tataroa to William Reid.
252	Transfer (98-112)	7th February, 1898	Hinakitaka..	Waitaoro Raniera and others to Mary Ann Eglinton.
253	Mortgage (98-142)	15th November, 1897	Ohau No. 3, part Section 21	Netahio Tauhehe to Thomas Ransfield.
254	Transfer (98-148)	16th May, 1898	Horowhenua 3E, Section 3F	Te Oti te Hou to Ellen Stuckey.
255	Conveyance (98-149)	3rd June, 1898	Te Ore Ore No. 3, Lot 2	Ani Rahui or Marakaia to Joseph Japhet Cottle.
256	Mortgage (98-156)	1st October, 1897	Waha o te Marangai No. 1E	Pitiera Taipua to Percy Edward Baldwin.
257	Transfer (98-159)	14th June, 1898	Ngakaroro 6A (Pahiko)	Heni te Rei to Archibald Hall.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
258	Taare Matai and others	Horowhenua No. 11.
259	Pitihira Roiri	Himatangi No. 2.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
273	Hiwi Piahana and another	Pukehou No. 4B No. 4A No. 1.
274	Katerina te Warekura	Whakatomotomo No. 4.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 69 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR PERMANENT RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land through which Right-of-Way is required.
275	Hoani Paraone Tunuiarangi and others (by their solicitors, Stafford, Treadwell, and Field)	Pahaoa No. 6.
276	Te Ata Raharuhe and others (by their solicitor, Coleman Phillips)	Pahaoa No. 7A.
277	Purakau Maika and others (by their solicitor, Coleman Phillips)	Pahaoa No. 7B.
278	Taiawhio te Tau and others (by their solicitor, Coleman Phillips)	Pahaoa No. 6.

APPLICATION FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDER.

No.	Name of Surveyor.	Name of Land.	Amount.
279	Augustus Philip Mason	Ngarara West A	£332 3s. 6d.

Inquiry under Section 51 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1886."

WHEREAS by an Order in Council dated the 31st day of January, 1888, a parcel of land known as Ngapaipuraa or Whareroa, containing 262 acres 2 roods, or thereabouts, together with certain other lands situated in the Wellington District, were referred to the Native Land Court under section 51 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1886," for the purpose of determining the ownership and the individualisation of title to the said lands, and the mode of granting the same, and all matters incidental thereto respectively: And whereas at a sitting of the said Court held at Wellington on the 7th day of April, 1888, in respect of the aforesaid parcel of land, the ownership of the whole of the area of the said parcel was determined, excepting the portion thereof appropriated for railway purposes, and in the occupation of the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company, comprising in the aggregate 2 acres 2 roods 27 perches: And whereas it is expedient that the title to such portion should now be ascertained:

Notice is hereby given that at a sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Otaki on the 20th day of July, 1898, the title to the said portion of the aforesaid land will be ascertained, and all other proceedings had which may be necessary in and about the premises.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 6th July, 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 Levin on the 8th day of August, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Wellington, 98-41.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
5	Ngawhiro Marakaia and Erina te Korou (by their solicitor, P. E. Baldwin)	Marakaia Tawarao.
6	Wiki Keepa	Meiha Keepa te Rangihiwini.

Inquiry under Section 39 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 6th July, 1898.

WHEREAS application has been made on behalf of Taimona te Ahuru (otherwise Taimona Pita te Ahuru) to have the order annulled whereby Ria Raikokiritia was, on the 21st April, 1890, appointed trustee for the said Taimona te Ahuru (otherwise Taimona Pita te Ahuru) in respect of the Horowhenua No. 3 Block: Now it is hereby notified that the matter will be inquired into by the Court which will sit at Levin on the 8th day of August, 1898.

"THE WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES ACT, 1892."

Reserves for Leasing by Tender.

