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Lands taken for a Road-deviation through Private Lands, Block VIII., Cloudy Bay Survey District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.)

ROBERT STOUT.

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 owners of the lands hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Picton Road Board, 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 parcels of land mentioned hereunder :—

Approximate Areas of the Parcels of Land taken.	Being Parts of Sections Nos.	Situated in	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 11 1 36	10 and 42	Block VIII., Cloudy Bay Survey District	R. 58	Red.
38 3 0	5, 43, 44, and 54	Ditto	"	"

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

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Taking Lands for a Road through Private Lands, Block XI., Waimea Survey District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.)

ROBERT STOUT.

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 mortgagees of the lands hereinafter mentioned, and with the consent of the Stoke Road Board, 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 Block No.	Situated in	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 1 1 36	13 (Square 1)	XI.	Waimea Survey District	R. 108	Brown.
0 2 18	19 (Square 1)	"	Ditto	"	"

All in the Nelson 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 Nelson, in the Nelson 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 seventeenth day of November, 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 Blocks VIII. and XII., Cloudy Bay Survey District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
(L.S.) ROBERT STOUT.

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 Cloudy Bay District hereinafter described.

SCHEDULE.

Area.	Being Portion of Road	Situated in	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 1 3 30	On the north of Allotment 5 of Section 48	Block VIII., Cloudy Bay S.D.	R. 58	Green.
7 3 17	On the north of Sections 44 and parts 43 and 5	Ditto ..	"	"
1 3 22	On the north of part Section 5	" ..	"	"
8 0 15	Traversing Sections 2 and 3	Block XII., Cloudy Bay S.D.	"	"
27 2 23	On the north and west of and traversing Section 1, and on the west and south of Section 2, and on the south of part Section 45	Ditto ..	"	"

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

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly; Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of November, 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 Road as closed through Private Land in the Waimea Survey District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
(L.S.) ROBERT STOUT.

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 hereinafter described, that is to say:—

Approximate Area of the Portion of Road closed.	Intersecting Section No.	Block.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 1 2 32	19 (Square 1)	XI.	Waimea ..	R. 108	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 Nelson, in the Nelson 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 seventeenth day of November, 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 Tamahere for the Purposes of the Hamilton-Cambridge Railway.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
(L.S.) ROBERT STOUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has been found desirable for the use, convenience, and enjoyment of the Hamilton-Cambridge Railway to take further land near Tamahere in addition to land previously acquired for the purposes of the said railway:

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

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the
A. R. P. 6 2 18.7	27	III.	Hamilton Survey District, Tamahere Highway District.

In the Land District of Auckland; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18714, 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 seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Additional Land near Sentry Hill taken for the Purposes of the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
(L.S.) ROBERT STOUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has been found desirable for the use, convenience, and enjoyment of the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway to take further land near Sentry Hill, in addition to land previously acquired for the purposes of the said railway:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by sections twenty-eight and one hundred and sixty-seven of "The

Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is taken for the purposes above mentioned.

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 3 0 9	96, Waitara West District	III.	Paritutu.

In the Land District of Taranaki; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18711, 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 eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Districts constituted under "The Marriage Act, 1880."

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.)

ROBERT STOUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in the Governor by "The Marriage Act, 1880," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing marriage district known as the Featherston District, and do proclaim and declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said district is hereby divided anew into two marriage districts, the names and boundaries whereof shall be as follow:—

FEATHERSTON DISTRICT.

All that area in the Wellington Land District bounded towards the north generally by a right line running magnetic west from the summit of the Tararua Range to the westernmost corner of Section No. 102, Block IX., Waiohine Survey District; thence by the left bank of the Tauherenikau River to the southern boundary of Section No. 9, Block IV., Wairarapa Survey District; thence by that section, a public road, and Sections Nos. 62, 75, 77, 26, and 25, Block VIII., Wairarapa Survey District, to Te Maire Road; thence towards the east generally by the said Te Maire Road to the southern boundary-line of Section No. 91, Block VIII. aforesaid; thence by the said southern boundary-line, the south-eastern boundary-line of Section No. 93, Block VII., Wairarapa Survey District, and the western boundary-line of Section No. 509, said Block VII., to the Tauherenikau River; thence by that river to the Wairarapa Lake; thence by the eastern shore of the said Wairarapa Lake and the left bank of the Ruamahanga River to Onoke Lake; and thence by the eastern shore of the said Onoke Lake to the sea: thence towards the south and south-east by the sea to Cape Turakirae: and thence towards the west generally by the leading spur and the summit of the Rimutaka Range, and the summit of the Tararua Range, to the place of commencement.

MARTINBOROUGH DISTRICT.

All that area in the Wellington Land District bounded towards the north generally by the northern boundary-lines of Sections Nos. 91 and 90, Block VIII., Wairarapa Survey District, from Te Maire Road to the westernmost corner of Section No. 20, Block V., Huangarua Survey District; thence by the said Section No. 20 and Section No. 36 of the said Block V. to the Ruamahunga River; thence by the right bank of that river to its confluence with the Huangarua River; thence by the right bank of the said Huangarua River to its confluence with the Whangaehu Stream; thence by the right bank of the said Whangaehu Stream to the south-western corner of Section No. 96, Block X., Hua-

ngarua Survey District; thence by a right line to the confluence of the Pahaoa River with the Kaikaikuri Stream; and thence by the left bank of the said Pahaoa River to the sea: thence towards the south-east generally by the sea to Cape Palliser: thence towards the south-west and south generally by the sea to Onoke Lake: and thence towards the west generally by the eastern side of said Onoke Lake, and the left bank of the Ruamahanga River to the Wairarapa Lake; thence by the eastern side of the said Wairarapa Lake to the Tauherenikau River; thence by that river to Section No. 509, Block VII., Wairarapa Survey District; thence by that section, Section No. 93, said Block VII., and Section No. 91, Block VIII., to Te Maire Road; and thence by the said Te Maire Road to the place of commencement.

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

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

W. C. WALKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.)

ROBERT STOUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

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

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

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

W. C. WALKER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

New County of Mauriceville divided into Ridings, &c.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

(L.S.)

ROBERT STOUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Counties Act, 1886," and "The Mauriceville County Act, 1899," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby divide the new County of Mauriceville, as constituted by the said Acts, into two ridings, to be called the West Riding and the East Riding, and declare that the boundaries thereof shall be those set forth under the names of the said ridings respectively in the Schedule hereto.

And I do hereby declare that three members shall be elected for each of the said ridings.

And I do further declare that Saturday, the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, shall be the day upon which the election of the first Council

of the said County of Mauriceville shall take place, and that Tuesday, the nineteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at one o'clock p.m., shall be the time, and the Mauriceville Road Board Office, Mauriceville, shall be the place, at which the first meeting of the said Council shall be held.

SCHEDULE.

RIDINGS OF MAURICEVILLE COUNTY.

West Riding.

ALL that area in the Mauriceville County bounded towards the north generally by the Eketahuna County as described in the Schedule to "The Eketahuna County Act, 1898," from the summit of the Tararua Range to Mangaoronga Road; thence by the said Mangaoronga Road to Section No. 72, Block XIV., Mangaone Survey District; thence by the said Section No. 72, Section No. 123 of the said Block XIV. and northern boundary-line of the last-mentioned section produced to west side of Masterton-Woodville Road; thence by west side of the said Masterton-Woodville Road to Section No. 142 of the said Block XIV.; thence by that section and the Wellington-Napier Railway-line to the northern boundary-line of Section No. 117, Block XIV. aforesaid, produced; thence by that line to the middle of the Kopuaranga River; thence by a line down the middle of the Kopuaranga River to where the northern boundary-line of Section No. 115, Block XIV., Mangaone Survey District, intersects that river; thence by the northern and western boundaries of the said Section No. 115, and by Section No. 113, Block XIV. aforesaid, to Salter's Road; thence by the northern, eastern, and southern boundaries of Salter's Road to the middle of the Kopuaranga River; thence by a line down the middle of the Kopuaranga River to the northern boundary-line of Section No. 211, Block II., Kopuaranga Survey District, produced to the middle of the Kopuaranga River; thence by that line and Sections Nos. 211, 109, and 104, to north-east corner of Section No. 94, all in Block II. of Kopuaranga Survey District; thence by west side of Masterton-Woodville Road to the middle of the Kopuaranga River; thence by a line down the middle of that river to Brodersen's Road; thence by the northern, western, and southern boundaries of Brodersen's Road to the middle of the Kopuaranga River; thence by a line down the middle of the Kopuaranga River to the southern boundary of Mauriceville County: towards the south and west by the southern and western boundaries of Mauriceville County, described in the Schedule to "The Mauriceville County Act, 1899."

East Riding.

All that area in the Mauriceville County bounded towards the north generally by Eketahuna County as described in the Schedule to "The Eketahuna County Act, 1898," from the southernmost corner of Section No. 75, Block XIV., Mangaone Survey District, to the westernmost corner of Section No. 30, Block XV., Mangaone Survey District; thence by that section and Sections Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 16 of the said Block XV., to Barton's Road line; thence by the said Barton's line to the westernmost corner of Section No. 86, Block XVI., Mangaone Survey District; thence by that section and Section No. 87 of the said Block XVI., and by Sections Nos. 88 and 16, Block IV., Kopuaranga Survey District, to the southernmost corner of the last-mentioned section: thence towards the south-east and south generally by the south-eastern and southern boundaries of Mauriceville County, as described in the Schedule to "The Mauriceville County Act, 1899": and towards the west generally by the West Riding hereinbefore described.

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

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Prescribing Dues and Rates for Havelock Wharf.

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

ROBERT STOUT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS it is provided by the fourth section of "The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1879," that the power granted to the Governor in Council by the

seventeenth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," in respect of prescribing what dues and rates may be charged on wharves vested in local bodies, may be exercised from time to time as occasion may require, and shall not be limited as in the said section is provided:

And whereas the management of the Havelock Wharf was by Order in Council dated the seventeenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, vested in the Havelock Town Board, and certain dues and rates for the use of the wharf were prescribed by the said Order in Council:

And whereas it is desirable to revoke the said dues, and to prescribe others in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the dues and rates for the use of the Havelock Wharf as prescribed by the said Order in Council of the seventeenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and doth hereby prescribe that the dues and rates specified in the Schedule hereto shall be charged and taken for the use of the said wharf.

