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Revoking Portion of a Proclamation.

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by the one-hundred-and-sixty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do by this notice hereby revoke that part of a Proclamation dated the twenty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 7, dated the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, setting apart land for Whangamomona Improved-farm Settlement, in so far as it relates to the land set forth in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Section No.	Block No.	Area.	Survey District of
22	XIII.	A. R. P. 182 0 0	Pouatu.
26	"	200 0 0	"

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Additional Land taken near Inch Valley Station for the Purposes of the Palmerston-Waihemo Branch of the Waitaki-Bluff Railway.

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

WHEREAS it has been found desirable for the use, convenience, and enjoyment of the Palmerston-Waihemo Branch of the Waitaki-Bluff Railway to take further land near Inch Valley Station, in addition to land previously acquired for the purposes of the said railway:

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

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 2 3 31	20	VII.	Moeraki.

In the Land District of Otago; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18700, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Prohibiting the Introduction of Scale-infested Fruit.—Notice No. 575.

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

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to my satisfaction that considerable quantities of fruit infested with various species of scale insects have been and are still imported into New Zealand, to the danger and detriment of the plantations of fruit-trees in this colony: And whereas it is expedient to prohibit the introduction of such fruit to this colony:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by the third section of "The Orchard and Garden Pests Act, 1896," do hereby revoke a Proclamation (No. 503) prohibiting the introduction of scale-infested citrus fruit only, appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* dated the ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in lieu thereof do hereby proclaim and declare that the introduction into New Zealand of any fruit infested with any species of scale insect (coccid), or in or on which there are traces that any such pest is or has been present in any form or stage of development, is hereby absolutely prohibited; and, if any fruit hereby prohibited is imported into this colony, then such fruit, and the packages containing the same, shall be dealt with in the manner provided by section six of the said Act with respect to plants and other things unlawfully introduced to the colony.

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

W. C. WALKER.
For Minister for Agriculture.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Taking Lands for a Road-deviation through Lands, Borough of Palmerston North.

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the consent of the owner and lessee of the lands hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Palmerston North Borough Council, being the local authority in whose district the said lands are situated, do by this notice hereby proclaim as a road the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Areas of the parcels of Land taken.	Being Part of Section No.	Situated in the Borough of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 2 8	310	Palmerston North	34	Purple.
0 0 36	309 (part 3)	Ditto ..	"	Red.
0 0 20	309 (part 2)	" ..	"	Blue.
0 0 20	309 (part 1)	" ..	"	Red.
0 2 4	344 (part 4)	" ..	"	Blue.

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

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proclaiming a Road as closed through Lands in the Borough of Palmerston North.

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

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers conferred by section thirteen of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do by this notice hereby proclaim as closed the road in the Borough of Palmerston North hereinafter described.

SCHEDULE.

Area.	Being Road fronting	Situated in the Borough of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 1 3 20	Sections 308, 309, and parts 1 and 2 of Section 294	Palmerston North	33	Green.

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

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Regulations for Trout-fishing, Auckland Acclimatisation District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of October, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the following regulations for all that part of the colony known as "The Auckland Acclimatisation District," as the same is defined in the said regulations, and the waters thereof, except as hereinafter mentioned; and doth hereby declare that these regulations shall, as from the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, supersede all regulations at variance therewith.

REGULATIONS.

1. LICENSES to fish for trout in all waters within that district or part of the North Island known as "The Auckland Acclimatisation District," which includes the Counties of Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, Coromandel, Thames, Ohinemuri, Raglan, Waikato, Waipa, Piako, Rotorua, Kawhia, and Taupo West, may be issued under the hand of the Secretary of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society (hereinafter termed "the said society"), or any one authorised by the said Secretary in that behalf: Provided, however, that all fishing with rod and line, except with artificial fly, is prohibited in the Waimakariri River from its source to its junction with the Waihou or Thames River, and that all fishing is prohibited in the following streams within the County of Rotorua: All the tributaries of the Waikorowhiti, near Rotorua, and the Mangaweri and Mangapikopiko tributaries of the Whirinaki River.

2. For every license to fish for trout in the waters in the Auckland Acclimatisation District, issued to men under the hand of the Secretary of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society, or any one authorised by the said Secretary in that behalf, a fee of one pound will be charged.

3. The Secretary of the said society, or his deputy, may issue licenses for the whole season to women for the sum of five shillings each; and to boys under the age of sixteen years for the whole season for the sum of ten shillings each; and to men, on and after the fifteenth day of January in any year, and until the fifteenth day of April in the same year, for the sum of twelve shillings and sixpence each.

4. Any holder of a license may fish with one rod and line for trout, and may use a landing-net or gaff to secure any trout caught with such rod and line, in all waters within "The Auckland Acclimatisation District," from the first day of November in any one year to the fifteenth day of April in the year following, both inclusive.

5. No license shall authorise any person other than the person named therein to fish, and that with natural or artificial fly, insect, worm, or fish only.

6. No person shall have in his possession any of the salmonidæ or trout between the eighteenth day of April and the thirty-first day of October, which period is hereby appointed a close season for all such fish: Provided always that this regulation shall not apply to fish caught by the officers of the said society for purposes of acclimatisation.

7. No person shall put, throw, or place, or allow to be put, thrown, or placed, into any river or stream, or at the mouth or entrance of any such river or stream, any dynamite or other explosive substance, or any sawdust or sawmill refuse, or anything of any kind or description whatever poisonous, deleterious, or noxious to fish.

8. No person shall take, fish for, catch, or kill, in any manner whatever, or have in his possession, any salmon, salmon-parr, or smolts, or the ova, young, or fry of any salmon in any stage whatever; and any of the above-named taken by accident or otherwise shall immediately be returned to the water from whence it was taken.

9. No person shall fish for trout without a license; and every person fishing shall, on demand of any ranger, constable, member of the said society, or person producing a license, produce and show to such ranger, member, constable, or person his license, and the contents of his creel or bag, and the bait used by him for taking, catching, or killing such trout.

10. Every trout not exceeding nine inches in length from nose to tip of tail, taken or caught by any person, shall immediately be returned alive into the water from which the same is taken.

11. No cross-line fishing, stroke-hauling, or any other unsportsmanlike device shall be used for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing trout; nor shall any of the above-mentioned baits be used with any medicated or chemical preparation whatever.

12. Except as aforesaid, no person shall fish with or use any net or other engine, instrument, or device for taking fish in any river or stream within the district aforesaid, or at the mouth or entrance of any such river or stream.

13. For the purposes of these regulations, the mouth of every such river or stream shall be deemed to include every outlet of the same and the sea-shore between such outlets, and shall extend over a radius of one-quarter of a mile from the point or line where the waters of such river or stream meet those of the sea or of any harbour at low water.

14. No person shall buy, sell, or expose or offer for sale, or shall fish for the purpose of obtaining for sale, any salmon, trout, or any part thereof.

15. The penalty for the breach of any of these regulations shall not be less than forty shillings or more than fifty pounds.

16. If any person shall be convicted of any offence against these regulations the license (if any) held by the offender shall thereupon become void.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Powers delegated to the Happy Valley Domain Board under "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of October, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Public Domains Act, 1881," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby revoke a certain Order in Council, dated the twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, making delegation of certain powers in manner as therein appears; and doth hereby, with the like advice and consent, and in respect of the land hereinafter mentioned, delegate all the powers con-

ferred by the said Act, except the powers conferred by sections five and twelve thereof, for the period of ten years from the date hereof (unless previously altered or revoked under the said Act), to the under-mentioned persons, who shall be known as the Happy Valley Domain Board, namely,—

MICHAEL MOFFITT, of Waikaia, Gentleman;
COLIN ROBERTSON, of Waikaia, Farmer;
JAMES HANDYSIDE, of Waikaia, Storekeeper;
JOSEPH DAVIDSON, of Waikaia, Farmer; and
JOHN MACK, of Waikaia, Station-manager

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Thursday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at the office of James Handyside, Wellington Street, Waikaia, 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 Thursday, the seventh day of December, 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 members of the Board shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.

4. The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting, and thereafter at an annual meeting to be held on the first Thursday 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. The Board shall prepare and submit at each annual meeting a report of the proceedings of the Board for the previous year ending on the thirty-first day of December, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Board for such year. A copy of every such report and statement, certified by the Chairman to be correct, shall be sent to the Minister of Lands as soon as possible after each annual meeting.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

And with the like advice and consent as aforesaid doth hereby also order that this delegation shall take effect in respect of the parcel of Crown lands described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 55 acres, more or less, situate in the Waikaia Survey District, and being Section No. 7, Block III. Bounded towards the north-west by Section No. 10 of the same block, 1900 links; towards the north-east by Section No. 1 of Block X. of same district, 2650 links, also by a road-line 38·8 links; towards the south-east by a road-line, 2333·7 links; and towards the south-west by a road-line, 2096 links and 600 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Charges for Long-distance Telephoning.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of October, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, a regulation was made providing for the use of Government telephones on Sundays for the purpose of conversing between certain telegraph-offices within the colony: And whereas it is desirable to alter such regulation so as to provide for such use of Government telephones on other days besides Sundays:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the regulation set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Order in Council, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto, and doth declare that such last-mentioned regulations shall have effect on and from the first publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS.

For the purposes of these regulations the expression "long-distance wires" shall mean wires ordinarily used for telegraph purposes.

1. Government telephones may only be used by the public for the purpose of conversing over long-distance wires at such times as may be fixed and notified by the Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

2. The following are the charges to be paid by the public for the use of Government telephones at such times and for such purpose as aforesaid:—

For a period not exceeding six minutes, 2s. 6d.; and a further charge of 2s. 6d. for every additional six minutes or portion of six minutes.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Altering Date of Election of Councillors in certain Counties.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of October, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section eighty-eight of "The Counties Act, 1886" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is provided that the general election of members of the various County Councils throughout the colony shall be held on the second Wednesday in November: And whereas it is expedient to extend the time for holding such election in certain counties:

Now, therefore, His Excellency Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by section three hundred and twenty-two of the said Act, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby extend the time for holding the general election of Councillors for the Counties of Hutt, Amuri, Geraldine, Mackenzie, Waitaki, Waimate, and Levels; and doth hereby order and declare that in the aforesaid counties the said general election shall be held and take place on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Vesting Gravel Reserves in the Eketahuna County Council.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of October, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto were set aside permanently as gravel reserves on the dates specified therein:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient that the said land should be vested in the Eketahuna County Council:

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

SCHEDULE.
WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Date when reserved.
MANGAONE SURVEY DISTRICT.			
		A. R. P.	
130	I.	4 3 24	19 November, 1890.
131	"	4 3 32	19 " "
132	"	5 1 24	19 " "
133	"	6 1 36	19 " "
47	VII.	2 0 0	7 September, 1891.
48	"	1 2 24	23 " 1898.
77	IX.	7 0 0	4 December, 1888.
78	"	4 2 32	4 " "
144	X.	1 2 0	3 August, 1891.
158	"	2 2 8	3 " "
MANGAHAO SURVEY DISTRICT.			
134	XIII.	8 2 0	19 November, 1890.
99A	XIV.	5 0 0	13 March, 1899.
* PARKVILLE SUBURBS.			
34	..	2 0 12	8 June, 1893.
181	..	1 1 0	8 " "

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Arrangements for First Election, &c., of Trustees for Taipos Rabbit District.—Notice No. 571.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Rabbit-proof Wire-netting Fences Act, 1898," and of all other powers and authorities vested in me in this behalf, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint Saturday, the twenty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, to be the time, and the Stock Inspector's office, Masterton, to be the place, for holding the first election of three trustees of the Taipos Rabbit-proof Wire-netting District as constituted under "The Rabbit-proof Wire-netting Fences Act, 1898"; also to appoint Monday, the twenty-third day of October, at noon, to be the time, and the said Stock Inspector's office to be the place, at which the first meeting of the trustees of the said district shall be held.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Agriculture.

Sections 2 and 3, "Fencing Act Amendment Act, 1898," brought into Force within the County of Wairarapa North.—Notice No. 572.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by section four of "The Fencing Act Amendment Act, 1898," it is provided that sections two and three of that Act shall have application only within such county of the North Island of New Zealand as the Governor appoints in that behalf on petition of the Council of such county: And whereas the Council of the County of Wairarapa North have addressed a petition to the Governor praying him to appoint that the said sections two and three of the said Act shall have application within the said county, and it appears expedient to give effect to such request:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the said Act, do hereby appoint and declare that sections two and three of "The Fencing Act Amendment Act, 1898," shall have application within the County of Wairarapa North on and after the twenty-third day of October instant.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Agriculture.

Lands temporarily reserved in the Land District of Marlborough.

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 lands in the Land District of Marlborough described in the Schedule hereunder written, for the purposes in the said Schedule specified at the end of the description of the lands so intended to be temporarily reserved.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH.

ALL that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 21 acres, more or less, being Section No. 5, Block XVII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 1180.9 links, by Section No. 2, Block XVII.; on the east, 179.4, 201.3, 83, 204.5, 284.9, 135.2, 419.6, 100.7, 288.8, 330, 196.4 links, by public road; and on the west, 19.3, 80.7, 110.9, 451.8, 252.4, 108.1, 161.5, 1469 links, partly by Section No. 2, Block XXI., and partly by Section No. 2, Block XVII.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 4 acres 3 roods 3 perches, more or less, being Section No. 11, Block XVIII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north by the Oaro River; and on the south, 170, 209.3, 221.8, 451.9, 299.6, 235.2, 670, 34.6, 1320.4, 311.5, 190.2, 213, 200 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 10 acres, more or less, being Section No. 56, Block V., Mount Pyffe Survey District. Bounded on the north, 188.7, 856.7 links, by public road; on the east, 868.9 links, by Section No. 57, Block V.; on the south, 1000 links, by Section No. 57, Block V.; and on the west, 1163.1 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 14 acres, more or less, being Section No. 1, Block XV., Kaitarau Survey District. Bounded on the east, 2300 links, by public road; on the south, 220, 948.6 links, by public road; and on the west, 233, 227.3, 1012.3, 445.9, 506.5 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 6 acres, more or less, being Section No. 10, Block XIII., Onamalutu Survey District. Bounded on the north, 1053.6 links, by Section No. 8, Block XIII.; on the east, 568.5 links, by Section No. 11, Block XIII.; on the south, 1053.6 links, by public road; and on the west, 568.5 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a public-school site.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 31 acres, more or less, being Section No. 6, Block XXI., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 450 links, by Section No. 2, Block XXI.; on the east by the Hundalee Stream; and on the west, 419.7, 503.4, 237, 150.7, 561.3, 386.8, 565.6, 319.4, 424.4, 345.9, 431.1, 383.3, 458, 207.7, 435, 264.7, 138.6 links, by Section No. 1, Block XX.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 10 acres, more or less, being Section No. 3, Block XVII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 307.1, 335 links, partly by Section No. 2, Block XVII., and partly by public road; on the east, 350.1, 177, 346, 327.1 links, by public road; on the south, 928.4 links, by Section No. 2, Block XVII.; and on the west, 1099.1 links, by Section No. 2, Block XVII.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 7 acres 2 roods 16 perches, more or less, being Section No. 12, Block XVIII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north by the Oaro River; on the east, 130, 279.7, 301.3 links, by public road; and on

the south, 206.8, 239.3, 576.7, 342.8, 621.3, 237.3, 289.4 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 142 acres, more or less, being Section No. 59, Block V., Mount Pyffe Survey District. Bounded on the north, 389 links, partly by public road and partly by Hapuku River; on the east by Hapuku River; and on the south and west, 640, 1565.6, 583, 1318.3, 555.4, 711.8, 847.3, 4670, 2400 links, by Sections Nos. 58 and 57: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For river-protection purposes.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 25 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 8, Block XI., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 820 links, by Section No. 7; on the east, 2240, 546.8, 750.7 links, by road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the south, 663.2 links, by Native Reserve I; and on the west, 3692.4 links, by Section No. 3: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a reserve for the preservation of scenery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 14 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 9, Block XI., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 559.7 links, by Native Reserve I; on the east, 930, 1662.7 links, by road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the south, 444.5 links, by Section No. 3, Block XI.; and on the west, 2327 links, by Section No. 3, Block XI.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a reserve for the preservation of scenery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 acre 3 roods, more or less, being Section No. 10, Block XI., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 500 links, by Section No. 3, Block XI.; on the east, 355 links, by road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the south by Ote Makura Creek; and on the west, 347.8 links, by Section No. 3, Block XI.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a reserve for the preservation of scenery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 17 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 4, Block XV., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 175.4, 420.2, 150.7 links, by public road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the east, 1770, 384, 301.6, 345.1, 373.5, 158.3, 892.7, 198.3 links, by public road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the south, 452 links, by Native Reserve J; and on the west, 1364.8, 1562.2, 1541.4 links, by Section No. 3, Block XV.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a reserve for the preservation of scenery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 12 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 5, Block XV., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 554.2 links, by Native Reserve J; on the east, 1358.3, 735.7, 342.1, 226.6, 128.9, 89.5, 205.9, 150 links, by road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the south, 410 links, by Omibi Creek; and on the west, 3437 links, by Section No. 3, Block XV.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a reserve for the preservation of scenery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 31 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 6, Block XV., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 647.5 links, by Native Reserve K and Section No. 3, Block XV.; on the east, 1075.1, 570.2, 720.6, 365.9, 341, 130.8, 257.5, 411.3, 494.3, 327.3, 768.6, 193.9 links, by road fronting Pacific Ocean; on the south, 700 links, by Native Reserve N; and on the west, 3318.4, 2047.4 links, by Section No. 2, Block XV.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a reserve for the preservation of scenery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 3 acres 2 roods 17 perches, more or less, being Section No. 2, Block XVII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 270.9, 309.5 links, by public road; on the east, 548.6 links, by public road; on the south, 623.3 links, by Section No. 2, Block XVII.; and on the west, 792.6 links, by Section No. 2, Block XVII.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a gravel reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 4 acres and 25 perches, more

or less, being Section No. 4, Block XVII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 214.6, 220, 144.1, 200.6, 146, 378.7 links, by Section No. 1, Block XVII.; on the east, 218.4, 118.2, 31.4 links, by public road; on the south, 422.3, 117.7, 290.5, 178.8 links, by public road; and on the west, 460.8 links, by Section No. 1, Block XVII.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a gravel reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres, more or less, being Section No. 13, Block XVIII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 320 links, by Section No. 7, Block XVIII.; on the east, 497 links, by Section No. 7, Block XVIII.; on the south, 366.6 links, by Section No. 7, Block XVIII.; and on the west, 229.2, 104.6, 166.1, 37.8 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a gravel reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 acre, more or less, being Section No. 14, Block XVIII., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the north, 137.9 links, by Section No. 8, Block XVIII.; on the east, 509.9 links, by Section No. 8, Block XVIII.; on the south, 194.7 links, by Section No. 8, Block XVIII.; and on the west, 344, 180.1, 10.6 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a gravel reserve.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 3 acres 1 rood 32 perches, more or less, being Section No. 11, Block XIII., Onamatu Survey District. Bounded on the north, 360.2 links,

by Section No. 8; on the east, 721.5 links, by Section No. 41; on the south, 835 links, by public road; and on the west, 568.5 links, by Section No. 10: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a site for a public cemetery.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 132 acres, more or less, being Section No. 3, Block XVII., and Section No. 3, Block XX., Whernside Survey District. Bounded on the north by a stream; on the east by a public road, 1 chain wide, above high-water mark; on the south by Deadman's Stream; and on the west, 450, 1043.2, 633.5, 1188.3, 528.5, 1482.5, 1299.4, 346.8, 389.8, 1158, 684.5, 1235.8, 1264.8, 680, 998.8, 586.4, 1094.2, 2250.4, 730.3, 500 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a resting-place for travelling stock.

All that parcel of land in the Marlborough Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 7, Block XV., Hundalee Survey District. Bounded on the east by high-water mark along the shores of the Pacific Ocean; and on the west, 200, 480.9, 740 links, by public road: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim. For a landing-place.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Lands 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 power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the lands in the Land District of Wellington enumerated in the first column of the Schedule hereto, for the purposes specified in the second column of the said Schedule, and opposite the descriptions of the lands so intended to be temporarily reserved.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.					Second Column.				
DESCRIPTION OF RESERVES.					Purpose for which Land reserved.			Record Number	
Land District.	Locality.	Section.	Block.	Area.					
Wellington	Town of Alfredton	109	IX.	A. R. P. 1 0 0	Municipal	..	..	41506
		98	XI.	1 0 0	"	..	..	"
		86	XII.	1 0 0	"	..	..	"
		75	XIII.	1 0 0	"	..	..	"
		135	XIV.	1 0 0	"	..	..	"
	"	"	143	XV.	1 0 0	Public buildings of the General Government	"
	"	"	147	"	0 2 0	Municipal	"
	"	"	151	XVI.	0 2 0	"	"
	"	"	157	"	1 0 0	"	"
	"	Town of Pongaroa	3	I.	0 1 0	Public buildings of the County Council	41710
	"	"	4	"	0 1 0	Public buildings of the General Government	"
	"	"	8	"	0 1 0	Municipal	"
	"	"	15	"	0 1 0	"	"
	"	"	20	"	0 2 0	"	"
	"	"	4	II.	0 1 0	"	"
"	"	9	"	0 1 3	Public buildings of the General Government	..	..	"
"	Tiriraukawa S.D. ...	61	V.	9 3 24	Gravel	..	..	40084
"	Rewa Village	1, 2, 3	..	0 3 27	Public buildings of the General Government	..	..	41831
"	"	27, 28	..	0 2 24	Ditto	..	..	"
"	"	12	..	0 1 0	Municipal	..	..	"
"	"	20	..	0 1 0	"	..	..	"
"	"	24	..	0 1 0	"	..	..	"

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

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 warrants the dates of which are specified in the third column of the said Schedule, and the notifications of which were 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.	Gazette.
Wellington	Ohinewairua S.D. . .	66	XIV.	A. R. P. 5 0 19	Public cemetery ..	1899. 23 Aug.	1899. No. 72, 31 Aug.
	Puketoi S.D. . .	21	V.	5 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	"
	Tiriraukawa S.D. . .	58	I.	40 0 38	Preservation of forest and scenery	"	"
	Tutaekara Village..	8	..	1 0 0	Public cemetery ..	"	"
	Tararua S.D. ..	41	VII.	3 0 30	Public-school site ..	"	"
	"	10	II.	5 0 0	" ..	"	"
	"	7	IV.	10 0 0	" ..	"	"
	Apiti S.D. ..	30	V.	2 3 0	Site for roadman's hut and depot for road-materials	"	"
	Pongaroa Town ..	18	..	3 1 3	Public cemetery ..	"	"
	"	12	..	13 0 12	Public recreation ..	"	"
	Mt. Cerberus S.D. . .	12	IV.	14 0 0	Gravel and stone ..	"	"
	Tiriraukawa S.D. . .	9A	VIII.	9 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	"
	"	9B	"	5 0 0	Accommodation for travelling stock	"	"
	Hautapu S.D. ..	3A	XI.	2 0 36	Road-metal ..	"	"
	Apiti S.D. ..	42	XII.	3 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	"
Makuri S.D. ..	17	XV.	5 3 21	Gravel ..	"	"	
Ngamatea S.D. ..	3	IV.	10 0 0	Public-school site ..	"	"	
Maungakaretu S.D. .	13	II.	9 1 0	" ..	"	"	
Pukeokahu S.D. . .	4	V.	10 0 0	" ..	"	"	
"	13	"	18 0 0	Public recreation ..	"	"	
Nelson ..	Matiri S.D. ..	3	Square 146	43 2 0	Accommodation-house..	29 Aug.	"
Southland	Paterson S.D. (Stewart Island)	2	XII.	640 0 0	For the preservation of native game and flora	"	"

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Warrant exempting Crown Lands from the Operation of "The Mining Act, 1898."

