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

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of March, 1899.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE J. MCKENZIE 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 December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, 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 parcels 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 STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL,

which shall be known as the Stratford 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 third Monday in each month, at three o'clock p.m., at the Borough Council Chambers, Stratford, 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 seventeenth day of April, 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 Mayor shall be Chairman. 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.

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SCHEDULE.

ALL those parcels of land in the Taranaki Land District, containing by admeasurement 83 acres 1 rood 2 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 24 to 33, 36, 37, 38, 67 to 76, 79, 80, 81, 111 to 124, 150 to 163, 470 to 484, 509 to 518, 542 to 551, 574 to 581, 607 to 619, 639 to 651, 781, 858, 935, and 936, in the Township of Stratford, and Section No. 28, Block I., in the Ngaire Survey District.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of March, 1899.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE J. MCKENZIE 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 lands described in the Schedule thereto, and known as the Mangaweka Domain, situate in the Wellington Land District, are 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 under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Mangaweka Domain Board, namely,—

ALFRED ALEXANDER GOWER,
THOMAS GORDON,
CHARLES COAD,
MICHAEL CRAWLEY,
FREDERICK ARTHUR HORNER,
JOHN HISLOP WILTSHIRE,
ROBERT STANLEY SUMMERS

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Monday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at the Schoolhouse, Mangaweka, 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 seventeenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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

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

4. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the third 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.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Mangaweka Recreation-grounds brought under "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of March, 1899.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE J. MCKENZIE 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 reserves made for public recreation in the Wellington Land District, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same are hereby brought under the operation of and declared to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881"; and such domains shall hereafter be managed, administered, and dealt with in manner directed by the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

Section 69, Town of Mangaweka, 1 rood 2 perches.
Section 71, Town of Mangaweka, 1 rood 12 perches.
Section 73, Town of Mangaweka, 1 rood.
Section 75, Town of Mangaweka, 1 rood.
Section 77, Town of Mangaweka, 1 rood.
Section 99, Town of Mangaweka, 2 roods 4 perches.
Section 100, Town of Mangaweka, 2 roods 35 perches.
Section 101, Town of Mangaweka, 2 roods.
Section 103, Town of Mangaweka, 2 roods 14 perches.
Section 104, Town of Mangaweka, 2 roods.
Section 22, Suburbs of Mangaweka, 1 acre 3 roods.
Section 50, Hautapu Survey District, 36 acres.
Section 52, Hautapu Survey District, 30 acres.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of March, 1899.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE JOHN MCKENZIE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the local authorities respectively mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto, being duly authorised by "The Shops and Shop-assistants

Act, 1894," to appoint by special resolution, in the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the days on which the shops in their respective districts are to be closed in accordance with the said Act, have failed so to appoint a day:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers in this behalf conferred upon me by section ten of the said Act, do hereby appoint the days set opposite their respective names in the second column of the said Schedule to be the days on which shops shall be closed in the said districts, in accordance with the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

Winton Borough	..	..	Wednesday.
Tauranga Borough	..	..	Thursday.
Kihikihi Town District	..	..	Thursday.
Arowhenua Town District	..	..	Thursday.
Papakura Town District	..	..	Tuesday.
Inglewood Town District	..	..	Thursday.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Native Land proposed to be taken for the Construction of a Police-station at Te Whaiti, County of Whakatane.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of February, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken for a public work, to wit, the construction of a police-station at Te Whaiti, County of Whakatane:

And whereas the said land is held or occupied by Native owners under a title which is not derived from the Crown: And whereas a map has been prepared in duplicate showing accurately the position and extent of the said land, 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 police-station as from the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land required to be taken.	Being Section No.	Situated in Blocks Nos.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 7 2 0	6717 (Police Reserve)	VI. and X.	Ahikereru.

In the Land District of Auckland; as the said parcel of land is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18459, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Altering the Name of the Borough of Newton.

(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 Newton Borough Council has requested that the present name of "Newton" be altered as herein-

after 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 Borough of Newton aforesaid shall, on and after the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, be called and known by the name of "Grey Lynn," and the name of the said Borough of Newton 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 sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

W. C. WALKER.

Approved in Council.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Changing the Purpose of Reserves in Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS the lands described in the Schedule hereto were heretofore duly set apart as ferry reserves, being reserves in Class I. of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," and such lands have not been vested in trust in any society, body corporate, or trustees: And whereas it is expedient that such reserves shall be appropriated for the purposes of a public recreation-ground, being a reserve in Class III. of the aforesaid Act:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the second section of "The Public Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1889," do by this notification declare that the said reserves shall, from and after the thirtieth day of March instant, be appropriated for the purposes of a public recreation-ground, under Class III. of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881"; and I do hereby direct that this notification shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 30 acres, more or less, being Section No. 52, Block X., Hautapu Survey District. Bounded

towards the north by the Mangawharariki Bridge Road, and generally towards the east, south, and south-west by the Rangitikei River; towards the west by cliff: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 36 acres, more or less, being Section No. 50, Block X., Hautapu Survey District. Bounded towards the north by road reserved along the Rangitikei River; towards the east and south by the Rangitikei River and native land; towards the west by Sections 32, 31, 30, 27, 25: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Land temporarily reserved in the Land District of Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the land in the Land District of Wellington, described in the Schedule hereunder written, for the purposes of a public-school site.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 14 acres, more or less, being Section No. 40, Block III., Hautapu Survey District. Bounded towards the north by the Puke Road; towards the east by Puke Road; towards the south by Section No. 42; and towards the west by Puhirua Road: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

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

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Volunteer Regulations amended.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Defence Act, 1886," it is among other things enacted that the Governor may from time to time make, alter, or revoke regulations respecting the enrolment, promotion, discipline, training, exercise, arms, accoutrements, clothing, equipment, conveyance, pay, rations, and lodging of the forces, or any portion thereof, and respecting the several other matters in the said Act mentioned: And whereas on the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, certain regulations were made under the said Act which were published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five: And whereas it is expedient now to revoke certain of the said regulations, and in lieu thereof to make others:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the above-recited power and authority, do hereby revoke regulations respectively numbered eight, nine, ten, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-seven, one hundred and two, one hundred and four, one hundred and six, one hundred and eight, one hundred and thirty-six, one hundred and thirty-nine, one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and sixty-four, one hundred and sixty-seven, one hundred and sixty-eight, and two hundred and twenty-five of the regulations so made and published as aforesaid, and do hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto; and I do further declare that the regulations hereby made shall come into force on the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

SCHEDULE.

ESTABLISHMENT.

8. The establishment of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Volunteer Force forming part of the forces enrolled or deemed to be enrolled under the provisions of "The Defence Act, 1886," will be according to the following table:—

Strength.	Captains or Lieutenants- Commanding.		Lieutenants.	Chief Petty Officers, Troop or Battery Ser- geants-Major, Quarter- master-Sergeants, and Colour-Sergeants.	First-class Petty Officers and Sergeants.	Second-class Petty Officers and Corporals.	Bombardiers and Lance- Corporals.	Trumpeters or Buglers and Drummers.	Troopers, Gunners, and Privates.	Total.	
	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers and Rank and File.									
Mounted corps—											
Maximum	1	2	2	4	4	..	2	48	3	60	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	40
Naval and garrison artillery—											
Maximum	1	3	2	4	4	..	2	88	4	100	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	60
Submarine miners—											
Maximum	1	3	2	4	4	..	2	88	4	100	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	40
Field artillery, 6-gun batteries—											
Maximum	1	3	2	6	6	6	2	66	4	88	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	60
Field artillery, 4-gun batteries—											
Maximum	1	2	2	4	4	4	2	44	3	60	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	40
Engineers—											
Maximum	1	2	2	4	4	..	2	48	3	60	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	40
Rifles—											
Maximum	1	2	1	4	4	..	1	50	3	60	
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	40
Cycle corps—											
Maximum .. .. .	..	2	1	2	2	2	..	18	2	25
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	25
Bearer corps—											
Maximum .. .. .	..	2	1	2	2	2	..	18	2	25
Minimum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	25

The strength of all branches of the service in each district will be as follows :—

District.	Mounted Corps.		Naval and Garrison Artillery Corps.		Submarine Mining Corps.		Field Artillery, 6-gun Batteries.		Engineer Corps.		Rifle Corps.		Cycle Corps.		Bearer Corps.		Garrison Bands.	
	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.	Number.	Strength.
Auckland ..	4	252	3	312	1	104	1	92	1	63	16	1,008	1	27	1	27	1	26
Wellington ..	4	252	2	208	1	104	1	92	1	63	19	1,197	1	27	1	27	1	26
Christchurch ..	4	252	2	208	..	..	1	92	1	63	16	1,008	1	27	1	27	1	26
Dunedin ..	4	252	3	312	..	..	1	92	1	63	16	1,008	1	27	1	27	1	26
Nelson ..	1	63	..	..	..	..	1	63*	..	..	8	504	..	..	..	..	1	26

* Four-gun Battery.

CORPS.

“ Volunteer corps ” includes any body of Naval Artillery, Submarine Miners, any battery of Artillery, any company of Engineers, Mounted Rifles, Rifles, Cycle and Bearer corps, and any body of the Reserve as organized under these Regulations. All these corps except the Reserve corps will be entitled to capitulation under the prescribed conditions.

9. Any corps will be entitled to a medical officer and an Honorary Chaplain. Mounted corps will be entitled to an Honorary Veterinary Surgeon.

PRECEDENCE.

10. The Volunteer Force shall consist of the following different arms, which shall rank in the order named :—

- Naval Artillery Volunteers and Submarine Miners.
- Mounted Corps Volunteers, when dismounted.
- Artillery Volunteers.
- Engineer Volunteers.
- Rifle Volunteers.
- Cycle Volunteers.
- Bearer Corps Volunteers.

53A. The officers of Cycle corps shall be lieutenants, and shall be on the same footing and will pass the same examinations as officers of Infantry corps.

71. Medical officers who have seen actual service with the Colonial Forces will be entitled to reckon one year of such service as two in determining their relative seniority with other medical officers, and those who have been posted to the Militia or Armed Constabulary may reckon the years that they have served with those Forces when called out for training and exercise, in addition to any service while actively employed in any capacity while on the medical list. Service for medals and promotion will be reckoned as above.

72. Commissions to medical officers will be given and issued for the New Zealand Volunteer medical staff, and their names will be kept on a general list, from which list medical officers will be taken as Principal Medical Officer of a district, medical officer of a Volunteer corps, or company officer of a Bearer corps.

73. Medical officers who have served for more than twenty years in the Defence Forces will, on completing such period of service, be entitled to be appointed Brigade-Surgeons Lieutenant-Colonel; and a medical officer who has served for more than twelve years will be entitled to be appointed Surgeon-Major. In both cases such officers will be entitled to count extra service as provided for by preceding paragraphs. A medical officer may be specially selected for any medical rank.

74. The Surgeon-General will be appointed by the Governor from time to time, and will be responsible that the Principal Medical Officers of districts recommend only such medical officers for appointment as are properly qualified practitioners, and will receive and forward to the Commander of the Forces all applications for appointment to the general list; and, if any medical officer has been reported as having rendered himself liable by misconduct to be struck off the list of medical officers, the Surgeon-General will assist in the investigation of the complaint.

74A. A Principal Medical Officer will be appointed for each district. He will be responsible for the efficiency of the medical services in his district. An equipment will be at his disposal when required on service or in camp. He will be President of the Board which will assemble annually to examine the Bearer corps at each centre, according to the Bearer corps regulations (paragraph 138A).

77. Medical officers will make such arrangements as they may deem necessary to insure four men from each Volunteer corps being thoroughly instructed in stretcher-drill and field-dressing, and in the course laid down by the St. John's Society. These men on passing the prescribed examination will be entitled to wear the badge of the society.

BEARER CORPS.

100A. These corps will be attached to the Infantry battalions at each of the four centres—Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

CYCLE CORPS.

100B. These corps will be attached to the Infantry battalions at each of the four centres—Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

BANDS AND BANDSMEN.

101. A garrison band will be allowed for each centre, to be of the strength of one bandmaster and twenty-five men.

102. Battalion bands will be allowed at battalion or half-battalion headquarters, to consist of twenty men, who will draw capitation in the same way as garrison bands in the centres, but shall not be entitled to the additional £25 granted garrison bands. At places where there is only one corps no bandsmen will be allowed to enrol.

103. An annual allowance of £25 will be made to garrison bands at the centres.

104. All bandsmen must be enrolled Volunteers, and in uniform.

105. Bandsmen will be entitled to capitation, subject to the above rule, provided they are efficient musicians, have attended the requisite parades, have served six months, and are properly clothed in uniform.

106. Garrison and other bands will be under the immediate orders and direct control of the District Commanding Officer, and the financial and general affairs thereof shall be managed by a committee. The Officer commanding the District shall be President; and all money received from Government and all property of any kind contributed or given for the use of the band shall be deemed to be vested in the Officer commanding the District, and shall be under the control of the committee.