SCHEDULE.

	s.	d.
Grain or flour, per ton	1	0
Ditto, not exceeding 200 lb. bags	0	2
Posts and rails, per 100	0	6
Firewood, per cord	0	6
Sawn timber, inwards or outwards, up to 1,000 ft. superficial, per 100 ft.	0	2
Ditto, over 1,000 ft. superficial, per 100 ft.	0	1
Single bag or parcel	0	3
Horses or great cattle, first one	2	0
Ditto, all over one, each	1	0
Sheep or pigs, each	0	1
Sheep, all over 100, each	0	0½
Bricks, per 1,000	2	0
Coal, per ton	1	0
Wool, per bale	0	6
Flax and tow, per bale	0	6
Hides, 1d. each, or per ton of forty to the ton	2	0
Sheepskins, per bale	0	3
All other goods, either weight or measurement, at the option of the wharfinger, per ton	1	0
Half-dues to be charged on all goods transhipped into lighters.		
All vessels lying alongside the wharf without landing or receiving cargo, first day, free.		
Ditto, after the first day (excepting Sundays and holidays), per ton net register per day	0	0½
Such passengers' luggage or ships' stores as are carried in hand, not exceeding a quarter of a ton, shall be exempt from wharfage charges.		
STORAGE.	s.	d.
Per ton (any quantity over half a ton and under a ton will be charged as 1 ton) per week or part of a week	1	0
Half a ton or under per week or part of a week	0	6
If services of Wharfinger required before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m., per hour or part of hour	1	0

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Setting apart a Reserve under "The Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1898."

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,

ROBERT STOUT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1898" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor in Council is authorised under the said Act to set apart any specified area of Crown lands within a kauri-gum district to be kauri-gum reserves under the said Act: And whereas it is expedient to create and set apart the kauri-gum reserve hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, do hereby set apart the area of Crown land described in the Schedule hereto as a kauri-gum reserve, with the name set over the description of such reserve in the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

WHANGAREI COUNTY.

KAITARA No. 2 Kauri-gum Reserve: 960 acres. For Kaitara Settlement.

Kaitara No. 2 Kauri-gum Reserve.

All that area in the Auckland Land District, situate in Blocks VI., VII., and XI., Purua Survey District, and containing by admeasurement 960 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north by Sections Nos. 3, 2, and 1 of the Parish of Ruatangata; towards the east generally by a public road and by Sections Nos. 37, 36, and 35 of the Parish of Kaitara; and towards the south-west generally by Sections Nos. 29, 25, 24, 24A, and 23 of the Parish of Kaitara, by a public road, by Section No. 19 of the parish last mentioned, and by the Patuwairua Stream to the point of commencement.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

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

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 9 acres 3 roods 24 perches, more or less, being Block X., Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 41 acres 3 roods 10 perches, more or less, being Section No. 35, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres 3 roods 19 perches, more or less, being Section No. 38, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 7 acres 2 roods 30 perches, more or less, being Section No. 39, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres 3 roods 10 perches, more or less, being Section No. 40, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 4 acres and 14 perches, more or less, being Section No. 41, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 8 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 42, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 10 acres 2 roods 10 perches, more or less, being Section No. 43, Suburban, Taihape Township.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 19 acres and 10 perches, more or less, being Section No. 44, Suburban, Taihape Township.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS by the twelfth section of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor, by Order in Council, may from time to time delegate all or any of the powers by the said Act conferred, save as is therein mentioned, to any person or persons, for any period, and subject to such stipulations as may be specified in such Order, and that every such delegation may from time to time in like manner be altered or revoked: And whereas, pursuant to "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," by an Order in Council of even date herewith, the lands described in the Schedule hereto, situate in the Wellington Land District, are declared to be brought under the operation of and to be subject to the provisions of the said "Public Domains Act, 1881":

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand, doth hereby, and in respect of the lands hereinafter mentioned, delegate all the powers conferred by the Act first above mentioned, except the powers under or 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 Taihape Domain Board, namely,—

WILLIAM AGATE ELLIS, of Taihape, Storekeeper;
WILLIAM McLENNAN, of Taihape, Accommodation-house Keeper;
ROBERT BELL COLE, of Taihape, Storekeeper's Assistant;
WILLIAM JOHN HALL McCORMICK, of Taihape, Boot-maker; and
JOHN SINCLAIR, of Taihape, Carrier

(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 Wednesday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at the Public Hall, Taihape, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the sixth 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 Wednesday in February in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

5. The Board shall prepare and submit at each annual meeting a report of the proceedings 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 parcels of Crown lands described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 9 acres 3 roods 24 perches, more or less, being Block X, Taihape Township. Bounded towards the north-east by a public road, 100 links wide; towards the south-east by Weka Street, 100 links wide; towards the south-west by a public road, 100 links wide; and towards the north-west by Tui Street, 100 links wide: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. Also,—

All those several parcels of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 97 acres 1 rood 23 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44, Suburban, Taihape Township: as the same are delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, 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 tenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, 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 conferred 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 Eketahuna Domain Board, namely,—

FRANCIS CALISAN TURNOR, Eketahuna, Farmer;
FRANK DEARING PELLING, Eketahuna, Hotelkeeper;
JOHN HENRY MURRAY-AYNSLEY, Eketahuna, Surgeon, &c.;
ERNEST OTTO FRIEDRICH VON REDEN, Eketahuna, Sheep-farmer; and
ALFRED HENRY HERBERT, Eketahuna, Storekeeper

(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 last Saturday in each month, at three o'clock p.m., at Pelling's Hall, Eketahuna, 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 Saturday, the thirtieth 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 last Saturday 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 Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres 3 roods 19 perches, more or less, being Section No. 40p, Block VI., Mangaone Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 39; towards the east by Section No. 40c (Cottage-hospital Reserve); towards the south by a public road; and towards the west by Section No. 40 (Cemetery Reserve).

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section is provided, do hereby declare that the rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on and after the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and that the said lands may be selected on lease in perpetuity, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and I do hereby declare that the rental at which the said lands shall be leased shall be that mentioned in the said Schedule hereto opposite the description of such lands.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—MANAWATU COUNTY.—RANGITOTO SURVEY DISTRICT.—OHAKEA SETTLEMENT.

First-class Agricultural Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent. 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
		A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
48	XV.	9 1 0	15 9	3 12 10
49	"	98 3 0	14 6	35 15 11
50	"	256 3 0	14 6	87 3 4
59	"		13 0	*21 12 2
52	"	75 0 0	13 9	25 15 7
53	"	108 0 0	13 9	37 2 6
55	"	66 0 0	14 6	23 18 6
56	"	103 0 0	13 0	33 9 6
57	"	82 0 0	13 6	{ 27 13 6 † 1 4 3
58	"	93 0 0	12 9	29 12 10
60	"	108 0 0	12 6	33 15 0
61	"	145 2 0	13 0	47 5 9
62	"	165 2 0	11 6	{ 48 12 4 ‡ 3 2 5
63	"	167 0 0	11 6	48 0 3
65	"	128 0 0	12 3	39 4 0
66	"	126 1 0	12 6	{ 39 9 1 § 1 11 3

* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £554, repayable in twenty-one years in half-yearly instalments of £21 12s. 2d.: total half-yearly, £108 15s. 6d.

† Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £31, repayable in twenty-one years in half-yearly instalments of £1 4s. 3d.: total half-yearly, £23 17s. 9d.

‡ Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £80, repayable in twenty-one years in half-yearly instalments of £3 2s. 5d.: total half-yearly, £51 14s. 9d.

§ Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £40, repayable in twenty-one years in half-yearly instalments of £1 11s. 3d.: total half-yearly, £41 0s. 4d.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.
By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, having received the report of the Surveyor-General in this behalf, as in the said one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth section is provided, do hereby declare that the lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on and after the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine; and that the said lands may be selected on lease in perpetuity, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892"; and I do hereby declare that the rentals at which the said lands shall be leased shall be those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto opposite the description of such lands respectively.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—OROUA COUNTY.—KAIRANGA SURVEY DISTRICT.—TE MATUA SETTLEMENT.
First-class Agricultural Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
31	I.	A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
32	"	87 1 17	14 6	31 13 4
33	"	64 1 8	14 6	23 6 1
34	"	44 1 27	12 6	13 17 7
35	"	24 0 7	15 6	9 6 4
36	"	63 0 39	16 0	25 5 11
37	"	122 3 34	17 6	49 12 0
40	"		14 6	13 2 1*
38	"	40 2 39	17 0	17 6 4
39	"	24 3 4	17 6	10 16 9
40	II.	94 2 20	14 0	33 2 5
41	"	80 3 27	14 0	28 6 5
42	"	12 0 5	15 6	4 13 3
43	"	12 3 19	15 6	4 19 9
44	"	29 3 13	15 3	11 7 6

* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £336, repayable in twenty-one years, in half-yearly instalments of £13 2s. 1d.: total half-yearly, £62 14s. 1d.

NOTE.—Each section is an allotment excepting Sections Nos. 33 and 34, Block I., which form one allotment, and Sections Nos. 37 and 40, which are grouped and form one allotment.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Vaccination Districts constituted.

RANFURLY, Governor.
By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Public Health Act, 1876," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby abolish the existing vaccination district known as the Featherston District, and do declare that the territory heretofore comprised within the said district is hereby divided anew into two vaccination districts, the names whereof shall be the Featherston and Martinborough Districts, and the boundaries whereof shall be co-terminous with the boundaries of the marriage districts bearing the same names, as are set forth in a Proclamation of even date herewith, made under the provisions of "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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

W. C. WALKER.

Trustees for the Dunsandel Cemetery appointed

RANFURLY, Governor.
By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the sixth section of "The Cemeteries Act, 1882," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint JOHN IRVINE and PARKER WESTENRA

to be Trustees, in the place of George Burgess and John Morgan Furze, to provide for the maintenance and care of the Dunsandel Cemetery, in conjunction with the other persons previously appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Registrar of Electors, Ohinemuri Electoral District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 8th November, 1899.

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

FREDERICK DUNCAN FERGUSSON

to be Registrar of Electors, under "The Electoral Act, 1893," for the Electoral District of Ohinemuri, vice T. F. Farley. Appointment to date from the 9th November, 1899.

J. CARROLL.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 17th November, 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,"

WILLIAM GRAVESON, of Spotswood, Cheviot, has been appointed an officer for the purposes of that Act for that part of the Provincial District of Canterbury to the north of and including the Rakaia River, and for the waters of the Clarence River which are within the County of Marlborough.

W. C. WALKER.

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

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

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

WILLIAM GRAVESON

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

W. C. WALKER.

Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

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

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

Name.	District.
GEORGE GRANTHAM WELLSTED	Featherston.
THOMAS FRANK VALENTINE	Martinborough.

Appointments to date from 1st December, 1899.

W. C. WALKER.

Members of the Wyndham Recreation Reserve Trust appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 21st November, 1899.

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

JAMES WALKER and
GEORGE GIBB FYFE

to be members of the Wyndham Recreation Reserve Trust, in the place of David McKay, deceased, and John Templeton, who has left the district.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Member of Auckland Land Board appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 21st November, 1899.

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

ROBERT THOMPSON

to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Auckland, as from the 26th September, 1899.

W. C. WALKER.
For Minister of Lands.

Appointment of a Member of the General Board of the Government Advances to Settlers Office.

Government Advances to Settlers Office,
Wellington, 20th November, 1899.

HIS Excellency the Governor, by his Deputy, has been pleased, in pursuance of section 2, subsection (1), of "The Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Act, 1895," to appoint

HENRY KEMBER, of Wellington,

to be a member of the General Board of the Government Advances to Settlers Office, as from the 9th November, 1899.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Acting Minister of Lands.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Manganui Road Board, County of Stratford.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th November, 1899.