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by section twenty of "The Mining Act, 1898," it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor may from time to time, by notice in the Gazette, exempt any Crown lands from mining, or from any specified mining purpose, or from that Act or any specified provisions of that Act, and that the lands to which such notice relates shall be specified therein by words of particular description: And whereas the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto have been acquired under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments, and it is desirable that they should be exempted from mining, or from any specified mining purpose, or from "The Mining Act, 1898," or any specified provisions of that Act:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the hereinbefore-in-part-recited Act, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in that behalf, do hereby exempt the lands particularly described in the Schedule hereto from mining, and from any specified mining purpose, or from the operation of "The Mining Act, 1898," and from any specified provisions of that Act.

SCHEDULE.

TAHAWAI SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 67 acres and 38 perches, more or less, being Subdivision No. 7 of original Section No. 5, Block I., Kurow Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by Subdivision No. 6 of Section No. 5 aforesaid; towards the north-east by a public road along the southern bank of the Waitaki River; towards the south-east by the Kurow River, and Section No. 18, Block I. aforesaid; and towards the south-west by a public road (Kurow to Oamaru): as the same is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 18895, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Land District of Wellington, and thereon edged red.

MOMONA SETTLEMENT.

All that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 218 acres 2 roods 21 perches, more or less, being original Sections 52, 2 of 53, and parts of 54 and 55, Block IV., Maungatua Survey District, parts of River Sections 1, 2, and 3, and part of closed road-line, West Taieri District. Bounded towards the north-west and north generally by road-lines; towards the north-east and east generally by road-lines and a road reserve; towards the south-east by the Taieri River and a road reserve; towards the north-west by a road-line; and towards the south-west by Section 51 of Block IV., Maungatua Survey District

before mentioned: excepting from the above-described area an education reserve, being Section 1 of 53 of said Block IV.: as the above-described area is particularly delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19182, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

MARUWENUA ESTATE.

All that area in the Otago Land District, situated in Maruwenua and Awamoko Survey Districts, and containing by admeasurement 11,150 acres 3 roods 36 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north-west by the Maruwenua River and Sections Nos. 23 and 24, Block III., Maruwenua Survey District; towards the north-east generally by Allotments Nos. 85, 86, 87, 88, and 89, Maruwenua Estate, by the Oamaru Municipal Reserve, Sections Nos. 33, 31, and 32, Block III., Awamoko Survey District, by the road along the southern bank of the Waitaki River, and by Section No. 25, Block II., Awamoko Survey District; towards the east by the road forming the western boundary of Section No. 12, Block II. aforesaid; towards the south by the road forming the southern boundary of the Maruwenua Estate and by Block II., Maruwenua Survey District; and towards the west by Block VI., Maruwenua Survey District: excluding from the aforesaid area the lands occupied by the railway and the Oamaru Borough Water-race Reserve: as the same is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 18935, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington.

TOKA-RAHI SETTLEMENT.

All that area in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 11,051 acres 2 roods 9 perches, more or less, situated in Blocks II., VI., VII., and VIII., Maruwenua Survey District. Bounded towards the west by Block IX. of said district; towards the north-west by the Maruwenua River; towards the south-east by the Livingstone-Duntroon Road; towards the north-east by parts of original Sections Nos. 6 and 7, Block VI.; towards the east and north by Block III. of said district; again towards the east by original Sections Nos. 6 and 4 of Block II.; again towards the south-east by the Awamoko Stream; again towards the east by other part of original Section No. 3 of Block VIII., all of said district; and towards the south by Block X. of Kauroo Survey District, exclusive of the freehold of A. A. McMaster: being a piece of land containing by admeasurement 1,500 acres 2 roods 5 perches, more or less, within the above-described boundaries, and edged with red on the plan hereinafter referred to: as the above-described area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19016, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged by a broken brown line.

OKAUIA SETTLEMENT.

All that area in the Auckland Land District, being part of the Okauia No. 1 Block, situate in Blocks XIV. and XV., Wairere Survey District, and III. and IV., Tapapa Survey District, and containing by admeasurement 5,919 acres 1 rood 30 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the north generally by the Wairere Stream; towards the east by other part of the Okauia No. 1 Block, 32681 links; towards the south by the Okauia No. 4 Block, 25905 links; and towards the west by the Waihou River, by the Okauia No. 5 Block, 700, 840, and 700 links, and again by the Waihou River: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 19193, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

POERUA SETTLEMENT.

All that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement 3,230 acres 1 rood 6 perches, more or less, being sections numbered 1586, 1587, 1649, 1562, and 1684, in Te Kinga Survey District; as the same is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19173, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon edged with red.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Trustees for the Manuherikia Cemetery appointed.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

SCHEDULE.

Name of Local Authority.	Name of Public Cemetery, and Description of Land.
The Vincent County Council.	<p>MANUHERIKIA.</p> <p>All that parcel of land in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 19 perches, more or less, situate in the Fraser District, and being Section No. 38 of Block I. of said district. Bounded towards the north-west by Crown lands, 82 links; towards the north-east by Crown lands, 135 links; towards the south-east by Crown lands, 99 links; and towards the south-west by Crown lands, 134 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin.</p>

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th October, 1899.

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

OLAF ANTONIO OLSEN,

of Nireaha, has been appointed an officer for the purposes of that Act for the Wellington Acclimatisation District, as defined by notification under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 22nd June, 1899.

J. CARROLL.

Registrar of Electors, Bruce Electoral District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th October, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM WALKER

to be Registrar of Electors under "The Electoral Act, 1893," for the Electoral District of Bruce, *vice* Finlay McLeod; appointment to date from the 20th October, 1899.

J. CARROLL.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

OLAF ANTONIO OLSEN

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

J. CARROLL.

Public Vaccinator, Opunake District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES LOW, Esq., Bach. Med., Mast. Surg., Univ. Edin., to be a Public Vaccinator, under "The Public Health Act, 1876," for the District of Opunake.

J. CARROLL.

Officers under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," South Canterbury and Ashburton Districts, appointed.

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

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

persons have been appointed officers for the purposes of that Act for the districts set opposite their names respectively, viz. :—

Name and Address.	District.
WILLIAM BROOKLAND, of Lower Pareora	The South Canterbury Acclimatisation District.
CHARLES HENRY VERITY, of Totara Valley, Pleasant Point	
DONALD FRASER, of Upper Pareora	
STANLEY BARBER, of Woolmeres, Mount Somers	
	County of Ashburton.
	J. CARROLL.

Deputy Registrar of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES THORNE

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

J. CARROLL.

Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts, South Canterbury and Ashburton Districts, appointed.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Rangers under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, for the districts set opposite their names respectively, viz. :—

Name.	District.
DONALD FRASER	.. South Canterbury.
WILLIAM BROOKLAND	
CHARLES HENRY VERITY	
STANLEY BARBER	
	.. Ashburton.
	J. CARROLL.

Notice of Election of a Member of the Board of Conciliation for the Wellington Industrial District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

HENRY FIELD, of Wellington, Coal Merchant, has been duly elected a member of the Board of Conciliation for the Wellington Industrial District, *vice* Samuel Brown, resigned.

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

R. J. SEDDON

Visiting Justice appointed.

Department of Justice (Prisons Branch),
Wellington, 20th October, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ABRAHAM SOLOMON, Esq., J.P.,

to be a Visiting Justice at Her Majesty's Prison at Dunedin.

J. CARROLL,
For Minister of Justice.

Cadet appointed.

Government Insurance Department,
Wellington, 20th October, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES HENDRY

to be a cadet in the Government Insurance Department at Timaru, the appointment to date from the 20th September, 1899.

W. C. WALKER,
For Colonia Treasurer.

Militia and Staff Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1899.

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

New Zealand Militia.

Captain Richard Hutton Davies, from the Hawera Mounted Rifle Volunteers, to be Major and Staff Officer for Instruction of Mounted Rifle Volunteers in the North Island. Commission to date from the 3rd day of October, 1899.

T. THOMPSON,
Minister of Defence.

Despatch.—Order in Council of 8th August, 1899, extending Operation of certain Orders in Council re International Copyright to the Empire of Japan.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1899.

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

J. CARROLL.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 24th August, 1899.

SIR,—With reference to Lord Knutsford's circular despatch of the 29th February, 1888, enclosing copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated 28th November, 1887, for giving effect to the International Copyright Convention of the 9th September, 1886, and to my circular despatch of the 15th March, 1898, enclosing copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 7th March, 1898, for giving effect to the Additional Act of Paris modifying that convention, and also to my circular despatch of the 10th June, 1898, enclosing an Order of Her Majesty in Council of the 19th May, 1898, extending the operation of the Order in Council of the 7th of March, 1898, to the Republic of Hayti, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information and publication in the Colony under your government, copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 8th August, 1899, extending the operation of the Orders in Council of the 28th November, 1887, and the 7th March, 1898, to the Empire of Japan as from the 15th of July last.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government
of New Zealand.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 8th day of August, 1899.

Present:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
LORD CHANCELLOR, LORD PRESIDENT, LORD JAMES OF HEREFORD, SIR FLEETWOOD EDWARDS.

WHEREAS on the 9th day of September, 1886, a convention (hereinafter called the Berne Convention) with respect to the protection to be given by way of copyright to the authors of literary and artistic works was concluded between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the foreign countries following, that is to say: Belgium, Hayti, Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, and Tunis:

And whereas on the 5th day of September, 1887, the ratifications of the said convention were duly exchanged between Her Majesty the Queen and the aforesaid countries:

And whereas, by an Order in Council dated the 28th day of November, 1887, and made under the authority committed to Her Majesty by the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886, Her Majesty was pleased to make provision for giving rights of copyright throughout Her Majesty's dominions to the authors of literary and artistic works first produced in any of the said foreign countries (therein referred to as the foreign countries of the Copyright Union) and otherwise giving effect throughout Her Majesty's dominions to the terms of the said Berne Convention; and an English translation of the said convention was set out in the First Schedule to the Order in Council now in recital:

And whereas, since the date of the said Order in Council hereinbefore recited, the foreign countries following—namely, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, and Norway—have acceded to the said Berne Convention, and, by Orders in Council dated respectively the 10th day of August, 1888, the 15th day of October, 1889, the 16th day of May, 1893, and the 1st day of August, 1896, and made under the au-

thority aforesaid, the provisions of the hereinbefore-recited Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, have been extended to the last-mentioned foreign countries respectively, and the last-mentioned foreign countries, together with the foreign countries comprised in the said Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, now constitute the foreign countries of the Copyright Union within the meaning of the said Order in Council:

And whereas an Additional Act to the said Berne Convention was agreed upon between Her Majesty and the following foreign countries for the purpose of varying the provisions of the said Berne Convention—namely, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Spain, Monaco, Tunis, France, Montenegro—and the ratifications of the said Additional Act were, on the 9th day of September, 1897, exchanged between Her Majesty and the said foreign countries:

And whereas, by an Order in Council dated the 7th day of March, 1898, and made under the authority aforesaid, Her Majesty was pleased to make provision for varying the hereinbefore-recited Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, and otherwise giving effect to the said Additional Act throughout Her Majesty's dominions, so far as regards the foreign countries hereinbefore named as parties to the said Additional Act; and an English translation of the said Additional Act is set forth in the Schedule to the Order in Council now in recital:

And whereas, the Republic of Hayti having duly acceded to the said Additional Act, the said Order in Council of the 7th day of March, 1898, was, by Order in Council of the 19th day of May, 1898, extended to the said Republic:

And whereas it has been intimated to Her Majesty's Government that the Government of the Empire of Japan have notified the accession of that country to the said Berne Convention and Additional Act, to take effect from the 15th day of July, 1899:

And whereas Her Majesty in Council is satisfied that the said Empire of Japan has made such provisions as it appears to Her Majesty expedient to require for the protection of authors of works first produced in Her Majesty's dominions:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority committed to her by the said Acts, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. From and after the commencement of this Order the hereinbefore-recited Orders in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, and the 7th day of March, 1898, shall extend to the said Empire of Japan.

2. This Order shall come into operation on the 15th day of July, 1899, which date is hereinbefore referred to as the commencement of this Order.

3. And the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary orders herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

Despatch.—Orders in Council of the 28th November, 1887, and the 7th March, 1898 (International Copyright), to cease from 1st April, 1900, to apply to the Principality of Montenegro.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 1899.

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

J. CARROLL.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 25th August, 1899.

SIR,—With reference to my circular despatch of 31st May last, informing you that the Principality of Montenegro had given notice of withdrawal from the International Copyright Convention of the 9th September, 1886, as from 1st April, 1900, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information and publication in the Colony under your government, copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 8th August, 1899, revoking, as from 1st April, 1900, the Order in Council of 16th May, 1893, which extended to the Principality of Montenegro the provisions of the Order in Council of the 28th November, 1887, giving effect to the terms of the Berne Convention, and providing that the latter Order and the Order in Council of the 7th March, 1898, giving effect to the Additional Act of Paris modifying that Convention, shall cease to apply to that Principality from the same date.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government
of New Zealand.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 8th day of August, 1899.

Present:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
LORD CHANCELLOR, LORD PRESIDENT, LORD JAMES OF HREPFORD,
SIR FLEETWOOD EDWARDS.

WHEREAS on the 9th day of September, 1886, a Convention (hereinafter called the Berne Convention) with respect to the protection to be given by way of copyright to the authors of literary and artistic works was concluded between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and certain foreign countries therein named, and on the 5th day of September, 1887, the ratifications of the said Convention were duly exchanged between Her Majesty and the said countries:

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 28th day of November, 1887, and made under the authority committed to Her Majesty by the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886, Her Majesty was pleased to make provision for giving rights of copyright throughout Her Majesty's dominions to the authors of literary and artistic works first produced in any of the said foreign countries, and otherwise giving effect throughout Her Majesty's dominions to the terms of the said Berne Convention, and an English translation of the said Convention was set out in the First Schedule to the Order in Council now in recital:

And whereas, since the date of the said Order in Council hereinbefore recited, the Principality of Montenegro acceded to the said Berne Convention, and by an Order in Council dated the 16th day of May, 1893, the provisions of the said Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, were extended to the said Principality:

And whereas an Additional Act to the said Berne Convention was agreed upon between Her Majesty and certain foreign countries (including Montenegro) for the purposes of varying the provisions of the said Berne Convention, and the ratifications of the said Additional Act were, on the 9th day of September, 1897, exchanged between Her Majesty and the said foreign countries parties thereto:

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 7th day of March, 1898, and made under the authority aforesaid, Her Majesty was pleased to make provision for varying the hereinbefore-recited Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, and otherwise giving effect to the said Additional Act throughout Her Majesty's dominions so far as regards the foreign countries parties thereto (including Montenegro), and an English translation of the said Additional Act is set forth in the Schedule to the Order in Council now in recital:

And whereas by the said Berne Convention and the said Additional Act it is provided that the said Convention shall remain in effect until the termination of a year from the day on which it may have been denounced, and that such denunciation shall be made to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, and shall only be effective as regards the country making it, the said Convention remaining in full force and effect for the other countries parties thereto:

And whereas Her Majesty's Government have been informed that the Government of Montenegro did, on the 1st day of April, 1899, denounce the said Berne Convention to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, in accordance with the terms of the said Convention and Additional Act:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority committed to her by the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The hereinbefore-recited Order in Council of the 16th day of May, 1893, is hereby revoked as from the commencement of this Order, and the provisions of the hereinbefore-recited Orders in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, and the 7th day of March, 1898, shall, as from the commencement of this Order, cease to apply to the Principality of Montenegro.

2. Nothing contained in this Order shall prejudicially affect any right acquired or accrued before the commencement of this Order by virtue of the said Orders in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, the 16th day of May, 1893, and the 7th day of March, 1898, or otherwise, and any person entitled to such right shall continue entitled thereto and to the remedies for the same in like manner as if this Order had not been made.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1900, which date is hereinbefore referred to as the commencement of this Order.

And the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary orders herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 18th October, 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.
Robert Gabrel Adolph Barnekow	Artist	Awahuri.
Peder Michaelson Grini	Labourer	Rangiwhia.
Vincent Kinkela ..	Settler	Matakana.
Otto Koberstein ..	Settler	Ohingaiti.
Marie Louise Le Gall	Domestic Duties	Dunedin.
James Liddle ..	Miner	Rimu.
John Thomas ..	Settler	Wade.
Alexander Tomsen ..	Fisherman ..	Willoughby, Pelorus Sound.
Carl Edward Uddström	Cabinetmaker ..	Greymouth.
William Wilson ..	Labourer	Te Karaka.

J. CARROLL.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Borough of Wanganui.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st October, 1899.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Wanganui, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886."

J. CARROLL.

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," Part IX.

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.
I, ALEXANDER HATRICK, Mayor of the Borough of Wanganui, do hereby, in pursuance of the provisions of section 184 of the above Act, give you notice that on the 6th day of October, 1899, a poll of the burgesses of the said borough was taken under the provisions of the said Act on a proposal of the Council of the said borough to borrow the sum of £16,000 by way of special loan under the provisions of the said Act, a copy of which proposal is next hereinafter set out.

WANGANUI BOROUGH COUNCIL.
Proposed Special Loan of £16,000.

I hereby give notice that the Wanganui Borough Council proposes to borrow by way of special loan, under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," the sum of £16,000, to be applied and appropriated as follows:—

- (1.) As to £5,600, part of the said loan, for the purpose of constructing and forming streets.
- (2.) As to £1,960, part of the said loan, for the purpose of constructing kerbing and channels for streets and footpaths.
- (3.) As to £1,440, part of the said loan, for the purpose of constructing and forming footpaths.
- (4.) As to £3,500, part of the said loan, for the purpose of providing an efficient system of drainage for such parts of the borough as are not now efficiently drained, and for extending the present system of drainage.
- (5.) As to £3,500, part of the said loan, for the purpose of constructing waterworks, and extending waterworks hitherto acquired.

And I further give notice that the Council proposes to establish a sinking fund during the currency of the loan, for or towards payment of such loan at its maturity, of an amount representing 2 per cent. of the amount for the time being of the said loan actually borrowed, and also proposes, for the purposes of providing funds for the creation of such sinking fund, to permanently appropriate out of the general rates of the borough in each year, to be payable by equal half-yearly payments on the 1st day of November and May in each such year, an amount representing 2 per cent. of the amount of the said loan then actually borrowed.

And I further give notice that the Council proposes to pledge as a security for such loan the rents and profits from all freehold property vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Wanganui, excepting so much of the rents for the time being payable in respect of the land known as the Wanganui Town Belt as has been already pledged to provide for the payment of a special loan of £4,000 and the interest thereon authorised on the

11th day of August, 1898, by a poll of the burgesses of the Borough of Wanganui: Provided that the Council shall pledge as such security as aforesaid only so much of such rents and profits as shall for the time being be payable in respect of the said freehold property (except as before mentioned) as shall be sufficient from time to time to pay the interest payable in respect of such loan, and as shall be sufficient to pay the principal moneys when due, but so that such security shall rank as a floating charge only on the said rents and profits, and that accordingly no portion thereof shall be set aside, or be liable to be taken or set aside, unless and until default shall be made in the payment of any interest or principal money, and then only to such an extent as may be necessary to pay such interest or principal money as the case may be. And so that, until default shall be made in the payment of any interest or principal money, the Council may use and deal with all such rents and profits as they become payable as part of the borough fund and as if they were not pledged as security. And, further, that debentures be issued for such loan, each to be payable on the 1st day of November, 1914.

Dated this 30th day of August, 1899.

A. HATRICK,
Mayor.

And I also give you notice that the following was the result of the said poll—Number of burgesses who voted in favour of the said proposal, 735; number of votes to which the said burgesses were entitled, 735: number of burgesses who voted against the said proposal, 17; number of votes to which the last-mentioned burgesses were entitled, 17: number of informal votes, 2—and that, the total number of burgesses upon the roll being 1,258, and the total number of votes to which they were entitled being 1,258, I declared the said proposal carried. And I hereby give you notice that the said proposal was carried.

Dated this 11th day of October, 1899.

A. HATRICK,
Mayor.

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," Part IX.

I, Alexander Hatrick, of the Town of Wanganui, Merchant, Mayor of the Borough of Wanganui, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That all proceedings required by the said Act to be taken in or towards obtaining the sanction of the burgesses of the Borough of Wanganui to a proposal of the Council of the said borough to borrow the sum of £16,000 by way of special loan under the provisions of the said Act (a copy of which proposal is contained in the voting-paper hereto annexed, and marked "A")* have been duly taken.

2. That upon a poll of the said burgesses taken on the 6th day of October, 1899, the said proposal was duly carried.

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

A. HATRICK.

Declared at the Town of Wanganui aforesaid, this 14th day of October, 1899, before me—John Notman, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

* Voting-paper not printed.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Clifton County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st October, 1899.

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

J. CARROLL.

CLIFTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Uruti Road Loan, £250.