107. All bandsmen may be required to undergo an annual course of instruction in ambulance drill.

108. Garrison and other bands will be required to attend such ceremonial parades, guards of honour, &c., as the Commanding Officer of the District may direct, and for which they will receive 2s. 6d. per man per diem.

109. Bandsmen will not be required to undergo musketry instruction.

NAVAL AND GARRISON ARTILLERY AND SUBMARINE MINERS.

136. The drills of these corps at Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Port Chalmers will be principally confined to heavy-gun or submarine-mining and boat drills; and to qualify for capitation the corps must go into camp at the works of defence for sixteen days each year. Every man must be present and sleep in camp at least eight out of the sixteen days, and must attend at least eighteen parades during the year, three being afternoon parades, and two-thirds of the strength must be present on at least four parades during the year.

FIELD ARTILLERY.

137A. The drills of these corps will be principally confined to gun-drill; and to qualify for capitation each corps must go into camp for a fortnight each year. Every man must be present and sleep in camp at least seven out of the fourteen days, and must attend at least eighteen parades during the year, three being afternoon parades, and two-thirds of the strength must be present on at least four parades during the year.

BEARER CORPS.

138A. (1.) To earn capitation each man must qualify as laid down for Infantry Volunteers, with the exception of the musketry course, and, in addition, each man must earn a certificate on being examined practically by a Board consisting of the Principal Medical Officer of the district, the commanding officer of the company, and another officer to be named by the Principal Medical Officer, in the drills, &c., laid down in the "Manual for Medical Staff Corps" in use in the Imperial service.

(2.) The Medical Board will issue certificates to those who are, in their opinion, proficient in the knowledge of their duties, and qualify in the following syllabus:—

- (a.) General duties ("Manual for Medical Staff Corps," subsection 1, section 1, Appendix IV.).
- (b.) Elementary anatomy and physiology ("Manual for Medical Staff Corps," section 1, paragraphs 12 to 32).
- (c.) First aid to the wounded ("Manual for Medical Staff Corps," section 1, subsections 3 to 11 and 14).
- (d.) Stretcher drills and exercises ("Manual for Medical Staff Corps," section 2, subsections 1 to 8).

ENGINEERS, INFANTRY, CYCLE CORPS, AND BANDS.

139. Each man must attend eighteen parades, three of these being whole afternoon parades, during the year. Two-thirds of the strength must be present on at least four parades during the year. The officer in command of a Cycle corps must certify that each member is in possession of a serviceable bicycle, and that he is an expert rider, before he can earn capitation. Men of the Cyclist corps will complete the recruits course of Infantry drill, and be further instructed in the special "Cyclist" drill as may be authorised from time to time. No special allowance will be made the men for the use of their bicycles.

148. To enable a Volunteer, except those of Naval, Garrison, or Field Artillery, Submarine Miners, and Bearer corps, to qualify for capitation he must have annually fulfilled the following conditions, viz.:—

- (a.) The trained Volunteer must have fired 40 rounds of ball ammunition at individual firing, and passed into or fired in the second class. Marksmen and first-class shots of the preceding year will be exempted from firing in the first period, third class, provided that they pass out of the second class. The amount of ammunition so saved to be at the disposal of the Officer Commanding the District for field-firing, where possible, or for matches, &c.
- (b.) The recruit must have fired 50 rounds of ball ammunition at individual firing, and passed into the second class.
- (c.) In addition to the above, trained men and recruits must have fired with their companies or squads—10 rounds volley firing and 10 rounds independent firing.
- (d.) To enable a Volunteer in the Naval, Garrison, or Field Artillery, and Submarine Miners to qualify for capitation he must annually have fired 20 rounds of ball ammunition—10 rounds at 200 yards, five kneeling and five standing; 10 rounds at 500 yards, five kneeling and five lying down—at a third-class target, and must make at least 35 points. Recruits of these corps must fire the usual recruits' course, as in (b).
- (e.) These corps may, if they so desire, go through the volley and independent firing, as in (c).

164. Four badges will be issued to each 4-gun, and six to each 6-gun battery of Field Artillery for competition, and will be allotted to the most efficient gunners who have qualified for capitation. A practical examination in the various duties of gunners will be held by the instructor while the battery is undergoing its annual camp of instruction, to enable the battery commander to select the most efficient gunners. Badges for gun-laying will also be issued to field batteries on the conditions laid down from time to time.

166A. The Medical Board assembled for the examination of Bearer corps may recommend annually the two most proficient men in the corps for badges.

167. These badges, with the exception of badges for gun-laying for field batteries, will carry a personal payment of £1. Any man who can produce three consecutive badges will be awarded a distinguishing badge and allowed a further sum of £1. The badges to be worn for the year only for which they are earned.

168. Naval, Garrison, or Field Artillery, and Submarine Mining Volunteer corps at Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Port Chalmers will go into camp of instruction at the works of defence for sixteen days each year, receiving an allowance of 1s. 6d. per diem per man in camp.

170A. Bearer corps may, for an annual camp of instruction, be attached for six days to any company of the headquarters battalion during its annual camp, and will receive the same allowance.

170B. The Cycle corps may, for an annual camp of instruction, be attached for six days to any company of the headquarters battalion during its annual camp, and will receive the same allowances.

225. Ammunition in the following annual proportions, to be reckoned from the commencement of the Volunteer year, will be allowed to Volunteers of the several arms without payment, on the condition that it be expended within the year under the command and supervision of a commissioned officer in Artillery corps and of an officer or non-commissioned officer in other corps. The full annual allowance must be requisitioned for before the last quarter of the Volunteer year. The annual proportions are:—

Heavy ordnance ammunition,—

For Naval or Garrison Artillery Volunteers, such allowance as may be from time to time authorised by the Defence Minister.

Field-gun ammunition,—

For Artillery Volunteers who have field-guns, 20 rounds per Gun Detachment, not exceeding six detachments per corps (bandsmen not included)

No. of Rounds.
9-pdr. R.B.L. : 12 shrapnel,
7 common or segment or solid
(solid only to be issued when
practice is carried out over
sea-ranges), 1 case.
6-pdr. Q.F. : 14 shrapnel, 5 com-
mon, 1 case.

An allowance of 25 rounds per man of Maxim ball ammunition will be made to squads of Volunteers who are trained in Maxim-gun drill.

Small-arms ammunition*,—

For every enrolled member (except reserve) 150 ball.

* Of this allowance 50 rounds per man will be issued under the authority and for purposes approved of by the Officer Commanding the District.

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

T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Defence.

[D. 98/1348.]

Lands permanently reserved.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

First Column. DESCRIPTION OF RESERVES.					Second Column.	Third Column.	Fourth Column.
Land District.	Locality.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Purpose for which Land reserved.	Date of Warrant.	<i>Gazette</i> .
Wellington	Town of Scarborough	36	..	A. R. P. 1 1 32	Public-school site ..	1899. 4 Feb.	1899. No. 12, 9 Feb.
	" Makuri S.D.	76	V.	2 3 20	Gravel	" "	" "
	" Town of Makukupara	4	..	0 3 16	Municipal	" "	" "
	" "	7	..	0 1 18	Public Hall and Athe- næum site	" "	" "
	" "	8	..	0 1 30	Public-school site ..	" "	" "
	" "	9	..	1 1 29	"	" "	" "
	" "	10	..	0 1 32	"	" "	" "
	" "	11	..	0 1 15	"	" "	" "
	" "	12	..	0 2 12	"	" "	" "
	" "	18	..	3 3 14	"	" "	" "
	" "	16	..	0 2 29	Public buildings of the General Government	" "	" "
	" "	17	..	8 1 20	Public recreation ..	" "	" "
	" Makuri S.D.	48	XVI.	15 1 0	For use of caretaker of rabbit-fence	" "	" "
	" Manganui S.D.	21	X.	10 2 0	Public-school site ..	" "	" "
	" Ruahine S.D.	9	IX.	15 2 0	For the preservation of scenery	" "	" "
" Apiti S.D.	28	IV.	86 0 0	Ditto	" "	" "	
" Suburbs of Manga- weka	22	..	1 3 0	Public recreation ..	" "	" "	
" Ongo S.D.	46	XI.	5 2 0	For river-protection ..	" "	" "	
" Town of Livingstone	74	..	77 3 27	Public recreation ..	" "	" "	

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

JOHN McKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Consular Agent of France at Auckland provisionally recognised.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has provisionally recognised the appointment of

GEORGE DUNNET, Esquire,
as Consular Agent of France at Auckland.

T. THOMPSON.

Member of Taranaki Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint

CHRISTOPHER KEATING STOCK

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Taranaki, as from the 17th April, 1899.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Member of Hawke's Bay Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint

CHARLES HALL

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Hawke's Bay, as from the 14th April, 1899.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Member of Wellington Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint

ALEXANDER WILSON HOGG

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Wellington, as from the 14th April, 1899.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Member of Marlborough Land Board reappointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint

JOSEPH REDWOOD

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Marlborough, as from the 18th April, 1899.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister of Lands.

Inspector of Sea-fishing appointed.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 24th March, 1899.

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

JAMES ULYSSES BROWNE,

of Russell, Police-constable, to be an Inspector of Sea-fishing under the above-mentioned Act.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Shorthand-writer appointed, Public Works Department.

Public Works Office,
Wellington, 22nd March, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that

CHARLES EDWARD MORTON HORNEMAN

has been appointed a Shorthand-writer in the Public Works Department of the Colony of New Zealand, commencing from the 1st March, 1899.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

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.
Peter Andersen ..	Mariner ..	Auckland.
Bernhard Ballin ..	Merchant ..	Christchurch.
John Brauer ..	Miner ..	Woodstock.
Johann Henrech Budelmann ..	Goldminer ..	Waipori.
William Dahl ..	Farmer ..	Upper Hutt.
Mark Matthew Harachich ..	Stevadore ..	Port Chalmers.
Nathan Thomas Johnson ..	Gardener ..	Weston.
Frederich Kulling ..	Labourer ..	Masterton.
Joseph Murray Lieclleh ..	Farmer ..	Matakohe.
John Rosenbrock ..	Labourer ..	South Dunedin.
Johann Stobba ..	Labourer ..	Hokitika.
Joseph Connell Warren ..	Farmer ..	Oteramika Gorge, Southland.
Joseph Johann Witkofski ..	Labourer ..	Hokitika.

T. THOMPSON.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Stratford County Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 24th March, 1899.

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

T. THOMPSON.

STRATFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

RESULT of a poll taken on the 16th day of March, 1899, upon the proposal to borrow £250, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and its amendments, for forming, grading, and metalling the Poto Road:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 5; number of votes exercisable, 6: Number of ratepayers voting in favour of the proposal, 3; number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal, 4; number of ratepayers voting against the proposal, nil.

I declare the above proposal to be carried.

21st March, 1899. J. MACKAY,
Chairman.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Upper Wangaehu Road District, County of Wanganui.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th March, 1899.

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

T. THOMPSON.

UPPER WANGAEHU ROAD BOARD.

RESULT of poll on proposal to borrow £700 to form the present Mangamahu Valley Bridle-track into a cart-road, Upper Wangaehu Road District:—

Total number of ratepayers on roll, 12, representing 21 votes: Votes recorded for proposal, 11; number of ratepayers voting for the proposal, 8; votes against, 2; number of ratepayers voting against the proposal, 1; informal, nil; votes not recorded, 8; total of votes against, 10.

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 which can be exercised by the whole number of ratepayers, I do hereby declare the proposal to be carried.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1899.

DUNCAN GRANT,
Chairman, Upper Wangaehu Road Board.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Geraldine Town District.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th March, 1899.

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

T. THOMPSON.

GERALDINE TOWN BOARD.

In the matter of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," and the Amendments thereof.

I HEREBY give notice that at the poll of the ratepayers of the Geraldine Town District, taken on the 22nd day of March, 1899, to decide for or against the proposal to raise a loan of £2,500 for the purpose of obtaining a supply of water at high pressure for the use of the inhabitants of the said district, the number of votes recorded for and against the said proposal was as follows, viz.: In favour of the proposal, 130; against the proposal, 7.

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

Dated this 24th day of March, 1899.

JAMES W. PYE,
Chairman, Geraldine Town Board.

Approving and appointing a Bonding Warehouse.

CUSTOMS.—In exercise of the powers in me for this purpose vested by "The Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882," I, the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, do hereby approve and appoint the under-mentioned warehouse to be a warehouse for the reception of kerosene and other oils under bond, namely,—

Port of Auckland.

An iron-and-wood building, roofed with iron, situate on Beach Road, Auckland, to be known as

SHIPLEY'S BOND.

Given under my hand, at Auckland, this eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

R. J. SEDDON,
Commissioner of Trade and Customs.
Commissioner's Order No. 607.]

Notice to Mariners.—No. 11 of 1899.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 25th March, 1899.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Acting Port Officer, Melbourne, Victoria, the Marine Board, Hobart, Tasmania, and the Portmaster, Brisbane, Queensland, are published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

PORT OF PORT PHILLIP.—SUBMARINE MINING IN THE VICINITY OF SWANSPIT BUOY LIGHT, AND OF SOUTH CHANNEL FORT.

