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Additional Land in Kaihu Survey District taken for the Purposes of the Kaihu Valley Railway.

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

WHEREAS it has been found desirable for the use, convenience, and enjoyment of the Kaihu Valley Railway to take further land in Kaihu Survey District, in addition to land previously acquired for the purposes of the said railway:

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

SCHEDULE.

The parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land taken.	Being Portion of	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 2 1 22	Opanake No. 1c Block	II.	Kaihu.
1 1 28	Opanake No. 2L Block	II.	Kaihu.

All in the Land District of Auckland; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18923, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red and yellow.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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Additional Land in Westmere Survey District taken for the Purposes of the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being Portion of Section No.	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 1 2 1-4	228	III.	Westmere.

In the Land District of Wellington; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 18924, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land taken for Roads in connection with the Otago Central Railway.

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

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken, under "The Public Works Act, 1894," for a certain public work, to wit, the construction of roads in connection with the Otago Central Railway:

And whereas all conditions precedent required by law to be observed and performed prior to the taking of such land in the manner hereby provided have been observed and performed:

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 "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 land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for the purposes of the construction of the said roads.

SCHEDULE.

The several parcels of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of each of the Parcels of Land taken	Being Portion of	Sheet No.	Coloured	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P.					
0 1 30	Railway Res.	62	Orange	XIII.	Rock and Pillar.
0 1 3	Camping Res.	62	Sepia	XIII.	Rock and Pillar.
3 0 11	Camping Res.	62	Sepia	XIII.	Rock and Pillar.
0 0 25	Railway Res.	65	Sepia	XIII.	Rock and Pillar.
2 2 39	Coal Reserve	65	Sepia	XVI.	Maniototo.
0 1 9	Railway Res.	65	Orange	XVI.	Maniototo.
0 0 22	Railway Res.	65	Orange	XVI.	Maniototo.
0 3 0	Railway Res.	66	Sepia	XVI.	Maniototo.
7 2 27	Railway Res.	69	Sepia	XVI.	Maniototo.
0 0 23	Section 29* . .	73	Orange	XI.	Maniototo.
0 0 1	Section 31* . .	73	Sepia	XI.	Maniototo.
0 2 5	Railway Res.	75	Sepia	XVII.	Maniototo.
0 1 15	Railway Res.	76	Sepia	VI.	Maniototo.

* Komako Village Settlement.

All in the Land District of Otago; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plans marked P.W.D. 18640, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured as above.

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

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Land brought within the Jurisdiction of the Native Land Court.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of June, 1900.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the ownership of the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto requires to be ascertained, and it is also necessary to determine the relative shares or interests of the Native owners of the said land:

And whereas it is expedient that the several matters should be brought within the jurisdiction of the Native

Land Court in order that the same may be effectually dealt with:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the fifteenth section of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order and declare that the investigation and determination of the ownership of the land described in the Schedule hereto, and of the relative shares or interests of any Natives therein, and also the determination of any matter or question which may arise in relation to the premises, or which it shall be necessary to determine for the purpose aforesaid, shall be and the same are hereby brought within the jurisdiction of the Native Land Court established under the said Act.

And it is hereby further declared that this Order shall take effect on and after the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 191 acres 1 rood 16 perches, be the same more or less, situated in the District of Wainui, in the Survey District of Totaranni, being section numbered 11 on Square 12 of the plan of the Land District of Nelson, and bounded as follows: On the northward partly by the River Wainui, and (3396 links) partly by a road, and partly by Section 21; on the eastward (3696 links) partly by Section 2 and partly by a public road; on the southward (6304 links) by Section 1; and on the westward (4210 links) by Section 13: excepting and excluding the River Wainui and the public roads which cross the said section numbered 11.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations and Charges for the Transmission of Telegrams.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of June, 1900.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section fifteen of "The Electric Lines Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is provided that the Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, amend, and revoke regulations for the transmission of telegrams by means of any electric line, and for the delivery thereof, and for the disposal of all unclaimed or undelivered telegrams, for fixing and determining the fees and rates to be demanded and received for the transmission of any telegram, and for the other purposes in such section mentioned: And whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and published in a supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette*, of the twenty-ninth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, regulations and charges were made and fixed for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke such regulations and charges, and to make others in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the regulations and charges made by the aforesaid Order in Council, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto for the transmission of telegrams, for fixing the fees and rates to be demanded for such transmission, and for the other purposes hereinbefore recited, and doth further order and declare that these regulations shall have effect on and from the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred.

SCHEDULE.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH TELEGRAMS ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE TRANSMITTED ON THE TELEGRAPH LINES BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

Non-liability for Errors, &c.

1. Neither Her Majesty the Queen nor the Government of the colony shall be responsible for errors, omissions, or delays in the transmission of any telegram, or for the non-delivery or non-transmission of any telegram.

Charges.

2. The charges for transmission of a telegram within New Zealand are,—

For twelve words or less, including address and signature—

Urgent	...	...	...	...	One shilling.
Ordinary	...	...	...	...	Sixpence.

Extra words, 2d. and 1d. each respectively.

On Sundays these rates are doubled.

When more than one telegram, apparently part of a message previously lodged, is presented by the same sender during any one day, such telegrams may be treated as one continuous telegram, and charged for accordingly, unless it be shown to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge that they have no connection with each other.

3. Postage stamps must be used for payment, and any person sending a telegram is required to affix such stamps to the message forms.

Receipts for Charges.

4. Receipts for the amounts paid for international and intercolonial telegrams may be obtained by the sender free of charge at the Telegraph Office at the time of presenting such telegrams for transmission. A receipt for the amount paid for an inland telegram will be given at the time of presenting such telegram for transmission on payment of a fee of twopence.

How and upon What to be written.

5. Inland telegrams presented for transmission shall be written either in ink, or with pencil, or in manifold, in a clear and legible manner; cable telegrams shall be written in ink or in manifold. All telegrams shall contain a proper address, and bear a genuine signature in the usual handwriting of the sender, or in that of his authorized agent, but when written by the agent the latter shall add his name or initials, not for transmission, but for the information of the Post and Telegraph Department.

6. In order to prevent errors in the transmission of telegrams, all words must be written in full, and no abbreviations will be allowed that are not in general use and in accordance with the usage of the language. All numbers should be written in words in full, and not in figures.

7. Printed forms upon which telegrams should be written may be obtained at all telegraph offices on application; but all telegrams, whether written upon the prescribed form, upon any other printed form, or upon plain paper, shall (subject to the provision hereinafter stated), be considered as presented for transmission under the several conditions contained in these regulations: Provided that telegrams written upon printed forms other than those supplied by the Government shall be first approved of by the Electric Telegraph Commissioner, or the same may be refused when presented for transmission.

How to be signed.

8. When it is not intended or desired that the sender's signature should be telegraphed, it must be written on the back of the message. The message may then be transmitted without a signature, or with any signature known to the receiver, such as "Kate," "Harry," "Mamma," which the sender may insert for transmission; but the receiver may have the full signature telegraphed by paying for the necessary telegrams.

Special Instructions.

9. When the sender desires that special instructions, such as "Private," "Confidential," "To be opened at once," "Per Te Anau," "By first steamer," or the like, shall be written on the envelope of the message, he shall write those instructions immediately after the address of the receiver, and pay for them as part of the message. The words shall also be written in the space for instructions.

Cipher Telegrams.

10. Telegrams may be written in cipher, which will be counted according to the following scale, whether for figures or letters: Separate ciphers count as one word; groups of five ciphers, or fractional part of five ciphers, count as one word; groups exceeding five ciphers are counted at the rate of five ciphers to the word, and any fractional portion remaining is to be counted as one word.

11. The use of a cipher address is prohibited on messages for transmission within the colony.

Telegrams may be dropped into a Letter-box.

12. Persons not wishing to send to a Telegraph Office may post a telegram in an envelope addressed "Telegram Immediate," in a wall- or pillar-box, or at a receiving office or sub-post-office. Telegrams so posted are sent on by the next collection or the next mail to the Telegraph Office to which the letters included in the collection are taken, and are thence transmitted and delivered free of extra charge, provided the proper amounts for transmission and for portorage (if any) have been prepaid. The time of arrival at the Telegraph Office is regarded as the time of receipt from the public. Telegrams may also be posted not enclosed in envelopes, and when so posted they will be treated in the same manner.

Order of Priority of Transmission.

13. All telegrams are required to be sent forward so as to reach the office of destination in New Zealand on the day of despatch. In any case where by accident this does not happen, the dates of despatch and receipt are plainly stated. Telegrams will be transmitted in the following order of priority:—

- (1.) Telegrams from members of the Executive.
- (2.) Government telegrams marked *urgent*.
- (3.) Service telegrams.
- (4.) Urgent private telegrams.
- (5.) Non-urgent (ordinary) private telegrams.

Replies may be prepaid.

14. The cost of a reply may be prepaid, and a reply-form will then be delivered to the addressee, who will be at liberty to send another telegram of the value prepaid, from any Telegraph Office, at any time within six weeks. If the form be not used its value will be refunded on application being made within six weeks to the Accountant, General Post Office, and on the production of the form. A reply-form need not necessarily be used for a reply, but may be used to prepay any single inland message.

Collect Telegrams—Sender responsible for Transmission Charges.

15. Telegrams may be taken from the sender with the word "Collect" written thereon in the space for instructions, and in such case the value of the telegram will be collected from the receiver; but, in the event of the department being unable to collect the amount, the sender will be held responsible for the due payment thereof, and in such case, if the sender fails to pay the charges upon being requested to do so, the Officer in Charge of the Telegraph Office at which the telegram was delivered for despatch may in his own name, in any Court of competent jurisdiction, sue for and recover from the sender of such telegram all charges due for the transmission thereof.

16. The sender of a "Collect" telegram shall, if requested to do so, lodge the cost of it. Any difference between the sum required and that lodged will be settled, or any refund will be made, upon delivery of the telegram. The sender of a "Collect" telegram is at liberty to direct that delivery shall be conditional on the addressee first paying the charges. In such cases the words "Delivery conditional" must be inserted in the instructions and paid for.

Repetition at Request of Sender to Insure Accuracy.

17. Telegrams may be repeated, if *the sender* desires it, by being signalled back from office to office. No copy is, in such case, given to the sender. The charge for repetition is one-half the ordinary tariff; a fraction of a penny being reckoned as a penny. Telegrams containing mercantile quotations or figures, and telegrams written in cipher, or according to a preconceived code, should always be repeated.

Repetition at Request of Addressee to Detect Errors.

18. If *the receiver* of a telegram doubts its accuracy, he may have it repeated by paying half the amount paid for its transmission to him, fractions of a penny being reckoned as a penny. Should he require only a portion of the message to be repeated, a payment must be made at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for each word embraced in the repetition. For example, if 15 words in a message of 30 words are to be repeated the payment would be eightpence. The minimum charge, however, for repetition (even of a single word) is threepence. The money will be refunded if it should happen that the telegram has been incorrectly transmitted.

Inland Multiple Telegrams.

19. Prepaid telegrams addressed on one form to several persons in the same town, or to one person at different residences in the same town, may be accepted for transmission within the colony. If the telegrams be addressed to different towns, or are written on separate forms, both or all will be treated as distinct messages, and charged full rates. Each address will be complete in itself; consequently the office of destination will appear as many times as there are names of addressees. The text, and *all the addresses*, and the signature will be counted and charged for as a single message, with an additional fee of 3d. per address for each copy excepting the first. "Urgents" may be accepted at double the above tariff. The number of addresses will be indicated to the office of address by the insertion of "multiple [*No. of addresses*]" in the "Instructions"; but this information will be omitted from the messages actually delivered, which will show *one address only* unless the sender has inserted and paid for the instruction "Communicate all addresses." Multiple telegrams cannot be sent "Collect."

Extent of Free Delivery.

20. Except as notified in the printed list of telegraph offices published from time to time in the Post and Telegraph Guide, all telegrams will be delivered free of charge within a distance of one mile by the nearest practicable road of the office to which they may be transmitted by wire.

	s.	d.
For any distance not exceeding half a mile beyond the free delivery	0	6
For any distance over half a mile but not exceeding one mile beyond the free delivery	1	0
For any distance over one mile but not exceeding two miles beyond the free delivery	1	6

The foregoing charges provide for ordinary delivery only. For telegrams to be delivered by special messenger, the cost of such delivery shall be added and paid for. If required to be delivered beyond the distance of three miles, all moneys disbursed in payment of cab-fares, omnibus-fares, horse-hire, portage, or any other expenses incurred in delivery, shall be charged and paid. All telegrams shall bear any expenses incurred to defray ferriage and tolls. To prevent the non-delivery or detention of telegrams, when the sender of a telegram objects or refuses to pay the above charges, or any of them, the telegram will be posted immediately on its arrival at the office to which it is transmitted by wire.

Sender responsible for Delivery Charges.

21. The sender of a telegram shall be responsible for the payment of all charges incurred in the delivery, and, if the sender fails to pay the charges upon being requested to do so, the Officer in Charge of the Telegraph Office at which the telegram was delivered for despatch may, in his own name, in any Court of competent jurisdiction, sue for and recover from the sender thereof the charges due on such telegram.

Redirected Telegrams.

22. Telegrams redirected to a corrected address are liable to an additional charge of 6d. if delivery can be effected from the original receiving office, but if the corrected address requires the message to be re-telegraphed from the receiving office, a charge will be made equal to the original amount paid.

Fee for Search.

23. On the application, within six months of the date of its presentation, of the sender or the addressee of any telegram, search will be made by the department for the copies thereof in its possession. A fee of five shillings shall accompany each application for search, or for search with copies, so as to cover cost of the search and the copy or copies required. Any excess or insufficiency in this amount, determined by the length of time occupied in the search, will be adjusted before copies are handed to applicants. The rate of payment for search is two shillings and sixpence per hour or fraction thereof. For copies of inland telegrams a charge of sixpence each will be made, and for copies of cable telegrams fivepence for every hundred words or fraction thereof. No application is entertained unless at the request of the sender or of the person to whom any telegram is addressed.

24. In the case of allegation of error on the part of the department in the transmission of any telegram, no inquiry will be made unless the telegram was a repetition-paid telegram, or unless a fee equal to half the cost of the original message is paid.

Accidents to Lines.

25. In the event of serious delays occurring through accident to the lines, which may prevent the transmission of a telegram within a reasonable time, or may destroy the value of any telegram, the acceptance of telegrams may be refused for the time being; and, in the case of a telegram already accepted, the sender may, on an application to the Officer in Charge of the Station at which such telegram was presented and paid for, receive back the amount paid thereon, and the telegram will be cancelled.

In the event of partial interruption of the lines by accident or stress of weather, the department may refuse to accept all telegrams except urgent telegrams.

Monopoly of Line forbidden.

26. The transmission of telegrams presented in quantity, or of telegrams of great length, may be delayed when their transmission would give an undue monopoly of the line to the sender or addressee.

Prohibitions.

27. Telegrams which are indecently or obscenely worded, or which appear to contain matter of a treasonable, seditious, libellous, or grossly offensive character, will not be transmitted.

Urgent Telegrams.

28. Telegrams marked *Urgent* are received at any Telegraph Office and transmitted in the order of their priority with other messages of the like code.

Urgent telegrams take precedence of all ordinary messages.
The fee for an urgent telegram is double of that for an ordinary telegram.
Urgent telegrams lodged on Sunday are charged four rates.

When the sender of an urgent telegram desires to pay for an urgent reply, the words "*Urgent, reply paid urgent*" must be inserted in the instructions. When the reply required is not to be urgent the instruction should be "*Urgent, reply paid.*"

Charges for Messages relating to Sickness or Death.

29. Telegraphic messages relating to sickness or death or other urgent matters may be accepted and transmitted from any to any telegraph office at any time outside the ordinary hours of business on week-days or Sundays (provided the attention of the terminal office can be obtained), on payment of the following rates and fees:—

For the first twelve words or less, including address and signature, 1s. and 2d. for each additional word after twelve. Such telegrams must be inscribed with the words "Extra fee" in the instructions.

For calling upon a postmaster or operator in charge to transmit a message after his ordinary hours of duty, and when the office is closed, 2s. 6d., to be paid even if the telegram fails to reach its destination, but in the latter case the tariff rates collected will be refunded.

In addition to the foregoing charges a further fee of 2s. must be paid for delivery within a mile from the office.

