



# THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

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*Additional Land taken in East Taieri District for the Purposes of the Waitaki-Bluff Railway.*

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

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

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

**SCHEDULE.**

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

| Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken. | Being Portion of            | Situated in     | Situated in the Survey District of |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>2 3 12.4                          | Quarry Reserve, Stuart Town | Irregular Block | East Taieri.                       |

In the Land District of Otago; as the same is more particularly delineated upon the plan marked P.W.D. 18361, deposited in the Office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,  
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

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

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Marriage Act, 1880," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing marriage districts known as the Paparua, Mangawai, Tapanui, Gabriel's, and Mount Benger Districts, and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said districts is hereby divided anew into seven marriage districts, the names and boundaries whereof shall be as follow:—

**MAUNGATUROTO DISTRICT.**

All that area in the Auckland Land District bounded towards the north-east generally by the Parishes of Waipu and Mangawai respectively; towards the east generally by the Makaru River; towards the south-east and south-west by the south-eastern and south-western boundaries of the Parish of Kaiwaka, by Kaitara No. 1 Block and the Kaitara River to the Kaiwaka River; thence towards the south by the Kaiwaka River to the Otamatea River; thence again towards the south-east by the Otamatea River; towards the south-west by the Arapaoa River; and towards the north-west by Te Pahi River and the Parishes of Paparua and Mareretu.

**PAPARUA DISTRICT.**

All that area in the Auckland Land District bounded towards the north generally by the Mangonui River from its confluence with the Omaru River to the Parish of Mareretu; thence towards the north-east and again towards the north by Mareretu Parish; towards the east generally by the Parish of Wairau and Te Pahi and Arapaoa Rivers respectively; towards the south-east by the Otamatea River; towards the south-west by the Wairoa River to the mouth of Awaroa Stream; and towards the west generally by the Awaroa Stream to a point in line with the south-eastern boundary-line of Section No. 1, Omaru Parish; thence by a right line to the southernmost corner of that section; thence by the said Section No. 1 and Section No. 29 to Omaru Parish boundary; and thence by Omaru Parish to the Mangonui River aforesaid.

**MANGAWAI DISTRICT.**

All that area in the Auckland Land District bounded towards the north generally by the Parish of Waipu; towards the north-east by the sea; towards the south-east by the south-eastern boundary of Arai Parish; towards the south generally by the southern boundary of Arai Parish, by Sections Nos. 104 and 103, Oruawharo Parish, and the

Te Hana and Oruawharo Rivers; towards the west generally by the Topuni and Hakaru Rivers and the Kaiwaka Parish to the Parish of Waipu aforesaid.

#### HERIOT DISTRICT.

All that area in the Otago Land District bounded towards the north generally by the Spylaw Burn from its confluence with the Pomahaka River to Block VI., Crookston Survey District; thence by the said Block VI., and by Benger Survey District, to Spylaw Hill: thence towards the east generally by the road forming the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 8, Block XVII., Crookston Survey District; by Section No. 7, a public road, and Sections Nos. 13, 16, and 18, Block XVII. aforesaid; by Sections Nos. 15, 12, 13, and 10, Block XVI., Crookston Survey District, and the road forming the southern boundary of the last-mentioned section to the summit of the Tapanui Mountains, and thence by the summit of the Tapanui Mountains to Tapanui Hill: thence towards the south generally by a right line to the south-eastern corner of Section No. 3, Block XI., Crookston Survey District; thence by Blocks X. and III. to the northern boundary of Section No. 30, Block III. aforesaid; thence by Sections Nos. 30, 32, and 37, Block III., Crookston Survey District; Sections Nos. 20, 9, 11, 12, 29, and 13, Block IV., Greenvale Survey District; Sections Nos. 2, 7, 12, 14, and 15, Block V., and by Block XIII., Greenvale Survey District, to the Pomahaka River: and thence towards the west by the Pomahaka River to the Spylaw Burn aforesaid.

#### TAPANUI DISTRICT.

All that area in the Otago Land District bounded towards the north generally by the Leithen Burn from the north-west boundary of Section No. 1, Block VII., Greenvale Survey District, to the Pomahaka River; thence by that river to the southern boundary of Block XVI.; thence by Blocks XVI., XVII., and V., to the southern boundary-line of Section No. 21, said Block V.; thence by Sections Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1, and 25, Block V., and Sections Nos. 24, 25, 26, and railway reserve, and by Sections Nos. 27 and 28, Block IV., Greenvale Survey District; by Sections Nos. 38, 39, and 40, Block III., Crookston Survey District; by Blocks VII. and XI. to the south-eastern corner of Section No. 3, Block XI., Crookston Survey District; thence by a right line to Tapanui Hill: thence towards the south-east generally by the summit of the Tapanui Mountains and the leading spur intersecting Section No. 4, Block XII., Glenkenich Survey District, to the Pomahaka River at the northern boundary of the Waipahee Survey District: thence towards the south generally by the Waipahee Survey District, and the road forming the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 40, 39, and 38, Block IX., Glenkenich Survey District: and towards the west generally by the road forming the north-western boundaries of Sections Nos. 6, 7, 12, 13, road reserve, 14 and 16, said Block IX.; by the road intersecting Sections Nos. 9 and 10, Block V., and forming the eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 28 and 12, Block V., Glenkenich Survey District; by the last-mentioned section, by Chatton Survey District, the Waikaka River (east branch), and the north-western boundary of Section No. 1, Block VII., Greenvale Survey District, to the Leithen Burn, the place of commencement.

#### GABRIEL'S DISTRICT.

All that area in the Otago Land District bounded towards the north generally by the Benger Survey District from Spylaw Hill to the Clutha River; thence by a line across that river, and by the eastern bank of the Clutha River to the Beaumont River; thence by that river to its source: thence towards the north-east generally by the summit of the Lammerlaw Range and the watershed between the Waipori River and the Deep and Lee Streams, the road forming the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Block II., Waipori Survey District, and of Sections Nos. 4 and 8, Block V.: towards the east generally by Block VI., the Verter Burn, and the Waipori River, and the south-eastern boundary of Section 5, Block VIII., Waipori Survey District, to Trig. Station C, Block VIII. aforesaid, and thence by a right line to Waitahuna Hill: thence towards the south generally by the summit of the leading ridge to the watershed between the Tuapeka and Waitahuna Rivers, by that watershed and by the summit of the leading ridge to the source of the Crook Burn; thence by the Crook Burn to the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 23, Block X., Waitahuna West Survey District; thence by that section, the road forming the northern boundary of Section No. 22, and by Section No. 6, Block XI., Waitahuna West Survey District, to its northernmost corner; thence by a right line to the easternmost corner of Section No. 15, Block IX., Tuapeka West Survey District; thence by the road forming the eastern boundaries of Sections Nos. 15, 16, and 17, said Block IX., the road intersecting Sections Nos. 17 and 11 and forming part of the northern boundary of the last-

mentioned section, the road forming the northern boundary of Section No. 4, said Block IX., and forming the northern boundary of the Village of Darton, and of Sections Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Block XIII., and by Block VIII., Tuapeka West Survey District, to the Clutha River; thence by that river to a point opposite the mouth of the Blackcleugh Burn, across the Clutha River: and towards the west generally by the Blackcleugh Burn to its source in the Tapanui Mountains, by the summit of the Tapanui Mountains, the road forming the southern boundary of Section No. 10, Block XVI., Crookston Survey District; by Section No. 11, said Block XVI.; by Block XIII.; Section No. 14, Block XVII., Crookston Survey District; a road-line, and Sections Nos. 6 and 8, said Block XVII., to Spylaw Hill, the place of commencement.

#### MOUNT BENDER DISTRICT.

All that area in the Otago Land District bounded towards the north by a right line from a point on the summit of the Umbrella Mountains, due west of the confluence of Jordan Creek with the Clutha River, to that confluence; thence by a right line to South Roughridge Hill: thence towards the east generally by the watershed between the Clutha and Taieri Rivers and by the Lammerlaw Range to the source of the Beaumont River: thence towards the south generally by the Beaumont and Clutha Rivers to a point in line with the northern boundary of Crookston Survey District; thence to and by that survey district, by the south-eastern boundary of Block VI., Crookston Survey District, and the Spylaw Burn, to the Pomahaka River: thence towards the west generally by a right line to Wart Hill; thence by a right line to the Whitcombe, and by the summit of the Umbrella Mountains, to the place of commencement.

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

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

J. CARROLL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

(L.S.)

RANFURLY, Governor.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1875," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing registration districts known as the Paparoa, Mangawai, Tapanui, Gabriel's, and Mount Benger Districts; and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said districts is hereby divided anew into seven registration districts, the names whereof shall be the Maungaturoto, Paparoa, Mangawai, Heriot, Tapanui, Gabriel's, and Mount Benger Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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

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

J. CARROLL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Proclaiming the Taking of a Road through Section 185, Parish of Pepepe.*

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the consent of the lessee of the land hereinafter mentioned, do by this notice hereby proclaim as a road the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

| Area.              | Being Portion of Section No. | Situated in                        | Shown on Plan marked | Coloured on Plan |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>2 2 19 | 185, Pepepe Parish           | Block XVI., Awaroa Survey District | 3140 187             | Red.             |

All in the Auckland Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above noted, deposited in the District Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Auckland, in the Auckland Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Proclaiming the Taking of Lands for Roads in Hundalee Survey District.*

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," and its amendments, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the consent of the Kaikoura County Council, the owners of the lands hereinafter mentioned, do by this notice hereby proclaim as roads the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcels of land mentioned in list hereunder:—

| Area.             | Being Portions of Section No. | Block. | Survey District. | Shown on Plan marked | Coloured on Plan |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>9 2 5 | 15                            | XVIII. | Hundalee         | R. 54                | Red.             |
| 2 2 0             | "                             | "      | "                | "                    | "                |
| 4 1 0             | "                             | "      | "                | "                    | "                |
| 3 0 0             | "                             | "      | "                | "                    | "                |

All in the Marlborough Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above noted, deposited in the District Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Blenheim, in the Marlborough Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Proclaiming Roads as closed through Private Lands in the Hundalee Survey District.*

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do by this notice hereby proclaim as closed the roads hereinafter described, that is to say:—

| Approximate Areas of the Portions of Road closed. | Separating Parts of Section No. | Survey District and Block. | Shown on Plan marked | Coloured on Plan |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>11 0 0                                | 15                              | Block XVIII., Hundalee     | R. 54 ..             | Green.           |
| 2 0 8   | "                               | Ditto ..                   | " ..                 | "                |
| 3 3 13  | "                               | " ..                       | " ..                 | "                |
| 2 2 2   | "                               | " ..                       | " ..                 | "                |
| 2 2 6   | 7                               | Block XXI., Hundalee       | " ..                 | "                |

As the same is delineated upon the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the District Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Blenheim, in the Marlborough Land District, and thereon coloured as above noted.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Land set apart for Settlement.*

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

WHEREAS by the second section of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891" (herein termed "the said Act"), it is, amongst other things, enacted that, before certain moneys therein mentioned shall be expended upon any block of land, it shall be necessary that the same be proclaimed as set apart for settlement:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

SCHEDULE.

OTUKAI BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, situate in Blocks XII. and XIII., Rangaunu Survey District, and Blocks III., IV., and VII., Takahue Survey District, containing by admeasurement 9,600 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north generally by a public road, by Sections Nos. 41, 21, and 22 of the Parish of Waiake, by a public road, by Sections Nos. 39, 38, and 36 of the said Parish of Waiake, by a right line being the production in a north-westerly direction of the north-eastern boundary of land granted to J. Matthews (O.L.C. No. 66), by the said land, and by the Parapara West and Parapara East Blocks; towards the east generally by Sections Nos. 34, 32, and 30 of the Parish of Kaiaka, by a public road, by Sections Nos. 28 and 26 of the said Parish of Kaiaka, by a public road, by Section No. 13 of the last-mentioned parish, by Te Hororoa Block, again by Section No. 13 aforesaid, by part of the eastern boundary of the Parish of Kaiaka, and by Section No. 62 of the Parish of Maungataniwha; towards the south generally by Sections Nos. 59 and 58 of the Parish of Maungataniwha, by Section No. 71 of the Parish of Kaiaka, by a public road, by Sections Nos. 72, 73, 74, 105, 75, 122, 77, 89, 123, and again by Section No. 89, all of the Parish of Kaiaka, and by Te Konoti Block; and towards the west generally by Sections Nos. 9,

10, 12, 19, and 22 of the Parish of Mangatete, by a public road, by Sections 64a and 64 of the Parish of Mangatete, by the Raparapa Stream, by the Otukai River, by the Otara-poko Block, and by Section No. 1 of Block XII., Rangaunu Survey District: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 38719, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Land set apart for Settlement.*

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

WHEREAS by the second section of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891" (herein termed "the said Act"), it is, amongst other things, enacted that, before certain moneys therein mentioned shall be expended upon any block of land, it shall be necessary that the same be proclaimed as set apart for settlement:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

SCHEDULE.

TE PUROA BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District situate in the Parish of Waipa, and containing by admeasurement 8,600 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north generally by Sections Nos. 137, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, and 157 of the Parish of Waipa, by a public road, by Sections Nos. 213 and 211 of the said Parish of Waipa, by a public road, by Sections Nos. 201, 192, and northern portion of Section No. 193, again by a public road, and by Sections Nos. 95, 93, 94, and 9, all of the Parish of Waipa; towards the south-east generally by a public road, by Sections Nos. 54 and 58 of the said Parish of Waipa, and by a public road; towards the south by Sections Nos. 64 and 63 of the Parish of Waipa aforesaid; and towards the west generally by Sections Nos. 218, 135, and 216 of the Parish of Waipa aforesaid: save and except Section No. 53 of the Parish of Waipa aforesaid from the area hereinbefore described: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 38718, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Land set apart for Settlement.*

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

WHEREAS by the second section of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891" (herein termed "the said Act"), it is, amongst other things, enacted that, before certain moneys therein mentioned shall

be expended upon any block of land, it shall be necessary that the same be proclaimed as set apart for settlement:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

SCHEDULE.

KOHUMARU BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, situate in Blocks II., III., and VII., Maungataniwha Survey District, containing by admeasurement 4,880 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north by unadjudicated Native land; towards the north-east generally by Section No. 53 of the Parish of Mangonui, by a public road, by Sections Nos. 106, 128, and again by 106 of the said Parish of Mangonui, and by a public road; towards the south generally by a public road and by Sections Nos. 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, and 5 of the Parish of Maungataniwha East; and towards the west by Te Awa Puku Block, and by Sections Nos. 7, 6, and 4 of the Parish of Waitarau: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 38729, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Land set apart for Settlement.*

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

WHEREAS by the second section of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891" (herein termed "the said Act"), it is, amongst other things, enacted that, before certain moneys therein mentioned shall be expended upon any block of land, it shall be necessary that the same be proclaimed as set apart for settlement:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

SCHEDULE.

OPUATIA No. 3 BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, being Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Block XIII., and Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 of Block XIV., all of Onewhero Survey District, containing by admeasurement 4,337 acres, more or less: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 38474, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Land set apart for Settlement.*

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

WHEREAS by the second section of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1891" (herein termed "the said Act"), it is, amongst other things, enacted that, before certain moneys therein mentioned shall be expended upon any block of land, it shall be necessary that the same be proclaimed as set apart for settlement:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of every power and authority enabling me in this behalf, and for the purposes of the said Act, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim the block of land described in the Schedule hereto as set apart for settlement.

SCHEDULE.

OPUATIA No. 2 BLOCK.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, being Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of Block XII., One-who Survey District; Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Block XVI. of One-who Survey District; Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Block IX., Maramarua Survey District; Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block XIII., Maramarua Survey District; and Section No. 1 of Block I., Rangiriri Survey District, containing together by admeasurement 8,030 acres, more or less: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 38475, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Vesting a Reserve in the Mangatainoka Athenæum and Public Library (Incorporated).*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this seventh day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is a reserve for a site for an athenæum and public library:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient to vest the said land in the Mangatainoka Athenæum and Public Library (Incorporated):

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the said reserve shall become vested in the Mangatainoka Athenæum and Public Library (Incorporated) in trust, for a site for an athenæum and public library.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres 3 roods 14 perches, more or less, being Section No. 55, Block IV., Mangahao Survey District. Bounded towards the north by a public road, towards the east by a public road, towards the south by Section No. 92, and towards the west by Section No. 37 and a public road.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Terms and Conditions of Lease of Village-homestead Allotments in Otago.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this seventh day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by the one-hundred-and-sixty-ninth section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may fix the terms and conditions upon which the lands in any village settlement shall be disposed of, subject as in the said section is provided: And whereas by a Proclamation made under the said Act on the eleventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the lands described in the First Schedule hereto have been set apart under the said Act and declared open for lease as village-homestead allotments, and it is expedient to fix the terms and conditions upon which the said lands shall be disposed of:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby fix the terms and conditions upon which the lands mentioned in the First Schedule hereto shall be disposed of by way of lease in perpetuity, and which said terms and conditions are set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, and also doth direct that the lands shall be leased as village-homestead allotments only.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

*First-class Land.*

| Survey District. | Section. | Block. | Area. | Lease in Perpetuity:<br>Rent, 4 per cent. |                   |
|------------------|----------|--------|-------|---|-------------------|
|                  |          |        |       | Rent per Acre.                            | Half-yearly Rent. |

TUAPEKA COUNTY.

|            | A. | R.  | P. | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|------------|----|-----|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| Glenkenich | 95 | XI. | 42 | 1  | 25 | 1 | 7  | 2  |

This is a good bush section; situated four miles from Tapanui, and two miles from Pomahaka Railway-station.

CLUTHA COUNTY.

|          |    |      |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------|----|------|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| Woodland | 46 | VII. | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
|----------|----|------|----|---|---|---|---|---|

Bush land, of fair quality; accessible by a good road, and distant from Ratanui six miles, and sixteen miles from Owaka Railway-station.

|         |   |     |    |   |    |   |   |   |
|---------|---|-----|----|---|----|---|---|---|
| Tautuku | 8 | IV. | 23 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
|---------|---|-----|----|---|----|---|---|---|

Rough bush section, well watered; situated thirteen miles from Ratanui.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

1. The lands enumerated above are first-class lands, and are village-homestead allotments, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").
2. The day on which the lands shall be open for selection shall be Wednesday, the 18th day of January, 1899.
3. The rentals stated above shall be the price at which the lands shall be open for selection.
4. Applications for leases shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act; and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin; and leases will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.
5. Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single), and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C of the said Act.
6. Each applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease- and registration-fee, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.
7. All rents must be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided.
8. Improvements and residence on the land comprised in the lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the

said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations.

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

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

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

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Tangihua Recreation-ground brought under "The Public Domains Act, 1881."*

RANFURLY, Governor.

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this seventh day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

BY virtue of the powers and authorities vested in me by the twenty-fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby order and declare that the reserve made for public recreation in the Auckland Land District, and known as the Tangihua Recreation-ground, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same is hereby brought under the operation of and declared to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881"; and such domain shall hereafter be managed, administered, and dealt with in manner directed by the said Act.

#### SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 33 of Block II., Tangihua Survey District, and containing by admeasurement 65 acres, more or less. Bounded north-easterly by a public road, 1216 links; south-easterly by a public road, 441, 442, 123, 216, 266, 713, 223, 192, 188, 485, 293, and 480 links; south-westerly by Section No. 32, 2306 links; north-westerly by the Whataitiri No. 12 Block to commencing-point, 3085 and 381 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this seventh day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by the twelfth section of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time delegate all or any of the powers by the said Act conferred, save as is therein mentioned, to any person or persons, for any period, and subject to such stipulations as may be specified in such Order, and that every such delegation may from time to time in like manner be altered or revoked: And whereas, pursuant to "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," by an Order in Council of even date herewith, the land described in the Schedule thereto, being Section No. 33, Block II., Tangihua Survey District, is declared to be brought under the operation of and to be subject to the provisions of the said "Public Domains Act, 1881":

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand, doth by this present Order delegate all the powers conferred by the Act first above mentioned, except the powers under or conferred by sections five and twelve thereof, to

THE WHANGAREI COUNTY COUNCIL,

which shall be known as the Tangihua Domain Board (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 second Wednesday in each month, at the County Council Office, Whangarei, 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 fourteenth day of December, 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 Chairman of the Whangarei County Council shall be the Chairman of the Board. He 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. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members of the Board present at a meeting.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this tenth day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Public Domains Act, 1881," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby revoke a certain Order in Council, dated the thirteenth day of November, 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 Woodbury Public Domain Board, namely,—

FREDERICK ROBERT FLATMAN,  
JOSEPH WOODING,  
HENRY FABER BROWN,  
JOSEPH WEBB, and  
THOMAS SQUIRE

(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 Monday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at Woodbury Schoolhouse, 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 Monday, the fifth day of December, 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 first Monday in February in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 126 acres 2 roods 33 perches, more or less, being Reserve No. 1544, situate in the Orari and Geraldine Survey Districts. Bounded towards the north-east by Sections Nos. 3609 and 15892, 3319 and 4007 links respectively; towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 15590 and 15892, 3689 links, and a road-line 430 links; towards the south-west by a road-line, 6260 links; and towards the north-west by Section No. 17116, 3547 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: save and excepting thereout Reserve No. 2828, for a cemetery, and a public road running along the north-western boundary of said reserve, which are included within the above-described boundaries: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

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

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this tenth day of November, 1898.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING 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 eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, 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 Pahautanui Public Domain Board, namely,—

- JOHN MITCHELL,
- NICHOLAS ABBOTT,
- RODERICH MULHEARN,
- ALFRED IGGULDON,
- WILLIAM GARDNER,
- JAMES PEARCE, and
- ALFRED BRADEY

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the second Monday in each month, at two o'clock p.m., at Pahautanui, 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 Monday, the twelfth day of December, 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 Monday 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 Land District of Wellington, containing by admeasurement 105 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 115, Block IX., Paikakariki Survey District. Bounded on the north by Sections Nos. 90 and 68; on the east by Sections Nos. 67, 65, and 64, the mouth of the Pahautanui River, and Section No. 63; on the south by Sections Nos. 7 and 116, and a public road; and on the west by Porirua Harbour: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

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

*Consenting to Land being taken for a Road through Section 3, Block I., Lillburn Survey District.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this tenth day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by "The Public Works Act, 1894" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is, in section fourteen thereof, *inter alia*, enacted that there shall not be taken any land occupied by any building, yard, garden, orchard, or vineyard, or in *bonâ fide* occupation as an ornamental park or pleasure-ground, without the previous consent of the Governor in Council:

And whereas the consent of the Governor in Council is required to the taking of land for an approach to the Waiau-Cliffden Bridge through the lands described in the Schedule hereto, a portion of which is occupied by a garden:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby consent to the lands described in the Schedule hereto being taken for the purpose of an approach to the Waiau-Cliffden Bridge.

SCHEDULE.

| Area of Land proposed to be taken. | Being Part of   | Block. | Survey District. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>0 0 22.4               | Section 3 .. .. | I.     | Lillburn.        |

As the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 39708, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured purple.

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

*Extending Time for Election of Mayors of Boroughs in the Provincial District of Otago, &c.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this tenth day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by the sixth section of "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1887," it is, *inter alia*, provided that within the period of twenty-one days before or after the day appointed for the holding of any election the Governor in Council may extend the time allowed for the holding of such election: And whereas by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," it is provided that the elections of mayors of boroughs shall be held on the last Wednesday in the month of November in each year; and it is expedient that the date appointed for the holding of such election should be extended as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority contained in the firstly hereinbefore in part recited Act, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby extend the time for holding the election of each mayor for each city and borough situated within the Provincial District of Otago, and for holding the election of mayors for the Borough of the City of Wellington and for the Boroughs of Blenheim and Melrose, to Thursday, the first day of December proximo.

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

*Berwick Land-drainage District, County of Taieri, constituted.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this tenth day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

BERWICK DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Otago Land District, situated in Blocks II. and VI., Maungatua Survey District, bounded towards the north-east generally by Sections Nos. 2 of 11, 2 of 9, 1 of 9, a public road, and Section No. 10, Block II. aforesaid; Sections Nos. 56, 55, and 54, Block VI. aforesaid: towards the south-east by the road forming the south-eastern boundary of Section No. 8, Block VI. aforesaid: towards the south-west generally by the Waipori River: and towards the north-west by Section No. 44, Block II. aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,

Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Empowering Native Appellate Court to hear Appeal under Section 62 of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895."*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this tenth day of November, 1898.

Present:

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

WHEREAS by section sixty-two of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," it is provided that in any case in which application has been or shall be made to the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, under section thirty-nine of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," in respect of any order of the Court determining the succession to the estate of any Native deceased, the Governor, on being certified by the Chief Judge as in the said section is provided, may, by Order in Council, empower the Native Appellate Court to deal with such application as a valid appeal under "The Native Land Court Act, 1894": And whereas the Chief Judge has, in respect of the application of Heta Rewiti Stewart, under section thirty-nine aforesaid, certified as by the said section sixty-two is required: And whereas the said application in all other respects complies with the requirements of the last-mentioned section:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby empower the Native Appellate Court to deal with the said application as an appeal, under the provisions of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," from the order of Court hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

The order of the Court, dated the twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, appointing Ra Poutu Kemara to succeed to the interest of Te Kemara Tiraruahe, deceased, in the Parareka No. 2 Block, in the District of Thames.

J. F. ANDREWS,

Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Native Land proposed to be taken for a Gravel-pit in Block VII., Heretaunga Survey District.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this thirty-first day of October, 1898.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto are required to be taken for a public work, to wit, for the purposes of a gravel-pit, and road leading thereto, in Block VII., Heretaunga Survey District:

And whereas the said lands are held or occupied by Native owners under a title which is not derived from the Crown: And whereas a map in duplicate has been prepared of the said lands by the Hawke's Bay County Council, as required by the eighty-eighth section of "The Public Works Act, 1894":

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the eighty-eighth section of the said Act, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby declare that the land shown upon such map, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be deemed to be taken for the purposes of the said gravel-pit, and road thereto, and the said land shall vest in the Hawke's Bay County Council, as from the fifteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned in list hereunder:—

| Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land required to be taken. | Being Part of            | Situated in Block No. | Survey District. | Shown on Plan marked |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>1 0 34   | Waiohiki<br>No. 1E Block | VII.                  | Heretaunga       | S.G. 39416.          |

In the Hawke's Bay Land District; as the said parcel of land is more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above mentioned, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

ALEX. WILLIS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Removal of Restrictions on Alienation of Native Land.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

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 contained in the Native Land Court certificate bearing date the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and now contained in Land Transfer certificate dated the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, 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, doth hereby order and declare that the restrictions imposed by the said Native Land Court certificate and Land Transfer certificate on the alienation of the said land are hereby removed.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, containing 40 acres, more or less, being the land known as Otane No. 2, held under Land Transfer certificate dated the 19th February, 1890, in favour of Waata Tohu, and containing the following restrictions: "Inalienable, except with the consent of the Governor, by sale or mortgage, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years."

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

R. J. SEDDON.



*Removal of Restrictions on Alienation of Native Land.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS application has been made to the Governor by the owner of the land described in the Schedule hereto, praying that the restrictions on the alienation of such land contained in the Crown grant bearing date the eighteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and now contained in partition order of the Native Land Court bearing date the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, 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, doth hereby order and declare that all restrictions imposed by the said Crown grant and the said partition order on the alienation of the said land are hereby removed.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 34 perches, situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, and being the land known as Section 101, Township of Hadfield (Otaki), held under partition order of the Native Land Court, dated 13th June, 1887, in favour of Tamihana te Hoia and others, and containing the following restrictions: "Inalienable by sale, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years, or by mortgage, except with the consent of the Governor being previously obtained to every such sale, lease, or mortgage."

