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Allocating Land reserved and taken for a Railway to the Purposes of a Road in Hawera County.

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

WHEREAS the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto form part of land taken for the purposes of the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway, and it is considered desirable to allocate such lands to the purposes of a road:

And whereas it has been certified by the Minister for Railways that such lands are not required for railway purposes: And whereas such lands are situated in Hawera County, the local authority of which has consented to the issue of this Proclamation, and to erect and maintain fences dividing such lands from the railway to the satisfaction of the Minister for Railways:

And whereas His Excellency the Governor is of opinion that the said local authority can conveniently construct and maintain the said road and fences:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities in me vested by section one hundred and seventy-seven of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall, upon the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, become a road, and that the said road shall be under the control of the Hawera County Council, and shall be maintained by the said Council in like manner as other public highways are controlled and maintained by the said Council.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District, in the Ngaire Survey District, containing 1 acre 5 perches, more or less, being a strip of land part of the railway reserve in the Town of Eltham. Bounded on the east by the eastern boundary of the said railway reserve, a distance of 2039.3 links; on the west by a line parallel to and 50 links distant from the said eastern boundary; on the north by Bridge Street; and on the south by Conway Street.

Also all that area in the Taranaki Land District, in the Ngaire Survey District, containing 1 rood 10 perches, more or less, being a strip of land part of the railway reserve in the Town of Eltham. Bounded on the east by the eastern boundary of the said railway reserve, a distance of 650 links; on the west by a line parallel to and 50 links distant from the said eastern boundary; on the north by a line drawn at

right angles to the said eastern boundary, a distance of 50 links; and on the south by Bridge Street.

As the said parcels of land are more particularly delineated on the plan marked 8471, deposited in the office of the Minister for Railways, at Wellington, and thereon coloured purple.

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 fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

J. G. WARD,
Minister for Railways,

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Proclaiming the Taking of Roads through Block III., Momo-haki Survey District.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

The parcels of land mentioned in list hereunder:—

Area.	Being Portions of	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 17 0 25	Mangaporau Block	Momohaki ..	§§§	Burnt sienna.
32 3 39	Ditto ..	" ..	"	Ditto.

All in the Wellington Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above noted;

deposited in the District Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Alteration of Pukahu River District, County of Hawke's Bay.

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

WHEREAS by "The River Boards Act, 1884," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, on petition signed by not less than two-thirds of the rate-payers of a river district, enlarge, alter, or diminish any such district; and also that, when any district is altered under the said enactment, the Governor shall, in the Proclamation making such alteration, make such redistribution of the members of the Board as he shall think fit:

And whereas a petition, signed as aforesaid, has been duly presented, praying that the Pukahu River District may be altered, and that the boundaries thereof may be those set forth in the Schedule hereto:

And whereas it appears expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the above-recited power and authority, do hereby alter the boundaries of the Pukahu River District, and do hereby proclaim and declare that the boundaries of the said district shall be those set forth in the Schedule hereto; and also do hereby redistribute the members of the Pukahu River Board as constituted immediately before the date when this Proclamation comes into force, and declare that such members shall be the members of the Board for the said district as altered hereby, and that this Proclamation shall come into force on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred.

SCHEDULE.

PUKAHU RIVER DISTRICT (EXTENDED).

ALL that area in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 26,280 acres, more or less, bounded towards the north-east generally by a right line from a point on the right bank of the Ngaruroro River in line with the southern side of the Hastings-Omahu Road to the said southern side of that road at its junction with the Maraekakaho-Omahu Road, about 7100 links; thence by the said Hastings-Omahu Road to the north-eastern corner of Lot No. 2 of Subdivision B, Heretaunga Block; thence by a right line to the north-western boundary of the Borough of Hastings at the northernmost corner of Section No. 19, Mahora Settlement; thence by the Borough of Hastings to its most easterly corner; and thence by a right line to the north-eastern corner of Subdivision 59 of Lot No. 2, Subdivision E, Heretaunga Block: thence towards the south-east generally by the Old Ngaruroro River to a point opposite to the mouth of Danvers Creek; thence by a right line across the Old Ngaruroro River and by its southern bank to the north-western corner of Suburban Section No. 27, Township of Havelock; thence by the said Section No. 27 to its south-western corner; thence by a right line across a road to the westernmost corner of Section No. 14, Township of Havelock; thence by that section to Middle Road; thence by the said Middle Road to road-peg No. 36, at the junction of said Middle Road and a public road from Pakipaki: thence towards the south-west generally by the said public road to Pakipaki, crossing the Kaokaroa and Whenuakura Blocks, and by another public road to the Main South Road; thence by the Main South Road to a public road forming the boundary between the Kahumoko and Pekapeka No. 2a Blocks; thence by that road to the south-eastern corner of Pekapeka No. 1 Block; thence by the said Pekapeka No. 1 Block to its most northerly corner; thence by the northern base of the hills forming part of the Mangaroa Block to a point marked "A" on plan hereinafter referred to; thence by a right line across the Mangaroa Swamp to the north-eastern corner of portion of Ngatarawa Nos. 4 and 5 and Mangaroa Lot No. 1 Blocks; thence by the said portion of Ngatarawa Nos. 4 and 5 and Mangaroa Lot No. 1 Blocks and by Ngatarawa No. 4 Block to the Raukawa-Hastings Road; thence by that road to the north-

western boundary-line of Lot 3, Mangaroa Block; thence by the said Lot 3 to its westernmost corner; thence by a right line to the south-western corner of Lot 1 of Ngatarawa No. 4 Block; thence by the Hampden-Hastings Road to the south-eastern corner of Ngatarawa No. 2c Block; thence by that block and Ngatarawa No. 2b Block to land taken for railway purposes; thence by the eastern and southern boundaries of land taken for railway purposes from Ngatarawa No. 2b Block, and by land taken for railway purposes from Ngatarawa No. 2 Block, to the Ngaruroro River: thence towards the north-west generally by the Ngaruroro River to the north-eastern boundary of land taken for railway purposes from Ngatarawa No. 1a Block; thence by the said north-eastern boundary to the easternmost corner of the said land taken for railway purposes from Ngatarawa No. 1a Block; thence by a right line to a point on the southern boundary of Ngatarawa No. 1a Block distant 1900 links from the Maraekakaho-Omahu Road; thence by the said southern boundary of Ngatarawa No. 1a Block to the Maraekakaho-Omahu Road, and by that road to the easternmost corner of Ngatarawa No. 1 Block; thence by the said Ngatarawa No. 1 Block to land taken for railway purposes; thence by the eastern and southern boundaries of land taken for railway purposes from Ngatarawa No. 1 Block to the Ngaruroro River; and thence by the Ngaruroro River to the place of commencement: as the same is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 26498a, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington.

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 eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

J. G. WARD.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Post Office Regulations.—"Special Request" Letters.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this first day of May, 1900.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE J. G. WARD PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, made under the authority of "The Post Office Act, 1881" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, rules and regulations were prescribed for the receiving, despatching, conveying, and delivering of letters, including "special request" letters, such last-named letters being defined as letters posted within the colony in terms of the regulations contained in the said Order in Council: And whereas it is expedient to extend the definition of such "special request" letters as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke paragraph No. 1 under the heading "Special Request Letters" of the above-recited regulations, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulation set forth in the Schedule hereto, and doth hereby declare that such substituted regulation shall be read as part of the regulations made by the hereinbefore-mentioned Order in Council, and doth further declare that this Order in Council and the regulation hereby made shall have effect on and after the first publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

"SPECIAL REQUEST" LETTERS.

1. LETTERS and other postal packets posted in or beyond the colony, having the names and addresses of the senders written, printed, or embossed on the address side or on the fly of the envelopes, are returned unopened to the writers or senders by Chief Postmasters when not claimed within thirty days; and all such letters which have, in addition, a request on the address side of the cover that the letters be returned if not claimed within a stated period, are also returned unopened by Chief Postmasters. No such letters, however, will be returned unless they have remained in the post-office to which addressed at least ten days.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eleventh day of May, 1900.

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 land described in the Schedule hereto, situate in the Hawke's Bay Land District, is declared to be brought under the operation of and to be subject to the provisions of the said "Public Domains Act, 1881":

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand, doth hereby, 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 Whetukura Domain Board, namely,—

WILLIAM GREIG WALLACE, of Whetukura, storekeeper;
JAMES WILLIAM BAKER, of Whetukura, farmer;
MARTIN CARROLL, of Whetukura, farmer;
JOHN WINDER WEBSTER, of Whetukura, shepherd;
JAMES HUTTON, of Whetukura, sheep-farmer

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

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the third Monday in each month, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at the Schoolhouse, Whetukura, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Monday, the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred.

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 third Monday in January in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

5. 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 Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 8 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 35, Whetukura Village. Bounded towards the north and east by a public road, 138-3 links and 1836-3

links respectively; towards the south by Section No. 19, Block XIV., Takapau Survey District, 1006-2 links; and towards the west by a public road, 1511-9 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Napier.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eleventh day of May, 1900.

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 reserve made for public recreation in the Hawke's Bay Land District, and known as the Whetukura Recreation-ground, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same is hereby brought under the operation of and declared to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881"; and such domain shall hereafter be managed, administered, and dealt with in manner directed by the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 8 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Section No. 35, Whetukura Village. Bounded towards the north and east by a public road, 138-3 links and 1836-3 links respectively; towards the south by Section No. 19, Block XIV., Takapau Survey District, 1006-2 links; and towards the west by a public road, 1511-9 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the Office of the Chief Surveyor, Napier.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Declaring Part of Waitotara Valley Road, in the Kapara Survey District, to be a County Road.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eleventh day of May, 1900.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order that part of the road known as the Waitotara Valley Road described in the Schedule below, and which was made by the Governor under the powers contained in the Public Works Acts, 1882 and 1894, and has hitherto been a Government road, shall, on and after the date of this Order in Council, become a county road.

SCHEDULE.

PORTION OF WAITOTARA VALLEY ROAD.

THAT portion of the Waitotara Valley Road, in the Taranaki Land District, in the Kapara Survey District, which commences at the boundary between the Wellington and Taranaki Land Districts, and proceeds thence in a north-westerly direction for a distance of about 8 miles 39 chains to the Hukarerepapa Stream, and includes the bridge over the said Hukarerepapa Stream: as the said road is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 39690, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Ranger under the Animals Protection Acts, East Coast District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
KENNETH STEWART WILLIAMS
to be a Ranger under "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, for the District of East Coast.

J. G. WARD.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 9th May, 1900.

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

Name.	District.
WILLIAM ACCREINGTON ANDREWS ..	.. Cambridge.
WILLIAM MARTIN ASHTON ..	.. Rotorua.

J. G. WARD.

Inspector of Abattoirs, &c., Borough of Blenheim, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 11th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
HENRY JELLYMAN
to be an Inspector of Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses and of Cattle intended for Slaughter, under "The Abattoirs and Slaughterhouses Act, 1894," within the Borough of Blenheim.

J. G. WARD.

Cadet appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 16th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
GEORGE GALLOWAY CHISHOLM
to be a cadet in the Official Assignee's office at Auckland, from the 11th instant.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Justice.

Member of Taranaki Land Board appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 10th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint
JAMES RATTENBURY
to be a member of the Land Board of the Land District of Taranaki.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Member of Patea Harbour Board appointed.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 11th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has, in pursuance of the provisions of section 40 of "The Harbours Act, 1878," and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, appointed

HORACE ELLIOTT DEANE

to be a member of the Patea Harbour Board, in place of Robert Albert Adams, resigned.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Cadet appointed.

Education Department,
Wellington, 14th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

IVOR DAVEY

to be a cadet in the Education Department; the appointment to date from the 2nd instant.

W. C. WALKER,
Minister of Education.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 4th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointment:—
New Zealand Volunteer Medical Staff.
Charles Ernest Thomas to be Surgeon-Captain. Date of commission, 16th March, 1900.

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 9th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the under-mentioned appointment:—
New Zealand Volunteer Medical Staff.
Philip Oswald Andrew to be Surgeon-Captain. Commission to date from the 16th March, 1900.

R. J. SEDDON.

Volunteer Officer transferred to the Honorary Unattached List, New Zealand Volunteers.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 9th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve, under paragraph 262, Volunteer Regulations, 1895, of the transfer of

Lieutenant ROBERT WATSON

from the Nelson Rifle Volunteers to the Honorary Unattached List, New Zealand Volunteers, and with effect from the 12th April, 1900.

R. J. SEDDON.

Designation of Volunteer Corps changed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 10th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the designation of the "Roslyn Rifle Volunteers" being changed to the "Wakari Rifle Volunteers," with the seniority of the first-mentioned corps in the New Zealand Volunteer Force, and with effect from the 11th day of April, 1900.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 12th May, 1900.

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

New Zealand Volunteer Medical Staff.

Surgeon-Captain George Geils Kenny (attached to the No. 1 Company, Waikato Mounted Rifle Volunteers). Date of resignation, 13th November, 1899.

R. J. SEDDON.

Services of Volunteer Corps accepted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 1st May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept, under clause 39, (1), "The Defence Act, 1886," the services of the under-mentioned Volunteer corps:—

Caversham Rifle Volunteers,

with headquarters at Dunedin. Date of acceptance, 11th April, 1900.

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer transferred.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 4th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the transfer of

Lieut.-Colonel HENRY SLATER, V.D.,

from the Honorary Unattached List, New Zealand Volunteers, to the Unattached Active List, New Zealand Volunteers, with effect from the 5th April, 1900.

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Wellington, 9th May, 1900.

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

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Gustav Adolph ..	Farmer ..	Waituku.
James Dellagana ..	Miner ..	Orwell Creek.
Louis Lousich ..	Storekeeper ..	Kumara.
George Harold Mood..	Contractor ..	Waitekauri.
Maegge Schmidt ..	Domestic duties ..	Papanui.
Gustav Julius Wilhelm	Farmer ..	Marton.

J. G. WARD.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Borough of Akaroa.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 12th May, 1900.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Akaroa, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886."

J. G. WARD.

BOROUGH OF AKAROA.

RESULT of a poll taken on Thursday, 26th day of April, 1900, at the office of the Akaroa Borough Council, at Akaroa, on a proposal of the said Council to borrow the sum of £4,500, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and its amendments, at £3 10s. per centum per annum, for forty years, for a water-supply for the said Borough of Akaroa:—

Number of valid votes given for the proposal, 74; number of valid votes given against the proposal, 34.

A majority of the valid votes having been given in favour of the proposal, I hereby declare the proposal to borrow £4,500 for a water-supply for the Borough of Akaroa to be carried.

A. J. MCGREGOR, Mayor.
Akaroa, 8th May, 1900.

Results of Polls for Proposed Loans, Stratford County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 12th May, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD.

STRATFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

RESULT of a poll taken on the 26th day of April, 1900, upon the proposal to borrow £600, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and the amendments thereof, for forming and grading parts of the Robson and Waihapa Roads:—

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

The required majority of votes having been obtained, I hereby declare the above proposal to be carried.

R. DINGLE, Chairman,
28th April, 1900.

Result of a poll taken on the 3rd day of May, 1900, upon the proposal to borrow £800, under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and the amendments thereof, for forming and metalling part of the Ahuroa Road:—

Number of ratepayers on special roll, 6; number of votes exercisable, 9; Number of ratepayers voting in favour of the proposal, 5; number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal, 7; number of ratepayers voting against the proposal, nil.

The required majority of votes having been obtained, I hereby declare the above proposal to be carried.

R. DINGLE, Chairman.
7th May, 1900.

Retention of Title of "Honourable" by Mr. Thomas Thompson.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th May, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD.

Downing Street,
31st March, 1900.

(New Zealand—General.)
MY LORD,—In reply to your Lordship's despatch No. 11, of the 13th February, I have the honour to inform you that the Queen has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Mr. Thomas Thompson, who has served for more than three years as a member of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand.

A notice to this effect will be published in the *London Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Honourable the Earl of Ranfurly, K.C.M.G., &c.

Despatch.—Extradition Treaty with the Republic of San Marino.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 14th May, 1900.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Justice.