THE Public Trustee hereby notifies that tenders will be received at the Public Trust Office, Wellington, up to 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 31st day of August, 1898, for leases, under the provisions of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," and the regulations dated the 13th day of February, 1893, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 23rd day of February, 1893, and *Kahiti* of the 23rd day of February, 1893, of the under-mentioned reserves, in lots as numbered, and on the terms stated below.

Lot No.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Rental per Acre.	Total Upset Rental per Annum.	Grant.
				A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	Sub. Div. 7 of Sec. 118	I., Rahotu	Opunake	0 1 0	...	1 8 0	3948
2	Sub. Div. 8 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 1 0	...	1 7 0	3948
3	Sub. Div. 9 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 1 0	...	1 6 0	3948
4	Sub. Div. 10 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 1 0	...	1 5 0	3948
5	Sub. Div. 11 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 2 0	...	1 0 0	3948
6	Sub. Div. 12 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 2 0	...	1 0 0	3948
7	Sub. Div. 13 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 2 0	...	1 0 0	3948
8	Sub. Div. 14 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 2 0	...	1 5 0	3948
9	Sub. Div. 15 of Sec. 118	"	"	0 2 0	...	1 5 0	3948
10	Sub. Div. 18 of Sec. 118	"	"	1 0 0	...	1 10 0	3948
11	Sub. Div. 19 of Sec. 118	"	"	1 0 0	...	1 10 0	3948
12	9	III., Ngatitara	"	226 1 0	0 1 0	11 6 3	3938
13	9	"	"	214 0 0	0 0 10	8 18 4	3938
14	10	"	"	214 0 0	0 0 10	8 18 4	3938
15	11	"	"	214 0 0	0 0 9	8 0 6	3938
16	12	Pts. III. and IV.,	"	231 2 0	0 0 9	8 13 8	3938
17	13	IV.,	"	269 0 0	0 0 8	8 19 4	3938
18	21	Pts. III. and VII.,	"	235 0 0	0 0 9	8 16 3	3938
19	22	Pts. III. and IV.,	"	246 0 22	0 0 9	9 4 7	3938
20	23	"	"	263 3 30	0 0 9	9 18 0	3938
21	24	IV.,	"	300 3 20	0 0 9	11 5 8	3938
22	25	"	"	337 0 0	0 0 8	11 4 8	3938
23	29	VII.,	"	190 1 0	0 1 0	9 10 3	3938
24	30	"	"	192 3 30	0 1 0	9 12 10	3938
25	31	"	"	178 0 17	0 1 0	8 18 2	3938
26	32	Pts. III. and VII.,	"	184 2 16	0 1 0	9 4 7	3938
27	10	VI.,	"	176 0 0	0 1 6	13 4 0	3938
28	16	VII., Ngatikahumate	"	152 3 10	0 0 10	6 7 4	3937
29	20	"	"	148 1 15	0 0 9	5 11 3	3937
30	24	"	"	125 2 0	0 0 8	4 3 8	3937
31	30	III., IV., VII., and VIII., Ngatikahumate	"	216 3 12	0 0 8	7 4 7	3937
32	32	IV. and VII., Ngatikahumate	"	248 0 28	0 0 8	8 5 6	3937
33	34	IV., Ngatikahumate	"	208 3 0	0 0 6	5 4 5	3937
34	36	"	"	215 2 0	0 0 6	5 7 9	3937
35	1	VIII., Orimupiko	"	47 0 0	0 1 0	2 7 0	3924
36	2	"	"	282 0 0	0 0 10	11 15 0	3924
37	13	"	"	342 0 0	0 0 10	14 5 0	3924
38	14	"	"	387 0 0	0 0 10	16 2 6	3924
39	15	"	"	223 0 0	0 0 10	9 5 10	3924
40	16	"	"	192 0 0	0 0 10	8 0 0	3924
41	17	"	"	460 0 0	0 0 9	17 5 0	3924
42	18	"	"	307 0 0	0 0 9	11 10 3	3924
43	10	X.,	"	146 0 0	0 1 0	7 6 0	3924
44	11	"	"	337 0 0	0 0 10	14 0 10	3924
45	Sub. Div. 3 of Sec. 42	II., Ngatituhakerangi	"	204 0 0	0 1 3	12 15 0	3947
46	Sub. Div. 1 of Sec. 2	III.,	"	241 0 0	0 1 0	12 1 0	3947
47	Sub. Div. 2 of Sec. 2	"	"	241 0 0	0 1 0	12 1 0	3947
48	3 and 4	VIII., Pukekohatu	"	152 0 0	0 0 10	6 6 8	3923
49	5	"	"	145 0 0	0 0 10	6 0 10	3923
50	6	"	"	72 0 0	0 0 10	3 0 0	3923
51	7	"	"	330 0 0	0 0 10	13 15 0	3923
52	8	"	"	302 0 0	0 0 9	11 6 6	3923
53	9 and 10	"	"	205 0 0	0 0 9	7 13 9	3923
54	11	"	"	197 0 0	0 0 9	7 7 2	3923
55	73	I.,	"	175 0 0	0 1 6	13 2 6	4040
56	15	XII.,	"	60 0 0	0 2 3	7 10 0	3923
57	25	XIII.,	"	16 0 0	0 9 0	7 4 0	3798
58	26	"	"	97 0 0	0 9 0	43 13 0	3798
59	Sub. Div. 14 of Sec. 3	X., Paora	Cape	236 0 0	0 1 6	22 4 0	3888
60	Sub. Div. 15 of Sec. 3	"	"	400 0 0	0 1 9	35 0 0	3888
61	Sub. Div. 16 of Sec. 3	"	"	440 0 0	0 1 9	38 10 0	3888
62	Sub. Div. 3 of Sec. 4	" Komene	"	227 2 0	0 2 0	22 15 0	3887
63	Sub. Div. 4 of Sec. 4	"	"	227 3 0	0 2 0	22 15 6	3887
64	Sub. Div. 6 of Sec. 4	"	"	209 0 0	0 1 6	15 13 6	3887
65	Sub. Div. 7 of Sec. 4	"	"	192 0 0	0 1 6	14 8 0	3887
66	Sub. Div. 9 of Sec. 4	"	"	160 0 0	0 1 0	8 0 0	3887
67	Sub. Div. 10 of Sec. 6	" Taihaere	"	186 0 0	0 1 0	9 6 0	3889
68	Sub. Div. 11 of Sec. 6	"	"	200 0 0	0 1 3	12 10 0	3889
69	Sub. Div. 12 of Sec. 6	"	"	169 0 0	0 1 6	12 13 6	3889
70	Sub. Div. 13 of Sec. 6	"	"	225 0 0	0 1 6	16 17 6	3889