It is hereby notified for general information that an additional port regulation is in process of being issued, providing that, for the purpose of permitting practice in submarine mining, vessels shall not, on and from the 6th day of March, until and including the 6th day of April, 1899, be navigated or anchored in the waters to the northward and westward of the Swanspit Buoy Light, within an area bounded by a supposed line running south-easterly from Swan Beacon to Swanspit Buoy Light; thence northerly to small black can buoy moored east-by-north five cables from the north-east end of Swan Island; thence westerly to the outer pile which marks the entrance of the channel leading to Swan Island jetty; thence due south to Swan Point; and from thence southerly along the shore to the starting-point. And also that during the period above referred to vessels shall not be navigated or anchored in the South Channel between Nos. 5 and 7 black buoys north of an imaginary line extending between Nos. 5 and 9 black buoys of said channel.

CHAS. A. PARSONS,
Acting Port Officer.
Harbour Office, Customs,
Melbourne, 27th February, 1899.

CAPE SORELL LIGHTHOUSE.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a lighthouse is now in course of erection at Cape Sorell, entrance to Macquarie Harbour, west coast of Tasmania, 42° 11' S. latitude, 145° 10' 30" E. longitude, approximately.

The light will be of the second order, showing white and red flashes, with eclipses. Height of light above sea-level, 175 ft.

Due notice and full particulars will be given of the exact date when the light will be exhibited.

J. W. EVANS,
Master Warden.
Marine Board Office, Hobart, 7th March, 1899.

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAIT.—CHANNEL ROCK LIGHTSHIP MISSING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lightship at Channel Rock, off Cape Melville, is reported missing. She will be replaced as soon as possible.

Charts affected, Nos. 2764 and 2922; Australia Directory, Vol. 11.
T. M. ALMOND, Portmaster.
Marine Department, Brisbane, 7th March, 1899.

INNER ROUTE TO TORRES STRAIT.—BEACONS DOWN.

NOTICE is hereby given that the beacons on Dhu (d) and Ead (e) reefs are reported to be down. It is possible that others in the same locality may also have been blown down during the recent hurricane.

They will be replaced as soon as practicable.
Charts affected, Nos. 2922 and 2764; Australia Directory, Vol. 2.

T. M. ALMOND, Portmaster.
Marine Department, Brisbane, 9th March, 1899.

Bonuses for Encouragement of New Zealand Hemp (Phormium tenax) Industry.—Notice No. 535.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 13th February, 1899.

BONUS No. 1.

A BONUS of £1,750 is offered for a machine or process for dressing New Zealand hemp (*Phormium tenax*) which shall be an improvement on the machines or processes now in use, and which shall, after trial, be found to materially reduce the cost of production, improve the product, or increase the quantity of dressed fibre.

The following are the conditions:—

1. All applications for the bonus must be sent addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, Wellington, and must reach him not later than the 31st March, 1900. Each application must be accompanied by a description of the machine or process, particularly stating improvements on present machines or processes, and also the cost at which the machine or process can be supplied.

2. The applicants must be prepared to submit their machines or processes to examination at such time and place as the Government may direct.

3. The Government shall appoint a committee of three or more experts, to whom all applications shall be submitted. Such committee shall, after perusal, state what machines or processes they deem worthy of consideration, and may inspect the same at any place within the colony; and, having so inspected the whole or any of them, may direct that the whole or any of them be brought for further trial to such place as they may think fit.

The cost of bringing the machines or appliances on to the ground, from within the colony, supplying the necessary shafting, motive-power, and buildings, to be defrayed by the Government. If any machine sent from beyond the colony is awarded the bonus or part thereof, then the cost of bringing such machine shall be borne by the Government.

The following shall be the basis of the test:—

The committee shall supply a sufficient and equal quantity of green hemp to each machine or process as a test.

The committee shall take into consideration—

The time occupied by each machine or process in the operation;

The cost of labour and time required after the fibre has left the machine or process before it is ready for baling;

The percentage of dressed fibre and tow produced by each machine or process;

The cost of producing the same;

The cost of the machine, and the simplicity and durability of the working parts.

On completion of the tests the committee shall furnish a report to the Minister on all the machines or processes which they have examined or tested, and shall state,—

(1.) The machine or process which they consider on the whole the most efficient and economic.

(2.) Whether they consider that any machine or process tested so materially reduces the cost of production, or improves the product, as to be worthy of the whole bonus or of a part only.

(3.) Whether, in the event of no one machine or process being entitled to the whole bonus, they deem any machine or process worthy of a part of the bonus, and, if so, how much.

BONUS No. 2.

A bonus of £250 is offered for a process of utilising the waste products of the hemp.

The first three conditions of Bonus No. 1 to apply to this also.

The committee shall supply a sufficient and equal quantity of the waste products to each process as a test.

On completion of the tests the committee shall report to the Minister, and shall give the following particulars of each process: (a.) The nature of the article made. (b.) The quantity produced, and the cost of production. (c.) The value of the product. (d.) Whether any of the processes are of sufficient importance to warrant the Minister in giving (1) the whole, or (2) any part, of the bonus; (3) if a part only, how much.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
Minister for Agriculture.

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

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under "The Public Works Act, 1894," and any amendment thereof, and also of "The Government Railways Act, 1894," I, Alfred Jerome Cadman, the Minister for Railways, do hereby make the following alterations in the scale of fares, rates, and charges in force on the New Zealand Government Railways open for traffic, such alterations to come into force on and after the 1st day of April, 1899.

PART III.—GOODS: CLASSIFIED RATES.

The classified rates for Class E are hereby revoked, and the following substituted, viz. :—

Distance.	Class E, per Ton.	Distance.	Class E, per Ton.
Miles.	s. d.	Miles.	s. d.
1	2 3	61	7 8
2	2 6	62	7 9
3	2 6	63	7 10
4	2 6	64	7 11
5	2 6	65	8 0
6	2 6	66	8 1
7	2 6	67	8 2
8	2 6	68	8 3
9	2 6	69	8 4
10	2 6	70	8 5
11	2 6	71	8 6
12	2 6	72	8 6
13	2 8	73	8 7
14	2 10	74	8 7
15	3 0	75	8 8
16	3 2	76	8 8
17	3 3	77	8 9
18	3 5	78	8 9
19	3 6	79	8 10
20	3 8	80	8 10
21	3 10	81	8 11
22	3 11	82	8 11
23	4 1	83	9 0
24	4 2	84	9 0
25	4 4	85	9 1
26	4 6	86	9 1
27	4 7	87	9 2
28	4 9	88	9 2
29	4 10	89	9 3
30	5 0	90	9 3
31	5 2	91	9 4
32	5 3	92	9 4
33	5 4	93	9 5
34	5 5	94	9 5
35	5 6	95	9 6
36	5 7	96	9 6
37	5 8	97	9 7
38	5 9	98	9 7
39	5 10	99	9 8
40	5 11	100	9 8
41	6 0	101	9 9
42	6 1	102	9 9
43	6 2	103	9 10
44	6 3	104	9 10
45	6 4	105	9 11
46	6 5	106	9 11
47	6 6	107	10 0
48	6 7	108	10 0
49	6 8	109	10 1
50	6 9	110	10 1
51	6 10	111	10 2
52	6 11	112	10 2
53	7 0	113	10 3
54	7 1	114	10 3
55	7 2	115	10 4
56	7 3	116	10 4
57	7 4	117	10 5
58	7 5	118	10 5
59	7 6	119	10 6
60	7 7	120	10 6

Distance.	Class E, per Ton.	Distance.	Class E, per Ton.
Miles.	s. d.	Miles.	s. d.
121	10 7	205	14 1
122	10 7	210	14 3
123	10 8	215	14 6
124	10 8	220	14 8
125	10 9	225	14 11
126	10 9	230	15 1
127	10 10	235	15 4
128	10 10	240	15 6
129	10 11	245	15 8
130	10 11	250	15 11
131	11 0	255	16 1
132	11 0	260	16 4
133	11 1	265	16 6
134	11 1	270	16 9
135	11 2	275	16 11
136	11 2	280	17 2
137	11 3	285	17 4
138	11 3	290	17 7
139	11 4	295	17 9
140	11 4	300	18 0
141	11 5	305	18 2
142	11 5	310	18 5
143	11 6	315	18 7
144	11 6	320	18 10
145	11 7	325	19 0
146	11 7	330	19 3
147	11 8	335	19 5
148	11 8	340	19 8
149	11 9	345	19 11
150	11 9	350	20 1
155	12 0	355	20 4
160	12 2	360	20 6
165	12 5	365	20 9
170	12 7	370	20 11
175	12 10	375	21 2
180	13 0	380	21 4
185	13 3	385	21 7
190	13 5	390	21 9
195	13 8	395	22 0
200	13 10	400	22 2

For each additional five miles or fraction thereof beyond 400, 2½d. per ton will be added E

REGULATIONS.

Cancel—
 (5.) CLASS F.—HAY, TURNIPS, FIREWOOD, ETC.
 The Railway Department may require all loading and unloading to be done by the owner. For each loading or unloading done by the department the charge will be, per four-wheel truck, 5s. When loading by consignors is done negligently, and so as to entail reloading on the road, £1 per truck may be charged for reloading. When cramage is charged for or provided, half-rates only will be charged for each loading or unloading done by the department.
 Broken glass, lime gas refuse, lime (native produce), limestone, street, stable, and farmyard manures, scrap-iron, old iron rails for scrap, green flax, tussock-grass, will be charged as Class Q if cheaper than Class F. The minimum quantity of such goods to be charged as Class Q will be 4 tons; any less quantity will be charged as such minimum, or as Class E (actual weight), single rate. Beet, carrots, mangolds, pumpkins, turnips, firewood, mining props, split house-blocks, posts and rails, in quantities under a truck-load, will be charged as a truck, or as Class E. Other goods of Class F under a truck-load will be charged as a truck, or as Class E, rate and a half.
 A four-wheel-truck load must not exceed 6 tons in weight.
 Except where otherwise specified, not more than 140 bags of chaff shall be loaded on any four-wheel truck. Hydraulic pressed chaff in bales or bundles may be loaded up to 6 tons per four-wheel truck, provided the gauge limit is not exceeded.
 The load of a double-bogie truck, containing firewood, mining props, split house-blocks, posts and rails, lime gas refuse, lime (native produce), limestone, street, stable, and farmyard manures, scrap-iron, old iron rails for scrap, broken glass, must not exceed 16 tons in weight;

and the load of a double-bogie truck containing other goods of Class F must not exceed 12 tons in weight.

Any truck loaded with more than the quantities specified will be charged rate and a quarter.

Double-bogie trucks containing firewood, mining props, split house-blocks, posts and rails, lime gas refuse, lime (native produce), limestone, street, stable, and farmyard manures, scrap-iron, old iron rails for scrap, broken glass, will be charged two and two-third ($2\frac{2}{3}$) times the classified or local rates; double-bogie trucks containing other goods of Class F will be charged double the classified or local rates, and the loading charges in each case will be made on the same basis.

Loose hay, loose straw, loose flax-straw, loose flax-tow, and loose dressed flax will not be accepted for carriage.

(10.) CLASS P.—NATIVE COAL (ANTHRACITE OR BITUMINOUS), ETC.

Minimum quantity, 4 tons, except otherwise specified below. Any less quantity will be charged as such minimum, or at the classified rates for Class E (rate and a half).

The minimum quantity of native bark to be charged Class P rate will be 5 tons per truck. Any less quantity will be charged as such minimum, or at the classified rates for Class E (rate and a half).

The minimum quantity of bonedust, guano, manure-salt, rock-salt, salt for agricultural or pastoral purposes, soot, and manure other than street, stable, and farmyard will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons; any less quantity will be charged as such minimum or as Class E (actual weight), single rate. In no case, however, are the charges at Class P rate on the goods specified (including labour and covering) to exceed the total charges under Class E (actual weight), single rate.

The Railway Department may require loading or unloading to be done by the owner. For each loading or unloading done by the Railway Department 1s. per ton will be charged. When cramage is charged for or provided, 6d. per ton only will be charged for each loading or unloading done by the department.

(11.) CLASS Q.—ROAD MATERIALS, BROWN COALS, ETC.

Minimum quantity, 4 tons per four-wheel truck and 15 tons per double-bogie truck. Any less quantities will be charged as such minimum, or at the classified rates for Class E (rate and a half), except in the case of bones, which will be charged as such minimum, or as Class P. The minimum quantity of bones to be charged at Class P rates will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons; any less quantity will be charged as such minimum or as Class E (actual weight), single rate. In no case, however, are the charges on bones at Class P rate (including labour and covering) to exceed the total charges under Class E (actual weight), single rate.