RESULT of poll taken on the 14th day of October, 1899, upon the proposal to borrow £250, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," to form a portion of the Uruti Road, from Section 3 to Section 13, Block II., Upper Waitara Survey District:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 6, exercising 6 votes: Number of votes recorded in favour of proposal, 4; number of votes recorded against proposal, 0; number of ratepayers who did not vote, 2, exercising 2 votes.

I therefore declare the above proposal to be carried.

R. H. PIGOTT,
Chairman, Clifton County Council,
Clifton County Council,
Waitara, 16th October, 1899.

Special Order made by the Featherston Road Board, County of Wairarapa South.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 21st October, 1899.

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

J. CARROLL.

FEATHERSTON ROAD BOARD.

In the matter of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886," and "The Rating Act, 1894," and the proposal to raise a loan of £1,000 for the construction of the Range Road to Cooper's Creek, Awhea Special Rating District.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following special order was made on the 2nd September, 1899, and confirmed on the 7th October, 1899:—

"That, to secure the repayment of a loan of £1,000 under 'The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886,' and its amendments, a special rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound be made and levied upon the rateable values of the following properties, as appearing in the valuation-roll of the Featherston Road District, and as agreed by the consent of the whole of the ratepayers interested therein—viz., Section 210, Block IX., Waipawa Survey District, 617 acres; Sections 63, 70, 71, part 197 and 198, Block I., Sections 194, 195, Block II., Sections 1, 5, 105, 107, 108, 211, Block IX., Opuawe Survey District; Sections 106, 162, 209, Block X., Sections 1, 109, 110, 112, 114–119, 188, 190–192, Block XIII., Sections 111, 113, 193, Block XIV., Waipawa Survey District, containing 12,633 acres 2 roods 15 perches; Section 25, Blocks III. and IV., Kaiwaka Survey District, 1,985 acres; Section 208, Block IX., Waipawa Survey District, 400 acres; parts of Sections 8, 8, 9, 9, 66, 200, 201, Kaiwaka Survey District; Sections 4–7, 10, 12, Blocks IV., VIII., IX., Sections 190, 191, Block XIII., Waipawa Survey District; Sections 10, 26, 27, 38, 63–65, 67–72, 197, 199, 11–16, 20–25, 28–33, 35–37, 203, 196, 17, 18, 19, 99, 187 N.B., 665, Blocks I. and II., Opuawe Survey District, 16,368 acres 27 perches: such rate to be an annually recurring rate for a period of twenty-six years, or until such loan of £1,000 is paid off, and to be due and payable at the office of the Board by equal half-yearly instalments on the 4th days of January and July in each year. The interest for one year during the construction of the proposed work, and the cost of raising the loan, will be paid out of the said sum of £1,000."

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

W. BOCK,

Clerk, Featherston Road Board.

7th October, 1899.

Special Order made by the Hobson County Council altering Ridings and Representation.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 25th October, 1899.

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

J. CARROLL.

HOBSON COUNTY.

SPECIAL order made by the Council of Hobson County by resolution adopted at a special meeting of the said Council held on the 19th day of July, 1899, confirmed at a subsequent meeting held on the 16th day of August, 1899 (public notice of such resolution and subsequent meeting, and of the time—to wit, the 8th day of November, 1899—when this special order was to take effect, having been duly given by notice published in the *Wairoa Bell* on the 21st and 28th days of July, and 4th and 11th of August, 1899; a copy of the said special order having been duly deposited at the office of the Council, as specified in the notification, and having been open to the inspection of the public during office-hours for thirty days immediately preceding the subsequent meeting; and notice of such subsequent meeting having been given to each Councillor), and sealed with the common seal of the body corporate called "The Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of Hobson County," on the 16th day of August, 1899:—

Whereas by section 44 of "The Counties Act, 1886," it is enacted that by special order the Council may at any time, for the purposes of adjustment of representation in the Council when the same is authorised, and otherwise from time to time, alter the numbers of the ridings within the

county, subject to the condition that the number of ridings shall not be more than nine, except in the case of united counties:

Now it is hereby resolved by the Council of Hobson County that, in exercise and pursuance of the powers in or possessed by the said Council, or by virtue of the provisions of "The Counties Act, 1886," and in exercise or pursuance of every other power it hereunto enabling, the Council of Hobson County doth hereby make the following special order, and ordain as follows:—

1. That the three ridings on the western side of the Wairoa River—viz., Aratapu, Kopuru, and Dargaville—be redivided into five ridings, with one Councillor to represent each riding, instead of, as at present, with one Councillor for Kopuru and two Councillors for each Riding of Aratapu and Dargaville; also that the boundaries of the Ridings of Okahu and Wairoa remain as at present, and that the representation of one Councillor for each of the two said ridings remain unaltered.

2. That the five new ridings be named respectively Kopuru, Aratapu, Kaihu, Dargaville, and Tangowahine, and that the boundaries of the said ridings be as follows:—

3. Kaihu Riding: Bounded towards the north by a line from the sea over the trigonometrical station on Maunganui Bluff towards that on Tutamoe, for a distance of about eleven miles and a half, to its intersection with the north-eastern boundary-line of a block of land granted to the Kaihu Valley Railway Company under the District Railways Act (and being part of the northern boundary of the Hobson County); thence towards the north-east by north-eastern boundary-line of the aforesaid block of land to its junction with the Waimata Block; thence towards the south generally by the north-western boundary of the Waimata Block, the northern boundary-line of the Kaihu No. 2 Block, and the north-western boundary of the Kaihu No. 1B Block; thence towards the west by the ocean.

4. Aratapu Riding: Bounded towards the north by the northern boundary of the Kaihu No. 1B Block aforesaid; thence towards the east by the Kaihu River and the Wairoa River to the south-east corner of Allotment 5, Parish of Kopuru; thence towards the south generally by the southern boundary of Allotments 5 and 26 of said parish and the centre of the road forming the southern boundary of Allotments Nos. 36, 99, 47, 109, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, and 94, and 52 of the said Parish of Te Kopuru, and the continuation of the southern boundary of the aforesaid Allotment No. 52 to the sea; thence towards the west by the ocean.

5. Kopuru Riding: Bounded towards the north by the southern boundary of the Aratapu Riding aforesaid, thence toward the east by the Wairoa River, thence towards the west by the ocean.

6. Dargaville Riding: Bounded towards the north generally by the northern boundary-line of the Kaihu No. 2 Block and the north-western boundary-lines of the Waimata and Ounuwahao Blocks; thence towards the east by the eastern boundary of the Ounuwahao Blocks and the Wairoa River; thence towards the south by the Wairoa River; and towards the west by the portion of the Kaihu River which forms the eastern boundary of the Aratapu Riding.

7. Tangowahine Riding: Bounded towards the north by the other portion of the northern boundary of Hobson County (not occupied by Kaihu Riding); thence towards the north-east by (part of eastern boundary of the Hobson County) a line drawn from Trigonometrical Station No. 18 on Tarai-o-Rahiri in the direction of Trigonometrical Station No. 41 on Tangihua to its intersection with the Wairoa River; thence towards the south-east and south generally by the Wairoa River; and towards the west and south-west generally by the Dargaville and Kaihu Ridings.

8. Wairoa Riding: Unaltered.

9. Okahu Riding: Unaltered.

10. That each of the said seven ridings be represented by one Councillor for each riding.

11. That this special order shall take effect on the 8th day of November, 1899.

The common seal of the body corporate called "The Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of Hobson County" was hereunto affixed by direction of the Council of Hobson County, this 16th day of August, 1899, by Alfred Ernest Harding (Chairman), and Fredrick Friend Day, two Councillors of the said county, in the presence of—

HORACE HAMMOND,
County Clerk, Aratapu.

[SEAL.]

ALFRED E. HARDING, Chairman.
FRED. F. DAY,
ALFRED E. HARDING, } Councillors.

I hereby certify that the special order making alterations in the boundaries and increasing the numbers of ridings in the Hobson County has been duly made.

HORACE HAMMOND,
Clerk of Hobson County.

Notice of the Laying-off of Road through Awarua Block, Block I., Hautapu Survey District.

NOTICE is hereby given, by direction of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, under the authority of section 92 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," that the road described in the Schedule hereto was, on the 17th April, 1899, duly taken and laid off through the lands specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 27th March, 1895.

SCHEDULE.
MATAROA ROAD.

Approximate Area of the Portions of Land taken.	Being Portions of Awarua Native Block	Block.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 2 25	4c No. 10	I.	Hautapu	185	Red.
2 1 34	4c No. 11	"	"	"	"
0 0 2	4c No. 12	"	"	"	"

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

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1899.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Notice to Mariners, No. 40 of 1899.

TAURANGA HARBOUR.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 19th October, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the buoys in the Inner or Crooked Channel, Tauranga Harbour, have been removed and will not be replaced. The fairway buoy has been taken up, and a black buoy surmounted with a staff and ball has been laid down in its place.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Notice to Mariners, No. 41 of 1899.

LIGHT ON EAST CAPE ISLAND, NEAR EAST CAPE, NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 21st October, 1899.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 32 of 1898, issued by this department on the 30th September, 1898, notice is hereby given that the light on East Cape Island will be exhibited about the month of March next.

Particulars of the light, with the date of lighting, will be given in a future notice.

WM. HALL-JONES.

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

Mines Department,
Wellington, 2nd October, 1899.

AN examination of candidates for certificates as First- and Second-class Mine-managers and Battery-superintendents under "The Mining Act, 1898," and First- and Second-class Mine-managers under "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," will be held on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1900, and three following days, at places to be hereafter named. All applications, with necessary certificates, and fee of £1, must be addressed to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act or Coal-mines Act, Wellington," and must be received before the 30th December, or they will not be dealt with until the following examination. Forms of application may be obtained at Schools of Mines, Thames, Waihi, and Coromandel, also from Inspector of Mines, Westport and Dunedin.

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

Bonus for the Production of Quicksilver.

Mines Office,
Wellington, 17th February, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of fourpence (4d.) per pound will be paid on the production of the first one hundred thousand pounds weight (100,000lb.) of

good marketable retorted quicksilver, free from all impurities, from any mine in New Zealand, on the following conditions, that is to say:—

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

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

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

A. J. CADMAN,
Minister of Mines.

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.

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.

Statements of Receipts and Payments under "The Dunedin Church Lands Ordinance, 1861."

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 23rd October, 1899.

THE following statements are published in accordance with "The Dunedin Church Lands Ordinance, 1861."
 HUGH POLLEN,
 Under-Secretary.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Payments under "The Dunedin Church Lands Ordinance, 1861," for the Year ended 30th September, 1899."

RESERVE No. 5.			
1898.		Receipts.	
		£	s. d.
Sept. 30.	By Balance	122	8 11
1899.			
Sept. 30.	Rents	769	8 9
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		891	17 8
1899.		Payments.	
		£	s. d.
Sept. 30.	Dr. Dunlop, salary (12 months)	600	0 0
	Dr. Watt, salary (12 months)	100	0 0
	Janitor	5	0 0
	Insurance, manse and books	5	19 0
	Advertising, postages, &c.	2	8 11.
	Manse repairs	26	0 0
	Rates	9	0 0
	Assessment, Synod expenses	35	0 0
	Solicitors' costs	5	5 0
	Audit to 30th September, 1898.. ..	1	1 0
	Bank, charged on current account	0	5 0
	Commission	19	4 9
		<hr/>	
		809	3 8
Balance		<hr/>	
		£82	14 0

E. and O. E.

FRED. SMITH,
 General Treasurer.

Dunedin, 30th September, 1899.

Audited and found correct.

THOS. MOODIE, F.I.A.N.Z.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Payments under "The Dunedin Church Lands Ordinance, 1861," for the Year ended 30th September, 1899.

RESERVE No. 10.			
1898.		Receipts.	
		£	s. d.
Sept. 30.	By Balance	57	3 11
1899.			
Sept. 30.	Rents	1,222	17 8
	Agreement stamp	0	2 6
	Sale Round Hill site	80	0 0
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		1,360	4 1
1899.		Payments.	
		£	s. d.
Sept. 30.	Grants for churches	976	19 7
	Land-tax	140	1 11
	Solicitors' costs	3	11 6
	First Church, for rent	5	0 0
	Repairs, Bond Street	2	12 9
	Assessment, Synod expenses	115	0 0
	Audit fee to 30th September, 1898	4	4 0
	Rates	37	10 0
	Bank charge on current account	0	5 0
	Commission	30	11 5
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		1,315	16 3
Balance		<hr/>	
		£44	7 10

E. and O. E.

FRED. SMITH,
 General Treasurer.

Dunedin, 30th September, 1899.

Audited and found correct.

THOS. MOODIE, F.I.A.N.Z.

Te Makarini Scholarships, held at Te Aute College, Hawke's Bay.

THREE scholarships of the yearly value of £35, tenable for two years, are offered for competition. One of these scholarships, to be called the senior scholarship, is open to all Maori boys under sixteen years of age at the end of the month preceding the date of the examination; the other two scholarships are junior scholarships, one of which is open to all Maori boys under fifteen years of age at the end of the month preceding the date of the examination who have attended a Native school or schools other than Te Aute or St. Stephen's, and whose attendance at school during the previous year is considered by the Inspector of Native Schools to have been satisfactory; the other is open to Maori boys whose attendance at any school during the previous year has been similarly satisfactory. The senior scholarship is open to Maori boys on the conditions laid down in the regulations of the Trustees of the Te Makarini Scholarships Fund, as printed in the Native Schools Code, 1897. Candidates for the junior scholarships will be examined in the subjects specified for Standard IV. in the Native Schools Code, 1897. The questions will, however, be somewhat more difficult than those set for the standard examinations. The examination will be held at convenient centres on the 18th and 19th December, 1899.

Candidates must, either directly or through their teachers, send notice to the Inspector of Native Schools, Education Department, Wellington, of their intention to present themselves for examination. Such notice must be posted not later than the 31st of October next.

Copies of the regulations and forms of notice may be obtained from teachers of Native schools and boarding institutions, the Secretaries to Education Boards, or the Secretary for Education, Wellington.

JAMES H. POPE,
 Inspector of Native Schools.

Wellington, 5th September, 1899.

Civil Service Senior Examination.

Education Department,
 Wellington, 20th July, 1899.

IN pursuance of regulations under "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886," notice is hereby given that for the Senior Examination of January, 1901, the period of literature will be from 1800 to 1850, and the special books will be Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus" and Milton's "Samson Agonistes."

W. C. WALKER,
 Minister of Education.

Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 19th October, 1899.

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

W. C. WALKER,

For the Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Date.
Anderson, Robert Grant	Junior Exchange Clerk	Dunedin	1 April, 1899.
Elias, John	"	Wellington	1 " "
Jacobs, John Henry	Letter-carrier	Christchurch	1 Jan., "
Steel, Charles James	"	Spit	1 May, "
Vear, Edward William	Assist. Counter Clerk	Wellington T.O.	1 Jan., "

NON-PERMANENT.

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

Railway Officer.

Enderby, Charles Edward	Kaitoke	Wellington	9 Aug., 1899.
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POSTMASTERS.

Berry, Francis	Glenwood	Wellington	27 July, 1899.
Bryans, William	Lismore	Christchurch	8 Aug., "
Cleary, Wilbert	Puhipuhi	Auckland	1 Sept., "
Craven, Herbert	Komako	Wellington	1 Jan., "
Gibson, Alfred	Kokako	Napier	9 Aug., "
Griffin, Philip	Maratoto	Thames	22 " "
Hamilton, Janet	Longbush	Invercargill	5 " "
Harris, Charles Watson	Taneatua	Thames	1 " "
Helm, Thomas	Glencoe	Invercargill	21 July, "
Hunt, Nicholas Irvine	Mangapeehi	Auckland	15 Aug., "
James, Emma Matilda	Tererenga	"	1 Sept., "
May, John Henry	Matahiwi	Napier	29 Aug., "
Nicholson, Elizabeth	Mokotua	Invercargill	19 " "
Phillips, James Richard	Waikaremoana	Napier	1 July, "
Priest, Andrew Duncan	Pukehou	"	26 Aug., "
Runciman, Alexander	Pipiriki	Wanganui	7 Sept., "
Shortall, Ruth Mary	Riverlea	"	25 Aug., "
Ulrich, Herschell Frederick Dayntree	Tererenga	Auckland	15 " "
Wharfe, John	Tara	"	15 Sept., "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Bradley, Ada Priscilla	Wakapuaka Suburban	Nelson	1 Aug., 1899.
Crosthwaite, Daniel	Mangahao	Wellington	19 July, "
Grant, Charles	Wimbledon	Napier	1 Aug., "
Luxford, William Mace	Aramoho	Wanganui	7 Sept., "
Nicholson, William George	Kai Iwi	"	24 July, "
Sainsbury, Edgar	Maori Point	Invercargill	1 Aug., "
Tubman, Edward	Dumbarton	Dunedin	10 July, "

TELEPHONISTS.

Dennison, George Corney*	Hilderthorpe	Oamaru	21 July, 1899.
Ellis, William Agate*	Taihape	Wanganui	3 June, "
Luks, Frederick David*	Utiku	"	3 " "
Luxford, William Lewis	Ngapueruru	Napier	18 July, "
Martin, George	Hokianga Heads	Auckland	1 Aug., "
Simpson, Thomas*	Glen-iti	Timaru	5 " "

* Now Postmaster and Telephonist.

Offices opened and closed, and Designation corrected.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 19th October, 1899.

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

W. C. WALKER,

For the Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

OFFICES.

Name.	District.	Date.
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POST-OFFICES OPENED.

Glencoe	Invercargill	21 July, 1899.
Kokako	Napier	9 August, "
Mangapeehi	Auckland	15 " "
Matahiwi	Napier	29 " "
Pukehou	"	26 " "
Riverlea	Wanganui	25 " "
Tara	Auckland	15 September, "
Tererenga	"	15 August, "
Waikaremoana (reopened: formerly Onepoto)	Napier	1 July, "

OFFICES—continued.

Name.	District.	Date.
POSTAL-NOTE OFFICE OPENED.		
Hawea Flat	Dunedin	1 October, 1899.
TELEPHONE-OFFICES OPENED.		
Kaupokonui*	Wanganui	25 September, 1899.
Opaki†	Wellington	26 " "
Waimahaka*	Invercargill	26 " "
TELEPHONE-OFFICE CLOSED.		
Sandymount‡	Dunedin	6 September, 1899.
TELEPHONE BUREAUX OPENED.		
Appleby	Nelson	4 September, 1899.
Brightwater	"	4 " "
Dannevirke	Napier	16 " "
Kaponga	Wanganui	1 " "
Mangatoki	"	1 " "
Maraekakaho	Napier	16 " "
Mokau	New Plymouth	7 " "
Mokau Pilot-station	"	7 " "
Okaiawa	Wanganui	1 " "
Onaero	New Plymouth	7 " "
Richmond	Nelson	4 " "
Spring Grove	"	4 " "
Tongaporutu	New Plymouth	7 " "
Tongaporutu Ferry	"	7 " "
Urenui	"	7 " "
Uruti Road	"	7 " "
Waitara	"	7 " "
TELEPHONE BUREAU CLOSED.		
Sandymount‡	Dunedin	6 September, 1899.
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE OPENED.		
Waitara	New Plymouth	28 August, 1899.

DESIGNATION CORRECTED.

Description.	Office.		District.	Date.
	From	To		
Post, telephone, and money-order office and savings-bank	Manukau ..	Manakau ..	Wellington ..	1 October, 1899.

* Post-offices to be opened at Kaupokonui and Waimahaka. † Now post- and telephone-office combined. ‡ Temporarily closed since the 15th December, 1898. Post-office remains open.

Crown Lands Notices.

Small Grazing-runs, Hawke's Bay Land District, for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 4th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Friday, the 17th November, 1899, at the annual rentals noted below.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—WAIAPU COUNTY.

Second-class Pastoral Country.

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Annual Rental.		
			£	s.	d.
70	Mangaoporo ..	1,598 0 0	20	0	0
71	Matakaoa ..	8,717 0 0	27	5	0
72	Mangaoporo ..	2,258 0 0	14	2	3

Runs Nos. 70 and 72 are broken, hilly country, ranging from 300 ft. to 1,600 ft. in altitude. Covered with mixed bush, consisting principally of tawa, rimu, taware, tawai (birch), and a little totara. Good pastoral land, accessible by the road reserve up the Taurangakautuku River for Run No. 70, and the Kopuapounamu River for Run No. 72. Distant about five miles from Te Araroa Post-office.

Run No. 71 ranges in altitude from 100 ft. to 3,000 ft. The northern portion is very broken country, covered with birch bush, and containing good soil. The southern portion is broken country, covered with mixed bush, principally tawa, and has fair soil. Access is obtained by the road reserve up the Karakatuwhero River; Te Araroa Post-office distant five miles.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 12th September, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands will be offered for lease by auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

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

Onamalutu Survey District.

Run No. 140: Area, 1,860 acres; upset annual rental, £12.
Run No. 141: Area, 2,213 acres; upset annual rental, £15.
Run No. 142: Area, 1,670 acres; upset annual rental, £11.
Term in each case, twenty-one years.

Arapawa Survey District.

Run No. 19: Area, 335 acres; upset annual rental, £1.
Term, ten years.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND.

Run No. 140: Broken pastoral country, well watered; poor soil, covered with fern and scrub; accessible by road; twenty-three miles from Blenheim.

Run No. 141: Broken pastoral country, well watered; about 1,100 acres bush, 250 acres burnt bush, remainder fern and scrub; accessible by road; about twenty-five miles from Blenheim.

Run No. 142: Broken pastoral country, well watered; covered with fern and scrub; accessible by road; about twenty-four miles from Blenheim.

Run No. 19: All hill, covered with fern, scrub, and birch bush; about twelve miles from Picton by water.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run, Auckland, open for Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 16th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application on and after Wednesday, 13th December, 1899, at the annual rental noted. In the event of more than one application being received on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—BAY OF ISLANDS COUNTY.
Second-class Pastoral Country.

Run.	Blocks.	Survey District.	Area.			Annual Rental.		
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
25	IV. and V.	Kerikeri . .	3,900	0	0	25	5	0

Open, inferior land; covered in parts with rough grass; situated on sea-coast, and running across to Mangonui Inlet, Bay of Islands.

