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The Waipu Agricultural Association incorporated.— Notice No. 765.

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of March, 1903.

Present:
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Agricultural and Pastoral Societies Act, 1877," His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby incorporate the members of the Waipu Agricultural Association, and such persons as shall hereafter be admitted members of the said association, agreeably to the rules of the said association and the provisions of the said Act, into a body corporate under the said Act, under the style and title of "The Waipu Agricultural Association."

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Terms and Conditions of Lease of Village-homestead Allotments in Wellington.

RANFURLY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of March, 1903.

Present:
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the one-hundred-and-sixty-ninth section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor in Council may fix the terms and conditions upon which the lands in any village settlement shall be disposed of, subject as in the said section is provided: And whereas by a Proclamation made under the said Act on the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and three, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three, the lands described in the First Schedule hereto have been set apart under the said Act and declared open for lease as village settlements, and it is expedient to fix the terms and conditions upon which the said lands shall be disposed of:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said

colony, doth hereby fix the terms and conditions on which the lands mentioned in the First Schedule hereto shall be disposed of by way of lease in perpetuity, and which said terms and conditions are set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, and also doth direct that the lands shall be leased as village-homestead allotments only.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—RANGITIKEI COUNTY.—OHINE-
WAIKUA SURVEY DISTRICT.—TAIHAPE VILLAGE SETTLEMENT
EXTENSION.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
83	XIV.	A. R. P. 0 3 10	s. d. 2 4 8	£ s. d. 0 1 0
85	"	17 1 27	4 0	1 14 10
88	"	16 2 16	2 4 8	0 19 11
89	"	21 2 7	2 3 6	1 4 9
90	"	17 2 26	2 4 8	1 1 2
92	"	16 2 33	2 4 8	1 0 1
93	"	3 0 16	2 4 8	0 3 9

These sections are situated south of Taihape Township, the access being by metalled dray-road for distances varying from three-quarters of a mile to a mile and a quarter, and by surveyed road for remaining distances of about a quarter of a mile. They comprise flat, sloping, and hilly lands, having soil of a good quality on a papa formation. With the exception of Section 85 and a small area of Section 89, which are in grass, all the sections are covered by forest, which comprises kahikatea, matai, maire, &c., with the usual undergrowth. With the exception of a small stream on Sections 89 and 92 there is no water.

The owners of improvements will be given one month from date of sale in which to remove those they have effected.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

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

2. The day on which the lands shall be open for selection shall be Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1903.

ERRATUM.—In *New Zealand Gazette* No. 41, of the 25th April, 1901, page 948, for "William Cameron Morrison," appointed Lieutenant New Zealand Militia, read "Wilson Cameron Morrison."

3. The rentals stated above shall be the prices at which the lands shall be open for selection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Declaring Government Roads in Hatuma Estate to be District Roads.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of March, 1903.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order that the roads described in the Schedule hereto shall, on and after the date of this Order in Council, be district roads.

SCHEDULE.

The road known as Waiaru Road, commencing at the point where it junctions with Hatuma Road, at the eastern boundary of Sections 5 and 11, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District, and ending at the point where it junctions with Maharakeke Road, between Sections 2 and 6, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District.

The road known as Maharakeke Road, commencing at the north-west corner of Section 3, Block XIII., Waipukurau Survey District, being the point where it junctions with the Main South Road, and ending at its junction with Makotukutuku Road, at the south-west boundary of Section 1, Block IV., Takapau Survey District.

The road giving access from Hatuma Road to Hatuma Lake Reserve, and constituting the north-east boundary of Section 1, Block II., Motuotaria Survey District.

The road through Hatuma Township, commencing at its junction with Hatuma Road, and running in a westerly direction to the eastern boundary of Section 13, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District.

The road through Section 2, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District, commencing at its junction with Maharakeke Road,

and running in a north-westerly direction to the north-west boundary of the aforesaid section.

That portion of the road known as Makotukutuku Road, commencing at Ngahape Stream, on the eastern boundary of Section 1, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District, to its junction with Hatuma Road, at the western boundary of the aforesaid section.

The road known as Rangitoto Road, commencing at its junction with Makotukutuku Road, at the north-west corner of Section 1, Block V., Motuotaria Survey District, and ending at the western boundary of Section 9, Block VIII., Takapau Survey District.

The road known as Ngahape Road, commencing at its junction with Hatuma and Makotukutuku Roads, on the northern boundary of Section 1, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District, and ending at the north-east boundary of S.G.R. No. 7, Block VIII., Takapau Survey District.

The road giving access to S.G.R. No. 6, commencing at its junction with Rangitoto Road, at the north-east corner of Section 4, and running in a southerly direction to the northern extremity of S.G.R. No. 6; the whole of the road being in Block VIII., Takapau Survey District.

The road known as Turiri Road, commencing at the eastern boundary and ending at the western boundary of Section 1, Block XII., Takapau Survey District.

The road known as Purimu Road, commencing at the eastern boundary and ending at the western boundary of Section 2, Block XII., Takapau Survey District.

The road commencing at the south-eastern boundary and ending at the north-western boundary of Section 1, Block XI., Takapau Survey District, and also the road intersecting it, and running in a southerly direction to the point where it junctions with the Ormondville Road, in Block XI., Takapau Survey District.

All in the Hawke's Bay Land District; as the above-mentioned roads are more particularly delineated on the plan marked R. 2323b, deposited in the office of the Chief Engineer of Roads, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Declaring Government Road in Hatuma Estate to be a County Road.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of March, 1903.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order that the road described in the Schedule hereto shall, on and after the date of this Order in Council, be a county road.

SCHEDULE.

The road known as Hatuma Road, commencing at the north-east boundary of Section 4, Block XIV., Waipukurau Survey District, and running thence in a south-westerly direction through Hatuma Township to the south-west corner of Section 19, Block I., Motuotaria Survey District, and thence known as Makotukutuku Road, running in a westerly direction, and ending at Maharakeke Stream, on the south-west corner of Section 1, Block IV., Takapau Survey District, in the Hawke's Bay Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked R. 2323a, deposited in the office of the Chief Engineer of Roads, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured blue.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Licensing the Puponga Coal- and Gold-mining Company (Limited) to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore Golden Bay as a Site for a Wharf.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of March, 1903.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under

"The Harbours Act Amendment Act, 1883" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), the Puoponga Coal- and Gold-mining Company (Limited), (hereinafter called "the company"), has applied to the Governor in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore at Puoponga, in Golden Bay, in the Provincial District of Nelson, in order to construct a wharf thereon, and, in accordance with the one-hundred-and-fifty-sixth section of "The Harbours Act, 1878," has deposited plans in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington, marked M.D. 2603 (two sheets), showing the area of foreshore and land below low-water mark intended to be occupied, and the manner in which it is proposed to construct the wharf: And whereas the Governor in Council has approved of the purpose for which the said foreshore is to be occupied: And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted and issued to the company under the said Act for the purpose aforesaid, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby approve of the object for which the said license is required by the company as aforesaid; and, in further pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, and with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, doth hereby license and permit the company to use and occupy that part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark on which the wharf is to be constructed, as shown on the plans so deposited as aforesaid, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the said wharf thereon; such license to be held and enjoyed by the company upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

1. In these conditions the term "Minister" means the Minister having charge of the Marine Department, as defined by "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877," and includes any officer, person, or authority acting by or under the direction of such Minister.
2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark necessary for the construction of the wharf at Puoponga, as shown on plans marked M.D. 2603.
3. In consideration of the concessions and privileges granted by this Order in Council, the company shall, on being supplied with a copy thereof, pay to the Minister the sum of £5, and thereafter an annual sum of £1, payable on the 1st day of March, dating from the 1st day of March, 1903, the first of such annual payments to be made on the company being supplied with a copy of this Order in Council.
4. All persons shall at all reasonable times, upon payment of the proper dues, have free and full liberty to use the said wharf, and all rights of ingress and egress thereon and therefrom.
5. His Majesty, or the Governor, and all officers in the Government service acting in the execution of their duty, shall at all times have free ingress, passage, and egress into, through, and out of the said wharf without payment.
6. The company shall maintain the abovementioned wharf in good order and repair, and shall at all times exhibit therefrom and maintain at its own cost suitable and necessary lights for the guidance of vessels: Provided that no light shall be exhibited until after it has been approved of by the Minister.
7. Any person authorised by the Minister may at all reasonable times enter upon the said wharf and view the state of repair thereof; and, upon such Minister leaving at or posting to the last known address of the company in New Zealand a notice in writing of any defect or want of repair in such wharf, requiring it within a reasonable time, to be therein prescribed, to repair the same, it shall with all convenient speed cause such defect to be removed or such repairs to be made.
8. Nothing herein contained shall authorise the company to do or cause to be done anything repugnant to or inconsistent with any law relating to the Customs, or any regulation of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, or with any provisions of "The Harbours Act, 1878," or its amendments, or any regulations made thereunder, and that are now or may hereafter be in force.
9. The ballast of all vessels loading at the said wharf shall be taken away by the company, and deposited above high-water mark, or at such place as may be approved of by the Minister, or by any person appointed by the Minister for that purpose.
10. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by or under this Order in Council shall continue to be in force for fourteen years from the date hereof, unless in the mean-

time such rights, powers, and privileges shall be altered, modified, or revoked by competent authority; and the company shall not assign, charge, or part with any such right, power, or privilege without the previous written consent of the Minister first obtained.