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Insert—

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A four-wheel-truck load must not exceed 6 tons in weight.

Except where otherwise specified, not more than 140 bags of chaff shall be loaded on any four-wheel truck. Hydraulic pressed chaff in bales or bundles may be loaded up to 6 tons per four-wheel truck, provided the gauge limit is not exceeded.

The load of a double bogie truck containing firewood, mining props, split house-blocks, posts and rails, lime gas refuse, lime (native produce), limestone, street, stable, and farmyard manures, scrap-iron, old iron rails for scrap, broken glass, must not exceed 16 tons in weight; and the load of a double-bogie truck containing other goods of Class F must not exceed 12 tons in weight.

Any truck loaded with more than the quantities specified will be charged rate and a quarter.

Double-bogie trucks containing firewood, mining props, split house-blocks, posts and rails, lime gas refuse, lime (native produce), limestone, street, stable, and farmyard manures, scrap-iron, old iron rails for scrap, broken glass, will be charged two and two-third ($2\frac{2}{3}$) times the classified or local rates; double-bogie trucks containing other goods of Class F will be charged double the classified or local rates, and the loading charges in each case will be made on the same basis.

Loose hay, loose straw, loose flax-straw, loose flax-tow, and loose dressed flax will not be accepted for carriage.

(10.) CLASS P.—NATIVE COAL (ANTHRACITE OR BITUMINOUS), ETC.

Minimum quantity of native bark, 5 tons per truck; other goods, 4 tons. Any less quantity will be charged as such minimum, or at the classified rates for Class E (rate and a half).

The Railway Department may require loading or unloading to be done by the owner. For each loading or unloading done by the Railway Department 1s. per ton will be charged. When cramage is charged for or provided, 6d. per ton only will be charged for each loading or unloading done by the department.

(11.) CLASS Q.—ROAD MATERIALS, BROWN COALS, ETC.

Minimum quantity, 4 tons per four-wheel truck and 15 tons per double-bogie truck. Any less quantities will be charged as such minimum, or at the classified rates for Class E (rate and a half), except in the case of bones, which will be charged as such minimum, or as Class E.

The Railway Department may require loading or unloading to be done by the owners. For each loading or unloading done by the Railway Department 1s. per ton will be charged. When cramage is charged for or provided, 6d. per ton only will be charged for each loading or unloading done by the department.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

NAPIER—TARANAKI SECTION AND WELLINGTON SECTION.

Cancel—

Goods of Class P (except bonedust, native coal—anthracite and bituminous—guano, manure-salt, rock-salt, salt for agricultural or pastoral purposes, soot, and manure other than street, stable, or farmyard) will be charged as Class N except otherwise specified.

Insert—

Goods of Class P (except native coal, anthracite and bituminous), will be charged as Class N except otherwise specified.

HOKITIKA—BRUNNERTON SECTION.

Cancel—

Wood-ashes for manufacture of caustic potash consigned to Kaiata will be charged Class Q. Minimum quantity, 4 tons per four-wheel truck; otherwise, Class P rates. The minimum quantity to be charged Class P will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons; any less quantity will be charged Class E (actual weight), single rate.

Insert—

Wood-ashes for manufacture of caustic potash consigned to Kaiata will be charged Class Q. Minimum, 4 tons per four-wheel truck; any less quantity will be charged Class E.

Cancel—

Cheese.

The maximum rate for cheese in 4-ton lots, consigned from factories south of Dunedin to Bluff, Invercargill, Dunedin, or Port Chalmers, will be 23s. per ton. For cheese in 4-ton lots, consigned from factories north of Oamaru to Oamaru, Timaru, Christchurch, or Lyttelton, the maximum rate will be 23s. per ton.

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

	Cancel. Class	Insert. Class
Bonedust, packed. Owners' risk	P	E
Butter, packed, in consignments of not less than 10 cwt.	D	E & $\frac{1}{2}$
Cheese, packed, consigned from makers' factories in consignments of not less than 10 cwt.	D	E & $\frac{1}{2}$
Guano, packed. Owners' risk	P	E
Manures other than street, stable, and farmyard. Owners' risk	P	E
Manure-salt	P	E
Rock-salt	P	E
Salt, manure, or for agricultural or pastoral purposes	P	E
Soot in bags, as manure. Owner's risk	P	E

As witness my hand, this twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister for Railways.

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.

Results of Road Board Elections.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th March, 1899.

THE following notices of elections of members of Road Boards have been received at this office, and are

published in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Mount Roskill Road District, County of Eden:
Charles Bagley.

Howick Township Road District, County of Manukau:
George Cooper.

Opaheke North Road District, County of Manukau:
Charles Appleby.
Joseph Flanagan.
Stephen Early Hill.
Peter Roy.
Godwyn D. Smith.

Hunua Road District, County of Manukau:
Alfred Bell.
George Cox.
John Garrett.
James Hill.
George Hirst.

Opaheke Road District, County of Manukau:
John Matheson.
David Ross.
Ernest Wagner.
Thomas Perry.
Michael Shaughnessy.

Tenders for Native Timber, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department (Head Office), Wellington, 27th March, 1899.

THE under-mentioned successful and unsuccessful tender rates for supply of native timber for 1899-1900 for New Zealand Railways are published for general information.

T. RONAYNE,
General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Tenderer.	Matai.	Totara.	White-pine.	Rimu.		Remarks.
				All-heart.	Ordinary Building.	
NAPIER SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, HALF-INCH AND UNDER.						
R. Holt	7/0	12/6	4/0	6/3	4/4	Accepted.
Hawke's Bay Timber Company	7/0	12/0	5/0	6/6	5/0	Declined.
NAPIER SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, OVER HALF-INCH.						
R. Holt	7/3	13/9	4/9	7/3	4/11	Accepted.
Hawke's Bay Timber Company	8/0	14/6	5/0	7/0	5/0	Declined.
NAPIER SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, HALF-INCH AND UNDER.						
R. Holt	9/0	14/9	6/3	8/6	6/4	Accepted.
Hawke's Bay Timber Company	9/0	14/0	7/0	8/6	7/0	Declined.
NAPIER SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, OVER HALF-INCH.						
R. Holt	9/3	15/9	6/9	9/1	6/9	Accepted.
Hawke's Bay Timber Company	10/0	16/6	7/0	9/0	7/0	Declined.
WANGANUI SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, HALF-INCH AND UNDER.						
Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company	8/0	14/6	4/6	10/0	6/0	Accepted.
WANGANUI SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, OVER HALF-INCH.						
Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company	8/0	14/6	4/6	10/0	6/0	Accepted.
WANGANUI SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, HALF-INCH AND UNDER.						
Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company	10/0	16/6	6/6	12/0	8/0	Accepted.
WANGANUI SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, OVER HALF-INCH.						
Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company	10/0	16/6	6/6	12/0	8/0	Accepted.
CHRISTCHURCH SECTION: SAWN TIMBER.						
W. White and Co.	15/0	20/0	9/10	13/6	9/11	Accepted.
Williams, Stephens, and Co.	15/9	21/0	10/0	14/7	10/6	Declined.
John Waller and Son	16/8	21/6	10/9	15/0	11/0	"
R. W. England	16/3	21/6	10/4	14/0	10/6	"
CHRISTCHURCH SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER.						
W. White and Co.	16/0	21/0	14/0	15/0	14/0	Accepted.
Williams, Stephens, and Co.	18/9	23/6	13/0	17/0	15/0	Declined.
John Waller and Son	18/8	24/0	14/6	17/0	14/9	"
R. W. England	18/3	24/0	13/9	17/0	14/6	"
INVERCARGILL SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, FIRST-CLASS.						
Massey and Co. .. .. .	..	14/0	6/0	6/6	..	Accepted.
INVERCARGILL SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, SECOND-CLASS.						
Massey and Co. .. .. .	..	19/0	4/9	..	4/9	Accepted.
INVERCARGILL SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, FIRST-CLASS.						
Massey and Co. .. .. .	..	15/9	7/9	9/6	..	Accepted.

Tenders for Forage, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department (Head Office), Wellington, 27th March, 1899.
THE under-mentioned successful and unsuccessful tender rates for supply of forage for 1899-1900 for New Zealand Railways are published for general information.

T. RONAYNE,
 General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Beans, crushed, old.	Bran.	Carrots.	Chaff, Oat, unthreshed.	Hay, Meadow.	Oats.		Straw.	Straw, Pressed.	Green Feed, Rye and Oats.
					Crushed.	Whole, old.			
J. J. CRAIG, AUCKLAND SECTION, ACCEPTED.									
3/6 bushel	0/9 bushel	30/0 ton	75/0 ton	60/0 ton	2/4 bushel	2/1 bushel	45/0 ton	52/6 ton	0/4 bundle.
W. AND G. WINSTONE, AUCKLAND SECTION, DECLINED.									
4/2 bushel	0/10 bushel	35/0 ton	70/0 ton	80/0 ton	2/2 bushel	2/1 bushel	50/0 ton	70/0 ton	..
THOMAS WREAKS, CHRISTCHURCH SECTION, ACCEPTED.									
2/9 bushel	0/8 bushel	12/6 ton	50/0 ton	55/0 ton	1/10 bushel	1/9 bushel	30/0 ton	30/0 ton	0/2 bundle.
GEO. TRELEAVEN AND CO., CHRISTCHURCH SECTION, DECLINED.									
2/9 bushel	0/8 bushel	17/6 ton	52/6 ton	65/0 ton	1/10 bushel	1/9 bushel	25/0 ton	35/0 ton	0/3 bundle.

Tenders for Iron Castings, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department (Head Office), Wellington, 27th March, 1899.
THE under-mentioned successful and unsuccessful tender rates for supply of iron castings for 1899-1900 for the New Zealand Railways are published for general information.
 T. RONAYNE,
 General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Tenderer.	Castings up to 100 lb. Weight.	Castings over 100 lb. Weight.	Special Castings.	Remarks.
FOR WELLINGTON SUPPLY.				
Smith Bros...	14/0 cwt.	14/0 cwt.	..	Accepted.
FOR CHRISTCHURCH SUPPLY.				
Jno. Anderson	13/6 cwt.	13/0 cwt.	16/0 cwt.	Declined.
FOR DUNEDIN SUPPLY.				
A. and T. Burt	12/0 cwt.	10/0 cwt.	14/0 cwt.	Declined.
FOR WHOLE SUPPLY, HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.				
A. and T. Burt	12/0 cwt.	10/0 cwt.	14/0 cwt.	Accepted.

Notice to Justices of the Peace.

Department of Justice, Wellington, 28th February, 1899.
IT is hereby notified that a copy of "The New Zealand Justice of the Peace," by W. R. Haselden, will be supplied free of cost to any Justice of the Peace who may make application for the same.
 Applications should be addressed to the undersigned.
 F. WALDEGRAVE,
 Under-Secretary.

Officiating Ministers for 1899.—Notice No. 11.

Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 25th March, 1899.
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:—

Hebrew Congregation.
 The Reverend Adolf Treitel Chodowski.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
 Registrar-General.

Sale of Unclaimed Property.

Police Department (Commissioner's Office), Wellington, 25th March, 1899.
THE unclaimed property described hereunder, and now in possession of the police, will, unless previously claimed, be sold by public auction, at Nuhaka, Hawke's Bay, on Wednesday, the 19th April, at noon, in accordance with the police regulations:—
 Two camp-ovens, a lamp, tweed coat and vest, three axes, three blankets, two spades, a calico tent and fly, bridle, 75 lb. flour, and sundries.
 J. B. TUNBRIDGE,
 Commissioner of Police.
 (99/426.)

Crown Lands Notices.

Pastoral Runs in the Southland Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, 11th March, 1899.
NOTICE is hereby given that a lease of the under-mentioned pastoral runs will be submitted to public auction at this office on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Pastoral Land under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

County.	Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
Southland	398 and 447 (grouped)	Nokomai, Kingston, and Rockyside..	Acres. 26,260	£ s. d. 27 7 2	7 years.

Possession will be given on the day of sale.
 The purchaser must deposit the statutory declaration required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent and license-fee on the fall of the hammer.
 Valuation for improvements must be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill.

D. BARRON,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands,

Sections in Township of Pipiriki for Lease by Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 28th February, 1899.

THE under-mentioned sections in the Township of Pipiriki will be offered for lease by public tender, for a term of twenty-one years, with right of renewal for a further term of twenty-one years, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1899. Sections not applied for on the 26th April, 1899, will be open thereafter at the upset ground-rentals noted below.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.
Township of Pipiriki.