The run is fairly watered, and easy of access by water from Russell, or by land from Kerikeri.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Beaumont Estate, Southland, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 16th October, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be opened for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Thursday, 7th December, 1899, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.—WAIRAKI SURVEY DISTRICT.—BEAUMONT ESTATE.
First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.			Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.		
		A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
8	XXIX.	391	3	35	3	1½	30	12	6

Situated about eight miles from Nightcaps. Altitude from 550 ft. to 600 ft. All ploughable. About 130 acres river-flat in English grass. Soil good, but shingly in places. Thirty-five chains river-frontage. About 15 acres swamp, balance low ridges of a strong clay soil, covered with tussock. Good fence on west boundary, of 48 chains, value of half-share £12; on south boundary, 83½ chains, value of half-share £18 14s.; 79 chains on main road, value £27 13s.; and 33 chains of division-fencing, value £6 12s.: total value of improvements, £64 19s. No cash-payment will be required for these improvements.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-runs, Wellington, open for Lease upon Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 16th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease upon application, at the District Lands and Survey Office, on and after Wednesday, the 29th November, 1899, at the half-yearly rentals stated.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—WANGANUI COUNTY.—MAUNGAKARETU SURVEY DISTRICT.—NGAURUKEHU B No. 1 BLOCK.
First-class Pastoral Country.

Section.	Block.	Area.			Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.		
		A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
11	XII.	281	0	0	1	4.5	9	13	3
12	"	320	0	0	1	4.5	11	0	0
30A	XVI.	502	0	0	1	4.5	17	5	2

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Section 11, Block XII., is situated on the Harakeketangi Stream, a branch of the Mangoiwa, which flows into the Hautapu River. The access is from Taihape, which is about twelve miles distant, *via* Ross's Track to Paengaroa, six miles and three-quarters, about five of which is dray-road; another mile is formed horse-track, and the remaining distance is by surveyed road through open country, but unformed. Pack-horses, however, can be taken out to the section at the north-eastern corner. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest land, with about 15 acres of open fern and flax country on the western boundary, and patches of flat land scattered throughout. The soil is of good quality, 3 in. to 12 in. in depth, resting on papa formation. The forest is of medium size on the spurs, and heavier on the flatter portions, comprising chiefly matai, maire, rimu, rata, kahikatea, tarata, houhere, &c., with a fairly dense undergrowth of mahoe, rangiora, makomako, &c. The section is well watered by small streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,500 ft. to 2,300 ft. above sea-level.

Section 12, Block XII., is situated on the Hereteketangi Stream, on a branch of the Mangoiwa Stream, which flows into the Hautapu River. The access is from Taihape, which is about twelve miles distant, *via* Ross's Track to Paengaroa, six miles and three-quarters, about five miles of which is dray-road; another mile is formed horse-track, and the remaining distance is by surveyed road through open country, but unformed. However, pack-horses can be taken into the section at the northern corner. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest land, with about 30 acres of open flax and fern country on the western boundary, with patches of flat land scattered throughout. The soil is of good quality, 3 in. to 12 in. in depth, resting on papa formation. The forest is of medium size on the spurs, and heavier on the flatter portions, comprising chiefly matai, maire, rimu, rata, tarata, kahikatea, houhere, &c., with a fairly dense undergrowth of mahoe, rangiora, makomako, &c. The section is fairly well watered by small streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,800 ft. to 2,350 ft. above sea-level.

Section 30A, Block XVI., is situated on the Mangapapa Stream, adjoining Sommerville Block. The access is from Taihape, which is about thirteen miles distant, *via* Ross's Track to Paengaroa, which is mostly dray-road; the remaining six miles and a half is open for horse traffic *via* Murray's Track and Rongoiti Road to within a quarter of a mile of the south-western portion of the section. The section comprises, generally speaking, hilly forest land, with a small area of flat on the Mangapapa Stream and on the ridge at the north-eastern portion of the section. The soil is of good quality, ranging from 3 in. to 12 in. in depth, resting on papa formation. The forest is of medium size on the ridges and heavy on the flatter land, comprising chiefly matai, maire, rimu, kahikatea, tarata, rata, houhere, &c., with a fairly dense undergrowth of mahoe, rangiora, makomako, &c. The section is well watered by the Mangapapa Stream. The elevation ranges from about 1,700 ft. to 2,450 ft. above sea-level.

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

Public Reserve in the Nelson Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Nelson, 26th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned reserve will be offered for sale by auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Nelson, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon:—

The lease of the Owen Junction Accommodation-house Reserve, Section 3, Square 146, Matiri Survey District; area, 43 acres 2 roods; situated sixty-six miles from Nelson on the main road from Nelson to the West Coast, at the junction of the Buller and Owen Rivers.

The section is partially fenced, has been cleared of timber and scrub, and portions are well grassed. Situated on the land is a seven-roomed house, with outbuildings, good four-stall stable, and loose-box.

Term of lease: Fourteen years, to date from the 1st July, 1899. Upset rental, £5 per annum; weighted with £410, value of improvements. Lessee will be required to provide proper accommodation for travellers and travelling stock, as provided in conditions of lease, which can be obtained on application. Possession given fourteen days after date of sale.

A deposit of a half-year's rent, £1 ls. lease-fee, and the amount of valuation of improvements, must be paid on the fall of the hammer.

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

THOMAS HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserves in Scarborough Township for Lease by Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 8rd October, 1899.

WRITTEN tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, up to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 29th November, 1899, for the leases of the under-mentioned sections. If any sections are un-applied for on the 29th November, 1899, they will remain open for selection at the upset rentals, and for the terms stated below.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.
Scarborough Township.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Annual Rental.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.
6	I.	0 1 0	0 5 0
10	"	0 1 0	0 7 6
5	II.	0 1 0	0 7 6
3	III.	0 1 0	0 5 0
7	"	0 1 0	0 5 0
3	IV.	0 1 0	0 5 0
5	"	0 1 0	0 5 0
5	V.	0 1 0	0 7 6
4	VI.	0 1 0	0 5 0
13	"	0 1 0	0 5 0
13	VII.	0 1 0	0 7 6
12	IX.	0 1 0	0 5 0
8	XII.	0 1 0	0 10 0
15	"	0 1 0	0 7 6
18	"	0 1 0	0 7 6
11	XIII.	0 1 0	0 10 0
7	XI.	0 1 13	1 10 0
94	X.	0 2 0	1 0 0

Term, seven years.

These reserves are situated in the Scarborough Township, and, with the exception of Section 94, Block X., which is rough and partly wet, are all level and in grass.

CONDITIONS.

1. Tenders must be accompanied by marked cheque or post-office order for six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease-fee.
2. There are no restrictions or limitations as to the number of sections which one person may lease, and no declaration is required. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. No compensation shall be claimed by the lessee, nor shall any be allowed by the Government, on account of any improvements effected by the lessee, nor for any other cause.
3. Possession will be given on the day of acceptance of tender.
4. The leases shall be for the term of years as specified above, but shall be subject to termination by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by the Government.
5. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance.
6. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in the lease, except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
7. The land shall not be cropped nor broken up, except with the consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
8. The lessee shall destroy all rabbits on the land, and he shall prevent their increase or spread, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
9. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the lease, and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove, or cause to be removed, all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
10. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee should 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.

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

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

Crown Lands in Otago open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

Crown Lands Office,
Dunedin, 12th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—WAITAKI COUNTY.
First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

OAMARU SURVEY DISTRICT.—ARDGOWAN ESTATE.

	A. R. P.	S. d.	£ s. d.
98	II.	19 0 29	10 0 4 15 11

Gently undulating agricultural land; soil good. There is no permanent water on this section, but it can be obtained by sinking. Situated three miles distant from Town of Oamaru and two miles from Waiareka Dairy Factory. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £70 13s. 9d.

MARUWENUA SURVEY DISTRICT.—MARUWENUA ESTATE.

	A. R. P.	S. d.	£ s. d.
3	III.	23 2 12	8 0 4 14 4*
24a	"	0 2 16	8 0 0 2 6*

Level and gently rising ground; soil good, on old alluvial and limestone formations. No water on allotment, but good water, to which there is access, within 20 chains. Accessible by formed road, and situated a mile and a quarter from Duntroon Railway-station. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £69 16s.

OAMARU SURVEY DISTRICT.—TRANARAKI ESTATE.

	A. R. P.	S. d.	£ s. d.
17	XII.	10 0 0	18 2 4 10 10

Rich agricultural land, all ploughable. Situated two miles from Enfield Railway-station. Valuation for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £30.

* Grouped.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 26th September, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, and the Land Office, Gisborne, on Thursday, the 16th November, 1899. If more than one application be received for the allotment on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot. If the allotment be not applied for on the 16th November, 1899, it will be open thereafter for application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Gisborne:—

WAIMARIE SETTLEMENT, WAIMATA SURVEY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY.

First-class Land.

SECTION 12, Block VIII.: Area, 5 acres; half-yearly rental, £2 16s; weighted with £84 for improvements.

Description of Land.—First-class flat land, in grass. The following improvements are now on the land: Dwelling-house and sheds; 1½ acres cleared of rushes, being ploughed and cropped last season and now lying fallow; garden and young orchard with live hedge and ornamental trees; while 8 chains of the boundary-fence have been erected (of which a share belongs to the lessee) and 8 chains of subdivisional fencing.

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

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in the Counties of Ashley, Ashburton, and Waimate for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 3rd October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral runs will be offered for lease by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 22nd November, 1899, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

PASTORAL LICENSES UNDER "THE LAND ACT, 1892."

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
136	Part of Broomfield	Ashley	Acres. 4,160	£ 120 0 0	7 Yrs.
136A	"	"	330	8 0 0	7
136B	"	"	48½	1 0 0	7
225	Part of Mount Oxford	"	3,900	61 3 4	14
103	McRae's Station	Ashburton	1,688	50 0 0	10
67	Akatarawa	Waimate	29,200	850 0 0	14
205	Hakateramea River	"	118	15 0 0	7

Run No. 136, part of the Broomfield Station, is situated on the Mount Grey Range, about nine miles from Amberley Railway-station by metalled and formed road; it is well watered by the sources of the Kowai River, and comprises hilly country ranging from 800 ft. to 3,000 ft. above sea-level. While there is fair tussock feed on the top and slopes of Mount Grey, the lower spurs are principally covered with manuka scrub.

Run No. 136A is situated between the last-mentioned Run No. 136 and the South Kowai River, and comprises open tussock land, about 700 ft. above sea-level.

Run No. 136B is situated on Crampton's Bush Road, to the eastward of Run No. 136, and comprises manuka-covered land, about 850 ft. above sea-level.

Run No. 225 is situated on the eastward slopes of Mount Oxford, extending across the range from Cooper's Creek to the River Ashley, and comprises country varying in elevation from 1,000 ft. to 4,000 ft. above sea-level, with rocky spurs and clay faces, the greater portion of the country being covered with live and dead standing timber, through which a fire swept in January, 1898. The pastoral license confers upon the holder thereof no rights of felling, splitting, sawing, or in any way using or removing any of the live or dead timber upon the land; and the license is offered subject to the rights of any persons now or hereafter to be authorised by the Canterbury Land Board to split or saw timber upon any portions of the lands.

Run No. 103 is situated about four miles from Springburn Railway-station, on the south-eastern slopes of Mount Somers. The upper half is rough, broken, rocky country; the front is comparatively low country, fairly well grassed, and easy of access. The run is bounded on three sides by forest, and intersected by deep gullies covered with birch forest. Altitude, from 2,000 ft. to 3,000 ft. above sea-level.

Run No. 67, Akatarawa Station, is situated about sixteen miles from Hakateramea Railway-station, South Canterbury, and consists of high broken country, running up to 4,150 ft. above sea-level.

Run No. 205 is situated about twenty miles up the Hakateramea River from the railway-station of that name, and consists of a narrow strip of land lying between the river and the road.

In the event of any of the runs not being sold at the auction, they will immediately thereafter be open for application at the upset rents herein specified.

Special attention is directed to clause 2 of the conditions to be embodied in the license, providing that the licensee shall prevent the destruction or burning of timber or bush on the land comprised in the license. This condition will be strictly enforced.

CONDITIONS.

1. Possession of the runs will be given to the purchaser of the license on the 1st March, 1900, or on approval of application by the Land Board.

2. No person or company may become the holder of more than one run under Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892": Provided that the holder of any run under the said Act of a carrying-capacity of less than ten thousand sheep or two thousand head of cattle may become the lessee of an aggregate area sufficient to carry such a number of sheep or cattle. The holder of any small grazing-run under Part V.

of "The Land Act, 1892," shall not be the holder of any run under Part VI. of the said Act.

3. The licenses shall be dated on the 1st March, 1900, or on the 1st March next following the date of selection.

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

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

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

6. One half-year's rent, a license-fee of £1 ls., and the amount of valuation for improvements shall be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser shall make a declaration in terms of section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892." The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in each year during the term of the license. Should the half-yearly rental at any period not be paid within thirty days, a penalty of 10 per cent. in addition will be enforced.

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

DECLARATION.

I, _____, of _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease or license of pastoral lands.

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

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

4. That I am not the holder of a small grazing-run in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such run. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." (Signature.)

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

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sale of Timber, Auckland Land District.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 27th August, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kahikatea (white-pine) and kauri timbers, situated on the Tokatoka Marsh lands, Tokatoka Survey District, Otamatea County, will be offered for sale by public auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, on Friday, the 12th January, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m.:—

52,116 kahikatea-trees, containing about 97,509,000 superficial feet.

122 kauri-trees, containing about 312,900 superficial feet.
Total number of trees, 52,238, containing a total of about 97,821,900 superficial feet.

Upset price for the whole of the timber, £24,533 14s.; equal to 6d. per hundred superficial feet for the kahikatea or white-pine, and 1s. per hundred superficial feet for the kauri timber.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LOCALITY OF TIMBER.

The kahikatea (white-pine) and kauri timbers are situated on the Tokatoka Marsh lands, a considerable part of which

have been made available for cultivation by a system of drainage during the last few years.

The timber lands comprise Sections 22 to 29, 34, 41 to 44, 49 to 54, Block XI., and Sections 1 to 6, Block XII.—total area, 4,090 acres 1 rood 33 perches.

LAND FOR SAWMILLS, AND SHED AND SITE FOR WHARF.

Land near Wairoa River or on Bascombe's Creek, on which to erect sawmills and sheds, or land for stacking timber, can be obtained under the Land Act by application to the Land Board, and a site for a wharf for shipment of timber may be secured on application to the Marine Department.

FACILITIES FOR SHIPPING THE TIMBER.

The iron tram-line traverses throughout perfectly level ground, and is completed between the points marked A and B on the map (in the pamphlet), a length of one mile and a half, and ready for extension towards point marked C (south-west corner of Section 3, Block XII.), as may from time to time be found expedient to meet the purchaser's requirements; and, if so desired, the line will also be extended westerly for an additional 10 to 12 chains, to near the mouth of Bascombe's Creek, to further facilitate the shipment of the timber.

The Kaipara Harbour is one of the best on the west coast of the North Island, and the shipping of timber from it to other ports of New Zealand, to the Australian Colonies, and even to India, has been very brisk during the past ten years, and not unfrequently ten sea-going sailing-vessels and steamers have at the same time been lying in the Kaipara waters awaiting loading, &c. According to the "New Zealand Pilot," the depth of water at the Kaipara entrance ranges from 30 ft. to 33 ft. at low water, a depth quite sufficient for vessels up to 5,000 tons burden. The rise and fall of the tide at the Kaipara entrance averages about 9 ft.

There is a great depth of water from the Kaipara Heads to Dargaville, a distance of thirty-six miles, and some of the largest timber-carriers which visited the Kaipara took in their loading at Mangaware, an old settlement close to Dargaville.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The purchaser of the kauri and kahikatea (white-pine) timber herein referred to to have the right to convey such timber, and any machinery, material, tools, implements, &c., required for the proper working of the timber, over the Government iron tram-line to its terminus near the mouth of Bascombe's Creek, Northern Wairoa River, free of charge during the period allowed him for the removal of the timber. Government will construct and maintain the tram-line, but the purchaser to provide his own rolling-stock.

One-twentieth of the purchase-money (£1,226 13s. 8d.) to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer, one-twentieth in one year, one-twentieth in two years, and so on annually until the whole of the purchase-money has been paid.

Time allowed for removal of timber: Twenty-one years from the date of purchase.

Wherever sidings are required, Government to provide points, rails, &c., for the first chain of siding from the main line. The construction of any extension beyond the first chain to devolve upon the purchaser.

The iron tram-line to be and remain under the control of the Government, but to the purchaser of the timber the priority of right of using it will, if practicable, be always conceded.

Regulations for the most economical and satisfactory working of the tram-line to be mutually agreed upon between the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the purchaser, and to be amended from time to time as the distance for haulage increases and altered circumstances require it.

Purchaser to cut and remove annually at least 4,000,000 superficial feet of the timber purchased, and if the output exceeds 5,000,000 ft. per annum the surplus quantity to be paid for at the rate of 6d. per 100 superficial feet. Such payments to be in reduction of the last annual payment of the purchase-money.

The timber to be cut in a continuous and regular manner, and each section, as soon as cleared of pine (kahikatea) and kauri, must be handed back to Government for disposal for settlement purposes.

In case of a fire in the bush destroying any standing timber during the term of the agreement, an estimate of the damage done shall be made on the written request of the purchaser preferred within a month of the fire, and the value of the timber destroyed shall be calculated on the basis of 6d. per 100 superficial feet, and the loss thus sustained, together with the expense of ascertaining such loss, shall be borne in equal shares between the purchaser and the Government.

Pamphlet containing description of locality of timber, conditions of sale, and maps may be had on application to any Land Office in New Zealand.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-runs, Southland Land District, open for Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 26th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for selection at this office on Thursday, the 23rd November, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.
Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
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TAKITIMO SURVEY DISTRICT.

Small Grazing-run No. 24.

		A.	R.	P.	S.	D.	£	s.	d.
125*	..	6,026	0	0	0	3	37	13	3

Situated about twenty-eight miles from Mossburn Railway-station, and about eight miles from Manapouri Township. Hilly country; soil fair; vegetation, white tussock and fern; gravel formation; height above sea-level, from 600 ft. to 1,400 ft. Burdened with valuation for improvements, £142 7s. 6d., consisting of hut, £25; sheep-yards, £30; and half value of boundary-fencing, £87 7s. 6d.

CENTRE HILL SURVEY DISTRICT.

Small Grazing-run No. 38.

		IV.					£	s.	d.
7	}	VII.	2,744	0	0	0	11	8	8
1, 2, 3, 4,									
7, 8, 9,									
10, 11, 13									

Situated about five miles from Mossburn Railway-station. Land poor, level, and partly swampy; vegetation principally snow-tussock; height above sea-level, about 1,300 ft. Burdened with valuation for fencing, £267 19s.

Small Grazing-run No. 41.

		III.					£	s.	d.
13, 14, 15†	}	VII.	4,905	0	0	0	20	8	9
1 to 6,									
8 to 12									
1, 2									

Situated about two miles from Mossburn Railway-station. Land partly level and swampy; vegetation principally snow-tussock; height above sea-level, about 1,300 ft. Burdened with valuation for fencing, £128.

* Including some unsurveyed land, Mararoa Survey District.

† And river-bank reserve adjoining.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Public Reserve in the Nelson Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Nelson, 26th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned reserve will be offered for sale by auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Nelson, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon.

Lease of the Inangahua Junction Accommodation-house Reserve, part Section 28, Square 134, Inangahua Survey District; area, 10 acres and 26 perches; situated at the Inangahua Junction, about twenty-one miles from the Town of Reefton, on the main road from Nelson to the West Coast. The section is cleared, and in grass, with small garden and fruit-trees. The main building, now a licensed hotel, contains thirteen rooms, with outbuildings and stables. Newman Brothers', coach-proprietors, stables are not included in the sale.

Term of lease: Fourteen years, to date from the 1st January, 1900. Upset rental, £5 per annum; weighted with £375, value of improvements. Lessee will be required to provide proper accommodation for travellers and travelling stock, as provided in conditions of lease, which can now be obtained on application. Possession given 1st January, 1900.

A deposit of a half-year's rent, £1 1s. lease-fee, and the amount of valuation of improvements, must be paid on the fall of the hammer.

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

THOMAS HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Albury Settlement, Canterbury, open for Lease as a Small Grazing-run.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 12th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be opened for selection, in conjunction with lease-in-perpetuity Lot 1, Albury Settlement, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 15th November, 1899, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," the Land for Settlements Act Amendment Acts, 1895 and 1896, and the regulations made thereunder.

If the run be not applied for on the 15th November, 1899, it will be open for application thereafter at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—TENGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.

Small Grazing-run.—Second-class Pastoral Land.

Run.	Block.	Area.	Small Grazing-run: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
49	IX.	A. R. P. 2,713 0 0	s. d. 0 9	£ s. d. 50 17 5

This run is situated at the northern end of the Albury Range, about three miles and a half westerly from the Fairlie Railway-station, and comprises hilly pastoral country, ranging from about 1,100 ft. to 4,300 ft. above sea-level, consisting of good open spurs well covered with tussock, native, and English grasses on the lower portions, and high rocky faces growing snow-grass and tussock. The aspect of the land is generally favourable, it is well watered by numerous streams, and when worked in conjunction with the homestead block (Section 1) it has a good average carrying-capacity. The run is fenced all round, and is weighted with a valuation of £35 15s. for part of the southern boundary-fence, erected by the late occupier: this sum must be paid by the successful applicant before being admitted to possession of the run.

This run must be applied for and selected together with the homestead-site, Lot 1, Block XI., Tengawai Survey District.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Albury Settlement, Canterbury, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 12th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned land will be opened for selection on lease in perpetuity, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1899, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," the Land for Settlements Act Amendment Acts, 1895 and 1896, and the regulations made thereunder.

If the sections be not applied for on the 15th November, 1899, they will be open for application thereafter at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—TENGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.

First-class Surveyed Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
1	XI.	A. R. P. 267 2 0	s. d. 5 6	£ s. d. 36 15 7

This section is situated at the northern end of the Albury Settlement, fronting on the main Mackenzie Road, about a quarter of a mile southward from Winscombe Railway-

station, on the Timaru-Fairlie branch line; it comprises open, well-grassed downs and flats, intersected by Coal Stream and several gullies, by which it is well watered; the soil is of good quality, on clay subsoil. The section lies at an altitude of from about 900 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level; it is fenced all round, and is weighted with a valuation of £10 for part of the southern boundary-fence erected by the late occupier; this sum must be paid by the successful applicant before being admitted to possession of the land.