11. The said rights, powers, and privileges may be at any time resumed by the Governor, without payment of any compensation whatever, on giving to the company three calendar months' previous notice in writing. Any such notice shall be sufficient if given by the Minister, and delivered at or posted to the last known address of the company in New Zealand.

12. The company shall be liable for any injury which the said wharf may cause any vessel or boat to sustain through any default or neglect on its part.

13. In case the company shall—

- (1.) Commit or suffer a breach of the conditions hereinbefore set forth, or any of them; or
- (2.) Cease to use or occupy the said wharf for a period of thirty days; or
- (3.) Be in any manner wound up or dissolved; or
- (4.) Fail to pay the sums specified in clause three of these conditions—

then and in either of the said cases this Order in Council, and every right, power, or privilege, may be revoked and determined by the Governor in Council without any notice to the company or other proceeding whatsoever; and publication in the *New Zealand Gazette* of an Order in Council containing such revocation shall be sufficient notice to the company, and to all persons concerned or interested, that this Order in Council, and the license, rights, and privileges thereby granted and conferred, have been revoked and determined.

14. The construction of the wharf shall be sufficient evidence of the acceptance by the company of the terms and conditions of this Order in Council.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Native Land in Orahiri Block, Orahiri Survey District, to be taken for Public Buildings.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of March, 1903.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken for a public work, to wit, the construction of public buildings in the Township of Otorohanga:

And whereas the said land is held or occupied by Native owners, and the title thereto is not derived from the Crown: And whereas a map of the said land has been prepared in duplicate, as required by the eighty-eighth section of "The Public Works Act, 1894":

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the said Act, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby declare that the land shown upon such map, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be deemed to be taken for the purposes of the public work hereinbefore mentioned; and the said land shall vest in His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, as from the twentieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and three.

SCHEDULE.

The parcel of land mentioned in list hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 0 2 0	Subdivision L of Orahiri Native Block 6168 (in red)	IV.	Orahiri.

In the Land District of Auckland; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 20256, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Native Land proposed to be taken for a Gravel-pit in Block XIII., Ohinemuri Survey District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this ninth day of March, 1903.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken for a public work, to wit, for the purpose of a gravel-pit, in Block XIII., Ohinemuri Survey District: And whereas the said land is held or occupied by Native owners under a title which is not derived from the Crown: And whereas a map in duplicate has been prepared of the said land by the Ohinemuri County Council, as required by the eighty-eighth section of "The Public Works Act, 1894":

Now, therefore, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by the eighty-eighth section of the said Act, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby declare that the land shown upon such map, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be deemed to be taken for the purpose of the said gravel-pit, and the said land shall vest in the Chairman, Councillors, and Ratepayers of the County of Ohinemuri, as from the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of Parcel of Land taken.	Being Part of Block	Situated in Block No.	Situated in Survey District of	Shown on Plan	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 6 0 36	Orangipirau No. 1	XIII.	Ohinemuri	R. 2842	Purple.

In the Auckland Land District; as the said parcel of land is more particularly delineated on the plan marked and coloured as above noted, and deposited in the office of the Chief Engineer of Roads, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Land taken for Waimarama Native School.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of February, 1903.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE W. C. WALKER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto is required for a certain public work, to wit, a Native school:

And whereas it has been made a condition of the establishment of the said Native school that the site required therefor shall be a free gift from the Native owners to His Majesty the King, and the Native owners have agreed to such condition, and it has been made to appear that such agreement is sufficient for the purposes intended to be effected thereby:

And whereas by an order of the Native Land Court dated the twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, under "The Native Land Division Act, 1882," certain aboriginal natives, as in the said order mentioned, were declared to be the owners of the Waipuka No. 2 Block, within which the said land is situated:

And whereas, as required by "The Public Works Act, 1894," a map has been prepared showing accurately the position and extent of the said land, and such map is hereto attached:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred by "The Public Works Act, 1894," and "The Public Works Acts Amendment Act, 1900," and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby

order and declare that the land shown upon the said map and described in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for the purposes of the said Native school, and shall vest in His Majesty the King from the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three.

SCHEDULE.

WAIMARAMA NATIVE-SCHOOL SITE.

Approximate Area.	Being Portion of	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of	Shown on Plan marked	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 5 0 4	Waipuka No. 2 Block	X.	Kidnapper	E1902/2143-404	Green.

In the Land District of Hawke's Bay; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked as above described, deposited in the Education Department, at Wellington.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Native Land proposed to be taken for a Road in Block XIII., Ohinemuri Survey District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this ninth day of March, 1903.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken for a public work, to wit, the purpose of a road, in the Ohinemuri Survey District:

And whereas the said land is held or occupied by Native owners under a title which is not derived from the Crown: And whereas a map in duplicate has been prepared of the said land by the Ohinemuri County Council, as required by the eighty-eighth section of "The Public Works Act, 1894":

Now, therefore, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by the eighty-eighth section of the said Act, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby declare that the land shown upon such map, and described in the Schedule hereto, shall be deemed to be taken for the purpose of the said road, and the said land shall vest in the Chairman, Councillors, and Ratepayers of the County of Ohinemuri, as from the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Area of Land taken.	Being Part of Block	Situated in Block	Situated in Survey District of	Shown on Plan	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 0 3 7.3	Native land unsurveyed	XIII.	Ohinemuri	R. 2842	Yellow.

In the Auckland Land District; as the said parcel of land is more particularly delineated on the plan marked and coloured as above noted, deposited in the office of the Chief Engineer of Roads, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Shooting Season for Imported and Native Game, License Fee, &c., Tauranga District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and the Acts amending the same, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify that cock pheasants and Californian quail may be taken or killed within the Tauranga District, consisting of the Counties of Tauranga, Opotiki, and Whakatane, from the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three, to the thirty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and three, both inclusive (subject, nevertheless, to the restrictions in the said Acts

mentioned). And I do further notify that licenses to take or kill game within the said district shall be issued on payment of the sum of twenty shillings each, and that licenses to sell game and native game shall be issued on payment of the sum of five pounds each; and the Post-masters at Tauranga and Opoitiki are hereby appointed to sign and issue the said licenses.

And I do further declare that native game, excepting tui, hula, white heron, crested grebe, and blue—or mountain—duck, may be taken or killed within the abovementioned district from the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three, to the thirty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and three, both days inclusive.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three.

C. H. MILLS.

Land temporarily reserved in the Auckland Land District.

RANFURLY, Governor.

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

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the land in the Auckland Land District described in the Schedule hereunder written, for the purpose in the said Schedule specified at the end of the description of the land so intended to be temporarily reserved.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area of land in the Auckland Land District, being Section No. 1 of Block X., Tatua Survey District, containing by admeasurement 262 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the south-west generally by the Rotorua-Taupo Road, 3513.1 links; thence towards the north-east by Small Grazing-run No. 19 and a reserve, 9650, 6300, and 400 links respectively; thence towards the south-east by a road 100 links wide along the Waikato River; and again towards the south-west by the Wairakei Stream to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 50095, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon bordered red. For a public health and recreation reserve.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twelfth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister of Lands.

Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th March, 1903.

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

Name.	District.
FRANCIS FINLAYSON	Dipton.
(On and from the 16th March, 1903.)	
HERBERT LOGIE	Buller.
(On and from the 16th March, 1903.)	
ALFRED ROBERTS	Temuka.
(On and from the 16th March, 1903.)	

JAS. MCGOWAN,
For Colonial Secretary.

Trustees of Te Puke Drainage District appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 16th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in terms of section 13 of "The Land Drainage Act, 1893," to appoint

SAMUEL CRAWFORD,
JOHN CAMERON GALBRAITH,
DANIEL JAMES MCEWEN,
COLIN McNAUGHTON, and
JOHN PONCIA TAYLOR

to be Trustees of the Te Puke Drainage District.

C. H. MILLS,
For Colonial Secretary.

Police Gaoler appointed.

Department of Justice (Prisons Branch),
Wellington, 14th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable PERCY FREDERICK CARLYON

to be Police Gaoler at Gisborne, *vice* George Henry Harris, transferred.

JAS. MCGOWAN.

Crown Lands Ranger appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD O'NEILL

to be a Ranger of Crown Lands for the Land District of Otago.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister of Lands.

District Surveyor appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MORGAN JAMES COOPER CARKEEK

to be a district surveyor in the Department of Lands and Survey; the appointment to date from the 1st January, 1903.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister of Lands.

Vaccination Inspector appointed.

Department of Public Health,
Wellington, 12th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ALFRED HASTINGS JONES

to be a Vaccination Inspector under "The Public Health Act, 1900," for the District of Waimea, *vice* S. J. Dew; appointment to date from the 14th day of January, 1903.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Public Health.

Public Vaccinators appointed.

Department of Public Health,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be Public Vaccinators, under "The Public Health Act, 1900," for the districts set opposite their names respectively, viz. :—

Name.	District.
ANDREW MCCREDIE, Esq., L.R.C.S. Edin., 1898	Matakana.
JAMES FREDERICK CAROLAN, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., 1872	Auckland.
HOBACE DORSET ECCLES, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., 1893	Whangaroa.
ARCHER HOSKING, Esq., M.B., M.S., Univ. Edin., 1896	Masterton.
JAMES FREDERICK CAROLAN, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., 1872	Waiwera.

W. C. WALKER,
For Minister of Public Health.

Cadet in the Old-age Pensions Department appointed.