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

W. C. WALKER.

MANGANUI ROAD BOARD.

Result of poll of ratepayers of the Makuri Road Special Rating District, taken on Wednesday, 8th November, 1899, upon the proposal to raise a loan of £300, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," for the purpose of felling, stumping, forming, and bridging two streams on the Makuri Road, from the western boundary of Section 24, Block XV., Huiroa, to the end of the present formation on Makuri Road West; to pay out of such loan the cost of raising it; to strike as security on this loan a special rate of 1d. in the pound over the following sections: Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, Block XI., Sections 23, 24, Block XV., Huiroa Survey District:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 3; number of votes exercisable, 5; Number of votes recorded for the proposal, 5. I therefore declare the proposal carried.

JOSEPH MACKAY,
Chairman.

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

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

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

W. C. WALKER.

COPY OF SPECIAL ORDER.

THAT, for the purpose of providing the interest and other annual charges on a loan of £400 for forming and metalling on the Alfred Road, authorised to be raised by the Board under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," the Board does hereby make and levy a special rate of 1½d. in the pound upon the rateable value of all rateable property comprised in the Alfred Road Special Rating District No. 2, which is hereby constituted to include the following lands: viz., Section 206 (part of Section 62), part of Section 64 (100 acres), Sections 69, 76, 84, 88, 114, 119, 120, 137, 138, 139, 146, parts of Sections 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86, 87, 115, 116, 117, 118, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, and 164, Hua and Waiwakaiho District; and Sections 1 and 2, Block VI., Egmont, and 21, 22, 23, and 24, Block VII., Egmont: such rate to be an annual-recurring rate for a period of twenty-six years, and to be payable in one sum at the office of the Board on the 1st day of September of each year.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the special order passed on the 21st day of March, 1899, and made by the Waiwakaiho Road Board on the 25th day of April, 1899, in accordance with "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

ARTHUR MORTON,
Clerk to the Waiwakaiho Road Board.
Egmont Village, 17th October, 1899.

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

ARTHUR MORTON,

Clerk to the Board.

Egmont Village, 10th November, 1899.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

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

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

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Lorentz Christian Angell	Tally-clerk ..	Dannevirke.
Antonio Anicich ..	Farmer ..	Akatore.
Conradine Eggeling ..	Settler ..	Hokitika.
Luie Gruff ..	Gum-digger ..	Mohoura.
August Gutschlag ..	Farmer ..	Gore.
Louise Gutschlag ..	Domestic duties..	Gore.
John Holmes ..	Fisherman ..	Moeraki, Otago.
Albin Jacobson ..	Carpenter ..	Wellington.
Frederick Langbehn..	Labourer ..	Dannevirke.
Frederic Henri Loisel	Sheep-farmer ..	Waihou, Gisborne.
Frank Meyer ..	Gum-digger ..	Whakapirau.
Carl Francis Osberg..	Seaman ..	Dunedin.
Rasmus Jensen Peder- sen	Farmer ..	Waipawa.
Jonah Matson Poulson	Domestic duties..	Arrowtown.
Niels Christian Poulson	Gold-miner ..	Arrowtown.
Frank Rogatski ..	Farmer ..	Marshland.
Dora Schiedler ..	Domestic duties..	Thames.
Martin Schiedler ..	Labourer ..	Thames.
Carl Christian Sorensen	Dairy-farmer ..	Omata.
Chrestian Svendsen ..	Labourer ..	Norsewood.
John Eric Thompson	Miner ..	Tuapeka Flat, Lawrence.
Thomas Thompson ..	Market-gardener	Heathcote Val- ley.
William Voight the younger	Farmer ..	Pukerau.
Joseph Zimmermann	Farmer ..	Waipuku.
Richard Carl Zimmer- mann	Professor of music	Auckland.

W. C. WALKER.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

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

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

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Charles Clem ..	Labourer ..	Motu.
Caesar Antonio Court	Shepherd ..	Gisborne.
Ernest Declene ..	Teacher ..	Karori.
Hélène Declene ..	Domestic duties..	Karori.
Andrew Johnson ..	Dairyman ..	Dunedin.
John Johnson ..	Miner ..	Hokitika.
Rasmus Bang Knudsen	Labourer ..	Kairanga.
Eric Julius Lindgren..	Settler ..	Kaponga.
Johann Müller ..	Cabinetmaker ..	Newington, Dunedin.
August Rejefsky ..	Labourer ..	Gore.
Rosella Mary Rejefsky	Domestic duties..	Gore.

T. THOMPSON.

Vice-Consul for Denmark at Hokitika recognised.

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

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

WILLIAM PERRY, Esq.,

as Danish Vice-Consul at Hokitika, in the Consular District of Christchurch.

W. C. WALKER.

Despatch. — Convention with Guatemala relative to Trade Marks.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 21st November, 1899.

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

T. THOMPSON.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 26th September, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the colony under your government, a copy of a convention between the United Kingdom and Guatemala relative to trade marks, signed at Guatemala on the 20th of July, 1898, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Guatemala on the 28th July, 1899.

(2.) I have to call your attention to Article II. of the convention, from which you will observe that, if it is desired that the stipulations of the convention should be made applicable to the colony under your government, notice to that effect must be given to the Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Guatemala within one year from the date of the exchange of the ratifications.

(3.) I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to acquaint me as soon as possible of the wishes of your Government in the matter.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government
of New Zealand.

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND GUATEMALA
RELATIVE TO TRADE MARKS.

Signed at Guatemala, 20th July, 1898. — Ratifications exchanged at Guatemala, 28th July, 1899.

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, &c., &c., and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guatemala, being desirous to conclude a convention for the mutual protection of trade marks and designs, have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries, namely:—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, &c.—George Birt Jenner, Esquire, her Minister Resident in Central America; And His Excellency the President of Guatemala—Doctor Francisco Anguiano, Secretary of State for the Department of the Interior and Justice, and in charge of that of Foreign Relations;

Who, after having mutually communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed to the following articles:—

Article I.

The subjects or citizens of each of the contracting parties shall have, in the dominions and possessions of the other, the same rights as are now granted or may hereafter be granted to national subjects or citizens in all that relates to trade marks, industrial designs, and patterns.

In order that such rights may be obtained, the formalities required by the laws of the respective countries must be fulfilled.

Article II.

The stipulations of the present convention shall be applicable to all the colonies and foreign possessions of Her Britannic Majesty, excepting to those hereinafter named, that is to say, except to India, the Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland, the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, and New Zealand:

Provided always that the stipulations of the present convention shall be made applicable to any of the above-named colonies or foreign possessions on whose behalf notice to that effect shall have been given by Her Britannic Majesty's Representative to the Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Guatemala within one year from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the present convention.

Article III.

The present convention shall be ratified as soon as possible, and shall remain in force for five years, which will commence to run one month after the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place in the City of Guatemala. Nevertheless, if one year before the expiration of that term neither of the two contracting parties shall have announced to the other, by means of an official declaration, the intention of putting an end to the present convention, it shall continue binding until the lapse of a year after such declaration shall have been made.

In witness whereof the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention, and affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate, in Guatemala, on the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

[L.S.] G. JENNER.
[L.S.] F. ANGUIANO.

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

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

THURSDAY, the 30th November instant, being St. Andrew's Day, will be observed as a public holiday in the Government offices throughout the colony.

W. C. WALKER.

New Zealand Vessels allowed to fly Red Ensign with Badge of Colony.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 10th November, 1899.

THE following Warrant, issued by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, authorising New-Zealand-registered vessels to wear the red ensign, with the badge of the colony on the fly thereof, is published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.

WHEREAS we deem it expedient that New-Zealand-registered vessels shall be permitted to wear the red ensign of Her Majesty's fleet, with the badge of the colony on the fly thereof:

We do therefore, by virtue of the power and authority vested in us, hereby warrant and authorise the red ensign of Her Majesty's fleet, with the badge of the Colony of New Zealand in the fly, to be used on board vessels registered in the colony.

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Office of Admiralty, this 7th day of February, 1899.

FRED. G. D. BEDFORD.
A. W. MOORE.

By command of their Lordships—Evan Macgregor.

Inspector of Machinery and Engineer Surveyor.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 20th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that applications will be received at this office for the appointment of Inspector of Machinery and Engineer Surveyor attached to this department.

Applicants to be eligible for this appointment must have served an apprenticeship as an engineer or iron-shipbuilder, must be not less than twenty-five and not more than forty-five years of age, and must have served at sea in charge of engines for at least five years. They must also, at the time of application, possess a first-class certificate of competency as engineer. They must forward a medical certificate showing that they are in good health and of a robust constitution.

Applicants must give full particulars of their service on shore and at sea, and forward copies of any letters of recommendation, testimonials, discharges, and certificates that they may possess.

The salary payable will be at the rate of £275 per annum. The selected applicant will be required to undertake the duties of Inspector of Machinery, Engineer Surveyor, Examiner of Engineers, and generally such work as he may be required to perform by this department.

The appointment will be subject to the provisions of "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886," and "The Civil Service Insurance Act, 1893."

Applications will be received up to the 31st December, 1899, and the selected candidate will be required to commence his duties about the beginning of February next.

By order,
W. T. GLASGOW,
Secretary.

Notice of Intention to take Land in Section 4, Block VIII., Awakino North Survey District, for Road Purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute a certain public work, to wit, the construction of a road in Awakino North Survey District, and for the purposes of such public work the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken; and notice is further given that the plan of the said road and of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the post-office at Awakino, and is there open for inspection. And notice is hereby given that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land shall, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcel of land mentioned hereunder :—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Survey District of
A. R. P. 6 0 6	4	VIII.	Awakino North.

As the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 41527, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Notice of the Laying-off of a Road through Section 17, Block XI., 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 24th May, 1899, duly taken and laid off through the land specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 25th March, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

PART OF POTAKA ROAD.

Approximate Area of Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Block.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 7 8 0	17	XI.	Hautapu	27 42	Burnt sienna.

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

Dated this 17th day of November, 1899.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Notice of the Laying-off of a Road through Rakautatahi Block, Takapau 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 24th February, 1899, duly taken and laid off through the land specified in the said Schedule, under the authority of the Governor of the said colony, by a warrant dated the 20th May, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of Land taken.	Being Portion of	Blocks	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 43 0 0	Rakautatahi Block	I. and II.	Takapau	870	Red.

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

Dated this 15th day of November, 1899.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Notice of Intention to take Land for a Road through Blocks V. and VIII., Mangatoro No. 1 Block, Mangatoro Survey District.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute a certain public work, to wit, the construction of a

road through Blocks V. and VIII., Mangatoro Survey District, and for the purposes of such public work the lands described in the Schedule hereto are required to be taken; and notice is further given that the plans of the said road and of the lands so required to be taken are deposited in the Post-office at Dannevirke, and are there open for inspection. And notice is hereby given that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said lands shall, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such lands, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

ROAD THROUGH MANGATORO NO. 1 BLOCK.