This section forms the homestead-site for, and must be selected together with, Small Grazing-run No. 49.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
63	XIV.	A. R. P. 50 0 0	s. d. 6 9-6	£ s. d. 8 10 0

This section is situated on the south side of the Camp Valley Road, about three miles and three-quarters north-westward from the Albury Railway-station, on the Timaru-Fairlie branch line; it comprises open and undulating land, ranging from about 1,100 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level; the soil is a deep loam of good quality, with clay subsoil. The section is fenced all round, and is weighted with a sum of £13 10s. for part of the boundary-fence erected by the late occupier: this sum must be paid by the successful applicant before being admitted to possession of the land.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands in Auckland open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 12th September, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, 15th November, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—PIAKO COUNTY.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

RANGIATEA ESTATE.

Waitoa Survey District.

33	XVI.	A. R. P. 264 2 0	s. d. 3 6	£ s. d. 23 2 10
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Has a frontage of some 25 chains to the district road on its east side. Nearly all ploughable agricultural land, the north boundary, about 70 chains, fenced with post-and-wire fence. About one-third of section is an undulating clayey ridge, with a surface of sandy loam from 6 in. to 12 in. deep. Distant about two miles from Waitoa Railway-station, and about a mile and a half from Waihou Township.

38	XVI.	A. R. P. 116 2 0	s. d. 4 0	£ s. d. 11 13 0
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All flat agricultural land in grass, except a narrow strip of swamp on the Piraunui Stream. Frontage of about 35 chains to district road, and fenced. The southern boundary, some 34 chains, is also fenced. Distant from Waihou Railway-station about a mile and a half.

Maungakawa Survey District.

6	IV.	A. R. P. 161 0 0	s. d. 1 6	£ s. d. 6 0 9
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Fronts the district road for nearly 50 chains. About 120 chains fencing. About two-thirds of land is swamp, requiring draining. This section affords a considerable quantity of feed in summer. Distant two miles from Waitoa Railway-station.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Vital Statistics, September, 1899.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of September, 1899:—

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 September, 1899.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANU.-APR., 1898.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1899.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 1899.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1898.
				Males.			Females.					
				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	38,100	93	2	..	18	4	..	8	32	0.84	13.73
Birkenhead ..		749	2	7	..	1	..	..	..	1	1.34	6.68
Devonport ..		3,320	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	0.90	11.34
Newmarket ..		2,106	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.47	9.65
Grey Lynn ..		3,049	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.37
Parnell ..		4,327	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.46	9.80
Other suburbs ..		*
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	51,651	116	2	1	21	4	..	11	39	0.76	12.80
Wellington ..	41,758	42,512	92	9	1	23	5	2	9	49	1.15	12.51
Karori ..		1,050	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.70
Melrose ..		2,295	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.98
Onslow ..		1,350	3	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	2.96	6.01
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	47,207	105	10	1	25	5	2	10	53	1.12	11.97
Christchurch ..	51,330	18,085	27	3	..	7	3	1	8	22	1.22	10.87
Linwood ..		6,553	16	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	0.46	12.25
St. Albans ..		6,500	12	..	..	2	..	1	4	7	1.08	8.93
Sydenham ..		10,987	29	..	1	2	1	..	2	6	0.55	9.99
Woolston ..		2,274	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.44	11.99
Other suburbs ..		*
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	44,399	90	3	1	13	5	2	15	39	0.88	10.63
Dunedin ..	47,280	28,500	63	1	..	9	4	..	14	28	1.19	12.73
Caversham ..		4,830	11	..	..	3	1	..	4	8	1.66	20.71
Maori Hill ..		1,608	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	0.62	6.34
Mornington ..		3,825	4	..	1	2	..	1	..	4	1.05	8.15
North-east Valley ..		3,575	10	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.56	8.74
Roslyn ..		4,329	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.49
St. Kilda ..		1,359	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.55
South Dunedin ..		5,066	9	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	0.59	8.95
West Harbour ..	1,400	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1.43	8.58	
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	49,492	106	1	1	19	6	1	20	48	0.97	11.65

* 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 417, against 364 in August—an increase of 53. The deaths in September were 179—a decrease of 33 on the number in August. Of the total deaths, males contributed 98, females 81. Forty-five of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 25.14 per cent. of the whole number; 36 of these were under 1 year of age.

There were 40 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Nine men, 68, 69 (two), 72 (two), 73, 74 (two), 75, and two women, 66, 87, died at Auckland; twelve men, 66, 67, 71 (two), 73 (three), 74, 88, 90, 91, 93, and two women, 77, 80, at Wellington; three men, 65, 68, 73, and three women, 67, 77, 78, at Christchurch; and six men, 66, 71 (two); 77, 86, 94, and three women, 69, 75, 93, at Dunedin.

The following Table shows the Causes of the Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 Years of Age and 5 Years and upwards, and the Proportion per Cent. of Deaths from each Cause, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the Month of September, 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	1	..	6	3	2	1	..	1	14	7.82
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	1.12
III.	Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	..	11	..	7	1	10	1	8	38	21.23
V.	Developmental Diseases	1	..	2	4	2	..	..	3	12	6.70
VI.	Local Diseases	4	17	5	18	2	14	6	24	90	50.28
VII.	Violence	1	4	2	3	..	3	2	2	17	9.50
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	6	3.35
	Totals	7	32	18	35	11	28	9	39	179	100.00

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—contd.									
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
Ovarian Tumour	1	1
Abortion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Puerperal Eclampsia	1	1
Post-partum Hæmorrhage	1	1
Extra-uterine Fœtation	1	..	..	..	..	1
Childbirth	1	..	..	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
Crushed by Dray	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fall down Stairs	1	..	..	..	..	1
Tetanus (traumatic)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drowned	1	..	1	..	1	3
Overlain	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3
Prolonged Labour	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Homicide,—</i>									
Murder or Manslaughter	1	..	..	1	..	2
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Suicide,—</i>									
By Shooting	1	1
By Cutting Throat	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
By Poison	2	..	..	2
By Hanging	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Marasmus, &c.	2	..	4	..	..	..	6
Totals	7	32	18	35	11	28	9	39	179

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 each of the four centres.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	0.84
and five suburban boroughs	0.76
Wellington City	1.15
and three suburban boroughs	1.12
Christchurch City	1.22
and four suburban boroughs	0.88
Dunedin City	1.19
and eight suburban boroughs	0.97

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

Compared with September, 1898, the results are,—

	1898.	1899.
Auckland and suburbs	1.06	0.76
Wellington and suburbs	1.00	1.12
Christchurch and suburbs	1.17	0.88
Dunedin and suburbs	1.01	0.97

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—The deaths at the four chief centres and suburbs during September from this class of disease numbered 14, of which 9 occurred at Wellington. Seven of these 9 deaths at Wellington were from whooping-cough and 2 from diphtheria. The last-named disease was also found at Auckland (1 death) and at Christchurch (also 1 death). Influenza and diarrhoea are noticed as fatal at Christchurch, and typhoid fever at Dunedin—1 death in each case.

Constitutional Diseases.—As usual, the proportion of the total mortality at the chief centres from constitutional diseases was high, being 21.23 per cent., in September. The number of deaths was 38 at the four towns, comprising 15 from phthisis, with 1 from tuberculosis, 2 from tubercular meningitis, and 1 from tubercular disease of the bowels. From cancer there were 13 deaths, and 1 one from diabetes mellitus.

Local Diseases.—The mortality in this class was 50.28 per cent. of the whole for the month, the number of deaths being 90. Sixteen were caused by diseases of the nervous system, including 6 of children by convulsions; 1 death was from ear-disease (organs of special sense), 20 from diseases of the circulatory system, 22 of the respiratory, 16 of the digestive, 9 of the urinary (6 Bright's disease), and 6 of the reproductive systems.

Violent Deaths.—These numbered 17: 10 accidental, 2 homicidal, and 5 suicidal. A carter was crushed to death by a dray passing over him at Auckland; an adult male died at Wellington of paralysis, the result of falling downstairs; a child of 5 years died at Auckland of traumatic tetanus. There were 3 deaths from accidental drowning, and 3 of children overlain, and an infant died at birth. A labourer met his death by violence at the hands of another person, and a child was found dead with marks of violence. A young man of 20 years committed suicide by shooting himself at Dunedin; a salesman killed himself by cutting his throat, and a bootmaker by hanging himself, at Auckland; and 2 women poisoned themselves 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.		Diarrhoeal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	2	..	..	4	3	1	..	1	2	..	1
Wellington and suburban boroughs	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	2	2	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	2	1	..	2
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	2	3	1	1
Totals	2	..	..	1	1	4	1	7	2	1	..	11	11	2	..	7	8	1	4

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 September, 1899.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1899.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1899.									Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 1899.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1886.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, September, 1899.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1886.			
			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	18	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.40	11.62
New Plymouth	4,176	9	..	..	4	..	..	1	5	1.20	12.11
Napier	9,399	28	2	1	3	..	1	3	10	1.06	11.56			
Wanganui	6,362	18	1	..	3	..	..	1	5	0.79	7.22	
Palmerston North	6,200	8	..	1	2	..	..	1	4	0.65	10.53	
Blenheim	2,900	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.34	11.24
Nelson	7,064	14	1	..	5	..	2	5	13	1.84	14.99			
Greymouth	3,345	7	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	0.60	10.20
Hokitika	2,494	11	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	1.20	13.91
Lyttelton	4,053	12	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	0.25	8.39
Timaru	5,702	8	2	..	..	..	..	2	4	0.70	10.69
Oamaru	5,372	12	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	0.74	8.99	
Invercargill	5,591*	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.57

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 23rd October, 1899.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR SEPTEMBER, 1899.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month*	55.0	52.5	..	48.8
Average same month previous years* ..	54.8	50.9	48.7	47.4
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	65.0 on 17th and 18th	64.0 on 22nd and 26th	..	70.0 on 24th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	44.5 on 1st and 11th	38.0 on 29th	..	34.0 on 19th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	126.0 on 29th	115.0 on 26th	..	..
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	39.0 on 1st	31.0 on 21st and 29th	..	31.0 on 11th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	69	69	..	70
Average same month previous years ..	75	76	75	73
Total Rainfall, in inches	1.310	3.615	2.110	2.202
Average same month previous years ..	3.394	4.259	1.765	2.473
Number of Days of Rain	10	10	7	10
Average same month previous years ..	16	14	8	12

* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 21st October, 1899.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONSOLIDATED

ORDINARY REVENUE

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
138,923	19 0	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	266,899	13 10
		Cash in the Public Account		
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—		
268,755	19 6	In the Colony	272,184	15 5
40,185	4 7	In London	35,920	8 8
60	1 10	On account of Imperial Pensions.. .. .	211	0 11
509,400	0 0	Investment Account	497,600	0 0
957,325	4 11		1,072,815	18 10
980,000	0 0	Less Treasury Bills outstanding	810,000	0 0
27,325	4 11			262,815 18 10
		Ordinary Revenue,—		
510,743	7 0	Customs	553,049	3 3
166,088	10 6	Stamps	182,372	13 6
7,504	19 1	Postal and Telegraph Cash Receipts	8,592	15 4
787	15 0	Land-tax	1,695	15 0
2,609	8 10	Income-tax	989	10 6
15,580	17 8	Beer Duty	16,792	15 6
329,609	16 10	Railways	352,240	14 9
26,783	4 2	Registration and other Fees	22,697	9 4
5,962	14 5	Marine	6,453	13 1
42,213	5 2	Miscellaneous	47,100	1 5
1,107,888	18 8		1,191,989	11 8
		Territorial Revenue,—		
29,025	7 10	Cash Land Sales	£26,387	8 1
7,788	3 6	Deferred-payment Land Sales	6,478	16 3
56,071	11 11	Pastoral Runs, Rents, and Miscellaneous	51,054	7 11
92,885	3 3		83,920	12 3
1,200,774	1 11			1,275,910 3 11
		Recoupment of interest to 31st March, 1899, in respect of debentures issued under "The Land for Settlements Acts, 1892-94," now charged against the Land for Settlements Account		61,832 5 3
		Receipts in Aid,—		
54,300	0 0	Debentures issued under "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," for increases of Sinking Fund		
		Sinking Funds set free,—		
2,146	0 0	New Zealand Loan Act, 1863 (1914 series)		
35,842	0 0	Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862		
37,988	0 0			
£1,920,387	6 10	Totals		£1,600,558 8 0

TREASURY BILLS

454,000	0 0	Treasury Bills outstanding at beginning of Quarter,—	384,000	0 0
476,000	0 0	In anticipation of Revenue	476,000	0 0
		For redemption of Guaranteed Debentures		
				810,000 0 0
£930,000	0 0	Totals		£810,000 0 0

FUND for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

ACCOUNT.

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1899.			
£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
6,892	4 11	Permanent Appropriations,—				
102,271	9 10	Civil List	6,362	17 6		
36,927	6 11	Interest and Sinking Fund	110,446	3 9		
36,371	7 9	Under Special Acts of the Legislature	40,870	6 8		
		Subsidies paid to Local Bodies	35,664	6 7		
12,981	13 7	Amounts paid over to Local Bodies and to Deposit Accounts in respect of Rents under the Land Acts	10,953	8 1		
		Endowments,—				
1,145	14 6	New Plymouth Harbour Board	1,261	7 5		
1,209	4 6	Greymouth Harbour Board	4,078	10 7		
5,464	9 7	Westport Harbour Board	8,979	12 11		
		Old-age Pensions	32,527	1 8		
203,263	11 7				251,143	15 2
		Annual Appropriations,—				
8,131	3 10	Class I.—Legislative	6,880	14 10		
16,343	10 3	" II.—Colonial Secretary	21,011	14 8		
10,514	3 11	" III.—Colonial Treasurer	8,212	7 0		
30,769	4 7	" IV.—Minister of Justice	31,580	12 4		
81,639	18 6	" V.—Postmaster-General	99,914	0 5		
16,447	16 3	" VI.—Commissioner of Trade and Customs	19,875	14 8		
6,193	2 9	" VII.—Commissioner of Stamps	6,563	5 3		
		" VIII.—Minister of Education—				
103,905	6 2	Education Department	109,897	8 7		
15,034	7 0	Lunacy and Charitable Department	15,564	3 11		
1,735	13 0	Department of Labour	1,890	19 1		
4,171	11 5	" IX.—Minister of Mines	3,406	19 2		
11,917	1 11	" X.—Minister for Agriculture	11,711	9 0		
293,024	2 5	" XI.—Working Railways	273,866	3 1		
14,069	0 1	" XII.—Minister for Public Works	7,119	19 3		
23,865	9 2	" XIII.—Defence Department	13,376	3 10		
39,042	15 6	" XIV.—Police Department	33,778	1 11		
34,613	6 6	" XV.—Minister of Lands	34,231	9 10		
5,778	18 10	" XVI.—Valuation Department	5,781	11 3		
300	18 2	" XVII.—Rates on Crown Lands	32	4 10		
		Services not provided for	803	12 6		
722,497	10 3				705,018	14 5
200,000	0 0	Amount transferred to Public Works Fund			200,000	0 0
1,000	0 0	Net amount advanced to Government Advances to Settlers Office Management Account in terms of section 49 of "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894"			4,200	0 0
35,842	0 0	Debentures redeemed,—				
		Consolidated Stock Act, 1884—matured 28th May, 1898				
305,777	14 9	Balance at end of Quarter,—				
168,309	3 2	Cash in the Public Account	404,491	4 5		
53,026	14 10	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—				
270	12 3	In the Colony	300,476	6 0		
560,400	0 0	In London	66,830	13 3		
		On account of Imperial Pensions	197	14 9		
		Investment Account	478,200	0 0		
1,087,784	5 0		1,250,195	18 5		
930,000	0 0	Less Treasury Bills outstanding	810,000	0 0		
157,784	5 0				440,195	18 5
£1,320,387	6 10	Totals			£1,600,558	8 0

ACCOUNT.

454,000	0 0	Treasury Bills outstanding at end of Quarter,—				
476,000	0 0	In anticipation of Revenue	334,000	0 0		
		In redemption of Guaranteed Debentures	476,000	0 0		
					810,000	0 0
£930,000	0 0	Totals			£810,000	0 0

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONSOLIDATED STATE FORESTS

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£ s. d. 15,902 3 2	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	£ s. d. 19,722 11 6	£ s. d.
423 18 9	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	365 8 7	20,088 0 1
16,326 1 11			
988 15 3	Rents from Lands set apart	186 14 2	
189 3 0	Miscellaneous	178 11 6	365 5 8
1,177 18 3			
£17,504 0 2	Totals		£20,453 5 9

ACCOUNTS OF

4,380 1 1	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	12,642 16 10	
3,746 13 8	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	4,276 12 7	16,919 9 5
8,126 14 9			
329 15 6	Revenue received for Local Bodies,— Fees, Fines, &c.	307 7 8	
642 0 10	Endowments of Land	1,433 1 2	
10,691 4 11	Goldfields Revenue	7,316 5 2	
3,245 15 5	Gold Duty	4,065 0 0	13,121 14 0
14,908 16 8			
109 4 0	Counties Separate Account,— Revenues of Counties in which "The Counties Act, 1886," is not in full operation		70 5 4
22,618 17 1	Advance Accounts,— Amount recovered from Local Bodies	10,452 3 0	
0 16 0	"Unauthorised"—on account of previous quarters	1 10 0	10,453 13 0
22,619 13 1			
£45,764 8 6	Totals		£40,565 1 9

DEPOSIT

125,413 16 1	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	69,269 13 6	
3,300 0 0	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	100 0 0	
	In London	38,131 17 0	107,501 10 6
128,713 16 1			
236 18 6	Lodgments,— Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897	371 6 7	
325 0 0	Emigrants' Deposits	2,218 10 0	
70 0 0	General Assembly Library	75 0 0	
3 14 9	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885		
103 14 1	Mining Districts Lands Occupation Act, 1894	114 13 9	
3,657 5 11	Miscellaneous	1,702 17 0	
11,490 0 0	Money-order Settlement	17,200 0 0	
175 19 7	Native Land Purchases	168 4 4	
36 3 0	Native Township of Pipiriki	29 13 0	
96 10 5	Native Township of Tokaanu	66 6 2	
5 0 0	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund	19 5 0	
	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund Investment	400 0 0	
5,465 17 6	New Zealand Midland Railway	5,852 8 9	
244 2 4	New Zealand University Endowment, Taranaki	118 19 5	
64 15 6	New Zealand University Endowment, Canterbury	64 15 6	
2 10 0	New Zealand University Endowment, Westland	5 0 0	
20 15 5	North Island Experimental Dairy School		
3,410 12 10	North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act, 1886	2,161 2 1	
	Public Trust Office Remittance	10,331 5 0	
3,550 0 0	Railways		
307 7 3	Thermal-springs Districts Act, 1881	433 16 6	
29,266 7 1			41,333 8 1
£157,980 3 2	Totals		£148,834 13 7

FUND for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

ACCOUNT.

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1899.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
423	19 1	Annual Appropriations,— Class XVIII.—State Forests Account .. .. .	..	997 6 1
16,917	16 5	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	18,962 10 0	
162	4 8	Advances in hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	493 9 8	10,455 19 8
17,080	1 1			
£17,504	0 2	Totals .. .. .	..	£20,453 5 9

LOCAL BODIES.

1,099	17 6	Revenue paid over to Local Bodies,— Fees, Fines, &c.	925 4 10	
518	4 10	Endowments of Land	1,887 5 1	
9,329	1 0	Goldfields Revenue	9,638 12 8	
3,686	13 4	Gold Duty	4,334 19 8	16,786 2 3
14,633	16 8			
24,928	6 1	Advance Accounts,— Amount paid on behalf of Local Bodies .. .. .	..	19,572 15 4
2,615	11 4	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	2,025 12 5	
3,586	14 5	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	2,180 11 9	4,206 4 2
6,202	5 9			
£45,764	8 6	Totals .. .. .	..	£40,565 1 9

ACCOUNTS.