Old-age Pensions Department,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

IT is hereby notified that

PHILIP CUNNINGHAM

has been appointed, under section 4 of "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886," as a cadet in the Old-age Pensions Department, as from the 11th March, 1903.

C. H. MILLS,
For Colonial Treasurer.

Cadet in the Old-age Pensions Department appointed.

Old-age Pensions Department,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

IT is hereby notified that
GUY NORMAN MORRIS
has been appointed, under section 4 of "The Civil Service Reform Act, 1886," as a cadet in the Old-age Pensions Department, as from 16th March, 1903.

C. H. MILLS,
For Colonial Treasurer.

Inspector under "The Dairy Industry Act, 1898," and "The Noxious Weeds Act, 1900," appointed.—Notice No. 764.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM ROBERT BROWN

to be an Inspector under and for the purposes of "The Dairy Industry Act, 1898," and "The Noxious Weeds Act, 1900," the appointments to date from 1st March, 1903.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister for Agriculture.

Inspector under "The Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1900," resigned.—Notice No. 763.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the resignation of

ALEXANDER MCLEAN PATERSON, M.R.C.V.S.,

of his appointment as an Inspector under and for the purposes of "The Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1900," has been accepted.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister for Agriculture.

Militia Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

New Zealand Militia.

Edgar C. Hazlett (Lieutenant, Ninth New Zealand Contingent) to be Lieutenant, and with effect from 5th March, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

No. 3 Company, New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers.
Lieutenant Arthur Bauchop. Date of resignation, 28th March, 1901.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

4 Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery Volunteers.

William Henry Hazard to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 23rd January, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

A Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery Volunteers.

Edward Sherson to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 23rd January, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned, and transferred to Active List.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Major THOMAS CHALMER

as officer commanding B Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery Volunteers, and to approve of his transfer to the Active List with rank of Major, and with effect from 17th December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—

E Battery, New Zealand Regiment of Field Artillery Volunteers.

Lieutenant Charles John Treleaven to be Captain. Date of commission, 16th December, 1901.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

E Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery Volunteers.

Langford Park Symes to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

No. 1 Company, N.Z.E.V. (Canterbury Engineer Volunteers).

Sidney Arthur Edinger to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

No. 3 Company, New Zealand Engineer Volunteers.

Lieutenant William Charles Robinson. Date of resignation, 31st July, 1901.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—

1st Battalion, Auckland Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Major William Douthwaite Holgate to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and with effect from 17th February, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

No. 3 Company, Ohinemuri Rifle Volunteers.

Captain Francis John Walmesley. Date of resignation, 7th February, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Hawera Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

William Edward Percival to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 4th June, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Hawera Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant Walter James Matthews. Date of resignation, 23rd September, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Opunake Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Henry Reynolds Hill to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 4th June, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Pahiatua Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Tracy Pengirven Wills to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Hunterville Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Captain Julian Llewellyn Dove. Date of resignation, 1st March, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Huramua Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Alfred George Smith to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 4th June, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—

4th Battalion, Wellington (Taranaki) Rifle Volunteers.

Acting-Major Edward Nelson Lydiard Okey (late Captain, Taranaki Rifle Volunteers) to be Major, and with effect from 23rd April, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer transferred and promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Lieutenant GEORGE COCK, V.D.,

from the Taranaki Rifle Volunteers to the 4th Battalion Wellington (Taranaki) Rifle Volunteers, as Pay- and Quarter-master, with rank of Captain, and with effect from 4th June, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

5th Battalion, Wellington (Centre or Ruahine) Rifle Volunteers.

Acting-Major Andrew Stevenson (late Captain, Woodville Rifle Volunteers) to be Major. Date of commission, 10th April, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Honorary Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Union Rifle Volunteers.

The Reverend Anthony Spurr Webb, M.A., to be Honorary Chaplain. Date of commission, 4th November, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Marlborough Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

John Watson to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Reefton Rifle Volunteers.

Walter Collings to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Canterbury Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

John Booth Beckett to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Canterbury Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

William Gilmore to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Waimakariri Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

William Nathaniel Carlon Bond to be Captain. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Waimakariri Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Frederick John Hill to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Cust Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant Robert Dampier Atkinson. Date of resignation, 1st March, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer resigned.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

South Canterbury Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Captain Gordon Parker Wood. Date of resignation, 14th February, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Mackenzie Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

James Dundas Hamilton to be Captain. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Studholme Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Harold Hill Fisher to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Christ's College Rifle Volunteers.

Sydney George Styche to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Christchurch City Rifle Volunteers.

Charles Steere to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—

Imperial Rifle Volunteers (Christchurch).

Lieutenant Charles Herbert Mathias to be Captain. Date of commission, 11th February, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Civil Service Rifle Volunteers (Christchurch).

William Ostell Pavitt to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Ellesmere Guards Rifle Volunteers.

Thomas Dowds to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

No. 1 Battalion, Otago Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Acting-Major Frederick Thomas Stronach to be Major. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Honorary Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Clutha Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

The Reverend Samuel Wilson Currie to be Honorary Chaplain. Date of commission, 10th September, 1898.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Maniototo Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

George Watson Bell to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 4th December, 1901.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—

Southland Mounted Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant George Charles Alexander Todd to be Captain. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer transferred and promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Captain EDMUND ROBERT BOWLER

from the Maitua Mounted Rifle Volunteers to No. 2 Battalion, Otago Mounted Rifle Volunteers, with rank of Major, and with effect from 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Dunedin City Rifle Volunteers.

Stuart Beauchamp Ussher to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Owaka Rifle Volunteers.

Robert McLatchie to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Clutha Rifle Volunteers.

Duncan Watt to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Green Island Rifle Volunteers.

William McDonald to be Captain. Date of commission, 31st May, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Green Island Rifle Volunteers.

John Aitchison to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 31st May, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

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

Green Island Rifle Volunteers.

William Ernest McLean to be Lieutenant. Commission to date from 31st May, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer promoted.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotion:—

Oreti Rifle Volunteers.

Lieutenant James Lawrence Lennie to be Captain. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Oreti Rifle Volunteers.

John Johnston to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Orepuki Rifle Volunteers.

Henry Paterson Young to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Bluff Guards Rifle Volunteers.

Ernest Arnott Nichol to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

Queen's Rifle Volunteers.

Charles Herbert Armstrong to be Lieutenant. Date of commission, 3rd December, 1902.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Volunteer Officer appointed.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

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

New Zealand Volunteer Medical Staff.

Charles Hazlitt Upham to be Surgeon-Captain. Date of commission, 23rd February, 1903.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal.

Defence Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal to

Major ROBERT MAHAN, 3rd Battalion, Otago Rifle Volunteers,

he having a total efficient service to 14th February, 1903, entitling him thereto.

R. J. SEDDON,
Minister of Defence.

Special Order made by the Motueka Borough Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 25th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Motueka Borough Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900."

R. F. LYNCH,
For Under-Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER MADE BY MOTUEKA BOROUGH COUNCIL.

THAT the number of the members of the Council be reduced from nine (9) to six (6), exclusive of the Mayor.

Special Order made by the Manchester Road Board.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Manchester Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

*MANCHESTER ROAD BOARD.**Special Order.*

THAT, in order to provide the interest and other charges on a loan of £3,660, the Manchester Road Board, under the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Act, 1902," doth hereby make and levy a special rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the rateable valuation of all rateable properties comprising the whole of No. 5 Subdivision of the Manchester Road District (excepting thereout the following sections or portion of sections in No. 5 Subdivision aforesaid, which are paying a special rate for Valley Road diversion: viz., Subdivision H, Manchester Block; part Section 44, Block XVI., Oroua Survey District, 171 acres 27 poles; Section 47, Block XVI., Oroua Survey District, 171 acres 1 rood 12 poles; Subdivision H, Manchester Block, part Section 48, Block XII., Oroua Survey District, 142 acres; Subdivision H, Manchester Block, part Sections 48 and 54, Block XII., Oroua Survey District, 127 acres 3 roods 25 poles), to be called "No. 20 Special-rating District"; and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate, payable during the currency of such loan at the Board's office half-yearly on the first day of April and October in each year for a period of forty-one years, or until the loan is fully paid off. The said £3,660 is for the purpose of constructing roads, bridges, &c., as set forth in the proposal giving notice of the intention to raise such loan advertised in the *Feilding Star* on 27th December, 1902, and 3rd, 10th, and 17th January, 1903.

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

CHARLES BRAY,
Clerk, Manchester Road Board.