Area.	Part of	Block.	Survey District.	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 16 0 36	Mangatoro No. 1 Block	VIII.	Tahoraite..	139	Red.
18 0 2	Ditto ..	V.	Mangatoro	140	"
12 1 4	" ..	"	"	140	"

All in the Hawke's Bay Land District; as the said areas are delineated upon the plans marked as above stated, deposited in the Office of the Department of Lands and Survey at Napier, in the Hawke's Bay Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Lands.

Revocation of Appointment of Bonding Warehouse.

CUSTOMS.—In exercise of the authority in me for this purpose vested, I, the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, do, by this order under my hand, revoke and annul the appointment of the under-mentioned warehouse for the reception and security of goods entered to be warehoused without payment of duty upon the first entry thereof, namely :—

Port of Napier.

The warehouse known as

MURRAY'S BOND,

as appointed and described in Commissioner's Order No. 148, of the 29th day of August, 1881.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

T. THOMPSON,
For Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

Commissioner's Order No. 625.]

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,

Wellington, 16th November, 1899.

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

Devonport Coast Guard Artillery Volunteers.

Lieutenant Frank Howard Russell. Date of resignation, 31st October, 1899.

T. THOMPSON.

Result of Election of Trustees of Land-drainage Districts.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 18th November, 1899.

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

HUGH POLLEN,
Under-Secretary.

Hautapu Drainage District, County of Waika :

James Forrest.
George Watt.
Samuel Cowling.
William Henry Hall.
William Henry Parr.

Aka Aka Drainage District, County of Manukau:
 Robert Allen Bent.
 William Sanday.
 Alfred Kidd.
 Hallyburton Johnstone.
 Henry E. R. L. Wily.

Subsidies to Public Libraries.

Education Department,
 Wellington, 30th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £3,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries.

The distribution will take place on the 8th February, 1900, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary for Education, Wellington, on or before the 31st January, 1900.

A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club, whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough it must be open to the public free of charge. The receipts for the year must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.

In the division of the vote, a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £75—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £100.

The whole of the subsidy must be expended in the purchase of books for the library.

Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1899; and such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1899, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were: From rates levied by a local governing body under "The Public Libraries Act, 1869," pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; and from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1899; and that by the rules of the institution admission to the reading-room is open to the public free of charge.

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 January, 1900,
 before me— _____, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 2s. 6d.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to free admission may be struck out if the library is not in a borough. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

W. C. WALKER.

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.

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.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 21st November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that, no person having taken out administration, the Public Trustee has filed in the Office of the Supreme Court at Wellington an election to administer the several intestate estates of the persons deceased whose names, residences, and occupations, so far as known, are hereunder respectively set forth, their gross properties being estimated not to exceed £250 in each case.

Annie Harriet Hammond, late of Palmerston South, in the Provincial District of Otago, storekeeper. Filed on the 15th day of November, 1899.

Jesse Baker, late of Auckland, in the Provincial District of Auckland, carter. Filed on the 15th day of November, 1899.

William Gibson, late of Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, labourer. Filed on the 17th day of November, 1899.

Mary Hunter, late of Eaglesham, Lanarkshire, Scotland, married woman. Filed on the 20th day of November, 1899.

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

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

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

Dated at Wellington, this 20th day of November, 1899.
J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 16 perches, more or less, being part of Rural Section 321, in or near the Town of Kaiapoi, having a frontage to Ohoka Road of 100 links by a depth of 100 links.

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

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

Dated at Wellington, this 20th day of November, 1899.
J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 40 acres, more or less, being the south-eastern portion of Allotment 52, Parish of Waikiekie, Block XV., Tangihua Survey District.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 240 on the plan of the Town of Cobden, in the Provincial District of Nelson, having frontages to Cardwell Street of 250 links and to Fox Street of 100 links. The land was Crown-granted to Barker Dodsworth, described as of Cobden, settler, who is supposed to have left for Australia eighteen or twenty years ago.

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

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

Dated this 20th day of November, 1899.
J. J. M. HAMILTON,
Deputy Public Trustee.

School Site appropriated under "The Education Reserves Act, 1877."

IN exercise of the powers and authorities vested in them by "The Education Reserves Act, 1877," the School Commissioners for the Canterbury Provincial District have, by resolution dated the 27th day of September, 1899, appropriated and set apart the hereinafter-described parcel of land as a site for a public school.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Chairman.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing 3 acres 1 rood 27 perches, more or less, situated in Block XVI., Geraldine Survey District, being that part of Reserve No. 939 bounded as follows: Towards the south-east by the road forming the south-east boundary of said Reserve No. 939, distances of 365 and 194.9 links; towards the south-west by the road forming the south-west boundary of again said reserve, a distance of 581.9 links; towards the north-west by a line parallel to the south-east boundary; and towards the north-east by a line parallel to the south-west boundary, a distance of 700 links.

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 22nd November, 1899.

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

The following are the religious bodies above referred to:—

- The Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.
- The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.
- The Roman Catholic Church.
- The Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland.
- The Wesleyan Methodist Society.
- All Congregational Independents.
- Baptists.
- The Primitive Methodist Connexion.
- The Lutheran Church.
- All Hebrew Congregations.
- The Society of Friends.

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

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

- (a.) By the recognised head in New Zealand of the religious body to which he ministers, or
- (b.) By two duly recognised Ministers of such religious body, or
- (c.) By ten adult members thereof, who shall append to their signatures their description as being such members, declaring that such Minister is their Officiating Minister, the said signatures being attested by some person who shall verify them as the genuine signatures of the persons whose they purport to be by a solemn declaration made under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," signed by such person and appended to the certificate.

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

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

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

Crown Lands Notices.

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 sus-

tained, 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.

Lands open for Sale or Selection in the Hawke's Bay Land District.

Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 13th November, 1899.

THE under-mentioned lands will be open for selection at the Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Friday, 5th January, 1900.

If more than one application be received for the same section on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on the following day, at 10 a.m., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.

Village Allotments, opened under the Optional System.

Block.	Section.	Area.	Cash Price per Section.	Yearly Rental.	
				O.R.P. System.	L.P. System.
WEBER DISTRICT.					
V.	29*	A. R. P. 1 0 0	£ s. d. 5 0 0	£ s. d. 0 5 0	£ s. d. 0 4 0
WHETUKURA VILLAGE.					
..	39	0 2 5	7 10 0	0 7 6	0 6 0
..	45	0 2 27	10 0 0	0 10 0	0 8 0

* Weighted with £5 for improvements.

On Section 29, Block V., Weber Survey District, there is a small hut, erected two years ago, while the land is laid down in grass, and the section is ring-fenced.

The two Whetukura Village sections have both been occupied, but no improvements have been effected of any value.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-runs, Wellington Land District, open for Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 7th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, in terms of section 39 of "The Victoria College Act, 1897," at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, on and after Wednesday, the 10th January, 1900, at the half-yearly rentals noted below. In case of more than one application for the same run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—PATEA COUNTY.—NUKUMARU SURVEY DISTRICT.
Second-class Pastoral Country.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.
			s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	I.	A. R. P. 2,200 0 0	1 0	55 0 0	
1B	I., V.	1,780 0 0	1 0	44 10 0	

This land is situated on the Waitotara River. Section 1 contains 2,200 acres, and Section 1B 1,780 acres, consisting of good birch ridges but very narrow valleys. The timber is tawa, rata, rimu, &c., with the usual undergrowth, and the land will make good sheep-country, estimated to carry two sheep to the acre. On Section 1 there is a good homestead-site north of the road dividing the lots, where there is a clearing of from 5 to 7 acres. On Section 1B there are two good flats on the Waitotara River, estimated to contain 15 to 20 acres each, one of which has from 8 to 10 acres cleared and in grass, which would enable a homestead to be erected immediately. There is a dray-road already made for seven miles from Waitotara Township, and a 6-ft. bridle-track formed on to the Waitotara River, dividing the two blocks. The nearest part of the reserve is about ten miles from Waitotara by the formed road.

CONDITIONS.

1. The term of lease is twenty-one years, with the option of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years at a rent to be fixed by valuation, and improvements being secured to lessee as provided by "The Land Act, 1892," section 182. Each lessee is required to make the declaration as per form printed below.

2. No person can lease more than one run.

3. Residence on small grazing-runs is compulsory, and commences within three years in bush or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, unless the lessee obtain the consent of the Land Board to reside on other land in his occupation.

4. Permanent improvements must be effected equal to one year's rental by the end of the first year, two years' rental by the end of the second year, and four years' rental at the end of the sixth year; and on bush land, in addition thereto, improvements must be made to the value of 10s. an acre if first-class land, or of 5s. an acre if second-class land.

5. One half-year's rent and £1 1s. for the lease, must be paid immediately the application is declared successful; the rent to be paid half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease.

6. The lessee has no right to purchase any part of the land; but he can select 150 acres around the homestead through which no road can be taken or other public privilege exercised without compensation.

DECLARATION.

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

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.

2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of _____.

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

4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.

5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.

6. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now purchasing the lease of, will exceed in area 1,000 acres.

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 _____, 189 _____, before me— _____, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

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

Section in Ongo Survey District, Wellington, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 7th November, 1899.

THE under-mentioned section will be offered for lease by public auction, at the Survey Office, Wanganui, on Wednesday, the 3rd January, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—KIWITEA COUNTY.

License to occupy under Section 116, "Land Act, 1892."

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rent.
Ongo	..	13	A. R. P. 33 1 0	£ s. d. 3 6 6

Term: Year to year.

This section is situated in the Otamakapua Block, on the Tapuae Ridge Road. The access is from Feilding and Waituna Village. The section is about twenty-four miles distant from the former and seven miles from the latter by a good dray-road. It comprises hilly land, with a few acres level. The soil is of good quality, resting on papa formation. The forest has suffered from fires; a few rimu, hinau, and tawa trees are still standing. The section is fairly well watered at present by small streams.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 ls. lease-fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer.
2. Possession will be given on the day of sale.
3. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may at any time resume possession of the whole or any portion of the land comprised in the license.
4. The licensee shall have no right to compensation either for any improvements that may be placed upon the land, or on account of the aforesaid resumption, nor for any other cause.
5. The licensee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in this license, except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
6. The land shall not be cropped nor broken up without the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
7. The licensee shall destroy all rabbits on the land, and he shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
8. The licensee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in his license; and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove, or cause to be removed, all gorse, broom, sweetbriar, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
9. The license shall be liable to forfeiture in case the licensee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said license within sixty days after the date on which the same ought to be fulfilled.

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

Village-homestead Allotments, Otago, open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 7th November, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1900.

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

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Village-homestead Allotments.—First-class Land.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
				Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

CLUTHA COUNTY.

A. R. P. s. d. £ s. d.
Glenomaru | 71 | VI. | 7 1 8 | 3 5·2 | 0 12 0
Level land of a light sandy nature, situated at the junction of Catlin's and Owaka Rivers, about one mile and a half from Owaka Post-office and School. Valuation for improvements, payable with application, or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £50 2s. 6d.