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

R. J. SEDDON.

*Notice of Intention to change the Purpose of a Reserve in the Wellington 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; 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, declare his intention to 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 Schedule hereto from a public-hall site to a site for a Mechanics' Institute and Library.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 3, Block VI., Taihape Township.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

*Notifying Lands in Wellington for Sale by Public Auction.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

| Section.                     | Area.    | Total Upset Price. |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <i>Hunterville Township.</i> |          |                    |
|                              | A. R. P. | £ s. d.            |
| 36                           | 1 0 10   | 21 5 0             |
| 242                          | 0 3 8    | 16 0 0             |
| 240                          | 0 3 14   | 16 15 0            |
| 239                          | 0 3 20   | 17 10 0            |
| 250                          | 0 2 12   | 11 10 0            |
| 248                          | 0 1 16   | 7 0 0              |
| 247                          | 0 1 15   | 6 17 6             |
| 246                          | 0 1 10   | 6 5 0              |
| 244                          | 0 1 1    | 5 2 6              |
| 243                          | 0 0 38   | 4 15 0             |
| 171                          | 0 0 32   | 4 0 0              |
| 170                          | 0 0 29   | 3 12 6             |

The sections comprise, generally speaking, flat land in grass. Sections 36, 242, 240, 239, and 250 are intersected by the Porewa Stream.

| Section.                       | Area.    | Total Upset Price. |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <i>Mangawharariki Village.</i> |          |                    |
|                                | A. R. P. | £ s. d.            |
| 14                             | 1 0 34   | 3 12 9             |
| 17                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |
| 19                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |
| 20                             | 1 0 33   | 3 12 5             |
| 23                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |
| 25                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |
| 26                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |
| 27                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |
| 29                             | 1 0 0    | 3 0 0              |

The sections are situated on the Mangawharariki Road, in the Pemberton Improved-farm Settlement. The access is from Rangiwahia, which is about seven miles distant by the main road between Feilding and Mangaweka, the sections being about eight miles from the latter place. Sections 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, and parts 25 and 26, comprise open grass land, practically level. The remaining sections are also level, and are covered with heavy mixed forest, comprising matai, white-pine, maire, rimu, &c., with the usual undergrowth.

| Section.             | Area.  | Total Upset Price. |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| <i>Rewa Village.</i> |        |                    |
| 29, 36A              | 0 3 29 | 3 0 0              |
| 30, 31, 32           | 0 3 26 | 3 0 0              |
| 34, 35               | 0 3 0  | 3 0 0              |
| 36B                  | 1 0 0  | 3 0 0              |

These sections are situated on the south-east side of the Rangitikei River, in a settled district; one approach being from Feilding by Makino and Williamson's Roads, *via* Beaconsfield; the other is from Hunterville Township and Railway-station, *via* Vinegar Hill Bridge. The land is practically all level, with good soil, consisting of a river-deposit overlying gravel; covered with timber. The sections are occupied by the Rewa Dairy Factory Company, who are effecting extensive improvements thereon. The sections are weighted with valuation of the improvements, to be assessed by the Land Board.

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

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Vaccination Districts constituted.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Public Health Act, 1876," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing vaccination districts known as the Paparoa, Mangawai, Tapanui, Gabriel's, and Mount Benger Districts, and do declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said districts is hereby divided anew into seven vaccination districts, the names whereof shall be the Maungaturoto, Paparoa, Mangawai, Heriot, Tapanui, Gabriel's, and Mount Benger Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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

J. CARROLL.

*Altering the Name of the Town of Birmingham.*

(L.S.)

RANFURLY, Governor.

## A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by sections two and three of "The Designation of Districts Act, 1894" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is provided that the Governor in Council may, at the request or with the consent of the Council of any county, city, or borough, alter the geographical name or designation of any place or locality in the colony:

And whereas the Kiwitea County Council has requested that the present name of "Birmingham," within the County of Kiwitea, be altered as hereinafter mentioned, and it appears expedient to comply with such request:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby proclaim and declare that the Township of Birmingham, in the County of Kiwitea aforesaid, shall, on and after the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, be called and known by the name of "Kimbolton," and the name of the said Township of Birmingham is hereby altered accordingly.

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

R. J. SEDDON.

Approved in Council.

J. F. ANDREWS,

Acting-Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Commissioners appointed to classify Rural Lands in the Southland Land District.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the one-hundred-and-eighty-ninth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

DAVID BARRON,  
ANDREW KINROSS, and  
JOHN MCINTYRE

Commissioners to classify and report to me upon the rural lands, in the Southland Land District, known as runs numbered 396, Wallace County, and 497, Stewart Island County, as provided by section one hundred and eighty-nine of "The Land Act, 1892," aforesaid.

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

J. CARROLL,

For Minister of Lands.

*Commissioners appointed to classify Rural Lands in the Otago Land District.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the one-hundred-and-eighty-ninth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

JOHN HAY,  
HENRY CLARK, and  
HUGH HERRIES KIRKPATRICK,

Commissioners to classify and report to me upon the rural lands in the Otago Land District known as Runs Nos. 98, 185, 209, and 465, and Sections 9 and 10, Block VI., Waikouaiti Survey District; Section 1, Block XI., Kuriwao Survey District; Sections 9, 10, and 11, Block IX., Kuriwao Survey District; Section 69, Block IV., Table Hill Survey District; Section 3, Block III., Cairnhill Survey District; Sections 2, 3, and 4, Block VIII., Teviot Survey District; Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8, Block V., Teviot Survey District; Section 46, Block II., Teviot Survey District: as provided by section one hundred and eighty-nine of "The Land Act, 1892," as aforesaid.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,

Minister of Lands.

*Trustees appointed for the Maintenance of the Stratford Public Cemetery.*

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the forty-fifth section of "The Cemeteries Act, 1882," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint the local authority specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto to have the control and management of the public cemetery specified in the second column of the said Schedule.

## SCHEDULE.

| Local Authority.                 | Name of Public Cemetery, and Description of Land.   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| The Borough Council of Stratford | <p>STRATFORD.</p> <p>All that parcel of land in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement 10 acres, more or less, being Section No. 69, Block II., Ngaire Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Swansea Road, 1408 links; towards the south-east by Section No. 75, 711 links; towards the south-west by Section No. 63, 1408 links; and towards the north-west by the East Road, 711 links; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.</p> |

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

J. CARROLL,

For Minister of Lands.

*Postmaster appointed to take and receive Statutory Declarations.*

PURSUANT to the authority conferred upon me by the eighth section of "The Justices of the Peace Act Amendment Act, 1888," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify and declare that

GEORGE GREEN,

being a person holding the office of Postmaster, under "The Post Office Act, 1881," at Broad Bay, is authorised to take and receive statutory declarations under the two-hundred-and-thirty-fourth section of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

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

| Name.                           | District.     |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| JAMES HEMPHILL .. .. .          | Maungaturoto. |
| WILLIAM HOOK .. .. .            | Paparoa.      |
| WILLIAM BLECKLY FARRAND .. .. . | Mangawai.     |
| GEORGE FOSTER .. .. .           | Heriot.       |
| CHARLES WHELAN .. .. .          | Tapanui.      |
| ALEXANDER MILLAR EYES .. .. .   | Gabriel's.    |
| THOMAS COOP .. .. .             | Mount Benger. |

Appointments to date from 1st December, 1898.

J. CARROLL.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

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

| Name.                           | District. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| LAWRENCE WILLIAM BOURKE .. .. . | Kaiapoi.  |
| GEORGE LEVY .. .. .             | Foxton.   |

J. CARROLL.

*Appointment of Trustee of Aorangi Land-drainage District.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint  
JOSEPH ALFORD GOWER,  
in terms of section 13 of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893," to be a Trustee for the Aorangi Land-drainage District.

J. CARROLL.

*Vice-Consul for Germany at Wellington appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has been instructed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to recognise the appointment of

EBERHARD FOCKE, Esq.,  
as Vice-Consul for Germany at Wellington.

J. CARROLL.

*Ranger under the Animals Protection Acts, Grey District, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint  
HARRY FEAREY  
to be a Ranger, under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, for the District of Grey.

J. CARROLL.

*Registrar of Old-age Pensions appointed.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has, under section 4 of "The Old-age Pensions Act, 1898," appointed

EDMUND MASON, Esq.,  
to be Registrar of Old-age Pensions.

R. J. SEDDON.

*Sittings of Magistrate's Court appointed.*

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint  
The MOA ROAD BOARD OFFICE, Inglewood,  
to be a place wherein sittings of the Magistrate's Court shall be held.

T. THOMPSON.

*Clerk of Court appointed.*

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY  
to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Inglewood.

T. THOMPSON.

*Medical Officer appointed to Battalion.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 10th November, 1898.

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

1st Battalion, Otago Rifle Volunteers.  
Surgeon-Major William Johnston Will to be Medical Officer, with his present rank and seniority.

T. THOMPSON.

*Volunteer Officers appointed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 10th November, 1898.

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

No. 1 Company, Waikato Mounted Rifle Volunteers.  
Nicholas Irwin Hunt to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 6th October, 1898.

*Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers.*

Thomas Benjamin Salmon to be Lieutenant.  
The Hon. Trevor Ogilvie-Grant to be Lieutenant.  
Date of commissions, 14th September, 1898.

*Timaru City Rifle Volunteers.*

Geoffrey Bailey to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th September, 1898.

*Invercargill City Guards Volunteers.*

John Murphy to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th September, 1898.

*Wellington City Rifle Volunteers.*

John Eglinton Montgomerie to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 12th September, 1898.

*Thames Naval Artillery Volunteers.*

Thomas White Sommerville to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 20th September, 1898.

*Awarua Rifle Volunteers.*

Robert Swindley to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th September, 1898.

*Timaru Rifle Volunteers.*

George Crawshaw to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th September, 1898.

*Waimate Rifle Volunteers.*

Lieutenant William Coltman to be Captain. Date of commission, 7th September, 1898.

*No. 1 Company, Ohinemuri Rifle Volunteers.*

John Brown to be Lieutenant.  
Duncan McArthur to be Lieutenant.  
Date of commissions, 21st September, 1898.

*Hauraki Rifle Volunteers.*

Neville Leese to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 20th September, 1898.

*No. 1 Company, New Zealand Native Rifle Volunteers.*

Edwin Harold Montgomery to be Captain. Date of commission, 13th September, 1898.

*No. 2 Company, New Zealand Native Rifle Volunteers.*

Lieutenant John Peter Oakes, Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers, to be Captain. Date of commission, 13th September, 1898.

*No. 2 Company, Victoria Rifle Volunteers.*

Robert Percy Chatfield to be Captain. Date of commission, 13th September, 1898.

*Christchurch Volunteer Cycle Corps.*

William Charles Finnis to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 7th September, 1898.

T. THOMPSON

*Volunteer Officer resigned.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

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

*E Battery, New Zealand Regiment Artillery Volunteers.*  
Lieutenant David McNicoll. Date of resignation, 5th October, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Designation of Volunteer Corps changed.*

Defence Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the designation of the "Alexandra Cavalry Volunteers" being changed to the "Alexandra Mounted Rifle Volunteers," with the seniority of the first-mentioned corps in the New Zealand Volunteer Force, and with effect from the 3rd November, 1898.

T. THOMPSON.

*Land and Deeds Officer appointed.*

Head Office, Stamp Department,  
Wellington, 21st October, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ROBERT STONE FLORANCE, Esq.,

to be District Agent at Chatham Islands under "The Deeds and Instruments Registration Act, 1886," such appointment to take effect on and from the 1st day of January, 1899.

J. CARROLL,  
Commissioner of Stamps.

*Appointment of Chairmen, Railway Boards of Appeal.*

Railway Department,  
Wellington, 15th November, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

HARRY EYRE KENNY,

of Wellington, Stipendiary Magistrate, to act as a member of the North Island Railway Board of Appeal, and to be the Chairman of the said Board.

CHARLES DUDLEY ROBERT WARD,

District Judge, to act as a member of the Middle Island Railway Board of Appeal, and to be the Chairman of the said Board.

A. J. CADMAN,  
Minister for Railways.

*Arrangements for First Elections, &c., Berwick Drainage District.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN GRANT

to be Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the first election of five members of the Berwick Drainage District, as constituted under "The Land Drainage Act, 1893"; also to appoint Saturday, the 17th day of December, 1898, to be the date, and the Berwick Public Hall to be the place, for holding such election; also to appoint Saturday, the 24th day of December, 1898, at 1 o'clock p.m., to be the time, and the Berwick Public Hall to be the place, at which the first meeting of Trustees shall be held.

J. CARROLL.

*Special Order made by the Eketahuna Road Board, County of Wairarapa North.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

*EKETAHUNA ROAD BOARD.*

NOTICE is hereby given that the following special order was made on Saturday, the 3rd day of September, 1898, and will be confirmed on Saturday, the 5th day of November, 1898:—

"That for the purpose of securing payment of a further sum of £20, being 10 per cent. additional to £200 borrowed by the Board under 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,' for the purpose of formation on a portion of Mangaronga Road, known as Loan No. 2 on same road, a special rate of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound be made and levied on the rateable value of the properties at the time the loan was raised, as follows—namely, following properties: Section 75, Blocks XI., XIV., and XV.; Section 76, Blocks X., XI., and XIV.; and an education reserve, not numbered, joining Section 76: all in the Mangaone Survey District. Such rate to be an annually recurring rate for twenty-six years, and shall be payable in two half-yearly instalments on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year."

Copies of the special order can be seen at the Road Board Office.

Road Board Office, Eketahuna,  
3rd September, 1898.

T. T. YOULE,  
Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above special rate was duly made in accordance with "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

T. T. YOULE,  
Clerk and Treasurer.

T. BAYLISS, Mover.  
E. TOMLINSON, Seconder.

*Letters of Naturalisation issued.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 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.      |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Michael Hoffman ..      | Miner ..     | Dunedin.        |
| Andrew Josephson ..     | Mariner ..   | Westport.       |
| Christian Steffensen .. | Fisherman .. | Moeraki, Otago. |

J. CARROLL.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Waipipi Road District, Manukau County.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

*WAIPIPI ROAD DISTRICT.—PUBLIC NOTICE.*

THE following is the result of the poll taken in the Road Board Office, Waiuku, on Saturday, 5th November, 1898, on a proposal to borrow the sum of £500 under the provisions of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886":—

Number of voters on special roll, 57; number of votes exercisable, 61: Number of votes recorded in favour of proposal, 42; number of voters who voted for the proposal, 39; number of votes against the proposal, nil; number of informal votes, 1.

As the majority in number of votes and voters were for the proposal, I therefore declare it to be duly carried.

JOHN McNAUGHTEN,  
Chairman.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Wanganui County.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 15th November, 1898.

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

J. CARROLL.

*WANGANUI COUNTY COUNCIL.**Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Wanganui County.*

NOTICE is hereby given that at a poll taken on the 5th day of November, 1898, on the proposal to borrow £3,000, under "The Government Emergency Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1897," "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," for the purpose

of rebuilding the Wangaehu, Mangawhero, and Heao Bridges, the result of the poll was as under:—  
For the proposal, 188 votes; against the proposal, 27 votes.

And I, Alexander Higgin, Chairman of the Wanganui County, do hereby declare the said resolution to be carried.  
ALEX. HIGGIN.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, KIWITEA COUNTY.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 15th November, 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."

J. CARROLL.

KIWITEA COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE following is the result of poll on the proposals to borrow £1,011 15s. for forming, culverting, and metalling streets within the Birmingham Township:—

Number of ratepayers on roll, 127, representing 128 votes: Number of ratepayers voting, 81; votes recorded for the proposal, 80; votes against, 1; informal, 1.

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 the ratepayers, I hereby declare the proposal to be carried.

A. H. TOMPKINS,  
Birmingham, 14th November, 1898. Chairman.

*30th November to be a Holiday (St. Andrew's Day).*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 15th November, 1898.

WEDNESDAY, the 30th November instant, being St. Andrew's Day, will be observed as a public holiday in the Government offices throughout New Zealand, excepting those in the City of Auckland, which will be closed on Thursday, 1st December next, being date of opening of Auckland Industrial Exhibition.

J. CARROLL.

*Notice of Intention to take Land in Section 3, Block I, Lillburn District, for Road Purposes.*

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute a certain public work, to wit, the construction of a road and approach to the Waiata-Clifden Bridge, in Lillburn Survey District, and for the purposes of such public work the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken; and notice is further given that the plan of the said road and approach and of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the post-office at Clifden, and is there open for inspection. And notice is hereby given that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land shall, 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 Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

| Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land required to be taken. | Being Portion of | Situated in Block No. | Survey District of |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>1 1 39.4   | Section No. 3    | I.                    | Lillburn.          |

As the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 39708, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Notice of the Laying-off of a Road through Maungaraki A Block, Wainuioru Survey District.*

NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, under the authority of section 92 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," that the road described in the Schedule hereto was, on the 13th August, 1898, duly taken and laid off through the land specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 1st August, 1898.

SCHEDULE.  
ADMIRAL'S ROAD.

| Approximate Area of the Portion of Land taken. | Being Portion of Native Block | Survey District. | Shown on Plan marked | Coloured on Plan |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>0 3 7                              | Maungaraki A ..               | Wainuioru        | 174<br>14            | Brown.           |

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

Dated this 15th day of November, 1898.

J. CARROLL,  
For Minister of Lands.

*Notice of the Laying-off of a Road through Ngawaka-a-Kupe Block, in the Waipawa Survey District.*

NOTICE is hereby given, under the authority contained in section 96 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1886," and the amendments thereof, that the road mentioned in the Schedule hereto was, on the 13th August, 1892, surveyed and laid off over the Native land therein mentioned, under my direction; and that, in terms of the said Act, the site of such road shall be deemed to be a road dedicated to the public, and shall vest in Her Majesty.

SCHEDULE.

| Area.                        | Part of Native Block. | Survey District. | Shown on Plan marked | Coloured on Plan |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A. R. P.<br>0 1 34<br>18 2 0 | Ngawaka-a-Kupe<br>"   | Waipawa<br>"     | 21<br>33<br>34       | Red.<br>Brown.   |

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

Dated this 11th day of November, 1898.

S. PERCY SMITH,  
Surveyor-General.

*Election of Trustees, Manawatu and Sluggish River Drainage Districts, County of Manawatu.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

THE following results of the election of Trustees of the Manawatu and Sluggish River Drainage Districts have been received from the Returning Officers, and are published in accordance with the provisions of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893."

HUGH POLLEN,  
Under-Secretary.

Manawatu Drainage District:

- Lewis R. Bryant.
- John Reid.
- Samuel Sanson.
- Christian Voss.
- Frederick J. Nathan.
- Oscar Monrad.
- Robert Were.

Sluggish River Drainage District:

- Frederick G. G. Couper.
- Isaac Greenaway.
- Robert H. MacMillan.
- Charles Dunk.
- William Amon.

*Election of Trustees of Aorangi Drainage District, County of Oroua.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 15th November, 1898.

THE following result of the election of Trustees of the Aorangi 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.

Aorangi Drainage District:  
William Coombs.  
Hon. Walter Woods Johnston.  
John Motley Leigh.  
Frederick J. Nathan.

*Member of the House of Representatives elected, Tuapeka District.*

Clerk of the Writs' Office,  
Wellington, 7th November, 1898.

THE Clerk of the Writs has received a return to the writ issued on the 19th day of October, 1898, for the election of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Tuapeka, and by the indorsement on such writ it appears that

CHARLES CHAMPION RAWLINS

has been duly elected to serve as a Member for the said district.

HUGH POLLEN,  
Clerk of the Writs.

*Officiating Ministers for 1898.—Notice No. 33.*

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 15th November, 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:—

Roman Catholic Church.

The Reverend Robert Richards.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

*Notice to Persons in whom is vested Ecclesiastical Authority over Religious Bodies.*

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 17th November, 1898.

THE attention of the persons or person within the Colony of New Zealand in whom is vested ecclesiastical authority over any of the religious bodies enumerated in the Schedule B annexed to an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intitled "The Marriage Act, 1880," and of all other persons concerned, is directed to the 11th section of the above-mentioned Act, requiring the several ecclesiastical authorities as aforesaid to send in to the Registrar-General, in the month of December in every year, a correct list of the Officiating Ministers within the meaning of "The Marriage Act, 1880," of each of the said religious bodies.

The following are the religious bodies above referred to:—

The Church of the Provinces of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

The Roman Catholic Church.

The Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland.

The Wesleyan Methodist Society.

All Congregational Independents.

Baptists.

The Primitive Methodist Connexion.

The Lutheran Church.

All Hebrew Congregations.

The Society of Friends.

In default of any person having ecclesiastical authority over any of the religious bodies named above, the name of the Officiating Minister of any congregation of such religious body may be certified to by two recognised office-bearers thereof.

A Minister of religion not connected with any of the aforesaid bodies must send to the Registrar-General in the month of December in each year a certificate signed—

(a.) By the recognised head in New Zealand of the religious body to which he ministers, or

(b.) By two duly-recognised Ministers of such religious body, or

(c.) By ten adult members thereof, who shall append to their signatures their description as being such members, declaring that such Minister is their Officiating Minister, the said signatures being attested by some person who shall verify them as the genuine signatures of the persons whose they purport to be by a solemn declaration made under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1862," signed by such person and appended to the certificate.

Neglect in sending the certificate will deprive the Minister of his status as an Officiating Minister under the Marriage Act.

N.B.—It is requested that the *Christian names* and the *addresses* of the several Ministers may be specified in the lists sent in to the Registrar-General.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Northern Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by "The Supreme Court Act, 1882," hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Northern Judicial District, for the year 1899:—

Sittings for the trial of criminal cases will be held at the Supreme Court House, AUCKLAND, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

Monday, 6th March.

Monday, 29th May.

Monday, 28th August.

Monday, 20th November.

Sittings for the trial of civil actions will be held at the Supreme Court House, AUCKLAND, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

Wednesday, 22nd February.

Monday, 12th June.

Monday, 24th July.

Monday, 11th September.

Monday, 4th December.

The trial of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," may take place at any of the above-mentioned sittings for the trial of civil actions.

Sittings of the Court in Banco will be held at the Courthouse, AUCKLAND, every Wednesday, except during vacation, the absence of the Judge, or when he is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers will be held at the Judge's Chambers, in the Courthouse, AUCKLAND, every Tuesday and Friday, except during vacation, the absence of the Judge, or when he is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers at other times and during vacation, in respect of urgent business, may be held at such times and places as may suit the convenience of the Judge.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, NEW PLYMOUTH, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

Wednesday, 12th April.

Wednesday, 27th September.

Business in Banco and Chambers may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, GISBORNE, to commence on the following days, at half-past 10 a.m.:—

Thursday, 9th February.

Thursday, 10th August.

Business in Banco and in Chambers may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

If any of the days above appointed for sittings should be a public holiday, the sittings will commence on the first day after the day so appointed which is not a holiday.

Given under our hands, at Wellington, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

J. E. DENNISTON.

EDWD. T. CONOLLY.

W. B. EDWARDS.

F. W. PENNEFATHER.

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Wellington Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by "The Supreme Court Act, 1882," hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Judicial District of Wellington, for the year 1899:—

Sittings for the trial of criminal cases will be held at the Supreme Court House, WELLINGTON, to commence on the following days, at half-past 10 a.m.:—

Monday, 6th February.  
Monday, 5th June.  
Monday, 28th August.  
Monday, 13th November.

Sittings for the trial of civil actions will be held at the Supreme Court House, WELLINGTON, to commence on the following days, at half-past 10 a.m.:—

Monday, 13th March.  
Monday, 12th June.  
Monday, 4th September.  
Monday, 20th November.

The trial of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," may take place at any of the above-mentioned sittings for the trial of civil actions.

Sittings of the Court in Banco will be held at the Courthouse, WELLINGTON, every Wednesday, at half-past 10 o'clock in the forenoon, except during vacation, or during the absence of the Judge, or unless the Judge is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers will be held at the Judge's Chambers, in the Courthouse, WELLINGTON, every Tuesday and Friday, at half-past 10 o'clock in the forenoon, except during vacation, or during the absence of the Judge, or unless the Judge is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers at other times and in vacation, in respect of urgent business, may be held at such times and places as may suit the convenience of the Judge.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Supreme Court House, WANGANUI, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

Tuesday, 14th March.  
Tuesday, 26th September.

Such business in Banco and in Chambers as the Judge shall allow may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, NAPIER, to commence on the following days, at half-past 10 a.m.:—

Tuesday, 7th February.  
Tuesday, 6th June.  
Tuesday, 12th September.

Such business in Banco and in Chambers as the Judge shall allow may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

If any of the days above appointed for sittings should be a public holiday, the sittings will commence on the first day after the day so appointed which is not a holiday.

Given under our hands, at Wellington, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.  
J. E. DENNISTON.  
EDWD. T. CONOLLY.  
W. B. EDWARDS.  
F. W. PENNEFATHER.

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Canterbury Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by "The Supreme Court Act, 1882," hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Judicial District of Canterbury, for the year 1899:—

Sittings for the trial of criminal cases will be held at the Supreme Court House, CHRISTCHURCH, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

Monday, 13th February.  
Monday, 29th May.  
Monday, 14th August.  
Monday, 13th November.

Sittings for the trial of civil actions will be held at the Supreme Court House, CHRISTCHURCH, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

Monday, 20th February.  
Monday, 10th April.  
Monday, 5th June.  
Monday, 21st August.  
Monday, 25th September.  
Monday, 20th November.

The trial of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," may take place at any of the above-mentioned sittings for the trial of civil actions.

Sittings of the Court in Banco will be held at the Courthouse, CHRISTCHURCH, every Wednesday, except during vacation, or during the absence of the Judge, or unless the Judge is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers will be held at the Judge's Chambers, in the Courthouse, CHRISTCHURCH, every Tuesday and Friday, except during vacation, or during the absence of the Judge, or when the Judge is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers at other times and in vacation, in respect of urgent business, may be held at such times and places as may suit the convenience of the Judge.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, TIMARU, to commence on the following days, at 10 a.m.:—

Tuesday, 7th February.  
Tuesday, 13th June.  
Tuesday, 19th September.

Business in Chambers may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, on such days and at such hours as the Judge may appoint.

If any of the days above appointed for sittings should be a public holiday, the sittings will commence on the first day after the day so appointed which is not a holiday.

Given under our hands, at Wellington, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.  
J. E. DENNISTON.  
EDWD. T. CONOLLY.  
W. B. EDWARDS.  
F. W. PENNEFATHER.

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Otago and Southland Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by "The Supreme Court Act, 1882," hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Judicial District of Otago and Southland, for the year 1899:—

Sittings for the trial of criminal cases will be held at the Supreme Court House, DUNEDIN, to commence on the following days, at half-past 10 a.m.:—

Monday, 6th March.  
Monday, 29th May.  
Monday, 28th August.  
Monday, 27th November.

Sittings for the trial of civil actions will be held at the Supreme Court House, DUNEDIN, to commence on the following days, at half-past 10 a.m.:—

Monday, 27th February.  
Monday, 20th March.  
Monday, 10th April.  
Monday, 26th June.  
Monday, 31st July.  
Monday, 25th September.  
Monday, 13th November.

The trial of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," may take place at any of the above-mentioned sittings for the trial of civil actions.

Sittings of the Court in Banco will be held at the Courthouse, DUNEDIN, every Wednesday, except during vacation, or in the absence of the Judge, or unless the Judge is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers will be held at the Judge's Chambers, in the Courthouse, DUNEDIN, every Tuesday and Friday, except during vacation, or in the absence of the Judge, or unless the Judge is engaged on other business.

Sittings in Chambers at other times and during vacation, in respect of urgent business, may be held at such times and places as may suit the convenience of the Judge.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, INVERCARGILL, to commence on the following days, at 10 a.m. :—

Monday, 6th February.  
Tuesday, 6th June.  
Tuesday, 12th September.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, OAMARU, to commence on the following days, at 10 a.m. :—

Tuesday, 14th March.  
Tuesday, 5th September.

Business in Chambers may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

If any of the days above appointed for sittings should be a public holiday, the sittings will commence on the first day after the day so appointed which is not a holiday.

Given under our hands, at Wellington, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.  
J. E. DENNISTON.  
EDWD. T. CONOLLY.  
W. B. EDWARDS.  
F. W. PENNEFATHER.

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Nelson Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by "The Supreme Court Act, 1882," hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Judicial District of Nelson, for the year 1899 :—

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, NELSON, to commence on the following days, at 10 a.m. :—

Wednesday, 15th March.  
Wednesday, 12th July.  
Wednesday, 13th December.

Such business in Banco and in Chambers as the Judge shall allow may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Courthouse, BLENHEIM, to commence on the following days, at 10 a.m. :—

Wednesday, 8th March.  
Wednesday, 5th July.  
Wednesday, 6th December.

Such business in Banco and in Chambers as the Judge shall allow may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, at such days and hours as the Judge may appoint.

If any of the days above appointed for sittings should be a public holiday, the sittings will commence on the first day after the day so appointed which is not a holiday.

Given under our hands, at Wellington, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.  
J. E. DENNISTON.  
EDWD. T. CONOLLY.  
W. B. EDWARDS.  
F. W. PENNEFATHER.