(Circular.) Downing Street, 26th March, 1900.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the colony under your government, a copy of an Order of Her Majesty the Queen in Council, dated the 3rd March, 1900, for giving effect to the treaty between Her Majesty and the Republic of San Marino for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals, signed at Florence on the 16th October, 1899, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Rome on the 5th December, 1899.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.—EXTRADITION TREATY.—SAN MARINO.
Windsor, 3rd March, 1900.

At the Court at Windsor, the 3rd day of March, 1900.

Present:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

LORD CHANCELLOR, LORD PRESIDENT, LORD JAMES OF HEREFORD.

WHEREAS by the Extradition Acts, 1870 to 1895, it was amongst other things enacted that, where an arrangement has been made with any foreign State with respect to the surrender to such State of any fugitive criminals, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that the said Acts shall apply in the case of such foreign State; and that Her Majesty may, by the same or any subsequent Order, limit the operation of the Order, and restrict the same to fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in the part of Her Majesty's dominions specified in the Order, and render the operation thereof subject to such conditions, exceptions, and qualifications as may be deemed expedient:

And whereas a treaty was concluded on the sixteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, between Her Majesty and the Captains Regent of the Most Serene Republic of San Marino for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals, which treaty is in the terms following:—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and the Most Serene Republic of San Marino, having judged it expedient, with a view to the better administration of justice and to the prevention of crime within their respective territories, that persons charged with or convicted of the crimes hereinafter enumerated, and being fugitives from justice, should, under certain circumstances, be reciprocally delivered up, the said high contracting parties have named as their plenipotentiaries to conclude a treaty for this purpose, that is to say,—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, His Excellency Philip Henry Wodehouse, Baron Currie of Hawley, a member of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of Her Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Italy;

And the Most Serene Republic of San Marino, His Excellency Cavaliere Paolo Onorato Vigliani, Patrician of San Marino, Grand Cross and Grand Cordon of the Order of Saint Maurice and Saint Lazarus, and of the Crown of Italy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, &c., &c., Minister of State, ex-President of the Court of Cassation, Senator of the Kingdom of Italy;

Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The high contracting parties engage to deliver up to each other those persons who, being accused or convicted of a crime or offence committed in the territory of the one party, shall be found within the territory of the other party under the circumstances and conditions stated in the present treaty.

ARTICLE II.

The crimes or offences for which the extradition is to be granted are the following:—

1. Murder, or attempt or conspiracy to murder, and manslaughter.
2. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Malicious wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm.
3. Counterfeiting or altering money, or uttering counterfeit or altered money.
4. Knowingly making any instrument, tool, or engine adapted and intended for counterfeiting coin.
5. Forgery, counterfeiting, or altering or uttering what is forged, counterfeited, or altered.
6. Embezzlement or larceny.
7. Malicious injury to property if the offence be indictable.
8. Obtaining money, goods, or valuable securities by false pretences.
9. Receiving money, valuable security, or other property knowing the same to have been stolen, embezzled, or unlawfully obtained.
10. Crimes against bankruptcy law.
11. Fraud by a bailee, banker, agent factor, trustee, or director, or member or public officer of any company.
12. Perjury, or subornation of perjury.
13. Rape.
14. Carnal knowledge, or any attempt to have carnal knowledge, of a girl under sixteen years of age, so far as such acts are punishable by the law of the State upon which the demand is made.
15. Indecent assault. Indecent assault, even with consent, upon children of either sex under thirteen years of age.
16. Administering drugs or using instruments with intent to procure the miscarriage of a woman.
17. Abduction.
18. Child-stealing.
19. Abandoning children, exposing or unlawfully detaining them.
20. Kidnapping and false imprisonment.
21. Burglary or housebreaking.
22. Arson.
23. Robbery with violence.
24. Any malicious act done with intent to endanger the safety of any person in a railway-train.
25. Threats by letter or otherwise, with intent to extort.
26. Piracy by law of nations.
27. Sinking or destroying a vessel at sea, or attempting or conspiring to do so.
28. Assaults on board a ship on the high seas with intent to destroy life or to do grievous bodily harm.
29. Revolt, or conspiracy to revolt, by two or more persons on board a ship on the high seas against the authority of the master.
30. Dealing in slaves in such a manner as to constitute a criminal offence against the laws of both States.

Extradition is also to be granted for participation in any of the aforesaid crimes, provided such participation be punishable by the laws of both the contracting parties.

Extradition may also be granted, at the discretion of the State applied to, in respect of any other crime for which, according to the laws of both the contracting parties for the time being in force, the grant can be made.

ARTICLE III.

Either Government may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to deliver up its own subjects to the other Government.

ARTICLE IV.

The extradition shall not take place if the person claimed on the part of the British Government, or the person claimed on the part of the Government of San Marino, has already been tried and discharged or punished, or is actually upon his trial, within the territory of the other of the two high contracting parties, for the crime for which his extradition is demanded.

If the person claimed on the part of the British Government, or if the person claimed on the part of the Government of San Marino, should be under examination, or be undergoing sentence under a conviction, for any other crime within the territories of the two high contracting parties respectively, his extradition shall be deferred until after he has been discharged, whether by acquittal, or on expiration of his sentence, or otherwise.

ARTICLE V.

The extradition shall not take place if, subsequently to the commission of the crime, or the institution of the penal prosecution or the conviction thereon, exemption from prosecution or punishment has been acquired by lapse of time, according to the laws of the State applied to.

ARTICLE VI.

A fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered if the offence in respect of which his surrender is demanded is one of a political character, or if he prove that the requisition for his surrender has in fact been made with a view to try or punish him for an offence of a political character.

ARTICLE VII.

A person surrendered can in no case be kept in prison or be brought to trial in the State to which the surrender has been made for any other crime or on account of any other matters than those for which the extradition shall have taken place, until he has been restored or had an opportunity of returning to the State by which he has been surrendered.

This stipulation does not apply to crimes committed after the extradition.

ARTICLE VIII.

The requisition for extradition shall be made in the following manner:—

Application on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty's Government for the surrender of a fugitive criminal in San Marino shall be made by Her Majesty's Consul for the Republic of San Marino.

Application on behalf of the Republic of San Marino for the surrender of a fugitive criminal in the United Kingdom shall be made either direct by the Captains Regent or by the Consul of the Republic accredited to the British Government in London.

The requisition for the extradition of an accused person must be accompanied by a warrant of arrest issued by the competent authority of the State requiring the extradition, and by such evidence as, according to the laws of the place where the accused is found, would justify his arrest if the crime had been committed there.

If the requisition relates to a person already convicted, it must be accompanied by the sentence of condemnation passed against the convicted person by the competent Court of the State that makes the requisition for extradition.

A sentence passed *in contumaciam* is not to be deemed a conviction, but a person so sentenced may be dealt with as an accused person.

ARTICLE IX.

If the requisition for extradition be in accordance with the foregoing stipulations, the competent authorities of the State applied to shall proceed to the arrest of the fugitive.

ARTICLE X.

If the fugitive has been arrested in the British dominions, he shall forthwith be brought before a competent Magistrate, who is to examine him and to conduct the preliminary investigation of the case, just as if the apprehension had taken place for a crime committed in the British dominions.

In the examinations which they have to make in accordance with the foregoing stipulations, the authorities of the British dominions shall admit as valid evidence the sworn depositions or the affirmations of witnesses taken in San Marino, or copies thereof, and likewise the warrants and sentences issued therein, and certificates of, or judicial documents stating the fact of, a conviction, provided the same are authenticated as follows:—

1. A warrant must purport to be signed by a Judge, Magistrate, or officer of the Republic of San Marino.

2. Depositions or affirmations, or the copies thereof, must purport to be certified, under the hand of a Judge, Magistrate, or officer of the Republic of San Marino, to be the original depositions or affirmations, or to be the true copies thereof, as the case may require.

3. A certificate of or judicial document stating the fact of a conviction must purport to be certified by a Judge, Magistrate, or officer of the Republic of San Marino.

4. In every case such warrant, deposition, affirmation, copy, certificate, or judicial document must be authenticated either by the oath of some witness, or by being sealed with the official seal and legalisation of the Republic of San Marino; but any other mode of authentication for the time being permitted by the law in that part of the British dominions where the examination is taken may be substituted for the foregoing.

ARTICLE XI.

If the fugitive has been arrested in the Republic of San Marino, his surrender shall be granted if, upon examination

by a competent authority, it appears that the documents furnished by the British Government contain sufficient *prima facie* evidence to justify the extradition.

The authorities of the republic shall admit as valid evidence records drawn up by the British authorities of the depositions of witnesses, or copies thereof, and records of conviction or other judicial documents, or copies thereof: Provided that the said documents be signed or authenticated by an authority whose competence shall be certified by the seal of a Minister of State of Her Britannic Majesty.

ARTICLE XII.

The extradition shall not take place unless the evidence be found sufficient, according to the laws of the State applied to, either to justify the committal of the prisoner for trial in case the crime had been committed in the territory of the said State, or to prove that the prisoner is the identical person convicted by the Courts of the State which makes the requisition, and that the crime of which he has been convicted is one in respect of which extradition could, at the time of such conviction, have been granted by the State applied to. In Her Britannic Majesty's dominions the fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered until the expiration of fifteen days from the date of his being committed to prison to await his surrender.

ARTICLE XIII.

If the individual claimed by one of the two high contracting parties, in pursuance of the present treaty, should be also claimed by one or several other Powers on account of other crimes or offences committed upon their respective territories, his extradition shall be granted to that State whose demand is earliest in date.

ARTICLE XIV.

If sufficient evidence for the extradition be not produced within two months from the date of the apprehension of the fugitive, or within such further time as the State applied to, or the proper tribunal thereof, shall direct, the fugitive shall be set at liberty.

ARTICLE XV.

All articles seized which were in the possession of the person to be surrendered, at the time of his apprehension, shall, if the competent authority of the State applied to for the extradition has ordered the delivery thereof, be given up when the extradition takes place, and the said delivery shall extend not merely to the stolen articles, but to everything that may serve as a proof of the crime.

ARTICLE XVI.

The expenses of arresting, maintaining, and transporting the person whose extradition is applied for, as well as those of handing over and transporting the property and articles which by the preceding article must be restored or given up, shall be borne by the two States within the limits of their respective territories.

The expenses of transport or other necessary expenses by sea or through the territories of a third State shall be borne by the demanding State.

ARTICLE XVII.

Either of the high contracting parties who may wish to have recourse for purposes of extradition to transit through the territory of a third Power shall be bound to arrange the condition of transit with such third Power.

ARTICLE XVIII.

When in a criminal case of a non-political character either of the high contracting parties should think it necessary to take the evidence of witnesses residing in the dominions of the other, or to obtain any other legal evidence, a "Commission Rogatoire" to that effect shall be sent through the channel indicated in Article VIII., and effect shall be given thereto conformably to the laws in force in the place where the evidence is to be taken.

ARTICLE XIX.

The stipulations of the present treaty shall be applicable to the colonies and foreign possessions of Her Britannic Majesty, so far as the laws for the time being in force in such colonies and foreign possessions respectively will allow.

The requisition for the surrender of a fugitive criminal who has taken refuge in any of such colonies or foreign possessions may be made to the Governor or chief authority of such colony or possession by any person authorised to act in such colony or possession as a consular officer of the Republic of San Marino.

Such requisitions may be disposed of, subject always, as nearly as may be, and so far as the law of such colony or foreign possession will allow, to the provisions of this treaty, by the said Governor or chief authority, who, however, shall be at liberty either to grant the surrender or to refer the matter to his Government.

Her Britannic Majesty shall, however, be at liberty to make special arrangements in the British colonies and foreign possessions for the surrender of criminals from San Marino who may take refuge within such colonies and foreign possessions, on the basis as nearly as may be, and so far as the law of such colony or foreign possession will allow, of the provisions of the present treaty.

Requisitions for the surrender of a fugitive criminal emanating from any colony or foreign possession of Her Britannic Majesty shall be governed by the rules laid down in the preceding articles of the present treaty.

ARTICLE XX.

The present treaty shall come into force ten days after its publication, in conformity with the forms prescribed by the laws of the high contracting parties. It may be terminated by either of the high contracting parties at any time on giving to the other six months' notice of its intention to do so.

The treaty shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Rome as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty in duplicate in English and Italian, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at Florence, the 16th day of October, 1899.

(L.S.) CURRIE.
(L.S.) P. O. VIGLIANI.

And whereas the ratifications of the said treaty were exchanged at Rome on the fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, and in virtue of the authority committed to her by the said recited Acts, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the nineteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred, the said Acts shall apply in the case of San Marino, and of the said treaty with the Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino:

Provided always that the operation of the said Acts shall be and remain suspended within the Dominion of Canada so long as an Act of the Parliament of Canada passed in one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and entitled "An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals," shall continue in force there, and no longer.

A. W. FITZROY.

[Extract from the *London Gazette* of Friday, 9th March, 1900.]

Clerk resigned.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 16th May, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by

JOHN JOSEPH McGRATH

of his appointment as a Clerk in the Native Land Court, as from the 31st instant.

J. CARROLL,
Native Minister.

Bonded and Drawback Goods to be carried by Licensed Carriers only.

I, RICHARD JOHN SEDDON, Commissioner of Trade and Customs, in exercise of the power in this behalf conferred by "The Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882," section 29, and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby order and direct that, from and after the ninth day of May, one thousand nine hundred, the ports of

POVERTY BAY, WANGANUI, NEW PLYMOUTH, TIMARU, shall be ports in which goods cleared for drawback or from the warehouse shall be carried or waterborne to be put on board ships for exportation; and also that goods carried or waterborne from any importing ship to or to be landed at any wharf, quay, or other place, shall be so carried or waterborne only by persons authorised for that purpose by license of the Commissioner.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

R. J. SEDDON.

Commissioner's Order No. 636.]

Notice to Mariners No. 22 of 1900.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 15th May, 1900.

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners No. 37 of 1899, published by this department on the 7th October last, the following notice, received from the Marine Board, Port Adelaide, South Australia, is published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—ENTRANCE TO SPENCER GULF AND INVESTIGATOR STRAIT.—NEPTUNE ISLANDS.

REFERRING to Notice of Mariners No. 10, dated 2nd September, 1899, mariners are hereby informed that the proposed light on the South Neptune Island, at the entrance to Investigator Strait, will in all probability be exhibited about March, 1901.

A further notice, giving full particulars as to the character of the light, actual date of illumination, &c., will be issued as early as possible.

This affects Admiralty Chart No. 2389.

THOS. N. STEPHENS,
President, Marine Board.

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, 19th April, 1900.

Proclamation under "The Vegetation Diseases Act, 1896," Colony of Victoria.—Notice No. 589.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 14th May, 1900.

THE following Proclamation by the Governor of the Colony of Victoria is published for general information.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Agriculture.

FUNGUS UNDER "THE VEGETATION DISEASES ACT, 1896."

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honourable Sir John Madden, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

In pursuance of the provisions contained in "The Vegetation Diseases Act, 1896" (59 Vict., No. 1432), I, the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, do by this my Proclamation declare a certain fungus named

Phoma citricarpa, known as Anthracnose, or "Black-spot" of the orange and lemon,

to be a fungus within the meaning of the said Act.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this twenty-third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's command,
GEO. GRAHAM,
Minister of Agriculture.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Notice to Local Authorities under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."

The Treasury,
Wellington, 17th April, 1900.

PURSUANT to section 16 of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," the Colonial Treasurer hereby gives notice that on Friday, the 1st June, 1900, he will be prepared to consider applications from local authorities for loans under the Act.

Applications should be addressed to the Colonial Treasurer, and must be posted so as to arrive at the Treasury on or before the 31st May, 1900.

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

Bonus on Mineral Oil produced from Shale obtained in New Zealand.—Extension of Time.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 10th April, 1900.

THE time for notifying intention to claim the under-mentioned bonus, and for making such claim, has been extended as follows:—

Notice of intention to claim the bonus must be given in writing to the Colonial Secretary not later than the 31st December, 1900.