MANIOTOTO COUNTY.

Maniototo | 29 | XI. | 11 2 11 | 1 0 | 0 6 0
Undulating and level agricultural land; not well watered; situated about ten miles from Naseby and one mile from Waipiata School and Post-office by good road.

Maniototo | {21, 22} | XVI. | 49 2 8 | 0 7·2 | 0 15 0

Open, level land, partly flat; dry; situated near the Otago Central Railway, about seven miles from Hyde. Valuation for improvements, payable with application, or immediately the result of the ballot is declared, £29 13s. 9d.

CLUTHA COUNTY.

Woodland | 48 | VII. | 28 1 0 | 0 7·2 | 0 8 5
" | 49 | " | 16 1 0 | 0 7·2 | 0 4 10
" | 50 | " | 27 3 0 | 0 7·2 | 0 8 5
" | 51 | " | 29 2 0 | 0 7·2 | 0 9 0

Heavy bush land of fair quality; watered; situated ten miles from Owaka and seventeen miles from Glenomaru Railway-station.

Warepa .. | 60 | I. | 27 0 36 | 0 9·6 | 0 10 10

Hilly land, partly bush and partly open; soil fair; watered. Distance from Waitapeka Railway-station, eight miles.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Auckland District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 17th October, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Hokianga..	Herekino ..	8	II.	A. R. P. s. d. 48 1 0	£ s. d. 10 0	£ s. d. 24 0 0	s. d. 0 6	£ s. d. 0 12 0	s. d. 0 4 8	£ s. d. 0 9 8
Situated at Herekino Settlement, and comprises mixed-forest and open land, with some swamp. Access by formed road.										
Hokianga..	Herekino ..	16	II.	76 0 16	10 0	38 0 0	0 6	0 19 0	0 4·8	0 15 3
"	Whangape..	60	VII.							
Situated at Herekino, and adjoining the harbour. Generally open land.										
Hokianga	Whangape..	52	VII.	50 0 0	7 6	18 15 0	0 4·5	0 9 6	0 3·6	0 7 6
Generally mixed-forest land of fair quality, at Herekino Settlement.										
Mangonui	Takahue ..	30	XV.	50 0 0	7 6	18 15 0	0 4·5	0 9 6	0 3·6	0 7 6
"	"	32	"	50 0 0	10 0	25 0 0	0 6	0 12 6	0 4·8	0 10 0
Situated at Takahue Settlement, six miles from Victoria Valley. About one-half mixed forest; land of fair quality, and well watered. About 8 acres on Section 32 have been grassed.										
Whangarei	Mangakahia	18	XI.	204 0 0	10 0	102 0 0	0 6	2 11 0	0 4·8	2 0 10
All open land and well watered. About twenty-one miles by road from Whangarei.										
Whangarei	Ruarangi*	[91 and 92]	"	226 0 0	7 6	84 15 0	0 4·5	2 2 6	0 3·6	1 14 0
About 12 acres forest, balance open and undulating land. Situated about four miles from Mangapai by road.										
Whangarei	Hukerenui	18	XIII.	508 0 0	10 0	254 0 0	0 6	6 7 0	0 4·8	5 1 8
Good clay soil, of sandy formation and well watered; generally heavy mixed forest, with some small totara and scattered kauri-trees. Situated ten miles from Hikurangi Railway-station.										
Rodney ..	Komokoriki*	80	"	104 0 0	8 0	41 12 0	0 4·8	1 0 10	0 3·84	0 16 8
Broken land, covered with mixed forest; clay soil, and well watered. Situated three miles from Post-office, Komokoriki, and five miles from Kaipara Flats.										
Manukau..	Otau*	62	"	315 0 0	10 0	157 10 0	0 6	3 18 9	0 4·8	3 3 0
Undulating forest country, well watered; soil of fair quality, consisting of clay on sandstone subsoil; the bush contains totara, rimu, rata. Situated eighteen miles from Papakura Railway-station.										
Whakatane	Waimana*	314	"	288 0 0	7 6	108 0 0	0 4·5	2 14 0	0 3·6	2 3 3
Open and forest land of fair quality. Four miles from Ohiva.										
Raglan ..	Onewhero..	2	IX.	372 0 0	11 0	204 12 0	0 6·6	5 2 4	0 5·28	4 1 10
Broken forest land; volcanic and clay soil; well watered. Situated ten miles from Onewhero Post-office, and four miles from Port Waikato.										

* Parish.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 7th November, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Wednesday, 10th January, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Otamatea	Tokatoka	35	XI.	A. R. P. 77 2 0	£ s. d. 2 10 0	£ s. d. 193 15 0	s. d. 2 6	£ s. d. 4 17 0	s. d. 1 11-8	£ s. d. 3 17 6

Rich reclaimed swamp land, accessible from Raupo Wharf and Tokatoka.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Southland Land District, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, 7th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that leases of the under-mentioned pastoral runs will be submitted to public auction, at this office, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

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

County.	Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
Wallace	427	Titiroa	3,200 acres	£ s. d. 5 0 0	14 years.
"	441	Manapouri	2,600 "	2 10 0	14 "
Lake and Southland	438 and 452	Eyre North, Eyreside, Mavora, and Black Hill	55,690 "	5 0 0	12 "

Run No. 427 is fairly level open country, covered with fern and tussock. Distance, about forty-five miles from Mossburn Railway-station.

Run No. 441 is covered with fern and tussock; mostly open ridgy country. Distance, about forty-five miles from Mossburn Railway-station.

Runs No. 438 and 452 (grouped) are high broken country, about twenty-one miles from Queenstown.

Possession will be given on 1st March, 1901. The purchaser must deposit a statutory declaration, as required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent and the license-fee on the fall of the hammer. Valuations for improvements must be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, Invercargill, before the licensee will be let into possession.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Southland District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, 7th November, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Thursday, the 25th January, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Southland	Otama	19A	II.	A. R. P. 22 0 24	£ s. d. 1 0 0	£ s. d. 22 3 0	s. d. 1 0	£ s. d. 0 11 1	s. d. 0 9-6	£ s. d. 0 8 10

Land light, and somewhat gravelly; broken with old lignite workings. Position good, at junction of two roads. Accessible by good road, about thirteen miles from Gore. Weighted with £54, valuation for improvements, consisting of house, fencing, &c.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Southland Land District.—Pastoral Run for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 30th October, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that a lease of the under-mentioned pastoral run will be submitted to public auction, at this office, on Thursday, the 28th day of December, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.

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

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
529	Waikaia	A. R. P. 4,000 0 0	£ s. d. 16 13 4	12 years.

Situated about two miles from Waikaia. Tussock land, with patches of bush and scrub; good, healthy sheep-country.

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

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 30th October, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the lease for a term of fourteen years of the under-mentioned harbour endowment at North Head, Manukau, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 29th day of December, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Waitemata County.

Manukau Harbour Endowment, North Head: Containing 1,115 acres; upset annual rental, £15, payable half-yearly in advance.

Conditions of Sale.

The right is reserved to resume any portion required for public purposes on giving three months' notice, and making proportionate reduction in rent.

The lessee to erect and maintain the boundary-fence between his land and the 93 acres reserve for harbour-light purposes. No timber or other natural bush to be cut or removed without special permission of Harbourmaster.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 30th October, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned lands will be offered by auction at the Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Thursday, the 28th day of December, at 11 o'clock a.m.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—GORE SURVEY DISTRICT.

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

Run No. 105: 200 acres; term, ten years; upset annual rent, £5.

Run No. 144: 600 acres; term, ten years; upset annual rent, £5.

Subject to right to resume any portion for public purposes. One half-year's rent and £1 ls. license-fee in each case must be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the necessary declaration furnished.

Description of Land.

Run No. 105: Broken country; western half in grass, eastern portion covered with scrub.

Run No. 144: Very broken country; covered with scrub and light bush, mostly cedar.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rural Land in Southland Land District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 30th October, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Thursday, the 21st day of December, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—TUTURAU SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section	Block.	Area.	Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
109	VII.	A. R. P. 78 2 0	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 19 8	s. d. 0 4 8	s. d. 15 9

Cash price: Per acre, 10s.; total price, £39 5s.

Situated about thirteen miles from Wyndham Township. Land good black soil, mostly covered with light scrub.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserves in Scarborough Township for Lease by Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 3rd 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.
6	I.	A. R. P. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 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
8	"	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.

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.
25	IV. and V.	Kerikeri ..	A. R. P. 3,900 0 0	£ s. d. 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.—WAIKARI SURVEY DISTRICT.—BEAUMONT ESTATE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
8	XXIX.	A. R. P. 391 3 35	s. d. 3 1½	£ s. d. 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.—MAUNGA-KARETU SURVEY DISTRICT.—NGAURUKEHU B No. 1 BLOCK.

First-class Pastoral Country.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
11	XII.	A. R. P. 281 0 0	s. d. 1 4 5	£ s. d. 9 13 3
12	"	320 0 0	1 4 5	11 0 0
30A	XVI.	502 0 0	1 4 5	17 5 2

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 Heretekitangi 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.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 30th October, 1899.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity on Thursday, the 21st December, 1899.

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

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Village-homestead Allotments.—First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
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SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—SEAWARD BUSH TOWNSHIP.

27, 28 | III. | A. R. P. | s. d. | £ s. d.
 10 0 0 | 3 2 4 | 0 16 0
 Situated one mile from Tisbury Railway-station. Land nearly flat; covered with light bush; soil fair. Burdened with £3 10s., valuation for improvements, consisting of hut and fencing, and £10 for the timber thereon. Limit of holding, 20 acres in Block III. only.

WALLACE COUNTY.—DANIELTOWN TOWNSHIP.

13 | II. | 0 2 33 | 5 7 2 | 0 2 0
 Situated about four miles from Riverton Railway-station. Soil good. Burdened with valuation for fencing, £1 10s. Limit of holding, one allotment.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri and Totara Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 7th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned kauri and totara timber, standing in the Puhipuhi State Forest, Hukerenui Survey District, will be offered for sale by public auction at this office on Friday, the 5th day of January, 1900, at 11 a.m.:

PUHIPUHI STATE FOREST.—HUKERENUI SURVEY DISTRICT.—BAY OF ISLANDS COUNTY.

Lot No. 2, comprising about 11,747,132 superficial feet of kauri timber and 300 totara-trees: total upset price, £6,173 11s. 4d.

One-sixth cash on fall of the hammer and the balance on approved promissory notes as follows: One-sixth of purchase-money within two years, two-sixths within four years, and the remaining two-sixths within six years from date of sale. Time allowed for removal of timber, eight years from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 13th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the matter mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Gisborne on the 27th day of November, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

[Gisborne, 99-58.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATION.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1592	Transfer	13th November, 1899	Lot C2 of Ngakoroa ..	Te Hata Waingaruru to A. B. Newman.

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

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 18th November, 1899.