30. Charges for ferries, tolls, or for any extra cost incurred for delivery beyond the ordinary limits must also be paid by the sender at time of presenting the telegram. The sender shall also be liable for short charges, should it be subsequently found that the amount collected for carriage was insufficient.

Weather Telegrams for Shipping.

31. Masters of vessels are permitted to forward messages at one uniform rate of sixpence for each message (including reply) to the Harbourmasters of the several ports seeking information as to the state of the weather, &c., at the port to which they are bound, or from any port which may lie in their route. These telegrams must be concise, and should be filled in in accordance with the directions to be seen at telegraph-offices.

In no case will a larger number of words in the body of the telegram than twelve be allowed.

Transmission of Telegrams by Telephone.

32. (1.) Subscribers to telephone exchanges may, by application to the telegraph-office, have telegraphic messages which are addressed to them forwarded by telephone from the office of destination to their business or private address. Such messages will, after transmission, be posted for delivery to such address, and be marked on the front "Transmitted by telephone."

(2.) If desired, short Press messages up to fifty words may be telephoned to newspapers, the proprietors of which are subscribers to a telephone exchange, and who agree to pay the fee for so doing. After being telephoned such messages will be delivered by messenger, when their values (if collect), together with the fee for telephoning, will be collected.

(3.) This system may be availed of during the ordinary hours for attendance of officers at the telegraph-office, except in the case of offices where officers are on duty until 10 p.m., when the telegrams may be telephoned up to that hour.

(4.) The charges for transmitting telegrams as above shall be as follows:—

A fee of £5 5s. per annum, paid in advance; or, in other cases, for each separate transmission, provided the telephone conversation does not exceed three minutes	...	...	...	0	6
For each additional three minutes or fraction thereof	...	...	...	0	6

When the fee is paid by time, one conversation may include two or more messages, including any referred to in the next succeeding section. The fee is to be affixed in stamps to a docket which will be provided, and presented to the telegraph-office immediately after the message has been telephoned.

(5.) Telephone exchange subscribers may also telephone to any telegraph-office connected with a telephone exchange, during the ordinary hours of telegraph attendance, if the exchange is open, any messages, not exceeding fifty words in length, to be further transmitted from the telegraph-office to the respective destinations of such messages as telegrams, provided the usual cost of such telegrams is paid in addition to the above rates.

(6.) Prior to telephoning any such message the sender shall have reduced such message to writing, and, immediately after transmission, if telephoned before 5 p.m., deliver the written message to the telegraph-office, with the charges affixed in stamps. Messages telephoned after 5 p.m. and before 8 p.m. must be handed in to the telegraph office not later than 10 o'clock the following morning.

(7.) The department reserves the right to exclude any person from the privilege of sending or receiving telegrams by telephone under this system until any arrears of fees which may be due are fully paid, and to demand a deposit before registering any application.

(8.) The transcribed copies of messages telephoned by subscribers will, so far as the department is concerned, become the original telegrams, and the department will not assume or be subject to any liability by reason or on account of any failure, delay, or mistake in or about the transmission, receipt, or delivery of any telegram under this system, from whatever cause the same may arise.

(9.) On payment of a fee of 6d. and the charge for the transmitting—at the prescribed rates for urgent or ordinary telegrams, as the case may be—of such words as may be required to convey the direction hereafter mentioned, the sender of a telegram may insert in the place for instructions thereon the direction "To be telephoned," and thereupon such telegram, upon arrival at the telegraph-office of destination, shall be forthwith telephoned through the Telephone Exchange to the addressee, if such addressee be a subscriber to such Exchange; and in other respects the provisions made for the transmission of telegrams to addressees through Telephone Exchanges at their own request shall, as far as applicable, apply to such telegram.

TARIFF RATES

IN NEW ZEALAND.

Ordinary Telegrams.

From any Station to any Station:—

For the first 12 words or less, including address and signature... **Sixpence.**
For every additional word ... **One penny.**

On Sundays, double the above rates.

Urgent Telegrams.

For the first 12 words or less, including address and signature... **One shilling.**
For every additional word ... **Twopence.**

On Sundays, double the above rates.

Press Telegrams.

DAY RATES.

From any Station to any Station:—

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (week days),—

For the first 12 words or fraction of 12 words ... **Os. 6d.**
For every additional word ... **Os. ½d.**

No charge shall be made for address and signature, up to six words, on any Press telegram. In assessing the total amount due, fractions of a penny are reckoned as a penny.

SPECIAL DAY RATE FOR MORNING PAPERS.

From or to stations *not* reopening in the evening, telegrams not exceeding 300 words and lodged not later than 4.30 p.m.:—

For each 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... **1s. 0d.**

Every such telegram must have the words "Special Day Rate" in the instructions, and be lodged on the day next before the day of publication of the newspaper addressed; otherwise ordinary day-rates will be charged. Not more than one telegram for any paper will be accepted at any office on any one day at the above rates. This concession does not apply to sub-offices situated in a city or town where the central office re-opens in the evening.

EVENING RATES.

Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. (week days), exclusive of Saturdays, when offices close at 8 p.m. (except during the sitting of Parliament, when the closing hour is 10 p.m.),—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... **Os. 6d.**

Between the hours of 11 p.m. and midnight,—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... **Os. 8d.**

After midnight, *if kept open by special arrangement*,—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... **1s. 0d.**

ON SUNDAYS.

From 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.,—

Morning newspapers:

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... **Os. 8d.**

After 5.30 p.m., if kept open by special arrangement of the United Press Association,—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... **1s. 0d.**

Evening newspapers may receive short Press telegrams on Sunday at a rate of 1s. for every 100 words or fraction thereof. Such telegrams may not exceed an aggregate number of 300 words for any one newspaper, and must be confined to news of events which occur between the time of closing of the telegraph-office on Saturday night and its re-opening on Sunday.

Postage stamps are to be used for payment, and when the rates are prepaid the senders should affix the stamps on the message form in the space provided for the purpose.

Telegraph forms and envelopes, having the words (printed in red) "Telegram for transmission to the Officer in charge Telegraph Station, _____," can be procured at Post Offices in towns where there is no Telegraph Station.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE SCALE OF CHARGES.

Evening newspapers publishing before 5 p.m. are allowed to receive at any period of the day of publication telegrams amounting in the aggregate to 1,000 words during the recess of Parliament and 1,500 words during the session at evening rates. 500 additional words are also allowed on the day the San Francisco mail reaches Auckland for telegrams containing news received by the mail steamer. When the San Francisco mail arrives at Auckland on Sunday, the 500 additional words are allowed on the day following.

During the session of Parliament, Press parliamentary reports are accepted until 1 a.m. at the 6d. rate, and between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. at the 8d. rate, for all offices open during these hours for Press messages from Wellington.

During the war in South Africa, evening newspapers will be allowed to receive 500 additional words on one day at evening rates from the United Press Association on the occasions on which the Association distributes the contents of letters received from its correspondents respecting experiences of the New Zealand Contingents in South Africa. No other than the special news named is to be included to make up the 500 words.

CABLE NEWS.

Press messages lodged at any telegraph-office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. repeating news received by cable from beyond the colony, and bearing the words "Cable news" in the instructions, are chargeable with the evening rates for Press messages if sent on the day of publication of the newspaper addressed. Every such message must be charged separately.

CHARGES WHEN OFFICE RE-OPENED BY SPECIAL REQUEST.

Individual Rate.

Press messages lodged by or on behalf of individual persons or newspapers at a telegraph office, specially re-opened after the usual closing hour, are charged as under:—

At the rate of 2s. per 100 words up to 1,000 words, the minimum collections on account of messages presented by any one person to aggregate 7s. 6d.

For every additional 100 after the first 1,000 words, at the rate of 6d. per 100 words or fraction thereof.

Press Association Rate.

Messages lodged and forwarded on behalf of the United Press Association are liable to the following charges:—

At the rate of 6d. per 100 words or fraction thereof, together with a fee of 7s. 6d. for re-opening the office, and all charges in respect of overtime at offices other than the original forwarding office.

The additional payment to be made in all cases by the applicant.

At least six hours' notice should be given the General Post Office, Wellington, of the desire to have an office specially reopened for Press news.

CHARGES FOR PRESS TELEGRAMS RELATING TO EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS, ETC.

Press telegrams containing intelligence of extraordinary events, such as collisions, wrecks, large fires, explosions, &c., may be accepted for transmission between offices open for the midnight cable service, after those offices are closed for the receipt of other Press messages, on the following conditions:—

No message must exceed 100 words.

The rate of 1s. to be charged for each message.

The Officer in Charge may refuse to accept any such message which in his opinion does not contain news of an urgent nature.

These messages will not be permitted to interfere with or delay the transmission of the midnight cable news.

Telegrams forwarded by Members of General Assembly.

Members of the General Assembly may send telegrams at the following rates, viz.:—

	s.	d.
For the first thirty-six words or any fraction thereof, including address and signature	0	6
For every four words or fraction of four words after the first thirty-six words	0	1

Such telegrams shall be restricted to domestic, public, or parliamentary business during the session of Parliament and a period of fourteen days immediately before and fourteen days immediately after the session of Parliament respectively. During the remainder of the recess they shall be restricted to public or parliamentary business entirely. Any disregard of these conditions will render the telegram presented liable to be treated and charged for as an ordinary telegram, or refused acceptance.

"Collect" telegrams addressed to a Minister by any member of Parliament shall not be accepted for transmission at any telegraph-office unless the Minister has by telegram requested such member to send him a reply "free," and proof thereof be given to the transmitting officer. In such "collect" telegrams, the instruction "M.G.A. Collect" must be written in the proper place at the head of the form.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Excepting Land from Operation of Section 117 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of June, 1900.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," it is enacted that the Governor may, by Order in Council, except from the operation of section one hundred and seventeen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), for a limited period or otherwise, and either generally or for such purposes and subject to such restrictions as shall be in such Order specified, any land, wheresoever situate, which is for the time being subject to the operation of the said section, or any interest therein or right over the same, or may in like manner make such exception in favour exclusively of any lessee or other person who has been *bonâ fide* in occupation of and has made improvements on such land, or has paid money to Native owners for lease or purchase thereof, prior to the passing of the said Act: Provided that no Order in Council under the provisions of this section shall take effect until after the expiration of two months from the date of the publication thereof in the *Gazette*: Provided also that every alienation under the provisions of this section shall be confirmed by the Court in terms of section fifty-three of the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by section four of "The Native Land Laws Amendment Act, 1895," and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby except from the operation of section one hundred and seventeen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," for the purpose of alienation by way of lease, the block or parcel of land, situate in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing five thousand one hundred and forty-five acres two roods, more or less, and known as Opuatia No. 6, being the whole of the land comprised and described in a partition order of the Native Land Court, dated the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and being part of the land comprised and described in Provisional Register, Volume Twenty-five, folio one hundred and forty-seven, in the office of the District Land Registrar at Auckland.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st June, 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.
ROBERT ULICK BURKE	Napier.
JOHN LEDYARD EVANS	Wyndham.
JAMES PARR	Duntroon.
DAVID JAMES DONALD	Malvern.

J. G. WARD.

Registrars of Electors, Wanganui, Oamaru, Westland, and Waiaapu Electoral Districts, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES ARTHUR BARTON

to be Registrar of Electors under "The Electoral Act, 1893," for the Electoral District of Wanganui, *vice* A. D. Thomson; also to appoint

ROBERT PERCY WARD

to be Registrar of Electors under the said Act for the Electoral District of Oamaru, *vice* H. H. G. Ralfe; also to appoint

ALEXANDER ADAM MAIR

to be Registrar of Electors under the said Act for the Electoral District of Westland, *vice* C. A. Barton; also to appoint

GEORGE JOHN ALEXANDER JOHNSTONE

to be Registrar of Electors under the said Act for the Electoral District of Waiaapu, *vice* W. A. Barton. Appointments to date from the 1st July, 1900.

J. G. WARD.

Public Vaccinator, Buller District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MURDOCH MACKENZIE, Esq., L.R.C.S. Edin, &c.,

to be a Public Vaccinator, under "The Public Health Act, 1876," for the District of Buller.

J. G. WARD.

Clerks of Magistrates' Courts, &c., appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 27th June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM ARTHUR THOM

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's and Warden's Courts and Receiver of Gold Revenue and Mining Registrar at Tauranga, Clerk of the Magistrates' Courts at Maketu and Te Puke, and Clerk of the Licensing Committee for the District of Bay of Plenty, from the 25th instant, *vice* J. Thomson, retired; and

HENRY HYDE CARR

to be Clerk of the Magistrate's Court at Wairoa from the 16th instant, *vice* W. A. Thom, transferred.

JAMES MCGOWAN.

Appointment in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 27th June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

NICHOLAS JOSEPH RYAN

to be a clerical cadet in the Department of Lands and Survey, as from 6th March, 1900.

WM. HALL-JONES,
For Minister of Lands.

Dairy Commissioner appointed.—Notice No. 590.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 23rd June, 1900.

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

JOHN ALEXANDER KINSELLA

to be Dairy Commissioner to the Government of New Zealand (temporary appointment only), in terms of "The Civil Service Reform Act 1886 Amendment Act, 1887," *vice* J. A. Ruddick, resigned. To date from the 1st June, 1900.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister for Agriculture.

Inspector of Factories appointed.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 26th June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned person to be an Inspector under "The Factories Act, 1894," and to assign to him the district set opposite his name, viz.:-

Name.	District.
Constable THOMAS ALFRED EVANDEN	The Middle Island of the Colony of New Zealand, and the islands adjacent thereto.

J. CARROLL,
For Minister of Labour.

Volunteer Officers appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th June, 1900.

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

New Zealand Volunteer Medical Staff.

Edward William Sharman to be Surgeon-Captain.

Devonport Naval Submarine Miner Volunteers.

The Rev. Charles Moseley Nelson to be Honorary Chaplain. Commissions to date from the 11th May, 1900.

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Militia Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 26th June, 1900.

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

New Zealand Militia.

Major Alfred William Robin, N.Z.M., to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Commission to date from the 25th June, 1900.

R. J. SEDDON.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 26th June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the commission held by

Lieutenant WALTER RUSSELL RUSSELL

in the Hastings Rifle Volunteers, on being appointed to a commission in the British Army.

R. J. SEDDON.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th June, 1900.

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

Oreti Rifle Volunteers.

Captain John Ewan Mackenzie. Date of resignation, 28th May, 1900.

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 21st June, 1900.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the commission held by the under-mentioned officer, on being appointed to the New Zealand Militia:—

Lyttelton Naval Artillery Volunteers.

Lieutenant-Commanding Lewis John Joyce. Date of resignation, 18th January, 1900.

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Designation of a Volunteer Corps changed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th June, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD,
For Minister of Defence.

Special Order made by the Waitoa Road Board, County of Piako.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD.

SPECIAL ORDER made by the Waitoa Road Board, County of Piako, on the motion of Mr. Chepmell, seconded by Mr. Allen.

THE Waitoa Road Board hereby resolves, by special order, that the Board's debt of £2,004 8s. 2d. inscribed at the Treasury in 1888 under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," be now readjusted in terms of subsection (1) of section 2 of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1899," whereby the interest will be reduced to 4½ per cent. for the unexpired term of the loan, such readjustment to take effect on the 1st day of February, 1901.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of special order made by the Waitoa Road Board on the 31st March, 1900, and confirmed on the 26th day of May, 1900.

WILLIAM P. CHEPMELL,
Chairman.

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

A. BREMNER,
Morrinsville, 26th May, 1900. Clerk.

Special Order made by the Waitotara-Momohaki Road Board, County of Patea.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD.

*WAITOTARA-MOMOHAKI ROAD BOARD.**Special Order.*

THAT a special order be now made forming a special rating district to be called the Puaio Special Rating District; and that to secure the repayment and interest on a loan of £650, to be raised under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and its amendments, a special rate of 1½d. in the pound be levied on all the rateable property in the Puaio Special Rating District (the boundaries of which are defined below); such rate to be an annual recurring rate for a period of twenty-six years, and to be payable in two equal instalments on the 1st day of February and the 1st day of August in each year.

That the purpose for which such loan shall be used be as follows:—

1. The converting of the present bridle-track known as the Puaio Track into a dray-road from the end of the present dray-road at the boundary of the University Reserve to the Waitotara River.

2. That the sum of £25 be set apart for engineering and contingent expenses.

3. That the cost of raising the loan and the first year's interest during construction be paid out of loan.

4. That any surplus remaining be used in extending the dray-road towards the south-eastern corner of Section 3, Block XIII., Momohaki Survey District, and that the above works shall include all necessary bridges and culverts.