The claim must be made before the 30th June, 1901.

J. G. WARD,
Colonial Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

J. CARROLL.

Bonus for the Production of Mineral Manure.—Notice No. 580.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 12th December, 1899.

THE following sum is hereby offered as a bonus for the discovery and working within the colony of a deposit or deposits of marketable mineral manure, viz.:—

£500 IF FOUND ON CROWN LANDS;
£250 IF FOUND ON FREEHOLD LANDS.

The following are the conditions under which the bonus is offered and will be paid:—

1. That the raw material is easily accessible, and within reasonable distance of a railway or seaport.

2. That the committee appointed by the Minister for Agriculture to examine the deposit is satisfied that there is sufficient to meet all ordinary demands for five years.

3. That the manure can be disposed of at a price which will allow of it being remuneratively used for agricultural purposes.

4. That the composition of the phosphate shall average not less than 40 per cent. of phosphate of lime (tricalcic phosphate); provided, however, should a phosphate of a lower average composition be discovered, the committee may recommend that a portion of the bonus be granted.

The terms of payment will be—

One-fifth on the committee reporting favourably of the discovery;

One-fifth on delivery of first 200 tons;

The remaining three-fifths by equal payments on delivery of each additional 150 tons.

Applications addressed to "The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, Wellington," will be received up to and including the 1st day of July, 1900.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Agriculture.

Officiating Ministers for 1900.—Notice No. 17.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 16th May, 1900.

PURSUANT to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand passed in the forty-fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and intitled "The Marriage Act, 1880," the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

The Reverend Robert Christie Sands.

Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The Reverend A. McBean.

Baptists.

The Reverend E. H. Howard.

Christchurch Central Mission.

Mr. Donald McLennan.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

Tender.

Railway Department (Head Office),
Wellington, 12th May, 1900.

THE following accepted tender is published for general information.

T. RONAYNE,
General Manager, N.Z. Railways.

MANGATERA VIADUCT.—PIERS AND SUPERSTRUCTURE CONTRACT.

Amount of Tender.

J. and A. Anderson £4,866 5s.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies' Registry Office,
Wellington, 10th May, 1900.

THE Loyal Sister Wallis Lodge, situated at Wellington, is registered as a branch of the Wellington District Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society, under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," this 10th day of May, 1900.

EDMUND MASON,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

friendly society, under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," this 11th day of May, 1900.

EDMUND MASON,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies' Registry Office,
Wellington, 11th May, 1900.

THE Millerton Colliery Medical and Accident Relief Association, situated at Granity, is registered as a

"The Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics Act, 1895."—
Notice No. 588.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 14th May, 1900.

ON page 821 of supplementary Gazette No. 37, issued on 1st instant, the decrease in area under wheat for threshing is shown as 29,285 acres. This should read 129,285 (see page 845 of same Gazette).

JOHN D. RITCHIE,
Secretary.

Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 10th May, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD,
Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

PERMANENT.

Name.	Position.	Office.	Date.
Dixon, John Willis	Assistant and Messenger	Granity	21 Feb., 1900.
Duffield, John Henry	Assistant P.O. Messenger	Christchurch	4 Dec., 1899.
Heggie, William Duncan	Letter-carrier	Masterton	28 " "
Mathieson, Cecil Argrove	Cadet	Auckland C.P.O.	18 " "
Newson, Henry Hargood	Lineman	Waipukurau	1 Feb., 1900.

NON-PERMANENT.

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

Railway Officer.

Harris, Cyril St. Clair | Kawakawa | Auckland | 1 Feb., 1900.

POSTMASTERS.

Anderson, Alexander	Maraeroa	Auckland	1 April, 1900.
Brine, Isabella Mary	Awhitu Central	"	1 " "
Burborough, Thomas Joseph	Wahimomona	Timaru	1 Feb., "
Carnachan, Robert	Karamu	Auckland	12 April, "
Carter, Alice Valentine	East Tamaki	"	1 " "
Connell, Honoria	Upper Waitohi Flat	Timaru	1 " "
Hood, Henry	Highbank	Christchurch	20 Mar., "
Johns, William Elgar	Upper Waiwera	Auckland	1 April, "
Kinder, John	Stony Creek	Dunedin	10 Mar., "
Marks, Thomas Henry	Tahekeroa	Auckland	15 " "
Mason, John	Deep Creek	Blenheim	1 April, "
Webb, Edward	Omaio	Thames	19 Feb., "
Young, Henry	"	"	24 " "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Anderson, William	Glenore	Dunedin	12 Mar., 1900.
Atkinson, Nina Ada	Te Nui	Wellington	19 " "
Hay, Catherine	Parnell	Auckland	1 April, "
Hickson, Mary Agnes	Pahi	"	6 Mar., "
Howells, Henry	Oreti Plains	Invercargill	22 " "
Kusabs, Andrew Ernest	Atiamuri	Auckland	15 Feb., "
Lloyd, Henry Arthur	Waikumete	"	1 April, "
Osborne, Charlotte Elizabeth	Papatoetoe	"	1 " "
O'Shea, Elizabeth Agnes	Luggate	Dunedin	1 Mar., "
Parsons, George	Atiamuri	Auckland	1 " "
Turner, Frank	Clarksville	Dunedin	12 " "

TELEPHONISTS.

Hebberley, Thomas Henry James	Rangitaikei	Napier	5 Mar., 1900.
O'Leary, James Edward	St. Helier's Bay	Auckland	1 " "
Paterson, William Robert	Tatarariki	"	1 " "

In New Zealand Gazette of 19th April, 1900, correct districts—For Razorback, from Dunedin to Auckland; for Taneatua, from Auckland to Thames.

Offices opened and closed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 10th May, 1900.

THE following particulars of offices opened and closed are published for general information.
J. G. WARD,
Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

OFFICES.

Name.	District.	Date.
POST-OFFICES OPENED.		
Maraeroa	Auckland	1 April, 1900.
Wahimomona	Timaru	1 February, 1900.
Tahekeroa	Auckland	15 March, "
POST-OFFICES CLOSED.		
Anarua	Napier	28 February, 1900.
Western Springs	Auckland	28 " "
POST-AND-TELEPHONE OFFICE CLOSED.		
Nenthorn	Dunedin	21 March, 1900.
MONEY-ORDER OFFICE AND POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK OPENED.		
Cheltenham	Wellington	16 April, 1900.
POSTAL-NOTE OFFICE OPENED.		
Makarora	Dunedin	8 May, 1900.
TELEPHONE-OFFICES OPENED.		
Annat	Christchurch	10 April, 1900.
Greenmeadows	Napier	2 " "
Karioi	Wanganui	5 " "
Mangaituroa	"	5 " "
Ohakune	"	5 " "
Oruru	Auckland	1 May, "
Peria	"	1 " "
Pipiriki	Wanganui	5 April, "
Raetihi	"	5 " "
Te Moeheu	"	5 " "
Waiouru	"	5 " "
TELEPHONE BUREAUX OPENED.		
Glen-iti	Timaru	20 April, 1900.
Greenmeadows	Napier	2 " "
Hillgrove	Oamaru	23 " "
Moeraki	"	23 " "
Port Awanui	Gisborne	2 " "
Puketapu	Napier	19 " "
Tikitiki	Gisborne	2 " "
Tikorangi	New Plymouth	2 " "
Tuparoa	Gisborne	2 " "
Waipiro Bay	"	2 " "
TELEPHONE BUREAU CLOSED.		
Nenthorn	Dunedin	21 March, 1900.

Crown Lands Notices.

Small Grazing-runs, Mangatoro Survey District, Hawke's Bay, for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 10th April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Wednesday, 13th June, 1900, at the half-yearly rentals noted below.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—WAIPAWA AND PATANGATA COUNTIES.—MANGATORO SURVEY DISTRICT.

Small Grazing-run No.	Block.	Area.	Lease for Twenty-one Years.		
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.	
73	XII.	4,020 0 0	s. d.	£ s. d.	
74	XII.	3,200 0 0	0 1.5	12 11 3	
75	XV.	4,910 0 0	0 1.5	10 0 0	15 6 11

These runs are steep and broken country, bush-clad; timber chiefly black-birch and manuka; soil poor; well watered. Runs are from 450 ft. to 2,050 ft. above sea-level: 73 and 74 are distant from Ormondville 18½ to 20½ miles, and 75 is distant from Weber Township ten miles.

E. C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber, Auckland, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 18th April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned green and dead kauri timber, standing upon Blocks IV. and VIII., Hukerenui Survey District, in the Puhipuhi State Forest, Bay of Islands and Whangarei Counties, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 8th day of June, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m. :—

Lot No. 1.—1,957 green kauri-trees, containing 6,163,407 superficial feet; 3,142 singed kauri-trees, containing 5,537,920 superficial feet; and 56 totara trees. Upset price, £5,907.

Conditions of Sale.—One-third of the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer, one-third within two years, and the remaining third within four years from date of sale.

The timber to be removed within seven years from date of sale.

All timber to be shipped by railway at the Whakapara booms.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in the Albury Settlement, County of Mackenzie, Canterbury, open for Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 2nd April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned land will be opened for selection on lease in perpetuity, at the District Lands and Survey Offices, Christchurch and Timaru, on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1900, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," the Land for Settlements Act Amendment Acts, 1895 and 1896, and the regulations made thereunder.

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

If the sections be not applied for on the 29th May, 1900, they will be open for application thereafter at the District Land and Survey Offices, Christchurch and Timaru.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—THE NGAWAI SURVEY DISTRICT.—ALBURY SETTLEMENT.

First-class Agricultural Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Capital Value.				Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.			
			Per Acre.		Total.		Rent per Acre.		Half-yearly Rent.	
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	
47	XV.	305 0 27	5 13 0	1,724 4 1	5 7-8	43 2 1				
62										
63		XIV.	100 0 0	6 13 6	667 10 0	6 8-1	16 13 9			

Lot 47, Albury Settlement, is situated on the north side of the Camp Valley Road, about two miles westward from Albury Railway-station by good metalled road; there is also access from the north-eastern corner of the section to Tengawai Railway-station, distant one mile and a quarter. The land consists of open flat-topped downs, sloping gradually towards the north and east, and falling abruptly towards the Camp Valley Road; the soil is a rich loam over clay subsoil. The elevation ranges from about 850 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level.

Lots 62 and 63 are situated on the south side of the Camp Valley Road, about four miles westward from Albury Railway-station; they consist of open undulating land with flat-topped spurs, at an elevation of from 1,100 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level; the soil being a deep loam of good quality on clay subsoil.

The sections are weighted with valuations for improvements as follows: Lot 47, £68 17s., being valuation of small house and boundary fencing; Lots 62 and 63, £38, being valuation of small hut and boundary and internal fencing. These sums must be paid by the successful applicants before being admitted to possession of the lands.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Grazing-farm, Cheviot Estate, for Lease upon Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 31st March, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned land in the Cheviot Estate will be open for lease, on application at the District Land and Survey Offices, Christchurch and Cheviot, on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1900, at the half-yearly rental noted below. In case of more than one application for the section on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot, at the District Land and Survey Office, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 31st May, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—CHEVIOT COUNTY.—CHEVIOT SURVEY DISTRICT.

Surveyed Land.—Second-class Pastoral Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Grazing-farm: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
		A. R. P.	s. d.	£ s. d.
7	V.	280 0 0	2 6	17 10 0

Locality and Description of Section.

Section 7, Block V., Cheviot Survey District, generally known as the Cheviot Bush Section, is situated on the north side of the Waiau River, about two miles and a half above its mouth, and about one mile eastward from the point where Swamp Stream (Cheviot Estate) flows into the Waiau River. The section consists of hilly country, broken by the gullies of streams flowing into the Waiau River; the south-western portion of the section is partly covered with bush, and the remainder is fair open tussock land. A fire has recently passed through a portion of the bush land, and this can now be profitably laid down in grass.

Possession of the land will be given to the successful applicant as soon as his application has been approved by the Land Board.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that the grazing-lease does not confer upon the holder thereof any rights of felling, splitting, sawing, or in any way using or removing any of the live or dead timber upon the land; and the lease is offered subject to the rights of any persons now or hereafter to be authorised by the Canterbury Land Board to split or saw timber upon any portions of the land.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of lease is fourteen years.
2. Every applicant shall make the declaration prescribed, and shall, immediately after the application has been approved, or declared successful at the ballot, deposit a sum equal to one half-year's rent of the land applied for. Such payment shall be in discharge of the half-year's rent due on the 1st day of March or 1st day of September following the date of application. He shall also pay the sum of £1 ls. for the preparation of the lease and the registration thereof.
3. In case of more than one application being lodged on the same day for the section, priority of selection shall be decided by ballot.
4. The lessee shall prevent the destruction or burning of timber or bush on the land comprised in the lease.
5. The lessee shall prevent the growth or spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbriar on the land comprised in the lease, and shall with all reasonable speed remove or cause to be removed all gorse, sweetbriar, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner.
6. The lessee shall destroy all rabbits on the land comprised in the lease, and shall prevent their increase or spread, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or an officer appointed by him to inspect the ground.
7. The lessee shall have the exclusive right of pasturage over the lands specified in his lease, but shall have no right to the soil, or timber or minerals thereon or therein.
8. The lessee must once a year properly cut and trim all live fences now on the land, or which may be planted upon the land during the term.
9. No liability is accepted by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of any fencing existing upon the Crown lands offered for lease.
10. All buildings erected upon the land shall be kept in good order and repair.
11. The lessee shall be liable for all rates, taxes, and assessments during the term.

12. Rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease.

13. The lessee shall have no right to purchase any part of the land.

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

15. On the expiration or other determination of the lease the former lessee shall not have any right of renewal, but shall be entitled to full valuation from the incoming lessee for any exterior fences, appropriate to the lease, erected and then existing on the land.

16. In any case where it is determined that any lands included in any lease shall not again be offered for further lease, then the amount of the valuation of the improvements as aforesaid shall be paid to the outgoing lessee or occupier, less any arrears of money due to the Crown by him in respect of such lands, and such amount shall be paid out of the Cheviot Estate Fund.

17. If a lease is forfeited for breach of conditions, such valuation shall be made on recovering possession of the land.

18. Payment of any valuation for improvements shall be made to the Receiver of Land Revenue by the new lessee of such land before he is admitted into possession, and moneys so paid to the Receiver shall not be deemed part of the Cheviot Estate Fund.

19. The amount of the valuation for such improvements, in case of the land being relet, when paid by the new lessee, shall be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue to the original lessee or other person entitled, and, in case of forfeiture, less any rent which may be due to the Crown at the date of such forfeiture, and the cost of recovering possession of the land, and also the charges and expenses of reletting such land, and making, issuing, and completing any fresh lease.

DECLARATION.

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

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.
2. That I am applying for a lease of Grazing-farm No. †
3. That I am applying for 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 whomsoever.
4. 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 applying for the lease of, will exceed in area 5,000 acres.
5. That I am applying for the said land subject to the provisions of "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1893," and "The Land Act, 1892."

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." A.B.

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____, before me—C.D., a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Blind River Estate, Marlborough, open for Application on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 10th April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown land will be opened for selection on lease in perpetuity, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Monday, the 4th June, 1900, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—MARLBOROUGH COUNTY.—CLIFFORD BAY SURVEY DISTRICT.—BLIND RIVER ESTATE.

Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
10	XII.	A. R. P. 147 1 0	£ s. d. 0 3 8	£ s. d. 13 10 0

Weighted with £84, valuation for improvements.

Section 10, Block XII., Clifford Bay Survey District.—110 acres of flat and sloping land, easily ploughable, and 40 acres of hilly and broken country, fit for pastoral purposes only, are comprised in this section. The altitude ranges from 10 ft. to 150 ft. The section extends between the Blind River and the coast, in a belt of about 26 chains in width, and is accessible by Redwood Pass Road, Blenheim to Kaikoura. Distance from Blenheim, about twenty miles.