Lot No.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Rental per Acre.		Total Upset Rental per Annum.	Grant.	
					£	s. d.			
71	Sub. Div. 2	Kawau Reserve...	Huiroa	A. R. P. 235 0 0	£	s. d. 2 0	£	s. d. 23 10 0	5300
72	" 3	"	"	260 0 0	0	1 6	19 10 0	5300	
73	" 4	"	"	171 0 0	0	2 0	17 2 0	5300	
74	3	III., Kirikiri Reserve	"	13 0 0	0	2 6	1 12 6	5304	
75	Part 5	" Keri Kiringa	"	20 2 0	0	3 0	3 1 6	5301	
76	6	" Pukerata	"	280 0 0	0	2 0	28 0 0	5293	
77	10	VIII., Aotawa	"	300 0 0	0	1 3	18 15 0	...	
78	Pukiekie Res've	Omata District	Wairau	360 0 0	0	3 0	54 0 0	4072	
79	4	Oakura	"	99 0 0	0	3 6	17 6 6	4087	
80	Sub. Div. 1 of Sec. 1	VII., Mangepoa...	Waitara	50 0 0	0	3 0	7 10 0	5289	
81	Pt. 56 and Sec. 1	VII. and XI., Ohanga	"	346 0 0	0	2 6	43 5 0	5243	
82	Part 9	X., Otaraoa	"	38 2 0	0	2 6	4 16 3	5249	
83	" 11	XI., Ngatirahiri...	"	117 0 0	0	1 6	8 15 6	5250	
84	" 12	"	"	100 0 0	0	1 3	6 5 0	5248	
85	" 13	X., "	"	50 0 0	0	1 0	2 10 0	5246	
86	" 14	XI., "	"	100 0 0	0	1 0	5 0 0	5247	
87	Sub. Div. of 10	III., Otautu	Carlyle	76 1 33	0	0 6	1 18 3	3790	
88	515	Patea District	"	9 3 9	0	10 6	5 3 0	3691	
89	30	VII., "	Waimate	67 0 0	0	9 0	30 3 0	3635	
90	66	I., "	Oeo	118 0 0	0	10 0	59 0 0	3793	
91	Part Sec. 24	II., "	"	345 0 0	0	2 6	43 2 6	3803	
92	Sub. Div. 12 of Sec. 33	XII. and XV., Taumaha	Hawera	357 0 0	0	2 0	35 14 0	3777	
93	122	Kairoa Reserve, Huirangi	Paritutu and Waitara	50 0 0	0	2 3	5 12 6	3885	
94	Sub. Div. 3 of 123	I., Rahotu	Opunake	0 1 0	...	...	1 0 0	3948
95	Part Sec. 54	I., "	Waimate	5 0 0	0	10 0	2 10 0	3802	