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Westland Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by "The Supreme Court Act, 1882," hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Judicial District of Westland, for the year 1899 :—

Sittings for the trial of criminal and civil cases, and of causes under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867," will be held at the Supreme Court House, HOKITIKA, to commence on the following days, at 10 a.m. :—

Monday, 20th March.  
Monday, 4th September.

Business in Chambers may be disposed of in the course of these sittings, on such days and at such hours as the Judge may appoint.

If any of the days above appointed for sittings should be a public holiday, the sittings will commence on the first day after the day so appointed which is not a holiday.

Given under our hands, at Wellington, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

JAMES PRENDERGAST.  
J. E. DENNISTON.  
EDWD. T. CONOLLY.  
W. B. EDWARDS.  
F. W. PENNEFATHER.

*Bonus on Mineral Oil produced from Shale obtained in New Zealand.*

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

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus will be paid for the production of mineral oil under the following conditions :—

1. A bonus of 1s. per gallon (£5,000) will be paid on the first 100,000 gallons of mineral oil produced from shale obtained in the Colony of New Zealand, the oil to be of a quality approved of by Government, and to be sold at a price not exceeding 1s. a gallon at any port of shipment in the colony.

2. Notice of intention to claim the aforesaid bonus must be given in writing to the Colonial Secretary not later than the 31st December, 1899.

3. The claim must be made before the 30th June, 1900.

4. The first claimant who proves to the satisfaction of the Government that he has fulfilled all the conditions to be the recipient of the bonus.

5. The other conditions—as to quantity, priority, quality, and value—to be fulfilled to the satisfaction of an officer appointed for the purpose by the Government.

J. CARROLL.

*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.

*Examination for Mine-managers' and Battery-superintendents' Certificates.*

Mines Department,  
Wellington, 31st October, 1898.

AN examination of candidates for certificates as First- and Second-class Mine-managers and Battery-superintendents under "The Mining Act, 1891," and Amendment Act, 1894, and First- and Second-class Mine-managers under "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," will be held on Tuesday, the 31st January, 1899, and three following days, at places to be hereafter named. All applications, with necessary certificates, and fee of £1, must be addressed to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act or Coal-mines Act, Wellington," and must be received before the 4th January, or they will not be dealt with until the following examination.

T. H. HAMER,  
Secretary to the Board of Examiners.



**Crown Lands Notices.**

*Land in Levin Village Settlement for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 15th November, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, on Wednesday, 4th January, 1899. If more than one application be received 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, Wellington.

If not applied for on the 4th January, 1899, the section will be open for application thereafter at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington.

**SCHEDULE.**

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—LEVIN VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.  
*First-class Land.*

| Section. | Area.             | Rent per Acre. | Half-yearly Rent. |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 45       | A. R. P.<br>5 2 0 | s. d.<br>12 0  | £ s. d.<br>1 13 0 |

Weighted with £110 for improvements.

This section is situated on the main street of Levin Township, close to the Post-office, school, and the main business portion of the town. It consists of fair soil on a shingle formation, and is open land.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.**

- The land enumerated above is first-class land, and a village-homestead allotment, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").
- The day on which the land shall be open for selection shall be Wednesday, the 4th day of January, 1899.
- The rental stated hereon shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.
- Applications for leases shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act; and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington; and leases will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.
- Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single), and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C of the said Act.
- Each applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease- and registration-fee, and the valuation for improvements (if any), immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.
- All rents must be paid half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided.
- No lessee shall apply for or hold more than one allotment, and such allotment shall be held for his or her sole use and benefit, and not for the use or benefit of any other person whomsoever. No married woman shall be eligible as a selector; but this provision shall not apply to any married woman who may become a transferee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy.
- Improvements and residence on the land comprised in each lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to lessees under these regulations.
- No lessee shall subdivide, sublet, or transfer the land held by him under these regulations, except under and subject to the provisions of Part I. of the said Act.
- All the provisions of the said Act, so far as applicable, shall extend and apply to the lands affected by these regulations, and to the applications and leases to be made and issued thereunder, and generally to the interests created, and the persons whose rights, liabilities, or interests are thereby affected; and the mention of any particular provision of the said Act shall not be deemed to exclude any other provision of the said Act applicable to the particular case.

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

*Sections in Township of Hunterville for Lease by Tender.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 16th November, 1898.

WRITTEN tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 18th January, 1899, for the lease of the under-mentioned sections. If any sections are unapplied for on the 18th January, 1899, they will remain open for selection at the upset rentals, and for the terms stated herein.

**SCHEDULE.**

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—HUNTERVILLE TOWNSHIP.  
*First-class Land.*

| Section.   | Area.             | Upset Annual Rental. |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| 77   | A. R. P.<br>0 3 4 | £ s. d.<br>0 15 0    |
| Term, seven years.<br>Flat land, in grass. Weighted with £5 for improvements, which consist of grassing and fencing. |                   |                      |
| 163  | 0 3 15            | 5 0 0                |
| 164  | 0 2 39            | 15 0 0               |

Term, fourteen years.

Sections 163 and 164 are situated in a central position in the township, close to the railway-station, and comprise level land. The sections are offered subject to the diversion of the Porewa Stream, as cut by the local body, being kept clear and open.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.**

- Tenders must be accompanied by marked cheque or post-office order for six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease-fee.
- Possession will be given on the day of acceptance of tender.
- The Commissioner of Crown Lands may at any time resume possession of the land comprised in the license by giving twelve months' notice to the licensee thereof of his intention to do so.
- The licensee shall have no right to compensation either for any improvements that may be placed upon the land or on account of the aforesaid resumption, nor for any other cause.
- The licensee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in this license except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
- The land shall not be cropped nor broken up without the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
- The licensee shall destroy all rabbits on the land, and he shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- The licensee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the license, and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove, or cause to be removed, all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- Sections 163 and 164, Hunterville Township, are offered subject to the diversion of the Porewa Stream, as cut by the local body, being kept open and clear.
- The license shall be liable to forfeiture in case the licensee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said license within sixty days after the date on which the same ought to be fulfilled.

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

*Westland Land District.—Auction Sale of Pastoral Licenses.*

Crown Lands Office,  
Hokitika, 15th November, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the licenses of the pastoral runs set out below will be offered by public auction at the Land Office, Hokitika, on Thursday, the 12th day of January 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 Land Office, Hokitika, where other full particulars as to conditions of sale and license, &c., may be ascertained.

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

## SCHEDULE.

| No. of Run. | Area.         | Locality.             | Upset Annual Rental. | Term.                          |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9           | Acres. 18,000 | Upper Kokatahi Valley | £ s. d. 18 0 0       | 10 years from 1st March, 1900. |
| 13          | 20,000        | Poerua Valley         | 10 0 0               | 10 years from 1st March, 1899. |
| 15          | 6,500         | Totara Valley..       | 6 10 0               | 10 years from 1st March, 1900. |
| 17          | 9,000         | Waikupakupa Valley    | 9 0 0                | 10 years from 1st March, 1900. |
| 28          | 24,000        | Waitaha Valley        | 24 0 0               | 10 years from 1st March, 1900. |
| 61          | 5,000         | Waiho Valley..        | 5 0 0                | 10 years from 1st March, 1900. |
| 69          | 10,000        | Cascade Valley        | 5 0 0                | 10 years from 1st March, 1899. |
| 118         | 2,200         | Koitirangi ..         | 2 2 0                | 10 years from 1st March, 1899. |

Run No. 9, 18,000 acres, Upper Kokatahi Valley: Principally bush-clad hillsides; all cattle country; easy of access by Browning, Kokatahi, and Toaroha River-beds from Main Road. About twenty miles from Town of Hokitika.

Run No. 13, 20,000 acres, Poerua Valley: Rough forest; steep mountain-faces for the most part; contains a few open islands on river-bed, also light scrub-covered strip along banks. Access by open river-bed from Main Road, distant one mile.

Run No. 15, 6,500 acres, Totara Valley, near Waiho: Comprises high terraces and spurs, covered with shaggy forest; only fitted for cattle. Access by open bed of Totara River from Main South Road.

Run No. 17, 9,000 acres: Takes in almost all the timbered watershed of the Waikupakupa River; cattle-feed only. Access from Ocean Beach and Main South Road.

Run No. 28, 24,000 acres: Occupies the upper valley of Waitaha River; mainly bush-covered slopes of adjoining mountains, with scrubby margin of flat land along banks of river. Access from Main South Road, *via* open river-bed.

Run No. 61, 5,000 acres: Principally steep sidelings and hummocky terraces, all covered with dense bush; cattle-feed only. Access from Main South Road.

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. 118, 2,200 acres: Comprises almost the whole of Koitirangi Hill; limestone formation, and bush-feed. Close to Hokitika Road.

W. G. MURRAY,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Public Reserves for Lease by Auction in the City of Nelson and in the Counties of Inangahua and Waimea.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Nelson, 15th November, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases of the under-mentioned reserves will be offered for sale by public auction, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," at the District Lands and Survey Office, Nelson, on Wednesday, the 11th January, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon.

## SCHEDULE.

1. The lease of the Warwick Accommodation-house Reserve, Section 1, Block XII., Burnett Survey District: Area, 136 acres 1 rood; situated about twenty-five miles from Murchison, on the main road to the Marnia Plains.

The section is fenced on three sides; nearly the whole is cleared of timber and scrub, and about half the area is under cultivation, the remainder in grass. There is a seven-roomed house, with outbuildings, stable, loft, harness-room, butcher's shop, and a good stockyard, on the land.

Term of lease: Fourteen years, to date from the 1st January, 1899; upset rental, £7 per annum; weighted with £850, value of improvements. Lessee to provide proper accommodation for travellers and for travelling stock, as provided in conditions of lease, which can be obtained on application. Possession given on the 1st March, 1899.

2. Lease of accommodation-house reserve (known as Wright's), Section 8, Block IX., Wai-iti Survey District: Area, 46 acres 3 roods 24 perches; situated on the road to Tadmor, on the banks of the Motueka River, fifteen miles from Belgrave.

On the land is a house containing nine rooms, with stable and outbuildings.

Term, ten years, from the 1st January, 1899; upset rental, £1 per annum. Conditions of lease, as to providing accommodation for travellers, insurance, and improvements to be made to buildings and property generally, can be obtained on application.

3. Lease of reserve at the Port, Nelson, with a frontage of 95 ft. to the Haven Road. There is a small wharf on the harbour side (known as Burford's old wharf), suitable for coasting shipping, with office and sheds.

Term, fourteen years, from the 1st January, 1899; upset rental, £20 per annum.

*Terms of Sale.*—A deposit of a half-year's rent, £1 1s. lease-fee, and amount of valuation of improvements (if any), must be paid on the fall of the hammer.

*Lots 2 and 3.*—Lessees will not be entitled to compensation at the end of the term on account of any improvements existing, or that may be effected during the currency of these leases.

Full particulars, plans, forms, &c., may be obtained at the District Land Offices, Nelson, Reefton, and Westport.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Pastoral Runs in the County of Ashley for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 15th November, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral runs will be offered for lease by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 11th January, 1899, at 12 noon.

## SCHEDULE.

| Run No. | County.   | Area.              | Upset Annual Rental. | Term.     |
|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 222     | Ashley .. | A. R. P. 2,330 0 0 | £ s. d. 53 5 0       | 14 years. |
| 223     | " ..      | 386 0 0            | 9 13 0               | 14 "      |
| 224     | " ..      | 142 0 0            | 5 6 6                | 14 "      |
| 225     | " ..      | 3,900 0 0          | 61 3 4               | 14 "      |
| 227     | " ..      | 41 3 5             | 3 13 0               | 3 "       |
| 228     | " ..      | 57 0 0             | 4 19 9               | 3 "       |
| 229     | " ..      | 106 1 37           | 9 6 4                | 3 "       |

Runs Nos. 222 to 225, inclusive, are situated on the eastward slopes of Mount Oxford, at altitudes ranging from 1,000 ft. to 4,000 ft. above sea-level, and comprise hilly and mountainous country, with rocky spurs and clay faces, the greater portion of the country being covered with live and dead standing bush, through which a fire swept in January, 1898. The distances from West Oxford vary from two and a half to ten miles. Special attention is drawn to the fact that the pastoral licenses confer upon the holders thereof no rights of felling, splitting, sawing, or in any way using or removing any of the live or dead timber upon the lands; and the licenses are offered subject to the rights of any persons now or hereafter to be authorised by the Canterbury Land Board to split or saw timber upon any portions of the lands.

Runs Nos. 227, 228, and 229 are situated on the south side of the Eyre River, near the junction of Schofield and South Eyre Roads, at distances of from three to four miles southward from West Oxford, and consist of open land of inferior quality, partly covered with manuka scrub.

## CONDITIONS.

1. Possession of the runs will be given to the purchaser of the license on the day of sale.

2. No person or company may become the holder of more than one run under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892": Provided that the holder of any run under the said Act of a carrying-capacity of less than ten thousand sheep or two thousand head of cattle may become the lessee of an aggregate area sufficient to carry such a number of sheep or cattle. The holder of any small grazing-run under Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892," shall not be the holder of any run under Part VI. of the said Act.

3. The licenses shall be dated on the 1st March, 1899.

4. The licenses shall be subject to the following conditions amongst others:—

- (1.) That, if the licensee, or any person claiming an interest through or under him, shall make or cause to be made any agreement or contract, or shall give or cause to be given or taken any negotiable security, for the purpose of defeating or evading the provisions of, or shall in any way whatsoever directly or indirectly commit or be privy to a fraud upon, "The Land Act, 1892," the license shall be liable to be forfeited and revoked;
- (2.) That the licensee shall prevent the destruction or burning of timber or bush on the land comprised in the license;
- (3.) That the licensee shall prevent the growth or spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the license, and shall with all reasonable speed remove or cause to be removed all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner; and
- (4.) That the licensee shall destroy all rabbits on the land comprised in the license, and shall prevent their increase or spread, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or an officer appointed by him to inspect the ground.

5. The licensee shall have the exclusive right of pasturage over the lands specified in his license, but shall have no right to the soil, or timber or minerals thereon or therein.  
 6. One half-year's rent and a license-fee of £1 1s. shall be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser shall make a declaration in terms of section 193 of "The Land Act, 1892." The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in each year during the term of the license. Should the half-yearly rental at any period not be paid within thirty days, a penalty of 10 per cent. in addition will be enforced.

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

DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—  
 1. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease or license of pastoral lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run, Marlborough, open for Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
 Blenheim, 8th November, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease, upon application at this office, on Wednesday, the 4th January, 1899, at the half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—TENNYSON SURVEY DISTRICT.  
 Second-class Land.

| Run No. | Section. | Block.   | Area. |    |    | Rent per Acre. |    | Half-yearly Rent. |    |    |   |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|----|----|----------------|----|-------------------|----|----|---|
|         |          |          | A.    | R. | P. | s.             | d. | £                 | s. | d. |   |
| 100     | { 8<br>5 | I.<br>V. | 1,057 | 0  | 0  | 0              | 2  | 4                 | 5  | 5  | 8 |

Steep and broken country, principally covered with birch timber; situated at Nydia Bay, Pelorus Sound; well watered; accessible by bridle-track. Distance from Havelock, about thirty miles.

C. W. ADAMS,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lease for Grazing Purposes of Land in Mareretu Parish, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
 Auckland, 11th October, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned forest reserve within the Mareretu Parish will be offered for lease for grazing purposes by public auction for a term of ten years, at this office, on Friday, the 16th day of December, 1898, at 11 a.m.

OTAMATEA COUNTY, PARISH MARERETU.

Pukekohe Forest Reserve, containing 382 acres 2 roods. Upset annual rental, £6. Situated about six miles from Paparoa, and comprises open land and burnt forest.

Term of Lease.—Ten years, for grazing purposes only. The lease conveys no right to fell or remove any live or dead trees or timber, whether standing or lying on the ground. No compensation for improvements at any time, but the lessee may remove fencing and buildings erected during the tenancy.

GERHARD MUELLER,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Land in Taranaki District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, 1st August, 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 23rd day of November, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.  
 First-class Land.

| County. | District. | Section. | Block. | Area.          | Cash Price.    |                 | Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent. |                   |                |                   | Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent. |                   |  |  |
|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|
|         |           |          |        |                | Per Acre.      | Total Price.    | Rent per Acre.                                       | Half-yearly Rent. | Rent per Acre. | Half-yearly Rent. | Rent per Acre.                         | Half-yearly Rent. |  |  |
| Hawera  | Oeo       | 26       | II.    | A. R. P. 3 3 0 | £ s. d. 25 0 0 | £ s. d. 93 15 0 | £ s. d. 1 5 0  | £ s. d. 2 7 0     | £ s. d. 1 0 0  | £ s. d. 1 17 6    |  |                   |  |  |

This land is situate on the Main South Road, right bank of Oeo Stream; distant from Manaia about ten miles, and from Opunake nine miles. Weighted with £548, valuation for improvements. The Oeo Hotel stands on the section.

JOHN STRAUCHON,  
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Leases in the Township of Seddonville, Buller Coalfield Reserve, Nelson Land District, for Sale by Public Auction.

Warden's Office, Westport,  
19th October, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases of the town lands enumerated below will be submitted to public auction by the Warden, at the Courthouse at Westport, on Wednesday, the 23rd November, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, on the terms and conditions specified hereunder, a synopsis of the terms of the leases to be entered into by each purchaser being also given.

SCHEDULE.

| No. of Section. | Street.        | Area.             | Upset Rent.   | Assessed Value of Improvements. |         |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                 |                |                   |               | £ s. d.                         | £ s. d. |
| 2               | Queen          | A. R. P. 0 0 29.9 | £ s. d. 1 0 0 | £ s. d. 500 0 0                 |         |
| 3               | "              | 0 0 23.3          | 1 0 0         | 30 0 0                          |         |
| 4               | "              | 0 0 26            | 1 0 0         | 30 0 0                          |         |
| 5               | "              | 0 0 28.7          | 1 0 0         | 230 0 0                         |         |
| 6               | "              | 0 0 31.4          | 1 0 0         | 90 0 0                          |         |
| 7               | "              | 0 0 34.2          | 1 0 0         |                                 |         |
| 8               | "              | 0 1 0.9           | 1 0 0         |                                 |         |
| 9               | "              | 0 1 3.6           | 1 0 0         |                                 |         |
| 10              | "              | 0 1 6.3           | 1 0 0         |                                 |         |
| 11              | "              | 0 1 9             | 1 0 0         | 120 0 0                         |         |
| 12              | "              | 0 1 11.7          | 1 0 0         |                                 |         |
| 13              | "              | 0 1 14.4          | 1 0 0         | 20 0 0                          |         |
| 14              | "              | 0 1 21.2          | 0 15 0        | 180 0 0                         |         |
| 15              | "              | 0 1 23.9          | 0 15 0        | 120 0 0                         |         |
| 16              | "              | 0 1 26.6          | 0 15 0        | 20 0 0                          |         |
| 17              | "              | 0 0 29.3          | 0 15 0        |                                 |         |
| 18              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 15 0        |                                 |         |
| 20              | Mokihinui Road | 0 1 0             | 0 15 0        |                                 |         |
| 21              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 15 0        |                                 |         |
| 22              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 15 0        |                                 |         |
| 23              | Queen          | 0 1 1.5           | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 24              | "              | 0 1 4.2           | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 25              | "              | 0 1 6.9           | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 26              | "              | 0 1 9.6           | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 27              | "              | 0 1 12.3          | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 28              | "              | 0 1 15            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 29              | Mokihinui Road | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        | 80 0 0                          |         |
| 30              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 31              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 32              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 33              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 34              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 35              | Queen          | 0 1 6.4           | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 36              | Bayfield       | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 37              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 38              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 39              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 40              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 43              | Broome         | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 44              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 45              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 46              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 47              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 48              | "              | 0 1 16.8          | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 49              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 50              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 51              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 52              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 53              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 54              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 55              | Eugene         | 0 0 33.7          | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 56              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 57              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 58              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 59              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 62              | "              | 0 1 0             | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 63              | "              | 0 1 7.3           | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 64              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 65              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 66              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 67              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 68              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 69              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 70              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 71              | Alfred         | 0 0 26.1          | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 73              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 74              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 75              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 76              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 77              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 78              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 79              | "              | 0 0 32            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |
| 80              | "              | 0 1 18            | 0 10 0        |                                 |         |

SCHEDULE—continued.

| No. of Section. | Street.        | Area.          | Upset Rent.    | Assessed Value of Improvements. |         |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                 |                |                |                | £ s. d.                         | £ s. d. |
| 81              | Alfred         | A. R. P. 0 1 0 | £ s. d. 0 10 0 |                                 |         |
| 82              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 83              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 84              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 85              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 86              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 87              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 88              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 | 25 0 0  |
| 90              | Excelsior Road | 0 1 15.9       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 91              | "              | 0 1 18.8       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 92              | "              | 0 1 21.8       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 93              | "              | 0 1 24.8       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 94              | "              | 0 1 27.7       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 95              | Halcyon Road   | 0 0 37.6       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 96              | "              | 0 0 32.9       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 97              | Grey           | 0 0 37.9       | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 98              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 99              | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 100             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 101             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 102             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 103             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 104             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 105             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 108             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 109             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 110             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 111             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 10 0         |                                 |         |
| 112             | Gladstone      | 0 1 0          | 1 0 0          | 30 0 0                          |         |
| 113             | "              | 0 1 0          | 1 0 0          | 50 0 0                          |         |
| 114             | "              | 0 1 0          | 1 0 0          | 40 0 0                          |         |
| 115             | "              | 0 1 0          | 1 0 0          | 90 0 0                          |         |
| 117             | "              | 0 1 0          | 1 0 0          | 150 0 0                         |         |
| 118             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         | 75 0 0                          |         |
| 119             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         | 75 0 0                          |         |
| 120             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 121             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 122             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 124             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 | 75 0 0  |
| 125             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 126             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 127             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 128             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |
| 129             | "              | 0 1 0          | 0 15 0         |                                 |         |

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser of the lease, and the amount bid shall be the annual rental thereof.
2. The bidding shall be an increase on the upset rental, and shall advance at the rate of not less than 10 per cent.
3. The purchaser shall forthwith deposit the sum of £1 10s. for the cost of survey and preparation of the lease, and also the first year's rent, being the amount of his bid.
4. Should the purchaser of the lease fail to comply with the third condition hereof, or should any dispute arise, the lease shall be put up again and resold.
5. The lease shall be executed by the purchaser within thirty days from the date of notice that it is ready for execution, or the right to lease shall become forfeited, and any deposit paid on account thereof shall become forfeited also.
6. No person can purchase or hold a lease of more than one section.
7. No married woman, not having obtained a decree of judicial separation or protection order, shall be capable of becoming a lessee, excepting under a will or an intestacy.

SYNOPSIS OF CONDITIONS OF LEASES.

1. Term of lease, sixty-six years.
2. Rents payable annually in advance.
3. Leases not to be transferred or holdings subdivided or sublet without the consent of the Minister of Mines.
4. No transfer will be allowed until lessee has been twelve months in legal occupation, and complied with the conditions of his lease.
5. A fee of £1 1s. shall be paid for recording every transfer of any lease.
6. The lessee will be required to occupy his leasehold in a *bonâ fide* manner for business purposes or residence within six months from the commencement of the term of lease.
7. Any lessee who shall fail to comply with any of the conditions of lease in any respect shall, upon sufficient proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Warden of the district, forfeit his interest in the said lease and his right to hold the land thereunder.

H. ALDBOROUGH STRATFORD,  
Warden.

*Lands in Southland open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 27th September, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection for lease in perpetuity, under the provisions of sections 121 and 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," on and after Thursday, the 24th November, 1898.

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

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—WAIKAWA SURVEY DISTRICT.

*First-class Land.*

| Section. | Block. | Area.    | Lease in Perpetuity. |                   |
|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
|          |        |          | Rent per Acre.       | Half-yearly Rent. |
|          |        | A. R. P. | s. d.                | s. d.             |
| 46       | II.    | 7 1 26   | 1 7-2                | 5 10              |
| 47       | "      | 7 1 32   | 1 7-2                | 6 0               |
| 50       | "      | 1 0 0    | 4 9-6                | 2 5               |
| 52       | "      | 1 0 0    | 4 9-6                | 2 5               |
| 53       | "      | 1 0 0    | 4 9-6                | 2 5               |
| 54       | "      | 1 0 0    | 4 9-6                | 2 5               |
| 55       | "      | 1 0 0    | 4 9-6                | 2 5               |
| 56       | "      | 1 1 20   | 4 9-6                | 3 4               |

These sections adjoin Waikawa Township, but the road to them is not formed. Sections 46, 47, and 56 are mossy and rough; Sections 50, 52, 53, 54, and 55 are steep, but the soil is good. Section 50 is burdened with £5 14s. valuation for clearing, grassing, and fencing. All the sections are sparsely covered with mixed bush of no commercial value.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 20th September, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease upon application at this office on Thursday, 24th November, 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.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.—WAIKAWA SURVEY DISTRICT.—SMALL GRAZING-RUN No. 3.

*Second-class Land.*

| Section. | Block. | Area.    | Rent per Acre. | Yearly Rent. |
|----------|--------|----------|----------------|--------------|
|          |        | A. R. P. | s. d.          | £ s. d.      |
| 111      | ..     | 343 2 0  | 0 3            | 4 6 0        |

Situated about eighteen miles from Otautau Railway-station. Land hilly and broken; soil poor; clay formation; vegetation, manuka scrub and fern. Height above sea-level, 400 ft. to 600 ft.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 27th September, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on Thursday, the 24th November, 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.

WALLACE COUNTY.—LONGWOOD SURVEY DISTRICT.—VILLAGE-HOMESTEAD ALLOTMENTS, LONGWOOD VILLAGE.

*First-class Land.*

| Section. | Block. | Area.    | Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent. |                   |
|----------|--------|----------|--|-------------------|
|          |        |          | Rent per Acre.                         | Half-yearly Rent. |
|          |        | A. R. P. | £ s. d.                                | £ s. d.           |
| 58       | V.     | 20 3 2   | 0 0 9-6                                | 0 8 4             |
| 59       | V.     | 19 2 20  | 0 0 9-6                                | 0 7 10            |

Situated about a mile and a half from Wakapatu Railway-station; bush land; soil fair. Section 58 is burdened with £8 10s. valuation for improvements, consisting of—hut, £4; clearing, £4 10s. Limit of holding in this village, 100 acres.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Sections in Townships of Ohau and Paraparaumu for Lease by Tender.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 11th October, 1898.

WRITTEN tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 14th December, 1898, for the lease of the under-mentioned sections. If any sections are un-applied-for on the 14th December they will remain open for selection at the upset rentals, and for the terms stated herein.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

| Section.                        | Block. | Area.    | Upset Annual Rental. | Term.    |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| <i>Township of Ohau.</i>        |        |          |                      |          |
|                                 |        | A. R. P. | £ s. d.              |          |
| 22                              | ..     | 0 1 36   | 1 0 0                | 7 years. |
| 23                              | ..     | 0 1 35   | 1 0 0                | 7 years. |
| 48                              | ..     | 1 0 0    | 1 0 0                | 7 years. |
| <i>Township of Paraparaumu.</i> |        |          |                      |          |
| 10                              | VII.   | 0 2 0    | 0 12 6               | 7 years. |
| 11                              | "      | 0 2 0    | 0 12 6               | 7 years. |

Sections 22, 23, and 48, Ohau Township: These sections are situated about half a mile from the Ohau Railway-station, which is on the Wellington-Manawatu line, distant about fifty-six miles from Wellington. Sections 22 and 23, in front of the main county road, are perfectly level and in grass, and have good soil on a sandy formation. Section 48 fronts on a formed road, has good soil on a shingle-and-clay formation, and is all in grass, about half the section being flat.

Sections 10 and 11, Block VII., Paraparaumu Township: These sections are situated on the main road, within a few chains of the Paraparaumu Railway-station, which is about thirty-three miles from Wellington on the Wellington-Manawatu Railway-line. The sections have good soil on a sandy formation, and are in grass and perfectly level.

*Conditions.*

1. Tenders must be accompanied by marked cheque or post-office order for six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease-fee.

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 any improvements effected by the lessee, nor for any other cause.

3. Possession will be given on the day of acceptance of tender.

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 Commissioner of Crown Lands 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.