200	0 0	Withdrawals,— Emigrants' Deposits	1,588 0 0	
0	9 0	Mining District Lands Occupation	167 15 8	
20,967	13 8	Miscellaneous	17,915 4 9	
11,200	0 0	Money-order Settlement Account	6,350 0 0	
..	..	Native Lands Act, 1878 (No. 2)	55 16 2	
95	14 10	Native Land Purchases	129 17 8	
..	..	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund	12 0 0	
300	0 0	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund Investment Account .. .. .	..
8,454	9 8	New Zealand Midland Railway	7,012 0 7	
8	14 1	Ngatirahiri Compensation .. .. .	..
..	..	Public Trust Office Remittance	3,419 7 2	
20	0 0	Railways	839 13 4	
82	2 3	Thermal-springs Districts Act, 1881	133 14 1	37,623 9 5
41,329	3 6			
86,511	8 8	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	63,326 11 2	
8	17 10	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony	600 0 0	
30,130	13 2	In London	47,284 13 0	111,211 4 2
116,650	19 8			
£157,980	3 2	Totals .. .. .	..	£148,834 13 7

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the PUBLIC

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
28,264 14 6	Cash in the Public Account	43,376 10 7	
95,326 15 9	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—	108,396 5 10	
20,785 4 9	In the Colony	19,400 13 10	
144,376 15 0	In London		171,173 10 3
..	The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1893,—		
..	Amount of loan authorised £500,000 0 0		
..	Amount brought to credit in previous quarters 465,000 0 0	35,000 0 0	
..	Interest on overdue instalments	0 13 3	35,000 13 3
836 8 6	Special Receipts in connection with the Ellesmere and Forsyth Reclamation and Akaroa Railway Trust Account .. .. .	..	779 15 7
200,000 0 0	Transfer from the Consolidated Fund in aid of Public Works .. .. .	..	200,000 0 0
36,558 0 0	Sinking Funds released under "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884," in respect of "The Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862" .. .. .	..	74 9 8
..	Recoveries in respect of Debentures issued under "The Roads and Bridges Construction Act, 1882" .. .. .	..	31 12 0
50 11 10	Recoveries on account of expenditure charged in previous quarters .. .. .	..	..
£881,821 15 4	Totals .. .. .	..	£407,060 0 9

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE CHEVIOT

1,650 15 6	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	..	3,306 9 2
	Cash in the Public Account .. .. .	..
	Receipts under "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1893,"—		
10 17 11	Land-sales for Cash	6 4 0	
4,553 15 8	Rents from Lands	4,034 8 9	
..	Interest on Advances	22 10 0	
22 10 0	Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	4,063 2 9
4,587 3 7			
£6,237 19 1	Totals .. .. .	..	£7,369 11 11

WORKS FUND for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		EXPENDITURE.						QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£	s. d.							£	s. d.
140	18 0	Annual Appropriations,—							
2,446	13 5	Class	I.—Immigration	..	..	..	..	113	12 9
79,681	7 5	"	II.—Public Works, Departmental	..	..	..	..	2,585	16 10
77,048	3 1	"	III.—Railways	..	..	..	..	70,455	11 3
3,273	1 6	"	IV.—Roads	..	..	..	..	63,025	14 1
17,756	9 5	"	V.—Development of Goldfields	..	..	..	..	4,243	3 3
8,509	13 5	"	VI.—Purchase of Native Lands	..	..	..	..	6,151	9 0
11,733	7 6	"	VII.—Telegraph Extension	..	..	..	..	7,589	13 11
2,640	3 2	"	VIII.—Public Buildings	..	..	..	..	15,809	9 10
11	10 8	"	IX.—Lighthouses and Harbour Defences	..	..	..	..	2,539	0 10
677	13 11	"	X.—Rates on Native Lands	..	..	..	..	163	5 1
		"	XI.—Contingent Defence	..	..	..	..	1,417	13 6
203,919	1 6								174,094 10 4
		The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlements Act, 1898,—							
		Charges and Expenses of raising Loan—							
..	..	Discount						17,973	9 5
..	..	Brokerage and Commission						6,473	7 6
..	..	Stamp Duty						3,125	0 0
..	..	Advertising						532	7 0
..	..	Sundries						36	19 3
									28,141 3 2
		Balance at end of Quarter,—							
7,213	10 5	Cash in the Public Account						14,425	5 6
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—							
110,292	5 0	In the Colony						122,212	7 3
60,396	18 5	In London						68,186	14 6
177,902	13 10								204,824 7 3
£381,821	15 4	Totals						..	£407,060 0 9

ESTATE ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

6	0 6	Expenditure,—							
..	..	Survey, Roading, &c.						6	3 0
..	..	Interest on Debentures						4,433	1 3
6	0 6								4,439 4 3
		Balance at end of Quarter,—							
6,231	18 7	Cash in the Public Account						..	2,930 7 8
£6,237	19 1	Totals						..	£7,369 11 11

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE LAND FOR

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
9,769 14 2	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	26,364 15 11	
655 10 5	Cash in the Public Account	2,503 16 0	
10,425 4 7	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony		28,868 11 11
10,846 1 2	Receipts under "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894,"— Rents and Lease-fees		11,130 10 7
..	Debentures created under— The Land for Settlements Acts, 1894 and 1897		62,000 0 0
£21,271 5 9	Totals		£101,999 2 6

SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		EXPENDITURE.				QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.		
£	s. d.	Acquirement of Estates, and expenses incidental thereto:—				£	s. d.	
		Estate.	Purchase-money.		Incidental Expenses.			
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
107	2 3	Albury	165	8 6	165	8 6		
16	2 0	Ardgowan						
4	4 3	Beaumont			0 10 0	0 10 0		
15	11 0	Blind River						
3	14 6	Braco						
		Elderslie			111 12 7	111 12 7		
197	10 5	Elsthorpe						
4	15 0	Highbank						
1	14 4	Horsley Down						
221	3 6	Hekeao			63 16 8	63 16 8		
		Janefield (J. Oughton)	4,888	3 4	22 17 8	4,911 1 0		
3	13 0	Karapiro						
0	15 0	Marawiti						
		Mahora			33 13 8	33 13 8		
52	1 10	Okauia			32 9 4	32 9 4		
26	9 6	Omaka			64 17 1	64 17 1		
		Opouriao			58 16 0	58 16 0		
0	13 6	Otahu			0 10 0	0 10 0		
2	7 6	Otarakaro						
473	3 8	Paparangi			40 15 6	40 15 6		
1	7 0	Pareora			3 11 1	3 11 1		
9	9 11	Pawaho			22 12 3	22 12 3		
		Poerua			3 0 10	3 0 10		
80	4 8	Pomahaka						
0	11 5	Puketapu						
9	2 6	Rangiatea			13 12 4	13 12 4		
0	10 7	Raureka						
		Richmond Brook			41 8 5	41 8 5		
		Rural Section 36228 (R. H. Rhodes)	227	0 3	13 0 8	240 0 11		
		Rural Section 36469			4 4 0	4 4 0		
		Rural Sections 36056 and 36057 (New Zealand Trust and Loan Company)	290	10 0		290 10 0		
		Rural Section 36231 (W. Nicholls)	346	5 7		346 5 7		
219	9 0	Starborough			745 17 5	745 17 5		
		Tamai			9 2 4	9 2 4		
4	2 0	Teanaraki						
16	16 8	Tokarahi						
41	14 4	Waihemo Grange (Makareao)			1,404 3 0	1,404 3 0		
		Waikakahi			60 11 4	60 11 4		
		Willows			5 2 11	5 2 11		
1,514	9 4		5,751	19 2	2,921	13 7		
		Annual Appropriations,—						
392	1 9	Vote, Land for Settlements Expenses						504 7 11
1,906	11 1							
		Interest on Debentures issued—recouped to the Consolidated Fund,—						
		From 1st April, 1893, to 31st March, 1899				61,832 5 3		
		From 31st March, 1899, to 30th April, 1899				12,161 6 3		
								73,993 11 6
		Balance at end of Quarter,—						
17,384	0 8	Cash in the Public Account				15,836 19 2		
1,980	14 0	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—						
		In the Colony				2,990 11 2		18,827 10 4
19,364	14 8							
£21,271	5 9	Totals						£101,999 2 6

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONVERSION

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1893.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
		Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
914	8 11	Advances—		
		In the hands of Stock Agents—		
		Cash £1,790		
		In hands of the Agent-General—		
25,825	13 6	3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock 40,000	41,790	9 9
26,240	2 5			
21,237	7 7	Less Cash overdrawn	40,097	7 6
5,002	14 10			
2,095,136	0 0	3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock,—		
170,000	0 0	Issued in exchange for Debentures, as per contra	3,897	0 0
15,000	0 0	Issued for redemption of Debentures	53,000	0 0
		Issued for payment of Stamp Duty		
2,280,136	0 0			
£2,285,138	14 10	Totals	£58,590	2 3

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the GOVERNMENT

	The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894,—		
	Amount of loan issued	£500,000	0 0
	Amount brought to credit in previous quarter	405,000	0 0
	Interest on overdue instalments of Loan		95,000 0 0
	Advanced by the Bank of England on security of 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock ..		0 13 3
25,000			95,000 13 3
£25,000	Total		£95,000 13 3

ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		EXPENDITURE.					QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£	s. d.	Original Amount.		Rate.	Premium.	Stock.	£	s. d.
		£	£	£	£	£		£ s. d.
		Debentures converted into 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock,— Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870— Due 15th April, 1913, 4 per cent. 100 108 8 108 General Purposes Loan Act, 1873— Due 15th October, 1913, 4 per cent. ... 1,100 Due 15th May, 1914, 4 per cent. ... 1,500 2,600 108 208 2,808 Consolidated Loan Act, 1867, 5 per-cent. New Zealand Loan Act, 1863— Due 15th July, 1914, 5 per cent. Consolidated Stock Act, 1884— Due 22nd May, 1898, 4½ per cent. Due 28th May, 1898, 4½ per cent. Due 28th May, 1898, 4 per cent. Due 28th May, 1898, 3½ per cent. District Railways Purchasing Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1886— Due 28th May, 1898, 3½ per cent. In respect of conversion in previous quarter 981 981 Premium in respect of above 1,197 ..						
2,095,136	0 0		2,700	..	1,197	..	..	3,897 0 0
64,900	0 0	Debentures redeemed,— Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862, due 1st July, 1898, 6 per cent. Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1896, due 21st February, 1899, 3½ per cent. ... .. .. .. ..					..	..
100,000	0 0						..	..
164,900	0 0						..	..
13,743	12 6	Expenses Account,— Stamp Duty 1,248 5 0 Brokerage and Commission 239 5 0 Overlap of Interest 4 13 11 Discount 3,130 0 0 Printing and Advertising 5 4 6 Office Expenses 103 10 4						4,730 18 9.
487	10 0							
1,108	1 0							
2,248	15 0							
2	6 0							
98	18 11							
17,689	3 5							
6,713	15 1	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account 49,535 4 7 Advances— In the hands of Stock Agents— Cash 426 18 11 In hands of Agent-General— 3½-per-cent. Inscribed Stock						49,962 3 6
174	3 10							
525	12 6							
7,413	11 5							
£2,285,138	14 10	Totals .. .. .. .. ..					..	£58,590 2 3

ADVANCES to SETTLERS LOAN ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

25,000	0 0	Amount paid to the credit of the Government Advances to Settlers' Office Account	..	66,500	0 0
		Charges and expenses of raising loan—			
..	..	Discount	17,973 9 6		
..	..	Brokerage and Commission	6,473 7 6		
..	..	Stamp Duty	3,125 0 0		
..	..	Advertising	532 7 1		
..	..	Sundries	36 19 2		
		Balance at end of quarter—		28,141	3 3
..	..	Cash in the Public Account .. .. .. ..	..	359	10 0
25,000	0 0	Totals .. .. .. ..	..	£95,000	13 3

BODIES ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1898.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
		Payments to—		
		Counties,—		
		Ashburton	1,000	0 0
700	0 0	Clifton .. .. .	..	..
180	0 0	Hawera .. .. .	..	..
975	0 0	Kiwitea	2,325	0 0
500	0 0	Manawatu	25	0 0
..	..	Pohangina	1,045	0 0
..	..	Rangitikei	800	0 0
..	..	Stratford	3,090	0 0
968	0 0	Tuapeka .. .. .	..	..
..	..	Waipawa	248	0 0
..	..	Wairarapa North	18	0 0
300	0 0	Wairarapa South	1,000	0 0
3,623	0 0			9,551 0 0
		Boroughs,—		
237	0 0	Dannevirke .. .. .	..	..
12	0 0	Feilding .. .. .	..	..
..	..	Greytown	200	0 0
..	..	Masterton	500	0 0
1,000	0 0	Petone .. .. .	..	..
..	..	Te Aroha	1,000	0 0
2,000	0 0	Timaru	1,784	0 0
3,249	0 0			3,484 0 0
		Road Boards,—		
..	..	Fitzherbert	2,200	0 0
..	..	Manchester	800	0 0
..	..	Manganui	180	0 0
1,000	0 0	Masterton	435	0 0
145	0 0	Moa	250	0 0
..	..	Oakura	50	0 0
40	0 0	Parihaka .. .. .	..	..
1,000	0 0	Seatoun .. .. .	..	..
620	0 0	Taratahi-Carterton .. .. .	..	..
..	..	Waimate	1,085	0 0
50	0 0	Waipipi .. .. .	..	..
2,855	0 0			5,000 0 0
..	..	River Board,—		
..	..	Clive .. .. .	..	2,500 0 0
300	0 0	Town Board,—		
..	..	Ngaruawahia .. .. .	..	..
99	0 0	Drainage Boards,—		
760	0 0	Aorangi Land .. .. .	..	..
..	..	Manawatu Land .. .. .	..	..
859	0 0			20,535 0 0
10,886	0 0			
4,185	3 6	Appropriations,—		
..	..	Vote—Roads to open up Crown Lands .. .. .	..	4,619 14 7
6,848	0 11	Balance at end of Quarter,—		
3,754	9 5	Cash in the Public Account	14,833	12 4
10,602	10 4	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government—		
..	..	In the Colony	12,142	18 3
£25,673	13 10	Totals .. .. .	..	26,976 10 7
				£52,131 5 2

ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1899 and 1898, respectively.

371,000	0 0	Balance at end of Quarter,—		
165	0 0	Investment Account	439,200	0 0
371,165	0 0	Cash in Deposit Account	70	0 0
				439,270 0 0
£371,165	0 0	Totals .. .. .	..	£439,270 0 0

ROBERT J. COLLINS,
Accountant to the Treasury.

JAMES B. HEYWOOD,
Secretary to the Treasury.

The foregoing accounts have been examined and found correct, subject to the following remarks:—

1. The "Customs," "Railways," and "Territorial Revenue" receipts are not now examined by the Audit Office.
2. The Audit Office is unable satisfactorily to verify the receipts of gold revenue, through the failure of the Mines Department to comply with a requisition for a certified statement of the amounts collectible as such revenue.

J. K. WARBURTON,
Controller and Auditor-General.

SUMMARY OF BALANCES ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

	BALANCES.				CASH.			ADVANCES.			INVESTMENTS.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CONSOLIDATED FUND:—																
Ordinary Revenue Account ..	1,250,195	18	5	404,491	4	5	367,504	14	0	478,200	0	0	1,250,195	18	5	
State Forests Account ..	19,455	19	8	18,962	10	0	493	9	8	..	..	..	19,455	19	8
Accounts of Local Bodies ..	4,206	4	2	2,025	12	5	2,180	11	9	..	..	..	4,206	4	2
Deposit Accounts ..	111,211	4	2	63,326	11	2	47,884	13	0	..	..	..	111,211	4	2
	1,385,069	6	5	488,805	18	0	418,063	8	5	478,200	0	0	1,385,069	6	5	
PUBLIC WORKS FUND ..	..	..	..	14,425	5	6	190,399	1	9	..	..	..	204,824	7	3
CHEVIOT ESTATE ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	2,930	7	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,930	7	8
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	15,836	19	2	2,990	11	2	..	..	..	18,827	10	4
CONVERSION ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	49,585	4	7	426	18	11	..	..	..	49,982	8	6
LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	14,838	12	4	12,142	18	3	..	..	..	26,976	10	7
NEW ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	70	0	0	..	..	..	439,200	0	0	439,270	0	0
REMITANCES TO LONDON ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	Cr. 600,000	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cr. 600,000	0	0
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT ..	..	..	..	30,717	5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,717	5	0
GOVERNMENT ADVANCES TO SETTLERS LOAN ACCOUNT	..	..	..	359	10	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	359	10	0
Totals ..	..	..	..	17,514	2	3	624,022	18	6	917,400	0	0	1,558,937	0	9

RETURN of REVENUE collected at the GENERAL POST OFFICE and in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

	POSTAL REVENUE.							TELEGRAPH REVENUE.							Total Post and Telegraph Revenue.
	Private Box and Bag Rents.	Money-order Commission.	Stamps sold, and credited to Stamp Revenue.	Postal Guides.	Postal-note Commission.	Miscellaneous Receipts (Postal).	Total Postal.	Telegrams.	Telephone Exchanges.	Miscellaneous Telegraph.	Total Telegraph.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
General Post Office	..	..	..	..	..	525 0 0	525 0 0	..	40 7 10	152 3 5	192 11 3	717 11 3
Auckland	108 0 0	964 7 0	9,263 1 11	2 1 0	141 10 8	0 9 8½	10,474 10 3½	4,123 4 10½	268 18 6	104 5 10	4,496 9 2½	14,970 19 6			
Blenheim	13 10 0	56 17 0	817 18 3	0 2 6	13 4 1	..	901 11 10	418 12 11½	23 0 0	1 0 0	442 12 11½	1,344 4 9½			
Christchurch	108 10 0	422 17 0	6,783 9 3½	0 16 0	84 2 0½	0 4 0	7,399 18 4	3,039 12 1½	360 16 2	50 14 6	3,451 2 9½	10,851 1 1½			
Dunedin	66 0 0	446 10 6	6,969 4 9	0 17 6	107 12 5	0 6 0	7,590 11 2	3,885 16 3	170 4 11	31 4 4	4,087 5 6	11,677 16 8			
Gisborne	9 10 0	56 19 6	727 9 8	0 2 6	7 9 2	..	801 10 10	523 10 6	10 6 9	131 10 0	665 7 3	1,466 18 1			
Greytown	9 10 0	98 6 0	1,342 12 7½	0 2 0	12 18 11	..	1,463 9 6½	639 16 1½	27 7 6	2 10 0	669 13 7½	2,133 3 2			
Hokitika	7 10 0	41 6 6	481 5 10½	..	8 17 4½	..	538 19 9	298 13 1½	..	..	298 13 1½	837 12 10½	
Invercargill	61 10 0	180 8 0	3,964 4 3	0 5 0	53 6 10	..	4,259 14 1	1,519 9 1	84 4 11	22 0 0	1,625 14 0	5,885 8 1			
Napier	75 0 0	216 10 6	3,123 16 11	0 5 6	50 5 0½	..	3,465 17 11½	1,388 19 4	88 18 7	6 0 0	1,483 17 11	4,949 15 10½			
Nelson	8 10 0	86 16 3	761 10 6	0 4 0	16 7 3½	..	873 8 0½	667 9 7	1 0 0	..	668 9 7	1,541 17 7½			
New Plymouth	34 10 0	106 9 3	1,707 4 11½	0 4 6	30 10 4½	..	1,878 19 1	831 17 3	52 10 8	..	884 7 11	2,763 7 0			
Oamaru	14 10 0	58 0 0	1,456 10 2	0 2 0	17 18 11	..	1,547 1 1	473 4 4	20 13 1	1 10 0	495 7 5	2,042 8 6			
Thames	25 10 0	218 14 6	2,285 16 6½	0 2 0	35 2 9½	..	2,565 5 10	848 16 6½	18 5 0	1 0 0	868 1 6½	3,433 7 4½			
Tinaru	34 10 0	105 15 0	2,831 10 0½	0 2 0	25 3 1	..	2,997 0 1½	668 8 2½	10 15 6	56 10 0	735 13 8½	3,732 13 10			
Wanganui	63 0 0	195 12 0	5,787 19 5	0 3 6	58 11 4	..	6,105 6 3	1,357 6 10½	100 9 1	51 1 0	1,508 16 11½	7,614 3 2½			
Wellington	135 10 0	746 11 6	11,550 11 6	1 8 6	130 1 11½	1 11 0	12,565 14 5½	4,488 10 3½	342 10 7	697 2 0	5,528 2 10½	18,093 17 4			
Westport	2 0 0	90 9 3	774 12 11½	0 1 0	12 17 7	..	880 0 9½	494 4 7	..	..	494 4 7	1,374 5 4½	
Total third quarter in 1899	772 0 0	4,092 9 9	60,698 19 7½	6 19 6	805 19 10½	527 10 8½	66,833 19 5½	25,667 12 0½	1,620 9 1	1,308 11 1	28,596 12 2½	95,430 11 8			
Total third quarter in 1898	703 10 0	3,925 4 7	58,157 7 5½	6 12 0	755 17 0	471 16 10	64,020 7 10½	23,008 6 10	1,264 4 8	1,157 3 8	25,429 15 2	89,450 3 0½			

General Post Office,
Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Ordinary Telegrams.		Urgent Ordinary Telegrams.		Press Telegrams.*		Bureau Communications.		Total.		Government Telegrams.	
		Number.	Amount. £ s. d.	Number.	Amount. £ s. d.	Number.	Amount. £ s. d.	Number.	Amount. £ s. d.	Number.	Amount. £ s. d.	Number.	Value. £ s. d.
Auckland ..	182	94,521	3,288 8 10½	3,432	247 17 10	5,054	423 13 8	8,071	163 4 6	111,078	4,123 4 10½	9,620	743 3 2
Blenheim ..	22	9,530	322 10 11½	425	36 10 8	81	44 6 10	499	15 4 6	10,535	418 12 11½	1,322	86 4 10
Christchurch ..	92	63,161	2,268 10 0½	3,529	191 8 5	2,517	472 4 2	3,770	107 9 6	72,977	3,039 12 1½	5,854	447 13 9
Dunedin ..	127	88,583	3,198 16 9	3,306	245 7 6	3,825	308 16 0	5,267	132 16 0	100,981	3,865 16 3	4,891	362 2 9
Gasborne ..	17	9,006	389 1 3½	415	28 6 1½	329	73 12 1	2,842	82 11 0	12,092	523 10 6	1,072	82 3 6
Greymouth ..	16	13,833	485 6 4½	442	33 10 9	174	120 18 0	2	0 1 0	14,451	639 16 1½	1,789	128 7 9
Hokitika ..	18	6,634	236 6 5½	142	9 15 4	92	52 11 4	..	..	6,868	298 13 1½	574	47 15 1
Invercargill ..	68	28,799	1,005 6 6½	644	51 5 1½	877	143 2 8	12,266	319 14 9	42,586	1,519 9 1	2,097	163 15 7
Napier ..	47	30,211	1,050 8 1	1,031	73 10 10	1,036	207 7 8	2,149	57 12 9	34,427	1,388 19 4	2,361	197 1 4
Nelson ..	38	14,780	530 1 10	433	20 11 6	18,679	116 1 6	26	0 14 9	33,908	667 9 7	2,148	135 18 7
New Plymouth ..	32	18,304	623 10 1	804	56 17 3	1,110	102 16 5	1,415	48 13 6	21,633	831 17 3	2,167	161 16 2
Oamaru ..	23	8,337	271 19 0	427	18 3 7	154	143 12 6	1,041	39 9 3	9,959	473 4 4	907	53 9 7
Thames ..	24	22,575	693 16 2½	860	58 3 9	540	84 4 10	464	12 11 9	24,439	848 16 6½	2,193	140 1 7
Timaru ..	21	14,776	506 13 0½	727	42 16 10	500	118 0 10	1	0 17 6	16,004	668 8 2½	1,392	91 4 2
Wanganui ..	36	33,033	1,081 8 8½	1,750	103 14 3	1,027	156 12 8	527	15 11 3	36,337	1,357 6 10½	2,656	227 3 11
Wellington ..	109	104,392	3,751 15 9½	4,402	308 12 9	27,156	215 2 7	6,309	212 19 2	142,259	4,488 10 3½	17,459	1,407 4 0
Westport ..	20	10,678	379 6 9	537	61 5 8	166	53 12 2	..	..	11,431	494 4 7	1,806	125 5 10
Total third quarter in 1899	892	571,153	20,033 6 9½	23,346	1,537 18 2	63,317	2,836 15 11	44,149	1,209 11 2	701,965	25,667 12 0½	60,308	4,600 11 7
Total third quarter in 1898	848	499,780	17,676 7 6½	23,227	1,935 4 4	53,227	2,545 8 9½	33,381	851 6 2	609,615	23,008 6 10	57,909	6,462 16 1