Special Order made by the Wirokino Road Board.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Wirokino Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

*WIROKINO ROAD BOARD.**Special Order.*

THIS Board now make a special rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound on the rateable value of the properties comprised within the boundaries of the Heatherlea East Special-rating District, as constituted and confirmed by special order on the 18th

February, 1901, to provide for interest and other annual charges for a period of forty-one years on a loan of £60, being £10 per centum of £600 loan for the said special district under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," as the amount of loan was insufficient to complete the works.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order has been duly passed in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

E. H. SNOW,
Levin, 10th March, 1903. Clerk to Board.

Special Order made by the Wirokino Road Board.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Wirokino Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

*WIROKINO ROAD BOARD.**Special Order.*

THAT, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," the Wirokino Road Board resolves as follows:—

That for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £600 authorised to be raised by the Wirokino Road Board, under the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," for the purpose of forming foot-paths, widening and metalling Horowhenua Road West, metalling Werwera Road North and South, and constructing Tirotiro Road North, the said Wirokino Road Board hereby makes and levies a special rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the valuation of all rateable property of the Horowhenua West Special-rating District, comprising Sections 1 to 12, Block IX.; 4, 5, 8, Block X.; 1 to 7, Block XI.; Levin Town, 11, 13, 22 to 25, 27, 29; Allotments 29 and 39 of 31, Levin Suburban, 1 to 10; 20 to 29, 70, 71, Block I., Waiopehu Survey District, all inclusive; and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable annually on the 1st day of June in each and every year during the currency of such loan, being a period of forty-one years, or until the loan is fully paid off.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order has been duly passed, in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

E. H. SNOW,
Levin, 10th March, 1903. Clerk to Board.

Special Order made by the Wirokino Road Board.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Wirokino Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

*WIROKINO ROAD BOARD.**Special Order.*

THIS Board now make a special rate at $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound on the rateable values of the properties comprised within the boundaries of the Kaihinau Special-rating District, as constituted and comprised by special order made on the 26th October, 1901, to provide for interest and other annual charges for a period of forty-one years on a loan of £60, being £10 per centum of £600 loan for the said special district under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," as the amount of loan was insufficient to complete the works.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order has been duly passed in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

E. H. SNOW,
Levin, 10th March, 1903. Clerk to Board.

Special Order made by the Wirokino Road Board.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Wirokino Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

WIROKINO ROAD BOARD.
Special Order.

HIS Board now make a special rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound on the rateable value of the properties comprised within the boundaries of the Paiaka Special-rating District, as constituted and confirmed by special order made on the 16th July, 1902, to provide for interest and other annual charges for a period of forty-one years on a loan of £50, being £10 per centum of £500 loan for the said special district under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," as the amount of loan was insufficient to complete the works.

I hereby certify that the foregoing special order has been duly passed in accordance with the provisions of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

Levin, 10th March, 1903. E. H. SNOW,
Clerk to Board.

Special Order made by the Waitara West Road Board.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 24th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Waitara West Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

WAITARA WEST ROAD BOARD.

THE following special order has been made by the Waitara West (No. 11) Road Board:—

"That for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £1,500, authorised to be raised by the Waitara West Road Board, under the provisions of 'The Local Bodies' Loans Act 1901,' to form, grade, and metal a portion of the Kelly Road, the said Waitara West Road Board hereby makes and levies a special rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the rateable valuation of all rateable property of the Kelly Road Special rating District, comprising Sections 146, 147, 148, 144, 145, 138, 135, 137, 136, 134, Block XIII., Waitara; Sections 62, 57, 58, 66, 139, 142, 143, 154, 55, 56, 54, 123, 60, 61, 141, 59, 140, 124, 49, 51, 52, 67, 65, Block IX., Waitara; Sections 112, 47, 43, 44, 48, 68, part 45, part 46, Block VII., Paritutu; Sections 113 and part 110, Block III., Paritutu; and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable yearly on the 1st day of July in each and every year during the currency of such loan, being a period of forty-one years, or until the loan is fully paid off; and that the interest on such loan is to be at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum."

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

W. B. FUSSELL,
Clerk.

Special Order made by the Council of the County of Manawatu.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 24th March, 1903.

THE following special order, made by the Manawatu County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

MANAWATU COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE following is a copy of a special order passed by the Manawatu County Council at a special meeting held on the 11th February, 1903, and confirmed at a special meeting held on the 18th March, 1903:—

"That, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by 'The Counties Act, 1886,' the Manawatu County Council hereby resolves as follows: That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £600, authorised to be raised by the Manawatu County Council, under the provisions of 'The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901,' for construction of the Kakariki and Gust's lines of road, the said Manawatu County Council hereby makes and levies a special rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the rateable valuation of all rateable property of the Sandon District, comprising all the rateable property lying within the Sandon Riding; and that such special rate shall be an annually recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable yearly in one sum at the county offices, Sanson, on the 1st day of July in each and every

year during the currency of such loan, being a period of forty-one years, or until the loan is fully paid off."

The common seal of the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the County of Manawatu was affixed in the presence of—

JAMES G. WILSON, Chairman.
H. HAMMOND, Councillor.
F. PURNELL, Clerk.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of special order passed on the 11th February, 1903, and confirmed on the 18th March, 1903.

F. PURNELL,
County Clerk.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 24th March, 1903.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Newcastle Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

NEWCASTLE ROAD BOARD.

A POLL of the ratepayers of the Newcastle Road District was taken at the Board Office, Ohote, on the 25th day of February, 1903, on a proposal of the Board to raise a loan, under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," of £220 for making concrete culverts, £225 for grading and forming roads, and £55 for gravelling roads; the loan to be for a period of forty-one years, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum.

Votes recorded in favour of the proposal, 19; votes recorded against the proposal, 2.

As the number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal exceeds the three-fifths required by the Act, I declare the proposal carried.

EDWIN CHAS. SHEPHERD,
Chairman, Newcastle Road Board.

Letters of Naturalisation issued.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 13th March, 1903.

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

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Joseph Adar ..	Gum-digger ..	Te Kopuru.
Mick Bilas ..	Gum-digger ..	Te Kopuru.
George Bogunovich ..	Settler ..	Herekino.
Andrew Covich ..	Gum-digger ..	Te Kopuru.
Antoni Dean ..	Gum-digger ..	Waipapakauri, Hohoura.
John Glaring ..	Carriage-maker ..	Grey-mouth.
John Ted Glau ..	Wharf labourer ..	Wellington.
Anna Junge ..	Domestic duties ..	Chasland's.
Wilhelm Ludwig Otto Krohn	Painter ..	Wellington.
Baldo Skurla ..	Gum-digger ..	Red Hills.
Emil Strandberg ..	Seaman ..	Aratapu.

C. H. MILLS,
For Colonial Secretary.

Tender.

Public Works Department,
Wellington, 16th March, 1903.

THE following tender is published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES,
Minister for Public Works.

AUXILIARY RESERVOIR, NELSON LUNATIC ASYLUM.
William Miller and Sons, Nelson £596 18s. 0d.

Notice to Mariners No. 22 of 1903.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 20th March, 1903.

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners No. 4 of 1903, issued by this Department on the 16th January last, the following notice, received from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, is published for general information.

WM. HALL-JONES.

INDIA.—EAST COAST.—NEGAPATAM.

It is hereby notified for the information of mariners that the alteration of the light at Negapatam, referred to in this office Marine Notice No. 68 of 1902, is postponed to 1st July, 1903.

T. G. R. FINNY,
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras, 21st January, 1903.

Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 1903.

LIGHT ON JACKSON'S HEAD BEACON, ENTRANCE TO QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 23rd March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Wigham beacon lamp, at a height of 37 ft. above high water, has been erected on Jackson's Head beacon, and is to be lighted on the 21st April, 1903. It will show a fixed white light, and will be visible all round the horizon, except when obscured by the land about Cape Jackson, between the magnetic bearings of N. 35° E. and N. 5° W., and it should be seen in clear weather at a distance of five miles. As the elevation would make it possible for the light to be seen about eleven miles and a half, if sufficiently bright, it is probable that in very clear weather the light may be seen beyond the limit of five miles, as given in the notice.

WM. HALL-JONES.

Revocation of Appointment of Bonding Warehouse.

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

Port of Wellington.

The warehouse known as

LEVIN AND Co.'s BOND,

as appointed and described in Commissioner's Order No. 80, of the 4th day of March, 1875.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three.

C. H. MILLS,

Commissioner of Trade and Customs.
Commissioner's Order No. 710.]

Revocation of Appointment of Bonding Warehouse.

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

Port of Wellington.

The warehouse known as

LEVIN'S No. 2 BONDED WAREHOUSE,

as appointed and described in Commissioner's Order No. 276, of the 4th day of October, 1887.

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this nineteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three.

C. H. MILLS,

Commissioner of Trade and Customs.
Commissioner's Order No. 711.]

24th May to be observed as "Empire Day."

Prime Minister's Office,
Wellington, 13th March, 1903.

IT is hereby notified that in future the 24th May will be observed as a holiday in the Government offices in the colony, and that the said day will be known as "Empire Day."

R. J. SEDDON.

Plants declared to be Noxious Weeds in the Borough of Lawrence.—Notice No. 766.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 25th March, 1903.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Lawrence Borough Council has by special order declared gorse and broom to be noxious weeds within the meaning of "The Noxious Weeds Act, 1900," in the district under its jurisdiction.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister for Agriculture.

Appointment of Transmitting and Receiving Officers for the Service of Notices by Telegraph.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by "The Electric Lines Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), and by the regulations made thereunder on the 25th March, 1895, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 4th April, 1895, the following officers, at the addresses respectively set against their names, are hereby appointed Transmitting and Receiving Officers for the purpose of dealing with all notices by telegraph sent under the said Act or regulations, and of signing such certificates in relation to the service of any such notices as are required or authorised to be signed or given under the said Act or the regulations aforesaid:—

DELANY, JAMES, Postmaster, Lyttelton.

LOGIE, HERBERT, Chief Postmaster, Westport.

MILLER, DAVID, Chief Postmaster, Wanganui.

W. C. WALKER,
For Electric Telegraph Commissioner.

Notice altering Day for closing Shops in Borough of Napier.

WHEREAS the Napier Borough Council has, under the provisions of section 3 of "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Act, 1895," by special resolution, appointed Wednesday to be the closing-day in the Borough of Napier, in substitution for Saturday:

Now, therefore, I, James McGowan, acting for and on behalf of the Minister of Labour, do hereby notify that Wednesday has been substituted for Saturday as the day upon which all shops in the said Borough of Napier shall be closed.