*Town Sections, Westport Colliery Reserve, Nelson Land District, for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Nelson, 27th September, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned sections on the Colliery Reserve, in the Town of Westport, will be offered for lease by auction for a term of forty-two years, under "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," and its amending Acts, at the Courthouse, Westport, on Wednesday, the 7th December, 1898, at noon.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF WESTPORT, BULLER COUNTY.

| Section. | Locality.            | Area. | Upset Rental per Annum. |    |       | Term of Lease. |
|----------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|----|-------|----------------|
|          |                      |       | R. P.                   | £  | s. d. |                |
| 19 & 20  | Rintoul Street ..    | 0 24  | 1                       | 15 | 0     | 42 years.      |
| 28       | Palmerston St. South | 0 16  | 3                       | 0  | 0     | "              |
| 112      | "                    | 0 16  | 2                       | 0  | 0     | "              |
| 113      | "                    | 0 16  | 2                       | 0  | 0     | "              |
| 114      | "                    | 0 16  | 2                       | 0  | 0     | "              |
| 218      | Esplanade ..         | 1 22  | 3                       | 5  | 0     | "              |
| 218A     | " ..                 | 1 24  | 3                       | 5  | 0     | "              |
| 219      | " ..                 | 1 12  | 3                       | 0  | 0     | "              |
| 151      | Mill Street ..       | 0 12  | 1                       | 0  | 0     | "              |

*Terms of Sale.*—A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 1s. lease-fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer. Possession will be given on day of sale.

Full particulars, plans, &c., may be obtained at the District Lands and Survey Offices, Nelson and Westport.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Village-homestead Allotment in Nelson open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Nelson, 29th September, 1898.

THE under-mentioned village-homestead allotment will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on Wednesday, 14th December, 1898.

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

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

| Survey District. | Section. | Block. | Area.              | Half-yearly Rent. |
|------------------|----------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mokihinui ..     | 50       | XV.    | A. R. P.<br>5 3 25 | £ s. d.<br>0 12 6 |

The above section is loaded with £10 for value of improvements, which consist of two small buildings. The section has been cleared and grassed with the exception of a little shelter-bush.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Reserves in Akaroa County, Canterbury, for Lease by Public Tender.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 11th October, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given, under section 23 of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that written tenders for the lease of the under-mentioned reserves for terms of seven years will be received up to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 14th December, 1898.

Tenders must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch, and marked on the outside "Tender for Reserve," and must be accompanied by a post-office order, or by bank draft, or cheque marked "Correct for fourteen days" by the bank on which it is drawn, for the amount of one year's rent of the reserve at the rate tendered, together with a lease-fee of £1 1s.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

AKAROA COUNTY.

Reserve 151, Okain's Bay: Area, 2 roods 32 perches; upset rental per annum, £2.

Reserve 160, Okain's Bay: Area, 3 acres 1 rood 21 perches; upset rental per annum, £3 7s. 8d.

Reserve 169, Petit Carenage Bay, Akaroa Harbour: Area, 10 acres; upset rental per annum, £2 10s.

NOTE.—Reserve 169 is let subject to the right of the public to use the same for landing purposes.

Conditions.

1. There are no restrictions or limitations as to the number of reserves 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 lessees, nor for any other cause.

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

3. The leases 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 yearly in advance.

5. The lands are let for grazing purposes, and 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.

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.

*Land in Aohanga Survey District, Wellington, for Sale by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 27th September, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned land will be offered for sale by public auction for cash at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 7th December, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—WAIKARAPA NORTH COUNTY.—AOHANGA SURVEY DISTRICT.

| Section. | Block. | Area.               | Total Upset Price. |
|----------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 32       | X.     | A. R. P.<br>139 0 0 | £ s. d.<br>104 5 0 |

Weighted with £107 2s. 6d. for improvements.

The above section is situated in the Dannevirke Centennial Block, on the King's Road. The access is from Rakau-nui, which is about eighteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road; then for seven miles by a formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Wai-owaka Roads; the other nine miles by the Spur and other roads, which are being formed. The section comprises hilly land, with homestead-site on King's Road. The soil is clay and sandstone, resting on a papa formation. The section is under English grass, on which manuka scrub has grown up. The section is not well watered. The elevation ranges from about 700 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level. The improvements comprise—139 acres in grass, at 7s. 6d., £107 2s. 6d.; 110 chains post-and-wire fence, at 10s., £55; total, £52 2s. 6d.

*Terms of Sale.*—One-fifth of the purchase-money, together with the value of the improvements, 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 the purchaser of this section other than above mentioned.

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

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, 20th September, 1898.

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

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—RANGIWAEA No. 2 BLOCK.

First- and 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. |       |   |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |
| Wanganui | Ngamatea  | 1        | IV.    | A.    | R. P. | £          | s. d.        | £  | s. d.             | s. d.                                  | £                 | s. d. |   |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |
|          |           | 5        |        | 580   | 0     | 0          | 1            | 0  | 0                 | 580                                    | 0                 | 0     | 1 | 0  | 14 | 10 | 0  | 0  | 9 | 6  | 11 | 12 | 0*  |     |     |
|          |           | 6        | "      | "     | 410   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 2                 | 0                                      | 451               | 0     | 0 | 1  | 1  | 2  | 11 | 5  | 6 | 0  | 10 | 56 | 9   | 0   | 1*  |
|          |           | 7        | "      | "     | 420   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 1                 | 0                                      | 441               | 0     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 6  | 11 | 0  | 6 | 0  | 10 | 08 | 8   | 16  | 5*  |
|          |           | 1        | VIII.  | "     | 640   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 0                 | 0                                      | 640               | 0     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 9  | 6  | 12 | 16  | 0*  |     |
|          |           | 7        |        | "     | 345   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 1                 | 0                                      | 362               | 5     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 6  | 9  | 1  | 2 | 0  | 10 | 08 | 7   | 4   | 11* |
|          |           | 2        |        | "     | 347   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 1                 | 0                                      | 364               | 7     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 6  | 9  | 2  | 2 | 0  | 10 | 08 | 7   | 5   | 9*  |
|          |           | 4        |        | "     | 540   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 0                 | 0                                      | 540               | 0     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 13 | 10 | 0  | 0 | 9  | 6  | 10 | 16  | 0*  |     |
|          |           | 5        | "      | 451   | 0     | 0          | 0            | 18   | 0                 | 405                                    | 18                | 0     | 0 | 10 | 8  | 10 | 3  | 0  | 0 | 8  | 64 | 8  | 2   | 5†  |     |
|          |           | 1        | V.     | 392   | 0     | 0          | 1            | 0  | 0                 | 392                                    | 0                 | 0     | 1 | 0  | 9  | 16 | 0  | 0  | 9 | 6  | 7  | 16 | 10* |     |     |
|          | 2         | Ditto    | "      | "     | 295   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 0                 | 0                                      | 295               | 0     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 7  | 7  | 6  | 0 | 9  | 6  | 5  | 18  | 0*  |     |
|          | 1         |          | I.     | "     | 549   | 0          | 0            | 0  | 18                | 0                                      | 494               | 2     | 0 | 0  | 10 | 8  | 12 | 7  | 1 | 0  | 8  | 64 | 9   | 17  | 8†  |
|          | 2         |          |        | "     | 167   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 2                 | 6                                      | 187               | 17    | 6 | 1  | 1  | 5  | 4  | 14 | 0 | 0  | 10 | 8  | 3   | 15  | 2*  |
|          | 3         |          | "      | 123   | 0     | 0          | 1            | 2  | 6                 | 138                                    | 7                 | 6     | 1 | 1  | 5  | 3  | 9  | 3  | 0 | 10 | 8  | 2  | 15  | 5*  |     |
|          | 4         |          | "      | 160   | 2     | 15         | 1            | 2  | 6                 | 180                                    | 13                | 5     | 1 | 1  | 5  | 4  | 10 | 4  | 0 | 10 | 8  | 3  | 12  | 4*  |     |
|          | 5         |          | "      | 640   | 0     | 0          | 0            | 18   | 0                 | 576                                    | 0                 | 0     | 0 | 10 | 8  | 14 | 8  | 0  | 0 | 8  | 64 | 11 | 10  | 5†  |     |
|          | 6         |          | "      | 301   | 0     | 0          | 0            | 18   | 0                 | 270                                    | 18                | 0     | 0 | 10 | 8  | 6  | 15 | 6  | 0 | 8  | 64 | 5  | 8   | 5†  |     |
|          | 9         |          | "      | 288   | 2     | 0          | 1            | 0  | 0                 | 288                                    | 10                | 0     | 1 | 0  | 7  | 4  | 3  | 1  | 9 | 6  | 5  | 15 | 5*  |     |     |
|          | 1         |          | II.    | "     | 140   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 2                 | 6                                      | 157               | 10    | 0 | 1  | 1  | 5  | 3  | 18 | 9 | 0  | 10 | 8  | 3   | 3   | 0*  |
|          | 2         |          |        | "     | 300   | 0          | 0            | 1  | 3                 | 0                                      | 345               | 0     | 0 | 1  | 1  | 8  | 8  | 12 | 6 | 0  | 11 | 04 | 6   | 18  | 0*  |
|          | 4         |          | "      | 105   | 3     | 0          | 1            | 5  | 0                 | 132                                    | 3                 | 9     | 1 | 3  | 3  | 6  | 2  | 1  | 0 | 2  | 12 | 11 | 2   | 12  | 11* |
|          | 5         |          | "      | 280   | 0     | 0          | 1            | 5  | 0                 | 350                                    | 0                 | 0     | 1 | 3  | 8  | 15 | 0  | 1  | 0 | 7  | 0  | 7  | 0   | 0*  |     |
| 12       | "         | 186      | 3      | 20    | 1     | 5          | 0            | 171  | 1                 | 11                                     | 1                 | 3     | 4 | 5  | 7  | 1  | 0  | 3  | 8 | 6  | 3  | 8  | 6*  |     |     |
| 1        | VI.       | "        | 348    | 0     | 0     | 1          | 5            | 0  | 435               | 0                                      | 0                 | 1     | 3 | 10 | 17 | 6  | 1  | 0  | 8 | 14 | 0  | 8  | 14  | 0*  |     |
| 2        |           | "        | 297    | 3     | 0     | 1          | 5            | 0  | 372               | 3                                      | 9                 | 1     | 3 | 9  | 6  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 7 | 8  | 11 | 7  | 8   | 11* |     |

\* First-class land. † Second-class land.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND.

Rangiwaia Block is situated between the Upper Wangaehu and Turakina Rivers, about seven miles south of Karioi. The area comprises generally hilly and undulating lands, intersected by valleys which merge into gorges in places, particularly on the Wangaehu side. The block is fairly well watered, but the destruction of the forest will doubtless affect the water-supply, and lead to the drying-up of the smaller streams in summer time. The whole area, except two or three small clearings, is covered with mixed bush, including maire, matai, kahikatea, rimu, rata, &c., with the usual undergrowth. On the western side of the block there is some birch in places. The formation is papa and sandstone, with shell-rock cropping up here and there. The soil generally is good, but there is a strip on the Wangaehu River side of poorer quality.

Karioi, which contains a store, post-office, public school, coaching-station, &c., is approached from the block by Native lands, across which it may be reached on horseback, subject to the permission of the owners, by unformed tracks. The only present legal access is from Wanganui and Fordell, via Mangamahu and Hale's Road, through the Maungakaretu Block, thence by the Mangatotara Road, which is formed for horse traffic to within one mile and a quarter of the block. It is proposed to survey and legalise the road-lines in continuation of those to the southward in the Wangaehu and Turakina Valleys, which will pass through the western and eastern sides respectively of the block, and to extend these two latter lines northward, through the Native lands, to a junction with the Main North Island Trunk Road from Hunterville to Waimarino. Karioi is distant from Hunterville by this road sixty-seven miles, and from Mangaonoho, the terminus of the North Island Main Trunk Railway, sixty miles.

The country is from 1,300 ft. to 2,400 ft. above sea-level, and when brought into cultivation should prove well adapted to pastoral pursuits, though, owing to the elevation of the country and its inland position, the winters are colder than on the coast, and will consequently affect to some extent pasturage in the winter season.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 1, Block IV., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Wangaehu Road, which is laid out up the Maketu Creek. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about eight miles distant via pack-tracks through open tussock country. A dray-road is also constructed up the Wangaehu River for twenty miles from Mangamahu, and another ten miles would reach this section, most of which is only a surveyed road. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest country, with small flats in the different gullies; it is rough and broken for 10 to 20 chains back from the Wangaehu River. The soil ranges from poor to good, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is heavy on the flats, and lighter on the hills, comprising chiefly rimu, kahikatea, matai, maire, miro, &c., with a medium undergrowth of kotukutuku, mahoe, maku, rangiora, &c. The section is fairly well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,650 ft. to 2,050 ft. above sea-level.

Section 5, Block IV., Ngamatea District, is situated between Owahakura and Wangaehu Roads. The access is the same as in Section 1. The section comprises flats along the Maketu Creek, the remainder being rising spurs towards the east. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is of medium density on the spurs, and larger on the flats, and similar to that on Section 1. The section is well watered by a permanent stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,750 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 6, Block IV., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Owahakura Road. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about nine miles distant, via pack-track through open country and along surveyed road. From Mangamahu this section is distant about thirty miles, twenty of which is dray-road; the remainder is for the greater part only a surveyed road. The section comprises a small amount of flat along frontage and on the tops of spurs, and is broken at the back portion by a small stream. The soil is same as on Section 5. The forest is fairly dense throughout, similar to that on Section 1. The section is fairly well watered at present by a small stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,780 ft. to 1,950 ft. above sea-level.

Section 7, Block IV., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about ten miles distant *via* pack-tracks and surveyed road-lines. The section comprises easily sloping land along the frontage, flat-topped spurs in the centre, and somewhat broken to the south and east. The soil is the same as Sections 5 and 6. The forest is similar to that on Section 6. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,700 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block VIII., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Wangaehu Road. The present access is same as to Section 7, Block IV. A dray-road is formed up the Wangaehu River for twenty miles above Mangamahu, and about another eight miles will reach this section, most of which is only a surveyed road. The section comprises, generally speaking, undulating land in the centre, with small flats on the eastern and western side, except along the bank of the Wangaehu River, which is rough and broken for a distance of about 15 chains inland. The soil varies from poor to good, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is chiefly heavy on the flats and medium on the hills, comprising rimu, matai, miro, maire, kahikatea, &c., with patches of tawhai and tawhero along the Wangaehu River, with a medium undergrowth of maku, rangiora, matipo, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,500 ft. to 1,950 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block VIII., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Wangaehu Road. The present access is the same as to Section 1. The section comprises, generally speaking, about 20 acres of flat land along Maketu Creek, and about 3 or 4 acres of an old Native clearing named Pou. The south-western portion is broken, the remainder is gently sloping land. The soil is similar to that on Section 1. The forest is chiefly heavy on flats and light on the broken part, comprising rimu, maire, miro, matai, kahikatea, and birch along banks of the Wangaehu River, with a medium undergrowth of maku, kotukutuku, rangiora, matipo, &c. The section is well watered by a permanent stream; the elevation ranges from about 1,300 ft. to 1,750 ft. above sea-level.

Section 4, Block VIII., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Wangaehu Road. The present access is from the Main Road near Karioi, which is about eleven miles distant *via* pack-tracks and surveyed road. From Mangamahu a dray-road is constructed for twenty miles up the Wangaehu River; about five miles further will tap this section, part of which is surveyed road. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest land; about 20 acres of it are flat and easily sloping at the north central portion, with spurs falling towards the stream, precipitous along Wangaehu River. The soil is similar to that on Sections 1 and 2. The forest is fairly heavy on the flats and light on spurs, comprising matai, rimu, miro, tawa, maire, kahikatea, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, rangiora, matipo, tarata, &c. The section is poorly watered by small streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,250 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 5, Block VIII., Ngamatea District, is situated on the Wangaehu Road. The present access is the same as that for Section 4. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest land; at the north central portion the country is hilly, with easily sloping land; the remainder is spurs falling towards the Pongarara Stream. The soil is of fair quality throughout, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is fairly heavy, comprising rimu, miro, maire, rata, kahikatea, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, tarata, mahoe, rangiora, kotukutuku, &c. The section is well watered by a permanent stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,250 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block I., Maungakaretu, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is from the Main Road near Karioi, which is about seven miles distant, *via* pack-track, and surveyed road. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest country; the south-eastern portion is easily sloping and flat land, the remainder is broken by spurs; on the tops of the main water-parting there are small flats. The soil is fair to good, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is fairly heavy throughout, comprising rata, rimu, matai, maire, kahikatea, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, rangiora, kotukutuku, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,730 ft. to 2,400 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block I., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is the same as that to Section 1. The section comprises hilly and undulating country, with small flats scattered throughout. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is similar to that on Section 1. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,650 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 3, Block I., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about eight miles distant, *via* pack-tracks and uncleared surveyed road-lines. The section comprises hilly and easily undulating forest country, with small flats distributed throughout. The soil is of same character as preceding section. The forest is fairly heavy on the flats and lighter on the hills, of similar character to that on preceding sections. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,650 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 4, Block I., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about nine miles distant, *via* pack-tracks and uncleared surveyed road. The section is similar in character to Section 3. The soil is of good quality, and similar to that on Sections 2 and 3. The forest is fairly heavy on the easy slopes and lighter on the sideling, and of same character as on preceding sections. The section is well watered by a permanent stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,700 ft. to 1,950 ft. above sea-level.

Section 5, Block I., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about ten miles distant, *via* pack-tracks and uncleared surveyed road. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest country. There are easy slopes and flattish pieces of land on the main water-parting, the remainder being spurs falling towards the Koukoupe Creek. The soil is of medium quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is medium in density and size, comprising rata, rimu, maire, matai, miro, kahikatea, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kotukutuku, matipo, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,600 ft. to 2,200 ft. above sea-level.

Section 6, Block I., Maungakaretu District: Situation and access is the same as in Section 5. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest country, with a fair amount of easily sloping land. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is same as described for Section 5. The section is well watered by permanent stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,600 ft. to 2,150 ft. above sea-level.

Section 9, Block I., Maungakaretu District, is situated at the junction of Koukoupe Road and Owakura Road. The present access is from Main Road near Karioi, which is about eight miles distant, *via* pack-track and uncleared surveyed road; also can be approached from Hale's Track, *via* formed pack-track and surveyed road. The section comprises easily sloping land and small flats along the road-frontage, with hilly land towards the south-western portion. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is fairly heavy throughout, comprising rimu, matai, kahikatea, maire, miro, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kotukutuku, &c. The section is well watered by a permanent stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,550 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block V., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Koukoupe Road. The present access is from Karioi on Main Road, which is about ten miles distant, by pack-track and uncleared surveyed road-lines. It can also be approached *via* formed pack-track from Hale's Track, and uncleared surveyed road up Koukoupe Creek. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest land; along the Koukoupe Road there are small flats and easily sloping land; the western portion of section is broken by spurs. The soil is fair to good, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is heavy on the flats and lighter on the ridges, comprising rimu, matai, maire, kahikatea, miro, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kotukutuku, tarata, houhere, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,400 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block V., Maungakaretu District: The situation and access same as for Section 1, Block V. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest country, with the exception of about 10 acres of open flax land at the south-western corner; also small flats and gently sloping land occasionally. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is medium to light on the hills and heavy on the creeks, comprising rimu, matai, maire, white manuka, kowhai, &c., with a medium undergrowth of rangiora, koromiko, mahoe, maku, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,350 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block II., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owakura Road. The present access is from Main Road, about three miles east of Karioi, which is about eleven miles distant, *via* pack track and uncleared surveyed road. The section comprises, in the front portion, flat and gently sloping land; the back portion is



hillocky. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is of medium density and size throughout, comprising matai, rimu, maire, miro, kahikatea, rata, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, houhou, koromiko, rangiora, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,700 ft. to 1,950 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block II., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owhakura Road. The present access is from Main Road three miles east of Karioi, which is about ten miles distant, *via* a pack-track which leads over this section. Future access will be *via* Turakina Road. The section comprises, generally speaking, hillocky and gently undulating forest country, with small flats scattered throughout; there is about 8 acres of open grass land in the southern portion of section. The soil is similar to that on Section 1, Block II. The forest is medium, light on hillocks and heavy in gullies, comprising rimu, matai, kowhai, miro, tarata, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kotukutuku, rangiora, koromiko, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,680 ft. to 2,118 ft. above sea-level.

Section 4, Block II., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Turakina Valley Road. The present and future access same as for Section 2, Block II. The section comprises about half of heavy pine flat, the remainder being gently rising land. The soil is similar to that on Sections 1 and 2. The forest is heavy on flats and medium on sidelings, comprising kahikatea, matai, miro, rimu, maire, &c., with a medium undergrowth of rangiora, maku, mahoe, &c. The section is well watered. The elevation ranges from about 1,650 ft. to 1,850 ft. above sea-level.

Section 5, Block II., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Owhakura Road. The present access is same as for Sections 2 and 4. Future access will probably be *via* Turakina and Owhakura Roads. The section comprises undulating bush country, with the exception of about 40 acres of an old Native clearing on the west central portion of the section. The soil is similar to that on Sections 1 and 2. The forest is fairly heavy throughout, comprising rimu, matai, maire, kahikatea, miro, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kowhai, kotukutuku, &c. The section is fairly well watered by small streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,650 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 12, Block II., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Turakina Road. The present access is from Main Road, three miles east of Karioi, which is about eleven miles distant, *via* pack-tracks and uncleared surveyed road. Future access will be *via* Turakina Road. The section comprises at the back portion flat-topped spurs, falling towards Turakina River, ending in gentle slopes along the road-frontage. The soil is same as preceding sections. The forest is medium throughout, comprising rimu, kahikatea, maire, miro, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kotukutuku, matipo, koromiko, &c. The section is well watered by small streams, and has frontage to Turakina River. The elevation ranges from about 1,600 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block VI., Maungakaretu District, is situated on the Turakina Road. The present access is from Main Road, three miles east of Karioi, which is about twelve miles distant, *via* pack-track and uncleared surveyed road. The future access will be *via* Turakina Road. The section comprises at the back portion undulating land, which falls towards the Turakina River, forming gentle slopes and flats along the road-frontage. The soil is of good quality, 4 in. to 8 in. in depth, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The forest is fairly heavy to light, comprising rimu, matai, kahikatea, maire, miro, &c., with a medium undergrowth of mahoe, maku, kotukutuku, tarata, rangiora, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams, and is close to the Turakina River. The elevation ranges from about 1,600 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block VI., Maungakaretu District: The situation and present access same as Section 1, Block VI. The section comprises at the back portion flat-topped spurs and undulating country, which falls towards the Turakina River, forming gentle slopes and flats along the road-frontage. The soil is similar to that on Section 1, Block VI. The forest is medium throughout, comprising rimu, kahikatea, matai, maire, &c., with a medium undergrowth of maku, mahoe, kotukutuku, tarata, &c. The section is well watered by permanent streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,550 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, 13th August, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened 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 7th December, 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.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

| County.  | District. | Section. | Block. | Area.    | Cash Price. |              |                |                   | Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent. |                   | Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent. |         |
|----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|---------|
|          |           |          |        |          | Per Acre.   | Total Price. | Rent per Acre. | Half-yearly Rent. | Rent per Acre.                                       | Half-yearly Rent. |  |         |
|          |           |          |        | A. R. P. | £ s. d.     | £ s. d.      | s. d.          | £ s. d.           | s. d.  | £ s. d.           | s. d.                                  | £ s. d. |
| Pahiatua | Makuri    | 44       | III.   | 10 0 0   | 1 0 0       | 10 0 0       | 1 0            | 0 5 0             | 0 9 6  | 0 4 0             |  |         |
| "        | "         | 42       | "      | 6 0 0    | 1 0 0       | 6 0 0        | 1 0            | 0 3 0             | 0 9 6  | 0 2 5             |  |         |

Section 44, Block III., Makuri, is situated at the junction of the Totara Road and the Rabbit-fence Reserve. The access is from Kumeroa, Hawke's Bay, which is about seven miles distant, the last mile and a half being road which is surveyed only; it is also distant about three miles and a half from Makairo Post-office, by one mile and a half of formed road and two miles of road which is surveyed only. The land is undulating and the soil good, resting on papa formation; the forest is of a mixed character, comprising chiefly tawa, rimu, &c., with the usual undergrowth. The section is watered by a spring.

Section 42, Block III., Makuri, is situated on the Totara Road, and has access from Makairo, where there is a post-office, the distance being about two miles and a half, by one mile and a half of formed road and one mile of road which is surveyed only. The land is undulating, and has a good soil resting on papa formation; it is all cleared of bush, and is watered by a small stream. The section is weighted with £13 10s. for improvements, comprising 6 acres in grass.

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1898.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be opened 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 7th day of December, 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.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—DANNEVIKKE CENTENNIAL BLOCK.  
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.                     |       |         |
| Wairarapa North Ditto | Aohanga   | 2        | X.     | A. R. P. | s. d.       | £ s. d.      | s. d.          | £ s. d.  | s. d.          | £ s. d.                               |       |         |
|                       |           | 3        | }      | 988 1 7  | 12 6        | 617 13 8     | 0 7-5          | 15 8 11  | 0 6            | 12 7 1                                |       |         |
|                       |           | 20       |        | 29       | }           | 1,240 0 0    | 12 6           | 775 0 0  | 0 7-5          | 19 7 6                                | 0 6   | 15 10 0 |
|                       |           | 30       |        | 19       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 31       |        | 34       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 35       | 36     |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 9        | XI.         | 797 0 0      | 12 6           | 498 2 6  | 0 7-5          | 12 9 1                                | 0 6   | 9 19 3  |
|                       |           |          |        | 5        | }           | 1,175 0 0    | 10 0           | 587 10 0   | 0              | 14 13 9                               | 0 4-8 | 11 15 0 |
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|                       |           |          |        | 8        |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 1        | }           | 200 0 0      | 15 0           | 150 0 0  | 0 9            | 3 15 0                                | 0 7-2 | 3 0 0   |
|                       |           |          |        | 3        |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 4        |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 10       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 21       | VI.         | 187 0 0      | 17 6           | 163 12 6   | 0 10-5         | 4 1 10                                | 0 8-4 | 3 5 6   |
|                       |           |          |        | 22       | }           | 200 0 0      | 17 6           | 175 0 0  | 0 10-5         | 4 7 6                                 | 0 8-4 | 3 10 0  |
|                       |           |          |        | 23       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 24       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 4        |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 5        | X.          | 200 0 0      | 10 0           | 100 0 0  | 0 6            | 2 10 0                                | 0 4-8 | 2 0 0   |
|                       |           |          |        | 6        | }           | 195 0 0      | 15 0           | 146 5 0  | 0 9            | 3 13 2                                | 0 7-2 | 2 18 6  |
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|                       |           |          |        | 8        |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 9        |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 10       | }           | 200 0 0      | 10 0           | 100 0 0  | 0 6            | 2 10 0                                | 0 4-8 | 2 0 0   |
|                       |           |          |        | 11       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           |          |        | 12       |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 13       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 15       | }      | 200 0 0  | 15 0        | 150 0 0      | 0 9            | 3 15 0   | 0 7-2          | 3 0 0                                 |       |         |
|                       |           | 18       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 21       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 22       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 23       | }      | 200 0 0  | 10 0        | 100 0 0      | 0 6            | 2 10 0   | 0 4-8          | 2 0 0                                 |       |         |
|                       |           | 24       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 25       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 26       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |
|                       |           | 27       | }      | 200 0 0  | 12 6        | 125 0 0      | 0 7-5          | 3 2 6  | 0 6            | 2 10 0                                |       |         |
|                       |           | 28       |        |          |             |              |                |  |                |                                       |       |         |

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND.

This block is situated generally on the slopes of the Three Kings Ranges, lying between the head-waters of the Waio-waka and Maraimanga Streams, and also the branches of the Pakowai Stream, about nine miles from Rakaunui, on the Alfredton-Weber Road, at its junction with the road from Pahiatua and Makuri. The area comprises generally hilly and undulating land, intersected by valleys with good flats on the principal streams; the gullies, however, merging into gorges in places. The block is fairly well watered by numerous streams, the smaller of which will probably be dry in summer. About three-fourths of the area is covered with light mixed forest, comprising matai, rimu, kahikatea, birch, tawa, rewa, &c., with a few totaras, and a mixed undergrowth of supplejack, rangiora, &c. The remaining fourth of the area is covered with manuka scrub, through portions of which the fire has passed, and grass has grown. The formation is papa, with patches of sandstone. The soil varies in quality from poor to good.