Section.	Block.	Area.			Minimum Upset Annual Rental.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
2	I.	2	0	0	1	5	0
3	"	2	1	32	1	5	0
1	II.	0	3	16	1	0	0
2	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
3	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
4	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
5	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
6	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
2	III.	0	2	3	1	10	0
3	"	0	2	26	1	10	0
4	"	0	2	17	1	10	0
12	"	1	0	31	1	0	0
4	IV.	5	1	12	1	0	0
5	"	5	1	2	1	0	0
7	"	5	2	0	1	0	0
8	"	7	3	23	1	12	0
9	"	1	2	0	1	5	0
11	"	12	0	38	2	14	0
12	"	14	0	0	3	3	0
13	"	19	3	38	3	0	0
14	"	30	1	18	3	0	0
16	"	23	3	23	2	8	0
18	"	8	3	30	1	16	0
20	"	20	1	29	4	0	0
21	"	14	3	14	3	0	0
1	V.	0	2	26	2	0	0
12	"	0	1	0	2	0	0
3	VI.	0	1	0	1	15	0
5	"	0	1	0	1	15	0
6	"	0	1	0	1	15	0
7	"	0	1	16	1	15	0
8	"	0	1	5	1	10	0
9	"	0	2	9	1	5	0
10	"	0	1	15	1	10	0
11	"	0	1	8	1	10	0
12	"	0	1	14	1	10	0
13	"	0	2	3	1	15	0
14	"	0	3	10	2	0	0
1	VII.	0	3	13	1	10	0
1	VIII.	0	1	5	2	0	0
5	"	0	1	0	1	10	0
6	"	0	1	0	1	10	0
10	"	0	1	33	1	0	0
11	"	0	1	15	1	5	0
12	"	0	1	22	1	5	0
4	IX.	0	1	0	1	15	0
5	"	0	1	0	1	15	0
8	"	0	2	11	2	0	0
9	"	0	3	0	2	0	0
12	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
13	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
14	"	1	0	0	1	0	0
15	"	0	3	0	1	0	0
1	X.	0	1	39	1	15	0
2	"	0	1	22	1	10	0
3	"	0	2	0	1	10	0
4	"	0	2	0	1	5	0
5	"	0	3	0	1	10	0
9	"	0	1	35	1	5	0

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

Leases of Small Grazing-runs, Otago, open for Application.

Crown Lands Office,
Dunedin, 28th February, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that leases of the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for application, at this office, on Wednesday, the 19th April, 1899, at the rental noted opposite each run.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.		Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
			A.	R. P.	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Tiger Hill..	..	Run 244	1,786	0 32	0	2	7	8 10
"	..	" 244c	1,701	1 20	0	2	7	1 9
"	..	" 244g	1,522	0 0	0	2	6	6 10
"	..	" 244L	1,357	0 0	0	2	5	13 1

These runs consist of broken agricultural and pastoral country, situated at from one to five miles from Ophir Township. Valuation for improvements: Run 244, £456 10s. 6d.; Run 244c, £110; Run 244g, £368 2s. 9d.; Run 244L, £85 5s.

Tiger Hill..	29	II.	567	1 35	0	2	2	7 3
Lauder ..	16	IV.						

Broken agricultural and pastoral country, situated one mile from Ophir. Valuation for improvements, £85 10s.

Lauder ..	5	VI.	1,298	1 23	0	6	16	4 6
"	6	"	1,281	3 20	0	5	13	7 1

Open undulating agricultural and pastoral country, well watered, situated about five miles from Ophir Township. Valuation for improvements: On Section 5, £492 19s.; on Section 6, £339 7s. 6d. In addition to these improvements, each section contains an area of turnips, which will be valued fourteen days before sale.

Blackstone	{ Run 225P		1,115	0 0	0	5	11	12 4
"	" 225G							

Open country, somewhat high and broken; well watered; situated about three miles from Wedderburn Post-office. Valuation for improvements, £234 4s. 6d.

Gimmerburn	..	Run 225s	433	2 0	0	5	4	10 5
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Open undulating agricultural and pastoral land, situated about five miles from Wedderburn. Valuation for improvements, £198 7s.

Strath Taieri	1	XI.	3,889	1 4	0	6	48	12 3
"	13	X.	948	1 15	0	6	11	17 0

Open undulating agricultural and pastoral land; well watered; situated from four to six miles from Middlemarch. Valuation for improvements: On Section 1, Block XI., £240 10s.; on Section 13, Block X., £391 15s.

Hummock	1	IX.	4,167	0 0	0	4	34	14 6
"	2	VII.						
Nenthorn ..	14	IV.	4,784	0 0	0	6	59	16 0
"	4	VI.						
"	3	VII.						
"	5	VIII.						

Open, but somewhat broken agricultural and pastoral country; well watered; about ten miles from Middlemarch. Valuation for improvements: On Section 1, Block IX., £652 6s. 6d.; on Section 4, Block VI., £394 2s. 9d.

Dunback ..	9	VI.	1,139	0 0	0	5	11	17 4
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Open undulating agricultural and pastoral country; well watered; situated about twelve miles from Dunback Railway-station. Valuation for improvements, £205 8s.

Rock & Pillar	..	Run 205B	3,960	0 0	0	5 1/2	45	7 6
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Open high agricultural and pastoral land; well watered; and situated about one mile from Hyde Township. Valuation for improvements, £494 14s. 6d.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Wellington Land District open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 28th February, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection, in terms of section 159 of "The Land Act, 1892," on lease in perpetuity, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1899.

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

Sections not applied for on the 26th April, 1899, will be open for application thereafter at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—KAITAWA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Wellington Fruitgrowers' Block.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity :	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
FIRST-CLASS LAND.				
<i>Hutt County.</i>				
35, pt. 37	X.	A. R. P. s. d.	173	1 18 | 1 9·6 | 7 16 1
Weighted with £475 for improvements.				
36, pt. 37	X.	165 3 32	1 7·2	6 12 9
Weighted with £316 for improvements.				
<i>Horowhenua County.</i>				
40, 41, 42, 44, 56	X.	309 2 23	2 4·8	18 11 7
Weighted with £1,044 for improvements.				
58	X.	300 0 0	1 4·8	10 10 0
Weighted with £950 for improvements.				
59	X.	300 0 0	1 0	7 10 0
Weighted with £644 for improvements.				
43, 45, 47, 49	X.	100 2 0	2 9·6	7 0 9
Weighted with £582 for improvements.				

Locality and Description of Sections.

These sections are all situated in the Wellington Fruit-growers' Association Block, about four miles from Wai-kanee Railway-station on the Wellington and Manawatu Railway-line, all more or less in a high state of improvement, the total value of which is noted against each section.

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

Town Lands in the Township of Mackenzie, Cheviot, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 24th February, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown lands will be offered for lease by public auction, at the Land Office, Mackenzie, on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1899.

TOWNSHIP OF MACKENZIE.

Section No.	Town Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
3	XII.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
13	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
3	XIII.	0 1 0	0 10 0
19	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
5	XVII.	0 1 5	0 10 0
12	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
3	XVIII.	0 1 0	0 10 0
7	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
10	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
20	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
6	XX.	0 1 0	0 10 0
11	"	0 0 28	0 10 0
12	XXII.	0 1 0	0 10 0
12	XXIV.	0 1 0	0 10 0
20	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
2	XXV.	0 1 0	0 10 0
6	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
8	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
12	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
13	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
17	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
18	"	0 1 0	0 10 0

In the event of any of the sections offered for lease not being disposed of at auction, they will remain open for lease on application, at the upset rental specified above.

Conditions.

1. There are no restrictions or limitations as to the number of blocks or sections which one person may acquire, and no declaration is required. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. No compensation shall be claimed by

the lessees, nor shall any be allowed by the Government on account of improvements effected by the lessee, nor from any other cause; but lessees shall be allowed one month from the date of determination of their leases within which to remove any buildings or fences which they may have erected upon the lands comprised in their leases.

2. Possession will be given on the day of sale.

3. The leases shall be for the term of seven years, but will be subject to termination at any time upon six months' notice, in writing, being given to the lessee by the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the event of the land being required by Government for any purpose.

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

(1.) That the lessee shall prevent the destruction or burning of trees or plantations on or adjacent to the land comprised in the lease; and

(2.) That the lessee shall prevent the growth or spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the lease, and shall with all reasonable speed remove or cause to be removed all gorse, broom, sweetbriar, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

5. The lessee shall have the exclusive right of pasturage over the lands specified in his lease, but shall have no right to the soil, or timber or minerals thereon or therein.

6. One year's rent and the lease-fee of £1 ls. shall be paid in every instance on the fall of the hammer.

7. The lessee shall not cut or trim the live fences now on the land without the consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and he shall stub all gorse, broom, sweetbriar, and other noxious plants.

8. The lessee must properly clean, clear from weeds, and keep open all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses which now are or may be upon the land, and the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall have the power at any time to enter upon and make any drain through the land that he may deem necessary.

9. The lessee shall be liable for all rates, taxes, and assessments during the term.

10. A right to search for and take gravel for making or maintaining roads from any of the lands disposed of is reserved; payment to be made for surface-damage only.

11. The Government reserves the right of ingress and egress to the telegraph-line which passes through some of the lands to be disposed of.

12. Lessees shall fence off all trees and plantations, and shall not permit any trespass therein or damage thereto, and shall be held responsible for their safe custody.

13. In the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the covenants hereinbefore mentioned relating to the stubbing gorse, broom, and sweetbriar, and to the cleaning, clearing from weeds, and keeping open all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to have such work done, and to recover the cost of the same from the lessee.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Southland open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 28th February, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.—WAIU SURVEY DISTRICT.

Merrivale Estate.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity :	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
SECOND-CLASS LAND.				
3	VII.	A. R. P.	d.	£ s. d.
		327 0 0	6·6	4 10 0

Open, flat, dry, shingly, with patches of good land; no permanent water; twenty-two miles from Otautau; altitude, about 200 ft. There is a valuation of £17 4s. for improvements as follows: Fencing (32 chains at 7s.), £11 4s.; ploughing (30 acres at 4s.), £6.

DAVID BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands in Canterbury Land District for Sale under Section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892."

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 4th January, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands will be offered for sale under section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892," on or after Wednesday, the 19th April, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—HALSWELL SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.			Price per Acre.		
		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
36620	II.	1	2	20	20	0	0
36621	"	6	1	15	20	0	0
36622	VI.	3	2	29	20	0	0
36623	"	9	1	20	20	0	0
36624	"	2	2	12	20	0	0
36625	"	4	2	16	20	0	0
36626	"	7	1	3	20	0	0

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Land in Wellington for Sale under Section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892."

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 3rd March, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned Crown land will be offered for sale, under section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892," on or after Wednesday, the 14th June, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.
Aohanga Survey District.

Section.	Block.	Area.		
		A.	R.	P.
15	VI.	2	0	0

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

Rural Land in Southland Land District for Sale by Public Auction for Cash.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 18th February, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned rural lands will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Thursday, the 27th day of April, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—RURAL LAND.

Winton Hundred.

SECTION 49, Block IV.: 1 acre and 22 perches; upset price, £2 5s. 6d.

Section 50, Block IV.: 1 acre 1 rood 20 perches; upset price, £2 15s.

Toetoes District.

Section 37, Block I.: 9 acres 1 rood 24 perches; upset price, £9 10s.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Run, Otago, for Lease by Public Auction.

Crown Lands Office, Dunedin.
15th February, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction at the Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, on Wednesday, the 19th day of April, 1899.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Run 259, Tuapeka County: Area, 30,830 acres; term, twenty-one years; upset annual rental, £100; valuation for improvements, £372.

The above run will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

Possession will be given on day of sale. Purchaser must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 62 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of a half-year's rent, valuation for improvements, and license-fee, at the fall of the hammer.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserve in Taranaki for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 28th February, 1899.

WRITTEN tenders, marked on the outside, will be received at this office, up to noon of Monday, the 22nd day of May, 1899, for the lease of the reserve mentioned in the Schedule hereunder, for the term of years stated, and subject to the following conditions. If no tenders are received on the 22nd May, 1899, it will remain open thereafter for selection.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—SUBURBS OF MANGAMINGI.

Section.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.			Term.
			A.	R.	P.	
27	XII.	Ngaire ..	11	1	16	6 years.

Conditions of Lease.

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

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

3. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may at any time (should the land be required for public purposes) resume possession of the land comprised in the lease by giving twelve months' notice in writing to the lessee of his intention to do so.

4. The lessee shall have no right to compensation either for improvements made upon the land or on account of the aforesaid resumption, nor for any other cause.

5. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in his lease except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.

6. The lessee shall fell and burn the bush, and shall sow the land comprised in his lease with a suitable mixture of English grasses and clovers, consisting of not less than 25 lb. weight of seed to each acre. All seeds to be of best quality; the proportions of mixture as well as the quantity and quality of seeds to be submitted before sowing for the approval of the Crown Lands Ranger.

7. The lessee shall, within two years from the date of his lease, enclose the whole of the lands comprised therein with a good and substantial fence (in terms of the Fencing Act); the style of fence and also the materials to be used in the construction thereof shall, previous to erection, be approved by the Crown Lands Ranger, and such fence shall be maintained and left in good tenable repair at the expiration of the term.

8. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of scrub, gorse, broom, sweetbriar, and other noxious weeds on the land included in the lease. Should any such be found on the land the lessee shall with all reasonable despatch remove the same in such manner as shall be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

9. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within sixty days after the date on which the same ought to have been fulfilled.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in Westland open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Hokitika, 20th March, 1899.

IN accordance with section 197 of "The Land Act, 1892," I hereby give notice that the under-mentioned pastoral runs have been submitted for sale by public auction and not sold, and will be open for application on and after the 28th day of April next.

Run No.	Locality.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.		
			Acres.	£	s. d.
13	Poerua River ..	20,000	10	0	0
118	Koiterangi ..	2,200	2	4	0

Subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," Part VI. All for the term of ten years. Possession to be given on the date of granting of application, after necessary declaration taken.

W. G. MURRAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Huiakama Village, Taranaki, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 24th February, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned suburban lands will be submitted for lease by public auction, at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Friday, the 28th April, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.
Suburbs of Huiakama.

Section.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.	
		£	s. d.
	A. R. P.		
37	4 0 24	1	0 9
48	1 1 20	0	6 11
49	4 2 20	1	3 2

Term: Seven years.
Newly felled and grassed land. Liable to flood in bend of stream at Section 37. Good soil.

Terms and Conditions of Lease.

1. A deposit of a half-year's rent and lease-fee of £1 1s. to be made on the fall of the hammer.
2. Possession will be given on day of sale.
3. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may at any time enter upon the lands comprised in the lease, and execute any works for the diversion of the Mangaotuku Stream, and may at any time resume possession of the said lands by giving twelve months' notice to the lessee of his intention so to do.
4. The lessee shall have no right to compensation either for any improvements that may be placed on the land, or on account of the aforesaid resumption, nor for any other cause.
5. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of his lease, except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
6. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the lands comprised in his lease; and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove, or cause to be removed, all gorse, broom, sweetbriar, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
7. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within sixty days after the date on which the same ought to be fulfilled.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Poerua Estate, Westland, for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Hokitika, 11th March, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Tuesday, the 16th May, 1899, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.—GREY COUNTY.—POERUA ESTATE.
First-class Land.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
			A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Te Kinga	8	X.	228 3 0	2 6	14 6 0
"	14	X.	157 0 0	1 10½	7 7 2

Section 8 contains 70 acres bad swamp, remainder first-class land; deep soil, covered with ribbonwood, scrub, and fern. One mile from Bell Hill Road, and two miles and a quarter by a road and Crooked River bed from school-site and dairy-factory reserve.

Section 14 contains one-quarter open pakihī, a little wet; remainder scrub and bush land, covered with scrub and scattered trees; large portion affected by Slaty Creek and overflow. About a quarter of a mile from dairy-factory reserve and school-site.

W. G. MURRAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village and Rural Lands, Taranaki, for Sale by Public Auction for Cash.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 24th February, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned sections will be submitted to public auction for sale for cash at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1899, at noon:—

VILLAGE OF PUNEHU.—BLOCK XI., OPUNAKE SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section 34: Area, 2 roods; upset price, £5. All flat; well watered; fair soil. The whole is cleared and in grass.

MIMI SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section 3, Block XI.: Area, 14 acres; upset price, £42. Situate about 10½ miles from Urenui, with frontage to main road from New Plymouth to Mokau.

Town and Suburban Lands for Lease by Public Auction.

THE under-mentioned sections in the Town and Suburbs of Opunake will be offered for lease by public auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1899, at noon. Should any of the sections not be bid for at the said auction they will be open for application at the upset rentals and for the terms stated.

TOWN OF OPUNAKE.

Section.	Block.	Area.		Upset Annual Rental.		Term.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.			
1, 2, 3	XVI.	0 3 2	0 15 3			14 years.
1, 2, 3, 4	XXVIII.	1 0 0	1 0 0			"

SUBURBS OF OPUNAKE.

Block IX., Opunake Survey District.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
31	IX.	6 0 0	3 12 0	14 years.
46	"	5 3 0	3 9 0	"
47	"	7 2 0	4 10 0	"
48	"	9 2 0	5 14 0	"
49	"	5 2 0	3 6 0	"

These sections lie to the east of the Town of Opunake, and adjacent to the Main South Road, which passes through the town. The soil is light, and generally of a stony and sandy character. A narrow swamp, which could easily be drained, runs through Sections 48 and 49.

Terms of Lease.

1. A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 1s. lease-fee to be made on the fall of the hammer.
2. There are no restrictions or limitations as to the number of sections which one person may lease, and no declaration is required.
3. Possession will be given on the day of sale.
4. The leases shall be for the term of years as specified above, but shall be subject to termination by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by the Government.
5. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance.
6. Each lessee will be required to clear, within the first year from the date of the lease, all gorse, bramble, broom, sweetbriar, and other noxious weeds now growing on the lands comprised in his lease, and, further, shall use all reasonable means to prevent the spread of such noxious weeds.
7. No compensation shall be claimed by the lessees, nor shall any be allowed by the Government, on account of any improvements effected by the lessees, nor for any other cause.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, 24th February, 1899.

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 12th day of April, 1899.

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

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Second-class Surveyed 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.
Mackenzie	Opawa	36059	I.	A. R. P. £ s. d. 1,600 0 0	£ s. d. 1,500 0 0	s. d. 0 11½	£ s. d. 37 10 0	s. d. 0 9	£ s. d. 30 0 0	

This section is situated on the east side of Exe Creek, between the Tengawai and Opawa Rivers, at a distance of about nine miles westward from Albury Railway-station, and comprises open hilly country of pastoral character, ranging up to an elevation of about 2,800 ft. above sea-level. The section is weighted with a valuation of £632 for improvements, consisting of dwellinghouse, outbuildings, sheep-yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of FEBRUARY, 1899, 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	96	39	8	7	150	21	17	4	10	52
Queensland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria	198	130	16	18	362	211	176	17	9	413
New South Wales	547	262	44	45	898	624	356	49	53	1,082
Western Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	57	42	7	2	108	85	44	9	5	143
Fiji	11	3	3	..	17	5	8	2	..	15
Other British possessions	21	8	5	6	40*	11	5	1	2	19†
Pacific Islands	21	2	5	5	33‡	5	..	..	..	5§
Other foreign ports	18	3	6	..	27||	16	7	1	..	24¶
Totals, February, 1899	969	489	94	83	1,635	978	613	83	79	1,753
Totals, February, 1898	922	490	79	67	1,558	1,142	544	90	80	1,856

From Cook Islands, 14; Vancouver, 26. † For Cook Islands, 10; Vancouver, 9. ‡ From Friendly 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	512	74	407	179	586	570	68	392	246	638
Wellington	518	60	377	201	578	476	42	330	188	518
Lyttelton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	27	12	16	23	39
Timaru .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Dunedin	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill	427	43	278	192	470	516	40	322	234	556
Totals, February, 1899	1,458	177	1,063	572	1,635	1,591	162	1,061	692	1,753
Totals, February, 1898	1,412	146	1,001	557	1,558	1,686	170	1,232	624	1,856

CHINESE.—Arrivals: 2 at Wellington. Departures: 1 from Wellington.

* 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, 27th March, 1899.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

Vital Statistics, February, 1899.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Four Chief Towns of New Zealand for the month of February, 1899:—

RETURNS 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 February, 1899.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1899.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1899.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1899.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1898.
				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	*35,670	76	5	5	13	3	2	13	41	1.15	14.22		
Birkenhead		749	2	2	..	..	..	1	3	4.01	6.68	
Devonport		3,320	9	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	0.60	11.34
Newmarket		2,106	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	0.95	9.65
Newton		3,049	6	1	..	2	..	1	..	4	1.31	11.37		
Parnell		4,327	12	1	..	1	1	1	2	6	1.39	9.80		
Other suburbs .. ..		†	†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	49,221	111	10	7	16	4	4	17	58	1.18	13.13		
Wellington	41,758	42,512	114	3	2	14	5	..	8	32	0.75	12.51		
Karori		1,050	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.95	6.70	
Melrose		2,295	10	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.44	7.98	
Onslow		1,350	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.01
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	47,207	127	4	2	14	5	..	9	34	0.72	11.97		
Christchurch	51,330	18,085	31	12	2	6	8	1	5	34	1.88	10.87		
Linwood		6,553	17	4	..	..	..	..	2	6	0.92	12.25
St. Albans		6,500	16	1	..	..	3	..	2	6	0.92	8.93
Sydenham		10,987	25	6	..	3	6	2	..	17	1.55	9.99		
Woolston		2,274	5	2	1	..	..	..	2	5	2.20	11.99
Other suburbs .. ..		†	†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	44,399	94	25	3	9	17	3	11	68	1.53	10.63		
Dunedin	47,280	23,500	31	1	..	12	4	..	5	22	0.94	12.73		
Caversham		4,830	7	1	..	2	2	..	..	5	1.04	20.71
Maori Hill		1,608	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.34
Morningson		3,825	9	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	0.52	8.15
North-east Valley		3,575	6	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	0.84	8.74
Roslyn		4,329	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.23	7.49
St. Kilda		1,359	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.74	10.55
South Dunedin		5,066	15	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	0.79	8.95
West Harbour		1,400	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.58
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	49,492	80	2	..	16	7	1	12	38	0.77	11.65		

* Subject to revision; no data for calculation supplied. † 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 412, against 368 in January—an increase of 44. The deaths in February were 198—a decrease of 4 on the number in January. Of the total deaths, males contributed 108, females 90. Ninety-four of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 47.47 per cent. of the whole number; 74 of these were under 1 year of age.

There were 33 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Four men, 65, 66, 69, 75, and four women, 67 (two), 71, 79, died at Auckland; four men, 70, 73, 78, 81, and two women, 65, 70, at Wellington; four men, 65, 68, 77, 80, and four women, 77, 79, 83 (two), at Christchurch; and nine men, 70, 72, 74 (two), 75, 79, 80, 90, 95, and two women, 74, 79, 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 in each Class, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the Month of February, 1899.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	15	2	..	2	26	4	3	3	55	27.78
II.	Parasitic Diseases ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1.01
III.	Dietetic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	5	2.52
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	2	11	..	5	4	5	1	5	33	16.67
V.	Developmental Diseases	2	2	3	1	4	4	1	2	19	9.60
VI.	Local Diseases ..	5	15	4	14	7	5	1	17	68	34.34
VII.	Violence ..	..	2	..	1	2	2	..	..	7	3.53
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	1	..	4	..	2	..	2	..	9	4.55
	Totals ..	25	33	11	23	48	20	10	28	198	100.00

CAUSES OF DEATH.	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.	
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic,—</i>									
Measles	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
Influenza	1	1	..	..	..	2
Whooping-cough	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Diphtheria	1	2	..	..	3
Typhoid Fever	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrhoeal,—</i>									
Cholera Infantum	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Diarrhoea	8	..	..	..	22	..	3	..	33
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Veneral,—</i>									
Syphilis	1	1
Stricture of Urethra	1	..	..	1
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic,—</i>									
Septicæmia	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
Puerperal Septicæmia	1	1
CLASS II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.									
Hydatids	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
CLASS III.—DIETETIC DISEASES.									
Want of Breast-milk	3	..	..	..	3
Malnutrition	2	..	2
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Cancer	4	..	2	..	3	..	2	11
Tabes Mesenterica	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	4
Tubercular Meningitis	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Phthisis	5	..	3	..	2	1	3	14
Hæmophilia	1	..	..	..	1
Diabetes	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth	2	..	3	..	4	..	1	..	10
Old Age	2	..	1	..	4	..	2	9
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>									
Meningitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Apoplexy	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	5
Softening of the Brain	1	1
Hemiplegia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paralysis	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	4
Epilepsy	1	1
Convulsions	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cerebral Congestion	1	..	..	1
Hydrocephalus	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>									
Heart-disease	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	8
Angina Pectoris	2	2
Syncope	1	..	..	..	1	2
Aneurism	1	..	..	1
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>									
Bronchitis	1	2	3
Pneumonia	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	6
Empyema	1	..	..	1
Congestion of Lungs	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of the Digestive System,—</i>									
Dentition	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Enteritis	1	1	1	..	4	1	..	..	8
Ulcerated Bowel	1	1
Hernia	1	1
Peritonitis	1	1
Liver-disease	1	..	..	..	..	1

CAUSES OF DEATH— <i>continued.</i>	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.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—<i>continued.</i>									
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands,—</i>									
Lymphadenoma	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cretinism	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Bright's Disease	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3
Cystitis	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cystic Disease of Kidneys	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kidney-disease	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 9:—									
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion,—</i>									
Psoas Abscess	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 10:—									
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System,—</i>									
Carbuncle	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cellulitis	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
Fracture of Skull (struck by a rope)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Run over by Wagon	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ptomaine Poison (tinned fish)	1	..	..	1
Asphyxia	1	..	..	..	1
Suffocated by Carbolic-acid Fumes	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Protracted Labour	1	..	..	..	1
Shock after Operation	1	..	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Marasmus, &c.	1	..	4	..	2	..	2	..	9
Totals	25	38	11	23	48	20	10	28	198

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 Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, but raises it at Auckland. The rates for February are,—

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	1.15
" and five suburban boroughs	1.18
Wellington City	0.75
" and three suburban boroughs	0.72
Christchurch City	1.88
" and four suburban boroughs	1.53
Dunedin City	0.94
" and eight suburban boroughs	0.77

Including the suburbs, the rate at Christchurch is the highest, and at Wellington the lowest. Compared with February, 1898, the results are,—

	February, 1898.	February, 1899.
Auckland and suburbs	1.23	1.18
Wellington and suburbs	0.76	0.72
Christchurch and suburbs	0.80	1.53
Dunedin and suburbs	0.68	0.77

Specific Febrile and Zymotic Diseases.—The deaths in this class at the four cities and suburbs increased from 40 in January to 55 in February. Again it is remarked that the increase is nearly all found to have been at Christchurch, where the mortality from zymotic diseases amounted to 30 deaths in February against 20 in January, and 1 in December of last year. Of the 30 deaths last month at Christchurch 23 were caused by diarrhoeal diseases, which also caused 9 deaths at Auckland and 3 at Dunedin, making 35 deaths altogether from diarrhoea and cholera infantum at the four centres.