JAS. MCGOWAN,
For Minister of Labour.

Settlement of Claims for Compensation under "The Mining Act, 1891."

Mines Department,
Wellington, 6th March, 1903.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the 153rd section of "The Mining Act, 1891," it is hereby notified that the claims for compensation enumerated in the Schedule hereto, in respect to a Proclamation issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the Public Seal of the Colony on the 13th day of February, 1903, declaring the Main and Branch Totara Rivers, with their tributaries, in the Land District of Nelson, to be watercourses into which tailings, &c., may be discharged, have been settled by agreement, as provided by the said Act.

JAS. MCGOWAN,
Minister of Mines.

SCHEDULE.

Name of Claimant.	Description of Property.
J. M. Powell ..	Section 18A, Block I., Waitakere Survey District.
" ..	Sections 15, 21, and 29, Block IV., Waitakere Survey District.

Notification of Settlement of Claims for Compensation under "The Mining Act, 1898."

Mines Department,
Wellington, 21st March, 1903.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the 240th section of "The Mining Act, 1898," it is hereby notified that the claims for compensation enumerated in the Schedule hereto,

in respect to a Proclamation issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the Public Seal of the Colony on the 15th day of January, 1903, declaring the Grey River, with its tributaries, in the Land Districts of Nelson and Westland, to be watercourses into which tailings, &c., may be discharged, have been settled, and all further claims and remedies in respect of the said Proclamation are barred, as provided by the said Act.

JAS. MCGOWAN,
Minister of Mines.

SCHEDULE.

Claimant.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.
John Doolan ..	36, 13, and 14	XIII.	Mawheraiti.
Public Trustee..	Ahaura Native Reserve.		
	Arnold Native Reserve 34.		
Denis Noonan ..	209	Square 122	Nelson L.D.
Patrick Moore ..	202, 203	XIII.	Mawheraiti.
	15, 16	IX. & XIII.	"
Patrick Kennedy	99, 100, and	XIV.	"
	pts. 102, 103		
	216	IV.	Mawheranui.
	Pt. 3	XVI.	Waiwhero.
H. McLaughlin	95, 96, 97	XIV.	Mawheraiti.
	6 and 10	XVI.	"
Edward Fraser	1	VII.	Ahaura.
	1	XII.	"
	1	XI.	"
	30	Square 116	Nelson L.D.
	31	Square 116	"
	177	I.	Ahaura.
S. M. Mackley ..	196, 258, 43, 2,	XV.	Mawheraiti.
	9, 1, 5, 7, 8,		
	and 3		
	4	IV.	Ahaura.
	8	XVI.	Mawheraiti.
Michael Ryan ..	32 and pt. 37	IV.	Mawheranui.
Jane Donald ..	9, 15	XIII. & XIV.	Mawheraiti.
	16, 17, 19, & 101	XIV.	"
	20	X.	"
Wm. Methven ..	10, 11, 12, 13, & 18	XIV.	"
	14	XIII.	"
	1, 2, 8, 40	IV.	Ahaura.
Wm. Wratt ..	1 and 130	I.	"
Fanny Haines ..	146	IV.	Mawheranui.
Jacob James ..	178	"	"
Duncan McLean	56	VI.	"
Francis Johnston	215, 216	XII.	Waiwhero.
John Trimble ..	10, 11	XVI.	"
Philip Duggan ..	2, 105	II.	Ahaura.
Thos. Hy. Garth	8, 9, 75, 77, 79,	IV.	Mawheranui.
	82, 194, 195		
	5	III.	"
	151, 152, 256	Town of Ahaura.	"
	2	Native Reserve, Ahaura.	"
J. Walker, Exe-	52, 53, 54, 55,	XIII.	Mawheraiti.
cutors of late	79, 80		
Alex. McDonald	8, 12, 28	"	"
P. McKinley ..	4, 5, 27	"	"
	98	XIV.	"
Thos. McKee ..	1A, 2A, 3A	XIII.	"
Hy. Gilmer ..	Pt. 47, 48, 49, 50,	"	"
	51, 73, 74, 75,		
	76, 77, 78		
Martha Gilmer..	133, 134, 8, 9,	I.	Ahaura.
	17, 18		
Jno. Fitzgerald..	93, 94, 163	XIV.	Mawheraiti.
	38	XV.	"
Harriet Finn ..	2, 71	I. and V.	Ahaura.
	7	I.	"
Mary and Thos.	2	XVI.	Waiwhero.
Lees	215	IV.	Mawheranui.
Mary Corcoren..	56, 57, 58, 59, 60	XIII.	"
	64, 65, 66	XVI.	"
	61, 62, 63	IV.	"
	67	XIII.	Mawheraiti.
Wm. King ..	5	V.	Ahaura.
	9	VI.	"
Jno. McCullam	2	III.	"
Richd. Currie ..	132	I.	"
Jno. McLennan	Pt. 1, 5, 6A, 7, 106	XI.	Mawheraiti.
Jno. Phelan ..	107	"	"
Jno. Kennedy ..	67, 142, 143, 144,	IV.	Mawheranui.
	181		
G. Broughton ..	Pt. 1 and 11	XI.	Mawheraiti.

Claimant.	Section.	Block.	Survey District.
Daniel Flynn, Ex-	16	XI.	Mawheraiti.
cutors of late	1 and 3	XII.	"
Maurice Doolan	45 and 205	XIII.	"
Robert Paul ..	72	IV.	Ahaura.
Thos. Doolan ..	208	XIII.	Mawheraiti.
Trustees, Catho-	140, pts. 141,	IV.	Mawheranui.
lic Church,	142		
Ahaura			
Wm. Pitman ..	197	XV.	Mawheraiti.
Alex. McHardy	3, 4, 108	VII. & XI.	"
	5, 4, 9, 16, 17, 18,	VII.	"
	19, 20		
H. J. McLaughlin	183	Square 122	Nelson L.D.
R. W. J. McNeil	104, 31, 32, 33,	XV.	Mawheraiti.
	191, and 192		
B. Gough ..	71 and 96	IV.	Mawheranui.
E. and G. Hahn	93 and pt. 95	"	"
	10	Square 123	Nelson L.D.
Trustees, Race-	Reserve 34	IX.	Arnold.
course, Grey-			
mouth			
Elizabeth Frank-	51, 52, 55, 203,	IV. & V.	Cobden.
pitt	204, 22, 21, 216-		
	220, 221		
P. Horan ..	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 15,	V.	"
	16, 17, 18, 30,		
	31, 32, 35, 212,		
	213, 214, 215		
Joseph Taylor ..	101, 102, 103,	"	"
	104, 105, 106,		
	107, 108		
Wm. Young ..	6, 19, 7, 20, 26	XIII.	Mawheraiti.
G. and A. Doig..	10, 2, 3	VIII.	"
J. F. Johnston ..	159, 15, 18, pt.	XI.	"
	13, pt. 189, 160,		
	and 168		
	11	IV.	"
Michael Meara ..	98, 90/2, 81, 103,	XIV.	"
	21		
	32/3	XIII.	"
M. Willing ..	6	IV.	Ahaura.
	7 and 8	III. & IV.	"
Mary Ann Wil-	109 and 110	IX.	Cobden.
liams			
M. A. Williams	111 and 112	"	"
and J. Taylor			
Thos. Craig ..	138	IV.	Mawheranui.
	45	III. & IV.	"
	3, 7, 8, 9, 10,	Native Reserve, Ahaura.	
	11, 12		
J. R. Prendergast	10, 33A, pt. 2	XI.	Mawheraiti.
Wm. Craig ..	139, 44	IV.	Mawheranui.
	4, pt. 3, 13, 1, 5, 6	Native Reserve, Ahaura.	
Harriette Coates	6, 27	VII.	Mawheraiti.
	6	XI.	"
*Jas. F. White ..	Pt. 67, pt. 179	IV.	Mawheranui.
Denis Delaney ..	13, 15, 5, 4, 12	X.	"
	102	X. & XI.	"
Emma A. Kettle	14	IV.	Coal Creek.
W. R. Kettle ..	86	"	"
W. R. Kettle and	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,	IV. & V.	Cobden.
Isabella Stew-	50, 205, 48,		
art, Executors	207		
of late M. Batty			
Jas. O'Brien ..	8, 9, 56	VII.	Mawheranui.
Hy. Batty and E.	54, 202, 53, 201	IV.	Cobden.
Batty			
Patk. Gillin ..	20 and 101	VI.	Mawheranui.
	2, pt. 6, 16, 17,	X.	"
	43, pt. 1 of 101,		
	pt. 3 of 100,		
	106, pts. of 102,		
	2, 17, 20		
	101	II. & X.	"
E. J. and A. J.	45 and 46	XI.	Mawheraiti.
McInroe	190, 198, 37A	XV.	"
Hugh Magill ..	32	III.	Mawheranui.
M. Murray ..	7, 2, 1	IV.	Mawheraiti.
Geo. Bitera ..	23	III.	"
	7, pt. 8, 22, pt.	VII.	"
	21, 1		
Susan Antonio ..	2	IV.	"
J. M. Langdon ..	8, 9, 17A, 10, 11, 12	IX.	Mawheranui.
Isabella Stewart	62/70, 47, 46,	IV.	Cobden.
	117, 208, 209,		
	210		
James Stewart ..	19A, 19, 33, 37,	"	"
	38, 39		

Notifying Land in the Taranaki Land District subject to "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Office of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," I hereby notify that the undermentioned Crown land, being parts of the land known as the Spotswood Settlement, which has been acquired under the said Act, is subject to the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

SPOTSWOOD SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District, containing in the aggregate 306 acres 3 roods 25 perches, more or less, being (a) 294 acres 1 rood 25 perches, more or less, contained in Sections 1, 2, and 72, Omata Survey District, and Section 5 and parts of Sections 6, 13, 774, and 774A, Grey Survey District; and (b) being 12 acres 2 roods, more or less, part of Barrett's Reserve, adjoining the land above described, and situated in the said Grey Survey District; as the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19284, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged with red.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister of Lands.