5. That the boundaries of the Puaio Special Rating District shall be as follows: Commencing at the Waitotara River at the south-western corner of the Puaio Reserve; thence in a northerly direction by the western boundary of the said reserve and the western boundary of Section 4, Block I., Nukumaru Survey District, to the north-western corner of Section 4, Block I., Nukumaru Survey District; thence westerly to the south-western corner of Section 2, Block XIII., Momohaki Survey District; thence generally in a north-eastern direction by the boundaries of Sections 2, 3, Block XIII., Momohaki Survey District, to the boundary-line of confiscated land; thence south-easterly by the confiscated boundary-line to the Waitotara River; thence generally south-west, following the bends of the Waitotara River, to the starting-point.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order was made in accordance with section 76 of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," by the Waitotara-Momohaki Road Board, at a meeting held on the 12th day of May, 1900, and confirmed at a special meeting held on the 11th day of June, 1900.

WILL. B. FISHER,
Chairman, Waitotara-Momohaki Road Board.

Special Order made by the Avon Road Board, County of Selwyn.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD.

AVON ROAD BOARD.—SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Road Board for the Avon Road District, held on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1900, the following special order was passed:—

"1. That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges upon a loan of £1,500 agreed to be granted to

the Avon Road Board by the General Government of New Zealand, under the provisions of 'The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886,' and 'The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886,' and their amendments, for the purposes expressed in a 'proposal to raise a loan,' which was, on the 11th day of May, 1900, duly submitted to the ratepayers in respect of the properties situated in the special rating district which was described and defined in the Schedule to the said proposal, and which is described and defined in the Schedule hereunder written, and which proposal was, on the said last-mentioned date, duly carried, a special rate of 1s. in the pound sterling of the amount of the aggregate annual rateable values of the said properties of such ratepayers be made and levied in the manner provided by the said 'Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1886,' and 'The Rating Act, 1894,' and its amendments.

"2. That such rate shall be an annual-recurring rate, and shall be levied for a period of twenty-six years, or until the said loan shall have been fully repaid, and shall be made and levied under the provisions of 'The Rating Act, 1894,' and shall be payable half-yearly, on the 1st day of February and the 1st day of August in each year.

"The Schedule above referred to.

"All that parcel of land in the Avon Road District bounded on the north-east by the south-west side of the Papanui Road: on the south-east by Norman's Road from its junction with the Papanui Road to its junction with the Nursery Road: on the south-west by the north-east side of Nursery Road to its junction with Hawthorne Road; thence by a line running south-westerly along the north-west side of Hawthorne Road for a distance of 350.5 links; thence at right angles north-west for 568.5 links; thence at right angles south-west 701 links; thence at right angles north-west 213.3 links; and thence at right angles to the eastern boundary of the Northern Railway; and thence along the said eastern boundary of the Northern Railway to its junction with the Harewood Road; thence along the Harewood Road to its junction with the North Road; thence along the south-east side of the North Road to its junction with Green's Road; thence along the south-west side of Green's Road for a distance of 1291 links; thence at an angle south-west for a distance of 1373 links to a point on drain 1287 links from the North Road; thence along the said drain to the south-east boundary of Allotment 18 of Rural Section 304; thence south-west along the south-east boundaries of Allotments 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, and 9 to Lofthouse Street; thence along the south-west side of Lofthouse Street to the south-east corner of Allotment 35; thence along the south-east and south-west boundaries of said Allotment 35 to the south-east boundary of Allotment 43; thence along the south-east boundaries of Allotments 43, 41, 40, and 3 to the south-west side of the Papanui Road aforesaid."

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order has been duly passed by the Avon Road Board as required by "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

A. B. MORGAN,
Chairman, Avon Road Board.

Marshland, 19th June, 1900.

Despatch.—Acts of 1899 assented to.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 23rd June, 1900.

THE following despatch, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

J. G. WARD.

(New Zealand.—No. 20.)

Downing Street, 26th April, 1900.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Acts of the Legislature of New Zealand, transcripts of which accompanied your despatch, No. 78, of the 14th of December, 1899:—

Public.

No. 1. An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand nine hundred.

No. 2. An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand nine hundred.

No. 3. An Act to extend the Provisions of "The Municipal Franchise Reform Act, 1898."

No. 4. An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand nine hundred.

No. 5. An Act to authorise the raising of Money in Aid of certain Public Works and Purposes, and also to provide for the Renewal of certain Outstanding Debentures.

No. 6. An Act to amend the Law authorising the Acquisition of Private Land for Purposes of Settlement.

No. 7. An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account and other Accounts to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand nine hundred.

No. 8. An Act to make Further Provision for the Proper Conduct of Licensing Polls.

No. 9. An Act to amend "The Native Townships Act, 1895."

No. 10. An Act to establish a Provident Fund in connection with the Police Force.

No. 11. An Act to prevent Boys or Girls being employed in Factories or Workrooms without Payment.

No. 12. An Act to better secure to Workers the Payment in full of their Wages.

No. 13. An Act to amend the Law with respect to voting for Members of Local Authorities, and in the Case of Proposals submitted to the Votes of the Ratepayers or Burgesses of Local Authorities.

No. 14. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Payment of Jurors.

No. 15. An Act to amend "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894."

No. 16. An Act to constitute a Public Holiday to be known as Labour Day.

No. 17. An Act to amend "The Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1898."

No. 18. An Act to give Effect to certain Resolutions of Parliament respecting the Construction of a Pacific Telegraph-cable.

No. 19. An Act to enable the Government Insurance Commissioner to undertake Accident Insurance Business as a Branch of the Business of the Department established under the Acts relating to Government Life Insurance.

No. 20. An Act to amend the Law relating to Native Reserves.

No. 21. An Act to amend "The Pharmacy Act, 1898."

No. 22. An Act to further amend the Law relating to the Franchise in the Case of Boroughs.

No. 23. An Act to amend "The Trustee Act, 1883."

No. 24. An Act to further amend the Acts relating to Government Life Insurance.

No. 25. An Act to amend "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886."

No. 26. An Act to authorise the Construction of certain Railways.

No. 27. An Act to impose a Land-tax and an Income-tax.

No. 28. An Act to amend "The Mining Act, 1898."

No. 29. An Act to further amend the Law relating to Native Land.

No. 30. An Act to amend "The Counties Act, 1886."

No. 31. An Act to appropriate and apply certain Sums of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, the Public Works Fund, and other Accounts to the Services of the Year ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One thousand nine hundred, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Present Session.

Local Acts.

No. 1. An Act relating to the Depositing and Disposal of Rubbish, Refuse, or Nightsoil within the Heathcote Road District.

No. 2. An Act to empower the City of Christchurch to borrow Thirty-five Thousand Pounds.

No. 3. An Act to amend "The Napier Harbour Board Amendment and Endowment Improvement Act, 1887," and "The Napier Harbour Board Amendment and Further Empowering Act, 1889," and to give Further Powers to the Napier Harbour Board to deal with the Lands described in the said Acts.

No. 4. An Act for enabling the Trustees of the Invercargill Garrison Hall to borrow Moneys for the Purpose of paying off Loans or Mortgages now or hereafter subsisting on the Whole or any Part of the Lands vested in the said Trustees, or the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and to execute Mortgages for securing Payment of the Moneys so borrowed and Interest thereon.

No. 5. An Act to empower the Borough of Port Chalmers to borrow Five Thousand Pounds.

No. 6. An Act to amend and extend to other Building Land than is therein described the Powers contained in "The University of Otago Leases and Securities Act, 1898."

No. 7. An Act to alter the Time of Election and to make Further Provision in respect of the Exercise of the Functions of the Timaru Harbour Board.

No. 8. An Act to extend the Powers of the Gore Agricultural and Pastoral Association in respect of a certain Piece of Land situate in the Town of Gore.

No. 9. An Act to enable the Council of the City of Wellington to take over certain existing Private Streets and Rights-of-way and to extend Streets.

No. 10. An Act to authorise the Auckland Harbour Board to borrow the Sum of Seventy-five Thousand Pounds for the Equipment of Calliope Dock, and to extinguish Rights of Water-frontage within the Harbour of Auckland, and for other Purposes.

No. 11. An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws affecting the Auckland College and Grammar School.

No. 12. An Act to confer Additional Powers upon the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington, and to provide for other Matters.

No. 13. An Act to empower the Council of the Borough of Invercargill to lease a Part of a certain Reserve in the said Borough, and also to amend "The Invercargill Reserves Leasing Act, 1884."

No. 14. An Act to empower the Borough Council of Stratford to take over, construct, and maintain certain Private Roads in that Borough without the Necessity of Previous Construction by the Adjoining Owners.

No. 15. An Act to empower the Borough of Linwood to borrow Two Thousand Pounds.

No. 16. An Act to constitute the Mauriceville County.

No. 17. An Act to empower the City of Auckland to borrow One Hundred Thousand Pounds.

No. 18. An Act to authorise the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the County of Ohinemuri to contract with Persons or a Company for the Construction, Maintenance, and Working of an Electrical Installation for supplying Electrical Energy for Public and Private Purposes within the County of Ohinemuri.

No. 19. An Act to authorise the Hawera Borough Council, as a Domain Board, to lease a portion of the Rotokare Domain.

No. 20. An Act to enable the Trustees for the Time Being of the Christchurch Domains Trust Fund from Time to Time to pay to the Christchurch Domains Board Sums of Money out of the Capital of the said Trust Fund.

No. 21. An Act to grant Further Borrowing Powers to the Timaru Harbour Board.

No. 22. An Act to confer Additional Powers on the Council of the Borough of Stratford.

No. 23. An Act to empower the Boroughs of Linwood and Woolston severally to borrow Two Thousand Pounds.

No. 24. An Act to authorise the Sale by the Thames Harbour Board of a Small Portion of its Foreshore Endowment at Thames to the Thames Borough Council for the Purposes of a Recreation-ground and a Road.

No. 25. An Act to vest in the Corporation of the Borough of Te Aroha certain Land as a Municipal Reserve.

No. 26. An Act to constitute the Whakatane County.

No. 27. An Act to provide for the Establishment and Management of a High School at Blenheim, or in the Neighbourhood thereof, within the Education District of Marlborough.

No. 28. An Act to empower the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Melrose, a Corporation constituted under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," to produce and supply Gas in and for the Borough of Melrose.

Private Acts.

No. 1. An Act to empower the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College to pay to George Henry Saxton Moneys in connection with the Robinson Bay Property, in the Province of Canterbury.

No. 2. An Act to authorise the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate (Limited) to break up or cross over Streets, Roads, Rivers, and Bridges, and to place Mains, Service-lines, and Distributing-mains either above or below Ground, and to lay down and place Pipes, Conduits, and Service-pipes, and to erect Pillars, Arches, and Poles, and to make, construct, and do other Works and Things for supplying the respective Boroughs of Melrose, Karori, and Onslow, and the Road District of Seatoun or Portions thereof, with Electrical Energy.

No. 3. An Act enabling and directing the Trustees for the time being of and under certain Deeds of Settlement by one William Walter Cargill, of Sections One, Two, Three, Four, Eight, and Sixty-four, Block Sixteen, Dunedin, to grant Leases providing for the Payment of Valuation to Outgoing Tenants, or Perpetual Renewal.

2. With reference to the fifth paragraph of my despatch No. 16, of the 25th of February, 1899, I have to point out that no reports of the Attorney-General upon these Acts have been transmitted with your despatch.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Borough of Balclutha.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

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

BOROUGH OF BALCLUTHA.

Proposal to raise a Special Loan of £1,600.

I HEREBY give notice that the result of the poll taken on Monday, the 28th day of May, 1900, on the proposal to borrow £1,600 for acquiring and erecting gasworks, is as follows:—

Number of votes in favour of the proposal, 67; number of votes against the proposal, 33; informal votes, 2: majority in favour of the proposal, 34.

As the majority of votes are in favour of the proposal, I hereby declare the proposal duly carried.

JOHN MCNEIL,
Mayor.

Council Chambers,
Balclutha, 19th June, 1900.

I, John McNeil, of the Borough of Balclutha, in the Provincial District of Otago, Mayor of the said borough, do solemnly and sincerely declare that all proceedings required by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," to be taken in or towards obtaining the sanction of the burgesses of the said borough to the proposal to raise a special loan of £1,600 for the said borough have been duly taken, and that the resolution has been duly carried. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

JOHN MCNEIL,
Mayor.

Declared at Balclutha, this 20th day of June, 1900, before me—J. Smyth Fleming, J.P.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Featherston Road Board, County of Wairarapa South.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th June, 1900.

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

FEATHERSTON ROAD BOARD.

Special Order.

THAT, to secure the repayment of a loan of £1,000 raised under the provisions of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," and its amendments, this Board do now make and levy a special rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the pound upon the rateable capital value of all properties in the Awhaia Special Rating District, as appearing in the valuation roll of the Featherston Road District, comprising Section 210, Block IX., Waipawa Survey District (617 acres): Sections 63, 70/1, parts 197/8, Block I.; Sections 194/5, Block II.; Sections 1-5, 105, 107/8, 211, Block IX., Opuawe Survey District: Sections 106, 162, 209, Block X.; Sections 1, 109/110, 112, 114/119, 188, 190/2, Block XIII.; Sections 111, 113, 193, Block XIV., Waipawa Survey District (12,633 acres 2 roods 15 perches); Section 25, Blocks III. and IV., Kaiwaka Survey District (1,985 acres); Section 208, Block IX., Waipawa Survey District (400 acres); Parts 8, 8, 9, 9, 66, 200/1, Kaiwaka Survey District, 4/7, 10, 12, Blocks IV., VIII., and IX.; Sections 190/1, Block XIII., Waipawa Survey District; Sections 10, 26, 27, 38, 63/65, 67/72, 197, 199, 11/16, 20/25, 28/33, 35/37, 203, 196, 17, 18, 19, 99, 187, N.B. 665, Blocks I. and II., Opuawe Survey District (16,368 acres 27 perches). Such rate to be an annually recurring rate for a period of thirty-two years, to secure the repayment of a loan of £1,000 under the Loans to Local Bodies Act and its amendments; or for such period until the said sum of £1,000 is paid off, and to be deemed to be due and payable at the office of the Board on the 1st days of July and January in each year, the first of such payments to be made on the 1st day of July, 1901.

I hereby certify that the above special order has been made by the Featherston Road Board in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882."

W. BOCK,
Clerk.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan, Kiwitea County.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 27th June, 1900.

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

J. G. WARD.

KIWITEA COUNTY COUNCIL. — LOAN OF £200, RIVER-BANK ROAD.

THE following is the result of poll on the proposal to borrow £200 for construction of the River-bank Road, in Ongo Riding of the Kiwitea County:—

Number of ratepayers on roll, 2, representing 5 votes: Votes recorded for the proposal, 5; number of ratepayers voting, 2; votes against, nil.

The number of valid votes recorded for the proposal being more than three-fifths of the total number of valid votes recorded, I hereby declare the proposal to be carried.

JAMES CORRY,

Chairman, Kiwitea County Council.

Kimbolton, 22nd June, 1900.

Notice to Mariners No. 33 of 1900.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 22nd June, 1900.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Board of Trade, London, are published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

SPECIAL WARNING TO MARINERS.*Compasses.—Heeling Error.*

THE attention of mariners is hereby directed to the necessity of exercising a constant watchfulness in regard to the errors of their navigating-compasses, more particularly to the heeling error, the neglect of which is doubtless a common, though often unsuspected, cause of the stranding of many vessels.

Serious changes frequently take place in the character and amount of the heeling error as the ship changes her magnetic lat.—from (1) the vertical force arising from the permanent magnetism of the ship, the error from which is greatest in high lats., diminishes until the equator is reached, where it is least, and increases again in the opposite hemisphere, but still retaining the same name; (2) from vertical induction in vertical soft iron, and transverse soft iron generally (such as beams, &c.), the error from which is greatest in high lats., diminishes until the equator is reached, where it becomes nil, and increases again (but of an opposite name) as the vessel recedes from the equator in the opposite hemisphere. It is difficult, therefore, to predict with any great accuracy the change that will take place, observations at every possible opportunity being the only reliable safeguard.