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

[Gisborne, 99-59.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1593	Mortgage	18th November, 1899	Kaiti, 128, 129, and 130	Maata te Kani to E. J. Chrisp.

Sitting of Validation Court appointed.

In the matter of "The Native Land (Validation of Titles) Act, 1893," and of the Validation Court as established by the said Act.

IN exercise of the power in that behalf vested in me as Chief Judge of the said Court by section 15 of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1896," I hereby appoint a sitting of the Court to be held at Gisborne on Wednesday, the 29th day of November, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place the Court will proceed to deal with all matters which may be lawfully brought before it.

G. B. DAVY, Chief Judge.

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

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 17th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned application has been referred to the Native Land Court for inquiry and report, and that such inquiry will be held at the Courthouse, New Plymouth, on Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will admit.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

THE APPLICATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Name of Applicant.	Nature of Application.	Lands affected.
Titokowaru Taukawa ..	That applicant and his sister, Tungehe, be admitted to share in estate of their mother, Hana Tamibana, deceased	Whareroa.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 29th day of November, 1899, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

[Wellington, 99-73.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
305	Transfer	19th May, 1898 ..	Maungaraki No. 1 ..	Puatau Patara, Riritia Patara, Hara Patara, Komene Patara, and Rangihuaia te Puni (trustees for Te Rangiararo Patara), to Percy Edward Baldwin.
306	Transfer	22nd November, 1899	Ohariu, part of Section 13	Karoraina Henare to Frederick Cooper.
307	Transfer	13th July, 1899 ..	Wahaotemarangai No. 1F, and Section 43, Block III., Kaitawa Survey District	James Cootes to Charles Dunbar.

APPLICATION FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
308	Mere Tipene	Whakahukuwai, Hutt, Section 16, Subdivision No. 12.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
311	Taimona	Manawatu-Kukutauski No. 3, Section 1A, No. 20.
312	Mere Pitama	Maungaraki No. 9.
313	Tautara Renata	Hutt, Section 3, part of Subdivision 11, and Korokoro North.
314	Ngamako te Rango and others	Oruamatua-Kaimanawa No. 2p.

NOTICE re HURU TE HIARO, DECEASED.

No.	Names of Persons giving Notice.	Nature of Notice.
315	Messrs. Baldwin and Johnston	That at the next sitting of the Court in Wellington evidence will be brought by Nireaha Tamaki and others to prove the true meaning of the expressions in the will of above deceased—viz., "Taonga" and "Taonga tangata."

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 18th November, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of the Native Land Court which was notified to be held at Rawene, Hokianga, on the 13th day of November, 1899, and adjourned to the 22nd day of November, 1899, has been further adjourned to the 6th day of December, 1899.

[Auckland, 99-70.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

Vital Statistics, October, 1899.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the month of October, 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 October, 1899.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1899.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 1899.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, October, 1899.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of mean Population in the Year 1898.
				Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
				Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Auckland	57,616	38,100	75	4	..	16	2	..	10	32	0.84	13.73		
Birkenhead		749	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2.67	6.68
Devonport		3,320	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.60	11.34
Newmarket		2,106	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.65
Grey Lynn		3,049	13	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	0.66	11.37
Parnell		4,327	7	1	..	3	..	1	..	5	1.16	9.80		
Other suburbs		*	
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	51,651	104	6	..	22	2	1	11	42	0.81	12.80		
Wellington	41,758	42,512	92	8	..	12	5	2	9	36	0.85	12.51		
Karori		1,050	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1.90	6.70
Melrose		2,295	6	2	..	1	..	1	..	5	2.18	7.98		
Onslow		1,350	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	1.48	6.01
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	47,207	100	10	1	15	7	2	10	45	0.95	11.97		
Christchurch	51,330	18,085	38	1	..	5	1	..	5	12	0.66	10.87		
Linwood		6,553	13	..	..	3	..	..	2	5	0.76	12.25
St. Albans		6,500	11	..	..	2	..	..	4	6	0.92	8.93
Sydenham		10,987	26	..	..	4	..	..	4	8	0.73	9.99
Woolston		2,274	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.44	11.99
Other suburbs		*	
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	44,399	94	1	..	15	1	..	15	32	0.72	10.63		
Dunedin	47,280	23,500	40	1	1	9	..	2	13	26	1.11	12.73		
Caversham		4,330	20	..	1	5	..	..	3	9	1.86	20.71
Maori Hill		1,608	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.62	6.34
Mornington		3,325	7	1	..	1	..	1	1	4	1.05	8.15		
North-east Valley		3,575	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.74
Roslyn		4,329	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.23	7.49
St. Kilda		1,359	4	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	2.21	10.55
South Dunedin		5,066	12	1	..	..	1	..	1	3	0.59	8.95
West Harbour		1,400	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.58
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	49,492	109	3	2	19	2	3	18	47	0.95	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 407, against 417 in September—a decrease of 10. The deaths in October were 166—a decrease of 13 on the number in September. Of the total deaths, males contributed 94, females 72. Forty-one of the deaths were of children under 5 years of age, being 24.70 per cent. of the whole number; 32 of these were under 1 year of age.

There were 38 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Six men, 66, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, died at Auckland; seven men, 66, 70, 72 (two), 74 (three), and three women, 66, 79, 81, at Wellington; four men, 65, 72 (two), 76, and four women, 73, 77, 79, 84, at Christchurch; and nine men, 65 (two), 67, 68, 69, 72, 75, 79, 81, and five women, 67, 69, 75, 79 (two), at Dunedin.

The following Table shows the Causes of the Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 Years of Age and 5 Years and upwards, and the Proportion per Cent. of Deaths from each Cause, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the Month of October, 1899.

CLASS.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHs.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	1	2	4	..	2	..	3	..	12	7.23
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	..	11	2	6	..	10	..	11	40	24.10
V.	Developmental Diseases	1	3	5	3	..	3	4	3	22	13.25
VI.	Local Diseases	4	15	6	15	..	16	3	21	80	48.20
VII.	Violence	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	8	4.82
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	2.40
	Total	9	33	20	25	2	30	10	37	166	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 VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i> —									
Fall from Building	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Run over by Dray	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Burns	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	3
Overlain	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Homicide.</i> —									
Died after Birth from Criminal Neglect	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Suicide.</i> —									
By Hanging	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VIII. — ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Marasmus, &c.	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Abscesses	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Found Dead	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals	9	33	20	25	2	30	10	37	166

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

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	0.84
and five suburban boroughs	0.81
Wellington City	0.85
and three suburban boroughs	0.95
Christchurch City	0.66
and four suburban boroughs	0.72
Dunedin City	1.11
and eight suburban boroughs	0.95

Including the suburbs, the rates at Wellington and Dunedin are the highest, and at Christchurch the lowest.

Compared with October, 1898, the results are,—

	1898.	1899.
Auckland and suburbs	1.00	0.81
Wellington and suburbs	1.00	0.95
Christchurch and suburbs	0.96	0.72
Dunedin and suburbs	1.23	0.95

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—There was in October 1 death from measles, which occurred at Auckland; 7 from whooping-cough—4 at Wellington and 3 at Dunedin; 1 from dysentery, at Auckland; 2 from congenital specific disease (children), at Christchurch; and 1 from septicæmia, at Auckland. The total deaths at the four centres were thus 12 for the month in this class of disease.

Constitutional Diseases.—The deaths numbered 40, of which 28 were from tubercle (19 phthisis, 4 general tuberculosis, 4 tubercular meningitis, and 1 tubercular peritonitis). Deaths from cancer numbered 9.

Local Diseases.—Of a total of 80 deaths in this class, 19 were from diseases of the nervous system; 21 of the circulatory system; 21 of the respiratory system; 15 of the digestive system; 3 of the urinary system; and 1 of the reproductive system. Out of 21 deaths from diseases of the respiratory system, 16 were caused by bronchitis and pneumonia, of which 8 deaths occurred at Wellington, 3 at Auckland, 1 at Christchurch, and 4 at Dunedin. There were also at Auckland 1 death from pleurisy and 1 from congestion of lungs.

Violence.—Eight deaths are shown—6 from accidental causes, 1 homicidal, and 1 from suicide. A labourer was killed at Dunedin by falling from a parapet, and a carter from being run over by a dray at Wellington. A child died from accidental burning at Wellington, another at Christchurch, and a third at Dunedin. An infant was killed by being overlain at Auckland. The homicidal death was that of an infant, the verdict of Coroner's jury being "Died from criminal neglect." The suicide was a fish-hawker, who hanged himself at Auckland while temporarily insane.

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

Towns.	SIX PRINCIPAL SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG-DISEASES.							
	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Typhoid and other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping-cough.		Diarrheal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.	Oct.	Sep.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	..
Wellington and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	7	..	..	4	4	..	..	4	2	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	3	2	..	1
Totals	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	7	7	1	1	6	11	1	2	10	7	1	1

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the under-mentioned Boroughs, during the Month of October, 1899.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1899.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN OCTOBER, 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, October, 1899.		
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.				
Thames	5,000	13	1	..	1	1	..	1	4	0.20	11.62	
New Plymouth	4,176	2	..	..	1	..	3	4	0.96	12.11
Napier	9,399	14	1	1	3	..	1	8	0.85	11.50		
Wanganui	6,362	12	..	..	1	..	..	6	0.94	7.22
Palmerston North	6,200	20	2	..	..	3	..	5	0.81	10.53
Blenheim	2,900	10	..	..	1	..	..	2	0.69	11.24
Nelson	7,064	11	..	..	2	..	6	8	1.13	14.99
Greymouth	3,345	7	1	1	..	1	1	3	2.09	10.20		
Hokitika	2,494	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	0.40	13.91
Lyttelton	4,053	12	2	..	1	1	..	5	1.23	8.39		
Timaru	5,702	19	..	..	1	..	1	2	0.35	10.69
Oamaru	5,372	11	1	..	3	..	3	7	1.30	8.99		
Invercargill	5,591*	9	5	..	2	1	..	6	2.50	9.57		

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 16th November, 1899.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR OCTOBER, 1899.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month* Average same month previous years* ...	56.9 57.3	54.1 53.6	52.6	49.8 50.4
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	68.0 on 12th and 26th	68.0 on 30th	..	80.0 on 17th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	47.0 on 19th	39.0 on 6th	29.8 on 7th	32.0 on 6th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	126.0 on 18th	127.0 on 25th	..	95.0 on 1st
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	40.0 on 4th and 29th	27.0 on 9th	25.0 on 7th	27.0 on 6th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	69	69	..	73
Average same month previous years ...	76	76	71	70
Total Rainfall, in inches	4.790	2.520	0.105	1.796
Average same month previous years ...	3.232	4.325	1.727	2.510
Number of Days of Rain	22	17	3	15
Average same month previous years ...	17	13	10	15

* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 21st November, 1899.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