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

General Post Office,
Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of MONEY-ORDER and SAVINGS-BANK TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	MONEY-ORDERS.				SAVINGS-BANKS.				Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits.	
	Money-order		Paid.		Accounts.		Amount of Deposits.	Amount of Withdrawals.		Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.
	Of Quarter.	Of Quarter.	Number.	Amount.	Opened.	Closed.				
	Number.	£ s. d.	Number.	£ s. d.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland	18,450	58,342 7 11	14,298	50,854 3 6	98	98	131,479 3 0	117,708 3 3	13,770 19 9	
Blenheim	1,479	4,564 8 4	657	2,630 16 11	7	7	13,557 4 5	14,894 12 3	1,337 7 10	
Christchurch	10,176	31,576 18 3	8,560	34,568 6 5	53	53	181,462 11 3	167,839 15 0	13,622 16 3	
Dunedin	11,974	35,428 18 7	11,004	41,209 17 9	44	44	142,445 0 8	148,577 13 10	6,132 13 2	
Gisborne	1,101	3,285 17 9	338	1,306 9 4	5	5	11,420 4 5	11,840 7 3	420 2 10	
Greymouth	2,355	7,281 18 6	1,017	3,943 14 9	10	10	16,082 10 9	14,150 6 6	1,932 4 3	
Hokitika	1,039	2,507 8 3	473	1,998 14 8	6	6	6,147 10 2	7,152 0 3	1,004 10 1	
Invercargill	4,781	14,230 3 6	2,429	8,868 11 4	27	27	34,862 17 5	30,914 3 4	3,948 14 1	
Napier	5,079	15,105 9 8	2,701	9,363 7 3	21	21	32,898 14 11	29,019 8 4	3,879 6 7	
Nelson	2,122	6,891 0 5	1,398	5,700 10 8	15	15	28,523 13 11	25,768 7 8	2,755 6 3	
New Plymouth	2,767	9,716 9 1	1,351	6,442 9 0	8	8	25,569 19 10	22,813 11 3	2,756 8 7	
Oamaru	1,692	6,353 5 8	884	3,477 18 11	10	10	11,715 10 10	12,476 17 8	761 6 10	
Thames	5,378	15,848 18 9	1,817	6,837 14 2	17	17	34,847 14 11	25,884 10 9	8,963 4 2	
Timaru	3,077	11,738 10 7	1,113	3,992 4 10	13	13	31,582 6 7	25,192 1 7	6,390 5 0	
Wanganui	5,325	16,987 2 11	2,171	7,615 5 6	23	23	43,835 7 7	41,369 16 3	2,465 11 4	
Wellington	15,439	47,137 5 7	12,742	51,041 8 6	54	54	174,542 18 8	156,548 11 0	17,994 7 8	
Westport	2,196	6,263 19 0	509	1,906 12 1	14	14	11,681 19 10	7,666 11 6	4,015 8 4	
Total 3rd quarter in 1899	94,430	293,260 2 9	63,462	241,753 5 7	425	425	932,655 9 2	859,816 17 8	72,838 11 6	
Total 3rd quarter in 1898	86,346	278,393 2 11	59,908	235,624 3 2	396	396	827,711 15 11	798,080 17 1	29,631 1 10	

General Post Office,
Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

W. GRAY
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of POSTAL-NOTE TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	No. of Postal-note Orders open at the end of the quarter.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD.												NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES PAID.												Total Amount of Postal Notes paid.	£	s.	d.												
		Total Amount of Postal Notes sold, including Commission.												Commission on Postal Notes sold.																Total.											
		At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/6	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At 17/6	At £1.	At £5.	Total.	£	s.	d.	At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/6	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At 17/6					At £1.	At £5.	Total.									
Auckland	107	4,448	4,005	2,410	3,561	1,314	2,878	754	927	386	1,455	27	22,165	6,881	16	2	141	10	8	5,549	4,864	3,107	4,080	1,654	3,408	968	1,094	488	1,630	16	26,818	7,238	12	6							
Blenheim	8	438	307	189	384	114	275	75	84	47	148	..	2,000	643	10	1	19	4	1	149	127	66	126	50	131	32	36	14	81	..	812	281	4	6							
Christchurch	58	2,305	1,955	1,115	1,943	808	1,788	484	616	300	1,023	16	12,238	4,207	4	6½	84	2	0½	3,401	2,615	1,434	2,188	1,179	2,276	688	876	325	1,197	20	16,179	5,328	8	6							
Dunedin	54	3,096	2,723	1,443	2,311	1,019	2,088	615	789	308	1,365	82	15,884	5,669	0	5	107	12	5	4,192	3,622	1,995	3,673	1,397	2,709	809	1,041	405	1,680	82	21,604	7,257	15	0							
Gisborne	5	202	214	126	186	77	154	29	44	25	81	4	1,142	375	14	8	7	9	2	107	79	49	70	36	68	20	28	12	34	1	499	162	18	0							
Greymouth	10	432	240	178	270	116	320	76	88	33	133	1	1,887	626	3	5	12	18	11	227	170	118	153	78	179	58	58	22	92	1	1,151	391	4	6							
Hokitika	8	248	210	126	191	109	165	64	48	26	120	..	1,307	442	12	10½	8	17	4½	124	59	52	71	46	98	35	30	12	70	..	597	226	0	0							
Invercargill	32	1,564	1,215	671	1,217	579	1,100	334	409	172	547	12	7,820	2,650	18	4	53	6	10	1,027	829	448	709	410	770	199	287	126	398	14	5,217	1,808	8	0							
Napier	29	1,593	1,524	782	1,204	564	951	320	378	167	430	8	7,921	2,429	11	6½	50	5	0½	1,088	1,085	516	787	404	676	236	251	116	308	9	5,416	1,667	15	6							
Nelson	19	546	549	268	406	164	352	81	92	40	160	..	2,658	771	19	3½	16	7	3½	434	381	239	307	127	294	78	103	49	135	2	2,152	665	12	6							
New Plymouth	14	976	784	396	659	291	656	176	214	91	360	2	4,555	1,505	17	4½	30	10	4½	560	394	192	309	193	377	87	136	57	187	8	2,500	852	18	6							
Oamaru	10	574	406	264	424	200	352	88	131	59	201	4	2,708	892	19	5	17	18	11	275	222	97	207	110	239	50	87	34	130	1	1,452	516	5	6							
Thames	18	1,072	959	609	910	376	784	187	240	83	266	2	5,488	1,642	15	9½	35	2	9½	425	445	220	356	137	402	74	138	38	154	3	2,392	775	10	0							
Timaru	13	757	539	307	556	225	523	151	183	70	331	4	3,646	1,270	11	1	25	3	1	362	291	173	241	133	312	71	73	33	208	5	1,902	688	13	6							
Wanganui	26	1,970	1,519	875	1,345	619	1,180	347	402	163	627	4	9,051	2,846	14	10	58	11	4	1,030	824	463	736	408	723	186	219	92	364	4	5,049	1,614	13	6							
Wellington	61	3,720	3,167	1,947	3,296	1,275	2,891	620	812	294	1,452	22	19,496	6,360	7	5½	130	1	11½	5,189	4,327	2,607	4,695	1,664	3,759	852	1,085	398	1,961	17	26,554	8,327	12	0							
Westport	16	379	337	188	290	152	256	70	96	36	138	3	1,945	698	7	1	12	17	7	113	112	51	87	43	95	20	36	13	45	1	616	206	13	6							
Total 3rd quarter in 1899	488	24,315	20,583	11,888	19,108	7,997	16,708	4,471	5,553	2,200	8,837	191	121,846	39,856	4	43	805	19	104	24,247	20,399	11,822	18,744	8,079	16,511	4,443	5,578	2,234	8,669	184	120,910	38,695	5	6							
Total 3rd quarter in 1898	460	22,863	19,120	11,354	16,947	4,688	15,561	4,331	5,297	2,245	8,422	189	113,797	37,581	0	0	755	17	0	22,775	19,384	11,457	16,826	7,642	15,406	4,385	5,314	2,249	9,285	182	113,805	36,653	18	6							

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 17th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Tolago Bay on the 14th day of November, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 99-54.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1447	Rawiri Karaha	Paremata No. 2.

Native Land Court Agent licensed.

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT, NEW ZEALAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a license has been issued to the under-mentioned person authorising him to appear as an agent in the Native Land Court for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1899, subject to the provisions of section 20 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," viz. :—

PARATENE NGATA.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

Dated at Wellington, this 25th day of October, 1899.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Native Appellate Court will sit at Whanganui on the 21st day of November, 1899, to hear and determine the appeals from the decisions of the Native Land Court set forth in the Schedule hereto. All persons interested in the said applications are hereby notified to attend at the time and place aforesaid.

[Wellington, 99-67.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

No.	Name of Appellant.	Name of Land.	Decision appealed against.
1	Porokoru Patapu and others ..	Rangiwaee	Decision, dated 28th June, 1899, upon partition.
2	Hiraka te Rango	Motukawa 2A and 2B ..	Decision, dated 16th June, 1899, appointing successors to Heta Tanguru, deceased.
3	Rongo Paerau	Motukawa 2A and other blocks	Decision, dated 8th June, 1899, appointing successors to Ruatekau Paerau, deceased.
4	Taiuru te Rango and others ..	Pouwhakarua No. 1 ..	Decision, dated 11th July, 1898, on inquiry under subsection (10) of section 14.
5	Te Whatarangi Tekā	Puketarata and Motuhou	Decision, dated 24th June, 1898, appointing successors to Kararaina Pukeroa, deceased.

APPLICATIONS under Section 39 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," authorised by Orders in Council dated the 26th day of September, 1898, and 29th day of August, 1898, to be heard as Appeals under Section 62 of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895."

No.	Name of Appellant.	Block affected.	Nature of Appeal.
6	Pirihira Tarewa Urupine and others	New Zealand Company's Tents, Wellington	Appeal from the decision of the Native Land Court, dated 25th May, 1897, appointing successors to Heremaia Patiarero, Hori Pakihi, and Te Rangi-katatu, deceased.
7	Wiari Rangi Kauruora ..	Ngapakahi, Rangiwaee, and Whakaihūwaka	Appeal from the decision of the Native Land Court, dated 29th November, 1895, appointing successors to Wiki Wiari, deceased.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Wellington on the 20th day of November, 1899, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

[Wellington. 99-68.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer (99-126) ..	14th June, 1899 ..	Porirua, Section 9, Sub-division 6, and part of Section 7	Makere Mohi to James Futter.
2	Transfer (99-146) ..	27th June, 1899 ..	Porirua, Section 9, Sub-division 6, and part of Section 7	Atanatiu te Puni to James Futter.
3	Mortgage (99-165) ..	17th June, 1899 ..	Polhill Gully, Block XV.B, Subdivision 2A	Ani Waka Bluett (Durling) to Francis Augustus Kebbell.
4	Lease (99-202) ..	13th June, 1899 ..	Hutt, Section 16, Sub-division 12	Rangiwhaha te Puni and others to George Thomas London.
5	Transfer (99-209) ..	21st July, 1899 ..	Paekakariki No. 1E ..	Ngawaina Hanikamu to John Sidney Smith.
6	Lease (99-214) ..	17th August, 1899 ..	Belmont, Block XI., Section 8, Sub-division 1	Te Mutu Panapa and Muroa Panapa to Frederick Peter Simeon.
7	Transfer (99-217) ..	18th September, 1899 ..	Porirua, Section 9, Sub-division 6, and part of Section 7	Pitama Tahurangi to James Futter.
8	Transfer (99-234) ..	2nd August, 1899 ..	Wairaka, part Section 4	Raiha Hurikarito to Albert Wall.
9	Lease (99-73) ..	19th April, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 15	Ropata Ngapaki to William Hort Cruickshank.
10	Lease (99-212) ..	8th August, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 15	Hoani Ngapaki to William Hort Cruickshank.
11	Lease (99-213) ..	7th September, 1899 ..	Hongoeka, part Section 3	Pumipi Pikiwera to William Hort Cruickshank.
12	Transfer (99-103) ..	3rd June, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 56	Ngaruatapuke to Charles Bruce Morison.
13	Lease (99-219) ..	4th May, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 25	Metapere Ropata and Mabilia Tiaki to John William Plotnicki.
14	Transfer (99-223) ..	20th May, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Sections 45 and 75	Tawhaki Toanui to Charles Bruce Morison.
15	Transfer (99-224) ..	10th June, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Sections 45 and 75	Ani Toanui to Charles Bruce Morison.
16	Transfer (99-225) ..	6th July, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Sections 45 and 75	Maraea Toanui and others to Henry Richardson Elder.
17	Transfer (99-226) ..	1st July, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 75	Mapuna te Tuhi to Charles Bruce Morison.
18	Transfer (99-227) ..	6th July, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 75	Maraea Toanui and others to Charles Bruce Morison.
19	Transfer (99-228) ..	21st July, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 45	Iharaira Toanui (trustee for Tahata Toanui and Mata Kokiri Toanui) to Henry Richardson Elder.
20	Transfer (99-229) ..	21st July, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 75	Iharaira Toanui (trustee for Tahata Toanui and Mata Kokiri Toanui) to Charles Bruce Morison.
21	Transfer (99-230) ..	1st July, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 45	Mapuna te Tuhi to Henry Richardson Elder.
22	Lease (99-231) ..	13th September, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 31	Hona Kohiwi (trustee for Te Uinga Hona and others) to William Hort Cruickshank.
23	Lease (99-232) ..	13th September, 1899 ..	Ngarara West A, Section 15	Hona Kohiwi (trustee for Te Uinga Hona and others) to William Hort Cruickshank.
24	Mortgage (99-173) ..	26th February, 1898 ..	Akura No. 11 ..	Meri Ellers to Thomas Duncan.
25	Mortgage (99-174) ..	1st March, 1898 ..	Akura No. 12 ..	Tarapine Pou Manihera to Thomas Duncan.
26	Lease (99-149) ..	11th March, 1899 ..	Hongoeka No. 1 ..	Wi Parata and Tere Maihi to William Hort Cruickshank.
27	Lease (99-150) ..	15th March, 1899 ..	Hongoeka No. 2 ..	Hirini Tangahoe to William Hort Cruickshank.
28	Lease (99-151) ..	15th March, 1899 ..	Hongoeka Nos. 3 and 4 ..	Pumipi Pikiwera to William Hort Cruickshank.
29	Transfer (99-169) ..	11th July, 1899 ..	Wairaka No. 3 ..	Hori Karaka to Albert Wall.
30	Transfer (99-237) ..	14th October, 1899 ..	Hutt, Sections 1 and 2, Subdivision L	Mere te Puni to Emma Louisa Morrison.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
31	Meri Tipene	Hutt, Subdivision L of Section 3.
32	Meri Tipene	Hutt, Subdivision 26 of Section 16.
33	H. Pitt Porutu and others	Porirua, Subdivision 1 of Section 9.
34	Ripeka Matene	Hutt, Section 3, Subdivision 19.
35	Takinga and others	Ngarara West B (Puketapu).

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
78	Atanatiu te Puni	Wiremu te Puni.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
83	Karoraina Henare	Ohariu, part of Section 13.
84	Keremihana te Hiwi and another	Ohau No. 3, Section 7B.
85	Ngahuka Tungia and others	Paekakariki No. 2.
86	Taniora Anaru	Hutt, Subdivision 18 of Section 16.
87	Teo Tipene	Hutt, Subdivision 16 of Section 16.

NOTICE OF MOTION re HEPI TE WHEORO, DECEASED.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Nature of Application.
88	Messrs. Hankins and Loughnan	Application for an order removing Winiata Wharangi and Karehana Tauranga from the office of executors of the will of the above deceased, and for an order directing the assignment of the bond by the Registrar of the Native Land Court to some fit and proper person to be appointed by the Court.

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 2 OF "THE NGATITOA TRUST ACT, 1896."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Nature of Application.
89	Rawharitua te Abu (by his solicitors, Stafford, Treadwell, and Field)	For an order directing or empowering the Public Trustee to pay the corpus of the share of Riwai te Ahu in the Ngatittoa Trust Fund, with all interest accrued thereon.

APPLICATION FOR SURVEY CHARGING ORDER.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Block.	Amount.
90	Robert Richardson Richmond	Makara, Section 39 and part of Section 37	£28 12s.

APPLICATIONS for Assessment of Compensation, if any, to be paid for Land taken for the Korokoro Road, situate at the Hutt, and to ascertain who are the Persons entitled to receive the Same.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Area.
91	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. 9c ..	A. R. P. 0 1 21
92	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. 9c ..	0 0 6
93	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. 9B ..	0 3 18
94	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. 9B ..	0 2 20
95	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. 9A ..	0 2 0
96	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. 9A ..	0 2 3
97	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. G ..	0 0 14
98	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., part of Section No. G ..	3 1 14
99	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., Subdivision L of Section 3	2 2 10
100	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., Subdivision L of Section 3	2 0 24
101	The Surveyor-General	Belmont, Block XIII., Subdivision Q of Sections 2 and 3	0 1 5

WHEREAS, by Order in Council dated the 28th June, 1899, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the 15th section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, did order and declare that the investigation and determination of the ownership of the land described in the Schedule hereto, and of the relative shares or interests of any Natives therein, and also the determination of any matter or question which might arise in relation to the premises, or which it shall be necessary to determine for the purpose aforesaid, should be, and the same were, thereby brought within the jurisdiction of the Native Land Court established under the said Act :

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that the said matters will be heard and determined by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 20th day of November, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land, situate at Petone, in the Provincial District of Wellington, being part of Section No. 4 on the plan of the public map of the Hutt District, the boundaries of which are as follows, that is to say: Bounded on the north and east, 300 links and 523.5 links respectively, by other parts of the said Section No. 4; on the south, 301.1 links or thereabouts, by a public road; and on the west, 549.2 links, by Section No. 3 on the plan of the Hutt District.

**"THE WEST COAST SETTLEMENT
RESERVES ACT, 1892."**

NOTICE to NATIVE OWNERS and LESSEE of a MEETING to be held at the COURTHOUSE, HAWERA, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1899, to fix the Rent for a NEW LEASE to ALICE RIDDIFORD of part of the Whareroa Reserve, in the Provincial District of TARANAKI, containing 174 acres 1 rood (more or less), being portion of Land comprised in confirmed Lease No. 28.

TO Tikapa Tamaohungia, Taringa Tamaohungia, Puiwaitaha, Tangiora, Tuaiwa, Rahiri, Kunako, Te Ratoia, Wairaka, Te Ngaruru, Te Hau te ki, Panenui (trustee, Pane Raukawa) Te Kau Hauranga, Karoro, Rangitupoki, Wherorangi, Taumai Riroa, Patutu, Mowhatu, Taiteariki, Te Hikaka Takirau, Marokopa, Kereti, Whaipakanga, Maraia Tamaki (trustee, Te Piki Tamaohungia), Te Oiroa (trustee, Te Piki Tamaohungia), Te Waka Taparuru, Tikapa, Te Hokio, Kawarau, Papaka Ngahauporoaki, Ratoia, Te Awarua, Tamaka, Weurangi, Tamawhero, Rangiwahia, Puwaitaha, Te Kokiri, Peata te Hirata, Hiromona te Umairangi, Haipene Ihairaira, Pita Heremaia, Puketeha Heremaia, Te Rangitoitu, Erana Ringarau, Te Rangiwetuk, Te Hikaka, Rongo te Rawhiti (trustee, Te Ngaruru), Huatuhi, Te Uruotonga, Tutu, Te Puamoeawa, Puamoeawa, Paenga, Tunui Mininiki, Hemi, Mere Ngapaku, Rangiumu, Wi Poki, Haweturi, Maraia Haweturi (trustee, Haweturi), Pokere Haweturi (trustee, Haweturi), Taihuria Haweturi (trustee, Haweturi), Matangi-orupe, Totara, Te Motunui, Tamahiri, Turiakina, Moutoko, Haipene, Taringa (trustees, Rangipikitea and Tikapa Tamaohungia), Tikapa, Kawarau, Motunui, Te Pokaiatua, Te Waka, Whanaupunga, Eruera Rotoia, Te Mutu, Te Oro, Rangihina, Rangiwanaunga, Te Kau Hauranga, Waikauri, Toroa, Terawha, Ngaiwikau, Rangihirama, Muroa, Te Karanga, Te Rawaho, Te Kowhai, Te Pirihi, Te Rangirunga, Tuarea, Wharemate, Iwiahia, Nihera Raukura, Te Patukohu, Te Baroa, Te Araroa, Te Rangihirama, Tukohu, Ngataura, Nihera Raukura, Te Muroa, Hemi Watene, Hema Watene, Ngarangi, Mauri, Ngata, Onetu, Rangitaniwha, Tekenui, Purerakawa, Komako, Kimirongo, Awarua, Wairaka, Pua Raukatio, Puamoeawa, Puarauanga, Tapahi, Pareraukawa, Komako, Puanui, Te Weu, Mahara, Panenui (trustee, Te Ngaruru), Te Hauranga, Tawhiti, Tamaka, Te Urutahi, Uruotonga, Kimirongo, Awarua, Te Ao Awarua, Te Rahurumai, Urutahi, Tupotohaka, Taumaihiroa, Mihi ki te Kapua, Te Onetu, Pokaiatua, Kaweturi, Ngapeita, Tipirangi, Te Puri, Te Kurarere, Rangiamohia, Rangiahuta, Rangipaki, Kuraroa, Mahuri, Te Pirihi, Tukawainga, Ngaiwhiau, Hinekete, Mauriri Nukuohua, Whakawiria Tumahuhi, Te Kiri, Miriama Hinekora, Raukura, Pehipehi, Tuki, Roera, Te Kereama, Ngarewarerewa, Tukohu, Piki, Pua Mahurangi, Tarawha, Hineao, Eriwhata Hone Pumipi, Rahirikau, Hinauri, Ngakawe, Te Kohu, Tioko, Mereana Hawaiki, Waikatera, Waiawa, Tutepurangi, Rongohurumanu, Tare Rongouaroa, Te Kuku, Rongotukia, Te Karira, Kawau Urupa, Pororaiti Taurua, Te Kahui Kararehe, Wharepuni (trustee, Te Kahui Kararehe), Atutahi, Ngeru te Kawau, Te Kawau, Wahiawa Rangirimu, Ngeru, Wainuku, Nihera Raukura, Hinepounamu te Angiotau, Hinepounamu Makareta, Rupe, Pokai, Kahukura, Te Kokenga Mininiki, Maraia Waihora, Matangi-o-Rupe, Koropangaiti, Patu Moehinauri, Tutu Hiri, Porana, Te Haupihoro, Tama Tautuhi, Tuhakatina, Tinirau, Tuhikaka, Rakei Whareao, Waru, Ratoia, Whaipakanga, Rewi, Haukarewa, Wahiawa, Taki Waata (trustee, Tuhikaka), Te Whare Porutu, Tiwha Rupe, Tapahi, Hineuru, Himitiri, Wainuku, Wehikore, Keremita Tuhau, Wehikore, Ngamihi Mamao, Awarua Kimirongo, Tawhiti, Te Ani, Kuini, Ngawira te Haupihoro, Ngawira, Puanui, Mahara, Ngakawe, Nihera, Te Parerupe, Hauparoa Whaio, Karepa Wati, Wahapiro, Koete Wati, Merihira Wati, Te Rangawari Tangarue, Taki Matarita (trustees for the last seven Natives, Kotaha Parerupe and Hauparoa Whaio), Puarakato, Mere Mininiki, Ngahua, Rupe, Pohi, Inauri, Hone Haewha, Te Matangi, and the other Native owners of all that piece of land situate in the Provincial District of Taranaki, being portion of the Whareroa Reserve, and containing by admeasurement 174 acres 1 rood (more or less), being part of the land comprised in confirmed lease No. 28, and to Alice Riddiford, of Hawera, assignee.