Besides 23 deaths from diarrhoea, Christchurch had also 1 death from measles, 1 from influenza, and 3 from diphtheria. Auckland shows, along with 9 deaths from diarrhoea, 4 from measles and 3 from whooping-cough. At Wellington there was only 1 death from influenza and 1 from typhoid fever in February. Dunedin had 3 deaths from diarrhoeal complaints, as previously stated.

Constitutional Diseases.—The mortality at the four towns was low in February (33 deaths) as compared with January (54). Cancer caused 11 deaths; pulmonary consumption, 14.

Local Diseases.—Of 68 deaths, 16 were from diseases of the nervous system, 13 of the circulatory, 13 of the respiratory, 15 of the digestive, 2 of the lymphatic, 6 of the urinary, 1 of the locomotive, and 2 of the integumentary systems.

Violent Deaths.—These numbered 7, all accidental; no suicides. A draper's assistant was struck by a rope on the wharf at Wellington, and killed; a farmer was killed by the wheel of a wagon passing over him, at Auckland; a boot-maker was poisoned by eating tinned fish, and an infant asphyxiated, at Christchurch; a plumber was killed by carbolic acid fumes at Auckland; an infant died at birth, and a female from shock after operation, at Christchurch.

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.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	3	4	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2
Wellington and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	3	1	..	..	1	..	1	3	..	..	15	23	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	3	..	..	3	1	..	..
Totals	8	5	..	..	5	1	1	3	2	3	24	35	3	3	..	..	4	6	2	3

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 February, 1899.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1899.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1899.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1899.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1898.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1899.			
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Thames	5,000	10	1	1	2	..	..	2	6	1.20	11.62
New Plymouth	4,176	12	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	0.48	12.11
Napier	9,399	21	3	1	3	2	..	2	16	1.70	11.50		
Wanganui	6,362	22	3	1	..	..	..	2	6	0.94	7.22
Palmerston North	6,200	16	..	..	2	2	..	..	4	0.65	10.53
Blenheim	2,900	8	..	1	1	2	1	..	5	1.72	11.24		
Nelson	7,064	18	1	1	2	2	..	2	8	1.13	14.99		
Greymouth	3,345	6	..	1	..	..	1	2	4	1.20	10.20
Hokitika	2,494	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	0.80	13.91
Lyttelton	4,053	15	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.25	8.39
Timaru	3,755	8	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	1.07	10.69
Oamaru	5,372	10	..	1	4	1	..	1	7	1.30	8.99		
Invercargill	5,591*	17	..	..	..	1	..	4	5	0.89	9.57

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 27th March, 1899.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR FEBRUARY, 1899.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINGOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month* Average same month previous years* ...	66.7 67.6	60.3 62.5	59.5 61.0	55.7 57.4
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	84.5 on 17th	73.0 on 16th	90.8 on 14th	79.0 on 14th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	50.0 on 9th	44.0 on 10th	40.0 on 25th	40.0 on 8th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	141.0 on 17th	135.0 on 4th	..	132.0 on 14th
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	43.0 on 9th	36.0 on 9th	33.0 on 26th	36.0 on 8th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	67	68	76	75
Average same month previous years ...	72	71	72	71
Total Rainfall, in inches	1.860	8.423	2.110	3.218
Average same month previous years ...	3.514	3.542	..	2.660
Number of Days of Rain	7	9	11	9
Average same month previous years ...	11	9	7	12

* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 18th March, 1899.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of the Native Land Court which was notified to be held at Mercer, Waikato, on the 6th day of April, 1899, has been adjourned to the 27th day of April, 1899.
[Auckland, 99-28.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

"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 Gisborne on the 17th day of April, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.
[Gisborne, 99-12.]

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 20th March, 1899.

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
243	Mortgage	25th February, 1899 ..	Koutu No. 7 ..	Rawinia Ahuroa to W. Devery.
244	Transfer	28th December, 1898 ..	Kaiti No. 332 ..	Wiremu Potae to Mereana Waipawa.
245	Transfer	11th March, 1899 ..	Kaiti No. 20 ..	Areta Apatu, Rawinia Apatu, Terina Whaanga, and Maata te Kani, to R. N. Jones.
246	Transfer	13th March, 1899 ..	Kaiti Nos. 132 and 156 ..	Areta Apatu to Rawinia Apatu, Terina Whaanga, and Maata te Kani.
247	Transfer	14th March, 1899 ..	Mangatu No. 2D2 ..	Rutene Ahuroa and Rawinia Ahuroa to I. J. C. Tiffen.
248	Transfer	2nd March, 1899 ..	Puhatikotiko No. 1B, Section 2B ..	Te Ruia Rangaheke to F. Hutchinson, junior.
249	Transfer	11th March, 1899 ..	Ruaotaua No. 7A and Puketapu 62 ..	John Coleman (executor of Mere Hare, otherwise Mary Hardy, deceased) to A. E. Karaitiana.
250	Transfer	27th February, 1899 ..	Rotokautuku No. 5C ..	Taraka te Wheura to E. H. Knox.
251	Mortgage	9th March, 1899 ..	Part of Papatu A No. 1, Section 2 ..	Hare te Mokopuarongo to John Clark.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Judge of the Court for a certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienation hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificate must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice.

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 25th March, 1899.

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

[Gisborne, 99-14.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
317	Transfer	25th March, 1899 ..	Whangara B1 and B2 ..	H. C. Jackson (receiver duly appointed by the Validation Court at Gisborne, for the Native owners) to H. W. Williams.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 6th day of April, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1899.

EDWARD BUCKLE, Deputy Registrar.

[Wellington, 99-20.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION, UNDER SECTION 69 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land through which Right of Way is required.
74	Atanatiu te Puni	Hutt, Section 3, Subdivision 12.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1899.

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

EDWARD BUCKLE, Deputy Registrar.

[Sec. 55, 99-5.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Mortgage (99-45) ..	28th March, 1899 ..	Wellington, part of Section 487, and Waiwhetu No. 27	Hohepine Love and Taniora Love to Horace Danvers Baker and Charles Alexander Baker.
2	Lease (99-48) ..	24th February, 1899 ..	Te Momi West No. 9	Taare Waitara to Marie Antoinette Natrass.
3	Mortgage (99-50) ..	4th March, 1899 ..	Mokau, Block VI., Section 17	Mary Cockburn to William Padden Snell and Harry Trelliving Joll.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 20th March, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Whanganui on the 5th day of May, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

EDWARD BUCKLE,

Deputy Registrar.

[Wellington, 99-17.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
47	Transfer (99-33) ..	25th September, 1897	Part of Whakaware No. 1	Heremaia te Rangiao to John Baldwin.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
63	William Lockwood Hirst	Oruaanga No. 3.
64	William Lockwood Hirst	Oruaanga No. 1.
65	William Lockwood Hirst	Oruaanga No. 2.
66	Pineaha Utiku	Whakamaru No. 3.
67	Rota te Huia Kapa	Te Maire.
68	Hone Potaka	Tauakira No. 2.
69	Reremoana Tohikura and Maremare Reupena	Rapaki.
70	Mereaina Rauangina and Raita Tukia	Rangiwaia No. 4.
71	The Public Trustee, for Ngatoka Ruka and others	Raketapauma No. 1D.
72	Arama Tinirau and others	Ngarakauwhakarara.
73	Ngakura te Aohau	Pukenui No. 2.
74	Ngakara te Aohau	Kaitangata No. 12.
75	Nika Waiata	Raketapauma No. 2.
76	Nika Waiata	Raketapauma No. 5c.
77	Arama Tinirau and Paata Hinguru	Ranana.
78	Ngawai Tutawhiri	Pohonuiatane.
79	Eruera Whakaahu	Matatera No. 2.
80	Weraroa Kingi	Te Ruanui No. 2B.
81	Rena Maikuku	Otamakapua 1s.
82	Ngakaraihi te Rango (by her solicitor, P. E. Baldwin)	Otamakapua 1d.
83	Apora te Pae and Roreta te Honokore	Pipikowhero Mangawhero W No. 2.
84	Roreta te Honokore	Omurihore.
85	Wera Rawinia and Utiku Potaka	Owhaoko D No. 7.
86	Ngamako te Rango	Taraketi 2f.
87	Tarewa Heremaia te Wheoro and Ngaruraro Ngakura	Onstere No. 1.
88	Hiroti Nehemia	Maraetaua No. 3.
88A	Charlie Emanuel Bellringer	Paraita (Hua Reserve, Section 153).

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
308	Hariata Natana	Manawatu-Kukutaauaki No. 3, Section 1A No. 6.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
316	Frederick William Cribb	Taiwiri te Wheteke.
317	Hiroti Haimona	Metiria Hori Karaka.

APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDERS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Block.	Amount.
324	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Waipapa	£ s. d. 30 5 9
325	Anihira Barns	Pohonuiatane 3B and 3D	39 4 0
326	Charles William Reardon	Ruatangata No. 1c1, 2, 3, 4, and D	26 9 0
327	H. C. Field	Ngapukewhakapu	49 3 3
328	John Annabell	Rakautaua No. 1A No. 1, 1A No. 2, 1B No. 2, and 1c.	46 16 0

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE INTERESTS ACQUIRED BY THE CROWN.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
329	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Motukawa 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, and 2F.
330	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Motukawa No. 1.
331	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 1i.
332	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 1E.
333	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 1A.
334	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 2.
335	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 3D.
336	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 3c.
337	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 3B.
338	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 3A.
339	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 4A.
340	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 4.
341	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 5c.
342	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 5B.
343	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Raketapauma No. 5A.
344	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Kahakaha.
345	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Maungakaretu 5B No.
346	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Maraekowhai 2B.
347	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Pukewhakapu No. 3.
348	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Pukewhakapu No. 2.
349	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Pukewhakapu No. 1.
350	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Puketotara No. 2D.
351	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Puketotara No. 2A.
352	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Puketotara No. 2B.
353	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Puketotara No. 2c.
354	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Rangataua North No. 2B.
355	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Rangiwaeha No. 4.
356	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Tauakira No. 2.
357	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Tupapanui.
358	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Taumatamahoe No. 2B.
359	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Te Tuhi No. 1.
360	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Te Tuhi No. 2.
361	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Te Tuhi No. 3.
362	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Te Tuhi No. 4.
363	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Ahuahu F.
364	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Ahuahu C.
365	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Rawhitiroa B No. 1B.
366	John McKenzie, Minister of Lands	Whitianga.

APPLICATION for Assessment of Compensation, if any, to be paid for Land taken for Railway, and to ascertain who are the Persons entitled to receive the Same.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Area of Land.
367	Under-Secretary for Public Works	Kai Iwi 6c	1 acre 1 rood 3 perches.

"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 New Plymouth on the 11th day of April, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.
[Wellington, 99-19.]

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1899.

EDWARD BUCKLE,
Deputy Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties
249	Lease (99-35)	2nd December, 1898	Oakura, Section 1, Subdivision 15, and Ahuahu Town Belt, Sections 9 and 13	Peti Rangikaumatua to David Frazer Greenway.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
299	R. S. Thompson	Muaupoko A No. 2, Section 2 No. 6.

Notice is hereby given that all cases in the District of Hawera will be adjourned for hearing at Hawera after the business of the Court at New Plymouth has been finished.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM H. HOSKINS, late of Auckland, Boot Manufacturer, was this day adjudged bankrupt on creditor's petition; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.

JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

Auckland, 21st March, 1899.

In Bankruptcy.

Estate of WALTER McCAYL, of Otakeho, Blacksmith.

A FIRST and final dividend, of 12s. 8d. in the pound, on all proved and admitted claims is now payable at my office.