In the n.n. hemisphere, in ships built with their heads from about S.E., through N., to S.W. (the usual effect of the permanent magnetism of the ship when conspiring with that of her vertical and transverse soft iron), the N. pt. of the compass-needle, assuming the compass to be on the upper deck and on the after portion of the ship as usual, will as a general rule be drawn to windward, or to the high side of the ship—the nearer the ship's head was to N. whilst building the greater the error that may be expected—the effect being to throw the ship to windward of her supposed position when steering on nly. courses, and to leeward on sly. courses, the error decreasing as the equator is approached, and small perhaps of a contrary name in the s.n. hemisphere.

In ships built with their heads from about S.E., through S., to S.W. (the usual effect of the permanent magnetism, and that of the transverse, &c., soft iron being then contrary to each other), the N. end of the compass-needle may be drawn to leeward, depending upon whether the vertical force of the permanent magnetism or that of the induced magnetism of transverse and vertical soft iron predominates, but the error would then as a general rule be small in these lats. and large in the s.n. hemisphere.

It has been est. as a rule, however, that in the n.n. hemisphere (in compasses above the upper deck) in the majority of iron ships the N. pt. of the compass-needle is drawn to windward, or to the high side of the ship, the consequence being that if this is not allowed for a ship will go to windward of her supposed position on nly. courses and to leeward on sly. courses.

The heeling error is always greatest with the ship's head at or near N. or S. by the disturbed compass, and least, or nil, with the ship's head E. or W. It is particularly important therefore, should the vessel heel over either from the effect of the wind or the cargo, when steering in a nly. or sly. direction, that the mariner should use every precaution, and

never lose an opportunity of ascertaining the errors of his compass.

The heeling error may be small or large, depending greatly upon the position of the compass—it has been known to exceed 2° for every degree of heel of the ship—and is directly proportional to the amount of heel; consequently, if the error at N. or S. for 1° of heel is known, the error for any other direction of the ship's head and amount of heel can be found by the usual methods.

Mariners are further warned that the adjustment of compasses by magnets, soft iron, &c., which is for bringing the error within manageable limits, and for equalising the directive force of the needle, must only be considered approx. for the lat. in which the adjustment was made, and that they should lose no opportunity of verifying the error both in port and at sea, as it is usually constantly changing from numerous causes, the chief amongst which are heeling, change of lat., change of cargo, collision, after repairs, and from the ship remaining with her head in one direction for a length of time, &c.

SPECIAL WARNING TO MARINERS.*Compasses.—Local Attraction.*

Mariners are warned that in some parts of the world there are depths of water sufficient for the largest ships to navigate in safety, where the bottom is sufficiently magnetic and close enough to affect their compasses, and increased vigilance should be used when approaching those countries at night or in thick weather. The following are places known to be so affected:—

Cape St. Francis, Labrador; Cossack, North Australia; New Ireland; Bougainville, Solomon Is.; Tumbora Volcano, Sumbawa Isl., near Java; coasts of Madagascar, especially near St. Mary's Isle; Iceland and its adjacent waters; Odessa Bay and the shoal south of it; Isle de Los, west coast of Africa. Other parts of the globe are suspected of similar disturbing effects, and all those experiencing it should, on the spot, determine its locality, and report about it, as they would any other hidden danger.

CONCISE RULES FOR REVOLVING STORMS.

1. Revolving storms are so named because the wind in these storms revolves round an area of low pressure situated in the centre. They have also local names, and are termed hurricanes in the West Indies and South Pacific Ocean; cyclones in the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, and Arabian Sea; and typhoons in the China Sea.

2. In these storms the wind always revolves the same way in the same part of the world—that is, against the movement of the hands of a watch in the northern hemisphere, and with the hands of a watch in the southern hemisphere. The wind does not revolve in circles, but has a spiral movement inwards towards the centre.

3. Revolving storms have also, as a general rule, a progressive movement. Within the tropics they usually move from east to west at first, and then curve towards the pole of the hemisphere in which the storm is generated, and afterwards move from west to east.

4. The track which the centre of the storm takes is called the path of the storm, and the portion of the storm-field on the right of the path is known as the right-hand semicircle, and that on the left as the left-hand semicircle of the storm.

5. In the right-hand semicircle, if the observer be stationary, the wind will always shift to the right, and in the left-hand semicircle to the left. This law holds good in both hemispheres.

6. If a vessel be so situated in a storm that by running before the wind the path of the advancing storm will be crossed, this is considered to be the dangerous semicircle. This will always be the right-hand semicircle in the northern hemisphere, and the left-hand in the southern.

7. These storms are most frequent in the northern hemisphere from July to November, and in the southern hemisphere from December to May. In the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea they, however, occur most frequently about the time of the change of the monsoon.

8. The area over which revolving storms have been known to extend varies in diameter from twenty miles to some hundreds of miles, and their rate of movement in the West Indies averages about 300 miles a day; in the China Sea, Bay of Bengal, and Arabian Sea, about 200 miles a day; and in the Indian Ocean from 0 to 200 miles a day, the more stationary storms occurring at the beginning and end of the hurricane season.

9. The indications of the approach of a revolving storm are (1) an unsteady barometer, or even a cessation in the diurnal range, which is constant in settled weather; (2) a heavy swell not caused by the wind then blowing; (3) an ugly, threatening appearance of the sky.

10. In order to judge what is the best way to act if there is reason to believe a storm is approaching, the seaman re-

quires to know (a) in which direction the centre of the storm is situated; (b) in which semicircle the ship is situated.

11. As these points cannot be determined if a vessel is moving with any speed through the water, the first proceeding should be to "stop" or "heave to," and, as it is always best to assume at first that the vessel may be in the dangerous semicircle, she should be hove to on the starboard tack in the northern hemisphere and on the port tack in the southern.

12. If an observer faces the wind the centre of the storm will be from twelve to eight points on his right hand in the northern hemisphere and on his left hand in the southern hemisphere—twelve points when the storm begins, about ten points when the barometer has fallen $\frac{1}{10}$ in., and about eight points when it has fallen $\frac{1}{20}$ in. or upwards.

13. If the wind shifts to the right the vessel is in the right-hand semicircle, if to the left in the left-hand semicircle, and if the wind is steady in direction but increasing in force she is in the direct path of the storm.

14. If the seaman has reason to think that his vessel is in the direct path of the storm he should run with the wind on the starboard quarter in the northern and on the port quarter in the southern hemisphere until the barometer has ceased falling. If she is in the right-hand semicircle in the northern hemisphere she should remain hove to on the starboard tack, but if in the southern hemisphere run with the wind on the port quarter; if she is in the left-hand semicircle in the northern hemisphere she should run with the wind on the starboard quarter, but if in the southern hemisphere remain hove to on the port tack.

15. Should a vessel not have sufficient room to run when in the least dangerous semicircle, she should heave to on the port tack in the northern and on the starboard tack in the southern hemisphere.

16. If in a harbour or at anchor the seaman should be just as careful in watching the shifting of the wind and ascertaining the direction of the centre, as by so doing he will be able to tell on which side of the path of the storm he is situated, and be able to act according to circumstances.

17. Should the centre of a storm pass over a vessel, the wind, after blowing furiously in one direction, ceases for a time, and then blows with equal fury from the opposite direction. This makes a confused pyramidal sea, which is especially dangerous.

Hydrographic Department, June, 1899.

AFRICA.

RIVER PUNGUE ENTR.—BEIRA.—On 1st June, 1900, the buoyage is to be changed to a uniform system as follows:—Buoys on the starb. side of the chan. in entering will be red, and numbered from seaward, Nos. 2, 6, 8; buoys on the port side of the chan. will be black, and numbered Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, and 9. The colour only, not the shape or topmark, is the distinctive char. showing on which side the buoy should be passed. In Feb., 1900, No. 5 buoy was found to be then in approx. 19° 55½' S., 34° 49' E., with the S. extr. of Massique Pt. N. 29° W., 2½ miles, and Pt. Jea tower N.E. Also, there were, after passing No. 6 buoy, two nav. chans. to the anchorage, the wrn. of the two, passing close to Massique Pt. and the coast to the nrd., being the deeper and more intricate. The ern. chan., which lies between Nos. 5 and 7 buoys, was, however, the one generally used. In it the depth is about 20 ft. at H.W. The note on the Admiralty chart has therefore been amended. *Caution.*—As the banks are liable to change, local knowledge is necessary before attempting to enter. *May.*

MOSAMBIQUE HARB.—All the lts. destroyed in the harb. (15° 1' S., 40° 45' E.) by the cyclone in Dec., 1899, are re-exh. as before; the note respecting them has been erased from the Admiralty charts. *May.**

Mauritius.

PORT LOUIS LT.-V.—From the 1st to the 30th June, 1900, this Lt.-V. (20° 8' S., 57° 29' E.) in Port Louis roadstead is to be replaced by a Lt.-V. exh. 3 white lts. in the form of a triangle at her masthead. *May.*

ARABIAN SEA.

West Coast of Hindustan.

MURMAGAO HARB.—Two F. white leading lts., R. 12 miles, are exh. from white cgl. columns in the harb.; the front lt. in 15° 24½' N., 73° 49½' E., on Chiquilim Pt., the rear lt. on Secretario Isl., about 14 cables S. 78° E. from the front lt. The above 2 lts. in line S. 78° E. lead into the harb. It is intended to exh. from the extr. of the pier a F. red lt. vis. through an arc. of 76° over the anchorage, R. 4 miles, in place of the lt. now shown on the pier. The black can buoy marking the Murmagao Rk., and the red conical buoy marking the submerged end of the pier, are to be withdrawn. *May.*

KANABA COAST.—The following rks. have recently been discovered off the coast: 1. A rk., carrying 15 ft., in approx. 13° 58½' N., 74° 28½' E., with the summit of Jali Kund or

Hog Isl. N. 10° W., 18 cables. 2. A rk., carrying 12 ft. in approx. 13° 57½' N., 74° 30½' E., with Bhatkal Lt.-H. N. 34° E., 11 cables, and Alvagudda Fort S. 62° E. A red can buoy marks its wrn. edge. 3. A rk., carrying 18 ft., in approx. 13° 52½' N., 74° 31' E., with the srn.-most of Two White Rks. N. 64° E., 9 cables. 4. A rk., carrying 30 ft., with the srn.-most of Two White Rks., N. 60° E., 16 cables, and Single White Rk. N. 16° E. 5. A rk., carrying 11 ft., with the srn.-most of the Two White Rks. N. 10° W., 5½ miles, and Yelgetty Guda N. 67° E. All depths at L.W. springs. *Caution.*—The above are the outer rks. discovered during the survey of this coast; there are others inshore of them not marked on the chart. Mariners are therefore cautioned not to approach this part of the coast, especially in the vicinity of Single White Rk. and Two White Rks. *March.*

MULPY (MALEE) LT.—On 15th Sept., 1900, the present F. white lt. (13° 21' N., 74° 42' E.) is to be replaced by a F. white lt., vis. from all directions seaward, elev. 64 ft. above H.W., R. 9 miles, exh. annually from 15th Sept. to 31st May, from a lantern on a white rk., in 13° 21' N., 74° 40' E. *May.*

MANGALORE.—On 1st May, 1900, a F. white lt., elev. 33 ft. above H.W., R. 11 miles, is to be exh. from a grey Lt.-H., in 12° 50½' N., 74° 49½' E., on the srn. part of the Marine Yard, Mangalore. The lt. (F. white) exh. on the hill above the town at Mangalore has been disc., and until the exh. of the new lt., a temp. F. white lt., vis. from N. through E. to S. 40° E., elev. 40 ft. above H.W., R. 8 miles, was to be exh. at the Port Office Flagstaff (12° 51½' N., 74° 49' E.). *May.**

INDIAN OCEAN.

Bay of Bengal.

MANAPAD PT.—A group-fl. white lt., showing 2 fls. every 10 secs., elev. 140 ft. above H.W., R. 18 miles, is to be exh. from a white Lt.-H. now in course of constr. on Manapad Pt. (8° 22½' N., 78° 3½' E.). On the exh. of the new lt., the present F. red lt. will be disc., and its Lt.-H. removed.

KISTNA LT.—A group-fl. white lt., showing 2 fls. every 10 secs., elev. 140 ft. above H.W., R. 18 miles, is to be exh. from a white Lt.-H. now in course of constr. in 15° 47' N., 80° 59' E., between False Pt. Divi and Pt. Divi. On the exh. of this lt., Divi Pt. lt. (F. white) will be disc., but the Lt.-H. will remain as a landmark.

MASULIPATAM RIVER ENTR.—An occ. white lt., elev. 33 ft. above H.W., R. 11 miles, is to be exh. from a white Lt.-H. to be constr. in 16° 9' N., 81° 10' E., on the coast just nrd. of the river-entr. On the exh. of this lt. the F. white lt. now exh. from a flagstaff at Masulipatam will be disc.

KUTABDIA LT.-H.—The burning of a blue lt. every 15 mins. near the Lt.-H. (21° 52½' N., 91° 50' E.) is disc. *Feb.*

ARAKAN RIVER.—ARKAB HARB.—An 11-ft. rk. lies in approx. 20° 5½' N., 92° 54½' E., in the harb., with Savage Island Lt.-H. S. 43° W., 5½ cables, and casuarina tree S. 66° E. *Feb.*

KRISHNA LT.-V.—This Lt.-V. is replaced on her station (15° 37' N., 95° 37' E.), and the temp. Lt.-V. has been withdrawn. *May.**

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.

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 Quicksilver.

Mines Office,
Wellington, 7th June, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of fourpence (4d.) per pound will be paid on the production of the first one hundred thousand pounds weight (100,000 lb.) of good marketable retorted quicksilver, free from all impurities, from any mine in New Zealand, on the following conditions, that is to say:—

1. That at least one-third of the quantity is produced on or before the 31st March, 1903, and the remaining two-thirds on or before the 31st March, 1904.

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

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

JAMES MCGOWAN,
Minister of Mines.

Appointment of Agent to the Public Trustee at Alexandra.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 20th June, 1900.

IT is hereby notified for general information that HENRY SYMES, Esq., has been appointed to be Agent to the Public Trustee at Alexandra South as from the 1st June, 1900.

J. W. POYNTON,
Public Trustee.

Appointment of Agent of the Public Trustee at Naseby.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

IT is hereby notified for general information that NIELS P. HJORRING has been appointed Agent of the Public Trustee at Naseby from the 1st proximo.

J. W. POYNTON,
Public Trustee.

Appointment of Agent of the Public Trustee at Balclutha.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

IT is hereby notified for general information that JAMES WILSON WILSON has been appointed Agent of the Public Trustee at Balclutha from the 1st proximo.

J. W. POYNTON,
Public Trustee.

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

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

Dated at Wellington, this 22nd day of June, 1900.

J. W. POYNTON,
Public Trustee.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 5 acres, more or less, being Allotment 55, Section 4, Parish of Waipipi, in the Provincial District of Auckland.

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

To the owner or owners of a parcel of land, containing 40 acres, more or less, being part of Allotment 6, Parish of Ruatangata, in the Provincial District of Auckland. The registered owner is Henry Cox Bury, of Ardrishaig, Loch Fyne, County of Argyle, Scotland, of whom nothing can be traced.

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1900.

J. W. POYNTON,
Public Trustee.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 26th June, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that, no person having taken out administration, the Public Trustee has filed in the office of the Supreme Court at Wellington an election to administer the several intestate estates of the persons deceased whose names, residences, and occupations, so far as known, are hereunder respectively set forth, their gross properties being estimated not to exceed £250 in each case. Frederick Clarke, late of Martinborough, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 15th day of June, 1900.

Douglas Hanning, late of the Bluff, in the Provincial District of Otago, fisherman. Filed on the 22nd day of June, 1900.

Mary Finlin, late of Darfield, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, a minor. Filed on the 23rd day of June, 1900.

J. W. POYNTON,
Public Trustee.

Officers appointed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 13th June, 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.
Combs, Harry Ernest	Cadet	Accountant's Branch, G.P.O.	27 Jan., 1900.
Flynn, James Hall Andrew Joseph	Despatch-clerk	Hawera	1 April, "
Payne, Alice Florence	Cadette, Telephone Exchange	"	8 Jan., "
Steele, Alexander McLean	Letter-carrier	Otahuhu	14 " "

NON-PERMANENT.

Name.	Office.	District.	Date.
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POSTMASTERS AND TELEGRAPHISTS.

Railway Officers.