The term of years for which the lease will be granted will in each case be twenty-one years, computed from the 1st October, 1898.

Such lease is perpetually renewable every twenty-one years, as provided by the above Act.

The rent is payable by equal half-yearly instalments in advance.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Public Trustee, Wellington, and marked on the outside as follows: "West Coast Settlement Reserves. Tender for lease of Lot No. , as advertised in the newspaper on the day of 1898."

Envelopes for such purpose, and printed forms of tender and declaration, can be obtained of the Postmasters at Opunake, Manaiia, Normanby, Waitotara, Patea, Waverley, Stratford, Waitara, Okato, Oakura, Puniho; the agents of the Public Trustee at Hawera, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Napier; the office of T. W. Fisher, Esq., Reserves Agent, New Plymouth; or at the office of the Public Trustee, Wellington.

If any person desires to tender for more than one lot, a separate tender for each lot must be made, and separate declarations, as required by section 50 of the Schedule to the said Act, furnished.

Every tender must be accompanied by six months' rent at the rate tendered, the sum of £3 3s. to pay for the lease and registration thereof, and the amount of stamp duty payable on the lease and counterpart. Marked cheques will be received (which must include bank exchange), or post-office orders.

Successful tenderers will be notified in writing by the Public Trustee of the acceptance of their tenders, and must, within thirty days after notice by registered letter shall have been posted in the General Post Office, Wellington, addressed to the tenderer at the address given in the tender, execute leases in triplicate.

All rates and taxes due in respect of the above lands accruing after the 30th September next must be paid by the lessee.

Every tender, where the rental tendered is less than the upset rental fixed as aforesaid, will be informal and incapable of being accepted, and no tender will be accepted unless the same is closed up and accompanied by the statutory declaration as provided by section 50 of the above Act, together with such six months' rent and £3 3s. as above mentioned.

The highest tenderer, if his tender equals or exceeds the upset rental, will be declared the lessee, and be entitled to possession so soon as he has executed the lease thereof in triplicate, and has complied with all other conditions lawfully prescribed in that behalf.

If the rent tendered by two or more persons is of the same amount, and is higher than that offered by other tenderers, the Public Trustee will, after opening all the tenders, decide by lot, in such manner as he thinks fit, which of such persons shall be declared the lessee.