Rainfall for October, 1899.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
NORTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH-EAST ASPECT—NORTH CAPE TO EAST CAPE.				
Parengarenga	A. R. Crane .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Pakaraka*	Hon. H. Williams, M.L.C. ..	4.48	17	0.42 on 30th
Parua Bay	D. Davidson	7.58	22	1.58 on 30th
Waihi (Thames)	H. B. Devereux	9.41	20	1.78 on 31st
Auckland	Government Observer	4.79	22	0.97 on 9th
Cuvier Island	Lightkeeper .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Tauranga	R. O. Stewart	7.01	22	1.62 on 7th
Athenree (Tauranga)	Captain Stewart	7.37	24	1.54 on 7th
Rotorua	Dr. Kenny	4.98	16	1.16 on 7th
Rotorua (State Forest)	J. E. Barrett	4.86	22	0.99 on 9th
(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT.				
Kaitaia	W. G. Puckey	8.99	14	3.50 on 30th
Paihia (Russell)	Captain Burleigh .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Awakino	N. A. Robison	4.83	17	0.93 on 2nd
Te Kopua (Waikato)	Rev. H. Young	7.53	14	1.55 on 8th
Raglan	H. V. Rutherford	7.00	18	1.29 on 8th
New Plymouth	G. W. Palmer	5.86	25	1.35 on 9th
Upper Mangorei	Mrs. Monro	7.98	22	1.77 on 9th
Mangorei-Korito Road	Mrs. J. Brown	9.69	22	1.78 on 9th
Inglewood	Miss N. Trimble	8.54	22	1.37 on 3rd
Ngatimaru	R. Drummond	7.39	18	1.30 on 13th
(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.				
Mangaraka (Waitara)	D. Wilkie .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Upper Waitotara	E. F. Liffiton .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Omata Valley	C. Forde .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Stratford	Miss Bobin	5.19	21	1.20 on 13th
Opunake	A. H. Moore	2.36	17	0.56 on 3rd
Mania	P. T. Peacock	2.77	13	0.59 on 13th
Hawera †	J. Livingston	2.58	13	0.65 on 9th
Oruamatua (Patea)	A. S. Birch	3.05	27	0.40 on 4th and 9th
Kapara	F. R. Field	5.11	22	0.99 on 4th
Kaponga	C. Maclean	4.41	17	0.73 on 13th
Aramoho (Wanganui)	J. T. Stewart	3.61	20	0.83 on 4th
Wanganui	H. F. Seager	3.03	12	0.84 on 4th
Kaitoke	A. Wychodil	3.10	15	0.57 on 9th
No. 2 Line (Wanganui)	H. I. Jones	2.57	13	0.66 on 21st
Raetihi (Wanganui)	G. T. Murray	6.37	22	1.03 on 13th
Campbelltown	H. Sanson	2.84	10	0.65 on 3rd and 8th
Feilding	Miss E. M. Goodbehere	2.86	18	0.77 on 4th
Te Kumu	G. S. Fulton	3.42	13	0.61 on 4th
Hunterville	G. L. Cook	4.90	20	1.40 on 4th
Erehwon †	Mrs. Caccia-Birch	3.44	16	0.46 on 31st
Ruanui	J. F. Studholme .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
West Waitapu	J. Gurflee	4.44	20	1.32 on 4th
Ashhurst	H. Barnes	4.37	16	0.94 on 4th
Bull's	E. J. Keiller .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Raumai	T. K. Grieve	3.43	14	0.53 on 25th
Palmerston North	C. J. Monro	2.60	18	0.63 on 4th
State Farm (Levin)	P. W. Goldsmith	2.15	15	0.43 on 12th
Otaki	M. H. Ayre	2.41	14	0.98 on 11th
Kereru	C. A. Muggleton	2.76	10	0.56 on 12th
Pukerua	W. Bell	0.99	9	0.30 on 12th
Pahautanui	J. Pearce	2.39	11	0.63 on 27th
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.				
Waipiro	J. S. Dodgshun	7.54	12	2.82 on 31st
Matahiia	K. S. Williams	10.25	11	3.58 on 30th
Tolago Bay	A. Reeves	8.15	8	4.00 on 30th
Gisborne	Rev. H. W. Williams	5.34	14	1.90 on 31st
Patutahi	H. N. Watson	5.18	13	1.65 on 30th
Maraetaha	J. Woodbine Johnson	4.72	13	2.68 on 31st
Tiniroto	W. J. Jamieson	6.13	15	3.27 on 31st
Waikaremoana §	Fenton Lambert	6.74	9	4.63 on 31st
Tutira Lake || .. ..	H. Guthrie-Smith	9.81	10	5.50 on 31st
Hangaroa	H. W. Guthrie-Smith	5.45	11	2.10 on 31st
Rakamoana	J. Moore	9.24	15	3.75 on 31st
Te Kowhai	J. H. Absolom .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Petane	W. H. Smith .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Napier	E. Lyndon	5.76	9	3.01 on 30th
Hastings	J. N. Williams	6.57	12	3.07 on 31st
Waimarama	Thomas R. Moore	7.38	8	2.90 on 30th
Mangakuri	G. C. Williams	6.76	10	3.44 on 31st
Te Aute	S. B. Ludbrook	6.11	14	2.73 on 31st
Maraekakaho	A. Lockie	8.13	12	5.24 on 31st
Gwavas	J. Nicoll	7.18	17	3.82 on 31st
Mount Vernon	J. W. Harding	4.51	10	2.20 on 31st
Ormondville	J. C. Westall	7.53	18	4.66 on 31st
Woodville	J. Leithead	4.62	19	0.61 on 9th
Pahiata	W. Tosswill	4.56	20	0.81 on 4th
Tane	H. A. Lambert	5.30	14	1.60 on 31st
Eketahuna	T. Lewis	4.30	13	1.00 on 31st
Otahuao	Miss E. A. D. Bennett	2.26	12	1.35 on 31st
Masterton	J. Payton	1.69	12	0.54 on 31st
Carterton	H. Braithwaite	1.45	9	0.42 on 31st
Featherston	G. G. Wellsted	2.62	8	1.48 on 13th
Summit	M. Cronin	6.80	14	2.05 on 13th
Upper Hutt	J. Hanning	8.16	11	1.27 on 1st and 12th
Taita	T. Mason	3.44	13	1.01 on 12th
Wainuiomata	J. Quaintance	2.74	9	0.76 on 12th
Lower Hutt	Miss Heaton	2.34	10	0.78 on 12th
Late returns—				
* September .. ..	.. ..	2.90	10	0.70 on 20th
† September .. ..	.. ..	1.86	5	0.78 on 19th
‡ September .. ..	.. ..	1.44	9	0.50 on 28th
§ September .. ..	.. ..	2.31	11	1.00 on 28th
|| September .. ..	.. ..	1.99	5	0.67 on 29th

Rainfall for October, 1899—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
NORTH ISLAND—continued.				
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER—continued.				
Petone	Sir J. Hector	1.93	11	0.61 on 13th
Wellington	Government Observer	2.52	17	0.60 on 13th
Karori	W. Edmonds	1.84	14	0.50 on 13th
SOUTH ISLAND.				
(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO KAIKOURA.				
Nelson	Dr. Hudson	1.78	10	0.65 on 2nd
Waimea (Nelson)	W. E. Hayne .. .. .	..	..	..
Motueka	G. S. Huffam	1.92	11	0.46 on 3rd
Stephens Island	Lightkeeper	1.50	5	0.40 on 12th
The Brothers	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
Avondale Station (Blenheim)	C. de V. Teschemaker	1.34	9	0.35 on 13th
Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds)	M. C. Masefield	5.21	11	1.40 on 3rd
Blenheim	N. T. Prichard	1.10	8	0.44 on 13th
Cape Campbell	Lightkeeper	0.15	1	0.15 on 26th
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	0.88	8	0.30 on 26th
Kekerangu	W. J. White	1.01	10	0.32 on 29th
Mount Fyffe (Kaikoura)	J. Davidson .. .. .	..	..	..
Kaikoura	Dr. J. St. C. Gunn	0.64	4	0.30 on 29th
Hammer Plains	Miss Taylor	2.12	8	0.70 on 13th
(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Farewell Spit	Lightkeeper	2.43	14	0.70 on 13th
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	5.87	21	0.97 on 13th
Westport	H. S. Ewan	7.43	18	1.68 on 17th
Denniston*	A. B. Lindop	14.30	18	2.61 on 26th
Ngahere	J. Scott	13.63	17	1.67 on 2nd
Greymouth	J. Conner	10.56	17	3.17 on 17th
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	11.88	18	2.25 on 12th
Dusky Sound	R. Henry .. .. .	..	..	..
Puysegur Point†	Lightkeeper .. .. .	..	..	..
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.				
Cheviot	Dr. Campbell-Wilkinson	0.69	10	0.37 on 5th
Waiau	F. S. Northcote	0.89	10	0.17 on 4th
Blackmount (the Waiau)	Mrs. J. J. McKenzie .. .. .	..	..	..
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	1.11	10	0.40 on 27th
Port Hills (Christchurch)	Miss M. L. Higgins	2.70	6	0.80 on 13th
Christchurch	A. L. Taylor	0.32	6	0.09 on 13th and 27th
Linwood	J. A. Biltcliff	0.40	7	0.11 on 12th
Lincoln	F. W. Hilgendorf	0.10	3	0.04 on 27th
Southbridge	D. McMillan	0.27	5	0.11 on 12th
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	0.57	8	0.12 on 12th
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	0.32	5	0.09 on 27th
Orari	G. A. M. Macdonald	0.43	8	0.12 on 6th and 24th
Bealey	C. White	9.74	12	3.00 on 12th
Mt. Peel	Mrs. O. Scott Thompson	1.39	9	0.39 on 6th
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	1.02	7	0.58 on 8th
Methven	H. G. Baker	1.16	8	0.39 on 12th
Winchmore (Ashburton)	A. E. Hart	0.40	6	0.12 on 19th
Windermere	Miss F. J. M. Wright .. .. .	..	..	..
Timaru	C. H. Tripp	0.67	8	0.33 on 26th
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	0.34	6	0.12 on 12th
Waimate	W. S. Hamilton	1.16	8	0.31 on 26th
Geraldine	G. F. Temple	0.60	3	0.46 on 6th
Woodbury (Geraldine)	B. E. H. Tripp	0.98	3	0.70 on 6th
Windsor Park (Oamaru)	E. Menlove	0.74	13	0.21 on 2nd
Oamaru	G. Anderson .. .. .	..	..	..
Maheno	C. de S. Teschemaker	0.64	7	0.22 on 26th
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Otekaike (North Otago)	John Tait	0.57	9	0.24 on 13th
Macetown	A. C. W. Porter .. .. .	..	..	..
Queenstown	L. Hotop	2.82	6	1.16 on 16th
St. Bathans†	J. Ewing	2.59	8	0.88 on 19th
Gladbrook Station	F. R. Jeffreys	2.09	14	0.36 on 13th
Roxburgh	Dr. W. J. Mullin	2.06	9	0.59 on 13th
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	0.74	13	0.11 on 6th
Dunedin	Government Observer	1.80	15	0.45 on 3rd
Caversham	G. M. Burlinson	0.88	7	0.15 on 3rd, 20th, 25th, and 26th
Eweburn	A. W. Roberts	0.58	6	0.23 on 19th
Tapanui	J. Gleeson	2.63	16	0.45 on 13th and 19th
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore	1.54	9	0.41 on 5th
Balclutha	C. C. Halliday	1.77	9	0.40 on 17th
Naseby	G. L. Stewart .. .. .	..	..	..
Alexandra South	D. C. Rose	0.52	6	0.25 on 12th
Clyde	L. D. Macgeorge	0.35	4	0.24 on 12th
Wyndham	W. H. Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	3.53	13	0.78 on 19th
Ratanui	J. Fraser	5.83	14	1.25 on 4th
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	4.25	22	0.55 on 19th and 21st
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	4.68	15	0.94 on 13th
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	4.79	13	1.06 on 19th
Chatham Islands	A. Shand .. .. .	..	..	..
Stewart Island	W. Traill	7.40	23	2.06 on 17th
Late returns—				
* September .. .. .	.. .. .	5.55	18	1.05 on 18th
† September .. .. .	.. .. .	26.48	21	4.61 on 6th
‡ September .. .. .	.. .. .	5.07	10	1.00 on 25th