Rakaunui contains a store, post-office, and school, and is approached from Pahiatua and Makuri by thirty miles of dray-road, twenty-three of which is metalled, the balance being a good horse-road. The distance to Eketahuna is about the same, by a well-formed dray-road.

The elevation of the country ranges from about 400 ft. to 1,900 ft., and when cleared would be well adapted for pastoral pursuits. The climate is mild throughout the year, and inclined to be dry in summer.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Sections 2, 3, and 20, Block X., are situated on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about ten miles distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber metalled road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles. The section comprises hilly and broken land, with homestead-sites on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of a fair quality, resting on papa formation. The forest is light, comprising black-birch, matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, kowhai, and tawa, with a light undergrowth of supplejack and small tawa. The section is well watered by the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 1,300 ft. above sea-level. A considerable portion of the land has been burnt by bush-fires, and partly grassed.

Sections 29, 30, 19, 31, and 34, Block X., are situated on the King's and Sugarloaf Roads. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fifteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber metalled road, and seven miles of formed horse-track down the Huia, Waiowaka, and Waikereru Roads, the remaining six miles, of Spur Road, being unformed. The sections comprise hilly land, with excellent homestead-sites on the King's and Sugarloaf Roads. The soil is clay, of fairly good quality, resting on a papa formation. About half the area is under forest, which is light, and comprises matai, rimu, totara, with large patches of black-birch, with a light undergrowth of supplejack and karamea.

There are about 400 acres of heavy manuka scrub, and about 200 acres in English grass, where the fires have run. The section is well watered by a branch of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 1,500 ft. above sea-level.

Sections 35, 36, and 9, Blocks X. and XI., are situated on the Sugarloaf Road. The access is the same as for Sections 29 to 34. The nature and quality of land and soil is similar to Sections 29 to 34. About 500 acres is covered with a light forest, comprising matai, rimu, totara, black-birch, tawa, and kowhai, with a light undergrowth of supplejack and karamea. About 200 acres is short manuka scrub, and 100 acres in grass. The section is well watered by branches of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 1,500 ft. above sea-level.

Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block XI., are situated on the Spur and Sugarloaf Roads. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about sixteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then for seven miles by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, Waiowaka, and Spur Roads, the last seven miles being unformed. The sections comprise hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Makatote Stream. The soil is a fair clay, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, totara, black-birch, rimu, rewarewa, tawa, and kowhai; there is also a good deal of manuka scrub, with an undergrowth of a mixed character. The section is well watered by the Makatote Stream. The elevation ranges from about 700 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block XI., is situated on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fourteen miles distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, the remaining five miles by the Spur Road, which is unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is covered with short manuka scrub. The section is well watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 700 ft. to 1,400 ft. above sea-level.

Section 3, Block XI., is situated on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fifteen miles distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, the last six miles, of Spur Road, being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is clay, resting on papa formation. The forest is principally manuka scrub, with black-birch on the front of section. The section is well watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 800 ft. to 1,400 ft. above sea-level.

Section 4, Block XI., is situated on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fifteen miles distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, the last six miles, of the Spur Road, being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation. The greater portion is covered with manuka scrub, and the balance with black-birch, rewarewa, tawa, &c. The section is well watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 800 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level.

Section 10, Block XI.: The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fourteen miles distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waiowaka, and Waikereru Roads for seven miles; the remaining seven miles, of the Spur Road, are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is clay, resting on a papa formation. The forest is black-birch, rewarewa, tawa, and rimu, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, rangiora, &c. The section is watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 900 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 21, Block VI., is situated on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about ten miles distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is a good clay, resting on papa formation. The forest is light matai, rimu, totara, kowhai, tawa, rewarewa, with thick undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is well watered by the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 22, Block VI., is situated on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about ten miles distant—viz., by two miles of the Alfredton-Weber Road, then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, and the remaining mile, of Spur Road, is unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a fairly good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is clay, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, and consists of matai, totara, tawa, kowhai, rimu, and rewarewa, with a thick undergrowth of supplejack, &c., and a considerable portion is covered with heavy manuka. The section is well watered by a branch of the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 700 ft. above sea-level.

Section 23, Block VI., is situated on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about ten miles and a half distant—viz., two miles of the Alfredton-Weber dray-road, and then by seven miles formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads; the remaining mile and a half, of the Spur Road, is unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is clayey, resting on a papa formation. It is all under manuka scrub, some heavy, and a good deal of it poor. The section is well watered by a branch of the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 24, Block VI., is situated on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about eleven miles distant—viz., by two miles of the Alfredton-Weber dray-road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, and the balance of two miles by the Spur Road, which is unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a fairly good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is clayey, resting on a papa formation. It is covered principally with heavy manuka scrub, with light bush—rewarewa, tawa, &c.—at the back. The section is well watered by a branch of the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 4, Block X., is situated on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about eleven miles distant—viz., two miles by the metallised Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by bush-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, the remaining two miles being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a light undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is watered by the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 5, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about eleven miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road (metalled), and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining two miles are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a light undergrowth of supplejack. The section is watered by a branch of the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 6, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about twelve miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road (metalled), and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining three miles are still unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a light undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is indifferently watered by a branch of the Waiowaka Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 7, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about twelve miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining three miles are at present unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on papa formation. The forest is light, and comprises matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a light undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is indifferently watered by branches of the Pakowai and Waiowaka Streams. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 8, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about thirteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, the remaining four miles being at present unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is indifferently watered by a branch of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 9, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about thirteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by the horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining four miles are at present unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is well watered by a branch of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 10, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fourteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by the horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining five miles are at present unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is well watered by branches of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 11, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about thirteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road (metalled), and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining four miles are at present unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and black-birch, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is indifferently watered by a branch of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 12, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fourteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road (metalled), and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining five miles are at present unformed. This section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising black-birch, matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, and tawa, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. There is also a good deal of heavy manuka scrub. The section is indifferently watered. The elevation ranges from about 400 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 13, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fourteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road (metalled), and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining five miles are at present unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, of good quality, resting on a papa formation. The section, with the exception of an old clearing of 25 acres, is covered with forest, which is light, comprising black-birch, matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and rewarewa, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is well watered by a branch of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 400 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 15, Block X., is on the Waiowaka Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fifteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then for seven miles by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads, the remaining six miles of the Waiowaka Road being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Waiowaka Road. The soil is clay, resting on a papa formation. The forest is light, comprising black-birch, matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, and rewarewa, and the area also includes about 50 acres of manuka scrub partly burnt, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c. The section is well watered by a branch of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 400 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 18, Block X., is on the King's Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about eighteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by seven miles formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads, the remaining nine miles, of the Spur and other roads, being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a fairly good homestead-site on the King's Road. The soil is clay and part poor sandstone, resting on papa formation. The forest is light, comprising black-birch, matai, rimu, totara, kahikatea, tawa, rewarewa, with a heavy undergrowth of supplejack, &c., and the area also includes about 30 acres of poor scrub land. The section is well watered by branches of the Pakowai Stream. The elevation ranges from about 400 ft. to 700 ft. above sea-level.

Section 21, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about twelve miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber metalled road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles, the remaining three miles being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with a fair homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is clay and poor sandstone, resting on papa formation, and covered mostly with manuka scrub, with light bush of rewarewa, tawa, &c., at the back of section. The section is fairly well watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 22, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about twelve miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber metalled road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia and Waikereru Roads for seven miles; the remaining three miles, by the Spur Road, are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor mixed clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is covered with manuka scrub. The section is well watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 23, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about twelve miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining three miles, by Spur Road, are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with fair homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is mixed clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is covered with scrubby manuka. The section is well watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 500 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level.

Section 24, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about twelve miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining three miles, on Spur Road, are not formed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor mixed clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is mostly covered with short manuka scrub, with light bush of rewarewa and tawa at the back of section. The section is at present watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level.

Section 25, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about thirteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by formed horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining three miles, by Spur Road, are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is covered principally with short manuka scrub, with light bush at the back of the section. The section is at present watered by the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 26, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about thirteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber metalled road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining four miles, of the Spur Road, are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with good homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is covered principally with poor manuka scrub, with light bush at the back of the section. The section is at present watered by a branch of the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 600 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

Section 27, Block X., is on the Spur Road. The access is from Rakaunui, which is about thirteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining four miles, of the Spur Road, being unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with homestead-site on Spur Road. The soil is poor clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and is covered principally with manuka scrub, with light bush of rewarewa and tawa at the back of the section. The section is at present watered by a branch of the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 700 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

Section 28, Block X.: The access is from Rakaunui, which is about fourteen miles distant—viz., two miles by the Alfredton-Weber Road, and then by horse-track down the Huia, Waikereru, and Waiowaka Roads for seven miles; the remaining five miles, of the Spur Road, are unformed. The section comprises hilly land, with homestead-site on the Spur Road. The soil is poor clay and sandstone, resting on papa formation, and covered principally with manuka scrub, with light rewarewa and tawa bush at the back. The section is at present watered by a branch of the Maraimanga Stream. The elevation ranges from about 700 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

## 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 Paeroa on the 5th day of December, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.  
[Auckland, 98-69.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

| No.  | Name of Applicant.   | Name of Land. |
|------|--|---------------|
| 1365 | Merea Wikiriwhi, Ngawiki Potae, and Miria Ani (1248-2, 3/227) .. | Rotokohu.     |
| 1366 | Metiria Papahuaki (569-8, 3/231) .. .. .                         | Tapuaurerahi. |

## APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

| No.  | Name of Applicant.                                 | Name of Land. |
|------|--|---------------|
| 1376 | Rina Ngataha and Harai Haira (929-16, 2/1) .. .. . | Aorangī.      |

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

| No.  | Nature of Alienation.     | Date.                 | Name of Land.              | Names of Parties.  |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1377 | Transfer (C.A. 98-98) ..  | 20th November, 1899   | Kaipara .. ..              | Maraea Takihi and Wikitoria te Ngahue, of Thames, to John Lynch, of Coromandel.  |
| 1378 | Transfer (C.A. 98-113) .. | 24th October, 1898 .. | Waingunguru, three islands | Keepa Baharuhi, Parati Harawira, Herekiuha Muroa, Hohi Rota, Merea Wikiriwhi, Karu Harawira, Kingi Haira, Hoera te Mimiha, Renata Tamati, Pera Reweti, Mihimera te Mimiha, and Paea Timiua, all of Ohinemuri, to Watene Taiwhakaea, also of Ohinemuri. |

"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 Wellington on the 1st day of December, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.  
[Wellington, 98-72.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

| No. | Nature of Alienation.  | Date.                   | Name of Land.                                     | Names of Parties.   |
|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| 518 | Transfer (98-336) ..   | 5th November, 1898 ..   | Hutt, Block XII., Section 3, Subdivisions 6 and 8 | Mawene Hohua and Eruera Hohua to the Gear Meat Company (Limited). |
| 519 | Transfer (91-113) ..   | 28th May, 1891 ..       | Puahi A3 .. ..                                    | Patara te Wakatahua to Ripeka Kaiwarikihi and others.             |
| 520 | Lease (91-112) ..      | 22nd May, 1891 ..       | Puahi A3 .. ..                                    | Patara te Wakatahua to John Strang.                               |
| 521 | Conveyance (98-338) .. | 29th August, 1889 ..    | Te Aro Pa, Lot 24 ..                              | Ahipane Marangai to Harirota Hine-mura.                           |
| 522 | Transfer (94-417) ..   | 28th September, 1894 .. | Wairaka, Section 9 ..                             | Wiremu te Hemara to James Wall.                                   |
| 523 | Transfer (96-59) ..    | 15th January, 1896 ..   | Wairaka, Section 12 ..                            | Hira Penekoti and another to Albert Wall.                         |
| 524 | Transfer (96-19) ..    | 21st December, 1895 ..  | Wairaka, Section 3 ..                             | Kere Piripi and others to Albert Wall.                            |
| 525 | Transfer (96-65) ..    | 23rd January, 1896 ..   | Wairaka, Section 4 ..                             | Hori Karaka Kohe to James Wall.                                   |
| 526 | Lease (98-437) ..      | 7th September, 1892 ..  | Horowhenua 3B No. 3                               | Hoani Puihi and others to Emma B. Ostler.                         |
| 527 | Transfer (98-328) ..   | 18th October, 1898 ..   | Ngarara West A, Sections 15, 16, and 41           | Mata te Hawe to Charles Bruce Morrison.                           |
| 528 | Lease (98-339) ..      | 27th October, 1898 ..   | Hutt, Section 121, Subdivision 1B                 | Hinga Makere and others to W. J. Wilkie.                          |
| 529 | Lease (98-340) ..      | 29th October, 1898 ..   | Hutt, Section 121, Subdivision 1A                 | Rawinia Taraipoha and another to W. J. Wilkie.                    |
| 530 | Transfer (98-342) ..   | 15th November, 1898     | Hutt, Section 3, Subdivision 11, Sections 2 and 3 | Josephine Love to the Gear Meat Company (Limited).                |

## APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

| No. | Name of Applicant.                   | Name of Land.                     |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 531 | Kararaina Henare .. .. .             | Komangarautawhiri.                |
| 532 | Rangiwhaia te Puni. . . . .          | Hutt, Section 16, Subdivision 2A. |
| 533 | Mare Hemara and Mahui Hemara .. .. . | Papawai No. 9.                    |

## APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

| No. | Name of Applicant.                   | Name of Land.                           |
|-----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 577 | Rewi Maaka and others .. .. .        | Wairere.                                |
| 578 | Hori te Puni .. .. .                 | Korokoro, Lot A.                        |
| 579 | Mere Tipene and others .. .. .       | Hutt, Sections 1 and 2, Subdivision 1G. |
| 580 | Honiana te Puni and another .. .. .  | Hutt, Sections 1 and 2, Subdivision 1G. |
| 581 | Wiremu te Puni and others .. .. .    | Hutt, Sections 1 and 2, Subdivision L.  |
| 582 | Tautara Renata .. .. .               | Hutt, Sections 2 and 3, Subdivision 9A. |
| 583 | Paati Matene and another .. .. .     | Hutt, Sections 2 and 3, Subdivision Q.  |
| 584 | Atanatiu te Puni and another .. .. . | Maungaraki No. 9.                       |
| 585 | Mere Ngawai .. .. .                  | Maungaraki No. 9.                       |
| 586 | Mere Pitama .. .. .                  | Maungaraki No. 9.                       |

## APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

| No. | Name of Applicant.       | Name of Land.                        | Amount. |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 590 | Arthur J. Rawson .. .. . | Tutaehao Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 .. .. . | £30.    |
| 591 | William S. Buck .. .. .  | Hokowhetu .. .. .                    | £10.    |

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1896."

NOTICE is hereby given that, at the sitting of the Native Land Court to be held at Wellington on the 1st day of December, 1898, the Court will proceed to hear and determine the matters hereunder mentioned, in respect whereof jurisdiction has been given to the Court by Orders in Council dated respectively the 26th day of April, 1898, and the 11th day of July, 1898.

## SCHEDULE.

To determine the ownership of all that parcel of land, situated at Porirua, being a portion of the Porirua Native Reserve, the relative shares and interests therein of the owners thereof, and also any and every matter or question incident thereto.

And to determine the ownership of all that piece or parcel of land, situate in and being part of Section No. 544 on the plan of the City of Wellington, the boundaries of which are as follows, that is to say: Bounded by a line commencing at the north-eastern corner of Section No. 541 on the plan of the said city, and extending in a north-easterly direction along Thorndon Quay for a distance of 95 links, more or less; thence along a line bearing 294° 01' to the eastern boundary of Section No. 542 on the plan of the said city; and thence along the eastern boundary of the said Section No. 542, 100 links, more or less, to the point of commencement: and also the relative shares or interests of any Natives therein, and the determination of any matter or question which may arise in relation to the premises.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 15th November, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Kaiapoi on the 5th day of December, 1898, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

[Wellington, 98-73.]

## SCHEDULE.

## APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

| No. | Name of Applicant.            | Name of Land.        |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | Ihaia Rehu and others .. .. . | Kaiapoi, Section 76. |
| 2   | Henare Rehu .. .. .           | Kaiapoi, Section 78. |
| 3   | Wiremu Rehu .. .. .           | Kaiapoi, Section 77. |

Rainfall for October, 1898.

| Station.   | Observer.                   | Total Fall, in Inches. | Days of Rain. | Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours). | Total Fall since Beginning of Year. | Days of Rain since Beginning of Year. |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| NORTH ISLAND.  |                             |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| (A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.              |                             |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Parengarenga ..  | A. R. Crane ..              | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Pakaraka ..  | Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. .. | 3.08                   | 9             | 0.70 on 4th ..   | 33.75                               | 112                                   |
| Parua Bay ..   | D. Davidson ..              | 4.46                   | 16            | 0.99 on 4th ..   | 51.17                               | 156                                   |
| Waihi (Thames) ..  | H. B. Devereux ..           | 6.40                   | 17            | 0.98 on 25th ..  | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Auckland ..  | Government Observer ..      | 4.68                   | 19            | 0.58 on 10th ..  | 34.61                               | 149                                   |
| Cuvier Island ..   | Lightkeeper ..              | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Tauranga ..  | R. O. Stewart ..            | 4.49                   | 17            | 1.65 on 25th ..  | 38.65                               | 119                                   |
| Athenree (Tauranga) ..                                       | Captain Stewart ..          | 4.84                   | 27            | 1.54 on 25th ..  | 42.44                               | 164                                   |
| Rotorua ..   | Dr. Baker ..                | 6.09                   | 15            | 1.81 on 25th ..  | 40.44                               | 108                                   |
| (B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT. |                             |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Kaitiaki ..  | W. G. Puckey ..             | 3.90                   | 16            | 0.71 on 4th ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Paihia (Russell) ..  | Captain Burleigh ..         | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Awakino ..   | N. A. Robison ..            | 5.42                   | 21            | 1.31 on 9th ..   | 45.08                               | 143                                   |
| Te Kopua (Waikato) ..  | Rev. H. Young ..            | 6.83                   | 16            | 1.36 on 9th ..   | 40.55                               | 106                                   |
| Raglan ..  | H. V. Rutherford ..         | 8.54                   | 19            | 1.89 on 10th ..  | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| New Plymouth ..  | E. Veale ..                 | 5.21                   | 15            | 1.12 on 29th ..  | 37.14                               | 129                                   |
| Upper Mongorei ..  | Mrs. Brown ..               | 15.10                  | 24            | 2.08 on 30th ..  | 84.32                               | 161                                   |
| Inglewood ..   | Miss N. Trimble ..          | 9.53                   | 20            | 1.85 on 30th ..  | 71.70                               | 147                                   |
| Ngatimaru ..   | R. Drummond ..              | 8.23                   | 18            | 1.36 on 30th ..  | 72.31                               | 106                                   |
| (C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.        |                             |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Mangaraka (Waitara) ..                                       | D. Wilkie ..                | 4.22                   | 16            | 1.03 on 30th ..  | 37.19                               | 122                                   |
| Upper Waitotara ..   | E. F. Liffiton ..           | 6.78                   | 19            | 1.68 on 10th ..  | 45.42                               | 151                                   |
| Omata Valley ..  | C. Forde ..                 | 6.18                   | 19            | 1.27 on 27th ..  | 36.30                               | 139                                   |
| Stratford ..   | Miss Bobin ..               | 4.51                   | 20            | 1.23 on 30th ..  | 44.29                               | 151                                   |
| Opunake ..   | A. H. Moore ..              | 2.62                   | 16            | 0.44 on 10th ..  | 23.65                               | 122                                   |
| Manaia ..  | P. T. Peacock ..            | 3.79                   | 19            | 0.66 on 11th and 27th ..                                 | 27.95                               | 85                                    |
| Hawera ..  | J. Livingston ..            | 3.81                   | 16            | 0.85 on 10th ..  | 24.43                               | 112                                   |
| Kaponga ..   | C. Maclean ..               | 5.52                   | 11            | 0.86 on 9th ..   | 36.07                               | 83                                    |
| Aramoho (Wanganui) ..  | J. T. Stewart ..            | 4.51                   | 21            | 0.80 on 9th ..   | 26.67                               | 142                                   |
| Wanganui ..  | H. F. Seager ..             | 4.04                   | 12            | 1.00 on 9th ..   | 25.30                               | 84                                    |
| Kaitoke ..   | A. Wygodil ..               | 3.28                   | 18            | 0.70 on 9th ..   | 20.66                               | 118                                   |
| No. 2 Line (Wanganui) ..                                     | H. I. Jones ..              | 4.00                   | 14            | 0.75 on 9th ..   | 25.15                               | 105                                   |
| Raetihi (Wanganui) ..  | G. T. Murray ..             | 8.33                   | 24            | 1.46 on 10th ..  | 57.28                               | 157                                   |
| Campbelltown ..  | H. Sanson ..                | 3.33                   | 11            | 1.00 on 8th ..   | 22.84                               | 87                                    |
| Feilding ..  | Miss E. M. Goodbehere ..    | 3.21                   | 24            | 1.42 on 9th ..   | 21.38                               | 153                                   |
| Te Kumu ..   | G. S. Fulton ..             | 4.74                   | 16            | 0.98 on 10th ..  | 28.50                               | 99                                    |
| Hunterville ..   | G. L. Cook ..               | 5.60                   | 22            | 1.02 on 9th ..   | 30.74                               | 148                                   |
| Erehwon* ..  | Mrs. Caccia-Birch ..        | 5.82                   | 15            | 1.43 on 6th ..   | 38.49                               | 145                                   |
| Ruanui ..  | J. F. Studholme ..          | 5.21                   | 19            | 1.25 on 10th ..  | 32.92                               | 141                                   |
| West Waitapu ..  | J. Gurfee ..                | 5.25                   | 23            | 1.12 on 9th ..   | 28.00                               | 149                                   |
| Ashhurst ..  | H. Barnes ..                | 4.54                   | 20            | 1.40 on 9th ..   | 26.28                               | 128                                   |
| Bull's ..  | E. J. Keiller ..            | 3.82                   | 16            | 1.19 on 9th ..   | 23.29                               | 114                                   |
| Raumai ..  | T. K. Grieve ..             | 5.14                   | 16            | 1.45 on 9th ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Palmerston North ..  | C. J. Monro ..              | 3.71                   | 23            | 1.07 on 9th ..   | 25.47                               | 112                                   |
| State Farm (Levin) ..  | O. J. Blaine ..             | 2.25                   | 17            | 0.47 on 26th ..  | 25.79                               | 126                                   |
| Otaki ..   | M. H. Ayre ..               | 2.39                   | 19            | 0.55 on 25th ..  | 27.57                               | 132                                   |
| Kereru ..  | C. A. Muggleton ..          | 2.87                   | 10            | 0.53 on 29th ..  | 34.08                               | 85                                    |
| Pukerua (e) ..   | W. Bell ..                  | 2.42                   | 11            | 0.80 on 26th ..  | 24.68                               | 92                                    |
| (D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE FALLISER.           |                             |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Waipiro ..   | J. S. Dodgshun ..           | 4.37                   | 10            | 2.67 on 25th ..  | 53.18                               | 101                                   |
| Matahiia ..  | F. J. Kemp ..               | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Tolago Bay ..  | A. Reeves ..                | 3.86                   | 7             | 1.63 on 26th ..  | 48.20                               | 63                                    |
| Gisborne ..  | Rev. H. W. Williams ..      | 2.19                   | 11            | 0.69 on 10th and 27th ..                                 | 41.01                               | 117                                   |
| Patutahi ..  | H. N. Watson ..             | 2.80                   | 10            | 0.88 on 27th ..  | 32.41                               | 97                                    |
| Maraetaha ..   | J. Woodbine Johnson ..      | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Tiniroto (e) ..  | J. Cook ..                  | 4.48                   | 7             | 1.41 on 27th ..  | 43.41                               | 113                                   |
| Waikaremoana ..  | Fenton Lambert ..           | 5.75                   | 8             | 2.54 on 10th ..  | 38.72                               | 104                                   |
| Rakamoana ..   | J. Moore ..                 | 6.51                   | 13            | 3.40 on 10th ..  | 50.08                               | 123                                   |
| Te Kowhai ..   | J. H. Absalom ..            | 4.00                   | 8             | 1.70 on 11th ..  | 49.06                               | 88                                    |
| Petane ..  | W. H. Smith ..              | 10.15                  | 10            | 4.39 on 11th ..  | 39.31                               | 83                                    |
| Napier (b) ..  | E. Lyndon ..                | 4.65                   | 7             | 1.75 on 9th ..   | 25.16                               | 53                                    |
| Hastings ..  | J. N. Williams ..           | 3.39                   | 9             | 1.01 on 11th ..  | 18.38                               | 81                                    |
| Waimarama ..   | Thomas R. Moore ..          | 4.11                   | 10            | 1.30 on 9th ..   | 24.85                               | 92                                    |
| Mangakuri ..   | G. C. Williams ..           | 3.09                   | 10            | 1.15 on 11th ..  | 23.96                               | 98                                    |
| Te Aute ..   | S. B. Ludbrook ..           | 3.36                   | 9             | 1.24 on 11th ..  | 22.03                               | 104                                   |
| Maraekakaho ..   | A. Lockie ..                | 4.49                   | 9             | 1.67 on 11th ..  | 26.15                               | 91                                    |
| Gwavas ..  | J. Nicoll ..                | 4.05                   | 19            | 1.02 on 11th ..  | 28.52                               | 140                                   |
| Mount Vernon ..  | J. W. Harding ..            | 2.21                   | 12            | 0.60 on 10th ..  | 17.23                               | 101                                   |
| Ormondville ..   | J. C. Westall ..            | 4.52                   | 16            | 0.62 on 11th ..  | 31.48                               | 123                                   |
| Woodville ..   | J. Leithead ..              | 6.23                   | 19            | 1.79 on 9th ..   | 34.80                               | 153                                   |
| Pahiatua ..  | W. Tosswill ..              | 5.96                   | 24            | 1.71 on 9th ..   | 35.43                               | 152                                   |
| Tane ..  | H. A. Lambert ..            | 4.47                   | 22            | 0.99 on 9th ..   | 37.84                               | 138                                   |
| Eketahuna (a) ..   | T. Lewis ..                 | 4.66                   | 11            | 2.37 on 9th ..   | 30.85                               | 64                                    |
| Otahuao ..   | Miss E. A. D. Bennett ..    | 2.07                   | 14            | 0.46 on 27th ..  | 23.90                               | 103                                   |
| Carterton ..   | H. Braithwaite ..           | 2.46                   | 11            | 0.60 on 11th ..  | 26.71                               | 103                                   |
| Featherston ..   | G. G. Wellsted ..           | 3.45                   | 10            | 1.00 on 10th ..  | 37.73                               | 77                                    |
| Summit ..  | M. Cronin ..                | 7.45                   | 11            | 2.19 on 26th ..  | 75.23                               | 128                                   |
| Upper Hutt ..  | J. Hanning ..               | 3.09                   | 9             | 1.02 on 26th ..  | 58.63                               | 75                                    |
| Taita ..   | T. Mason ..                 | 3.74                   | 13            | 1.48 on 27th ..  | 42.95                               | 123                                   |
| Wainuiomata ..   | J. Quaintance ..            | 4.26                   | 10            | 1.40 on 27th ..  | 56.13                               | 101                                   |
| Lower Hutt ..  | Miss Heaton ..              | 3.39                   | 10            | 1.32 on 26th ..  | 40.17                               | 112                                   |
| Petone ..  | Sir J. Hector ..            | 3.68                   | 13            | 1.48 on 27th ..  | 38.55                               | 118                                   |
| Wellington ..  | Government Observer ..      | 2.85                   | 14            | 0.78 on 26th ..  | 36.54                               | 130                                   |
| Te Aro ..  | Miss Mestayer ..            | 2.52                   | 13            | 0.80 on 26th ..  | 31.67                               | 129                                   |
| Karori ..  | W. Edmonds ..               | 2.44                   | 13            | 0.77 on 26th ..  | 31.10                               | 116                                   |
| Late return—   | ..                          | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| * September ..   | ..                          | 2.12                   | 15            | 0.37 on 18th.  | ..                                  | ..                                    |

(a) January return not included in totals.

(b) Number of days in February not included in total.

(c) April return not included in totals.