Notifying Land in the Otago Land District subject to "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Office of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," I hereby notify that the undermentioned Crown land, being the land known as the St. Helen's Settlement, which has been acquired under the said Act, is subject to the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

ST. HELEN'S SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Otago Land District, containing 537 acres 2 roods 28 perches, more or less, being part of Sections Nos 1, 2, and 4, Block XIV., and part of Section No. 6, Block XV., Oamaru Survey District; as the same is delineated on the plan marked S.G. 19285, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged with red.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister of Lands.

Notifying Land in the Canterbury Land District subject to "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Office of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners,
Wellington, 19th March, 1903.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," I hereby notify that the undermentioned Crown land (being the land known as the Mead Settlement), which has been acquired under the said Act, is subject to the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

MEAD SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing 5,992 acres and 22 perches, more or less, being Rural Sections 31703, 33576, 33577, 33579, 14707, 14727, 14728, 21189, 21190, 22969, 22970, 23190, 23191, 23192, 23193, 23194, 23445, 23446, 23447, 24124, 242803, 25816, 25817, 25818, 26945, 26946, 26948, 28392, 28617, 28618, 28619, 28905, 28906, 28907, 31063, 31064, 31065, 31066, 31073, 32596, 33570, 33572, 34456, 34635, 34636, 37015, 37016, 37017, 37018, and Reserve 2662; Rural Sections 14708, 14709, 14710, 14711, 14712, 14713, 14714, 14715, 14724, 14725, 14726, 18157, 18158, 18165, 21186, 21187, 21188, 23444, 23448, 23449, 23519, 24123, 24800, 24802, 24804, 25810, 25811, 25812, 25813, 25814, 25815, 26945, 26946, 26948, 26949, 26950, 28861, 28910, 28986, 28996, 29494, 30612, 31067, 31068, 31069, 31070, 33573, 34452, 34453, 34461, and part of Reserve 2661; and Rural Sections 23520, 24795, 24796, 24797, 24798, 24799, 28908, 28909, 31071, 31072, 37019, 37020, and 28942; all the aforesaid land being situated in Blocks IX., X., XIII., and XIV., Selwyn Survey District, and in Blocks VII. and IX., Hall Survey District; as the said area is delineated upon the plan marked S.G. 19268, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged with red.

T. Y. DUNCAN,
Minister of Lands.

Notice to Imprestees under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891."

The Treasury,
Wellington, 25th February, 1903.

EVERY officer holding advances of public money is hereby required to pay to the Public Account, at the nearest branch of the Bank of New Zealand, the unexpended balance in his hand on or before Tuesday, the 31st March proximo, and forthwith to transmit to the Treasury at Wellington the bank receipt for such repayment, together with an account of his expenditure to the same date, as required by clause 4 of the Treasury Regulations.

As respects disbursements which officers may require to make immediately after the close of the financial year, requisitions for the amount required are to be made in such time as to enable them to reach Wellington not later than the 14th March, so that the requisite funds may be placed at the disposal of the officer on the 1st April or as soon after as possible.

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

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.

JAS. MCGOWAN,
Minister of Mines.

Bonus for Treatment of Auriferous Black Sand.

Mines Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 14th November, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of £2,000 will be paid to any person who, before the 1st January, 1904, shall invent such appliances as will successfully save gold from black sands in New Zealand.

The bonus will be paid on compliance with the following conditions:—

1. The invention shall, in its main features, differ from all machinery and appliances at present in use for the saving of gold, whether coarse or fine.

2. It shall be readily transportable from place to place, and shall be capable of utilising local water for all its requirements.

3. The invention must be capable of treating not less than 30 cubic yards an hour of black sand or any coarser material up to a diameter of 4 in.; and it must be capable of treating such material profitably where there is not more than a value, in gold, of 3d. per cubic yard; not less than 80 per cent. of the gold contained in the material to be recovered by the machine.

4. No bonus to be paid until the invention has been continuously worked for not less than six months, and it shall, during that period, have treated not less than 100,000 cubic yards of material, working three shifts a day.

5. The bonus will be paid on the certificate of an officer that not less than twenty persons other than the applicant for the bonus are successfully working the invention.

6. Any person who receives the bonus shall not be allowed to take out patent rights in New Zealand for his invention.

JAS. MCGOWAN,
Minister of Mines.

Result of an Election under "The Government Railways Superannuation Fund Act, 1902."

New Zealand Government Railways,
Head Office, Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.

THE following is the result of the first ordinary election of the elective members of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board, constituted under "The Government Railways Superannuation Fund Act, 1902":—

NORTH ISLAND.—FIRST DIVISION.

Brownlee, George	156
Bowles, Walter	152
Dobbie, Edward	95
Besant, James	60
Payne, Philip Lambert	50
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I hereby declare the following duly elected to act as members of the Government Railways Superannuation Fund Board:—

Brownlee, George, Representative of First Division, North Island.
Graham, Andrew, Representative of First Division, Middle Island.
Wilson, Thomas; Pepper, William; Thomas, Matthias: Representatives of Second Division.

R. W. McVILLY,
Returning Officer.

Officiating Ministers for 1903.—Notice No. 12.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.

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

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.
The Reverend Donald McIvor.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

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 value of the land for the purposes of section 5 of the said Act being less than £100.

Dated at Wellington, this 19th day of March, 1903.

A. A. K. DUNCAN,
Deputy Public Trustee.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 1 acre, more or less, being Lot 205 of Section 2, in Ford Street, in the Town of Opotiki and Provincial District of Auckland.

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 value of the land for the purposes of section 5 of the said Act being less than £100.

Dated at Wellington, this 19th day of March, 1903.

A. A. K. DUNCAN,
Deputy Public Trustee.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 1 acre, more or less, being Allotment 180, Section 2, in Ford Street, in the Town of Opotiki and Provincial District of Auckland.

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

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 24th March, 1903.

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.
William Stewart, late of Invercargill, in the Provincial District of Otago, carpenter. Filed on the 9th day of March, 1903.

Robert Jenkins, late of Pongaroa, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 13th day of March, 1903.

Robert Sefton, late of Wharehine, in the Provincial District of Auckland, gumdigger. Filed on the 18th day of March, 1903.

Donald McKenzie, late of Feilding (died at Johannesburg, South Africa), in the Provincial District of Wellington. Filed on the 20th day of March, 1903.

Herman Stapleton, late of Waimate North, in the Provincial District of Auckland, gentleman. Filed on the 20th day of March, 1903.

James Bailey, late of Denlair, near Fordell, in the Provincial District of Wellington, labourer. Filed on the 20th day of March, 1903.

A. A. K. DUNCAN,
Deputy Public Trustee.

*"The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900."—
Notice of Proposed Cancellation of Registry.*

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 25th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to an application in that behalf made to me by the Auckland Hairdressers' Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers, registered No. 380, situated at Auckland, the registration of that industrial union will be cancelled at the expiration of six weeks from the date hereof unless within the six weeks specified proceedings be commenced by a member or other person interested in or having some claim on the funds of the industrial union to set aside such cancellation, and the same is set aside accordingly.

EDWARD TREGEAR,
Registrar of Industrial Unions.

Notice of Cancellation of Registry under "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900."

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 25th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the registration of the Auckland Drapers' Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers, No. 292, is hereby cancelled as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

EDWARD TREGEAR,
Registrar of Industrial Unions.

Notice of Cancellation of Registry under "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900."

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 25th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the registration of the Timaru Amalgamated Society of Cooks and Waiters' Industrial Union of Workers, No. 299, is hereby cancelled as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

EDWARD TREGEAR,
Registrar of Industrial Unions.

Convening Meeting of Maniapoto-Tuwaharetoa District Maori Land Council under the Provisions of "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900."

Maori Lands Administration Office,
Wellington, 24th March, 1903.

IT is hereby notified that a meeting of the Maniapoto-Tuwaharetoa District Maori Land Council will be held at Otorohanga on Thursday, the 9th day of April, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the transaction of all such business as may be lawfully brought before it.

GEO. T. WILKINSON,
President of the Maniapoto-Tuwaharetoa
District Maori Land Council.

Adoption of Child under Section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

Native Land Court Office,
Wellington, 25th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the adoption particulars of which are set out hereunder has been duly registered by me under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

R. C. SIM,
Registrar.

PARTICULARS OF ADOPTION OF CHILD.

To the Registrar of the Native Land Court, Wellington District.

I, PARETAWHARA (or PIRIHARA TE NEKE), of Waikanae, hereby give notice that I have taken Ramari Eruiini, a child of Akuhata Eruiini, to be my adopted child according to Maori custom; and I request that such adoption be registered under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

As witness my hand, this 9th day of March, 1903.

PARETAWHARA,
Signed by the said Paretawhara in the presence of—James Bailey, Postmaster, Paraparaumu, and J. H. Damon, Licensed Interpreter, First Grade.