The improvements consist of house valued at £35, 55 chains boundary-fence valued at £33, and 35 chains division-fence valued at £12, fencing material valued at £4; total, £84.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Elsthorpe Village, Hawke's Bay, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 18th April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection upon lease in perpetuity on Wednesday, the 6th June, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—PATANGATA COUNTY.—ELSTHORPE VILLAGE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
12	..	A. R. P. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 2 0 0	£ s. d. 0 5 0

This section is situated on the main road from Kaikora to the coast, is a good residence-site, and is about fourteen miles from the former place.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Blind River Estate, Marlborough, open for Application on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 18th April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Monday, the 4th June, 1900, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894," and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—MARLBOROUGH COUNTY.—CLIFFORD BAY SURVEY DISTRICT.—BLIND RIVER ESTATE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
12	XII.	A. R. P. 124 0 0	s. d. 3 4	£ s. d. 10 6 8

Weighted with £75, value for improvements. Description of section: Twenty-five miles from Blenheim by good road. The land consists of flats and easy slopes, nearly the whole of the section being ploughable, but the soil on the upper flats and slopes is light; the lower flat, of about 15 acres, is good agricultural land.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Land, Ngamatea Village, Wellington, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 28th March, 1900.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, on and after Tuesday, 29th May, 1900.

If more than one application be received for the section on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington. If the section be not applied for on the 29th May, 1900, it will be open thereafter for application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—NGAMATEA VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
		Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
72	A. R. P. 100 0 0	£ s. d. 0 1 4 8	£ s. d. 3 10 0

Weighted with £226 2s. 6d. for improvements.

This section is situated in the Maungakaretu District, on the western slopes of the watershed between Whangaehu River and Mangamahū Stream. The access is from Mangaweka, which is about seventeen miles distant, *via* the Whangaehu Valley Road, which is formed for dray traffic for about ten miles, and a bridle-track to within about a mile from the section, the rest is not formed. The section comprises hilly and undulating land with occasional small flats. Nearly the whole area has been laid down in good grass; only a few clumps of shelter-bush are left. The soil is of good quality, resting on papa-and-sandstone formation. The section is well watered by small streams. The elevation ranges from about 1,300 ft. above sea-level. The general quality of the section is good. The improvements comprise—Felling and grassing, 97 acres at £1 12s. 6d. per acre, £157 12s. 6d.; stumping, &c., £7; fencing, £45; buildings (slab whare and outbuildings), £16 10s.: total, £226 2s. 6d.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The land enumerated herein is first-class land, and is a village-homestead allotment, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").
2. The day on which the land shall be open for selection shall be Tuesday, the 29th May, 1900.

3. The rental stated herein shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.

4. Applications for leases shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act; and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington; and a lease will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.

5. Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single), and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C of the said Act.

6. The successful applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease- and registration-fee, and the valuation for improvements, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.

7. All rents must be paid half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided.

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

9. Improvements and residence on the land comprised in the lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to a lessee under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to a lessee under these regulations.

10. The lessee shall not subdivide, sublet, or transfer the land held by him under these regulations, except under and subject to the provisions of Part I. of the said Act.

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

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, 18th April, 1900.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Wednesday, the 6th June, 1900.

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

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY 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.
Hawke's Bay	Pohui	2	XVI.	A. R. P. 343 2 0	s. d. 25 0	£ s. d. 429 7 6	s. d. 1 3	£ s. d. 10 15 0	s. d. 1 0	£ s. d. 8 12 0

Description and Locality of Land.

Broken land, with deep gullies; about 25 acres clear land; fair soil; timber chiefly rimu and matai, with dense under-scrub. About two miles from Pohui.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Leases of Reserves, Township of Taylorville, Grey County, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Nelson, 27th April, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases of the under-mentioned reserves will be submitted to public auction at Kaye's Hall, Taylorville, on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

SCHEDULE.

TOWNSHIP OF TAYLORVILLE.

Section.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.		Loading for Improvements.		Term of Lease.
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
1 and 2	0 1 26	1	10 0	220	0 0	14 years.
3 and 4	0 1 26	2	0 0	165	0 0	
5	0 1 9	1	0 0	103	0 0	
6	0 1 4	1	0 0	10	0 0	
7	0 1 8	1	0 0	75	0 0	
8	0 0 34	1	0 0	75	0 0	
9	0 1 10	1	0 0	120	0 0	
10	0 1 4	1	0 0	65	0 0	
11	0 0 36	1	0 0	30	0 0	
12	0 0 34	1	0 0	50	0 0	
13	0 0 30	1	0 0	35	0 0	
14	0 0 35	1	0 0	..	..
15	0 0 37	1	0 0	..	..
16	0 0 39	1	0 0	25	0 0	
17	0 1 6	1	0 0	45	0 0	
18	0 1 4	1	0 0	100	0 0	
19	0 1 14	1	0 0	110	0 0	
20	0 0 38	1	0 0	40	0 0	
21	0 0 27	0	10 0	40	0 0	
22	0 0 35	0	10 0	..	..
23	0 1 4	1	0 0	40	0 0	
24	0 1 14	1	0 0	35	0 0	
25	0 1 5	0	10 0	5	0 0	
26	0 0 29	0	10 0	10	0 0	
27	0 1 1	1	0 0	120	0 0	
28	0 1 12	1	0 0	45	0 0	
29	0 1 9	1	0 0	45	0 0	
30	0 1 7	1	0 0	50	0 0	
31	0 1 4	1	0 0	35	0 0	
32	0 1 2	1	0 0	5	0 0	
33	0 0 39	1	0 0	40	0 0	
34	0 0 37	1	0 0	35	0 0	
35	0 0 33	1	0 0	15	0 0	
36	0 0 27	1	0 0	20	0 0	
37	0 1 4	1	0 0	45	0 0	
38	0 0 31	1	0 0	35	0 0	
39	0 0 28	1	0 0	45	0 0	
40	0 1 2	1	0 0	35	0 0	
41	0 1 4	1	0 0	40	0 0	
42	0 0 35	1	0 0	45	0 0	
44	0 0 32	1	0 0	60	0 0	

Locality of Sections.

The above sections are situate in the Township of Taylorville, contiguous to the Brunner Coal-mine, eight miles from Greymouth on the Greymouth-Reefton Railway, and are connected with the Town of Brunner-ton by suspension-bridge over the Grey River.

The improvements consist chiefly of cottages occupied by coal-miners; there is also a public hall erected on Section 1, and two shops on Section 9.

A deposit of a half-year's rent and £1 ls. lease-fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer, and in addition the amount of the valuation of improvements, should the purchaser not be the outgoing tenant.

Full particulars, plans, and conditions of sale may be obtained at the District Land Offices at Nelson, Greymouth, and Reefton.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Village-homestead Land, Croydon Village, Southland, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 8th May, 1900.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, on Tuesday, 26th June, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—CROYDON VILLAGE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Survey District.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
779	Hokonui ..	A. B. P. 10 2 11	s. d. 1 7-2	s. d. 8 6

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The land enumerated above is first-class land, and is a village-homestead allotment, open for selection on lease in perpetuity under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").

2. The day on which the land shall be open for selection shall be Tuesday, the 26th day of June, 1900.

3. The rental stated shall be the price at which the land shall be open for selection.

4. Applications for a lease shall be made in manner as provided in Part I. of the said Act; and all such applications shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Invercargill; and a lease will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Part I. aforesaid.

5. Each applicant shall state his or her residence, occupation, and condition in life (namely, whether married or single), and will be required to make the declaration prescribed in Schedule C of the said Act.

6. The successful applicant shall pay the first half-year's rent, together with the lease- and registration-fee, and the valuation for improvements, immediately the application has been approved or declared successful at the ballot.

7. All rents must be paid half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st days of January and July in each year, as provided in section 157 of the said Act; and the first half-year's rent is payable as before provided.

8. No lessee in the Croydon Village Settlement shall hold more than 50 acres, and all allotments shall be held for his or her sole use and benefit, and not for the use or benefit of any other person whomsoever. No married woman shall be eligible as a selector; but this provision shall not apply to any married woman who may become a transferee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy.

9. Improvements and residence on the land comprised in the lease shall be as provided in Part III. of the said Act. The provisions of section 144, and all other provisions of the said Act with respect to substantial improvements, shall apply accordingly to a lessee under these regulations. The provisions of section 141, and all other provisions of the said Act in respect of compulsory residence, shall apply accordingly to a lessee under these regulations.

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

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

DAVID BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Rainfall for April, 1900.

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. ..	6.12	16	2.85 on 13th
Parua Bay ..	D. Davidson ..	6.20	19	1.83 on 13th
Waihi (Thames) ..	H. B. Devereux ..	..	..	..
Auckland ..	Government Observer ..	1.94	16	0.58 on 24th
Cuvier Island ..	Lightkeeper ..	..	..	..
Tauranga ..	R. O. Stewart ..	4.55	16	1.82 on 25th
Athenree (Tauranga) ..	Captain Stewart ..	7.59	22	2.00 on 21st
Rotorua ..	Dr. Kenny ..	4.17	11	1.42 on 25th
Rotorua (State Forest) ..	J. E. Barrett ..	3.53	16	1.52 on 25th
Te Aroha ..	W. Hill ..	..	..	..
(B.) NORTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE MARIA VAN DIEMEN TO CAPE EGMONT.				
Kaitiaki ..	W. G. Puckey ..	3.11	7	0.65 on 21st
Paihia (Russell) ..	Captain Burleigh ..	..	..	..
Awakino ..	N. A. Robison ..	4.92	17	0.70 on 14th
Te Kopua (Waikato) ..	Rev. H. Young ..	..	..	..
Hamilton ..	Thomas Walter ..	3.30	16	0.80 on 23rd
Raglan(*) ..	H. V. Rutherford ..	..	..	..
New Plymouth ..	G. W. Palmer ..	6.75	22	1.02 on 14th
Upper Mangorei ..	Mrs. Monro ..	..	..	..
Mangorei—Korito Road ..	Mrs. J. Brown ..	..	..	..
Inglewood ..	Miss N. Trimble ..	11.40	22	1.79 on 14th
Ngatimaru(b) ..	R. Drummond ..	7.51	16	1.50 on 6th
(C.) SOUTH-WEST ASPECT—CAPE EGMONT TO CAPE TERAWHITI.				
Mangaraka (Waitara) ..	D. Wilkie ..	..	..	..
Upper Waitotara(c) ..	E. F. Liffiton ..	3.86	8	1.36 on 28th
Omata Valley ..	C. Forde ..	..	..	..
Stratford ..	Miss Bobin ..	8.85	18	1.18 on 6th
Opunake ..	A. H. Moore ..	4.79	18	1.43 on 7th
Mania ..	P. T. Peacock ..	3.65	10	0.89 on 11th
Hawera ..	J. Livingston ..	4.52	14	1.04 on 28th
Oruamatua (Patea) ..	A. S. Birch ..	2.55	15	0.50 on 28th
Kapara ..	F. R. Field ..	5.14	24	1.35 on 28th
Kaponga ..	C. Maclean ..	6.33	16	1.25 on 28th
Aramoho (Wanganui) ..	J. T. Stewart ..	3.63	21	1.33 on 28th
Wanganui ..	H. F. Seager ..	3.82	13	1.02 on 28th
Kaitoke ..	A. Wygodil ..	3.97	17	0.80 on 28th
No. 2 Line (Wanganui) ..	H. I. Jones ..	3.15	14	0.81 on 28th
Raetihi (Wanganui) ..	G. T. Murray ..	3.92	18	0.80 on 28th
Campbelltown ..	H. Sanson ..	2.64	7	1.03 on 27th
Feilding ..	Miss E. M. Goodbehere ..	2.06	13	0.90 on 28th
Te Kumu ..	G. S. Fulton ..	3.20	10	1.70 on 28th
Hunterville ..	G. L. Cook ..	3.74	14	1.58 on 28th
Erehwon ..	Mrs. Caccia-Birch ..	2.54	10	0.72 on 28th
Ruanui(d) ..	J. F. Studholme ..	2.98	15	1.01 on 28th
West Waitapu ..	J. Gurflee ..	3.62	16	1.47 on 28th
Ashhurst ..	H. Barnes ..	3.76	16	1.02 on 7th
Bull's ..	E. J. Keiller ..	3.87	12	1.13 on 18th
Raumai ..	T. K. Grieve ..	..	..	..
Palmerston North ..	C. J. Monro ..	2.71	16	1.02 on 27th
State Farm (Levin) ..	P. W. Goldsmith ..	2.90	18	0.80 on 28th
Otaki ..	M. H. Ayre ..	2.21	18	0.54 on 5th
Kereru ..	C. A. Muggleton ..	3.36	8	0.77 on 5th
Pukerua ..	W. Bell ..	3.75	17	0.69 on 7th
Pahautanui ..	J. Pearce ..	3.67	16	0.68 on 7th
(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER.				
Waipiro ..	..	..	..	..
Matahiia(*) ..	K. S. Williams ..	3.04	8	0.90 on 21st
Tolago Bay ..	A. Reeves ..	4.40	7	1.40 on 10th
Gisborne ..	Rev. H. W. Williams ..	6.24	14	4.72 on 10th
Patutahi ..	H. N. Watson ..	4.46	11	3.26 on 10th
Maraetaha ..	J. Woodbine Johnson ..	..	..	..
Tiniroto ..	W. J. Jamieson ..	..	..	..
Waikaremoana ..	Fenton Lambert ..	2.62	12	0.72 on 29th
Tutira Lake ..	H. Guthrie-Smith ..	..	..	..
Hangaroa ..	H. W. Guthrie-Smith ..	4.12	11	2.10 on 10th
Rakamoana ..	J. Moore ..	10.71	19	2.05 on 11th
Te Kowhai ..	J. H. Absolom ..	..	..	..
Petane ..	W. H. Smith ..	..	..	..
Napier ..	E. Lyndon ..	4.32	7	1.41 on 9th
Hastings ..	J. N. Williams ..	4.32	14	1.03 on 10th
Waimarama ..	Thomas R. Moore ..	5.94	10	1.62 on 9th
Mangakuri ..	G. C. Williams ..	6.49	11	1.82 on 9th
Te Aute(f) ..	S. B. Ludbrook ..	4.54	11	1.88 on 10th
Late returns—				
(a) March ..	..	1.78	7	0.48 on 17th
(b) March ..	..	2.79	8	0.90 on 24th
(c) March ..	..	1.95	6	0.75 on 18th
(d) March ..	..	1.21	7	0.38 on 25th
(e) February ..	..	2.21	2	1.68 on 26th
(f) May ..	..	2.74	5	1.20 on 5th
(g) March ..	..	1.17	4	0.90 on 25th

Rainfall for April, 1900—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
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NORTH ISLAND—continued.

(D.) SOUTH-EAST ASPECT—EAST CAPE TO CAPE PALLISER—continued.

Maraekakaho	A. Lockie	5.82	16	2.31 on 10th
Gwavas	J. Nicoll	5.92	17	2.00 on 10th
Mount Vernon	J. W. Harding	4.01	13	1.40 on 11th
Ormondville	J. D. Watson	5.82	5	0.88 on 11th
Woodville	J. Leithead	3.26	15	0.80 on 28th
Pahiatua	W. Tosswill	2.76	15	0.83 on 27th
Tane	H. A. Lambert .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Eketahuna	T. Lewis	2.85	13	0.50 on 10th
Otahuao	Miss E. A. D. Bennett	4.35	13	1.17 on 9th
Masterton	J. Payton	5.63	16	1.98 on 9th
Black Creek	C. Messenger	8.83	19	1.73 on 10th
Carterton	H. Braithwaite	3.80	12	0.85 on 28th
Featherston	G. G. Wellsted	5.91	10	1.50 on 7th and 8th
Summit	M. Cronin	10.36	20	1.94 on 8th
Upper Hutt	J. Haning	7.73	13	1.20 on 8th
Taita	T. Mason	5.38	16	1.43 on 7th
Wainuiomata	J. Quaintance	5.50	12	1.04 on 28th
Lower Hutt	Miss Heaton	5.15	14	1.25 on 6th
Petone	Sir J. Heator	5.21	19	1.08 on 7th
Wellington	Government Observer	5.53	19	1.66 on 7th
Karori	W. Edmonds	4.82	15	1.70 on 7th

SOUTH ISLAND.