Rainfall for October, 1898—continued.

| Station.  | Observer.                     | Total Fall, in Inches. | Days of Rain. | Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours). | Total Fall since Beginning of Year. | Days of Rain since Beginning of Year. |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>SOUTH ISLAND.</b>                                      |                               |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| <b>(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO KAIKOURA.</b>       |                               |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Nelson .. ..  | Dr. P. O. Andrew ..           | 2.12                   | 11            | 0.40 on 29th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Waimea (Nelson) ..  | W. E. Hayne ..                | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Stephens Island ..  | Lightkeeper ..                | 2.30                   | 12            | 0.50 on 30th   | 26.63                               | 75                                    |
| The Brothers ..   | Lightkeeper ..                | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Avondale Station (Blenheim) ..                            | C. de V. Teschemaker ..       | 1.86                   | 12            | 0.54 on 30th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds) ..                               | W. B. Tosswill ..             | 3.08                   | 16            | 0.75 on 31st   | 60.97                               | 127                                   |
| Blenheim ..   | N. T. Prichard ..             | 1.60                   | 7             | 0.51 on 26th   | 22.50                               | 70                                    |
| Cape Campbell (a) ..                                      | Lightkeeper ..                | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Flaxbourne ..   | W. Tatchell ..                | 2.30                   | 9             | 0.89 on 26th   | 41.46                               | 76                                    |
| Kekerangu ..  | W. J. White ..                | 1.70                   | 8             | 0.71 on 25th   | 38.05                               | 86                                    |
| Mount Fyffe (Kaikoura) ..                                 | J. Davidson ..                | 2.78                   | 10            | 1.25 on 9th  | 37.00                               | 94                                    |
| Kaikoura ..   | J. St. C. Gunn ..             | 2.20                   | 11            | 0.63 on 26th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| <b>(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.</b>  |                               |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Farewell Spit ..  | Lightkeeper ..                | 3.58                   | 14            | 1.37 on 30th   | 33.09                               | 108                                   |
| Pakawau ..  | T. C. V. Field ..             | 11.35                  | 23            | 2.20 on 25th   | 65.99                               | 144                                   |
| Westport ..   | H. S. Ewan ..                 | 8.79                   | 25            | 1.45 on 20th   | 68.99                               | 171                                   |
| Ngahere ..  | J. Scott ..                   | 15.97                  | 29            | 2.18 on 7th  | 112.20                              | 177                                   |
| Greymouth ..  | J. Conner ..                  | 12.38                  | 26            | 2.07 on 20th   | 92.98                               | 158                                   |
| Hokitika ..   | A. D. Macfarlane ..           | 15.58                  | 25            | 2.90 on 20th   | 104.47                              | 138                                   |
| Dusky Sound ..  | R. Henry ..                   | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Puysegur Point ..   | Lightkeeper ..                | 28.68                  | 28            | 3.62 on 30th   | 220.66                              | 229                                   |
| <b>(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.</b>        |                               |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Cheviot ..  | C. W. C. Wilkinson ..         | 2.12                   | 8             | 0.60 on 26th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Waiau ..  | F. S. Northcote ..            | 1.99                   | 7             | 0.96 on 26th   | 27.10                               | 85                                    |
| Akaroa ..   | Miss Jacobson ..              | 5.08                   | 13            | 1.16 on 25th   | 36.36                               | 108                                   |
| Port Hills (Christchurch) ..                              | Miss M. L. Higgins ..         | 2.36                   | 10            | 0.50 on 2nd  | 16.46                               | 76                                    |
| Christchurch ..   | A. L. Taylor ..               | 2.13                   | 9             | 0.45 on 26th   | 16.92                               | 72                                    |
| Linwood ..  | J. A. Biltcliff ..            | 1.53                   | 10            | 0.39 on 6th  | 15.25                               | 87                                    |
| Lincoln ..  | J. W. Mellor ..               | 1.75                   | 10            | 0.60 on 26th   | 14.02                               | 79                                    |
| Southbridge ..  | D. McMillan ..                | 2.55                   | 11            | 0.87 on 26th   | 14.11                               | 79                                    |
| Hororata ..   | Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G. .. | 2.51                   | 14            | 1.00 on 26th   | 18.87                               | 83                                    |
| Kapunatiki ..   | Hon. W. Rolleston ..          | 2.68                   | 9             | 0.87 on 9th  | 14.43                               | 69                                    |
| Orari ..  | John Murray ..                | 2.59                   | 10            | 0.77 on 26th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Bealey ..   | C. White ..                   | 6.20                   | 10            | 1.65 on 31st   | 60.93                               | 67                                    |
| Mt. Peel (c) ..   | Mrs. O. Scott Thompson ..     | 3.54                   | 17            | 0.86 on 26th   | 24.78                               | 103                                   |
| Peel Forest ..  | W. E. Barker ..               | 4.81                   | 16            | 1.66 on 26th   | 32.16                               | 98                                    |
| Methven ..  | H. G. Baker ..                | 3.83                   | 15            | 2.03 on 26th   | 30.31                               | 106                                   |
| Winchmore (Ashburton) ..                                  | A. E. Hart ..                 | 2.43                   | 7             | 1.30 on 27th   | 19.42                               | 61                                    |
| Windermere ..   | Miss F. J. M. Wright ..       | 2.94                   | 10            | 1.34 on 26th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Timaru ..   | C. H. Inglis ..               | 2.41                   | 10            | 0.87 on 9th  | 16.64                               | 73                                    |
| Fairlie ..  | D. H. Gillingham ..           | 2.40                   | 13            | 0.53 on 9th  | 23.49                               | 98                                    |
| Waimate ..  | W. S. Hamilton ..             | 2.55                   | 15            | 0.58 on 25th   | 16.25                               | 100                                   |
| Geraldine ..  | A. L. Temple ..               | 2.59                   | 15            | 0.78 on 26th   | 20.56                               | 106                                   |
| Windsor Park (Oamaru) ..                                  | E. Menlove ..                 | 1.60                   | 15            | 0.35 on 29th   | 12.26                               | 93                                    |
| Oamaru ..   | G. Anderson ..                | 1.95                   | 9             | 0.35 on 30th   | 11.29                               | 72                                    |
| Maheno ..   | C. de S. Teschemaker ..       | 1.77                   | 11            | 0.47 on 25th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| <b>(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.</b> |                               |                        |               |  |                                     |                                       |
| Otekaike (North Otago) ..                                 | M. McKellar ..                | 2.04                   | 12            | 0.49 on 30th   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Macetown ..   | W. J. Stanford ..             | 3.85                   | 15            | 1.01 on 20th   | 29.26                               | 90                                    |
| Queenstown ..   | L. Hotop ..                   | 2.95                   | 9             | 0.95 on 18th   | 31.08                               | 78                                    |
| St. Bathans ..  | J. Ewing ..                   | 3.68                   | 10            | 0.93 on 26th   | 27.08                               | 103                                   |
| Gladbrook Station ..                                      | D. Crawford ..                | 2.69                   | 14            | 0.95 on 1st  | 22.17                               | 118                                   |
| Roxburgh ..   | Dr. W. J. Mullin ..           | 2.73                   | 16            | 0.48 on 20th   | 18.44                               | 111                                   |
| Kokonga ..  | R. W. Glendinning ..          | 1.61                   | 11            | 0.42 on 26th   | 11.00                               | 103                                   |
| Dunedin ..  | Government Observer ..        | 3.21                   | 18            | 0.47 on 1st  | 28.30                               | 144                                   |
| Caversham ..  | G. M. Burlinson ..            | 2.35                   | 18            | 0.88 on 1st  | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Eweburn (a) ..  | A. W. Roberts ..              | 1.15                   | 8             | 0.64 on 26th   | 7.53                                | 50                                    |
| Tapanui ..  | J. Gleeson ..                 | 4.20                   | 18            | 0.80 on 1st and 26th                                     | 34.10                               | 155                                   |
| Kaitangata ..   | W. M. Shore ..                | 2.99                   | 13            | 0.67 on 5th  | 25.62                               | 82                                    |
| Balclutha ..  | C. C. Halliday ..             | 1.67                   | 15            | 0.37 on 5th  | 19.21                               | 117                                   |
| Naseby ..   | G. L. Stewart ..              | 1.84                   | 11            | 0.74 on 26th   | 14.21                               | 88                                    |
| Clyde ..  | L. D. Macgeorge ..            | 1.45                   | 7             | 0.32 on 1st  | 10.61                               | 47                                    |
| Wyndham (b) ..  | W. H. Rodney ..               | 6.03                   | 19            | 0.75 on 5th  | 41.95                               | ..                                    |
| Dipton ..   | R. D. MacLachlan ..           | 3.36                   | 9             | 0.96 on 1st  | 30.15                               | 100                                   |
| Ratanui ..  | J. Fraser ..                  | 6.12                   | 22            | 1.10 on 5th  | 47.16                               | 166                                   |
| Invercargill ..   | J. L. Bush ..                 | 10.23                  | 22            | 0.98 on 6th and 21st                                     | 52.55                               | 175                                   |
| Otautau ..  | N. A. McLaren ..              | 7.16                   | 17            | 1.15 on 5th  | 51.81                               | 131                                   |
| Nightcaps ..  | A. H. Rowley ..               | 3.79                   | 11            | 0.82 on 1st  | 35.88                               | 105                                   |
| Chatham Islands ..  | A. Shand ..                   | ..                     | ..            | ..   | ..                                  | ..                                    |
| Late return—<br>* September ..                            | ..                            | 1.36                   | 5             | 0.63 on 15th.  | ..                                  | ..                                    |

(a) April return not included in totals.  
(b) Days not given for three months.

(c) June return not included in totals.

J. HECTOR, Director.



Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 15th October, 1898, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1897.

KAWAKAWA SECTION.

|                           | 1898. |     |           | 1897. |     |          |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----------|-------|-----|----------|
|                           | S.    | R.  | Total.    | S.    | R.  | Total.   |
| PASSENGERS.—              |       |     |           |       |     |          |
| 1st Class                 | 40    | 18  | 58        | 35    | 24  | 59       |
| 2nd Class                 | 113   | 182 | 295       | 109   | 152 | 261      |
| Total                     | 153   | 200 | 353       | 144   | 176 | 320      |
| Season Tickets            | ..    | ..  | 0         | ..    | ..  | 0        |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |       |     | No.       |       |     | No.      |
| Parcels                   | ..    | ..  | 33        | ..    | ..  | 74       |
| Horses                    | ..    | ..  | 2         | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Carriages                 | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Dogs                      | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | 3        |
| Total                     | ..    | ..  | 35        | ..    | ..  | 77       |
| GOODS,—                   |       |     | No.       |       |     | No.      |
| Drays                     | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Cattle                    | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | 1        |
| Calves                    | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Sheep                     | ..    | ..  | 68        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Pigs                      | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Total                     | ..    | ..  | 68        | ..    | ..  | 1        |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..    | ..  | Tons.     | ..    | ..  | Tons.    |
| Wool                      | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Firewood                  | ..    | ..  | ..        | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Timber                    | ..    | ..  | 4         | ..    | ..  | 5        |
| Grain                     | ..    | ..  | 2         | ..    | ..  | ..       |
| Merchandise               | ..    | ..  | 150       | ..    | ..  | 113      |
| Minerals                  | ..    | ..  | 953       | ..    | ..  | 952      |
| Total                     | ..    | ..  | 1,109     | ..    | ..  | 1,070    |
| REVENUE,—                 |       |     | £ s. d.   |       |     | £ s. d.  |
| Passengers                | ..    | ..  | 21 0 9    | ..    | ..  | 18 9 2   |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..    | ..  | 4 12 0    | ..    | ..  | 5 4 9    |
| Goods                     | ..    | ..  | 161 17 2  | ..    | ..  | 149 1 2  |
| Miscellaneous             | ..    | ..  | 0 19 8    | ..    | ..  | 1 1 3    |
| Rents and Commission      | ..    | ..  | 1 4 0     | ..    | ..  | 2 5 0    |
| Total                     | ..    | ..  | £189 13 7 | ..    | ..  | £176 1 4 |

WHANGAREI SECTION.

|                           | 1898. |       |           | 1897. |       |          |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
|                           | S.    | R.    | Total.    | S.    | R.    | Total.   |
| PASSENGERS.—              |       |       |           |       |       |          |
| 1st Class                 | 187   | 190   | 377       | 151   | 134   | 285      |
| 2nd Class                 | 664   | 1,012 | 1,676     | 649   | 1,014 | 1,663    |
| Total                     | 851   | 1,202 | 2,053     | 800   | 1,148 | 1,948    |
| Season Tickets            | ..    | ..    | 26        | ..    | ..    | 19       |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |       |       | No.       |       |       | No.      |
| Parcels                   | ..    | ..    | 137       | ..    | ..    | 173      |
| Horses                    | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Carriages                 | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Dogs                      | ..    | ..    | 2         | ..    | ..    | 2        |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | 139       | ..    | ..    | 175      |
| GOODS,—                   |       |       | No.       |       |       | No.      |
| Drays                     | ..    | ..    | 2         | ..    | ..    | 4        |
| Cattle                    | ..    | ..    | 16        | ..    | ..    | 11       |
| Calves                    | ..    | ..    | 2         | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Sheep                     | ..    | ..    | 127       | ..    | ..    | 90       |
| Pigs                      | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | 147       | ..    | ..    | 105      |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..    | ..    | Tons.     | ..    | ..    | Tons.    |
| Wool                      | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Firewood                  | ..    | ..    | 24        | ..    | ..    | 36       |
| Timber                    | ..    | ..    | 669       | ..    | ..    | 585      |
| Grain                     | ..    | ..    | 99        | ..    | ..    | 112      |
| Merchandise               | ..    | ..    | 204       | ..    | ..    | 215      |
| Minerals                  | ..    | ..    | 4,190     | ..    | ..    | 3,774    |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | 5,186     | ..    | ..    | 4,722    |
| REVENUE,—                 |       |       | £ s. d.   |       |       | £ s. d.  |
| Passengers                | ..    | ..    | 99 3 4    | ..    | ..    | 104 4 8  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..    | ..    | 9 11 5    | ..    | ..    | 10 0 9   |
| Goods                     | ..    | ..    | 826 19 10 | ..    | ..    | 762 2 11 |
| Miscellaneous             | ..    | ..    | 39 0 0    | ..    | ..    | 1 18 7   |
| Rents and Commission      | ..    | ..    | 20 11 7   | ..    | ..    | 19 14 10 |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | £995 6 2  | ..    | ..    | £898 1 9 |

KAIHU SECTION.

|                           | 1898. |       |           | 1897. |       |          |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
|                           | S.    | R.    | Total.    | S.    | R.    | Total.   |
| PASSENGERS.—              |       |       |           |       |       |          |
| 1st Class                 | 10    | 218   | 228       | 15    | 120   | 135      |
| 2nd Class                 | 320   | 1,740 | 2,060     | 176   | 1,198 | 1,374    |
| Total                     | 330   | 1,958 | 2,288     | 191   | 1,318 | 1,509    |
| Season Tickets            | ..    | ..    | 5         | ..    | ..    | 23       |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |       |       | No.       |       |       | No.      |
| Parcels                   | ..    | ..    | 128       | ..    | ..    | 78       |
| Horses                    | ..    | ..    | 1         | ..    | ..    | 1        |
| Carriages                 | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Dogs                      | ..    | ..    | 7         | ..    | ..    | 6        |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | 136       | ..    | ..    | 85       |
| GOODS,—                   |       |       | No.       |       |       | No.      |
| Drays                     | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Cattle                    | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | 3        |
| Calves                    | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | 2        |
| Sheep                     | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Pigs                      | ..    | ..    | 1         | ..    | ..    | ..       |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | 1         | ..    | ..    | 5        |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..    | ..    | Tons.     | ..    | ..    | Tons.    |
| Wool                      | ..    | ..    | ..        | ..    | ..    | 6        |
| Firewood                  | ..    | ..    | 6         | ..    | ..    | 24       |
| Timber                    | ..    | ..    | 764       | ..    | ..    | 3,802    |
| Grain                     | ..    | ..    | 5         | ..    | ..    | 4        |
| Merchandise               | ..    | ..    | 141       | ..    | ..    | 131      |
| Minerals                  | ..    | ..    | 6         | ..    | ..    | 49       |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | 922       | ..    | ..    | 4,016    |
| REVENUE,—                 |       |       | £ s. d.   |       |       | £ s. d.  |
| Passengers                | ..    | ..    | 138 3 0   | ..    | ..    | 96 5 1   |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..    | ..    | 11 9 11   | ..    | ..    | 8 13 4   |
| Goods                     | ..    | ..    | 221 8 10  | ..    | ..    | 793 7 9  |
| Miscellaneous             | ..    | ..    | 8 14 11   | ..    | ..    | 40 5 7   |
| Rents and Commission      | ..    | ..    | 13 18 6   | ..    | ..    | 14 17 6  |
| Total                     | ..    | ..    | £393 15 2 | ..    | ..    | £953 9 3 |

AUCKLAND SECTION.

|                           | 1898. |        |             | 1897. |        |              |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------|--------|--------------|
|                           | S.    | R.     | Total.      | S.    | R.     | Total.       |
| PASSENGERS.—              |       |        |             |       |        |              |
| 1st Class                 | 1,477 | 3,660  | 5,137       | 1,445 | 3,694  | 5,139        |
| 2nd Class                 | 7,021 | 24,312 | 31,333      | 6,887 | 23,912 | 30,799       |
| Total                     | 8,498 | 27,972 | 36,470      | 8,332 | 27,606 | 35,938       |
| Season Tickets            | ..    | ..     | 791         | ..    | ..     | 743          |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |       |        | No.         |       |        | No.          |
| Parcels                   | ..    | ..     | 5,285       | ..    | ..     | 4,836        |
| Horses                    | ..    | ..     | 54          | ..    | ..     | 49           |
| Carriages                 | ..    | ..     | 1           | ..    | ..     | ..           |
| Dogs                      | ..    | ..     | 146         | ..    | ..     | 221          |
| Total                     | ..    | ..     | 5,486       | ..    | ..     | 5,106        |
| GOODS,—                   |       |        | No.         |       |        | No.          |
| Drays                     | ..    | ..     | 10          | ..    | ..     | 9            |
| Cattle                    | ..    | ..     | 1,368       | ..    | ..     | 891          |
| Calves                    | ..    | ..     | 144         | ..    | ..     | 84           |
| Sheep                     | ..    | ..     | 7,576       | ..    | ..     | 5,590        |
| Pigs                      | ..    | ..     | 141         | ..    | ..     | 174          |
| Total                     | ..    | ..     | 9,239       | ..    | ..     | 6,748        |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..    | ..     | Tons.       | ..    | ..     | Tons.        |
| Wool                      | ..    | ..     | 1,110       | ..    | ..     | 498          |
| Firewood                  | ..    | ..     | 68          | ..    | ..     | 3            |
| Timber                    | ..    | ..     | 198         | ..    | ..     | 180          |
| Grain                     | ..    | ..     | 1,694       | ..    | ..     | 2,683        |
| Merchandise               | ..    | ..     | 1,049       | ..    | ..     | 965          |
| Minerals                  | ..    | ..     | 2,499       | ..    | ..     | 2,196        |
| Total                     | ..    | ..     | 9,180       | ..    | ..     | 7,574        |
| REVENUE,—                 |       |        | £ s. d.     |       |        | £ s. d.      |
| Passengers                | ..    | ..     | 3,586 7 8   | ..    | ..     | 3,423 1 6    |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..    | ..     | 498 0 9     | ..    | ..     | 523 8 8      |
| Goods                     | ..    | ..     | 6,826 8 5   | ..    | ..     | 6,133 16 1   |
| Miscellaneous             | ..    | ..     | 28 12 1     | ..    | ..     | Dr. 45 18 10 |
| Rents and Commission      | ..    | ..     | 344 13 5    | ..    | ..     | 336 9 8      |
| Total                     | ..    | ..     | £11,284 2 4 | ..    | ..     | £10,370 17 1 |

WELLINGTON-NAPIER-NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION.

| 1898.                     |        |        | 1897.   |        |        |         |    |    |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|----|----|
| PASSENGERS,—              | S.     | R.     | Total.  | S.     | R.     | Total.  |    |    |
| 1st Class                 | 2,567  | 16,968 | 19,535  | 2,374  | 14,950 | 17,324  |    |    |
| 2nd Class                 | 12,628 | 60,304 | 72,932  | 11,975 | 50,874 | 62,849  |    |    |
| Total                     | 15,195 | 77,272 | 92,467  | 14,349 | 65,824 | 80,173  |    |    |
| Season Tickets            | ..     | ..     | 1,462   | ..     | ..     | 1,328   |    |    |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |        |        | No.     | No.    |        |         |    |    |
| Parcels                   | ..     | ..     | 12,757  | ..     | ..     | 11,796  |    |    |
| Horses                    | ..     | ..     | 301     | ..     | ..     | 209     |    |    |
| Carriages                 | ..     | ..     | 23      | ..     | ..     | 12      |    |    |
| Dogs                      | ..     | ..     | 586     | ..     | ..     | 493     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..     | ..     | 13,667  | ..     | ..     | 12,510  |    |    |
| GOODS,—                   |        |        | No.     | No.    |        |         |    |    |
| Drays                     | ..     | ..     | 14      | ..     | ..     | 7       |    |    |
| Cattle                    | ..     | ..     | 1,709   | ..     | ..     | 947     |    |    |
| Calves                    | ..     | ..     | 17      | ..     | ..     | 22      |    |    |
| Sheep                     | ..     | ..     | 19,999  | ..     | ..     | 22,996  |    |    |
| Pigs                      | ..     | ..     | 250     | ..     | ..     | 412     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..     | ..     | 21,989  | ..     | ..     | 24,384  |    |    |
| CHAFF, LIME, &c.          |        |        | Tons.   | Tons.  |        |         |    |    |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..     | ..     | 1,242   | ..     | ..     | 672     |    |    |
| Wool                      | ..     | ..     | 288     | ..     | ..     | 203     |    |    |
| Firewood                  | ..     | ..     | 2,720   | ..     | ..     | 1,926   |    |    |
| Timber                    | ..     | ..     | 7,075   | ..     | ..     | 5,923   |    |    |
| Grain                     | ..     | ..     | 2,856   | ..     | ..     | 2,346   |    |    |
| Merchandise               | ..     | ..     | 6,124   | ..     | ..     | 4,742   |    |    |
| Minerals                  | ..     | ..     | 3,320   | ..     | ..     | 3,194   |    |    |
| Total                     | ..     | ..     | 23,625  | ..     | ..     | 19,006  |    |    |
| REVENUE,—                 |        |        | £       | s.     | d.     | £       | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | ..     | ..     | 10,086  | 10     | 1      | 8,540   | 17 | 3  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..     | ..     | 1,598   | 3      | 4      | 1,367   | 11 | 5  |
| Goods                     | ..     | ..     | 11,995  | 0      | 9      | 9,183   | 0  | 3  |
| Miscellaneous             | ..     | ..     | 251     | 15     | 8      | 292     | 4  | 0  |
| Rents and Commission      | ..     | ..     | 1,100   | 5      | 0      | 1,043   | 10 | 10 |
| Total                     | ..     | ..     | £25,031 | 14     | 10     | £20,427 | 3  | 9  |

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

| 1898.                     |        |         | 1897.   |        |         |         |    |    |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|----|----|
| PASSENGERS,—              | S.     | R.      | Total.  | S.     | R.      | Total.  |    |    |
| 1st Class                 | 3,842  | 22,706  | 26,548  | 3,379  | 21,484  | 24,863  |    |    |
| 2nd Class                 | 18,499 | 95,560  | 114,059 | 17,020 | 90,982  | 108,002 |    |    |
| Total                     | 22,341 | 118,266 | 140,607 | 20,399 | 112,466 | 132,865 |    |    |
| Season Tickets            | ..     | ..      | 2,497   | ..     | ..      | 2,376   |    |    |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |        |         | No.     | No.    |         |         |    |    |
| Parcels                   | ..     | ..      | 22,878  | ..     | ..      | 21,220  |    |    |
| Horses                    | ..     | ..      | 430     | ..     | ..      | 442     |    |    |
| Carriages                 | ..     | ..      | 30      | ..     | ..      | 29      |    |    |
| Dogs                      | ..     | ..      | 884     | ..     | ..      | 758     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..     | ..      | 24,222  | ..     | ..      | 22,449  |    |    |
| GOODS,—                   |        |         | No.     | No.    |         |         |    |    |
| Drays                     | ..     | ..      | 32      | ..     | ..      | 35      |    |    |
| Cattle                    | ..     | ..      | 1,980   | ..     | ..      | 1,673   |    |    |
| Calves                    | ..     | ..      | 31      | ..     | ..      | 178     |    |    |
| Sheep                     | ..     | ..      | 55,201  | ..     | ..      | 64,033  |    |    |
| Pigs                      | ..     | ..      | 1,700   | ..     | ..      | 2,090   |    |    |
| Total                     | ..     | ..      | 58,944  | ..     | ..      | 68,009  |    |    |
| CHAFF, LIME, &c.          |        |         | Tons.   | Tons.  |         |         |    |    |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..     | ..      | 3,722   | ..     | ..      | 3,522   |    |    |
| Wool                      | ..     | ..      | 1,102   | ..     | ..      | 1,578   |    |    |
| Firewood                  | ..     | ..      | 2,382   | ..     | ..      | 1,962   |    |    |
| Timber                    | ..     | ..      | 9,610   | ..     | ..      | 9,455   |    |    |
| Grain                     | ..     | ..      | 18,212  | ..     | ..      | 22,026  |    |    |
| Merchandise               | ..     | ..      | 26,490  | ..     | ..      | 22,082  |    |    |
| Minerals                  | ..     | ..      | 34,058  | ..     | ..      | 32,592  |    |    |
| Total                     | ..     | ..      | 95,576  | ..     | ..      | 93,217  |    |    |
| REVENUE,—                 |        |         | £       | s.     | d.      | £       | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | ..     | ..      | 15,199  | 8      | 3       | 13,772  | 9  | 1  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..     | ..      | 2,816   | 19     | 2       | 2,496   | 19 | 3  |
| Goods                     | ..     | ..      | 32,161  | 10     | 10      | 31,520  | 3  | 3  |
| Miscellaneous             | ..     | ..      | 676     | 7      | 7       | 668     | 16 | 8  |
| Rents and Commission      | ..     | ..      | 1,920   | 12     | 6       | 1,907   | 13 | 2  |
| Total                     | ..     | ..      | £52,774 | 18     | 4       | £50,366 | 1  | 5  |

GREYMOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

| 1898.                     |     |       | 1897.  |       |       |        |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|----|----|
| PASSENGERS,—              | S.  | R.    | Total. | S.    | R.    | Total. |    |    |
| 1st Class                 | 70  | 230   | 300    | 77    | 326   | 403    |    |    |
| 2nd Class                 | 766 | 3,932 | 4,698  | 801   | 4,480 | 5,281  |    |    |
| Total                     | 836 | 4,162 | 4,998  | 878   | 4,806 | 5,684  |    |    |
| Season Tickets            | ..  | ..    | 53     | ..    | ..    | 43     |    |    |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |     |       | No.    | No.   |       |        |    |    |
| Parcels                   | ..  | ..    | 745    | ..    | ..    | 538    |    |    |
| Horses                    | ..  | ..    | 1      | ..    | ..    | 2      |    |    |
| Carriages                 | ..  | ..    | ..     | ..    | ..    | 2      |    |    |
| Dogs                      | ..  | ..    | 20     | ..    | ..    | 13     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | 766    | ..    | ..    | 555    |    |    |
| GOODS,—                   |     |       | No.    | No.   |       |        |    |    |
| Drays                     | ..  | ..    | 2      | ..    | ..    | 1      |    |    |
| Cattle                    | ..  | ..    | 44     | ..    | ..    | 45     |    |    |
| Calves                    | ..  | ..    | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Sheep                     | ..  | ..    | 132    | ..    | ..    | 118    |    |    |
| Pigs                      | ..  | ..    | 26     | ..    | ..    | 12     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | 204    | ..    | ..    | 176    |    |    |
| CHAFF, LIME, &c.          |     |       | Tons.  | Tons. |       |        |    |    |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..  | ..    | 60     | ..    | ..    | 60     |    |    |
| Wool                      | ..  | ..    | 1      | ..    | ..    | 1      |    |    |
| Firewood                  | ..  | ..    | 570    | ..    | ..    | 238    |    |    |
| Timber                    | ..  | ..    | 1,707  | ..    | ..    | 1,412  |    |    |
| Grain                     | ..  | ..    | 183    | ..    | ..    | 155    |    |    |
| Merchandise               | ..  | ..    | 333    | ..    | ..    | 434    |    |    |
| Minerals                  | ..  | ..    | 8,938  | ..    | ..    | 8,739  |    |    |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | 11,792 | ..    | ..    | 11,039 |    |    |
| REVENUE,—                 |     |       | £      | s.    | d.    | £      | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | ..  | ..    | 168    | 4     | 8     | 184    | 10 | 6  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..  | ..    | 30     | 5     | 1     | 14     | 19 | 4  |
| Goods                     | ..  | ..    | 1,439  | 18    | 8     | 1,361  | 11 | 7  |
| Miscellaneous             | ..  | ..    | 136    | 14    | 3     | 135    | 9  | 3  |
| Rents and Commission      | ..  | ..    | 31     | 14    | 0     | 29     | 10 | 6  |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | £1,806 | 16    | 8     | £1,726 | 1  | 2  |

GREYMOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

| 1898.                     |     |       | 1897.  |       |       |        |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|----|----|
| PASSENGERS,—              | S.  | R.    | Total. | S.    | R.    | Total. |    |    |
| 1st Class                 | 35  | 308   | 343    | 30    | 418   | 448    |    |    |
| 2nd Class                 | 549 | 2,562 | 3,111  | 505   | 2,628 | 3,133  |    |    |
| Total                     | 584 | 2,870 | 3,454  | 535   | 3,046 | 3,581  |    |    |
| Season Tickets            | ..  | ..    | 83     | ..    | ..    | 96     |    |    |
| PARCELS, ETC.,—           |     |       | No.    | No.   |       |        |    |    |
| Parcels                   | ..  | ..    | 247    | ..    | ..    | 193    |    |    |
| Horses                    | ..  | ..    | 7      | ..    | ..    | 1      |    |    |
| Carriages                 | ..  | ..    | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Dogs                      | ..  | ..    | 13     | ..    | ..    | 10     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | 267    | ..    | ..    | 204    |    |    |
| GOODS,—                   |     |       | No.    | No.   |       |        |    |    |
| Drays                     | ..  | ..    | 1      | ..    | ..    | 1      |    |    |
| Cattle                    | ..  | ..    | 7      | ..    | ..    | 6      |    |    |
| Calves                    | ..  | ..    | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Sheep                     | ..  | ..    | 36     | ..    | ..    | 282    |    |    |
| Pigs                      | ..  | ..    | 6      | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | 50     | ..    | ..    | 289    |    |    |
| CHAFF, LIME, &c.          |     |       | Tons.  | Tons. |       |        |    |    |
| Chaff, Lime, &c.          | ..  | ..    | 12     | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Wool                      | ..  | ..    | 1      | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Firewood                  | ..  | ..    | 82     | ..    | ..    | 178    |    |    |
| Timber                    | ..  | ..    | 607    | ..    | ..    | 548    |    |    |
| Grain                     | ..  | ..    | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..     |    |    |
| Merchandise               | ..  | ..    | 657    | ..    | ..    | 571    |    |    |
| Minerals                  | ..  | ..    | 171    | ..    | ..    | 113    |    |    |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | 1,530  | ..    | ..    | 1,410  |    |    |
| REVENUE,—                 |     |       | £      | s.    | d.    | £      | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | ..  | ..    | 277    | 10    | 7     | 300    | 5  | 7  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | ..  | ..    | 30     | 5     | 3     | 21     | 18 | 3  |
| Goods                     | ..  | ..    | 431    | 19    | 3     | 372    | 9  | 2  |
| Miscellaneous             | ..  | ..    | Dr. 1  | 6     | 8     | Dr. 0  | 16 | 7  |
| Rents and Commission      | ..  | ..    | 14     | 3     | 4     | 14     | 5  | 0  |
| Total                     | ..  | ..    | £752   | 12    | 2     | £703   | 1  | 5  |

WESTPORT SECTION.

| PASSENGERS,— | 1898. |       |        | 1897. |       |        |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
|              | S.    | R.    | Total. | S.    | R.    | Total. |
| 1st Class    | 12    | 40    | 52     | 5     | 62    | 67     |
| 2nd Class    | 535   | 2,696 | 3,231  | 515   | 3,158 | 3,673  |
| Total        | 547   | 2,736 | 3,283  | 520   | 3,220 | 3,740  |

| PARCELS, ETC.,— | 1898. |       | 1897. |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | No.   | Tons. | No.   | Tons. |
| Parcels         | 309   |       | 271   |       |
| Horses          | 2     |       | 1     |       |
| Carriages       | 6     |       | 3     |       |
| Dogs            |       |       |       |       |
| Total           | 317   |       | 275   |       |

| GOODS,— | 1898. |       | 1897. |       |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|         | No.   | Tons. | No.   | Tons. |
| Drays   | 1     |       | 3     |       |
| Cattle  |       |       |       |       |
| Calves  |       |       |       |       |
| Sheep   |       |       |       |       |
| Pigs    |       |       |       |       |
| Total   | 1     |       | 3     |       |

| REVENUE,—                 | 1898.  |    |    | 1897.  |    |    |
|---------------------------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
|                           | £      | s. | d. | £      | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | 196    | 18 | 4  | 227    | 9  | 5  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | 21     | 18 | 11 | 21     | 6  | 1  |
| Goods                     | 3,283  | 8  | 8  | 2,612  | 12 | 4  |
| Miscellaneous             | 111    | 3  | 3  | 73     | 13 | 0  |
| Rents and Commission      | 36     | 4  | 11 | 46     | 9  | 11 |
| Total                     | £3,649 | 9  | 1  | £2,981 | 10 | 9  |

NELSON SECTION.

| PASSENGERS,— | 1898. |       |        | 1897. |       |        |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
|              | S.    | R.    | Total. | S.    | R.    | Total. |
| 1st Class    | 65    | 132   | 197    | 37    | 132   | 169    |
| 2nd Class    | 641   | 2,542 | 3,183  | 597   | 2,528 | 3,125  |
| Total        | 706   | 2,674 | 3,380  | 634   | 2,660 | 3,294  |

| PARCELS, ETC.,— | 1898. |       | 1897. |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | No.   | Tons. | No.   | Tons. |
| Parcels         | 194   |       | 196   |       |
| Horses          | 1     |       | 1     |       |
| Carriages       | 8     |       | 8     |       |
| Dogs            |       |       |       |       |
| Total           | 203   |       | 205   |       |

| GOODS,— | 1898. |       | 1897. |       |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|         | No.   | Tons. | No.   | Tons. |
| Drays   | 2     |       |       |       |
| Cattle  |       |       |       |       |
| Calves  |       |       |       |       |
| Sheep   |       |       |       |       |
| Pigs    |       |       |       |       |
| Total   | 2     |       |       |       |

NELSON SECTION—continued.

|                  | 1898. |   |       | 1897. |   |       |
|------------------|-------|---|-------|-------|---|-------|
|                  | Tons. | £ | s. d. | Tons. | £ | s. d. |
| Chaff, Lime, &c. | 48    |   |       | 66    |   |       |
| Wool             | 3     |   |       | 1     |   |       |
| Firewood         | 168   |   |       | 96    |   |       |
| Timber           | 269   |   |       | 111   |   |       |
| Grain            | 101   |   |       | 75    |   |       |
| Merchandise      | 96    |   |       | 90    |   |       |
| Minerals         | 585   |   |       | 308   |   |       |
| Total            | 1,270 |   |       | 747   |   |       |

| REVENUE,—                 | 1898. |    |    | 1897. |    |    |
|---------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|                           | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | 220   | 14 | 9  | 210   | 3  | 1  |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | 18    | 10 | 11 | 29    | 8  | 4  |
| Goods                     | 456   | 14 | 1  | 356   | 18 | 3  |
| Miscellaneous             | 53    | 2  | 0  | 100   | 9  | 1  |
| Rents and Commission      | 8     | 6  | 0  | 4     | 14 | 0  |
| Total                     | £757  | 7  | 9  | £701  | 12 | 9  |

PICTON SECTION.

| PASSENGERS,— | 1898. |       |        | 1897. |       |        |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
|              | S.    | R.    | Total. | S.    | R.    | Total. |
| 1st Class    | 83    | 348   | 431    | 82    | 220   | 302    |
| 2nd Class    | 359   | 1,462 | 1,821  | 312   | 1,058 | 1,370  |
| Total        | 442   | 1,810 | 2,252  | 394   | 1,278 | 1,672  |

| PARCELS, ETC.,— | 1898. |       | 1897. |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | No.   | Tons. | No.   | Tons. |
| Parcels         | 56    |       | 3     |       |
| Horses          | 1     |       | 1     |       |
| Carriages       | 11    |       |       |       |
| Dogs            |       |       |       |       |
| Total           | 68    |       | 4     |       |

| GOODS,— | 1898. |       | 1897. |       |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|         | No.   | Tons. | No.   | Tons. |
| Drays   | 1     |       | 2     |       |
| Cattle  |       |       |       |       |
| Calves  |       |       |       |       |
| Sheep   | 181   |       | 432   |       |
| Pigs    |       |       |       |       |
| Total   | 182   |       | 434   |       |

|                  | 1898. |   |       | 1897. |   |       |
|------------------|-------|---|-------|-------|---|-------|
|                  | Tons. | £ | s. d. | Tons. | £ | s. d. |
| Chaff, Lime, &c. | 288   |   |       | 126   |   |       |
| Wool             | 17    |   |       | 2     |   |       |
| Firewood         | 384   |   |       | 228   |   |       |
| Timber           | 1     |   |       |       |   |       |
| Grain            | 338   |   |       | 244   |   |       |
| Merchandise      | 121   |   |       | 149   |   |       |
| Minerals         | 204   |   |       | 47    |   |       |
| Total            | 1,353 |   |       | 796   |   |       |

| REVENUE,—                 | 1898. |    |    | 1897. |    |    |
|---------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|                           | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
| Passengers                | 140   | 16 | 7  | 119   | 10 | 10 |
| Parcels, Luggage, & Mails | 10    | 10 | 9  | 13    | 17 | 6  |
| Goods                     | 292   | 14 | 9  | 190   | 7  | 1  |
| Miscellaneous             | 21    | 19 | 3  | 11    | 4  | 4  |
| Rents and Commission      | 52    | 3  | 0  | 42    | 2  | 0  |
| Total                     | £518  | 4  | 4  | £377  | 1  | 9  |

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## N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1898-99.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 15th October, 1898.

| Section.                          | Miles open for Traffic. | REVENUE.     |                | EXPENDITURE. |                | FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE. |                              |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                   |                         | Four-weekly. | Total to Date. | Four-weekly. | Total to Date. | Per Cent. of Revenue.                         | Revenue per Mile of Railway. | Expenditure per Mile of Railway. |
| <b>NORTH ISLAND,—</b>             |                         |              |                |              |                |   |                              |                                  |
| Kawakawa ..                       | 8                       | £ 189 13 7   | £ 1,123 10 10  | £ 157 16 3   | £ 1,592 14 3   | 141.76  | £ 260 16 5                   | £ 369 14 9                       |
| Whangarei ..                      | 18                      | 995 6 2      | 7,002 9 8      | 475 18 1     | 3,932 2 5      | 56.15   | 722 9 7                      | 405 13 11                        |
| Kaihu ..                          | 17                      | 393 15 2     | 4,739 10 3     | 406 2 8      | 2,559 15 2     | 54.01   | 517 15 3                     | 279 12 9                         |
| Auckland ..                       | 312                     | 11,284 2 4   | 77,886 5 5     | 7,689 14 6   | 55,954 17 5    | 71.84   | 463 12 2                     | 333 1 3                          |
| Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth .. | 451                     | 25,031 14 10 | 182,377 10 3   | 19,921 6 2   | 139,921 5 10   | 76.72   | 751 0 0                      | 576 3 5                          |
| Total ..                          | 806                     | 37,894 12 1  | 273,129 6 5    | 28,650 17 8  | 203,960 15 1   | 74.68   |                              |                                  |
| <b>MIDDLE ISLAND,—</b>            |                         |              |                |              |                |   |                              |                                  |
| Hurunui-Bluff ..                  | 1,142                   | 52,774 18 4  | 405,069 18 0   | 35,739 8 11  | 267,066 16 7   | 65.93   | £ 658 14 8                   | £ 434 6 2                        |
| Greymouth-Brunner ..              | 8                       | 1,806 16 8   | 11,902 4 2     | 939 16 1     | 7,372 11 4     | 61.94   | 2,763 0 3                    | 1,711 9 9                        |
| Greymouth-Hokitika ..             | 24                      | 752 12 2     | 5,243 7 11     | 353 17 5     | 3,448 7 6      | 65.77   | 405 14 9                     | 266 16 9                         |
| Westport ..                       | 31                      | 3,649 9 1    | 28,924 11 11   | 1,657 18 10  | 11,519 11 0    | 39.83   | 1,732 16 2                   | 690 2 3                          |
| Nelson ..                         | 23                      | 757 7 9      | 5,518 15 9     | 1,249 7 11   | 7,960 15 0     | 144.25  | 445 12 4                     | 642 15 10                        |
| Picton ..                         | 21                      | 518 4 4      | 4,249 7 7      | 738 3 0      | 5,019 3 2      | 118.12  | 375 15 11                    | 443 17 5                         |
| Total ..                          | 1,249                   | 60,259 8 4   | 460,908 5 4    | 40,678 12 2  | 302,387 4 7    | 65.61   |                              |                                  |
| Grand total ..                    | 2,055                   | 98,154 0 5   | 734,037 11 9   | 69,329 9 10  | 506,347 19 8   | 68.98   |                              |                                  |

## CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

|                                   |       |             |              |              |               |        |            |             |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------|------------|-------------|--|
| <b>NORTH ISLAND,—</b>             |       |             |              |              |               |        |            |             |  |
| Kawakawa ..                       | 8     | £ 176 1 4   | £ 1,106 18 6 | £ 182 0 10   | £ 1,808 15 4  | 163.40 | £ 256 19 4 | £ 419 17 10 |  |
| Whangarei ..                      | 18    | 898 1 9     | 5,251 10 8   | 647 8 0      | 5,267 11 7    | 100.81 | 541 16 6   | 543 9 7     |  |
| Kaihu ..                          | 17    | 953 9 3     | 7,231 19 1   | 485 16 1     | 3,002 16 3    | 41.52  | 790 0 11   | 323 0 9     |  |
| Auckland ..                       | 312   | 10,370 17 1 | 73,107 9 0   | 5,805 11 7   | 50,277 10 5   | 68.77  | 436 13 3   | 300 6 0     |  |
| Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth .. | 445   | 20,427 3 9  | 152,448 10 3 | 17,664 13 7  | 121,310 5 3   | 79.75  | 642 2 8    | 512 2 5     |  |
| Total ..                          | 800   | 32,825 13 2 | 239,146 7 6  | 24,785 10 1  | 181,666 18 10 | 75.96  |            |             |  |
| <b>MIDDLE ISLAND,—</b>            |       |             |              |              |               |        |            |             |  |
| Hurunui-Bluff ..                  | 1,183 | 50,366 1 5  | 396,417 4 11 | 33,846 16 11 | 250,230 3 0   | 68.12  | £ 649 15 8 | £ 410 3 3   |  |
| Greymouth-Brunner ..              | 8     | 1,726 1 2   | 13,285 0 9   | 934 17 6     | 7,635 16 2    | 57.48  | 3,084 0 6  | 1,772 11 11 |  |
| Greymouth-Hokitika ..             | 24    | 703 1 5     | 4,977 11 3   | 456 9 5      | 2,830 3 7     | 57.86  | 385 3 4    | 222 17 5    |  |
| Westport ..                       | 31    | 2,981 10 9  | 25,489 15 7  | 1,369 4 6    | 10,783 2 9    | 42.30  | 1,527 0 9  | 645 19 10   |  |
| Nelson ..                         | 23    | 701 12 9    | 5,075 4 2    | 675 4 11     | 5,188 16 4    | 102.24 | 409 16 0   | 418 19 5    |  |
| Picton ..                         | 21    | 377 1 9     | 3,856 9 2    | 400 14 4     | 4,732 16 5    | 122.72 | 341 0 11   | 418 10 11   |  |
| Total ..                          | 1,240 | 56,860 9 3  | 449,101 5 10 | 37,733 7 7   | 281,450 18 3  | 62.67  |            |             |  |
| Grand total ..                    | 2,040 | 89,686 2 5  | 688,247 13 4 | 62,518 17 8  | 463,117 17 1  | 67.29  |            |             |  |

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC ON ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1898, to 15th October, 1898.

| All Sections. | Passengers.  |         |               |           |           | Season Tickets. | Number. |          |         |            |         | Number. |            |         |           |        |           |        |
|---------------|--------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
|               | First Class. |         | Second Class. |           | Total.    |                 | Total.  | Parcels. | Horses. | Carriages. | Dogs.   | Total.  | Drays, &c. | Cattle. | Calves.   | Sheep. | Pigs.     | Total. |
|               | S.           | R.      | S.            | R.        |           |                 |         |          |         |            |         |         |            |         |           |        |           |        |
| 1898          | 58,792       | 324,616 | 309,126       | 1,499,546 | 2,192,080 | 29,842          | 295,813 | 4,783    | 481,13  | 590        | 314,667 | 474     | 29,743     | 2,126   | 1,080,633 | 17,910 | 1,130,886 |        |
| 1897          | 57,888       | 325,850 | 298,509       | 1,470,922 | 2,153,169 | 26,245          | 267,213 | 4,873    | 397,13  | 011        | 285,494 | 453     | 21,245     | 1,839   | 1,016,704 | 25,149 | 1,065,390 |        |
| Inc.          | 904          | ..      | 10,617        | 28,624    | 38,911    | 3,597           | 28,600  | ..       | 84      | 579        | 29,173  | 21      | 8,498      | 287     | 63,929    | ..     | 65,496    |        |
| Dec.          | ..           | 1,234   | ..            | ..        | ..        | ..              | ..      | 90       | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..        | 7,239  | ..        |        |

| All Sections. | Tons.            |        |        |        |           |        |         |        |         |        |              |        |           |        |           |        |
|---------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
|               | Chaff, Lime, &c. |        | Wool.  |        | Firewood. |        | Timber. |        | Grain.  |        | Merchandise. |        | Minerals. |        | Total.    |        |
|               | Tons             | c. qr. | Tons   | c. qr. | Tons      | c. qr. | Tons    | c. qr. | Tons    | c. qr. | Tons         | c. qr. | Tons      | c. qr. | Tons      | c. qr. |
| 1898          | 56,116           | 0 0    | 16,335 | 16 0   | 52,868    | 0 0    | 171,081 | 18 0   | 255,133 | 12 0   | 248,959      | 19 0   | 629,816   | 17 0   | 1,430,312 | 2 0    |
| 1897          | 47,992           | 0 0    | 15,603 | 4 0    | 47,218    | 0 0    | 169,898 | 7 0    | 269,546 | 9 0    | 238,504      | 5 0    | 578,603   | 16 0   | 1,367,366 | 1 0    |
| Increase      | 8,124            | 0 0    | 732    | 12 0   | 5,650     | 0 0    | 1,183   | 11 0   | ..      | ..     | 10,455       | 14 0   | 51,213    | 1 0    | 62,946    | 1 0    |
| Decrease      | ..               | ..     | ..     | ..     | ..        | ..     | ..      | ..     | 14,412  | 17 0   | ..           | ..     | ..        | ..     | ..        | ..     |

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL LINES, to 31st March, 1898, as furnished by Public Works Department, including Public Works Loan Expenditure on Harbour-works forming Part of the Railway System.

| Section.                         | Cost of Opened Lines. |       | Cost of Unopened Lines. |       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                  | £                     | s. d. | £                       | s. d. |
| Kawakawa                         | 91,681                | 0 0   | ..                      | ..    |
| Whangarei                        | 144,105               | 0 0   | 6,696                   | 0 0   |
| Kaihu                            | 70,544                | 0 0   | ..                      | ..    |
| Auckland                         | 2,214,903             | 0 0   | 217,156                 | 0 0   |
| Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth   | 3,796,473             | 0 0   | 140,048                 | 0 0   |
| Wellington-Foxton (private line) | ..                    | ..    | 42,116                  | 0 0   |
| Surveys, North Island            | ..                    | ..    | 30,182                  | 0 0   |
| Miscellaneous                    | ..                    | ..    | 5,169                   | 0 0   |
| Hurunui-Bluff                    | 8,666,899             | 0 0   | 83,097                  | 0 0   |
| Greymouth-Brunner                | 196,972               | 0 0   | 15,959                  | 0 0   |
| Greymouth Harbour Works          | ..                    | ..    | 127,234                 | 0 0   |
| Greymouth-Hokitika               | 195,127               | 0 0   | ..                      | ..    |
| Westport                         | 220,772               | 0 0   | ..                      | ..    |
| Westport Harbour Works           | ..                    | ..    | 14,111                  | 0 0   |
| Nelson                           | 165,192               | 0 0   | 12,537                  | 0 0   |
| Picton                           | 206,235               | 0 0   | 58,711                  | 0 0   |
| Stock, Permanent-way             | ..                    | ..    | 49,169                  | 0 0   |
| Stock, A.O.L. Stores             | ..                    | ..    | 31,964                  | 0 0   |
| Surveys, Middle Island           | ..                    | ..    | 38,825                  | 0 0   |
| Miscellaneous                    | ..                    | ..    | 5,168                   | 0 0   |
| Stock in suspense                | 25,000                | 0 0   | ..                      | ..    |
| Total                            | 15,993,903            | 0 0   | 878,142                 | 0 0   |

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Vital Statistics, October, 1898.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of October, 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 October, 1898.

| BOROUGH.                                  | Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896. | ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1898. | TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH. | DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1898. |                    |                   |               |                    |                   |               |      |       | Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 1898. | Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1897. |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|------|-------|---|--|
|   |  |                                      |                          | Males.   |                    |                   | Females.      |                    |                   | Total Deaths. |      |       |   |  |
|   |  |                                      |                          | Under 1 Year.                                  | 1 & under 5 Years. | 5 Years and over. | Under 1 Year. | 1 & under 5 Years. | 5 Years and over. |               |      |       |   |  |
| Auckland .. .. .                          | 57,616   | 32,274                               | 79                       | 10   | 2                  | 14                | 6             | 1                  |                   | 37            | 1.15 | 12.99 |   |  |
| Birkenhead .. .. .                        |  | 750                                  | 4                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..   | 5.64  |   |  |
| Devonport .. .. .                         |  | 3,205                                | 11                       | 1  | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | 2                 | 4             | 1.25 | 8.63  |   |  |
| Newmarket .. .. .                         |  | 2,041                                | 5                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..   | 12.53 |   |  |
| Newton .. .. .                            |  | 2,580                                | 4                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | 1                 | 1             | 0.39 | 6.18  |   |  |
| Parnell .. .. .                           |  | 4,233                                | 6                        | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | 2                 | 3             | 0.71 | 12.65 |   |  |
| Other suburbs .. .. .                     |  | *                                    | ..                       | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..   | ..    |   |  |
| Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs     | ..   | 45,083                               | 109                      | 11   | 2                  | 16                | 6             | 1                  | 9                 | 45            | 1.00 | 12.14 |   |  |
| Wellington .. .. .                        | 41,758   | 40,220                               | 98                       | 4  | ..                 | 21                | 5             | 1                  | 9                 | 40            | 0.99 | 12.03 |   |  |
| Karori .. .. .                            |  | 1,038                                | 2                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..   | 6.76  |   |  |
| Melrose .. .. .                           |  | 2,220                                | 5                        | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | 2             | 1                  | ..                | 4             | 1.80 | 3.34  |   |  |
| Onslow .. .. .                            |  | 1,313                                | 4                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | 1                 | 1             | 0.76 | 4.63  |   |  |
| Totals Wellington and suburbs             | ..   | 44,791                               | 109                      | 4  | ..                 | 22                | 7             | 2                  | 10                | 45            | 1.00 | 11.25 |   |  |
| Christchurch .. .. .                      | 51,330   | 17,257                               | 41                       | 2  | 1                  | 8                 | ..            | 1                  | 8                 | 20            | 1.16 | 13.15 |   |  |
| Linwood .. .. .                           |  | 6,348                                | 13                       | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | 1             | ..                 | 3                 | 5             | 0.79 | 11.47 |   |  |
| St. Albans .. .. .                        |  | 6,265                                | 9                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | 2                 | 2             | 0.32 | 9.42  |   |  |
| Sydenham .. .. .                          |  | 10,630                               | 27                       | 1  | 1                  | 5                 | 1             | ..                 | 2                 | 10            | 0.94 | 10.63 |   |  |
| Woolston .. .. .                          |  | 2,228                                | 5                        | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | 3                 | 4             | 1.80 | 9.30  |   |  |
| Other suburbs .. .. .                     |  | *                                    | ..                       | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..   | ..    |   |  |
| Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs | ..   | 42,728                               | 95                       | 3  | 2                  | 15                | 2             | 1                  | 18                | 41            | 0.96 | 11.54 |   |  |
| Dunedin .. .. .                           | 47,280   | 23,323                               | 47                       | 5  | ..                 | 10                | 5             | ..                 | 7                 | 27            | 1.16 | 11.81 |   |  |
| Caversham .. .. .                         |  | 4,829                                | 9                        | ..   | 1                  | 5                 | 2             | ..                 | 4                 | 12            | 2.48 | 15.59 |   |  |
| Maori Hill .. .. .                        |  | 1,548                                | 3                        | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 1             | 0.65 | 6.56  |   |  |
| Mornington .. .. .                        |  | 3,787                                | 5                        | 3  | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | 1                 | 5             | 1.32 | 6.04  |   |  |
| North-east Valley .. .. .                 |  | 3,515                                | 9                        | 1  | ..                 | 2                 | ..            | ..                 | 1                 | 4             | 1.14 | 10.17 |   |  |
| Roslyn .. .. .                            |  | 4,219                                | 10                       | ..   | ..                 | 3                 | ..            | ..                 | 1                 | 4             | 0.95 | 8.10  |   |  |
| St. Kilda .. .. .                         |  | 1,294                                | 1                        | ..   | ..                 | 3                 | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 3             | 2.32 | 1.61  |   |  |
| South Dunedin .. .. .                     |  | 4,762                                | 14                       | 1  | ..                 | 1                 | 1             | ..                 | 1                 | 4             | 0.84 | 9.46  |   |  |
| West Harbour .. .. .                      |  | 1,395                                | 3                        | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..   | 5.05  |   |  |
| Totals Dunedin and suburbs                | ..   | 48,672                               | 101                      | 10   | 1                  | 26                | 8             | ..                 | 15                | 60            | 1.23 | 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 414, against 351 in September—an increase of 63. The deaths in October were 191—a decrease of 1 on the number in September. Of the total deaths, males contributed 112, females 79. Sixty of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 34.55 per cent. of the whole number; 51 of these were under 1 year of age. There were 39 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Seven men, 66, 68, 69, 73 (two), 77, 85, and five women, 65, 66, 71, 75, 83, died at Auckland; eight men, 67, 68, 70, 76 (two), 79, 87, 90, and two women, 71, 77, at Wellington; two men, 68, 75, and four women, 65, 68, 69, 78, at Christchurch; and five men, 65, 71, 77, 79, 83, and six women, 72, 78 (two), 79, 83 (two), 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 October, 1898.