The deposits and fees paid by the unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon application.

If any person declared a lessee fails to execute his lease within thirty days after being required by notice so to do, then his deposit and the above-mentioned sum of £3 3s. will be absolutely forfeited to the Public Trustee, and the right of such person to obtain such lease will absolutely cease and determine.

The lease and the provisions thereof to be executed by the successful tenderer and the Public Trustee are set out in the above-mentioned regulations. Such form of lease has been modified by the insertion therein of provisions with reference to fencing; and the form of lease to be signed with the said modifications can be seen at any of the places above-mentioned, where forms of tender can be obtained.

Persons proposing to tender are referred to the above-mentioned Act and regulations, which are to be deemed part of this notice.

If from any cause whatever the Public Trustee is unable to grant a lease of any of the lands above referred to, the successful tenderer shall have no claim for damages or compensation.

The area of each lot is believed to be correctly described in the foregoing list, but if the area is less than that specified in such list the successful tenderer shall be bound to take a lease of such lesser area without any allowance of compensation.

If the area of any lot is larger than that set out in the said list the Public Trustee reserves the right, by notice in writing to the successful tenderer, to annul the contract, but without payment of any compensation or damages whatever.

This notice is to be deemed part of any contract for the grant of a lease of any of the above-mentioned lands to any successful tenderer.

J. C. MARTIN,
Public Trustee.

Public Trust Office, Wellington, 1st July, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM PARKINS, of Coromandel, Coach-driver, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr. B. B. Johnson's office, Coromandel, on Friday, the 1st day of July, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 24th June, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that FREDERICK CADDY SHARLAND, of Auckland, Chemist, was this day adjudged bankrupt on creditors' petition; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 7th day of July, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 27th June, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that DANIEL MORONEY, of Wai-pawa, Hotelkeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Wednesday, the 13th day of July, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock.

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

Napier, 4th July, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that HENRY CHARLES SMITH, of Wanganui, Steward, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 8th day of July, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 30th June, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ARTHUR CHARLES ROBINSON, of Wanganui, Carpenter, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 2nd July, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that Tuesday, the 19th July, at 9 a.m., has been appointed the time, and the Courthouse, Wanganui, as the place, for holding the public examination of C. W. REARDON, of Wanganui, Surveyor.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 4th July, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM HENRY SUTHERLAND, of Ashburton, Fishmonger, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 13th day of July, 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN DAVISON,
Deputy Official Assignee.

5th July, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JULIA HANIFIN, of Seadown, near Timaru, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Wednesday, the 6th day of July, 1898, at 2 o'clock.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 29th June, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

Estate of WILLIAM CROSSAN, of Owaka, Baker.

THE first and final dividend, of 5s. 3d. in the pound, on all accepted proved claims, is now payable at my office.

C. C. GRAHAM,
Official Assignee.

Dunedin, 4th July, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Friday, the 22nd day of July, 1898, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 4th day of July, 1898.

Thornhill, Wm. A., Labourer, Woodend.
Sloan, Wm., Boot and Shoe Dealer, Invercargill.
Ward, Joseph Geo., Merchant, Invercargill.
Coughlan, Joseph, Settler, Papatotara.
Sinclair, John, Dealer, Invercargill.
Gutsell, George, Labourer, Winton.
Henderson, John, Contractor, Centre Bush.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Mining Notices.**STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.**

Name of company: Gold Bank Alluvial Gold-dredging Company.
When formed: 16th August, 1895.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Dunedin; W. R. Frost.
Nominal capital: £2,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £2,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,000.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £250; nil.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £250.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 9
Number of shares allotted: 9.
Amount paid per share: £250.
Amount called up per share: 8s. 6d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company:
Present number of shareholders:
Number of men employed by company: 8.
Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year:
564 oz.; £2,177.
Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration:
847 oz.; £3,259.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,123.
Total expenditure since registration: £5,720.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
Amount of cash at banker's: £163 19s. 4d.
Amount of cash in hand: Nil.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £190.