(A.) NORTH ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO KAIKOURA.

Nelson(*)	Dr. Hudson	5.01	15	1.19 on 17th
Waimea (Nelson)	W. E. Hayne .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Motueka	G. S. Huffam	8.19	15	1.87 on 17th
Stephens Island(b)	Lightkeeper	3.43	9	0.70 on 7th
The Brothers	Lightkeeper .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Avondale Station (Blenheim)	C. de V. Teschemaker	4.22	15	1.26 on 7th
Manaroa (Pelorus Sounds)	M. C. Masefield	9.10	19	1.40 on 6th and 28th
Blenheim	N. T. Prichard	3.70	12	1.01 on 18th
Cape Campbell(c)	Lightkeeper	3.96	11	2.00 on 27th
Flaxbourne	W. Tatchell	3.97	12	1.68 on 28th
Kekerangu	W. J. White	3.61	15	1.04 on 28th
Mount Fyffe (Kaikoura)	J. Davidson .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Kaikoura	Dr. J. St. C. Gunn	3.26	12	0.92 on 7th
Hanmer Plains	Miss Taylor	5.60	12	1.42 on 7th

(B.) WEST ASPECT—CAPE FAREWELL TO PUYSEGUR POINT.

Farewell Spit(d)	Lightkeeper	4.40	14	1.03 on 13th
Pakawau	T. C. V. Field	12.84	19	2.73 on 13th
Westport	H. S. Ewan .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Denniston	A. B. Lindop	14.97	16	1.71 on 18th
Ngahere	J. Scott	16.01	18	2.12 on 24th
Greymouth	J. Connar	13.88	19	3.00 on 17th
Hokitika	A. D. Macfarlane	16.95	18	4.05 on 17th
Dusky Sound(e)	R. Henry	14.50	19	4.87 on 6th
Puysegur Point	Lightkeeper	27.17	17	7.63 on 6th

(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS.

Cheviot	Dr. Campbell-Wilkinson	5.23	15	1.23 on 7th
Waiau	F. S. Northcote	3.63	12	1.06 on 18th
Akaroa	Miss Jacobson	2.62	12	0.93 on 18th
Port Hills (Christchurch)	Miss M. L. Higgins	1.95	11	0.60 on 18th
Christchurch	A. L. Taylor	3.34	15	1.08 on 18th
Linwood	J. A. Birkcliff	2.56	13	0.83 on 18th
Lincoln	F. W. Hilgendorf	3.62	15	0.97 on 18th
Southbridge	D. McMillan	3.21	8	0.85 on 18th
Hororata	Hon. Sir J. Hall, K.C.M.G.	3.45	15	1.02 on 18th
Kapunatiki	Hon. W. Rolleston	2.98	10	0.86 on 18th
Orari	G. A. M. Macdonald	3.82	16	1.25 on 18th
Bealey	C. White	7.68	8	2.50 on 16th
Mt. Peel	Mrs. O. Scott Thompson	4.54	15	1.25 on 18th
Peel Forest	W. E. Barker	5.77	16	1.50 on 18th
Methven	H. G. Baker	6.65	11	1.72 on 17th
Winchmore (Ashburton)	A. E. Hart	4.62	9	1.26 on 18th
Windermere(f)	Miss F. J. M. Wright	4.01	8	1.42 on 28th
Timaru	C. H. Tripp	2.53	14	0.76 on 18th

Late returns—

(a) March .. .. .	.. .. .	1.42	8	0.50 on 23rd
(b) March .. .. .	.. .. .	0.48	4	0.33 on 23rd
(c) February .. .. .	.. .. .	0.50	2	0.40 on 4th
(c) March .. .. .	.. .. .	1.60	2	1.00 on 24th
(d) March .. .. .	.. .. .	1.33	9	0.42 on 29th
(December, 1899 .. .. .	.. .. .	15.68	23	3.05 on 5th
(e) January, 1900 .. .. .	.. .. .	12.67	21	2.04 on 16th
(e) February, 1900 .. .. .	.. .. .	15.31	21	5.08 on 28th
(March, 1900 .. .. .	.. .. .	14.29	20	2.50 on 16th
(f) March .. .. .	.. .. .	1.47	5	1.04 on 24th

Rainfall for April, 1900—continued.

Station.	Observer.	Total Fall, in Inches.	Days of Rain.	Maximum Fall, and Date (for Previous Twenty-four Hours).
SOUTH ISLAND—continued.				
(C.) EAST ASPECT—KAIKOURA TO CAPE SAUNDERS—continued.				
Fairlie	D. H. Gillingham	3.38	11	1.02 on 18th
Waimate	W. S. Hamilton	2.50	9	0.52 on 26th
Geraldine	G. F. Temple	4.23	13	1.14 on 18th
Woodbury (Geraldine)	B. E. H. Tripp	5.41	8	1.80 on 21st
Windsor Park (Oamaru)	E. Menlove	1.27	12	0.28 on 25th
Oamaru	G. Anderson .. ..	..	..	..
Maheno ^(a)	C. de S. Teschemaker .. ..	..	..	..
(D.) SOUTH ASPECT—CAPE SAUNDERS TO PUYSEGUR POINT.				
Otekaike (North Otago)	John Tait	1.17	8	0.34 on 6th
Macetown	A. C. W. Porter	4.10	10	1.05 on 26th
Queenstown	L. Hotop	3.29	9	0.60 on 28th
St. Bathans ^(b)	J. Ewing	4.26	9	1.28 on 26th
Gladbrook Station	F. R. Jeffreys	2.03	10	0.72 on 6th
Roxburgh	Dr. W. J. Mullin	2.01	7	0.77 on 6th
Kokonga	R. W. Glendinning	2.09	11	0.84 on 6th
Dunedin	Government Observer	2.97	15	1.31 on 6th
Caversham	G. M. Burlinson	1.34	9	0.32 on 7th
Blackmount (the Waiau)	Mrs. J. J. McKenzie	6.63	13	3.02 on 6th
Ranfurlly	A. W. Roberts	2.81	6	1.15 on 6th
Tapanui	J. Gleeson	3.20	12	0.80 on 6th
Kaitangata	W. M. Shore .. ..	..	..	..
Balclutha	C. C. Halliday	1.98	8	0.74 on 5th
Naseby	A. King .. ..	..	..	..
Alexandra South	D. C. Rose	1.31	7	0.39 on 25th
Clyde	L. D. Macgeorge	1.58	7	0.44 on 25th
Wyndham	W. H. Rodney .. ..	..	..	..
Dipton	R. D. MacLachlan	3.55	7	1.18 on 6th
Ratanui	J. Fraser	3.21	11	1.25 on 6th
Invercargill	J. L. Bush	4.08	10	0.92 on 26th
Otautau	N. A. McLaren	4.64	12	1.85 on 6th
Nightcaps	J. Ritchie	5.15	10	1.80 on 6th
Chatham Islands ^(c)	A. Shand .. ..	..	..	..
Stewart Island	W. Traill	4.02	14	1.04 on 5th
Late returns—				
^(a) March .. ..	.. ..	0.30	2	0.20 on 24th
^(b) March	2.03	5	1.10 on 23rd
^(c) February	2.21	13	0.54 on 11th
March	0.65	8	0.15 on 30th

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J. HECTOR, Director.

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONSOLIDATED
ORDINARY REVENUE

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MAR., 1899.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1900.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
301,719 16 0	Cash in the Public Account	197,484 2 7	
	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—		
249,200 2 9	In the Colony £292,976 5 5		
68,862 12 5	In London 48,019 11 11		
223 4 4	On account of Imperial Pensions 263 8 5		
373,900 0 0	Investment Account	341,259 5 9	
		426,300 0 0	
993,905 15 6		965,043 8 4	
1,080,000 0 0	Less Treasury Bills outstanding	910,000 0 0	
Dr. 86,094 4 6			55,043 8 4
	Ordinary Revenue,—		
534,070 7 10	Customs	617,888 17 4	
194,731 19 0	Stamps	215,093 15 7	
33,066 8 9	Postal and Telegraph Cash Receipts	34,461 14 2	
3,338 0 0	Land-tax	5,314 18 9	
110,456 4 9	Income-tax	124,607 2 8	
	Property-tax	107 13 11	
22,018 3 1	Beer Duty	24,379 12 5	
466,483 18 9	Railways	512,676 4 3	
25,059 18 4	Registration and other Fees	35,102 9 2	
7,318 13 0	Marine	8,509 16 6	
53,113 14 1	Miscellaneous	54,498 5 11	
1,449,657 7 7		1,632,640 10 8	
	Territorial Revenue,—		
22,984 16 8	Cash Land Sales £22,480 19 0		
6,512 12 7	Deferred-payment Land Sales 5,529 15 6		
76,271 4 0	Pastoral Runs, Rents, and Miscellaneous 74,752 6 5	102,763 0 11	
105,768 13 3			1,735,403 11 7
1,555,426 0 10			
100,000 0 0	Amount transferred from Conversion Account to make good the amount charged in December Quarter for the redemption of Debentures issued under the Aid to Public Works and Land Settlements Acts, 1896 and 1897		
£1,619,331 16 4	Totals		£1,790,446 19 11

TREASURY BILLS

554,000 0 0	Treasury Bills outstanding at beginning of Quarter,—		
476,000 0 0	In anticipation of Revenue	484,000 0 0	
	For redemption of Guaranteed Debentures	476,000 0 0	
1,030,000 0 0			910,000 0 0
	Treasury Bills issued during Quarter	20,000 0 0	
710,000 0 0	In renewal of Bills matured		20,000 0 0
£1,740,000 0 0	Totals		£930,000 0 0

FUND for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

ACCOUNT.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MAR., 1899.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900.			
£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
6,340	15 11	Permanent Appropriations,—				
111,650	9 7	Civil List	6,249	2 10		
75,219	14 5	Interest and Sinking Fund	113,093	0 4		
22,159	19 3	Under Special Acts of the Legislature	66,344	15 4		
		Subsidies paid to Local Bodies	19,941	1 6		
14,345	12 0	Amounts paid over to Local Bodies and to Deposit Accounts in respect of Rents under the Land Acts	13,316	6 8		
		Endowments,—				
1,542	7 8	New Plymouth Harbour Board	929	4 2		
3,204	11 5	Greymouth Harbour Board	4,185	8 10		
6,713	7 8	Westport Harbour Board	6,151	1 0		
3,124	1 8	Old-age Pensions	75,563	10 0		
244,300	19 7				305,773	10 8
		Annual Appropriations,—				
2,087	2 3	Class I.—Legislative	3,233	13 2		
21,928	14 9	„ II.—Colonial Secretary	37,297	4 7		
13,783	16 1	„ III.—Colonial Treasurer	26,404	3 3		
32,535	16 9	„ IV.—Minister of Justice	31,122	3 6		
137,745	19 0	„ V.—Postmaster-General	153,252	11 3		
18,876	16 10	„ VI.—Commissioner of Trade and Customs	22,148	9 9		
7,875	9 8	„ VII.—Commissioner of Stamps	7,455	13 5		
		„ VIII.—Minister of Education—				
105,500	14 9	Education Department	107,863	9 10		
13,995	1 0	Lunacy and Charitable Department	15,518	17 0		
1,500	2 11	Department of Labour	1,932	10 11		
5,632	8 3	„ IX.—Minister of Mines	5,254	13 9		
25,813	1 5	„ X.—Department of Agriculture	26,206	1 4		
319,822	13 7	„ XI.—Working Railways	284,771	14 4		
10,775	16 8	„ XII.—Public and School Buildings	14,667	15 2		
37,050	19 3	„ XIII.—Defence Department	59,032	6 7		
29,863	19 9	„ XIV.—Police Department	29,929	1 3		
33,080	8 10	„ XV.—Department of Lands and Survey	27,429	10 2		
5,159	10 0	„ XVI.—Valuation Department	4,736	8 9		
172	2 11	„ XVII.—Rates on Crown Lands	103	14 8		
2,822	13 1	Services not provided for	10,961	12 1		
826,023	7 9				869,321	14 9
50,000	0 0	Further amount transferred to Public Works Fund under section 17 of “The Appropriation Act, 1899”			10,000	0 0
2,146	0 0	Amount transferred to Deposits, Released Sinking Fund Suspense Account				
1,000	0 0	Net amount advanced in terms of section 49 of “The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894”				
801,799	17 6	Balance at end of Quarter,—				
18,204	9 5	Cash in the Public Account	579,865	9 7		
44,380	7 7	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—				
376	14 6	In the Colony	44,193	14 6		
341,100	0 0	In London	25,346	10 2		
		On account of Imperial Pensions	446	0 3		
		Investment Account	656,000	0 0		
1,205,861	9 0		1,305,351	14 6		
710,000	0 0	Less Treasury Bills outstanding	700,000	0 0		
495,861	9 0				605,351	14 6
£1,619,331	16 4	Totals			£1,790,446	19 11

ACCOUNT.

320,000	0 0	Treasury Bills paid off during Quarter	230,000	0 0		
710,000	0 0	Treasury Bills renewed during Quarter			230,000	0 0
1,030,000	0 0					
234,000	0 0	Treasury Bills outstanding at end of Quarter,—				
476,000	0 0	In anticipation of Revenue	224,000	0 0		
		In redemption of Guaranteed Debentures	476,000	0 0		
710,000	0 0				700,000	0 0
£1,740,000	0 0	Totals			£930,000	0 0

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONSOLIDATED STATE FORESTS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MAR., 1899.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1900.
£ s. d. 17,233 6 5	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	£ s. d. 20,428 0 8
348 18 9	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,— In the Colony	937 8 11
17,582 5 2		21,365 9 7
1,253 16 4	Rents from Lands set apart	759 10 4
1,556 9 11	Miscellaneous	3,764 2 10
2,810 6 3		4,523 13 2
£20,392 11 5	Totals	£25,889 2 9

ACCOUNTS OF

14,012 13 11	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	2,328 1 6	
3,629 19 2	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,— In the Colony	2,615 14 8	4,943 16 2
17,642 13 1			
399 9 11	Revenue received for Local Bodies,— Fees, Fines, &c.	434 15 6	
7,567 16 1	Endowments of Land	9,476 8 1	
7,703 19 5	Goldfields Revenue	8,545 12 3	
3,520 10 4	Gold Duty	3,729 14 4	22,186 10 2
19,191 15 9			
7,726 9 2	Advance Accounts,— Amount recovered from Local Bodies	20,572 3 0	
61 6 0	“ Unauthorised ”—on account of previous quarters	144 5 7	
..	“ Unauthorised ”—on account of current quarter	1,964 2 8	22,680 11 3
7,787 15 2			
122 15 6	Counties Separate Account,— Revenues of Counties in which “The Counties Act, 1886,” is not in full operation .. .. .	..	197 1 8
£44,744 19 6	Totals .. .. .	..	£50,007 19 3

DEPOSIT

88,631 9 11	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	72,947 6 4	
1,002 17 10	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,— In the Colony .. .. .	..
13,423 0 1	In London	£300 0 0 52,786 13 8	
103,057 7 10		53,086 13 8	126,034 0 0
377 17 1	Lodgments,— Cyanide Process Gold-extraction Act, 1897	321 3 11	
1,766 17 6	Emigrants' Deposits	170 0 0	
9 15 2	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885 .. .. .	..
402 14 10	Imperial Government South Africa Contingents	72,000 0 0	
65 14 0	Land Transfer Act, 1885 .. .. .	..
45,640 16 3	Mining Districts Lands Occupation Act, 1894	87 6 11	
10,850 0 0	Miscellaneous	31,238 2 7	
..	Money-order Settlement	500 0 0	
100 7 5	More Men Fund	4,350 0 0	
14 6 0	Native Township of Pipiriki	41 16 0	
5 0 0	Native Township of Tokaanu	144 18 1	
64 15 6	Nelson Rifle Prize Fund	7 13 7	
111 0 2	New Zealand University Endowment, Canterbury	64 15 6	
7,017 6 5	New Zealand University Endowment, Taranaki	181 11 2	
4,180 19 10	New Zealand Midland Railway	8,606 18 8	
..	North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889	3,257 4 5	
2,146 0 0	Public Trust Office Remittance	1,569 5 10	
42 9 10	Released Sinking Funds Suspense .. .. .	..
774 19 0	Tauranga Educational Reserves Endowment Act, 1896	46 3 10	
..	Thermal-springs Districts Act, 1881	940 15 11	
73,570 19 0			123,527 16 5
£176,628 6 10	Totals .. .. .	..	£249,561 16 5

FUND for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

ACCOUNT.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MAR., 1899.	EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1900.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,470 14 6	Annual Appropriations,— State Forests Branch, Vote 116 .. .. .	..	2,123 16 7
18,921 16 11	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	23,558 16 2	
..	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,— In the Colony	206 10 0	23,765 6 2
£20,392 11 5	Totals .. .. .	..	£25,889 2 9

LOCAL BODIES.