Appleby, John Thomas	Little River	Christchurch	2 May, 1900.
Arnold, Harry	Hornby	"	7 " "
Johnson, Charles William	Mount Somers	"	6 " "
McKechnie, James	Abbotsford	Dunedin	23 April, "
Pemberton, David Wassell (P.M. and Telephonist)	East Oxford	Christchurch	23 " "
Unsworth, Frank (P.M. and Telephonist)	Ormondville	Napier	8 Mar., "

POSTMASTERS.

Andersen, Hannah Birgette Kirstine	Hastwell	Wellington	12 April, 1900.
Cameron, Sarah	Forsyth	Dunedin	1 " "
Carmody, Honora	Mitchelltown	Wellington	23 " "
Cherrie, Robert Cleland	Maryville	New Plymouth	1 Jan., "
Donnelly, Matilda	Slope Point	Invercargill	1 April, "
Duncan, Walter Henry	Glen Oroua	Wellington	1 Jan., "
Enwright, Edward	Piripiri	"	17 April, "
Follett, John	Wangaehu	Wanganui	1 " "
Geary, Thomas	Meremere	"	1 " "
Hamlin, Ada Maxwell	Island Bay	Wellington	1 " "
Hartley, Jane Pearson	Mount Cargill	Dunedin	1 " "
McColl, Cleland Craig	Glenomaru	"	1 " "
Middleton, William	Lauriston	Christchurch	1 May, "
Morris, Jean Lamb	Shag Valley	Dunedin	16 April, "
O'Rourke, Thomas Michael	Matakitaki	Westport	1 June, "
Paul, Eliza Ferguson Mary Hume	Manuka Creek	Dunedin	1 April, "
Peed, Edward Lightfoot	Wairepo	Wanganui	1 May, "
Purvis, John	Mangamingi	"	16 April, "
Riggall, Edward Sutton	Fitzroy	New Plymouth	1 " "
Roberts, Catherine	"	"	1 Feb., "
Spencer, Kate Alice Eunice	Bideford	Wellington	23 April, "
Taylor, William	Kokoamo	Oamaru	1 May, "
West, Mary	Purekireki	Dunedin	1 April, "

POSTMASTERS AND TELEPHONISTS.

Bendall, Christina	Opoitama	Napier	1 May, 1900.
Cook, Robert Percival	Johnsonville	Wellington	9 Dec., 1899.
Davies, Ada Clara	Rock and Pillar	Dunedin	6 April, 1900.
Glasson, Frederick	Lake Tekapo	Timaru	1 " "
Greensill, Walter James Howard	Cullensville	Blenheim	16 " "
Hunter, Joseph	Bald Hill Flat	Dunedin	1 May, "
Jackman, Marcus	Romahapa	"	1 April, "
James, William Duncan	Apiti	Wellington	1 " "
Kelly, Alexander Boyd	Tokatea	Auckland	9 " "
Millar, Thomas White	Eweburn	Dunedin	1 " "
Powell, John Hayes	Makuri	Wellington	1 May, "
Redpath, Francis	Prebbleton	Christchurch	1 April, "
Smith, Annie Jane	Beaumont	Dunedin	1 " "

TELEPHONISTS.

Delahunt, Francis	Papanui (Bureau)	Christchurch	10 April, 1900.
Faull, Henry	Tikorangi	New Plymouth	19 Mar., "
Kerr, Emily	Merrivale	Invercargill	7 April, "
Murray, Donald	Annat	Christchurch	9 " "
Steventon, George	Greenmeadows	Napier	2 " "

Offices opened and Designation changed.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Wellington, 13th June, 1900.

THE following particulars of offices opened and of a designation changed are published for general information.

J. G. WARD,

Postmaster-General and Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

OFFICES.

Name.	District.	Date.
POST-OFFICES OPENED.		
Mangamingi	Wanganui	16 April, 1900.
Matakitaki	Westport	1 June, "
Wairepo	Wanganui	1 May, "
MONEY-ORDER OFFICE AND POST-OFFICE SAVINGS-BANK OPENED.		
Clive	Napier	16 May, 1900.
POSTAL-NOTE OFFICE OPENED.		
Elaine Bay	Blenheim	24 May, 1900.
TELEPHONE-OFFICES OPENED.		
Cobden	Greymouth	11 May, 1900.
Peebles	Oamaru	8 " "
Tatapouri.. .. .	Gisborne	30 " "
TELEPHONE BUREAUX OPENED.		
Brunnerton	Greymouth	16 May, 1900.
Cobden	"	11 " "
Greymouth (C.P.O.)	"	18 " "
Peebles	Oamaru	8 " "
Tatapouri	Gisborne	30 " "

DESIGNATION CHANGED.

Description.	Office.		District.	Date.
	From	To		
Post-and-telephone office	Mahia	Opoutama	Napier	1 May, 1900.

SEED WHEATS.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, N.Z., 15th June, 1900.

THE following Seed Wheats from recently imported seed are available for sale to farmers at 4s. per bushel (bags extra 6d.), f.o.b. train, Waihao Downs, South Island, or Waverley, North Island.

Orders will be received by the Inspector of Stock, Auckland, Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, or the Department of Agriculture, Wellington.

The following classification is according to South Island results:—

AUTUMN WHEAT.

Allora Spring, Bearded Herrison, Fultz, Improved Fyfe, Sicilian Square Head, Blountz Lambrig, White Velvet, Pearl Velvet, Tardent's Blue, Darblay's Hungarian, Hedgerow, Rattling Jack, Australian Talavera.

WINTER OR EARLY SPRING.

Talavera de Bellevue, Medeah, Marshall's White Chaff, Anglo-Australian, Red Clawson, White Essex, Hudson's Early Purple Straw, Algerian, Red Straw, Marshall's No. 3.

SPRING WHEAT.

Zealand or Berthoud, Marshall's No. 8, White Tuscan, Beardless Quartzlee, Bearded Quartzlee, Early Baart, Early Para, Budd's Early, Golden Drop, Poland, Tall Neapolitan, Steer's Early Purple Straw, Steinwedel, White Lammas, White Naples, Farmer's Friend, King's Jubilee.

JOHN D. RITCHIE,

Secretary.

Crown Lands Notices.

Land in Makukupara Village, Akitio County, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 27th June, 1900.

THE under-mentioned section will be submitted to public auction for sale for cash, at the Road Inspector's offices, Makukupara (Waione), on Wednesday, the 1st August, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

SCHEDULE.

AKITIO COUNTY.—MAKUKUPARA VILLAGE.

First-class Land.

Section.	Area.	Upset Price.
3	A. R. P. 1 0 0	£ s. d. 5 10 0

This section is situated at the junction of the Akitio River and Makukupara Stream, the access to Makukupara being from Pongaroa or Weber, which are distant about nine and seven miles respectively. The lot comprises mostly flat land, all felled and grassed, the soil being of good quality, resting on papa formation; watered by Makukupara Stream.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown-grant fee, within thirty days thereafter, otherwise the part of the purchase-money paid by way of deposit will be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void.

There are no restrictions or limitations imposed on the purchaser of this section.

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

J. W. A. MARCHANT,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserves in Scarborough Township, Pahiatua County, for Lease by Public Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 5th June, 1900.

IT is hereby notified, in terms of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that written tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, up to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th July, 1900, for the lease of the under-mentioned sections. If any sections are unapplied-for on the above date, they will remain open for selection at the upset rentals and for the terms stated below.

SCHEDULE.
SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP.

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

Term, fourteen years.

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

CONDITIONS.

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

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

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, 29th May, 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 5th September, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—PALMERSTON NORTH KNIGHTS OF LABOUR BLOCK.

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.
Rangitikei	Tiriraukawa	17A	VII.	A. R. P. 97 0 0	£ s. d. 1 2 6	£ s. d. 109 2 6	s. d. 1 1.5	£ s. d. 2 14 7	s. d. 0 10.8	£ s. d. 2 3 8

Section 17A, Block VII., Tiriraukawa, is situated in the Palmerston North Knights of Labour Block. The access is from Hunterville, which is about twenty-four miles distant, *via* the Poukiore and Watershed Roads and Murray's Track, which are formed for dray traffic for about nineteen miles; the rest is formed bridle-track only, bad in winter. The section comprises hilly broken land, with an indifferent frontage to Murray's Track, and practically no flat land. The soil is of fairly good quality, resting on papa formation. The forest is mixed, comprising chiefly maire, miro, rata, tawa, rewarewa, &c., with a thick undergrowth of horopito, karamu, konini, &c. The section is well watered by small streams.

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

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 25th May, 1900.

THE under-mentioned Crown lands will be open for sale or selection, in terms of section 136 of "The Land Act, 1892," either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, at the option of the selector, on and after Thursday, the 19th day of July, 1900.

If more than one application be received for the same section on the same day, then the order of selection shall be decided by ballot on the following day, at 4 p.m., at the Courthouse, Te Awamutu.

An officer of the Lands and Survey Department will attend at the Courthouse, Te Awamutu, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 16th, 17th, and 18th days of July, to receive applications.

SCHEDULE.
AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.
Second-class Surveyed Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Fer Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Kawhia ..	Pirongia ..	1	XIV.	888 0 0	15 0	666 0 0	0 9	16 13 0	0 7-2	13 6 5
Broken forest country; about 800 ft. above sea-level; pastoral land of sandstone formation; soil good; fronting formed road. Distant nine miles from Te Rau-a-Moa.										
Kawhia ..	Kawhia S.	1	IV.	1,785 0 0	10 6	937 2 6	0 6-3	23 8 7	0 5-04	18 14 11
Altitude 1,200 ft.; heavy forest; broken pastoral land; well watered; rich soil. Situated about six miles from tidal creek—viz., Awaroa River.										
Kawhia ..	Kawhia S.	2	VII.	890 0 0	8 0	356 0 0	0 4-8	8 18 0	0 3-84	7 2 5
" ..	" ..	3	"	390 0 0	10 6	204 15 0	0 6-3	5 2 5	0 5-04	4 1 11
" ..	" ..	4	"	709 0 0	10 6	372 4 6	0 6-3	9 6 1	0 5-04	7 8 11
" ..	" ..	4	VIII.	1,495 0 0	8 0	598 0 0	0 4-8	14 19 0	0 3-84	11 19 3
" ..	" ..	5	"	1,498 0 0	8 0	597 4 0	0 4-8	14 18 8	0 3-84	11 18 11
Well-watered pastoral lands, covered with mixed bush. Situated about twenty-two miles by road from Kawhia. Sections 2, 3, and 4, Block VII., are broken and undulating; soil good. Sections 4 and 5, Block VIII., are very broken and undulating; soil fair.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1	I.	799 0 0	10 6	419 9 6	0 6-3	10 9 9	0 5-04	8 7 10
" ..	" ..	2	"	910 0 0	10 6	477 15 0	0 6-3	11 18 11	0 5-04	9 11 2
" ..	" ..	3	"	743 0 0	8 0	297 4 0	0 4-8	7 8 8	0 3-84	5 18 11
" ..	" ..	4	"	975 0 0	10 6	511 17 6	0 6-3	12 16 0	0 5-04	10 4 9
" ..	" ..	5	"	1,640 0 0	12 6	1,025 0 0	0 7-5	25 12 6	0 6	20 10 0
" ..	" ..	7	"	1,145 0 0	8 6	486 12 6	0 5-1	12 3 4	0 4-08	9 14 8
" ..	" ..	8	"	1,585 0 0	8 6	673 12 6	0 5-1	16 16 10	0 4-08	13 9 6
The altitude of these lands ranges from 900 ft. to 1,800 ft.; they are situated fourteen to eighteen miles from Otorohanga. Sections 1 and 2 consist of broken forest country of sandstone formation, with soil fair to good; well watered. Section No. 3 is very broken forest land, with fair soil; well watered. Six hundred acres of Section No. 4 is very broken, balance fairly good; the soil is fair to good, with sandstone formation. Sections Nos. 5, 7, and 8 comprise broken pastoral lands covered with mixed forest; rich soil; well watered.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1	II.	643 0 0	15 0	482 5 0	0 9	12 1 2	0 7-2	9 12 11
" ..	" ..	2	"	807 0 0	15 0	605 5 0	0 9	15 2 8	0 7-2	12 2 2
" ..	" ..	3	"	1,122 0 0	12 0	673 4 0	0 7-2	16 16 8	0 5-76	13 9 4
" ..	" ..	4	"	679 0 0	15 0	509 5 0	0 9	12 14 8	0 7-2	10 3 9
" ..	" ..	5	"	676 0 0	15 0	507 0 0	0 9	12 13 6	0 7-2	10 2 10
" ..	" ..	6	"	1,308 0 0	15 0	981 0 0	0 9	24 10 6	0 7-2	19 12 5
" ..	" ..	7	"	626 0 0	15 0	469 10 0	0 9	11 14 9	0 7-2	9 7 10
These sections are situated eleven to thirteen miles from Otorohanga; the altitude ranges from 500 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level. Section No. 1 is all heavy forest, with broken pastoral land, except a small portion along Oamaru Stream; the formation is sandstone, and the soil is of fair quality; the section is well watered. Section No. 2 is mostly heavy forest; about 40 acres on Moakurua River is flat in fair grass, about 100 acres is covered with fern and manuka scrub; the section is well watered and the soil is good, with sandstone formation. Sections Nos. 3 and 4 are broken forest lands; well watered; the formation is sandstone, and the soil fair to good. Section No. 5 is mostly covered with forest, the balance is fern and manuka scrub; the soil is fair to good, resting on a papa-and-sandstone formation; the land is well watered. Section No. 6 is all forest, except about 20 acres of fern; the section is well watered, with good soil on sandstone formation. Section No. 7 has about 30 acres of fern and manuka, balance forest; the soil is fairly good, resting on limestone formation.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1a	III.	635 0 0	15 0	476 5 0	0 9	11 18 2	0 7-2	9 10 6
About half of the section is covered with heavy forest, balance fern and manuka scrub; sandstone formation; fairly good soil; well watered; altitude about 700 ft. Situated twelve miles from Otorohanga.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1	V.	1,205 0 0	10 6	632 12 6	0 6-3	15 16 4	0 5-04	12 13 1
" ..	" ..	2	"	1,188 0 0	13 0	772 4 0	0 7-8	19 6 2	0 6-24	15 8 11
" ..	" ..	3	"	1,293 0 0	13 0	840 9 0	0 7-8	21 0 3	0 6-24	16 16 3
" ..	" ..	4	"	1,071 0 0	12 0	642 12 0	0 7-2	16 1 4	0 5-76	12 17 1
" ..	" ..	5	"	1,210 0 0	12 6	756 5 0	0 7-5	18 18 2	0 6	15 2 6
All broken country, covered with heavy forest, consisting principally of tawa, rata, and rimu; well watered. Sections Nos. 1 and 5, about 1,500 ft. above sea-level; rich soil; situated thirteen miles from Otorohanga. Section No. 2 contains a small patch of about 3 acres of grass; soil very good; distant nine miles from Hangitiki Railway-station. Section No. 3 consists of good pastoral land; distant fifteen miles from Hangitiki Railway-station. Section No. 4 is pastoral land, very broken in parts; situated seventeen miles from Hangitiki Railway-station.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1	VI.	1,015 0 0	12 6	634 7 6	0 7-5	15 17 3	0 6	12 13 9
" ..	" ..	2	"	553 0 0	15 0	414 15 0	0 9	10 7 5	0 7-2	8 5 11
" ..	" ..	3	"	598 0 0	15 0	448 10 0	0 9	11 4 3	0 7-2	8 19 5
Altitude about 800 ft. above sea-level; mostly heavy forest, balance fern and tea-tree scrub; limestone formation; soil fairly good; well watered. Distant fourteen miles from Otorohanga.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	4	IX.	710 0 0	13 0	461 10 0	0 7-8	11 10 9	0 6-24	9 4 8
" ..	" ..	5	"	457 0 0	13 0	297 1 0	0 7-8	7 8 7	0 6-24	5 18 10
" ..	" ..	6	"	987 0 0	13 0	641 11 0	0 7-8	16 0 10	0 6-24	12 16 8
Broken country, covered with heavy forest, consisting of tawa, rata, and rimu; limestone formation; good pastoral soil; well watered. Situated eleven to thirteen miles from Hangitiki Railway-station.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1	X.	374 0 0	12 0	224 8 0	0 7-2	5 12 3	0 5-76	4 9 10
" ..	" ..	2	"	278 0 0	12 0	166 16 0	0 7-2	4 3 5	0 5-76	3 6 9
" ..	" ..	3	"	558 0 0	12 0	334 16 0	0 7-2	8 7 5	0 5-76	6 13 11
" ..	" ..	4	"	353 0 0	13 0	554 9 0	0 7-8	13 17 3	0 6-24	11 1 10
Broken and undulating country; mostly covered with heavy forest; some manuka round river-banks; distant nine miles from Hangitiki Railway-station; limestone formation; well watered. Section No. 1, good soil in valley, inferior towards top of range. Section No. 3, good light soil; small grass flats on river-bank. Section No. 4, good pastoral land.										
Kawhia ..	Orahiri ..	1	XIII.	908 0 0	12 0	544 16 0	0 7-2	13 12 5	0 5-76	10 17 11
" ..	" ..	2	"	1,028 0 0	13 0	688 4 0	0 7-8	16 14 2	0 6-24	13 7 4
" ..	" ..	3	"	645 0 0	12 0	387 0 0	0 7-2	9 13 6	0 5-76	7 14 10
" ..	" ..	1	XIV.	365 0 0	15 0	273 15 0	0 9	6 16 11	0 7-2	5 9 6
Sections Nos. 1 and 3, Block XIII., broken country, covered with heavy forest; limestone formation; pastoral land; good soil; well watered; distant fifteen miles from Hangitiki Railway-station. Section No. 2, 50 acres fern and grass; situated nine miles and a half from Hangitiki Railway-station. Section No. 1, Block XIV., undulating land, containing a patch of fern; limestone formation; good soil; well watered.										