J. HECTOR, Director.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN CAMERON, of Waimate, Contractor, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Arcade, Timaru, on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1899, at 11.30 o'clock.
ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 Timaru, 16th November, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that EBENEZER CARTER, Jun., of Mangapai, Settler, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.
JOHN LAWSON,
 Official Assignee.
 16th November, 1899.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSEPH CROSS, of Colac, Seaman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 23rd day of November, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.
CHARLES ROUT,
 Deputy Official Assignee.
 Invercargill, 17th November, 1899.

Mining Notices.

UNDER "THE MINING ACT, 1898."

APPLICATION FOR WATER-RACE.

To the Warden of the Otago Mining District, at Lawrence.

PURSUANT to "The Mining Act, 1898," the undersigned John Tyson, of Rongahere, Sawmill-proprietor, hereby applies for a license for a water-race, as specified in the Schedule hereto, the course whereof has been duly marked out for the purpose.

Address for service: The office of F. G. Dalziell, Solicitor, Lawrence.
 Date and number of miner's right: 3rd March, 1899; No. 2307.
 Dated this 23rd day of October, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

Locality of the Race, and of its Starting and Terminal Points.	Proposed Term of License.	Length and Intended Course of Race.	Estimated Time and Cost of Construction.	Mean Depth and Breadth.	Number of Heads to be diverted.	Purpose for which Water is to be used.
At Tuapeka Mouth, on the west bank of the Molyneux River, commencing on the north bank of Sandy Creek about a mile from the junction of that creek with the said river, and terminating at the upper end of prospecting license applied for by applicant this day.	Forty-two years.	About 1½ miles; course, northerly.	Three months.	1 ft. 6 in.; 2 ft. 6 in.	Ten.	For the purpose of working a special dredging claim on said land applied for as prospecting area.

J. TYSON
 (by his Solicitor, F. G. DALZIELL),
 Applicant.

Precise time of filing of the foregoing application: 24th October, 1899, at 10 a.m.

Time and place appointed for the hearing of the application, and all objections thereto: Monday, 11th December, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at the Warden's Court, Lawrence.

Objections thereto must be filed in Court and notified to applicant at least two days before the day so appointed.

A. M. EYES,
 Mining Registrar.

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UNDER "THE MINING ACT 1898."

APPLICATION FOR WATER-RACE.

To the Warden of the Otago Mining District, at Lawrence.

PURSUANT to "The Mining Act, 1898," the undersigned James Bennet, of Rae's Junction, Farmer, hereby applies for a license for a water-race as specified in the Schedule hereto, the course whereof has been duly marked out for the purpose.

Address for service: The office of Alfred Crooke, Solicitor, Ross Place, Lawrence.
 Date and number of miner's right: 13th May, 1899; No. 6809.
 Dated this 9th day of October, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

Locality of the Race, and of its Starting and Terminal Points.	Proposed Term of License.	Length and Intended Course of Race.	Estimated Time and Cost of Construction.	Mean Depth and Breadth.	Number of Heads to be diverted.	Purpose for which Water is to be used.
In Section 33, Block 4, Crookston District, starting at a point in a creek known as East Spylaw Creek where the said creek crosses the boundary-line between Sections 32 and 33, Block 4, Crookston, passing through Section 33, and terminating about 5 chains from west side of main road to Roxburgh. Whole race in applicant's freehold land.	Forty-two years.	Forty-five chains; easterly.	Already constructed.	Depth, 1 ft.; breadth, 3 ft.	Four.	For driving machinery for chaff-cutting, corn-crushing, &c.

JAMES BENNET
 (By his Solicitor, ALFRED CROOKE),
 Applicant.

Time and place appointed for the hearing of the application, and all objections thereto: Monday, 11th December, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at the Warden's Court, Lawrence.

Objections thereto must be filed in Court and notified to applicant at least two days before the day so appointed.

A. M. EYES,
 Mining Registrar.

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In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of the Venture Gold-mining Company (Limited), (in Liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company will be held at its registered office, Westport, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 27th January, 1900, for the purpose of receiving the Liquidator's account showing manner in which the winding-up has been conducted, and also to determine by extraordinary resolution as to the disposal of the books and accounts of the company, and of the Liquidator thereof.

A. W. MILLS,
Liquidator.

Westport, 10th November, 1899.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

WILLIAM YOUNG.—11 acres, being Section 3, Waiau District. Unoccupied. No. 2735.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 16th day of November, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Invercargill.

F. G. MORGAN,
District Land Registrar.

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

3598. ROBERT JOUGHIN.—Allotments 94 and 95, Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 41 acres 3 roods 14 perches. Occupied by Applicant.

3605. RACHAEL HOOKER.—Lot 75 of the subdivision of Allotments 18, 19, 20, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 10½ perches. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 27th day of December, 1899.

2924. WILLIAM BUTLER BUICK.—677 acres 3 roods, parts of Sections 8, 9, and 10, Opaki Block. Parts Section 8 occupied by William Henry Buick, part Section 9 by Holmes Brothers, and part Section 10 by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to me for the issue of a provisional certificate of title in the name of GEORGE PUDNEY, of Wellington, Dentist, for Lot 12, Block F, Plan 467, part of Section 772, City of Wellington, and the land comprised in certificate of title, Vol. lxxxv., folio 289, and evidence having been lodged of the loss of the original certificate, I give notice that I will issue the provisional certificate as requested unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 8th day of December, 1899.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington, this 22nd day of November, 1899.

W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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

8670. GEORGE WILLIAM LEADLEY.—128 acres 1 rood, part of Lot 34, Plan 289, part of Rural Section 4844, Block VII., Wakanui Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

8685. THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOYAL OHOKA LODGE, I.O.O.F., M.U.—15½ perches, part of Rural Section 2220, Block XIV., Rangiora Survey District. Occupied by Applicants.

8691. JOHN EDWARD JACOMBS.—14½ perches, part of Section 631, City of Christchurch. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1899, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership lately subsisting between us, the undersigned EDMUND ROBERT BOWLER and JOHN BUCHANAN NICHOL, practising as Barristers and Solicitors, at Gore, under the style of "Bowler and Nichol," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to or owing by the said late firm will be received and paid by the said Edmund Robert Bowler.

As witness our hands, this 3rd day of November, 1899.

E. R. BOWLER.
J. B. NICHOL.

Witness—A. W. Mills, Law Clerk, Gore. 764

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of the affidavit and application of Alexander Young McBeth and Alexander Cruickshank, two of the directors of the Rangitikei Publishing and Printing Company (Limited), for a declaration of dissolution of such company.

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

Dated at Wanganui, this 14th day of November, 1899.

CHAS. C. KETTLE,
Registrar.

A. W. Fullerton-Smith, Marton, applicant's solicitor. 765

I, WALTER HISLOP, Manager of the Perpetual Trustees Estate and Agency Company of New Zealand (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare—

1. That the liability of members is limited.
2. That the capital of the company is £106,250, divided into 25,000 shares of £4 5s.
3. That the number of shares issued is 21,669.
4. That calls to the amount of seven shillings and sixpence per share have been made, under which the sum of £8,125 17s. 6d. has been received.
5. That the amount of all moneys received on account of estates under administration during the half-year ending thirty-first day of October, 1899, is £18,976 6s. 4d.
6. That the amount of all moneys paid on account of estates under administration during the half-year ending thirty-first day of October, 1899, is £20,336 11s. 10d.
7. That the amount of the balance held to the credit of estates under administration during the half-year ending thirty-first day of October, 1899, is £3,372 0s. 8d.
8. That the liabilities of the company on the first day of November last were debts owing to sundry persons by the company—viz:—

- On judgment, nil.
- On specialty, nil.
- On notes or bills, nil.
- On simple contracts, £11,010 0s. 11d.
- On estimated liabilities, nil.
- 9. That the assets of the company on that date were,—
- Government securities, nil.
- Bills of exchange and promissory notes, nil.
- Other securities, £16,205 9s. 2d.
- Cash at banker's and on deposit, £5,549 19s. 11d.

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 intitled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

WALTER HISLOP.

Declared by the said Walter Hislop, at Dunedin, this 14th day of November, 1899, before me—A. Bartleman, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand. 754

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned AARON AYERS and HERBERT ARTHUR BEAUCHAMP, trading in Cashel Street, in the City of Christchurch, as Auctioneers and Land and Estate Agents, under the name, style, or firm of "Ayers, Beauchamp, and Co.," has been dissolved as and from the 21st day of October, 1899. The business, as and from that date, will be carried on by the said Herbert Arthur Beauchamp on his own account and for his own benefit, and he will receive all debts due to and pay all liabilities due by the late firm.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1899.

A. AYERS.

HERBERT ARTHUR BEAUCHAMP.

Witness—James Goodman, Law Clerk, Christchurch. 755

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between HERBERT SHAKESPEAR FENWICK and EDWARD ANDERSON (carrying on business as "Fenwick and Anderson," Stock- and Share-brokers), has been dissolved by mutual consent.

Mr. Fenwick has now retired from the firm, and the business will in future be carried on by Mr. Anderson, who will settle all outstanding accounts.

Dated at Auckland, this 15th November, 1899.

H. S. FENWICK.

E. ANDERSON.

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In the matter of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884"; and in the matter of the Dunlop Pneumatic Tire Company of Australasia (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that by power of attorney under the common seal of the above company, dated the 10th day of October, 1899, EBENEZER H. JAMES, of Lichfield Street, Christchurch, Agent, was appointed attorney of the said company in the Colony of New Zealand, and that the Office or place of business of the said company is at 128, Lichfield Street, in the City of Christchurch.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1899.

E. H. JAMES,

Attorney in New Zealand for the
Dunlop Pneumatic Tire Company of Australasia
(Limited).

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Solicitors, Christchurch.

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