370 2 10	Revenue paid over to Local Bodies,— Fees, Fines, &c.	337 3 8	
2,552 3 2	Endowments of Land	8,650 1 0	
10,247 5 6	Goldfields Revenue	7,881 13 2	
5,576 0 9	Gold Duty	5,678 9 2	22,547 7 0
18,745 12 3			
17,007 13 6	Advance Accounts,— Amount paid on behalf of Local Bodies	20,595 15 7	
600 0 0	Amount paid on behalf of Local Bodies charged to "Unauthorised"	1,964 2 8	22,559 18 3
17,607 13 6			
215 8 0	Counties Separate Account,— Amount distributed amongst local authorities where "The Counties Act, 1886," is not in full operation .. .. .	..	420 17 6
8,020 14 5	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	4,479 16 6	
155 11 4	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,— In the Colony .. .. .	..	4,479 16 6
8,176 5 9			
£44,744 19 6	Totals .. .. .	..	£50,007 19 3

ACCOUNTS.

..	Withdrawals,— Auckland Museum Endowment	18 16 6	
2,366 17 6	Emigrants' Deposits	625 0 0	
13 2 10	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885	15 6 2	
..	Imperial Government South Africa Contingents	5,552 3 9	
271 12 10	Mining District Lands Occupation Act, 1894	40 5 6	
6,310 1 8	Miscellaneous	6,230 9 8	
16,950 0 0	Money-order Settlement	27,000 0 0	
..	More Men Fund	4,350 0 0	
270 9 2	Native Land Purchases	67 10 10	
..	Native Township of Pipiriki	74 5 6	
8,473 1 10	New Zealand Midland Railway	6,908 5 1	
11 8 2	Ngatirahiri Compensation	1 19 10	
3 0 0	North Island Experimental Dairy School .. .. .	..
6,200 0 0	North Island Main Trunk Railway Loan Application Act Amendment Act, 1889	10,503 6 11	
..	Public Trust Office Remittance	3,185 6 11	
200 0 0	Railways .. .. .	..
8 4 3	Thermal Springs District Act, 1881	340 9 7	
487 19 5	Trustee Act, 1883 .. .. .	..
41,565 17 8			64,913 6 3
95,170 15 9	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	153,780 19 0	
..	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,— In the Colony	1,500 0 0	
39,891 13 5	In London	29,367 11 2	184,648 10 2
135,062 9 2			
£176,628 6 10	Totals .. .. .	..	£249,561 16 5

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the PUBLIC

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MAR., 1899.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1900.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
22,615	10 0	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
		Cash in the Public Account	52,886	6 3
132,048	6 5	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—		
30,631	18 11	In the Colony £140,187 3 7		
		In London 61,891 15 2		
185,295	10 4		202,078	18 9
				254,965 5 0
150,000	0 0	The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899,—		
105,000	0 0	Temporary advance on security of short-dated debentures	300,000	0 0
		Instalments in respect of new loan of £500,000		
255,000	0 0			300,000 0 0
771	16 4	Special Receipts in connection with the Ellesmere and Forsyth Reclamation and Akaroa Railway Trust Account		811 18 1
50,000	0 0	Further amount transferred from the Consolidated Fund in terms of section 17 of "The Appropriation Act, 1899"		10,000 0 0
6,385	10 8	Sinking Funds released,—		
416	7 0	"Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862"		
		"New Zealand Loan Act, 1860"		
6,801	17 8			
205	8 1	Recoveries on account of expenditure of previous quarters,—		
468	16 0	Purchase of Native lands		
		Charges and expenses of raising Loan		
674	4 1			
£498,543	8 5	Totals		£565,777 9 1

WORKS FUND for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MAR., 1899.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
		Annual Appropriations,—		
		Class I.—Immigration	9	0 0
Cr. 162	8 4	II.—Public Works, Departmental	3,905	18 9
2,483	9 10	III.—Railways	208,224	15 0
154,941	13 5	IV.—Roads	115,586	14 8
117,872	7 2	V.—Development of Goldfields	5,652	12 6
5,713	10 5	VI.—Purchase of Native Lands	7,589	0 5
20,856	19 2	VII.—Telegraph Extension	15,677	13 11
10,112	13 8	VIII.—Public Buildings	54,899	18 4
48,140	1 5	IX.—Lighthouses and Harbour Defences	2,504	13 3
8,196	13 0	X.—Rates on Native Lands	2	8 0
110	0 10	XI.—Contingent Defence	11,697	17 1
9,371	4 0			
377,636	4 7			425,750 11 11
		Unauthorised,—		
50	17 6	Services not provided for .. .. .	..	142 6 7
		The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts, 1896, 1897, and 1898,—		
..		Charges and expenses of raising Loan	134	18 7
50,000	0 0	3-per-cent. Stock credited hereto in error in account of last quarter .. .. .	..	134 18 7
		Balance at end of Quarter,—		
31,794	6 9	Cash in the Public Account	90,782	17 3
16,509	13 0	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—		
22,552	6 7	In the Colony	£25,710	6 3
		In London	23,256	2 6
70,856	6 4		48,966	8 9
				139,749 6 0
£498,543	8 5	Totals .. .. .	..	£565,777 3 1

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE LAND FOR

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MAR., 1899.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1900.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
5,889	18 2	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—	1,957	13 4
		Cash in the Public Account		
3,081	16 5	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—	4,476	1 0
		In the Colony		
8,971	14 7			6,433 14 4
499,000	0 0	Proceeds of Debentures created under—		
		The Land for Settlements Acts, 1894 and 1897 .. .		386,000 0 0
22,089	3 2	Receipts derived from—		
		Rents and Lease-fees		24,781 15 9
0	2 6	Recoveries on account of Expenditure of previous Quarters,—		
500	0 2	Highbank Estate		
		Pomahaka Estate.. .. .		
500	2 8			
£590,561	0 5	Totals		£417,215 10 1

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the GOVERNMENT

25,000	0 0	Advanced by the Bank of England on security of 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock in respect of the second issue of the Loan under the Act.. .. .		
£25,000	0 0	Totals		

SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MAR., 1899.		EXPENDITURE.				QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900.			
£ s. d.						£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
1,977	10	1	Annual Appropriations,—						
			Vote 118—Land for Settlements Expenses						1,291
									1
			Amount recouped to Consolidated Fund on account of Interest paid						21,188
			Acquirement of Estates, and expenses incidental thereto:—						3
									1
			Estate.		Purchase-money.	Incidental Expenses.			
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
			Albury			557 18 9			
			Aorangi (C. Bull)	25,355	0	0	25,648	7	10
1	0	0	Ardgowan			0 18 10		0	18
			Barnego (S. Crow)	26,323	2	0	26,489	13	8
4	19	11	Beaumont			1 13 0		1	13
5	10	0	Blind River			2 12 6		2	12
			Clarksfield (Takitu), (Wait and Burbury)	23,032	14	0	23,179	0	6
			Elderslie (J. Reid)	79,758	18	4	80,473	3	8
366	7	6	Elephant Hill						
1	0	0	Elsthorpe						
			Fencourt (Assets Realisation Board)	31,981	10	0	32,247	11	2
33	6	6	Hatuma			13 8 6		13	8
116	13	4	Hekeao			34 10 10		34	10
			Highbank			1 15 0		1	15
			Janefield			3 19 9		3	19
16	6	4	Karapiro						
			Levels Valley (Papaka Settlement), (J. Sullivan)	17,962	11	4	18,012	12	9
			Maerewhenua			0 18 10		0	18
31,290	18	4	Mahora			74 2 11		74	2
3	13	0	Merivale			1 2 3		1	2
40	0	0	Momona						
			Ohakea (J. Bull)	17,393	2	2	17,600	4	1
176	13	10	Okania			45 14 4		45	14
5	18	3	Omaka			143 0 0		143	0
0	15	0	Orakapoa						
100	13	0	Otahu			0 15 0		0	15
1,095	9	2	Paparangi			77 5 6		77	5
			Pareora (Pareora No. 2) (N.Z. & A. Land Company)	70,953	3	0	71,036	0	8
20	6	6	Pawaho			20 3 6		20	3
316	5	0	Poerua						
2	16	0	Pomahaka			19 16 2		19	16
40	12	6	Rangiatea			8 11 8		8	11
			Rakitairi			1 1 0		1	1
			Raureka			1 10 10		1	10
21,959	9	0	Richmond Brook			148 16 10		148	16
			Rural Section 3106 (Rautawiri)			2 16 8		2	16
			Rural Section 36056-7			3 3 0		3	3
			Rural Section 36231			3 3 0		3	3
4	13	0	Rural Section 2682						
100,147	5	0	Starborough			2,600 15 11		2,600	15
2	0	9	Teanaraki			0 18 10		0	18
			Three Springs (Punaroa Settlement), (National Mortgage and Agency Company)	31,613	15	4	31,677	17	7
7	3	9	Tokarahi			14 1 5		14	1
2,662	11	3	Tamai			60 11 0		60	11
			Te Matua			235 14 4		235	14
13	11	3	Tomcana			0 8 9		0	8
2,346	13	0	Waihemo Grange (Makareao)			3,293 3 3		3,293	3
100	0	0	Waimairie			0 8 9		0	8
324,780	9	11	Waikakahi			624 4 1		624	4
			Whitehall (Assets Realisation Board)	6,735	3	9	6,982	18	6
21	6	8	Wharenui						
14,757	14	9	Willows						
500,442	2	6		331,108	19	11	10,237	15	6
			Balance at end of Quarter,—						
27,532	5	8	Cash in the Public Account				53,381	8	4
609	2	2	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—						
			In the Colony				8	2	0
28,141	7	10							53,389
			Totals						10
£530,561	0	5							1

ADVANCES to SETTLERS LOAN ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

25,000	0	0	Amount paid over to Government Advances to Settlers Office Account				
£25,000	0	0	Totals				

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of THE CHEVIOT

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MAR., 1899.	RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1900.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2,491 17 1	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account .. .. .	..	5,086 10 11
1,758 2 1	Receipts under "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1898,"—		
5,144 18 0	Land-sales for Cash	5,813 11 4	
22 10 0	Rents from Lands .. .. .	..
	Interest on Advances .. .. .	..	5,813 11 4
6,925 10 1			
£9,417 7 2	Totals .. .. .	..	£10,900 2 3

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the CONVERSION

4,038 15 1	Balance at beginning of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account	1,043 11 1	
642 4 2	Advances— In hands of the Stock Agents— Cash £439 7 10		
..	In hands of Officers of the Government— In the Colony 2,745 0 0	3,184 7 10	4,227 18 11
4,680 19 3			
100,000 0 0	3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock,— Issued for redemption of Debentures	40,000 0 0	
140,371 10 0	Issued in exchange for Debentures .. .. .	..	40,000 0 0
240,371 10 0			
£245,052 9 3	Totals .. .. .	..	£44,227 18 11

ESTATE ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MAR., 1899.		EXPENDITURE.	QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
8,866	2 7	Interest, including arrears	4,433	1 3
4	13 6	Surveys, Roading, &c.	15	0 0
8,870	16 1			4,448 1 3
546	11 1	Balance at end of Quarter,— Cash in the Public Account .. .. .	..	6,452 1 0
£9,417	7 2	Totals .. .. .	..	£10,900 2 3

ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

..	Debitures redeemed,—			
3,900 0 0	Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1892, due 31st Oct., 1899	2,450 0 0		
100,000 0 0	Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862, due 1st July, 1898 .. .. .	..	
103,900 0 0	Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts, 1896 and 1897 .. .. .	..		2,450 0 0
135,000 0 0	Debitures converted into 3-per-cent. Inscribed Stock,—			
600 0 0	Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Acts, 1896 and 1897 .. .. .	..	
4,500 0 0	Consolidated Loan Act, 1867, at £104 .. .. .	..	
271 10 0	District Railways Purchasing Act, 1885, due 1st April, 1905, at £105½ .. .. .	..	
140,371 10 0	Premium in respect of same .. .. .	..		..
1,098 15 0	Expenses Account,—			
307 15 0	Discount	1,700 0 0		
343 11 3	Brokerage and commission	100 0 0		
632 3 7	Stamp Duty	31 5 0		
105 7 2	Interest (overlap) .. .. .	..	
510 0 0	Office Expenses	45 2 0		
2,992 12 0	Miscellaneous .. .. .	..		1,876 7 0
Dr. 2,537 6 6	Balance at end of Quarter,—			
Cr. 325 13 9	Cash in the Public Account	39,538 9 1		
Dr. 2,211 12 9	Advances in the hands of Stock Agents—			
	Cash	963 2 10		39,901 11 11
£245,052 9 3	Totals .. .. .	..		£44,227 18 11

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the LOANS TO LOCAL

QUARTER ENDED 31st MAR., 1899.		RECEIPTS.	QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900.	
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
5,486	4 10	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
6,285	3 5	Cash in the Public Account	768	0 8
11,721	8 8	Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—		
		In the Colony	20,583	5 3
				21,351 5 11
17,500	0 0	“The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,”—		
		Debentures issued		40,000 0 0
		Refunds under section 8 of “The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act		
		Amendment Act, 1886,”—		
		County—		
147	1 8	Kiwitea		
276	16 5	Road Boards—		
		Manchester		
		Porangahau	63	14 10
423	18 1			63 14 10
£29,645	6 4	Totals		£61,415 0 9

STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the NEW

2,700	0 0	Balance at beginning of Quarter,—		
374,200	0 0	Cash in Deposit Account	175	6 11
376,900	0 0	Investment Account	441,100	0 0
				441,275 6 11
9,025	0 0	Deposits inscribed		212 0 0
£385,925	0 0	Totals		£441,487 6 11

The Treasury, Wellington, 26th April, 1900.

Examined and found correct as regards the Railway Receipts.

T. RONAYNE,
General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Examined and found to agree with the Collectors' Cash-books.

W. T. GLASGOW,
Secretary and Inspector of Customs.

Examined and found correct as regards Territorial Revenue and Land Sales Receipts.