I, William Row Frost, of Dunedin, the Secretary of the Gold Bank Alluvial Gold-dredging Company, 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."

W. R. FROST,
Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 30th day of June, 1898, before me—James Horsburgh, J.P.

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Ceresus (Paparoa) Gold-mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 18th May, 1897.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Secretary: Greymouth; Henry Bignell.
 Nominal capital: £37,500.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £35,937 10s.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,400.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £23,750; nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £23,750.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 60,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 57,500.
 Amount paid per share: 5s. on 9,000 shares.
 Amount called up per share: 7s. on 10,000 shares.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 21; £1,100.
 Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 22.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £249 9s. 10d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £33 7s. 3d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: £22 1s. 8d.
 Amount of debts considered good: £22 1s. 8d.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £3,354 17s. 5d.

I, Henry Bignell, of Greymouth, the Secretary of the Ceresus (Paparoa) Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the present date; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

HENRY BIGNELL,
 Secretary.

Declared at Greymouth, this 11th day of June, 1898, before me—J. Goldsworthy, J.P. 679

GREAT WAITANGI COLLIERY AND COALFIELDS EXPLORATION COMPANY (LIMITED), (IN LIQUIDATION).

A GENERAL Meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held at the office of the undersigned, Government Insurance Buildings, Auckland, on Tuesday, 27th September, 1898, at 3 p.m., to receive the report of the Liquidator and statement of accounts.
 Auckland, 2nd July, 1898.

678 THOMAS ALLEN, Liquidator.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of the voluntary winding-up of the Record Reign Opal-mining Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 302 of "The Companies Act, 1882," that a General Meeting of the members of the above-named company will be held at the registered office of the company, Moore Street, Ashburton, on Monday, the 12th day of September, 1898, at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator.
 Dated the 2nd day of July, 1898.

DAVID ZANDER,
 Liquidator.

C. W. PURNELL,
 Solicitor for the Liquidator,
 Ashburton. 672

CITY OF AUCKLAND GOLD-MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the above-named company has been removed from Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at other offices in the same buildings.

Dated at Auckland, this 27th day of June, 1898.

ARTHUR WRIGHT,
 T. J. DUDER, } Directors.

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PROGRESS CASTLE ROCK GOLD-MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the above-named company has been removed from Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at other offices in the same buildings.

Dated at Auckland, this 27th day of June, 1898.

H. BURTON,
 C. B. STONE, } Directors.

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HAURAKI SOUTH GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

"FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the above-named company has been removed from Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at other offices in the same buildings.

D. A. BOWICK,
 Attorney for the said Company in New Zealand.
 Auckland, 27th June, 1898. 686

KARANGAHAKE GOLD-MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registered Office of the above-named company has been removed from Nos. 26 and 27, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, and is now situated at other offices in the same buildings.

ROBT. C. CARR,
 C. B. STONE, } Directors.
 Auckland, 27th June, 1898. 685

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.

3463. JAMES GALLAGHER.—Allotment 29, Parish of Puni, containing 343 acres 1 rood 7 perches. In Applicant's occupation.

3464. ROBERT COCKERLINE.—Allotments 87, 88, 89, and 98, Parish of Puni, containing 200 acres. In Applicant's occupation.

3476. JOHN HENRY FIELD.—Part of Allotment 4, Section 18, of the City of Auckland, containing 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. In occupation of tenant.

3478. TAMAR AMY THORNES.—Lots 11 and 12 of Allotments 19, 20, 21, and 22, Section 25, City of Auckland, containing 9 perches. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,
 District Land Registrar.

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

730. MARY HANNAH WILSON.—Section 847, Town of New Plymouth, 1 rood 1 perch. Occupied by New Plymouth Sash and Door Company (Limited).