| CLASS. | CAUSES OF DEATH.                     | AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH. |                 | WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH. |                 | CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH. |                 | DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH. |                 | 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 | 3                              | ..              | 3                                | 2               | ..                                 | 1               | 4                             | 1               | 14     | 7.33                  |
| II.    | Parasitic Diseases ..                | ..                             | ..              | ..                               | ..              | ..                                 | ..              | ..                            | ..              | ..     | ..                    |
| III.   | Dietetic Diseases ..                 | ..                             | 1               | ..                               | ..              | ..                                 | ..              | ..                            | 1               | 2      | 1.05                  |
| IV.    | Constitutional Diseases              | 1                              | 4               | 1                                | 10              | ..                                 | 13              | 1                             | 12              | 42     | 21.99                 |
| V.     | Developmental Diseases               | 4                              | 1               | 3                                | ..              | 1                                  | 1               | 6                             | 2               | 18     | 9.42                  |
| VI.    | Local Diseases ..                    | 9                              | 17              | 5                                | 17              | 6                                  | 16              | 6                             | 25              | 101    | 52.88                 |
| VII.   | Violence .. .. .                     | ..                             | 2               | ..                               | 3               | ..                                 | 2               | 1                             | ..              | 8      | 4.19                  |
| VIII.  | Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes | 3                              | ..              | 1                                | ..              | 1                                  | ..              | 1                             | ..              | 6      | 3.14                  |
|        | Totals .. .. .                       | 20                             | 25              | 13                               | 32              | 8                                  | 33              | 19                            | 41              | 191    | 100.00                |

|   | AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES. |                   | WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES. |                   | CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES. |                   | DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES. |                   | TOTAL. |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
|   | Under 5 Years.                   | 5 Years and over. | Under 5 Years.                     | 5 Years and over. | Under 5 Years.                       | 5 Years and over. | Under 5 Years.                  | 5 Years and over. |        |
| <b>CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.</b> |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <b>ORDER 1:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Miasmatic,—</i>                                    |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Measles .. .. .                                       | ..                               | ..                | 2                                  | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | 1                               | ..                | 4      |
| Influenza .. .. .                                     | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Diphtheria .. .. .                                    | 1                                | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Typhoid Fever .. .. .                                 | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 2:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Diarrhoeal,—</i>                                   |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Diarrhoea .. .. .                                     | ..                               | ..                | 1                                  | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 3                               | ..                | 4      |
| <b>ORDER 5:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Veneral,—</i>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Syphilis (hereditary) .. .. .                         | 1                                | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 6:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Septic,—</i>                                       |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Erysipelas .. .. .                                    | 1                                | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Septicæmia .. .. .                                    | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 1      |
| <b>CLASS III.—DIETETIC DISEASES.</b>                  |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Alcoholism .. .. .                                    | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 2      |
| <b>CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.</b>             |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Gout .. .. .  | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Rickets .. .. .                                       | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 1                               | ..                | 1      |
| Cancer .. .. .  | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | 2                 | ..                                   | 4                 | ..                              | 2                 | 8      |
| Tabes Mesenterica .. .. .                             | ..                               | ..                | 1                                  | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .                         | 1                                | ..                | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 2                 | 4      |
| Phthisis .. .. .                                      | ..                               | 3                 | ..                                 | 7                 | ..                                   | 9                 | ..                              | 6                 | 25     |
| Tuberculosis .. .. .                                  | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 1      |
| Diabetes .. .. .                                      | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 1      |
| <b>CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.</b>               |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Premature Birth .. .. .                               | 4                                | ..                | 3                                  | ..                | 1                                    | ..                | 5                               | ..                | 13     |
| Cardiac Malformation .. .. .                          | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 1                               | ..                | 1      |
| Senile Decay .. .. .                                  | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | 2                 | 4      |
| <b>CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.</b>                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <b>ORDER 1:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>                   |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Meningitis .. .. .                                    | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Apoplexy .. .. .                                      | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 2      |
| Softening of Brain .. .. .                            | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Hemiplegia .. .. .                                    | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Paralysis .. .. .                                     | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | 2                 | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | 4                 | 8      |
| Brain-disease (chronic) .. .. .                       | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Epileptic Convulsions .. .. .                         | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 1                               | ..                | 1      |
| Convulsions .. .. .                                   | 1                                | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | 1                                    | ..                | 1                               | ..                | 3      |
| Myelitis .. .. .                                      | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Progressive Paralysis .. .. .                         | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 1      |
| Spinal Sclerosis .. .. .                              | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 1      |
| Cerebral Abscess .. .. .                              | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Tumour on Brain .. .. .                               | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Hydrocephalus .. .. .                                 | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | 1                                    | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 2:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Organs of Special Sense,—</i>          |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Otitis media .. .. .                                  | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 3:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>               |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Heart-disease .. .. .                                 | ..                               | 3                 | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | 2                 | ..                              | 2                 | 8      |
| Pericarditis .. .. .                                  | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | 1                                    | 1                 | ..                              | ..                | 2      |
| Syncope .. .. .                                       | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | 2                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 3      |
| Aneurism .. .. .                                      | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | 1                 | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 2      |
| Pericardial Effusion .. .. .                          | ..                               | ..                | 1                                  | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Mitral Obstruction .. .. .                            | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 4:—</b>                                      |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>               |                                  |                   |                                    |                   |                                      |                   |                                 |                   |        |
| Emphysema .. .. .                                     | ..                               | 1                 | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | ..                | 1      |
| Laryngitis .. .. .                                    | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 1                               | ..                | 1      |
| Croup .. .. .   | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 1                               | ..                | 1      |
| Asthma .. .. .  | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | 1                 | ..                              | 1                 | 2      |
| Bronchitis .. .. .                                    | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 9      |
| Pneumonia .. .. .                                     | 3                                | 1                 | 1                                  | 2                 | 1                                    | ..                | ..                              | 1                 | 9      |
| Empyema .. .. .                                       | 2                                | ..                | 1                                  | 2                 | 1                                    | 4                 | 1                               | 6                 | 17     |
| Congestion of Lungs .. .. .                           | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | 1                                    | 1                 | ..                              | 1                 | 3      |
| Consolidation of Lung .. .. .                         | ..                               | ..                | ..                                 | ..                | ..                                   | ..                | 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. |        |
| <b>ORDER 5:—</b>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Digestive System.—</i>                    |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| Dentition .. .. .  | ..                              | ..                | 1                                 | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Enteritis .. .. .  | 2                               | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 2      |
| Perforation of Intestine .. .. .                         | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | 1                 | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Constipation .. .. .                                     | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | 1                 | 1      |
| Cirrhosis of Liver .. .. .                               | ..                              | 1                 | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Icterus Neonatorum .. .. .                               | 1                               | ..                | 1                                 | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 2      |
| Jaundice .. .. .   | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | 1                 | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 7:—</b>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Urinary System.—</i>                      |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| Nephritis (acute) .. .. .                                | ..                              | 1                 | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Bright's Disease .. .. .                                 | ..                              | 2                 | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | 1                 | ..                             | 1                 | 4      |
| Uræmia .. .. .   | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | 1                              | ..                | 1      |
| Suppression of Urine .. .. .                             | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | 1                 | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Stone in Bladder .. .. .                                 | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | 1                 | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Cystitis .. .. .   | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | 2                 | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 2      |
| Enlarged Prostate .. .. .                                | ..                              | 1                 | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 8:—</b>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Reproductive System.—</i>                 |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| Miscarriage .. .. .                                      | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | 1                 | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 9:—</b>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.—</i>                |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| Necrosis .. .. .   | ..                              | 1                 | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Abscess of Foot .. .. .                                  | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | 1                 | 1      |
| <b>CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.</b>                              |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <b>ORDER 1:—</b>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <i>Accident or Negligence.—</i>                          |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| Fall from Breastwork .. .. .                             | ..                              | 1                 | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Fall of Gear .. .. .                                     | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | 1                 | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Birth Accident .. .. .                                   | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | 1                              | ..                | 1      |
| <b>ORDER 3:—</b>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| <i>Suicide.—</i>   |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| By Shooting .. .. .                                      | ..                              | 1                 | ..                                | 1                 | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 2      |
| By Cutting Throat .. .. .                                | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | 1                 | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| By Hanging .. .. .                                       | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | 1                 | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| By Dynamite .. .. .                                      | ..                              | ..                | ..                                | 1                 | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| <b>CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.</b> |                                 |                   |                                   |                   |                                     |                   |                                |                   |        |
| Marasmus, &c. .. .. .                                    | 2                               | ..                | 1                                 | ..                | 1                                   | ..                | 1                              | ..                | 5      |
| Found Dead .. .. .                                       | 1                               | ..                | ..                                | ..                | ..                                  | ..                | ..                             | ..                | 1      |
| Totals .. .. .   | 20                              | 25                | 13                                | 32                | 8                                   | 33                | 19                             | 41                | 191    |

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

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

|                                     | Death-rates per 1,000 of Population. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Auckland City .. .. .               | 1.15                                 |
| and five suburban boroughs .. .. .  | 1.00                                 |
| Wellington City .. .. .             | 0.99                                 |
| and three suburban boroughs .. .. . | 1.00                                 |
| Christchurch City .. .. .           | 1.16                                 |
| and four suburban boroughs .. .. .  | 0.96                                 |
| Dunedin City .. .. .                | 1.16                                 |
| and eight suburban boroughs .. .. . | 1.23                                 |

Including the suburbs, the rate at Dunedin is the highest and at Christchurch the lowest. Compared with October, 1897, the results are,—

|                                  | October, 1897. | October, 1898. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Auckland and suburbs .. .. .     | 0.66           | 1.00           |
| Wellington and suburbs .. .. .   | 0.96           | 1.00           |
| Christchurch and suburbs .. .. . | 0.90           | 0.96           |
| Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .      | 1.06           | 1.23           |

*Specific Febrile and Zymotic Diseases.*—Deaths from this class of disease at the four centres and suburbs were 14 in October, being the same number as in the previous month. Measles was fatal in Wellington, where 2 deaths occurred; at Christchurch, where there was 1 death; and at Dunedin, 1 also. Influenza caused 1 death at Wellington; diphtheria 1 at Auckland; and typhoid fever 1 at Wellington. Deaths from diarrhoeal diseases were 4—1 at Wellington and 3 at Dunedin.

*Constitutional Diseases.*—Out of a total of 42 deaths, 25 were from phthisis, 8 from cancer, 4 from tubercular meningitis, and 1 from diabetes.

*Local Diseases.*—Of 101 deaths, 24 were from diseases of the nervous system, 1 from diseases of organs of special sense, 17 from diseases of the circulatory system, 36 of the respiratory, 9 of the digestive, 11 of the urinary, 1 of the reproductive systems, while 2 were caused by diseases of the organs of locomotion.

*Violent Deaths.*—Three were accidental, 5 suicidal. A ship's steward was killed by a fall from a breastwork at Auckland; a labourer by a fall of gear on board a steamer at Wellington; an infant from operation at birth at Dunedin. Of suicides, there were 2 cases by shooting—1 at Auckland and 1 at Wellington; 1 by cutting throat and another by hanging at Christchurch; and 1 by means of a dynamite cartridge at Wellington.



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. |      |
|                                    | Oct.  | Sep. | Oct.           | Sep. | Oct.                     | Sep. | Oct.        | Sep. | Oct.            | Sep. | Oct.                | Sep. | Oct.                     | Sep. | Oct.      | Sep. | Oct.       | Sep. | Oct.                 | Sep. |
| Auckland and suburban boroughs     | ..  | ..   | ..             | ..   | ..                       | ..   | 1           | ..   | ..              | ..   | ..                  | 1    | 4                        | 1    | ..        | ..   | 2          | 1    | ..                   | 1    |
| Wellington and suburban boroughs   | 2   | ..   | ..             | ..   | 1                        | ..   | ..          | ..   | ..              | ..   | 1                   | ..   | 3                        | 4    | ..        | ..   | 3          | 5    | ..                   | ..   |
| Christchurch and suburban boroughs | 1   | 1    | ..             | ..   | ..                       | ..   | ..          | ..   | ..              | ..   | 1                   | 1    | 5                        | ..   | ..        | 5    | 8          | 2    | 1                    |      |
| Dunedin and suburban boroughs      | 1   | 1    | ..             | ..   | ..                       | ..   | ..          | ..   | ..              | ..   | 3                   | ..   | 1                        | 3    | ..        | ..   | 7          | 3    | 1                    | ..   |
| Totals .. ..                       | 4   | 8    | ..             | ..   | 1                        | ..   | 1           | ..   | ..              | ..   | 4                   | 2    | 9                        | 13   | ..        | ..   | 17         | 17   | 3                    | 2    |

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 October, 1898.

| BOROUGHES.             | ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1898. | TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGHES. | DEATHS IN BOROUGHES REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1898. |                    |                   |               |                    |                   |               |   |  | Total Deaths. | Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 1898. | Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1897. |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---|--|---------------|---|--|
|                        |                                      |                            | Males.   |                    |                   | Females.      |                    |                   | Total Deaths. | Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 1898. | Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1897. |               |   |  |
|                        |                                      |                            | 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                                | 10                         | ..   | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..  | ..   | ..            | 11.64   |  |
| New Plymouth .. ..     | 4,081                                | 12                         | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | 1                  | ..                | ..            | 2   | 0.49   | 10.49         |   |  |
| Napier .. ..           | 9,388                                | 25                         | ..   | ..                 | 2                 | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 3             | 5   | 0.53   | 12.07         |   |  |
| Wanganui .. ..         | 6,103                                | 18                         | 4  | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 2             | 6   | 0.98   | 11.53         |   |  |
| Palmerston North .. .. | 6,143                                | 19                         | 1  | ..                 | 2                 | ..            | 2                  | ..                | 3             | 8   | 1.30   | 7.40          |   |  |
| Blenheim .. ..         | 3,148                                | 8                          | ..   | ..                 | 2                 | ..            | 1                  | ..                | ..            | 3   | 0.95   | 12.21         |   |  |
| Nelson .. ..           | 6,804                                | 8                          | 1  | 1                  | 4                 | 2             | 2                  | ..                | 3             | 11  | 1.62   | 9.76          |   |  |
| Greymouth .. ..        | 3,319                                | 4                          | ..   | ..                 | 2                 | 1             | ..                 | ..                | ..            | 3   | 0.90   | 14.87         |   |  |
| Hokitika .. ..         | 2,252                                | 2                          | ..   | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | ..                | ..            | 1   | 0.44   | 18.33         |   |  |
| Lyttelton .. ..        | 4,053                                | 10                         | 1  | ..                 | 1                 | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 2             | 4   | 1.00   | 11.21         |   |  |
| Timaru .. ..           | 3,732                                | 13                         | ..   | ..                 | 3                 | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 1             | 4   | 1.07   | 11.62         |   |  |
| Oamaru .. ..           | 5,309                                | 11                         | ..   | 1                  | ..                | 1             | ..                 | ..                | ..            | 2   | 0.38   | 8.68          |   |  |
| Invercargill .. ..     | 5,689*                               | 15                         | 1  | ..                 | ..                | ..            | ..                 | ..                | 3             | 4   | 0.70   | 8.94          |   |  |

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

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

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR OCTOBER, 1898.

|  | AUCKLAND.           | WELLINGTON.   | LINCOLN, CANTERBURY. | DUNEDIN.            |
|--|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mean Temperature in shade for month*     | 56.2                | 54.2          | 51.6                 | 49.6                |
| Average same month previous years* ...   | 57.3                | 53.6          | 52.6                 | 50.4                |
| Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*  | 65.0 on 29th        | 75.0 on 26th  | 74.6 on 8th          | 73.0 on 18th        |
| Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*  | 47.5 on 2nd and 6th | 37.0 on 6th   | 28.2 on 6th          | 32.0 on 5th and 6th |
| Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..    | 130.0 on 4th        | 130.0 on 26th | 124.5 on 31st        | 126.0 on 28th       |
| Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date* | 43.0 on 6th         | 25.0 on 6th   | 26.0 on 6th          | 29.0 on 10th        |
| Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..      | 73                  | 69            | 72                   | 73                  |
| Average same month previous years ...    | 76                  | 77            | 71                   | 70                  |
| Total Rainfall, in inches .. ..          | 4.680               | 2.854         | 1.755                | 3.216               |
| Average same month previous years ...    | 3.240               | 4.370         | 1.726                | 2.489               |
| Number of Days of Rain .. ..             | 19                  | 14            | 10                   | 18                  |
| Average same month previous years ...    | 17                  | 13            | 10                   | 15                  |

\* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 14th November, 1898.

JAMES HECTOR,  
Director.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of OCTOBER, 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 .. ..            | 106       | 49  | 10        | 11 | 176            | 38          | 19  | 6         | 2  | 65             |
| Queensland .. ..                | ..        | ..  | ..        | .. | ..             | 1           | ..  | ..        | .. | 1              |
| Victoria .. ..                  | 134       | 95  | 10        | 11 | 250            | 115         | 70  | 17        | 19 | 221            |
| New South Wales .. ..           | 799       | 334 | 60        | 55 | 1,248          | 346         | 147 | 21        | 19 | 533            |
| Western Australia .. ..         | ..        | ..  | ..        | .. | ..             | ..          | ..  | ..        | .. | ..             |
| South Australia .. ..           | ..        | ..  | ..        | .. | ..             | ..          | ..  | ..        | .. | ..             |
| Tasmania .. ..                  | 39        | 14  | 3         | 2  | 58             | 20          | 25  | 1         | 1  | 47             |
| Fiji .. ..                      | 11        | 12  | 2         | 1  | 28             | 6           | 9   | ..        | .. | 15             |
| Other British possessions .. .. | 24        | 11  | 2         | 1  | 38*            | 5           | 9   | 3         | 5  | 22†            |
| Pacific Islands .. ..           | 5         | 4   | ..        | .. | 9‡             | 5           | 2   | ..        | 1  | 8§             |
| Other foreign ports .. ..       | 17        | 4   | ..        | 1  | 22             | 25          | 13  | 3         | 2  | 43¶            |
| Totals, October, 1898 .. ..     | 1,135     | 523 | 87        | 84 | 1,829          | 561         | 294 | 51        | 49 | 955            |
| Totals, October, 1897 .. ..     | 943       | 417 | 61        | 72 | 1,493          | 556         | 265 | 44        | 42 | 907            |

\* From Cook Islands, 9; Vancouver, 28; Cape Colony, 1. † For Cook Islands, 5; Vancouver, 17. ‡ From Navigator Islands. § For Friendly Islands. || From United States of America, West Coast. ¶ For United States of America, West Coast.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.\*

| Ports.                      | ARRIVALS. |           |        |          |                | DEPARTURES. |           |        |          |                |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------|--------|----------|----------------|
|                             | Adults.   | Children. | Males. | Females. | Total Persons. | Adults.     | Children. | Males. | Females. | Total Persons. |
| Kaipara .. ..               | ..        | ..        | ..     | ..       | ..             | 1           | ..        | 1      | ..       | 1              |
| Auckland .. ..              | 677       | 60        | 515    | 222      | 737            | 328         | 29        | 233    | 124      | 357            |
| Wellington .. ..            | 698       | 85        | 521    | 262      | 783            | 291         | 32        | 222    | 101      | 323            |
| Westport .. ..              | 1         | ..        | ..     | 1        | 1              | ..          | ..        | ..     | ..       | ..             |
| Dunedin .. ..               | ..        | ..        | ..     | ..       | ..             | 5           | 1         | 3      | 3        | 6              |
| Invercargill .. ..          | 282       | 26        | 186    | 122      | 308            | 230         | 38        | 153    | 115      | 268            |
| Totals, October, 1898 .. .. | 1,658     | 171       | 1,222  | 607      | 1,829          | 855         | 100       | 612    | 343      | 955            |
| Totals, October, 1897 .. .. | 1,360     | 133       | 1,004  | 489      | 1,493          | 821         | 86        | 600    | 307      | 907            |

CHINESE.—Arrivals: Wellington, 1. Departures: Wellington, 14; Invercargill, 1.

\* 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, 14th November, 1898.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES LANG, of Mangere, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 10th day of November, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock.

J. LAWSON,  
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 2nd November, 1898.

In Bankruptcy.

In the estate of THOMAS COTTER, of Gisborne, Hotelkeeper.

A FIRST dividend, of 6s. 6d. in the pound, on all accepted proved claims is now payable at my office, Gladstone Road.

JOHN COLEMAN,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Gisborne, 7th November, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW GILMORE, of Napier, Coachbuilder, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of November, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock.

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

Napier, 14th November, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that a public examination of the under-mentioned bankrupts will be held at the Courthouse, Wanganui, on Friday, 25th November, 1898, at 11.30 a.m.:—

Riggs, Albert Frederick, Ohingaiti.  
Maclean, Finlay John, Rataiti.

JOHN NOTMAN,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 15th November, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ELI CASELBERG and WILLIAM FRANCIS STEPHENS, of Mangaweka, Storekeepers and copartners, were this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Marton, on Monday, the 28th day of November, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 15th November, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN BLATCHFORD RUSSELL, of Hamua, late of Masterton, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Courthouse, Masterton, on Friday, the 18th day of November, 1898, at 3 o'clock p.m.

W. B. CHENNELLS,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Masterton, 8th November, 1898.

*In the District Court, holden at Nelson.*

In the matter of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1892"; and in the matter of JOHN HARRIS LEONARD, of Motueka, Saddler, a bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given that a first and final dividend of seven shillings and sixpence (7s. 6d.) in the pound is now payable on all proved claims against the above estate at my office, Nelson.

Creditors holding acceptances will be required to produce the same for indorsement.

A. A. SCAIFE,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Nelson, 14th November, 1898.

*In Bankruptcy.*

NOTICE is hereby given that dividends in the under-mentioned estates are now payable at my office, Arcade, Timaru, upon all accepted proved claims, upon production of promissory notes or bills (if any held) for indorsement:—

William John Whitley, of Timaru, Bootmaker: First and final, 3s. 7d. per pound. And

Johannes Cornoldus Kroon, formerly of Timaru, now of Dunedin, Baker: First and final, 2s. 10d. per pound.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,  
Deputy Official Assignee.

Timaru, 14th November, 1898.

### 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 the *Gazette* containing this notice.

3440. GERTRUDE ROGERS RAYNES.—Part of Allotments 31 and 32, Section 44, City of Auckland, containing 1 rood 1 perch. Occupied by Applicant.

3497. THOMAS JAMES SEDGWICK.—Part of Allotments 7 and 8, Village of Waiuku, containing 2 roods 9 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3506. FREDERICK LAMBERG PRIME.—Allotments 33 and west part 23, Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland, containing together 7 acres and 38 perches. In the occupation of William Aitken.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of November, 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 calendar month from date of publication hereof.

Allotment 5 of Subdivision of Allotment 2, Village of Sunnyside. — CHARLES FOUNTAIN, Applicant. Occupied by Applicant. No. 4275.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Otago.

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 on or before the 19th day of December, 1898.

1179. Applicant: PHOEBE ELIZABETH WARNER.—1 rood 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches, being Lot 33A of Suburban Section 21, Napier. In occupation of Mary Christina Gifford.

1198. Applicant: THOMAS BENNICK HARDING.—15 perches, portion of Town Sections 214, 215, and 252, Napier. In occupation of Elizabeth Lucy McKennie and Robert Blythe.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

THOS. HALL,  
District Land Registrar.

923

APPLICATION having been made to me by HENRY JABEZ LUXFORD, of Manaia, Bank Agent, as agent for the Bank of New Zealand as mortgagees under memorandum of mortgage No. 1078, for the issue of a provisional certificate of title in the name of CHARLES DAYS for Section 20 of Block XIII., Town of Manaia, contained in certificate of title, Vol. ix., folio 8, and a statutory declaration having been lodged with me of the loss of such certificate, I hereby give notice that I shall issue the provisional certificate as requested at the expiration of fourteen days after the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice unless in the meantime a caveat be lodged forbidding the same.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,  
District Land Registrar.

924

NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 17th day of December, 1898.

2828. JAMES MALCOLM MASON.—8 acres and 30 perches, part Pahianui No. 3A Block, Waitohu Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

2833. FREDERICK STUPPLES.—20 perches, part Section 343, City of Wellington. Occupied by Applicant.

2838. WILLIAM ADAMS.—13.5 perches, part Section 4, Hutt District. Occupied by — Odlin.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 16th day of November, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,  
District Land Registrar.

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

8402. ELIZABETH SHADBOLT.—292 acres 1 rood 8 perches, Rural Section 11283, and parts of 187 and 11281, Pigeon Bay Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8408. JAMES WILLIAM WATSON, GEORGE WATSON, and JOHN RICHARDSON (trustees of estate of WILLIAM MORGAN WATSON, deceased).—63 acres 2 roods 5 perches, Rural Section 306, and part of 2411, Halswell Survey District; occupied by James William Watson. Also 198 acres 3 roods 13 perches, Rural Sections 6612, 10932, 12762, 13555, 13656, and 13918, Rolleston Survey District; occupied by George Watson. Also 80 acres, Rural Sections 2108 and 2557, Halswell Survey District; occupied respectively by Samuel Collinson Watson and Frederick Watson.

8412. GEORGE WESTON.—161 acres and 20 perches, Rural Sections 1104, 1265, and 1820, and part of 2693, Rangiora Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8413. WILLIAM BOWES CLARKSON.—25 acres 3 roods, part of Rural Section 4463, Christchurch Survey District; occupied by Emerson Bowes. Also 2 acres 2 roods 18 perches, part of Rural Section 5993, Christchurch Survey District; 90 acres, north-east half of Rural Sections 7975 and 7976, Rolleston Survey District; and 23 acres 3 roods 29 perches, Lot 5, Plan 979, part of Rural Sections 5519 and 5520, Halswell Survey District: all occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1898, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,  
District Land Registrar.

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**Mining Notice.**

**THE GALLANT TIPPERARY QUARTZ - MINING COMPANY (LIMITED), (IN LIQUIDATION).**

**AMENDED NOTICE.**

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 202 of "The Companies Act, 1882," that a general meeting of the members of the above-named company will be held in the office of William Brown and Co., Queen's Rooms, Crawford Street, Dunedin, on Friday, the 20th day of January, 1899, at 11 o'clock forenoon, 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 explanations to be given by the Liquidator; and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books, accounts, and documents of the company and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of.

WILLIAM BROWN,  
Liquidator.  
Dunedin, 14th November, 1898. 930

**Private Advertisements.**

In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and of the China Traders' Insurance Company (Limited).

IN conformity with and for the purposes of section 7 of the above Act, notice is hereby given that on and after the 21st November, 1898, the Office or place of business of the China Traders' Insurance Company (Limited) in Wellington will be in Customhouse Quay, at the offices of Messrs. W. M. Bannatyne and Co., instead of in Imperial Chambers, Featherston Street.

JAMES WHITTALL,  
Attorney for the China Traders' Insurance Company (Limited) for the Colony of New Zealand.  
Wellington, 17th November, 1898. 926

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of J. Bycroft and Co. (Limited), a company incorporated under the said Act, and now in liquidation.

NOTICE is hereby given that, the affairs of the above company having been fully wound up, a General Meeting of shareholders of the said company will be held on Friday, the 20th day of January, 1899, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the office of Mr. A. Hanna, Solicitor, corner of Queen and Swanson Streets, in the City of Auckland, for the purpose of receiving the account of the Liquidators showing the manner in which the winding-up of the said company has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidators.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1898.  
H. LAWSON, } Liquidators of J. Bycroft  
p.p. G. F. PALMER, } and Co. (Limited).  
H. LAWSON, }  
925

**NOTICE TO NATIVE OWNERS OF LAND.**

UNDER the provisions of section 2, subsection (1), of "The Rating Act Amendment Act, 1896," the Wallace County Council hereby requires the respective Native owners of each parcel of land named in the Schedule hereunder, by writing under the hands of a majority of them, to nominate one of such owners of each parcel of land to represent all the owners and occupiers for the purposes of rating.

JAS. FULLARTON,  
Clerk, Wallace County Council.  
Wallace County Office, Otautau,  
11th November, 1898.

**SCHEDULE.**

Section 79, Block XXV., Jacobs River Hundred, containing 51 acres 2 roods 21 poles.  
Section 185, Block VIII., Longwood District, containing 977 acres. 931

**THE PAHIATUA TOWN HALL COMPANY (IN LIQUIDATION).**

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the above company will be held on the 15th day of December, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of William Tosswill, of Pahiatua, Solicitor.

Business: For the purpose of receiving and considering accounts in connection with the winding-up of the above company, and hearing any explanation thereof that may be required.

Dated this 28th September, 1898.  
HENRY SEDCOLE, } Liquidators.  
WILLIAM TOSSWILL, }  
845

**THE EGMONT FREEZING AND COOL-STORAGE COMPANY (LIMITED).**

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the company, held at the company's office, at Waitara, on Monday, the 31st day of October, 1898, at 11 a.m., the subjoined resolutions, which were passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the company held on the 10th day of October, 1898, were confirmed as special resolutions:—

1. That the sale of the company's interests in the works and barges by the Directors for £3,000 be confirmed, and that the present company be voluntarily wound up in accordance with section 189 and the following sections of "The Companies Act, 1882."

2. That Mr. James Hine be appointed sole Liquidator.  
Dated at Waitara, in the Provincial District of Taranaki, this 31st day of October, 1898.

JAMES HINE,  
Chairman and Secretary.  
J. B. Roy, Solicitor, New Plymouth. 921

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