Adoption of Children under Section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

Native Land Court Office,
Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the adoption particulars of which are set out hereunder has been duly registered by me under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

R. C. SIM,
Registrar.

PARTICULARS OF ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

To the Registrar of the Native Land Court, Wellington District.

I, TE RAUNA TUIHANA, of Meremere, near Hawera, hereby give notice that I have taken Rangiahu Tamaiti and Te Hauora, children of Pikirapu and Tanginui te Haupu, to be my adopted children according to Maori custom; and I request that such adoption be registered under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

As witness my hand, this 20th day of March, 1903.

Her
TE RAUNA X TUIHANA,
mark.

Signed by the said Te Rauna Tuihana (by making her mark, she being unable to write) in the presence of—Ed. N. Liffiton, J.P., Accountant, of Whanganui, and Ernest Barns, Licensed Interpreter, First Grade, of Whanganui.

Adoption of Children under Section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

Native Land Court Office,
Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the adoption particulars of which are set out hereunder has been duly registered by me under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

R. C. SIM,
Registrar.

PARTICULARS OF ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

To the Registrar of the Native Land Court, Wellington District.

I, KATARAINA AKAPITA, of Putiki, Whanganui, hereby give notice that I have taken Wahirangi Akapita, a child of Te Hira Akapita and Pare Matau, and Peata Akapita, a child of Pehi Akapita and Ngahoari Akapita, to be my adopted children according to Maori custom; and I request that such adoption be registered under the provisions of section 50 of "The Native Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1901."

As witness my hand, this 21st day of March, 1903.

Her
KATARAINA X AKAPITA,
mark.

Signed by the said Kataraina Akapita (by making her mark, she being unable to write) in the presence of—Joseph Paul, J.P., of Whanganui, and Ernest Barns, Licensed Interpreter, First Grade, Whanganui.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Pastoral Run, Auckland Land District, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 20th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral run will be offered for lease by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 1st day of May, 1903, at 11 a.m., for the term and at the upset annual rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

CLASS II.

Run No.	Area.	Survey District.	County.	Upset Annual Rental.
95	A. R. P. 29,894 0 0	Waeo and Heruwiwi	East Taupo	£ s. d. 29 18 0

Level and undulating land, somewhat broken towards the southern end of the run. About 700 acres mixed forest along Weao River, balance open land, covered with fern, tea-tree, and tussock; light soil. The run is bounded on two sides by the Rangitaiki River and the Weao River, and intersected by one or two smaller streams. Situated from fourteen to twenty-eight miles from Galatea.

TERMS OF SALE.

The run will be leased generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892." Term of lease, twenty-one years from 1st March, 1904.

All hot springs, fumaroles, ngawhas, geysers, mud volcanoes, and other centres of thermal action, with right of way thereto, are specially excluded from the lease. The lessee must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of a half-year's rent and lease fee on fall of the hammer.

This run is to be disposed of with right of resumption; and in the event of the Government deciding to resume possession of the whole or any part of the land comprised in the run, after twelve months' notice, in terms of "The Land Act, 1892," the lease in respect of the land comprised in such notice shall determine and be void.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Kokatahi Settlement, Westland Land District, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Hokitika, 20th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1903, under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and amendments.

If more than one application is received for the same section on the same day, the order of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WESTLAND COUNTY.—KOKATAHI SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

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

KANIERI SURVEY DISTRICT.

	A.	R.	P.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
4	XIV.	191	0	7	4	1½	19	14	0

Weighted with £12, valuation for fencing.
Altitude above sea-level, 100 ft. 15 acres white-pine and scrub; 18 acres mixed scrub, ribbonwood, and cabbage-tree; remainder grass, rushes, and scattered cabbage-trees. Level agricultural and pastoral land; most of cleared portion ploughable. Light sandy soil, 2 ft. to 3 ft. in depth. Water in hollows for considerable time after rain. Small patches of gorse from old hedges. Access by Bladier's and Base-line Roads and Kokatahi River bed. Fenced on northern and eastern boundaries with barbed wire. Situated three miles from Kokatahi Dairy Factory, and thirteen miles from Hokitika Railway-station.

TOAROA SURVEY DISTRICT.

1	I.	351	0	32	2	3	19	15	1
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Altitude above sea-level, 150 ft. 18 acres scrub, 12 acres black- and white-pine bush; remainder in grass, and covered with a scattered second growth. Level agricultural and pastoral land. Sandy soil, 2 ft. to 3 ft. deep, with gravel subsoil. Water in hollows for considerable time after rain. 65 chains of fencing—posts, standards, and barbed wire—with two iron gates on Whitcombe Valley Road boundary. Access by Whitcombe Valley Road and Hokitika River bed. Three miles from Koi-ti-rangi Creamery; sixteen miles and a half from Hokitika Railway-station.

2	I.	351	3	8	2	7½	23	1	9
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Altitude above sea-level, 150 ft. 100 acres thick scrub, with scattered white-pine; remainder grass and rushes and scattered second growth. Level agricultural and pastoral land. Sandy soil, with gravel subsoil. Water may be obtained in hollows. A few chains of interior fencing. Situated three miles from Koi-ti-rangi Creamery; sixteen miles and a half from Hokitika Railway-station.

3	I.	352	1	23	2	4½	20	18	6
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Altitude above sea-level, 150 ft. 90 acres thick scrub and patches of white-pine; remainder grass, rushes, and scat-

tered second growth. Level agricultural and pastoral land. Sandy soil, with gravel subsoil. Access by Whitcombe Valley Road. Water may be obtained in hollows after rain. Three miles and a half from Koi-ti-rangi Creamery; seventeen miles from Hokitika Railway-station. 38 chains of interior fencing on this section.

G. J. ROBERTS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1903, under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and amendments.

If more than one application is received for the same section on the same day, the order of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—CASTLE POINT COUNTY.

Langdale Settlement.

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

REWA SURVEY DISTRICT.

First-class Agricultural Land.

	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
9	III.	49	3	0	0	6	0	7	9	3

Weighted with £23 2s. for improvements, consisting of 30 chains of fencing.

This section comprises all flat low-lying land, 80 ft. above sea-level, wet in winter, with swampy places here and there, which can be cheaply and successfully drained, excepting when the Whareama River is in high flood, at which time its level is not much under this holding. It has been partially drained, but the drains require clearing out and extending to make them thoroughly effective. It is under English and native grasses and rough vegetation, including a good deal of rushes. The soil is of a clayey nature, which cakes in summer. This fault will be lessened when the land is properly drained. There is no permanent water excepting the Whareama River, the other side of the chain reserve along the river-bank. Water is probably obtainable by sinking wells. The improvements (which go with the land) are: Half-value of 13 chains of fencing between Sections 9 and 8 (seven plain wires, posts 8 ft. apart), 51½ chains along Langdale Road (seven plain wires, posts 8 ft. apart), and 23 chains along the river, off the holding; 49 acres of grassing; 10 chains of drain 3 ft. by 3 ft., and 14 chains of drain 2 ft. by 1 ft.: the whole valued at £84 13s. 9d. The access is by the Langdale Road, south of the junction with the main Blairlogie coach-road, three-quarters of a mile; and thence about twenty-three miles and three-quarters to Masterton. An alternative route is by the Langdale Road, three miles to the junction with the Masterton-Tinui main coach-road; thence twenty-five miles to Masterton, and five miles to Tinui.

MANGAPAKEHA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Second-class Agricultural Land.

2	XV.	323	0	0	0	2	8	21	10	8
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This section comprises 300 acres of hilly and 23 acres of flat land. The flats are about 100 ft. and the hills run up to 500 ft. above sea-level. The flat land is along the creek running easterly through the section, and is generally swampy in winter. With the exception of about 23 acres of poor land, the section may be classed fair pastoral country, the vegetation consisting of a mixture of English and native grasses. There are numerous patches of large and small manuka here and there, affording good shelter for stock. Altogether there is about 30 acres of manuka. The soil is generally of a clayey nature, with rocky places on the ridges and higher lands. The section is intersected by gullies, in which run small streams, which, however, are dry in summer months, with the exception of the Mangapakeha. The formation affords facilities for the construction of dams, and water can probably be obtained by sinking wells. The small piece of land between the present Langdale Road and the proposed deviation, containing 19 acres, is to be leased with this section till the new road is made. The improvements (which go with the land) are: Half-value of 36 chains of fencing between Sections 2 and 3 (six plain and one barbed

wire, posts 18ft. apart, and three battens), 75 chains along the main road (six plain wires, posts 8 ft. apart), 28 chains along Langdale Road (six plain and one barbed wire, posts 8 ft. apart), 40 chains of old fence through southern portion of section (six plain and one barbed wire, posts 16 ft. apart, battens here and there); and 271 acres of grassing: the whole valued at £271 19s. The access is by the main Masterton-Tinui coach-road, distant from Masterton twenty-five miles, and from Tinui five miles.

NOTE.—The successful applicant for this section will be required to take a temporary license of Sections 1b and 1c, Block XV., Mangapakeha, containing together 19 acres, at a half-yearly rental of £1 5s. 4d., and in the event of the new surveyed road being made, then the lessee of Section 1, Block XV., Mangapakeha, will be given a lease of Section 1c, containing 2 acres 2 roods, and the lessee of Section 1a, Block XV., Mangapakeha, will be given a lease of Section 1b, containing 16 acres 2 roods, at half-yearly rentals of 3s. 10d. and £1 2s. respectively. The temporary license of Sections 1b and 1c will be subject to termination at any time or when the proposed new road is made and the old one closed, and the licensee will not be entitled to any compensation for such resumption or for any improvements which he may effect on Sections 1b and 1c.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run in Marlborough Land District open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 24th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application, at this office, on Tuesday, the 19th May, 1903, under the provisions of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892."