Diagram may be inspected at this office (Plan 1152).

Dated this 29th day of June, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
 District Land Registrar.

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

733. MARY WEBSTER.—Lots 1 and 2, part of Section 682, Town of New Plymouth, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches. Occupied by Salvation Army and William Dawson Webster.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1156).

Dated this 30th day of June, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
 District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 8th day of August, 1898.

2798. LEMON BRYENTON.—11·7 perches, part Section 957, City of Wellington. Occupied by Applicant.

2801. ALEXANDER MILLIGAN.—19·4 perches, part Section 247, City of Wellington. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 6th day of July, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

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W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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

8298. GEORGE HARRIS and WALTER MORTON OLLIVIER.—1 rood 6½ perches, parts of Sections 399 and 400, City of Christchurch. Partly occupied by James Cecil Palmer and partly unoccupied.

8304. MARMADUKE JOHN DIXON and RICHARD ORME DIXON (Executors of MARMADUKE DIXON, deceased).—500 acres, Rural Sections 6211, 6212, 9952, 9963, 10118, 9959, 9960, 9964, 9965, 9966, and 13573, Mairaki Survey District. Occupied by Marmaduke John Dixon.

8306. CHARLES EDWARD CALCUTT.—38½ perches, part of Rural Section 163, Christchurch Survey District. Unoccupied.

8308. CARLISLE STUDHOLME and EDGAR CHANON STUDHOLME (Trustees of estate of MICHAEL STUDHOLME, deceased).—1,031 acres 1 rood 35 perches, Rural Sections 3334, 3335, 3336, 3822, 5294, 5295, 10018, 10774, 11073, 12380, 12636, and parts of 10017, 10724, 10725, 10807, 10406, 11074, 11585, 12379, and 12378, Waimate and Waitaki Survey Districts. Occupied by W. F. Cheverton, F. W. Kugler, R. Allan, and Applicants.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
Dated this 2nd day of July, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

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G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

Private Advertisements.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LAND FOR WATERWORKS.

THE Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashburton intend, under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," section 316, and under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to construct certain waterworks for a supply of pure water for the use of the inhabitants of the said borough, to be taken from the River Ashburton, through the lands described in the Schedule hereto, and thence to the said borough, by means of the headworks or intake now being in the bed of the said river, or near or on the said lands, or by other works to be constructed in lieu thereof, and by means of a watercourse now being on or to be constructed on and through the said land.

Notice is hereby given that for the purposes aforesaid, and in connection therewith, the lands described in the Schedule hereto are required to be taken, and that a plan of the said land has been deposited at Mr. Curd's residence, Alford Forest Road, in the Upper Ashburton Road District, and is now open for public inspection, and that all persons affected are required to set forth in writing any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said works or to the taking of such lands, and to send such writing within forty days from the 2nd day of July, 1898, being the date of the first publication of this notice, to the Council of the said borough, at its office, Baring Square West, Ashburton.

THE SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of Land required to be taken.	Description of Land.	Survey District.
A. R. P. 17 0 0	Part of Rural Section 18860	Westerfield.

CHARLES REID,
Mayor.

Borough Council Office, Ashburton,
2nd July, 1898.

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In the matter of the Christchurch Fibre Company (Limited).

AT an extraordinary general meeting of the members of the above-named company, duly convened, and held at the office of the company, Hereford Street, Christchurch, on the 15th day of June, 1898, the following extraordinary resolution was duly passed:—

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same, and accordingly that the company be wound up voluntarily, and that Harry Aulsebrook Bruce, of Christchurch, secretary to the said company, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up."

Dated this 24th day of June, 1898.

G. HUMPHREYS,
Chairman.

Witness—
Horace J. Moon.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between WILLIAM WADDELL, ANDREW SEMPLE WADDELL, and JOHN CRERAR, carrying on business at Timaru as Tailors, under the style of "Waddell and Crerar," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

The debts due to the late firm will be received, and the liabilities of the firm discharged, by Mr. William Waddell, who will continue to carry on the business.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1898.