W. G. RUNCIE,
Auditor of Land Revenue.

BODIES ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MAR., 1899.		EXPENDITURE.						QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1900.		
£	s. d.							£	s. d.	
		Payments to—								
		Counties,—								
..	..	Ashburton	..	..	..	..	..	455	0 0
..	..	Clifton	..	..	..	..	..	250	0 0
..	..	Eketahuna	..	..	..	..	..	400	0 0
1,025	0 0	Hawera	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
350	0 0	Hobson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	Horowhenua	..	..	..	..	..	350	0 0
128	0 0	Hutt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
270	0 0	Kiwitea	..	..	..	..	..	1,111	0 0
350	0 0	Mackenzie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
250	0 0	Manawatu	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	0 0
1,500	0 0	Rangitikei	..	..	..	..	..	1,600	0 0
990	0 0	Stratford	..	..	..	..	..	1,100	0 0
1,984	0 0	Tuapeka	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
400	0 0	Wairarapa South	..	..	..	..	..	600	0 0
7,247	0 0									
		Boroughs,—								
..	..	Foxton	..	..	..	..	..	500	0 0
500	0 0	Greytown	..	..	..	..	..	300	0 0
900	0 0	Petone	..	..	..	..	..	700	0 0
1,000	0 0	Te Aroha	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	0 0
2,400	0 0									
		Road Boards,—								
150	0 0	Eketahuna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
300	0 0	Featherston	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	Frankley	..	..	..	..	..	100	0 0
..	..	Hunua	..	..	..	..	..	700	0 0
1,000	0 0	Kaiti	..	..	..	..	..	400	0 0
200	0 0	Manganui	..	..	..	..	..	700	0 0
..	..	Moa	..	..	..	..	..	1,430	0 0
..	..	Ngatapa	..	..	..	..	..	750	0 0
..	..	Oakura	..	..	..	..	..	550	0 0
1,750	0 0	Parihaka	..	..	..	..	..	2,000	0 0
3,000	0 0	Porangahau	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
500	0 0	Taratahi-Carterton	..	..	..	..	..	580	0 0
50	0 0	Turanga	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
600	0 0	Upper Hurford	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	Upper Wangaehu	..	..	..	..	..	200	0 0
..	..	Waimate	..	..	..	..	..	1,915	0 0
..	..	Waipipi	..	..	..	..	..	250	0 0
..	..	Waitara West	..	..	..	..	..	200	0 0
..	..	Waiwakaiho	..	..	..	..	..	100	0 0
..	..	Wirokino	..	..	..	..	..	750	0 0
7,550	0 0									
		River Board,—								
..	..	Lower Wairau	1,000	0 0
17,197	0 0									
		Appropriations,—								
8,098	9 2	Vote 119—Roads and Bridges	19,830	15 6
		Balance at end of Quarter,—								
2,808	7 1	Cash in the Public Account	..	..	..	..	..	6,982	2 4
		Advances in the hands of Officers of the Government,—								
1,541	10 1	In the Colony	..	..	..	..	..	18,611	2 11
4,349	17 2									
£29,645	6 4	Totals	£61,415	0 9

ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT for the Quarters ended 31st MARCH, 1900 and 1899, respectively.

25	0 0	Balance at end of Quarter,—								
385,900	0 0	Cash in Deposit Account	..	..	..	..	..	87	6 11
..	..	Investment Account	..	..	..	..	..	441,400	0 0
385,925	0 0									
£385,925	0 0	Totals	£441,487	6 11

ROBERT J. COLLINS,
Accountant to the Treasury.

JAMES B. HEYWOOD,
Secretary to the Treasury.

The foregoing accounts have been examined and found correct, subject to the following remarks:—
(1.) The "Customs," "Railways," and "Territorial Revenue" receipts are not now examined by the Audit Office. (2.) The Audit Office is unable satisfactorily to verify the receipts of gold revenue, through the failure of the Mines Department to comply with a requisition for a certified statement of the amounts collectible as such revenue. (3.) The "Advances in the hands of officers of the Government" include payments to the amount of £11,601 12s. 6d., though the accounts of the same were received at the Treasury before the close of the quarter.

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

The accounts making up the sum of £11,601 12s. 6d. referred to above had not been received in the Treasury from departments at the time of the closing of the books for the past financial year, and therefore could not be included in the accounts of the quarter. It is, however, admitted by the Audit Office that "such a contingency has been of invariable occurrence, and may in some measure be unavoidable, notwithstanding the requirements of section 71 of 'The Public Revenues Act, 1891.'" See certificate of Audit Office to the Abstract of Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Treasury, Wellington, 16th May, 1900.

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

SUMMARY of BALANCES on 31st MARCH, 1900.

	BALANCES.			CASH.	ADVANCES.	INVESTMENTS.	TOTAL.
	£	s. d.	£	£	£	£	£
CONSOLIDATED FUND:—							
Ordinary Revenue Account ..	1,305,351	14 6*		579,365	69,986	656,000	1,305,351
State Forests Account ..	23,765	6 2		23,558	206	..	23,765
Accounts of Local Bodies ..	4,479	16 6		4,479	..	..	4,479
Deposit Accounts ..	184,648	10 2		153,780	30,867	..	184,648
			1,518,245	761,185	101,060	656,000	1,518,245
				17 3	6 1	0 0	7 4
PUBLIC WORKS FUND			139,749	90,782	48,966	..	139,749
			6 0	17 3	8 9	..	6 0
CHEVIOT ESTATE ACCOUNT			6,452	6,452	..	..	6,452
LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACCOUNT..			53,389	53,381	8 2	..	53,389
CONVERSION ACCOUNT			39,901	39,538	9 1	..	39,901
LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES ACCOUNT ..			20,593	6,982	2 4	13,611	20,593
NEW ZEALAND CONSOLS ACCOUNT..			441,487	87	6 11	..	441,487
REMITTANCES TO LONDON ACCOUNT ..			Dr.243,000	Cr.243,000	0 0	441,400	Cr.243,000
			0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
			0 0	50,700	0 0	..	..
Totals			£1,976,818	£664,709	£214,709	£1,097,400	£1,976,818
			8 9	6 2	2 7	0 0	8 9

* Against this Treasury Bills amounting to £700,000 are outstanding.

Native Land Court Notices.

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

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 8th May, 1900.
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.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, Sec. 55, 1900-10.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
11	Mortgage (C.A. 1900-64) ..	17th April, 1900 ..	Part of Lot 18, Parish of Tatarariki	Netana Pita, of Te Kowhai, Kaipara, to Alexander John Finlayson, of Tokatoka, Kaipara.

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

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 9th May, 1900.
NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to a Commissioner 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.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, Sec. 55, 1900-11.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
12	Conveyance (C.A. 1900-67)	8th February, 1900 ..	Southern portion of Lot 26, and south-western portion of Lot 27, Parish of Matakoho	William Rogan, of Matakoho, Kaipara, and Riki Brown, of Te Aute, Napier, to Hone Tana, of Matakoho, Kaipara.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 9th May, 1900.
NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Maketu, Bay of Plenty, on the 6th day of June, 1900, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 1900-17.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION OF RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1330	H. Kokiri te Wharepurangi (for Ani te Waru, Hapeta te Hautehoro and others), (572-18, 3/127)	Paengaroa North C No. 3.
1331	H. Kokiri te Wharepurangi, H. te Tupara Tokoaitua, Taekata te Tokoihi, and others (577-52, 3/128)	Paengaroa South (Pakotore).
1332	Te Raihi Winau and others (818-1, 3/129)	Pukaingataru B No. 23.
1333	Rewi Tereanuku (570-22, 3/130)	Paengaroa North A No. 2.
1334	Matuha Enoka (for Mei Enoka and others), (572-19, 3/131)	Paengaroa North C No. 2.
1335	Pere Whatanui, Keni Ngahana, Hemi Tupara, and Timoti Reone (570-23, 3/132)	Paengaroa North A No. 4.
1336	Taekata Tokoihi and others (570-24, 3/133)	Paengaroa North A1 No. 2.
1337	Hemi te Tupara Tokoaitua, Pera Taitimu, and Ngahuia Pera (540-6, 3/134)	Te Paroa.
1338	Aperahama Tamai Whakangaro (901-1, 3/143)	Paroa, 50 acres (Tumu Kaituna No. 12).

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 39 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Nature of Application.
1340	Ereatara Rangihoro (751-2, 2/19)	Te Karuotewhenua No. 7	Application to ascertain whether the award of Te Karuotewhenua No. 7 Block to Ngahau Kairau and others, by order dated the 18th day of March, 1895, was intended by the Court to be an award of that block or of Te Karuotewhenua No. 5.
1341	Mita Manuahura (897-1, 2/20) ..	Te Tumu Kaituna No. 8 ..	Application for cancellation of succession order made on the 1st day of November, 1890, appointing successors to the interest of Mita Manuahura.

APPLICATION TO DEFINE INTEREST ACQUIRED BY CROWN UNDER SECTION 6 OF "THE NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT ACT, 1877."

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1342	J. Sheehan, Native Minister (79-3712, 2/48, 327 B.P.)	Tahunaroa.

CLAIMS OF THE DISTRICT OF ROTORUA.
APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1345	Nutana Waihi and Ropiha te Rangi (286-15, 4/53)	Te Tautara.
1346	Whakaue Hikairo, Hikahuruhuru, and others (69-157, 4/55) ..	Mangorewa-Kaharoa.

APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION OF RELATIVE INTERESTS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
1426	Okiwi Ngatara and Mikaere Ngatai (98-40, 4/51)	Owhatiura No. 2.
1427	Hemi Tupara, Timoti Reone, and Whatanui Ngahana (190-24, 4/52)	Okoheriki No. 1F.
1428	Manahi Tumatahi, Pirimi Mataiawhea, Manihera Tumatahi, Tautohe Pirimi, Pararaki Wikiriwhi, and Te Rina Ratema (102-28, 4/54)	Te Waerenga.

1429 Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 9th May, 1900.
WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the 29th day of January, 1900, it is ordered and declared that the Native Land Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes which have arisen amongst the Ngatiwhakaue, Ngatirangiwewehi, and Ngatiuenukukopako Tribes, with regard to the reservation of the lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and to determine who are the persons entitled to the benefit of the said reservation, and in what manner, and in what shares and proportions respectively, and any and every matter or question incident thereto, and to do all acts necessary to be done for the purpose aforesaid:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that the several matters aforesaid shall be heard and determined by the Native Land Court at present sitting at Maketu, on the 6th day of June, 1900, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow. JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

Land District.	Locality.	Section.	Block.	Area.
Auckland	Town of Rotorua	1	LXI.	A. R. P. 0 2 36
Auckland	Town of Rotorua	1	LXII.	5 3 0
Auckland	Suburbs of Rotorua	22	LXII.	8 1 14
Auckland	Town of Rotorua	5 to 16	LII.	3 0 0
Auckland	Town of Rotorua	5, 6, 7	LI.	0 3 0
Auckland	Town of Rotorua	1	LXIII.	1 2 0

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 15th May, 1900.
NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Whanganui on the 25th day of May, 1900, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow. R. C. SIM, Registrar.
[Wellington, 00-19.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
906	Transfer (1900-77)	8th November, 1899 ..	Kapakapa No. 4 ..	Te Rou Raniera Toka to Archibald McDonell.
907	Lease (1900-98)	21st April, 1900 ..	Rangiwaera 4A ..	Mata Ihaka to James Bremner.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 16th May, 1900.
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 2nd day of July, 1900, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow. R. C. SIM, Registrar.
[Wellington, 00-20.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Deceased.
66	Nekeia Paina	Paina te Poki.

ADJOURNED APPLICATION.

66	Nekeia Paina	Paina te Poki.
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Vital Statistics.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the Month of April, 1900:—

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 April, 1900.

BOROUGH.	Population of Principal Boroughs, with all their Suburbs, Census, April, 1896.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANU-ARY, 1900.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHS REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1900.							Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 1900.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1899.
				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	38,400	91	10	1	13	12	2	10	48	1.25	13.05
Birkenhead ..		780	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	3.85	18.32
Devonport ..		3,430	5	1	..	..	1	..	2	4	1.77	7.41
Newmarket ..		2,170	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	0.92	7.48
Grey Lynn ..		3,331	6	1	..	..	2	..	1	4	1.20	7.21
Parnell ..		4,402	5	2	..	..	2	1	2	7	1.59	11.00
Other suburbs*	
Totals Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	52,513	118	17	1	15	17	3	15	68	1.30	12.00
Wellington ..	41,758	42,966	72	1	1	12	3	1	15	33	0.77	11.16
Karori ..		1,096	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.80
Melrose ..		2,400	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.42	8.94
Onslow ..		1,400	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	1.43	10.91
Totals Wellington and suburbs	..	47,862	83	2	1	12	3	1	17	36	0.75	10.86
Christchurch ..	51,330	18,500	31	2	..	9	1	1	8	21	1.14	12.57
Linwood ..		6,707	12	2	..	4	1	..	3	10	1.49	11.16
St. Albans ..		6,440	13	..	1	3	1	..	2	7	1.09	12.21
Sydenham ..		11,388	26	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	0.35	10.64
Woolston ..		2,305	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.43	6.99
Other suburbs*	
Totals Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	45,340	86	5	1	18	3	1	15	43	0.95	11.54
Dunedin ..	47,280	23,560	40	1	1	4	..	..	9	15	0.64	13.47
Caversham ..		4,838	11	2	1	7	1	..	3	14	2.27	20.06
Maori Hill ..		1,603	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.85
Mornington ..		3,854	6	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	0.78	8.60
North-east Valley ..		3,540	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	0.28	6.75
Roslyn ..		4,454	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.22	7.29
St. Kilda ..		1,420	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.52
South Dunedin ..		5,158	10	..	..	2	2	..	3	7	1.36	10.95
West Harbour ..	1,364	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.73	6.51	
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	..	49,791	80	3	2	16	4	1	16	42	0.84	11.99

* 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 367, against 427 in March—a decrease of 60. The deaths in April were 189—an increase of 4 on the number in March. Of the total deaths, males contributed 93, females 96. Sixty-five of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 34.39 per cent. of the whole number; 54 of these were under one year of age.

There were forty-four deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Four men, 68, 72, 75, 77, and four women, 65, 73, 87, 88, died at Auckland; two men, 67, 84, and six women, 65, 72, 75 (two), 78, 91, at Wellington; seven men, 66, 67 (two), 69 (two), 82, 84, and six women, 66, 68, 69, 76, 80, 85, at Christchurch; and eight men, 65, 66 (two), 67, 70, 72, 73, 90, and seven women, 67, 68 (two), 70, 71, 73, 77, 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 April, 1900.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	15	2	2	4	1	2	3	2	31	16.40
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.53
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	1	9	..	9	..	9	1	7	36	19.05
V.	Developmental Diseases	5	4	..	1	1	2	2	..	15	7.94
VI.	Local Diseases	11	11	4	14	7	16	3	21	87	46.03
VII.	Violence	1	4	..	..	1	4	..	1	11	5.82
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	8	4.23
	Totals	38	30	7	29	10	33	10	32	189	100.00

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic,—</i>									
Influenza .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
Diphtheria .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Typhoid Fever .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrhoeal,—</i>									
Cholera Infantum	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Diarrhoea	13	..	2	..	..	..	3	2	20
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Veneral,—</i>									
Syphilis (congenital)	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Stricture of Urethra .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic,—</i>									
Puerperal fever .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS III.—DIETETIC DISEASES.									
Alcoholism .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Acute Rheumatism .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Cancer .. .. .	..	4	..	4	..	2	..	1	11
Tubercular enteritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Tabes Mesenterica .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Phthisis .. .. .	..	5	..	4	..	4	..	4	17
Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Rheumatic Arthritis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6
Atelectasis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Spina Bifida .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Old Age .. .. .	..	4	..	1	..	2	..	..	7
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System,—</i>									
Meningitis	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3
Apoplexy .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	8
Hemiplegia .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paralysis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Epilepsy .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Convulsions .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Congestion of Brain .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Hydrocephalus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System,—</i>									
Heart-disease .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	5	12
Fatty Degeneration of Heart .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Syncope .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	5
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System,—</i>									
Bronchitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2
Pneumonia .. .. .	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	3	8
Empyema .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Congestion of Lungs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System,—</i>									
Stomatitis	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Dentition .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gastritis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ulcer of Stomach .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Enteritis	8	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	11
Intestinal Obstruction .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Peritonitis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Biliary Calculi .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Jaundice .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
Disease of Liver .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tumour of Liver .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Appendicitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Intestinal Growth .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—continued.									
ORDER 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Nephritis	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
Pyonephrosis	1	..	..	1
Bright's Disease	1	..	1	2
Uræmia	1	..	..	1
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
Stoppage of Menstruation	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
..	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
Run over by Tram	1	..	1	2
Killed while boarding Train	1	..	..	1
Scald	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sunstroke	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drowned	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Misadventure (ether)	1	..	..	1
Delayed Birth	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Suicide,—</i>									
By Drowning	1	..	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Marasmus, Debility, &c.	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	8
Totals	38	30	7	29	10	33	10	32	189

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

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.
Auckland City	1.25
and five suburban boroughs	1.30
Wellington City	0.77
and three suburban boroughs	0.75
Christchurch City	1.14
and four suburban boroughs	0.95
Dunedin City	0.64
and eight suburban boroughs	0.84

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest, and at Wellington the lowest. Compared with April, 1899, the results are,—

	April, 1899.	April, 1900.
Auckland and suburbs	1.12	1.30
Wellington and suburbs	0.91	0.75
Christchurch and suburbs	0.81	0.95
Dunedin and suburbs	0.89	0.84

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—The mortality in this class of disease at the chief centres and suburbs during April amounted to 31 deaths, against 30 in March. Of 31 deaths in April, no less than 17 were at Auckland, 14 of these being children dying from diarrhoeal complaints. The deaths from diarrhoea at Wellington were limited to 2, at Dunedin there were 5, while at Christchurch there were no deaths from this cause. Influenza was fatal at Auckland in April (1 death) and at Christchurch (2 deaths). Typhoid fever is noticed as causing 2 deaths at Wellington, and diphtheria 1 at Auckland.