C. A. BUDGE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Hawera, 13th March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES GARDNER, of Mangaweka, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Assembly Rooms, Mangaweka, on Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1899, at 2 o'clock p.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 24th March, 1899.

In Bankruptcy.

Estate of DANIEL KITCHEN, Saddler, Wanganui.

A SUPPLEMENTARY dividend, of 1s. 9d. in the pound, on all proved claims is now payable at my office.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Wanganui, 27th March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that MAX EBERHARD, of Rakau-nui, Medical Student, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 7th day of April, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 29th March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ANNIE McDONALD (wife of Donald McDonald), in the City of Wellington, Settler, was this day adjudged bankrupt by his Honour the Chief Justice, on the petition of the Commercial Agency (Limited); and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 29th March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT McDONALD, of Wellington, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt by his Honour the Chief Justice, on the petition of the Palmerston North Sash, Door, and Timber Company (Limited); and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.

Wellington, 29th March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLES ROBERT EASTGATE, of Hokitika, Baker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 5th day of April, 1899, at 11.45 o'clock a.m.

R. W. WADE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Hokitika, 24th March, 1899.

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In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that PATRICK JAMES MURPHY, of Oamaru, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Tyne Street, Oamaru, on Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1899, at 3 o'clock.

CHAS. W. COOKE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Oamaru, 21st March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES MATHESON, of Wakapatu, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 28th day of March, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 21st March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that Jabez LYONS, of Invercargill, Butcher, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 4th day of April, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 22nd March, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT WALKER, of Otama, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Gore, on the 30th day of March, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 22nd March, 1899.

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

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

When formed, and date of registration of office of company in colony: 26th June, 1896; 22nd September, 1896.

Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.

Where business is conducted, and name of Attorney or Attorneys: Fort Street, Auckland; John Chambers.

Where mine is situate: Te Aroha.

Nominal capital: £100,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £75,625.

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

Price paid to vendors of mine—

(a.) In fully paid-up shares: £20,000.

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

(c.) In cash (never received): £500.

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

Number of shares on Colonial Register: 20,000.

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

Amount called up per share (Colonial Register): £1.

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

Number of shares forfeited (Colonial Register): Nil.

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

Number of shareholders on Colonial Register: 10.

Number of men employed by company in colony: 1.

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

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

Amount expended in connection with carrying on mining operations in colony during period since last statement: £955 6s. 10d.

Total expenditure since registration of office of company in colony: £4,526 11s. 3d.

Total amount of dividends paid in colony: Nil.

Amount of cash at banker's in colony: Nil.

Amount of cash in hand in colony: Nil.

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

Amount of such debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of liabilities of company (if any) in colony: £409 13s. 8d.

I, John Chambers, of Auckland, the Attorney of the Tui Gold-mines (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company as on the 30th day of September, 1898, being the date of the last balance-sheet; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

JOHN CHAMBERS,

Attorney.

Declared at Auckland, this 13th day of March, 1899, before me—H. Rees George, J.P. 335

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[Form 15 (Reg. 23).

UNDER "THE MINING ACT, 1898."

APPLICATION FOR A MINING PRIVILEGE IN RESPECT OF WATER.

To the Warden of the Karamea Mining District, at Westport.

TAKE notice that, pursuant to "The Mining Act, 1898," and regulations made thereunder, I, John Craig McKerrow, of Wellington, gentleman, have this day duly marked out the piece of land described in the Schedule hereto (rough sketch-plan whereof is lodged herewith), and intend to make application for the issue to me of a license in respect thereof for a main tail-race, particulars whereof are set forth in the said Schedule. And I hereby declare as follows:—

- (a.) That all conditions precedent to the grant of the application have happened or been duly complied with.
- (b.) That the grant of the application will not prejudicially affect the rights of any other person.
- (c.) That I verily believe I am entitled to the grant of the application.
- (d.) That I desire the license to be for a term of twenty-one years, but so nevertheless as to expire on the 31st day of December.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1899.

Signature of applicant:

J. C. MCKERROW

(By his Solicitors, FREE AND COTTRELL).

Date and number of miner's right: 8/8/98; 34468.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Land: Section 13, Karamea, the property of James Scarlett, Karamea, farmer.

Particulars of mining privilege:—(a.) Its approximate point of intake, terminal point, and intended course: Commencing at a point in the northern boundary of Section 12, Karamea, about 6 chains from the north-east boundary of the said section, and terminating in Chasm Creek; westerly. (b.) Its approximate length, and average depth and breadth: About 9 chains; 6 ft. by 6 ft. (c.) The estimated time and cost of its construction: Six months; £400. (e.) The purpose or purposes for which the race is intended to be used: Main tail-race; to carry tailings.

The address for service is: Karamea; or, Care of Free and Cottrell, Solicitors, Westport.

The foregoing application was filed in the office of the Mining Registrar at Westport, on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1899, at 11.59 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Westport, this 18th day of March, 1899.

E. C. KELLING,

Mining Registrar.

The foregoing application, and all objections thereto, will be heard by the Warden at the Courthouse, Westport, on Tuesday, the 18th day of April, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Any person desirous of objecting must, at least two days before the day so appointed for hearing, enter his objection, and give notice thereof in the prescribed manner.

Dated at Westport, this 18th day of March, 1899.

E. C. KELLING,

Mining Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the situation of the Offices, or places of business, in New Zealand of the following companies, viz.,—

The Britannia (Hauraki) Gold-mining Company (Limited),

The Waitaia Gold-mines (Limited), and

The Hampton Plains Exploration Company (Limited), has been changed from Coromandel to Halyday's Building, Shortland Street, Auckland.

HESKETH AND RICHMOND,

Solicitors.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

APPPLICATION having been made to me to register a re-entry by the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Timaru, as lessor, under Memorandum of Lease No. 1184, of Reserve 2195, Blocks VIII. and XII., Tengawai, and V. and IX., Opihi Survey Districts, comprised in Crown grant, Vol. 44, folio 278, of which HENRY HOARE, late of Raincliff Station, is the registered lessee, I hereby give notice that I will register such re-entry at the expiration of one calendar month from the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

E. DENHAM,

Deputy District Land Registrar.

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APPPLICATION having been made to me to register a re-entry by the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Timaru as lessor, under Memorandum of Lease No. 2860, of Section 363 of Reserve 747, Town of Timaru, comprised in Crown grant, Vol. 72, folio 112, of which JAMES HILTON, of Timaru, Bricklayer, is the registered lessee, I hereby give notice that I will register such re-entry at the expiration of one calendar month from the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

E. DENHAM,

Deputy District Land Registrar.

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

8447. WILLIAM HORNE.—24 acres 1 rood, part of Rural Section 4949, Town District of Hampstead. Occupied by William John Silcock.

8477. JAMES WILLIAM TOURELL.—2 roods, part of Rural Section 1062, Borough of Rangiora. Occupied by Taylor.

8495. JOHN MADDISON.—350 acres, Rural Sections 3204, 4026, 4055, 4110, 4353, and 4364, Blocks XII. and XVI., Rolleston, and IX. and XIII., Christchurch Survey Districts. Occupied by Applicant.

8506. ALEXANDER MEE.—598 acres, Rural Sections 8845 and 10733, Blocks XIV. and XV., Opihi, and II. and III., Pareora Survey Districts. Occupied by Applicant.

8507. CHARLES JOHN STANLEY.—43 acres 3 roods 31 perches, part of Rural Section 1236, Block X., Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8508. MARY ELLEN TRENT.—11 acres, Rural Section 7695, Block XIII., Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Edmund Stokell.

8510. WILLIAM FORD (Executor of BENJAMIN LANCASTER, deceased).—11 acres 2 roods 0.1 perch, part of Rural Section 62, Borough of Sydenham. Occupied partly by William Taylor, William George Taylor, Henry Allison, Sydney Thomas Cox, William Wraight, Arthur Gray Watkins, Richard Henry Ashton, and James Perkins, and partly unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 28th day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

E. DENHAM,

Deputy District Land Registrar.

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

3507. ARTHUR JOHN BRADLEY.—Allotment 88, and part of Allotment 87, Parish of Ararimu, containing 157 acres. Occupied by Applicant.

3524. THOMAS WOOD.—Allotment 5, and part of Allotments 2 and 3, and Lots 10, 11, Section 2 of Allotment 8, Section 4, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 16 acres 2 roods 36 perches. Occupied by Applicant and tenants.

3539. HENRY WILSON FELL.—Lot 4 of Allotment 14, Section 14, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 1 rood 4 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3542. SAMUEL PEARCE and ARTHUR NEIL.—Allotment 16, Parish of Taupiri, containing 50 acres. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,

District Land Registrar.

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

480. CHARLES YATES FELL.—625 acres 14 perches, parts of Sections 105, 106A, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 112, District of Wakefield Downs, Starborough. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office. Dated this 22nd day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Blenheim.

JNO. ALLEN,
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 1st day of May, 1899.

1188. Applicant: WALTER HENRY BOLTON.—159 acres 2 roods, being the block of land known as Te Onepu East. Occupied by Michael Edward Groome.

1189. Applicant: WALTER HENRY BOLTON.—93 acres, being the block of land known as Te Kopua. Occupied by Michael Edward Groome.

1190. Applicant: WALTER HENRY BOLTON.—295 acres 2 roods 13 perches, being the block of land known as Te Onepu West. Occupied by Michael Edward Groome.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office. Dated this 24th day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

THOS. HALL,
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 the date of the gazetting of this notice.

ISABELLA JARDINE.—1 rood, being Section 1, Block LIX., Town of Invercargill. Occupied by George Coulling. No. 2729.

Diagram may be inspected at this office. Dated this 25th day of March, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill. F. G. MORGAN,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

In the matter of "The Unclaimed Moneys Act, 1898." REGISTER OF MONEY UNCLAIMED held by the Mosgiel Woollen Factory Company (Limited):—

Name, Occupation, and Last Known Address of Owner on Books.	Total Amount due to Owner.	Description of Unclaimed Money.	Date of Last Claim.
Gilbert Grant, Farm-labourer, Glenore, Otago	£ s. d. 4 5 1	Dividends in the Mosgiel Woollen Factory Company (Limited), on two shares, from 1st May, 1891, to 16th November, 1898	No claim been made.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, carrying on business at Taylorville, near Wanganui, as Produce and General Merchants, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late partnership will be carried on as heretofore, under the old style or firm of "Hogan and Durie," by Mr. Durie, who will receive all moneys due to the late firm and discharge all the liabilities thereof.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1899.
JOHN P. MAHONY.
Witness to the signature of John Patrick Mahony—
CECIL WRAY,
Solicitor, Wanganui.

C. A. DURIE.
Witness to the signature of Charles Alfred Durie—
THOMAS LLOYD,
Solicitor, Wanganui.

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HERBERT C. BARCLAY, Mayor of the Borough of Waimate, do hereby give notice that the result of the poll taken on the 10th day of March, 1899, on the proposal that "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," be adopted in the Borough of Waimate, and that henceforth property be rated upon the basis of the unimproved value thereof, is as follows:—

Number of Ratepayers on Roll.	Number of Ratepayers who obtained Voting-papers.	Total of Votes exercisable.	Votes for Proposal.	Votes against Proposal.	Votes Informal.
301	101	349	100	16	2

The Returning Officer not having affirmed that one-third of the ratepayers on the roll recorded their votes, I therefore declare the proposal to be rejected.

HERBERT C. BARCLAY,
Mayor of the Borough of Waimate.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1899. 362

EUGENE JOSEPH O'NEILL, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, of the University of New Zealand, now residing in Dunedin, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 22nd day of April, 1899, to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Dunedin.

EUGENE JOSEPH O'NEILL, M.B., Ch.B.

Dated at Dunedin, 21st March, 1899. 351

HOKIANGA COUNTY.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of March, 1899, in accordance with "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," a poll was taken over the above county on the proposal that "The Rating on Unimproved Value Act, 1896," be adopted in the County of Hokianga, and that henceforth property be rated upon the basis of the unimproved value thereof. The result was as follows:—

Number of votes on roll	..	..	371
Number of ratepayers on roll	..	..	356
Number of ratepayers who voted	..	..	126
Votes for the proposal	..	..	109
Votes against the proposal	..	..	25
Informal	..	..	6

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

WILLIAM BURR,
County Chairman.

Omanaia, 17th March, 1899. 357

WAIWAKAIHO ROAD BOARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a poll taken at Mr. H. A. Smith's house, Alfred Road, on Monday, 6th March, 1899, on a proposal to raise a loan of £400, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of forming and gravelling the Alfred Road, the following votes were recorded:—

For the proposal	..	..	12
Against the proposal	..	..	None.
Ratepayers who did not vote	..	..	8
Total number of ratepayers and of votes	..	..	20

A majority in number of the ratepayers, representing more than one-half of the votes exercisable, having voted for the proposal, I therefore declare the proposal to be carried.

Dated 6th March, 1899.
HENRY KING,
Chairman.

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