Whereas the above-named Alice Riddiford has given notice to me, under the provisions of section 8 of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," that she desires to obtain under that section a new lease of the land above described; and I consider her application ought to be given effect to: Now, therefore, I do hereby appoint a meeting to take place between the said Alice Riddiford and all the Native owners of the above-described land for the purpose of fixing the rent to be paid for the said land for the first twenty-one years of the new lease; and I fix the Courthouse, Hawera, as the place where, and Wednesday, the 15th day of November, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time when, such meeting shall take place.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1899.

J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

No. 148.]

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**"THE WEST COAST SETTLEMENT
RESERVES ACT, 1892."**

NOTICE to NATIVE OWNERS and LESSEE of a MEETING to be held at the COURTHOUSE, HAWERA, at 10 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1899, to fix the Rent for a NEW LEASE to FREDERICK RIDDIFORD of Part of the Whareroa Reserve, in the Provincial District of TARANAKI, containing 208 acres (more or less), being Portion of Land comprised in confirmed Lease No. 28.

TO Tikapa Tamaohungia, Taringa Tamaohungia, Puiwaitaha, Tangiora, Tuaiwa, Rahiri, Kunako, Te Ratoia, Wairaka, Te Ngaruru, Te Hau te ki, Panenui (trustee, Pane Raukawa), Te Kau Hauranga, Karoro, Rangitupoki, Wherorangi, Taumai Riroa, Patutu, Mowhatu, Taiteariki, Te Hikaka Takirau, Marokopa, Kereti, Whaipakanga, Maraia Tamaki (trustee, Te Piki Tamaohungia), Te Oiroa (trustee, Te Piki Tamaohungia), Te Waka Taparuru, Tikapa, Te Hokio, Kawarau, Papaka Ngahauporoaki, Ratoia, Te Awarua, Tamaka, Weurangi, Tamawhero, Rangiwahia, Puwaitaha, Te Kokiri, Peata te Hirata, Hiromona te Umairangi, Haipene Ihairaira, Pita Heremaia, Puketeha Heremaia, Te Rangitoitu, Erana Ringarau, Te Rangiwetuk, Te Hikaka, Rongo te Rawhiti (trustee, Te Ngaruru), Huatuhi, Te Uruotonga, Tutu, Te Puamoeawa, Puamoeawa, Paenga, Tunui Mininiki, Hemi, Mere Ngapaku, Rangiumu, Wi Poki, Haweturi, Maraia Haweturi (trustee, Haweturi), Pokere Haweturi (trustee, Haweturi), Taihuria Haweturi (trustee, Haweturi), Matangi-orupe, Totara, Te Motunui, Tamahiri, Turiakina, Moutoko, Haipene, Taringa (trustees, Rangipikitea and Tikapa Tamaohungia), Tikapa, Kawarau, Motunui, Te Pokaiatua, Te Waka, Whanaupunga, Eruera Rotoia, Te Mutu, Te Oro, Rangihina, Rangiwanaunga, Te Kau Hauranga, Waikauri, Toroa, Terawha, Ngaiwikau, Rangihirama, Muroa, Te Karanga, Te Rawaho, Te Kowhai, Te Pirihi, Te Rangirunga, Tuarea, Wharemate, Iwiahia, Nihera Raukura, Te Patukohu, Te Baroa, Te Araroa, Te Rangihirama, Tukohu, Ngataura, Nihera Raukura, Te Muroa, Hemi Watene, Hema Watene, Ngarangi, Mauri, Ngata, Onetu, Rangitaniwha, Tekenui, Purerakawa, Komako, Kimirongo, Awarua, Wairaka, Pua Raukatio, Puamoeawa, Puarauanga, Tapahi, Pareraukawa, Komako, Puanui, Te Weu, Mahara, Panenui (trustee, Te Ngaruru), Te Hauranga, Tawhiti, Tamaka, Te Urutahi, Uruotonga, Kimirongo, Awarua, Te Ao Awarua, Te Rahurumai, Urutahi, Tupotohaka, Taumaihiroa, Mihi ki te Kapua, Te Onetu, Pokaiatua, Kaweturi, Ngapeita, Tipirangi, Te Puri, Te Kurarere, Rangiamohia, Rangiahuta, Rangipaki, Kuraroa, Mahuri, Te Pirihi, Tukawainga, Ngaiwhiau, Hinekete, Mauriri Nukuohua, Whakawiria Tumahuhi, Te Kiri, Miriama Hinekora, Raukura, Pehipehi, Tuki, Roera, Te Kereama, Ngarewarerewa, Tukohu, Piki, Pua Mahurangi, Tarawha, Hineao, Eriwhata Hone Pumipi, Rahirikau, Hinauri, Ngakawe, Te Kohu, Tioko, Mereana Hawaiki, Waikatera, Waiawa, Tutepurangi, and the other Native owners of all that piece of land situate in the Provincial District of Taranaki, being portion of the Whareroa Reserve, and containing by admeasurement 208 acres (more or less), being part of the land comprised in confirmed lease No. 28, and to Frederick Riddiford, of Hawera.

Whereas the above-named Frederick Riddiford has given notice to me, under the provisions of section 8 of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," that he desires to obtain under that section a new lease of the land above described; and I consider his application ought to be given effect to: Now, therefore, I do hereby appoint a meeting to take place between the said Frederick Riddiford and all the Native owners of the above-described land for the purpose of fixing the rent to be paid for the said land for the first twenty-one years of the new lease; and I fix the Courthouse, Hawera, as the place where, and Wednesday, the 15th day of November, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time when, such meeting shall take place.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1899.

J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

No. 147.]

"THE WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES ACT, 1892."

NOTICE to NATIVE OWNERS and LESSEE of a MEETING to be held at the HOUSE of RUAKERE, at PUNIHO, STONY RIVER, at 10 o'clock a.m. on TUESDAY, the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 1899, to fix the Rent for a NEW LEASE to JAMES JEKEN ELWIN of Part Section No. 39, Block IV., CAPE, containing 134 acres (more or less), being portion of Land comprised in Memorandum of Lease registered No. 636.

TO Ruakere, Miri, Ruakere Moeahu, Inia, Te Hohoki, Te Para, Nohomairunga, Takarangi, Komene Patara, Te Waka te Ngongo Naumai Ki te Ao Ritai, Rangirohi (trustee, Kananga), Akanihi Himiona Ruhe Hakopa, Taiawhio, Ruakere, and the other Native owners of all that piece of land situate in the Cape Survey District, being part of Section No. 39, Block IV., Cape, and containing by admeasurement 134 acres (more or less), being portion of the land comprised in memorandum of lease registered No. 636, to James Jeken Elwin, of Puniho, farmer, lessee.

Whereas the above-named James Jeken Elwin has given notice to me, under the provisions of section 8 of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," that he desires to obtain under that section a new lease of the land above described; and I consider his application ought to be given effect to: Now, therefore, I do hereby appoint a meeting to take place between the said James Jeken Elwin and all the Native owners of the above-described land, for the purpose of fixing the rent to be paid for the said land for the first twenty-one years of the new lease; and I fix the house of Ruakere, at Puniho, Stony River, as the place where, and Tuesday, the 21st day of November, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time when, such meeting shall take place.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1899.
J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

No. 149.]

"THE WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES ACT, 1892."

NOTICE to NATIVE OWNERS and LESSEE of a MEETING to be held at the HOUSE of RUAKERE, at PUNIHO, STONY RIVER, at 11 o'clock a.m. on TUESDAY, the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 1899, to fix the Rent for a NEW LEASE to JAMES JEKEN ELWIN of Section No. 41 and part Section No. 39, Block IV., CAPE, containing 500 acres (more or less), being Land comprised in Memorandum of Lease registered No. 640, and portion of land comprised in Memorandum of Lease registered No. 636, to James Jeken Elwin, of Puniho, Farmer.

TO Kipa Himione, Warekoka, Turu Marire, Renau, Taratua, Ngamura, Rohea, Hinearahui, Ngatai Rakauuni, Nganeko Taratuterangi, Tamaki, Sarah Dowsett, Joseph James Ashdown, Emma Eure, Edward George Ashdown, Julia Ashdown, Marza Ashdown, Anna E. Ashdown, Alice Ashdown, James D. Ashdown, Sarah Jane Clegg, Helen Wilberforce, George Ashdown, Maraea Guard (nee Ashdown), Hineawe, Warepuni, Te Iria Kawatiri (trustee, Wharepuni), Riti, Wharehoka, Whatarau, Pourua, Hone Kere, Pire Aotaka, Raukura Ngaonekura, Te Tauru, Ngatairakaunui, Ruakere Moeahu, Te Ataao, Te Muhu, Ruakere, Miri, Ruakere Moeahu, Inia, Te Hohoki, Te Para, Nohomairunga, Takarangi, Komene Patara, Te Waka te Ngongo, Naumai ki te Ao (trustee, Kananga), Ritai (trustee, Kananga), Rangirohi (trustee, Kananga), Akinihi Himiona, Ruhe Hakopa, Taiawhio, Ruakere, and the other Native owners of all that piece of land situate in the Cape Survey District, being Section No. 41 and part Section No. 39, Block IV., Cape, and containing by admeasurement 500 acres (more or less), being the land comprised in memorandum of lease registered No. 640, and portion of land comprised in lease registered No. 636, to James Jeken Elwin, of Puniho, farmer, lessee.

Whereas the above-named James Jeken Elwin has given notice to me, under the provisions of section 8 of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892," that he desires to obtain under that section a new lease of the land above described; and I consider his application ought to be given effect to: Now, therefore, I do hereby appoint a meeting to take place between the said James Jeken Elwin and all the Native owners of the above-described land for the purpose of fixing the rent to be paid for the said land for the first twenty-one years of the new lease; and I fix the house of Ruakere, at Puniho, Stony River, as the place where, and Tuesday, the 21st day of November, 1899, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time when, such meeting shall take place.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1899.
J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

No. 150.]

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ALFRED HENRY WHITE, of Auckland, Clerk, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

18th October, 1899.
JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that SAMUEL GALLAGHER, of Stony Creek, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 27th day of October, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.

G. J. SCOTT,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Palmerston North, 18th October, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ANTONY RICHARD BRUCHARD, of Wellington, Carrier, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 30th day of October, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.
Wellington, 23rd October, 1899.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES FREDERICK CLARK, of Reefton, Sharebroker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 30th day of October, 1899, at 2 o'clock.

HENRY COOPER,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Reefton, 19th October, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1899.

Timpson, C., Alford Forest, late Hotelkeeper.
Fitzgerald, N., Tinwald, Contractor.
Hobbs, C., Tinwald, Horse-trainer.
Ryan, J., Ashburton, Saddler.
Kirk, J. B., Ashburton, Hairdresser.
Clark, J., Hinds, Farmer.
Pocock, G., Ashburton, Farmer.
Richardson, G. W., Seafield, Farmer and Contractor.
Leggott, H., Ashburton, Painter.
Sutherland, W. H., Ashburton, Fishmonger.
Pauling, W., Ashburton, Tailor.
Millar, J., Ashburton, Saddler.
Kennington, R., Winslow, Farmer.
Gray, W., Ashburton, Carpenter.
Hansen, C. L., Hinds, Farmer.
Meaclem, W., Ashburton, Engine-driver.
Miller, P., Rangitata, late Hotelkeeper.
Meaclem, T. J., Ashburton, Labourer.

JOHN DAVISON,
Deputy Official Assignee.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM O'BRIEN, of Gore, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, at Gore, on Tuesday, the 31st day of October, 1899, at 2 o'clock.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Invercargill, 18th October, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Tuesday, the 21st day of November, 1899, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1899.

- George Kirk, of Gore, Labourer.
- Brewer and Trembath, of Gore, Auctioneers.
- Thomas Henry Brewer, of Gore, Auctioneer.
- William Trembath, of Gore, Auctioneer.
- John James Meikle, of Wyndham, Farmer.
- Neils Hansen, of Quarry Hills, Farmer.
- David Ferrier, of Grove Bush, Farmer.
- Herbert Gowland Horn, of Gore, Brewer.
- James Marshall, of Chatton, Farmer.
- William John Newsham West, of Invercargill, Lighterman.
- James Matheson, of Wakapatu, Bushman.
- Jabez Lyons, of Invercargill, Butcher.
- Reuben Cooke, of Oraka, Labourer.
- Duncan Charles Patrick McArthur, of Charlton, Farmer.
- George Thomas, of Riverton, Labourer.
- David Reidy, of South Invercargill, Bootmaker.
- Daniel Kelleher, of Makarewa, Labourer.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Mining Notices.

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

1. The name of the company is to be the Jubilee Gold-mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of operations is at Top Valley, Wairau, Marlborough.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at the office of C. D. Morpeth, Customhouse Quay, Wellington.
4. The nominal capital of the company is three thousand six hundred pounds, in three thousand six hundred shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is two thousand four hundred.
6. The number of paid-up shares is one thousand two hundred.
7. The amount already paid up is ten shillings per share.
8. The name of the Manager is C. D. Morpeth.
9. The names, and addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:—

	No. of Shares.
Chote, W. A., Wellington, Contractor	300
Palliser, C., Wellington, Contractor	300
Jones, T. B., Wellington, Contractor	300
Edwards, H., Wellington, Builder	300
Wright, J., Wellington, Accountant	300
Coveney, T. P., Wellington, Grocer	300
Robertson, D., Wellington, Ironfounder	300
Gray, E., Wellington, Builder	300
Downman, H. C., Wellington, Miner	400
Bradcock, J., Wellington, Miner	400
Rountree, S., Wellington, Miner	400
Total	3,600

Dated this 2nd day of October, 1899.

C. D. MORPETH,
Manager.

Witness to signature—Frank H. Pope, Clerk, Wellington.

I, Charlton Douglas Morpeth, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that—

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

C. D. MORPETH.

Taken before me, at Wellington, this 16th day of October, 1899—John Ilott, J.P. 717

I, THE undersigned, hereby make application to register the Nokomai Victory Gold-mining Company (Limited) under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894."

1. The name of the company is to be the Nokomai Victory Gold-mining Company (Limited).
2. The place of operations is at Victoria Gully, Nokomai.
3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Esk Street, Invercargill.
4. The nominal capital of the company is two thousand pounds, in two thousand shares of one pound each.
5. The number of shares subscribed for is two thousand, being not less than two-thirds of the entire number of shares in the company.
6. The number of paid-up shares is nil.
7. The amount already paid-up is ten shillings per share.
8. The name of the manager is Robert Erskine.
9. The names, and addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:—

	No. of Shares.
Thomson, John, Invercargill, Draper	250
Erskine, John, Invercargill, Grocer	130
Asher, William, Invercargill, Sawmiller	250
Erskine, Angus Kerr, Invercargill, Clerk	40
Gunn, William, Riverton, Hotelkeeper	250
Erskine, Robert, Invercargill, Stationer	80
Erskine, Robert (in trust), Invercargill, Stationer	1,000
Total	2,000

Dated this 19th day of October, 1899.

R. ERSKINE,
Manager.

Witness to signature—Jno. W. Mitchell, J.P.

I, Robert Erskine, do solemnly and sincerely declare that—

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

R. ERSKINE.

Taken before me, at Invercargill, this 19th day of October, 1899—Jno. W. Mitchell, J.P. 718

THE MORNING STAR GOLD-MINING COMPANY
(NO LIABILITY).

NOTICE OF INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting, held on the 18th day of September instant, the following resolutions for the increase of capital were passed by a majority of more than two-thirds in number and value of the shareholders of the company, present in person or by proxy, viz:—

1. That the capital of the company shall be increased to £42,000, in 42,000 shares of £1 each—of which the present holders of A shares retain 12,000 fully paid up—by the issue of 18,000 new shares, to be preference shares fully paid up to £1, for the price or sum of 2s. 6d. per share, to be paid as follows—3d. per share deposit, with offer to purchase; 3d. per share on acceptance of offer by company; and 3d. per share at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 months respectively, after date of acceptance of offer—and that the company also sell 6,000 of the forfeited shares as fully paid-up preference shares of £1 each for the sum of 2s. 6d. each, payable in manner aforesaid. The whole of these 24,000 preference shares shall be entitled to receive dividends to the extent of 2s. 6d. per share before any dividends be paid on other shares.
2. That the present shareholders of B and C shares who shall have paid all calls, including the sixteenth call of 4d., shall be entitled to apply for preference shares at the said price of 2s. 6d. per share, and to be credited with the amount of the last call of 4d. towards payment of the purchase-money of such preference shares.
3. That the Directors be empowered at their discretion to accept offers for the whole 24,000 preference shares, or any less number, not being less than 17,000, for which they may receive offers at aforesaid price of 2s. 6d. per share, or at such higher price as they may deem desirable, and that no offer to purchase shares be accepted after one month from date hereof without the sanction of a general meeting.

Dated at Invercargill, this 19th day of September, 1899.

RICHARD ALLEN,
Legal Manager.

In the matter of "The Mining Companies Act, 1894," and its amendments; and in the matter of the Maori Gold-dredging Company (Limited).

TAKE notice that the Registered Office of the Maori Gold-dredging Company (Limited) is at Melmore Terrace, Cromwell, Otago, and that the name of the Manager of the said company is GEORGE STUMBLES.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1899.

The common seal of the Maori Gold-dredging Company (Limited) was hereto affixed by the undersigned, two of the directors of the said company.

713 [SEAL.] WILLIAM D. JOLLY, } Directors.
HENRY HOTOP, }

THE NEW MOANATAIRI GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the New Moanatairi Gold-mining Company (Limited) is at the office of the Anglo-Continental Gold Syndicate (Limited), situate in the Bank of New Zealand Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1899.

HENRY A. GORDON,
Attorney for the said Company.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL,
Shortland Street, Auckland,
Solicitors for the said Company.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

8567. HARRIET MONK.—3 acres 2 roods 4³/₁₀ perches, parts of Rural Section 321, Borough of Kaiapoi. Occupied partly by Applicant, and partly by William Norrie, William Mitchell, Arthur Drakley, and John McCandlish.

8568. WILLIAM ACTON ADAMS.—165 acres and 11 perches, Rural Section 6158 and part of Rural Section 5916, Block XI., Rolleston Survey District. Occupied by William Charles Clive Fleming and Edward Holden Wilde.

8627. DONALD STEWART.—1 rood, part of Rural Section 9143, Block XIII., Oxford Survey District. Occupied by Mrs. Harris.

8666. SARAH ANN MCGILL.—2 roods, part of Rural Section 257, Borough of St. Albans. Occupied by Applicant.

8668. EDWARD LEGG and JAMES LEGG.—66 acres and 14 perches, part of Rural Section 6600, Block XI., Rolleston Survey District. Occupied by Applicants. Also 20 acres, Rural Section 13775, Block IX., Rolleston Survey District. Occupied by James Hulston.

8669. GEORGE NOVIS.—1 acre, part of Rural Section 76, Blocks XIV. and XV., Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8673. ANDREW LOGAN.—50 acres, Rural Section 10865, Block IX., Leeston Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8674. CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM SHRIMPSON and SAMUEL ALFORD BRISTOL.—1 rood 17 perches, Lot 330, Plan 1, part of Rural Section 7555, Borough of Timaru. Occupied by Frances King.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

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

720 G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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 publication hereof.

Section 29, Block II., Town of Alexandra.—HENRY SYMES, Applicant. Occupied by Applicant and by his tenants, No. 4322.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

719 H. TURTON,
District Land Registrar.

Private Advertisements.

PUHOI ROAD DISTRICT, COUNTY OF RODNEY.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LAND FOR ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed by the Puhoi Road Board, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute certain public works, to wit, the construction of a road in the Puhoi Road District, and for the purpose of such public works the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken; and notice is further given that copies of the plans of the said road, and of the land so required to be taken, are deposited at the Puhoi Road Board Office, Puhoi, and are there open for inspection. All persons affected by the execution of the said public works or by the taking of the said land shall, if they have any well-grounded objection to the execution of the said public works or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Chairman of the Puhoi Road Board, Puhoi.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan	Survey District of
A. R. P. 0 0 26.7	Part of Puhoi Block	A	Red ..	Block III., Waiwera Survey District.

By order of Puhoi Road Board.

JOHN SCHOLLUM,

Chairman, Puhoi Road Board.

Dated this 15th day of September, 1899.

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In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of the Wheelbands Blight Specific Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that, by special resolution passed at a meeting of shareholders of the Wheelbands Blight Specific Company (Limited), held on the 23rd day of October, 1899, at the office of Friedlander Bros. (Limited), West Street, Ashburton, it was resolved that the said company be wound up voluntarily, and that ROBERT MONCRIEFF CUTHBERTSON be appointed Liquidator.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1899.

721 HUGO FRIEDLANDER,
Chairman.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

APPLICATION for Water-race No. 112, by PATRICK TANSEY and others, for twenty heads of water from Tansey's Creek, Cape Terrace.

Date of hearing, 24th October, 1899, at the Warden's Court, Kumara.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

APPLICATION No. 122, A. E. M. LOHMANN, for increased supply of Water-race No. 2765, Cape Terrace, of twenty-seven heads.

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