Land in Wellington open for Selection on Perpetual Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1900.

THE under-mentioned section will be open for selection on perpetual lease, in terms of section 159 of "The Land Act, 1892," on and after Thursday, 19th July, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

PAHIATUA COUNTY.—MAKURI SURVEY DISTRICT.
Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
8 11	VII.	A. R. P. 701 0 0	s. d. 0 9	£ s. d. 13 2 11

Weighted with £147 10s. for improvements and £54 7s. 4d. for survey-fees.

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

Crown Land in Wellington open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned Crown land will be open for application upon lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Thursday, 19th July, 1900.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—PAHIATUA COUNTY.—MAKURI SURVEY DISTRICT.—NORTH-EAST PUKETOI BLOCK.
Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity : Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
52	XVI.	A. R. P. 380 0 0	s. d. 0 4·8	£ s. d. 3 16 0

Weighted with £75 for improvements.

Section 52, Block XVI., Makuri, is situated on the Makairo Road, and is distant about six miles from Makairo Post-office and School. The access is from Pahiatua or Woodville, *via* Makairo, which are about twenty miles distant, sixteen miles being dray-road, and the remainder formed bridle-track. The approach is somewhat difficult, owing to the land rising steeply from the road. The section comprises hilly and undulating land with easy ridges and spurs. The soil is of fair quality, resting on shale or rotten-rock formation. The forest is medium in density and size, and comprises rata, rimu, birch, konini, jack, &c. The section is at present watered by small creeks in gullies. The elevation ranges from 2,000 ft. to 2,500 ft. above sea-level.

The improvements comprise 30 acres grassed, 8 acres felled only, sheep-yards; whare, 14 ft. by 10 ft. by 6 ft., split, iron roof, &c.; and cultivations.

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

Village-homestead Allotment, Wellington, open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1900.

THE under-mentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity at this office on Thursday, the 19th July, 1900.

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

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—KIWITEA COUNTY.
Village-homestead Allotment.—First-class Land.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity.	
				Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Apiti	92A	XIII.	A. R. P. 26 2 8	s. d. 1 4·8	£ s. d. 0 18 7

The access to this section, which is situated in the Birmingham Special Settlement, is from Birmingham, which is about two miles distant by a road fit for dray traffic for one mile and three quarters. The section comprises mostly flat land; the rest is easy-sloping ground. The soil is of good quality, resting on papa formation. The forest, comprising rimu, matai, tawa, rata, &c., is heavy on the flats, but light on the slopes, with a thick undergrowth of supple-jacks, mokomoko, pukapuka, rangiora, &c. A fire has been through most of the bush. The section is well watered by a constant-running stream. The elevation ranges from 1,200 ft. to 1,300 ft. above sea-level.

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

Reserves in Wellington Land District for Lease by Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 23rd May, 1900.

WRITTEN tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, up to 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 19th July, 1900, for the leases of the under-mentioned sections. If the sections are unapplied-for on the 19th July, 1900, they will remain open for selection at the upset rentals and for the terms stated below.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Annual Rental.
TAIHAPE TOWNSHIP.			
3	III.	A. R. P. 0 1 0	£ s. d. 3 0 0

This section, situated on the main street in the Township of Taihape, comprises all flat land, felled and in grass. The soil is of good quality, resting on gravel formation. There is no water on the section. This reserve is offered subject to the right of owner of improvements to remove same. Term, seven years.

HASTWELL VILLAGE.

7 XIV. 1 0 0 0 10 0
This section is situated on the main road from Masterton to Eketahuna, in the Hastwell Village Settlement. The access is from Mangamahoe Railway-station, which is about two miles distant, and fronts the main coach-road about twenty-two miles north of Masterton. The soil is of fair quality, resting on papa formation. The section is not watered. The elevation ranges from 700 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level. Term, seven years.

CONDITIONS.

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

Full particulars may be ascertained and plans obtained at this office.
J. W. A. MARCHANT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sections in Palmerston North for Sale by Public Auction for Cash.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 6th June, 1900.

THE under-mentioned sections will be submitted to public auction for sale for cash, in terms of section 11, subsection (1), of "The Reserves Disposal and Enabling Act, 1895," at this office, on Wednesday, the 25th July, 1900, at 2 o'clock p.m.:

1. Section 822, Palmerston North: Area, 1 acre 1 rood; upset price, £132.
2. Section 1086, Palmerston North: Area, 1 acre 2 roods 6 perches; upset price, £60.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown-grant fee, within thirty days thereafter; otherwise the part of the purchase-money paid by way of deposit shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void.

Mr. H. Martin, of Palmerston North, holds a lease from the Palmerston North Domain Board of Section 1086, Palmerston North, for twenty-one years from the 18th August, 1890, the annual rent being £4 4s. for the first seven years of the said term, £5 5s. for the next seven years, and £6 6s. for the remaining seven years, subject to the provision that all the buildings, fencing, and other erections made, placed, or erected upon it by the lessee during said term shall remain his property, and may be removed by him upon giving the lessor one previous calendar month's notice in writing of his intention to do so. This section is therefore offered subject to his lease, a copy of which is open for inspection by intending purchasers.

There are no restrictions or limitations imposed on purchasers of these sections, other than those above mentioned.

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

Lease of Reserve and Landing-shed at Castlepoint; Wellington Land District.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 6th June, 1900.

IT is hereby notified, in terms of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," that tenders for the lease of the under-mentioned section, with the buildings thereon, will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1900.

The term of the lease will be seven years. No allowance whatsoever will be payable on account of improvements effected by the lessee. A deposit of a half-year's rent, at the rate tendered, and £1 ls. lease-fee, must be enclosed with each tender.

Section 852, Block X., Castlepoint Survey District: Area, 68 acres; minimum rental, £17 4s. per annum.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. The lease will include reserve at Castlepoint, containing 68 acres, more or less, being bounded towards the west by Sections Nos. 362 and 363 in the Whareama Block, East Coast, and on all other sides by the sea.

2. The period for which the land and buildings will be leased will be seven years.

3. The lessee shall keep the land and premises leased, and the buildings thereon, in good order, repair, and condition, and at the expiration or sooner determination of the lease shall deliver up the same in the like good order and condition, fair wear-and-tear of the buildings only excepted.

4. The lessee will paint the buildings twice during the currency of the lease with two coats of proper oil-colours, and in a workmanlike manner; the first of such paintings to be completed within three years from the commencement of the lease, and the second in the year prior to the expiration of the lease.

5. Should the land, premises, and buildings be required by the lessor, her successors or assigns, before the expiration of the lease, the Governor may determine the lease on the giving the lessee six calendar months' notice in writing of his intention to do so; and, in the event of the lease being so determined, the lessee shall not be entitled to any compensation on account of its being so determined.

6. Should any part of the land be required at any time during the currency of the lease for a site for a lighthouse and other buildings in connection therewith, and for a road thereto, the Governor may give notice to the lessee of the area and portion of the land required for such purpose; and, on such notice being given, the lessor, her successors or assigns, may enter upon and resume possession of the land, and the lessee shall not be entitled to any compensation on account of such entry and resumption.

7. The lessee shall during the currency of the lease insure and keep insured the buildings erected on the said land, at their full insurable value, in the name of the lessor, her successors or assigns, in an insurance company approved of by the Commissioner of Crown Lands; and the insurance policy, and all receipts for premiums paid in respect thereof, shall be forwarded by the lessee to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

8. No improvements or repairs to the land or buildings will be made by the lessor, her successors or assigns, during the currency of the lease.

9. The lessee will have the right to charge storage for goods placed in the shed, provided that such charges do not exceed the sum of 1s. per bale of wool, and 5s. per ton of general merchandise.

10. A deposit equal to six months' rent and £1 ls. lease-fee, in cash, or cheque marked by a bank as being good for twenty-one days, must be made with the tender, which in the case of the accepted tender will be retained as the first six months' rent, and will be forfeited to Her Majesty if the person whose tender is accepted does not take up the lease.

11. Should the lessee commit a breach of any of the conditions of the lease, it may be determined at any time without notice, in which case the lessee will not have any claim for compensation.

12. The rent shall be payable to the Receiver of Land Revenue, at Wellington, half-yearly in advance, and shall date from the day of the acceptance of the tender.

A plan can be seen at the Post-office, Castlepoint, and also at this office, where full particulars can be obtained.

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

Suburban Land in East Winton Township, Southland Land District, for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 12th June, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned suburban land will be offered for sale by public auction at this office, on Wednesday, the 19th day of September, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SCHEDULE.

EAST WINTON TOWNSHIP.
Suburban Land.

SECTION 22, Block VIII., 1 acre 3 roods 23 perches. Upset price, £3 15s. 9d.

One-fifth of the purchase-money must be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, together with £1, Crown-grant fee, within thirty days thereafter, or the deposit will be forfeited.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run in Taranaki Land District open for Selection on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 12th June, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application at this office, on Wednesday, 8th August, 1900, at the upset half-yearly rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—PATEA COUNTY.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
Taurakawa ..	1	XIII.	Acres. 3,600	s. d. 0 3·7	£ s. d. 28 2 6

Rough pastoral land wholly covered with bush, and being from 300 ft. to 1,580 ft. above sea-level; formation, papa with sandstone and shell-rock; well watered; the timber is chiefly tawa, rimu, rata, and black-birch; a small area of fairly level land north-east of Trig. Station K. Access by Waitotara Valley and Rawhitiroa Roads—the former being a dray-road to within two miles of section; thence by a bridle-road which continues via Rawhitiroa Road out to Eltham Railway-station. Distance from Waitotara Railway-station about thirty-seven miles.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Traffic Returns.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.—Traffic Returns for the four weeks ending 26th May, 1900, and for the corresponding four weeks, 1899.

KAWAKAWA SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	32	8	40	30	6	36
2nd Class	146	118	264	105	148	253
Total	178	126	304	135	154	289
Season Tickets	..	..	2	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	13	..	..	58
Horses	..	..	5	..	..	3
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dogs	..	..	7	..	..	8
Total	..	..	25	..	..	70
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	121	..	..	300
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	121	..	..	300
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	..	..	..	..
Timber	..	..	2	..	..	22
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	120	..	..	132
Minerals	..	..	241	..	..	187
Total	..	..	363	..	..	341
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	25 4 10	..	..	15 9 11
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	4 10 3	..	..	6 9 8
Goods	..	..	100 7 11	..	..	81 6 3
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rents and Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	£130 3 0	..	..	£103 5 10

WHANGAREI SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	148	184	332	156	154	310
2nd Class	736	1,210	1,946	615	1,028	1,643
Total	884	1,394	2,278	771	1,182	1,953
Season Tickets	..	..	3	..	..	2
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	98	..	..	156
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	9	..	..	7
Total	..	..	107	..	..	163
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cattle	..	..	20	..	..	14
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	114	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	17
Total	..	..	134	..	..	35
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	18	..	..	66
Timber	..	..	977	..	..	899
Grain	..	..	136	..	..	113
Merchandise	..	..	217	..	..	214
Minerals	..	..	3,924	..	..	3,753
Total	..	..	5,272	..	..	5,045
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	120 7 7	..	..	99 11 0
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	8 6 11	..	..	12 9 2
Goods	..	..	882 4 11	..	..	825 14 5
Miscellaneous	..	..	4 0 0	..	..	3 6 1
Rents and Commission	..	..	5 18 3	..	..	4 9 0
Total	..	..	£1,020 17 8	..	..	£945 9 8

KAIHU SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	10	124	134	11	144	155
2nd Class	205	1,256	1,461	223	1,324	1,547
Total	215	1,380	1,595	234	1,468	1,702
Season Tickets	..	..	1	..	..	1
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	126	..	..	134
Horses	..	..	1	..	..	2
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	26	..	..	10
Total	..	..	153	..	..	146
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	4
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	4
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	6	..	..	..
Timber	..	..	1,831	..	..	1,465
Grain	..	..	8	..	..	11
Merchandise	..	..	140	..	..	134
Minerals	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	1,985	..	..	1,610
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	89 16 4	..	..	98 10 2
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	8 15 7	..	..	12 17 6
Goods	..	..	411 8 9	..	..	340 3 8
Miscellaneous	..	..	19 2 11	..	..	15 12 11
Rents and Commission	..	..	1 14 0	..	..	1 8 0
Total	..	..	£530 17 7	..	..	£468 12 3

AUCKLAND SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	1,773	4,886	6,659	1,586	4,428	6,014
2nd Class	9,672	36,358	46,030	8,397	31,400	39,797
Total	11,445	41,244	52,689	9,983	35,828	45,811
Season Tickets	..	..	795	..	..	722
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	5,680	..	..	5,946
Horses	..	..	64	..	..	67
Carriages	..	..	7	..	..	8
Dogs	..	..	403	..	..	361
Total	..	..	6,154	..	..	6,382
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	9	..	..	10
Cattle	..	..	1,038	..	..	857
Calves	..	..	641	..	..	103
Sheep	..	..	11,962	..	..	8,250
Pigs	..	..	179	..	..	382
Total	..	..	13,829	..	..	9,602
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	Tons.	..	..	Tons.
Wool	..	..	1,210	..	..	1,692
Firewood	..	..	12	..	..	12
Timber	..	..	404	..	..	414
Grain	..	..	1,204	..	..	1,694
Merchandise	..	..	1,967	..	..	1,591
Minerals	..	..	3,223	..	..	2,633
Total	..	..	11,799	..	..	9,975
Total	..	..	19,819	..	..	18,011
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	4,732 1 9	..	..	4,347 3 11
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	611 2 11	..	..	590 2 9
Goods	..	..	7,684 13 4	..	..	6,680 8 7
Miscellaneous	..	..	85 9 0	..	..	15 10 9
Rents and Commission	..	..	204 16 11	..	..	224 5 7
Total	..	..	£13,268 3 11	..	..	£11,857 11 7

WELLINGTON-NAPIER-NEW PLYMOUTH SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	2,697	18,732	21,429	2,678	15,692	18,370
2nd Class	15,662	80,396	96,058	13,324	67,742	81,066
Total	18,359	99,128	117,487	16,002	83,434	99,436
Season Tickets	..	..	1,486	..	..	1,242
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	14,804	..	..	14,373
Horses	..	..	519	..	..	468
Carriages	..	..	23	..	..	17
Dogs	..	..	1,017	..	..	957
Total	..	..	16,363	..	..	15,815
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	14	..	..	15
Cattle	..	..	1,853	..	..	2,564
Calves	..	..	590	..	..	116
Sheep	..	..	71,490	..	..	60,933
Pigs	..	..	1,061	..	..	395
Total	..	..	75,008	..	..	64,023
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	1,164	..	..	738
Wool	..	..	180	..	..	200
Firewood	..	..	3,248	..	..	3,648
Timber	..	..	9,524	..	..	7,668
Grain	..	..	5,732	..	..	4,090
Merchandise	..	..	6,861	..	..	8,937
Minerals	..	..	6,563	..	..	5,393
Total	..	..	33,272	..	..	30,614
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	11,827 2 2	..	..	10,803 2 3
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	1,947 19 4	..	..	1,797 18 1
Goods	..	..	15,655 2 0	..	..	14,617 8 6
Miscellaneous	..	..	421 2 10	..	..	324 1 8
Rents and Commission	..	..	320 15 9	..	..	290 9 8
Total	..	..	£30,172 2 1	..	..	£27,833 0 2