Constitutional Diseases.—The deaths last month at the cities and suburbs in this class numbered 36, against 30 in March and 22 in February. Phthisis shows 17 deaths in April, tubercular enteritis 2, tubercular meningitis 1, tuberculosis 2, and tabes mesenterica 1 death.

Local Diseases.—Of 87 deaths, 21 resulted from disease of the nervous system, 18 of the circulatory, 12 of the respiratory, 27 of the digestive, 7 of the urinary, 1 of the reproductive, and 1 of the locomotive systems.

Violent Deaths.—At Christchurch a guard was run over by a tram, and a labourer killed while boarding a railway-train. At Dunedin an aged woman lost her life by a tram-car, making three fatal cases of accident of this kind. At Auckland a child was scalded to death by the upsetting of a kettle of hot water, another killed by sunstroke, while a boy and two adult males were drowned in the harbour. At Christchurch a girl died from failure in respiration caused by ether, and an infant from delayed birth. The suicide was that of a domestic, and was effected by drowning.

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.	
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	1	1	..	..	..	14	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington and suburban boroughs	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	3	3	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	2	..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	5	2	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1
Totals	2	3	1	2	..	2	21	20	2	6	..	..	8	5	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 April, 1900.

BOROUGHS.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1900.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN APRIL, 1900.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population in the Year 1899.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, April, 1900.		
			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	15	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	0.80	13.60
New Plymouth	4,041	6	2	..	1	1	..	1	5	1.24	12.90	
Napier	9,486	15	..	..	..	3	..	2	7	0.74	13.03
Wanganui	6,842	20	..	..	3	1	..	1	5	0.73	10.91
Palmerston North	6,263	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.59
Blenheim	2,970	15	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1.01	11.93
Nelson	7,120	15	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	0.42	13.40
Greymouth	3,423	9	..	1	2	..	1	1	5	1.46	10.64	
Hokitika	2,463	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.81	10.90
Lyttelton	4,026	6	..	..	3	..	..	1	4	0.99	10.64
Timaru	5,795	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.17	13.40
Oamaru	5,411	9	1	..	4	..	..	1	6	1.11	11.31
Invercargill	5,681*	14	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0.35	14.90

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

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 11th May, 1900.

F. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR APRIL, 1900.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month*	65.0	58.2	54.6	50.9
Average same month previous years* ...	61.7	57.0	53.8	51.9
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	76.5 on 2nd	70.0 on 14th and 18th	79.6 on 6th	78.0 on 4th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	47.0 on 29th	42.0 on 27th and 29th	32.0 on 29th	32.0 on 27th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	132.0 on 5th	117.0 on 4th and 6th	..	..
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	43.0 on 29th	33.0 on 29th	27.0 on 29th	26.0 on 28th
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	69	75	72	80
Average same month previous years ...	76	76	77	75
Total Rainfall, in inches	1.940	5.531	3.625	2.972
Average same month previous years ...	2.328	3.525	1.803	2.194
Number of Days of Rain	16	19	15	15
Average same month previous years ...	12	10	7	12

* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 11th May, 1900.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

Bankruptcy Notices.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that statements of accounts and balance-sheets in respect of the under-mentioned estates, together with the report of the Audit Office thereon, have been duly filed in the above Court; and I hereby further give notice that at the sitting of the said Court to be holden on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1900, at 10 o'clock, I intend to apply for an order releasing me from the administration of the said estates.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1900.

O'Meara, Edward, of Gisborne, Surveyor.
Williamson, G. M., of Parikanapa, Sheep-farmer.
Allan, Jas. S., of Gisborne, Plumber.
Jones, Alfred H., of Gisborne, Saddler.
Wheeler, Alexander G., of Gisborne, Carpenter and Undertaker.
Elmsly, Jas. W., of Gisborne, Coach-painter.

JOHN COLEMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.

In Bankruptcy.

In the estate of HENRY MOORE, of Nelson, Bootmaker.

A FIRST dividend, of 10s. in the pound, is now payable on all accepted proved claims, at my office.

W. ROUT, JUN.,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Nelson, 11th May, 1900.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WALTER HUGH FERGUS, of Richmond, Nelson, Horse-trainer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 25th day of April, 1900, at 3 o'clock p.m.

A. D. BAYFEILD,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Westport, 11th May, 1900.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN G. BATES, of Glenavy, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, at Oamaru, on Friday, the 18th day of May, 1900, at 3 o'clock p.m.

CHAS. W. COOKE,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Oamaru, 9th May, 1900.

In Bankruptcy.

Estate of MAURICE CURRAN, of Hawea Flat, Farmer.

A FIRST and final dividend, of 2s. 8½d. in the pound, on all accepted proved claims is now payable at my office.

F. W. F. GEISOW,
Deputy Official Assignee.

Queenstown, 9th May, 1900.

Mining Notices.

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

1. The name of the company is to be the Callaghan's Creek Gold-dredging Company (Limited).

2. The place of intended operations is in or near the bed of Callaghan's Creek, in the County of Grey, in the Colony of New Zealand, or such other place or places in New Zealand as may from time to time be decided upon.

3. The registered office of the company will be situated at Reefton, in the County of Inangahua, in the Colony of New Zealand.

4. The nominal capital of the company is nine thousand three hundred and seventy-five pounds, in twelve thousand five hundred shares of fifteen shillings each.

5. The number of shares subscribed for is twelve thousand five hundred, being the entire number of shares in the company.

6. The number of paid-up shares is two thousand five hundred.

7. The amount already paid up in cash is seven hundred and fifty pounds, in addition to which the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five pounds is deemed to be paid up.

8. The name of the Manager is Bernard Patrick McMahon, of Reefton aforesaid, Accountant.

9. The names, and addresses, and occupations of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:—

Contributing Shares.	No. of Shares.
Free, S. L. P., Reefton, Solicitor	500
Pearce, Frank, Reefton, Mine-superintendent	500
Maltman, A., Reefton, Mill-superintendent	500
Evans, W. Bowen, Reefton, Metallurgist	250
Spencer, Ernest W., Reefton, Engineer	250
Castle, Henry S., Reefton, Accountant	200
Ferguson, J., Reefton, Bank-manager	500
Guinness, A. R., Greymouth, Solicitor	200
McKay, A., Greymouth, Contractor	500
Goldsworthy, J., Greymouth, Banker	100
Moss, G. W., Greymouth, Auctioneer	100
Noonan, Michael, Greymouth, Merchant	200
Montgomerie, John A., Reefton, Surveyor	100
Hannan, M., Greymouth, Solicitor	100
Gieseking, J., Greymouth, Hotelkeeper	400
Morse, A. W., Greymouth, Clerk	100
Christophers, H. J., Greymouth, Stationmaster	100
McKnight, J., Reefton, Guard	100
Rundle, W. A., Ahaura, Schoolteacher	150
Gough, John, Ahaura, Miner	200
Craig, John, Ahaura, Miner	200
Ruane, P., Ahaura, Miner	100
Kilkelly, E., Ahaura, Miner	200
Gough, B., Ahaura, Mining Agent	100
Garth, T. H., Ahaura, Storekeeper	100
McMahon, B. P., Reefton, Accountant	100
McNeill, R. W. J., Reefton, Auctioneer	200
Butler, Patrick, Reefton, Mining Investor	300
Martin, James, Reefton, Mine-manager	250
Aitken, R. W., Reefton, Metallurgist	200
Conlon, W. A., Reefton, Medical Practitioner	100
Scarlett, James, Reefton, Hotelkeeper	100
Kingswell, P. N., Reefton, Mining Agent	100
McMahon, B. P., Reefton, Accountant (in trust for absent shareholders)	2,900
	10,000

Paid-up Shares.

Craig, John, Ahaura, Miner	1,600
Gough, John, Ahaura, Miner	300
Ruane, P., Ahaura, Miner	300
Kilkelly, E., Ahaura, Miner	300
	2,500

Dated at Reefton, this 4th day of May, 1900.

B. P. McMAHON,
Manager.

Witness—W. R. Free, Solicitor, Reefton.

I, Bernard Patrick McMahon, do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am the Manager of the said intended company.
2. The above statement is to the best of my belief and knowledge true in every particular.

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

B. P. McMAHON.

Taken before me, at Reefton, this 4th day of May, 1900—
E. J. Scantlebury, J.P. 540

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Kawarau Dredging Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 9th July, 1897.

Whether in active operation or not: No.

Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., and 140, Hereford Street, Christchurch, New Zealand; H. A. Bruce.

Nominal capital: £15,000.

Amount of capital subscribed: £11,751.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £4,951.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £6,800 in shares; no cash.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £6,800.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 15,000.

Number of shares allotted: 11,751.

Amount paid per share: £1.

Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: None.
 Number of shares forfeited: None.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: None.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 38.
 Number of men employed by company: None.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: £55 11s. 5d.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: £55 11s. 5d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: To July, 1898, £4,566 6s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £6,376 1s. 8d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: None.
 Total amount of dividends paid: None.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: None.
 Amount of cash at banker's and amount of cash in hand: £15 4s. 7d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: None.
 Amount of debts considered good: None.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £1,243 1s. (approximate).

I, Harry A. Bruce, of Christchurch, the Secretary of the Kawarau Dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company at the present date; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

H. A. BRUCE,
 Secretary.

Declared at Christchurch, this 14th day of May, 1900, before me—C. Thornton Dudley, J.P. 556

**THE WAIHI SILVERTON GOLD-MINES (LIMITED),
 (IN LIQUIDATION).**

I HEREBY beg to give notice to shareholders that I have this day handed over the liquidation of this company's affairs to Messrs. Devore and Cooper, Solicitors, Queen Street, Auckland, who will henceforth act for the Liquidator.

Those shareholders who have not yet applied for payment of their first and second distributions on account of capital must now apply to the above firm of solicitors. The latter will duly notify shareholders respecting any further distribution that may be made.

S. SEVERIN SÖRENSEN,
 Attorney.

30th April, 1900.
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**KURANUI-CALEDONIAN GOLD-MINING COMPANY
 (LIMITED).**

NOTICE is hereby given that the address of the Office of this company will hereafter be No. 1, Mercantile Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland. Mr. ROBT. BAIRD will continue to act as Local Secretary and Legal Manager, and Mr. Matthew Paul as Attorney and Mining Manager at Thames.

S. SEVERIN SÖRENSEN,
 Attorney and General Manager.

30th April, 1900.
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NEW ZEALAND JUBILEE GOLD-MINE (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the address of the Office of this company will hereafter be No. 1, Mercantile Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland. Mr. ROBT. BAIRD will continue to act as Local Secretary and Legal Manager.

S. SEVERIN SÖRENSEN,
 Attorney and General Manager.

30th April, 1900.
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**THE WELCOME FIND GOLD-MINING COMPANY
 (LIMITED).**

At an extraordinary general meeting of the above company, duly convened, and held at No. 39, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, on the 20th April, 1900, the subjoined special resolution was duly passed, and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the

said company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on the 8th May, 1900, the subjoined special resolution was duly confirmed: viz., "That the company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of 'The Companies Act, 1882,' and that Henry Gilfillan, jun., be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up."

H. GILFILLAN, Jun.,
 Liquidator.

Auckland, 9th May, 1900.

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Land Transfer Act Notices.

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

828 and 829. JAMES PATRICK HENDERSON.—Sections 82 and 83, Hua and Waiwakaiho, 142 acres. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office (Plan 1465).
 Dated this 11th day of May, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
 District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to me to issue provisional certificates of title for Allotments 46, 47, 48, Block II., Township of Opoho, being the land comprised in certificate of title, Vol. xvi., folio 148, and the balance of the land in certificate of title, Vol. xxxviii., folio 190, whereof ROBERT McLAREN, of Dunedin, Gentleman (now deceased), is the registered owner; and satisfactory evidence of the loss of the original certificates of title having also been lodged: I hereby give notice that I shall issue provisional certificates of title for the said land as requested, on the expiration of fourteen days from the date of publication hereof.

Dated at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin, this 14th day of May, 1900.

H. TURTON,
 District Land Registrar.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 18th day of June, 1900.

2983. SAMUEL AUSTIN and WILLIAM HENRY AUSTIN.—1 rood and $\frac{1}{2}$ perch, part of Suburban Section 44, Town of Wanganui. Occupied by Hannah Leah Christie.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 16th day of May, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
 District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to me to register a discharge of mortgage No. 6302, in favour of ALEXANDER BELL, of Halcombe, Farmer, over Sections 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, and 43, on the Plan of Subdivision D of the Manchester Block, in the Township of Sandon, being all the land comprised in certificate of title, Vol. xii., folio 123, and evidence having been lodged of the loss of the said mortgage, I hereby give notice that I intend to dispense with the production of the said mortgage and register the said discharge as requested unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 31st day of May, 1900.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
 District Land Registrar.

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

8544. WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY.—1 acre, parts of Rural Section 319A, Borough of Kaiapoi. Unoccupied.

8772. JOHN STALKER.—161 acres 1 rood 10 perches, part of Rural Section 5324, Blocks I. and II., Hinds Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.
 Dated this 15th day of May, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
 District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

I HAROLD SWALE, Bachelor of Medicine University of London, Member of Royal College of Surgeons of England, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London, now residing in Auckland, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 9th June, 1900, to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand; and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar at Auckland.

HAROLD SWALE.

Dated at Auckland, 8th May, 1900.

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In the matter of the Waipawa Mail Company (Limited).

AT an extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company, duly convened, and held at the Foresters' Hall, Waipawa, on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1900, the following special resolution was duly passed, and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, the following resolution was duly confirmed:—

RESOLUTION.

"That this company be wound up voluntarily, and that Walter James Tabuteau, of Napier, Estate Agent, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up."

WM. WHITE,
Chairman.

Dated at Waipawa, 9th May, 1900.

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In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of the Masterton Blacksmith and Wheelwright Manufacturing Company (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the winding-up of the above-named company, subject to the supervision of the Supreme Court, was, on the 16th day of May, 1900, presented to Sir Robert Stout, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, by the said company; and the said petition is directed to be heard before a Judge of the said Court on the 29th day of May, 1900; and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding-up of the said company under the above Act should appear at the time of hearing, by himself or his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same, by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

CHAPMAN AND TRIPP,

Solicitors, Wellington
(Agents for C. F. GAWTH, Masterton, Solicitor for the petitioning company).

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MOKAU SHIPPING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the following special resolution was passed at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the above company held on Tuesday, the 17th April, 1900, and duly confirmed at a subsequent meeting held on Saturday, 5th May, 1900, viz:—

"That the company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Acts, and that Messrs. Joseph Little and James Caddy Davies be appointed joint Liquidators."

JOSEPH LITTLE,
Chairman.

New Plymouth, 5th May, 1900.

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THE NEW ZEALAND TIMBER COMPANY PROPRIETARY (LIMITED).

PURSUANT to "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," notice is hereby given that the Office of the New Zealand Timber Company Proprietary (Limited) is situated at the company's place of business at Opua.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1900.

RUSSELL AND CAMPBELL,

Solicitors for the Attorney of the said Company.

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