WM. WADDELL,
JOHN CRERAR,
A. S. WADDELL.

Witness—
S. Geo. Raymond, Solicitor,
Timaru.

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WANGANUI COUNTY COUNCIL.

IN accordance with section 17, "Public Works Act, 1894," it is hereby notified that the Council intend to take land half a chain wide through Sections parts 292 and 293, Mataongaonga Riding, for the purpose of clearing same and forming a public road from Long-acre Valley Road into Section 272.

Plan of same lies open for inspection at the office of the Council, Taylorville. All persons affected are called upon to set forth in writing and send to the Council within forty days from the first publication of this notice any well-grounded objection to the execution of such works or the taking of such land.

ALEX. HIGGIE,
Chairman.
ERNEST BARNES,
Clerk to Council.

Wanganui, 5th July, 1898.

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OHINEMURI COUNTY.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LAND FOR ROADS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain public work, to wit, the construction of a road at Mangaiti, in the County of Ohinemuri; and notice is further given that the plan of the said land is deposited in the office of the Ohinemuri County Council, at Paeroa, and at the Post-office, Te Aroha, and is there open for inspection, and that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land should, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing within forty days from the first publication of this notice to the Ohinemuri County Council, Paeroa.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned in the list hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in Block No.	Situated in
A. R. P. 0 3 15	Section 1	V.	Aroha S.D.
0 3 7	Section 1	V.	Aroha S.D.
1 1 4	Section 5	V.	Aroha S.D.

All in the Provincial District of Auckland; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked "A" deposited in the office of the Ohinemuri County Council at Paeroa, Ohinemuri, and in the Post-office at Te Aroha, in the Provincial District of Auckland, and thereon coloured red.

Dated at Paeroa, this sixth day of July, 1898.

H. P. BARRY,

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Chairman, Ohinemuri County Council.

OHINEMURI COUNTY.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LAND FOR ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain public work, to wit, the construction of the Puke-Netherton Road, in the County of Ohinemuri; and notice is further given that the plans of the said land are deposited in the office of the Ohinemuri County Council, Paeroa, and at the Post-office, Netherton, and are there open for inspection, and that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land should, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing within forty days from the first publication of this notice to the Ohinemuri County Council, Paeroa.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned in the list hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in Block No.	Situated in
A. R. P.			
1 3 10	Ahipukahu No. 1 Block..	XII.	Aroha S.D.
2 3 8.9	Lot 2, Waihou West No. 1B	XII.	Aroha S.D.
2 1 13	Lot 3, Waihou West No. 1B	XII.	Aroha S.D.
4 1 9.1	Ngahinapouri B Block ..	XII.	Aroha S.D.
2 3 28.7	Ngahinapouri B Block ..	XII.	Aroha S.D.
0 3 31.8	Ngahinapouri C Block ..	XII.	Aroha S.D.
3 2 2	Arawhakapekapeka Block	VII.	Waihou S.D.
1 3 7	Arawhakapekapeka Block	VII.	Waihou S.D.
1 2 29	Arawhakapekapeka Block	VII.	Waihou S.D.
1 2 26.7	Arawhakapekapeka Block	VII.	Waihou S.D.
1 3 19	Tahanui Block..	VII.	Waihou S.D.
0 3 18	Kopuapoto Block ..	VII.	Waihou S.D.
1 1 31	Tamahore Block ..	VII.	Waihou S.D.

All in the Provincial District of Auckland; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plans marked "B" and "C," deposited in the office of the Ohinemuri County Council at Paeroa, and in the Post-office at Netherton, Ohinemuri, in the Provincial District of Auckland, and coloured pink on the plan marked "B" and brown on the plan marked "C."

Dated at Paeroa, this sixth day of July, 1898.

H. P. BARRY,

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