HURUNUI-BLUFF SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	4,842	33,564	38,406	4,047	29,886	33,933
2nd Class	25,486	149,214	174,700	21,502	126,412	147,914
Total	30,328	182,778	213,106	25,549	156,298	181,847
Season Tickets	..	..	2,848	..	..	2,266
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	26,702	..	..	26,376
Horses	..	..	453	..	..	366
Carriages	..	..	51	..	..	55
Dogs	..	..	1,132	..	..	1,193
Total	..	..	28,343	..	..	27,990
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	71	..	..	68
Cattle	..	..	1,776	..	..	1,462
Calves	..	..	48	..	..	47
Sheep	..	..	101,948	..	..	130,974
Pigs	..	..	3,555	..	..	2,417
Total	..	..	107,398	..	..	134,968
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	4,232	..	..	3,366
Wool	..	..	3,300	..	..	2,566
Firewood	..	..	2,542	..	..	2,508
Timber	..	..	9,094	..	..	9,811
Grain	..	..	69,190	..	..	79,253
Merchandise	..	..	34,964	..	..	29,731
Minerals	..	..	37,138	..	..	33,165
Total	..	..	160,460	..	..	160,400
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	21,092 14 10	..	..	18,443 6 10
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	2,867 9 6	..	..	2,892 3 9
Goods	..	..	52,145 17 8	..	..	50,829 16 9
Miscellaneous	..	..	1,416 12 10	..	..	1,106 16 1
Rents and Commission	..	..	855 5 0	..	..	805 14 10
Total	..	..	£78,377 19 10	..	..	£74,077 18 3

GREYMOOUTH-BRUNNER SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	93	528	621	83	406	489
2nd Class	890	5,802	6,692	749	4,372	5,121
Total	983	6,330	7,313	832	4,778	5,610
Season Tickets	..	..	13	..	..	13
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	741	..	..	713
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carriages	..	..	1	..	..	2
Dogs	..	..	32	..	..	41
Total	..	..	774	..	..	757
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	3	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	23	..	..	7
Calves	..	..	1	..	..	1
Sheep	..	..	208	..	..	153
Pigs	..	..	23	..	..	67
Total	..	..	258	..	..	228
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	84	..	..	42
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	72	..	..	54
Timber	..	..	1,926	..	..	2,252
Grain	..	..	195	..	..	212
Merchandise	..	..	401	..	..	416
Minerals	..	..	15,622	..	..	12,556
Total	..	..	18,300	..	..	15,532
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	214 11 3	..	..	166 11 6
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	18 9 3	..	..	18 19 8
Goods	..	..	2,108 7 4	..	..	1,873 10 2
Miscellaneous	..	..	138 15 8	..	..	123 10 5
Rents and Commission	..	..	2 14 0	..	..	1 19 9
Total	..	..	£2,482 17 6	..	..	£2,189 2 6

GREYMOOUTH-HOKITIKA SECTION.

	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
PASSENGERS,—						
1st Class	68	506	574	40	476	516
2nd Class	701	3,244	3,945	624	3,074	3,698
Total	769	3,750	4,519	664	3,550	4,214
Season Tickets	..	..	3	..	..	13
PARCELS, ETC.,—			No.			No.
Parcels	..	..	261	..	..	262
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	15	..	..	23
Total	..	..	276	..	..	235
GOODS,—			No.			No.
Drays	..	..	2	..	..	2
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	199	..	..	115
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	201	..	..	118
			Tons.			Tons.
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	6	..	..	..
Wool	..	..	1	..	..	4
Firewood	..	..	36	..	..	36
Timber	..	..	683	..	..	354
Grain	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merchandise	..	..	737	..	..	928
Minerals	..	..	148	..	..	144
Total	..	..	1,611	..	..	1,466
REVENUE,—			£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Passengers	..	..	308 8 4	..	..	292 13 5
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	..	..	23 6 3	..	..	25 8 8
Goods	..	..	439 13 10	..	..	453 10 2
Miscellaneous	..	..	0 8 7	..	..	Dr. 2 16 2
Rents and Commission	..	..	4 8 0	..	..	5 4 3
Total	..	..	£776 5 0	..	..	£774 0 4

WESTPORT SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	1	114	115	5	64	69
2nd Class	544	4,160	4,704	482	3,616	4,098
Total	545	4,274	4,819	487	3,680	4,167
Season Tickets	..	..	15	..	..	6
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	304	..	..	280
Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	10	..	..	11
Total	..	..	314	..	..	291
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	91
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	92
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	114	..	..	12
Wool	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firewood	..	..	324	..	..	246
Timber	..	..	182	..	..	136
Grain	..	..	114	..	..	10
Merchandise	..	..	181	..	..	302
Minerals	..	..	27,224	..	..	29,040
Total	..	..	28,139	..	..	29,746
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	266	3	2	231	2	1
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	22	1	7	28	3	2
Goods	3,435	6	3	3,815	5	4
Miscellaneous	144	2	10	148	10	4
Rents and Commission	5	8	4	5	4	0
Total	£3,873	2	2	£4,228	4	11

NELSON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	33	210	243	47	246	293
2nd Class	888	4,176	5,059	816	3,528	4,344
Total	916	4,386	5,302	863	3,774	4,637
Season Tickets	27	..	..	25
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	282	..	..	324
Horses
Carriages	1	..	..	..
Dogs	18	..	..	30
Total	301	..	..	354
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	4
Cattle
Calves
Sheep
Pigs	18	..	..	57
Total	18	..	..	61

NELSON SECTION—continued.

	1900.			1899.		
	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	54	..	..	66
Wool	..	..	3	..	..	10
Firewood	..	..	174	..	..	216
Timber	..	..	170	..	..	241
Grain	..	..	754	..	..	560
Merchandise	..	..	189	..	..	158
Minerals	..	..	569	..	..	377
Total	..	..	1,913	..	..	1,628
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	307	0	7	273	0	9
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	19	5	6	22	10	1
Goods	545	4	6	462	13	9
Miscellaneous	32	16	0	28	16	11
Rents and Commission	4	6	0	5	4	0
Total	£908	12	7	£792	5	6

PICTON SECTION.

PASSENGERS,—	1900.			1899.		
	S.	R.	Total.	S.	R.	Total.
1st Class	116	654	770	96	376	472
2nd Class	613	2,542	3,155	650	1,876	2,526
Total	729	3,196	3,925	746	2,252	2,998
Season Tickets	..	..	0	..	..	0
PARCELS, ETC.,—	No.			No.		
Parcels	..	..	162	..	..	14
Horses	..	..	5	..	..	1
Carriages	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dogs	..	..	25	..	..	26
Total	..	..	192	..	..	41
GOODS,—	No.			No.		
Drays	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle	..	..	2	..	..	..
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep	..	..	4	..	..	..
Pigs	..	..	19	..	..	..
Total	..	..	25	..	..	..
Chaff, Lime, &c.	Tons.			Tons.		
Chaff, Lime, &c.	..	..	324	..	..	192
Wool	..	..	25	..	..	64
Firewood	..	..	180	..	..	366
Timber	..	..	2	..	..	8
Grain	..	..	1,120	..	..	759
Merchandise	..	..	227	..	..	179
Minerals	..	..	220	..	..	159
Total	..	..	2,098	..	..	1,727
REVENUE,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passengers	223	17	8	185	3	8
Parcels, Luggage, & Mails	16	12	8	10	19	1
Goods	499	0	2	386	7	5
Miscellaneous	67	11	11	25	11	10
Rents and Commission	18	15	0	18	17	0
Total	£825	17	5	£626	19	0

A. C. FIFE,
Accountant, New Zealand Railways.
Railway Department, 26th June, 1900.

N.Z.R.—FINANCIAL YEAR 1900-1901.

RAILWAY WORKING ACCOUNT, showing the Revenue and Expenditure to the Termination of the Four-weekly Period ending 26th May, 1900.

Section.	Miles open for Traffic.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.		FOR A TWELVE-MONTHLY PERIOD, AVERAGE TO DATE.		
		Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Four-weekly.	Total to Date.	Per Cent. of Revenue.	Revenue per Mile of Railway.	Expenditure per Mile of Railway.
NORTH ISLAND,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kawakawa ..	8	180 3 0	270 12 1	117 13 1	239 6 9	88.45	219 17 4	194 9 3
Whangarei ..	21	1,020 17 8	2,130 11 6	483 12 8	1,028 9 6	48.27	659 9 3	318 6 9
Kaihu ..	17	530 17 7	1,016 13 4	209 0 2	628 6 3	61.80	388 14 6	240 4 9
Auckland ..	327	13,268 3 11	28,246 15 4	9,901 15 4	19,689 7 5	69.70	561 9 7	391 7 7
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth ..	451	30,172 2 1	66,270 11 3	24,856 12 9	48,202 17 3	72.74	955 2 5	694 14 5
Total ..	824	45,122 4 3	97,935 3 6	35,068 14 0	69,788 7 2	71.26		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,173	78,977 19 10	162,808 17 7	44,977 10 1	87,337 2 0	53.64	902 3 7	488 19 4
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	2,482 17 6	4,898 0 9	1,206 5 9	2,178 5 2	44.47	3,979 13 1	1,769 16 8
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	776 5 0	1,761 16 2	373 11 6	837 3 10	47.52	477 3 1	226 14 9
Westport ..	31	3,873 2 2	7,485 6 5	2,059 4 10	3,799 8 9	50.76	1,569 10 1	796 13 1
Nelson ..	23	908 12 7	2,050 19 3	2,082 5 1	3,018 18 7	147.20	579 12 5	853 3 6
Pictou ..	21	825 17 5	1,737 14 2	1,227 11 4	1,934 13 11	111.34	537 17 3	598 16 8
Total ..	1,280	87,244 14 6	180,742 14 4	51,876 8 7	99,105 12 3	54.83		
Grand total ..	2,104	132,366 18 9	278,677 17 10	86,945 2 7	168,893 19 5	60.61		

CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

NORTH ISLAND,—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Kawakawa ..	8	103 5 10	210 2 9	142 3 1	294 3 5	139.99	170 14 9	239 0 3
Whangarei ..	21	945 9 8	2,050 9 5	659 12 0	1,179 11 4	57.53	634 13 4	365 2 1
Kaihu ..	17	468 12 3	1,052 13 0	369 6 9	681 6 5	64.72	402 9 8	260 10 1
Auckland ..	327	11,857 11 7	25,505 15 2	8,031 5 7	16,838 7 3	66.02	506 19 11	334 14 2
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth ..	451	27,833 0 2	60,673 1 7	20,014 12 8	41,510 4 2	68.42	874 8 11	598 5 3
Total ..	824	41,207 19 6	89,492 1 11	29,217 0 1	60,503 12 7	67.61		
MIDDLE ISLAND,—								
Hurunui-Bluff ..	1,154	74,077 18 3	155,036 1 8	39,817 16 3	80,533 19 0	51.95	873 5 1	453 12 3
Greymouth-Brunner ..	8	2,189 2 6	4,250 16 2	924 16 0	1,877 5 3	44.16	3,453 15 8	1,525 5 6
Greymouth-Hokitika ..	24	774 0 4	1,733 1 2	455 7 4	961 1 0	55.45	469 7 5	260 5 8
Westport ..	31	4,228 4 11	8,291 17 0	1,566 14 5	3,604 1 7	43.47	1,738 12 3	755 13 10
Nelson ..	23	792 5 6	2,122 3 11	538 9 5	1,608 19 1	75.82	599 15 0	454 14 1
Pictou ..	21	626 19 0	1,891 17 5	571 6 8	1,235 6 7	65.30	585 11 7	332 7 3
Total ..	1,261	82,688 10 6	173,325 17 4	43,874 10 1	89,820 12 6	51.82		
Grand total ..	2,085	123,896 10 0	262,817 19 3	73,091 10 2	150,324 5 1	57.20		

A. C. FIFE,
Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department, 26th June, 1900.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of TRAFFIC on ALL SECTIONS from 1st April, 1900, to 26th May, 1900.

All Sections.	Passengers.					Season Tickets.	Number.					Number.						
	First Class.		Second Class.		Total.		Total.	Parcels.	Horses.	Carriages.	Dogs.	Total.	Drays, &c.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
	S.	R.	S.	R.	Total.													
1900	20,509	131,530	117,984	671,396	941,419	10,965	98,689	2,178	175	5,645	106,687	225	9,310	1,829	429,516	9,085	449,965	
1899	19,519	118,918	105,272	568,902	812,611	9,673	98,935	2,149	165	5,372	106,621	219	9,832	577	455,982	7,793	474,403	
Inc.	990	12,612	12,712	102,494	128,808	1,292	..	29	10	273	66	6	..	1,252	..	1,292	..	
Dec.	..	..	..	..	..	..	246	..	..	..	..	..	522	..	26,466	..	24,438

All Sections.	Tons.																
	Chaff, Lime, &c.		Wool.		Firewood.		Timber.		Grain.		Merchandise.		Minerals.		Total.		
	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	Tons	c. qr.	
1900	13,348	0 0	7,560	4 0	13,502	0 0	51,083	9 0	155,484	19 0	90,688	0 0	207,332	1 0	538,999	1 0	
1899	12,600	0 0	7,184	12 0	15,318	0 0	49,449	6 0	176,471	5 0	86,335	1 0	192,480	2 0	539,838	6 0	
Increase ..	748	0 0	375	12 0	..	..	1,634	3 0	..	..	4,353	7 0	14,851	19 0	..	..
Decrease	1,816	0 0	20,986	6 0	839	5 0

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL LINES, to 31st March, 1900, as furnished by Public Works Department, including Public Works Loan Expenditure on Harbour-works forming Part of the Railway System.

Section.	Cost of Opened Lines.		Cost of Unopened Lines.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Kawakawa	91,688	0 0	1,106	0 0
Whangarei	163,618	0 0	264	0 0
Kaihu	70,781	0 0	..	..
Auckland	2,394,941	0 0	166,798	0 0
Gisborne-Karaka .. .. .	..	..	502	0 0
Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth	3,933,353	0 0	201,901	0 0
Wellington-Foxton (private line) .. .. .	..	..	42,116	0 0
Surveys, North Island .. .. .	..	..	23,764	0 0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	5,169	0 0
Hurunui-Bluff	9,037,709	0 0	60,248	0 0
Greymouth-Brunner	196,972	0 0	15,959	0 0
Greymouth Harbour Works .. .. .	..	..	127,234	0 0
Greymouth-Hokitika	197,065	0 0	..	..
Westport	220,773	0 0	..	..
Westport Harbour Works .. .. .	..	..	14,111	0 0
Nelson	165,363	0 0	12,537	0 0
Picton	206,624	0 0	87,965	0 0
Stock, Permanent-way .. .. .	..	..	30,614	0 0
Stock, A.O.L. Stores .. .. .	..	..	17,243	0 0
Surveys, Middle Island .. .. .	..	..	37,681	0 0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	5,168	0 0
Stock in suspense	25,000	0 0	..	..
Total	16,703,887	0 0	850,385	0 0

Railway Department, 26th June, 1900.

A. C. FIFE,
Accountant, New Zealand Railways.

RETURN of IMMIGRATION to and EMIGRATION from the COLONY of NEW ZEALAND during the MONTH of MAY, 1900, showing the Places from which Persons arrived and to which they departed, and the Ports of Arrival and Departure.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FROM AND TO DIFFERENT PLACES.

Countries.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.	Adults.		Children.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
United Kingdom	23	9	8	5	45	70	56	9	14	149
Queensland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria	157	83	12	17	269	188	113	9	10	320
New South Wales	231	124	32	24	411	316	141	33	33	523
Western Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	33	15	6	7	61	6	6	1	..	13
Fiji	11	5	2	..	18	..	..	..	..	..
Other British possessions	5	4	..	..	9*	..	..	..	..	..
Pacific Islands	12	1	1	..	14†	4	5	1	1	11‡
Other foreign ports	12	3	1	1	17§	42	18	..	..	60||
Totals, May, 1900	484	244	62	54	844	626	339	53	58	1,076
Totals, May, 1899	708	387	85	81	1,261	922	482	66	73	1,543

* From Norfolk Island. † From Cook Islands, 12; Surprise Island, 2. ‡ From United States of America, West Coast. § For United States of America, West Coast. ¶ For Cook Islands. || From United States of America, West Coast.

ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM DIFFERENT NEW ZEALAND PORTS.*

Ports.	ARRIVALS.					DEPARTURES.				
	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Total Persons.
Kaipara	1	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	2	5
Auckland	228	30	170	88	258	232	20	201	101	302
Wellington	209	42	164	87	251	347	63	262	148	410
Napier .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Dunedin	68	7	53	22	75	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill	222	35	157	100	257	333	25	212	146	358
Totals, May, 1900	728	116	546	298	844	965	111	679	397	1,076
Totals, May, 1899	1,095	166	793	468	1,261	1,404	139	988	555	1,543

CHINESE.—Arrivals—at Auckland, 1. Departures—from Auckland, 9; Wellington, 13; Invercargill, 1.

* It is important to mention that, in the returns from which this table is made up, immigrants to the colony are all counted at the first port of arrival, and emigrants at the final port of departure.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 27th June, 1900.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,
Registrar-General.

Native Land Court Notices.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 19th June, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Land Court will be held at Te Kuiti on the 3rd day of July, 1900, to hear and determine the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, in respect of which applications have been received by the Registrar, and all such other matters as may be lawfully brought before it.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

[Auckland, 1900-22.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ALIENATIONS.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Mortgage (C.A. 1900-76) ..	28th September, 1899	Taurangi No. 4 ..	Manawa Hinewai, of Otorohanga, to Henry Valder, of Hunterville.
2	Lease (C.A. 1900-77) ..	22nd March, 1900 ..	Whenuakura ..	Hori Kukutai, of Onewhero, and Pura te Wheoro, of Waahi, Huntly, to John Brooks, of Whenuakura, Waikato.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."—Sitting of Court adjourned.

Native Land Court Office, Gisborne, 20th June, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of the Native Land Court advertised to take place at Te Wairoa on the 2nd day of July, 1900, has been adjourned until further notice.

[Gisborne, 00-21.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

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

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 23rd June, 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.

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

[Gisborne, 00-22.]

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
390	Transfer	21st June, 1900 ..	Kaiti No. 14 ..	Albert McKay (trustee for Rutene te Eke) to R. N. Jones.

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

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 26th June, 1900.

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

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

[Sec. 55, 1900-18.]

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Lease (1900-125) ..	12th May, 1900 ..	Sandon, Section 153, Subdivision 8	Metapere Kahuhui to Duncan Takana Whisker.
2	Mortgage (1900-127) ..	22nd June, 1900 ..	Polhill Gully, Section 22	Thomas R. Ellison to William McLaren.

"The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 26th June, 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 Hastings on the 12th day of July, 1900, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.

R. C. SIM, Registrar

[Wellington, 1900-31.]

SCHEDULE.

APPLICATIONS, UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OF SECTION 14 OF "THE NATIVE LAND COURT ACT, 1894," FOR EXCHANGE OF LANDS.

No.	Names of Applicants.	Names of Lands to be exchanged.
495	Airini Donnelly Tangatake Hapuku	Hastings, Block 6, Section 46; Hastings, Block 11, Sections 22, 25, 30, 33. Waipuka Nos. 2 and 3, Waimarama Nos. 1 and 2, Okaihau No. 2 and No. 1d.
496	Airini Tonore Tuiti Natanahira	Hastings, Block 6, part of Section 8. Waimarama Nos. 1 and 2, Waipuka Nos. 2 and 3, Okaihau No. 1a.
497	Airini Tonore Te Mete Heitia	Riverslea, Block 8, Sections 181 and 182. Waipuka No. 3, Waimarama Nos. 1 and 2, Okaihau No. 1b.
498	Airini Tonore Pohuka Hapuku	Riverslea, Block 8, Sections 324 and 325. Waimarama Nos. 1 and 2, Waipuka No. 3, and Okaihau No. 1b.
499	Airini Tonore Arapata Hapuku	Hastings, Block 6, Sections 9 and 10; Hastings, Block 10, Section 103. Waimarama Nos. 1 and 2, Waipuka No. 3, and Okaihau No. 1d.
500	Arani Tupurupuru	Waipuka No. 3, Waimarama No. 2, Waimarama No. 1, and Okaihau No. 1d.
501	Airini Tonore Hemi te Purei Airini Tonore	Hastings, Block 8, part of Block 3. Waimarama No. 3. Hastings, Sections 32, 33, and 34.
502	Wira te Aomarama Airini Tonore	Waimarama No. 3. Hastings, Sections 11, 12, and 13.
503	Te Taite te Purei Airini Tonore	Okaihau No. 3. Hastings, Section 23.
504	Airini Tonore Akenehi Ratima	Hastings, Sections 8, 9, and 10. Waimarama No. 3.
505	Arani Tupurupuru Airini Tonore	Whakakoro No. 1. Hastings, Block 3, part of Section 7.

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE INTERESTS ACQUIRED BY THE CROWN.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.	Nature of Application.
506	Minister of Education	Tangoio South	To enable Native owners to make over to the Crown a site for a Native school.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that ANTON BULAT, of Pukekohe, Commission Agent, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 22nd day of June, 1900, at 11 o'clock.

15th June, 1900.

JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Auckland.*

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES FOLEY and THOMAS O'CALLAGHAN (trading as "Foley and O'Callaghan"), of Auckland, Bakers, were this day adjudged bankrupts; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 25th day of June, 1900, at 11 o'clock.

18th June, 1900.

JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Auckland.*

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE HARVEY, of Whangaparaoa, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 1900, at 2.30 o'clock.

19th June, 1900.

JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Auckland.*

NOTICE is hereby given that JAMES HANA, of Opotiki, Fisherman, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at J. Wright's store, Tauranga, on Friday, the 29th day of June, 1900, at 2.30 o'clock.

21st June, 1900.

JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Napier.*

NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLES MCCARTHY, of Napier, Carter, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Napier, on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock.

Napier, 19th June, 1900.

M. W. P. LASCELLES,
Deputy Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Hawera.*

NOTICE is hereby given that DAVID WILKIE, of Waitotara, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Messrs. Fitzherbert and Marshall's office, Wanganui, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, 1900, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Hawera, 21st June, 1900.

C. A. BUDGE,
Deputy Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Hawera.*

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE HITCHCOCK, of Stratford, Cabinetmaker, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at the Courthouse, Stratford, on Friday, the 6th day of July, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Hawera, 26th June, 1900.

C. A. BUDGE,
Deputy Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Wellington.*

NOTICE is hereby given that PETER ROSS, of Wellington, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1900, at 11 o'clock.

Wellington, 21st June, 1900.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Wellington.*

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM ALFRED SHORT, of Vogeltown, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Wellington, 25th June, 1900.

JAMES ASHCROFT,
Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the Supreme Court, holden at Christchurch.*

NOTICE is hereby given that CHRISTOPHER RIDDER, of Rabbit Island, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 2nd day of July, 1900, at 2.30 o'clock.

25th June, 1900.

G. L. GREENWOOD,
Official Assignee.**In Bankruptcy.**

Estate of JAMES WATT, of Criklewood, Farmer.

A FIRST and final dividend, of 7s. 2d. in the pound, on all accepted proved claims, is now payable at my office, Arcade, Timaru.

Timaru, 20th June, 1900.

ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
Deputy Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court of the Otago Goldfields, holden at Naseby.*

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN SINNAMON, of Ida Valley, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 4th day of July, 1900, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Naseby, 22nd June, 1900.

N. P. HJORRING,
Deputy Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Invercargill.*

NOTICE is hereby given that ARCHIBALD FINLAYSON, of Dipton, Farmer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1900, at 2.30 o'clock.

Invercargill, 21st June, 1900.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court, holden at Invercargill.*

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSEPH HENRY BELL (trading as "J. H. Bell and Co."), of Orepuki, Merchant, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1900, at 2.30 o'clock afternoon.

Invercargill, 22nd June, 1900.

CHARLES ROUT,
Deputy Official Assignee.**Mining Notices.**

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Mining Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1897," and "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that the situation of the Offices or places of business in New Zealand of the following companies, namely,—

THE GOLDEN PAH (HAURAKI) (LIMITED),
THE HAURAKI GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED),
THE KAPANGA GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED),
THE KATHLEEN GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED),
THE NEW HAURAKI GOLD PROPERTIES (LIMITED), and
SCOTTY'S GOLD-MINE (LIMITED),—

has been changed to 22, Shortland Street, Auckland, where the Colonial Share Register of the said companies will be kept, and where legal proceedings of any kind may be served and notices of any kind may be addressed or given.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1900.

FRANCIS HODGE,
Attorney for the said Companies.

In the matter of the Mining Companies Act and of "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," and of the Royal Oak of Hauraki (Limited).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of the said company in this colony where legal proceedings of any kind may be served upon it is the office upon the Royal Oak of Hauraki Mine, Tokatea, Coromandel, and that FRANK ARTHUR HOLDSWORTH is the duly appointed attorney thereof.

Dated at Auckland, this 11th day of June, 1900.
FRANK ARTHUR HOLDSWORTH,
Attorney.

BIDDLE, BUTTON, AND Co.,
Solicitors for the said Company, Auckland. 616

THE HIKUTAIA GOLD SYNDICATE (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of the Hikutaia Gold Syndicate (Limited), where notices of any kind may be served upon it, is at the office of the syndicate upon its mining property, Maratoto. Dated the 22nd day of June, 1900.

F. J. ROCHE,
Secretary.

BIDDLE, BUTTON, AND Co.,
Solicitors for the Hikutaia Gold Syndicate (Limited). 636

KAPOWAI GOLD-MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the above company is situated at Nos. 40 and 41, New Zealand Insurance Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, and that HENRY GILFILLAN, Jun., is the Manager of the said company.

H. L. BRETT, }
JNO. BROWN, } Directors.

Auckland, 18th June, 1900. 637

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of "The Mining Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1897," and "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," that the situation of the Offices or places of business in New Zealand of the following companies, namely,—

THE BLAGROVE'S FREEHOLD GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) and

THE KATHLEEN CROWN GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED),—has been changed to 22, Shortland Street, Auckland, where the Colonial Share Register of the said companies will be kept, and where legal proceedings of any kind may be served and notices of any kind may be addressed or given.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1900.
H. BATTENS,
Attorney for the said Companies.

HESKETH AND RICHMOND,
Solicitors. 634

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,
OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and of its amendments; and in the matter of the Glen Dhu Coal Company (Limited).

BY an order made by his Honour Mr. Justice Williams in the above matter, dated the 15th day of June, 1900, on the petition of the above-named company, it was ordered that the said company be wound up by the Court under the provisions of "The Companies Act, 1882."

ROBERT J. COLLIE,
Solicitor for the Petitioner. 628

THE WOODSTOCK GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

"THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office of the Woodstock Gold-mining Company (Limited) has been changed from the New Zealand Herald Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, to the office of the New Zealand Mines Trust (Limited), Shortland Street, Auckland.

Dated the 19th day of June, 1900.
JAMES RUSSELL,
Attorney for the said company.

JACKSON AND RUSSELL,
Solicitors for the said Company,
Shortland Street, Auckland. 633

JUBILEE GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE OF INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary meeting of the Jubilee Gold-mining Company (Limited), duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions of the Mining Companies Act, a resolution was passed authorising the increase of the capital of the company by the issue of 1,500 new shares of £1 each.

C. D. MORPETH,
Legal Manager. 629

KAURI FREEHOLD GOLD ESTATES (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Office or place of business of the Kauri Freehold Gold Estates (Limited) has been removed from the Herald Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland, to, and is now at, the New Zealand Mines Trust (Limited) Building, Shortland Street, Auckland.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1900.
THOMAS COTTER,
Solicitor for the said Company. 625

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Benger Burn Gold-dredging Company (Limited).

When formed, and date of registration: 20th September, 1897.

Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Miller's Flat; L. D. Ritchie.

Nominal capital: £1,800.
Amount of capital subscribed: £1,800.

Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,635.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.

Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: Nil.

Number of shares into which capital is divided: 1,800.
Number of shares allotted: 1,635.

Amount paid per share: £1.
Amount called up per share: £1.

Number and amount of calls in arrear: Nil.
Number of shares forfeited: Nil.

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

Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 20.

Present number of shareholders: 20.
Number of men employed by company: 6.

Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Gold, 157 oz. 3dwt. 4 gr.; value, £606 1s.

Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Gold, 236 oz. 12 dwt. 1 gr.; value, £911 17s. 6d.

Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,079 12s. 1d.

Total expenditure since registration: £5,146 8s. 5d.
Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.

Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.

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

Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Alexander Grogan, of Miller's Flat, the Chairman of Directors of the Benger Burn Gold-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 31st day of December, 1899; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

ALEXANDER GROGAN,
Chairman of Directors.

Declared at Miller's Flat, this 19th day of June, 1900,
before me—John Kerr, J.P. 643

Land Transfer Act Notices.

NOTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land herein after described will be brought under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 28th day of July, 1900.

2985. CHARLES GEORGE SHERWOOD.—8½ perches, part of Section 153, City of Wellington. Occupied by Alexander Lawson and George Andrews as weekly tenants. Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 27th day of June, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.
W. STUART,
District Land Registrar. 641

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

3530. WILLIAM MCKENZIE.—Part of Allotment 4, Section 4, City of Auckland, containing 2½ perches. Occupied by tenant.

3531. WILLIAM MCKENZIE.—Allotments 7 and 8, and part of Allotment 8a, Section 8, City of Auckland, containing 1 acre and 27 perches. Occupied by tenants.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

EDWIN BAMFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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

491. JOSEPH TAYLOR, JOHN TAYLOR, THOMAS TAYLOR, AND WILLIAM NOSWORTHY.—9 acres and 7 perches, Allotments 539 to 552, 579, and part of 577, 578, and 580, Town of Blenheim (part Sections 1 and 3, Omaka). Occupied as follows: Part by J. F. C. Priddle, part by Eliza Smith, and part by Mabel Alice Smith.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Blenheim.

J. ALLEN,
District Land Registrar.

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APPLICATION having been made to me for the issue of a provisional certificate of title for Lots 9 and 11, Plan 110, part of Rural Section 4342, Block XII., of the Kowai Survey District, Vol. lxii., folio 49, of the Register-book, whereof ORFEUR GEORGE PARKER is the registered proprietor, and evidence having been furnished of the loss of the original certificate of title, I hereby give notice that I will issue such provisional certificate at the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

Dated this 21st day of June, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
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.

8810. EDITH ALDAM STAPYLTON BADGER.—32 perches, part of Rural Section 304, Block VII., Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Richard Hart.

8811. ARCHIBALD BRUCE.—50 acres, Rural Section 6902, Block X., Waimate Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 26th day of June, 1900, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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Private Advertisements.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
CHANCERY DIVISION.

MR. JUSTICE WRIGHT.

In the matter of the New Zealand Trust and Loan Company, Limited, and Reduced; and in the matter of "The Companies Act, 1867," and of "The Companies Act, 1877."

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £1,500,000 to £200,000, effected by a special resolution of the above-named company passed on the 22nd May, 1900, and confirmed on the 12th June, 1900, was, on the 13th day of June, 1900, presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, and is now pending, and that the list of creditors of the above-named company is to be made out as for the 30th day of June, 1900.

FRESHFIELDS,
Solicitors to the above-named Company,
New Bank Buildings,
31, Old Jewry,
London, E.C.

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In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882," and the Craig Flat Dredging Company (Limited), (in liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 202 of "The Companies Act, 1882," that, the affairs of the above-named company having been fully wound up, a General Meeting of the company will be held on Wednesday, the 29th August, 1900, at 5 o'clock p.m., at the office of the Liquidator, Edward Trythall, No. 1, Bond Street, Dunedin, for the purpose of having laid before it an account showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted, the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given in connection therewith.

Dated at Dunedin, the 21st June, 1900.

EDWARD TRYTHALL,
Liquidator.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

WE, the undersigned, JAMES E. SCOTT and ROBERT KENNEDY, lately carrying on business in Partnership as Wheelwrights at Pahiatua, hereby notify that the said Partnership has been dissolved as from the 20th June, 1900, the said James E. Scott retiring from the said business.

Dated the 20th day of June, 1900.

JAS. E. SCOTT,
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