If more than one application is received for the run on the same day, the order of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—MARLBOROUGH COUNTY.

Second-class Pastoral Country.

Run No.	Area.	Survey District.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
141	A. R. P. 16,020 0 0	Patriarch ..	3d.	£ s. d. 50 1 3

About 1,350 acres of flat, fenced in on north bank of Wairau River by well-conditioned fence; 85 acres of this is a flax swamp, partly drained, and of the remainder three-fourths is well grassed, partly with English, but principally native grasses. A woolshed with two-roomed hut, and small paddock and yards, is situated about the centre of this flat. Beyond this the country is steep and rough for the most part, though here and there, as in Birch Hill Creek, are small patches fairly grassed, and capable of improvement. About one-half the area of this run is taken up by birch bush, in patches, and scrub, the north side of the mountain lying into the Goulter River being especially broken and rough, and, as is the case on the south face, carrying tutu and fern, with little grass. Altitude from 950 ft. to 5,400 ft. Well watered with permanent streams throughout. Distant about forty miles from Blenheim by dray-road, passing through Birch Hill Station, and crossing the river opposite latter homestead. Formed dray-track leading from this crossing into the bush at the back of old Section 102, whence posts and firewood can be drawn. Eastern boundary partly fenced (about one mile and a half) by good fence. Possession on day of ballot.

Small Grazing-run No. 141 is offered for lease subject to the following special condition: That the lessee has no right to the timber in the two clumps of bush shown on the sale-plan and numbered 1 and 2 respectively, except such as may be required for fencing or for his domestic use, and the Crown reserves the right to grant permission to any person to enter upon the run and cut and remove therefrom such timber as may be required for domestic or fencing purposes.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run in Southland Land District open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 23rd March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application, at this office, on Tuesday, the 26th May, 1903, under the provisions of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892."

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

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WALLACE COUNTY.

Second-class Pastoral Country.

Run No.	Section.	Survey District.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.
27	125	Eyre ..	A. R. P. 3,143 0 0	d. 1 5	£ s. d. 9 16 6

Weighted with £23 2s. valuation for improvements. Open undulating country; pastoral; hilltops stony; clay soil; well watered; height above sea-level, from 1,230 ft. to 1,530 ft. Distance from Eyre Creek Railway-station, about 40 chains.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Kauri Timber for Sale by Auction at Auckland.

Department of Lands and Survey,
District Office, Auckland, 26th January, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned kauri timber, standing on the Tangihua State Forest, Blocks I., III., and VII., Tangihua Survey District, Hobson County, will be offered for sale by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 17th day of April, 1903, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Lot No. 1: 690 green trees, containing about 2,678,945 sup. ft.; 41 dry trees, containing about 60,934 sup. ft.: total, 2,739,879 sup. ft. Upset price, £2,739 18s.

Lot No. 2: 1,247 green trees, containing about 4,135,861 sup. ft.; 21 dry trees, containing about 62,284 sup. ft.: total, 4,198,145 sup. ft. Upset price, £4,198 3s.

Lot No. 3: 684 green trees, containing about 2,468,221 sup. ft.; 195 dry trees, containing about 389,279 sup. ft.: total, 2,857,500 sup. ft. Upset price, £2,857 10s.

Lot No. 4: 605 green trees, containing about 2,030,843 sup. ft.; 13 dry trees, containing about 39,428 sup. ft.: total, 2,070,271 sup. ft. Upset price, £2,070 5s.

Lot No. 5: 313 green trees, containing about 904,385 sup. ft.; 14 dry trees, containing about 18,670 sup. ft.; total, 923,055 sup. ft. Upset price, £807 14s.

Lot No. 6: 354 green trees, containing about 1,064,732 sup. ft. Upset price, £930 8s.

Lot No. 7: 91 green trees, containing about 242,375 sup. ft. Upset price, £212 2s.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4: One-third of the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer; one-third payable within six months; the balance payable within twelve months from date of sale.

Lots 5, 6, and 7: One-half of the purchase-money to be paid in cash or by marked cheque on the fall of the hammer; the balance payable within six months from date of sale. All balances outstanding at date of sale to be supported by promissory notes.

Time for Removal.—Lots 1, 3, and 4: All timber to be removed within three years from date of sale. Lot 2: Within four years. Lots 5 and 6: Within two years. Lot 7: Within one year. Subject also to any special conditions.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 25th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral runs will be offered for lease by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 1st day of May, 1903, at 11 a.m., for the term and at the upset annual rentals stated.

SCHEDULE.

CLASS II.

Run No.	Area.	Survey District.	County.	Upset Annual Rental.
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Run No.	Acres.	Survey District.	County.	£	s.	d.
80	9,110	Horo-horo, Paeroa, Ngongotaha, and Tarawera	Rotorua and East Taupo	18	5	0

Altitude about 1,200 ft. above sea-level. The land is mostly high flat tussock and fern ridges, with deep gullies between; contains about 300 acres of fair swamp land. The soil is very light, but fair for the district; about 2,000 acres ploughable; the gullies carry good grass. The run is well watered, and situated about sixteen miles from Rotorua.

81	6,450	Horo-horo and Ngongotaha	Rotorua and East Taupo	12	18	0
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Altitude about 1,300 ft. above sea-level. The run is very hilly, but there are some good wide valleys and terraces with fair feed; covered chiefly with fern, tutu, and manuka; from 300 to 400 acres ploughable; soil light, but fair for the district; well watered, and situated about twelve miles from Rotorua by Atiamuri Road.

82	11,000	Ngongotaha	Rotorua and East Taupo	11	0	0
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Altitude about 1,500 ft. above sea-level. The run contains two small clumps of forest, balance fern, tutu, and manuka, with fair feed in some of the valleys. The run is very hilly, and does not contain much ploughable land; soil very light, but well watered. Fronts Atiamuri Road, about fifteen miles from Rotorua.

83	11,980	Ngongotaha and Paeroa	Rotorua and East Taupo	20	19	6
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Altitude about 1,300 ft. above sea-level. Very hilly land, but there are wide valleys and terraces that carry good grass, and could be ploughed. Mostly covered with fern, tutu, and tussock, with patches of high manuka along streams; some good flax and clover along the Whirinaki Stream. The valleys near the old kainga, Waiwhakahihi, carry good feed throughout the year. The run is well watered throughout, and situated about sixteen miles from Rotorua.

84	9,100	Ngongotaha	Rotorua and East Taupo	11	7	6
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Altitude about 1,300 ft. above sea-level. About 200 acres tawa, rimu, and scrubby forest; balance high fern and tea-tree, with tutu and tussock in the valleys; soil very light, and well watered. Situated about twenty-one miles from Rotorua.

85	8,181	Ruawahia	Rotorua	12	5	6
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Contains about 500 acres mixed forest, balance fern, tea-tree, and tussock; broken land, soil light, and covered in places with deposits from Tarawera eruption. The run fronts Rerewhakaitu Lake, and is situated about twenty-eight miles from Rotorua and four miles and a half off the Rotorua-Galatea Road.

92	12,310	Tuhingamata East and Tatua	East Taupo	24	12	6
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Broken and undulating land; about 500 acres mixed forest at north end of run; balance fern and tea-tree and tussock; light soil. Fronts the old Taupo-Atiamuri Road, about five miles from Taupo.

93	12,310	Tuhingamata East, Tatua, and Tauhara	East Taupo	24	12	6
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The run contains two small clumps of mixed forest; balance fern, tea-tree, and tussock. The land is broken and undulating; light soil. Fronts Lake Taupo; access by track about four miles from Taupo.

94	10,144	Kaingaroa	Rotorua	20	6	0
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Broken and undulating land, covered with fern, tea-tree, and tussock; soil light and partly overlaid with deposits from Tarawera eruption. This run fronts Rerewhakaitu Lake, and is otherwise watered by several streams. Situated about twenty-five miles from Rotorua by the Rotorua-Galatea Road, passing through the south end of the run.

TERMS OF SALE.

These runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892." Term of leases, twenty-one years.

All hot springs, fumaroles, ngawas, geysers, mud volcanoes, and other centres of thermal action, with right of way thereto, are specially excluded from these pastoral leases.

Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 195 of the Land Act, and pay the sum of half-year's rent and lease fee on fall of the hammer.

These runs are to be disposed of with right of resumption; and in the event of the Government deciding to resume possession of the whole or any part of the land comprised in a run, after twelve months' notice, in terms of "The Land Act, 1892," the lease in respect of the land comprised in such notice shall determine and be void.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in Canterbury Land District for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 10th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 197 of "The Land Act, 1892," that the undermentioned pastoral runs, which have been offered for lease by public auction and not sold, will be open for lease on application, at the District Lands and Survey Offices, Christchurch and Timaru, on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1903, under the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

In the event of more than one application being received on the same day for the same run, priority of selection will be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Run No.	Name of Run.	County.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Term of License.
<i>Class I.</i>					
			Acres.	£	Yrs.
144	Snowdale	Ashley	45,600	450	14
41	Mount Nimrod	Waimate	14,000	450	14
44	Bluecliffs	"	17,000	425	14
50	Mount Studholme	"	6,300	230	10
<i>Class II.</i>					
210	Pt. of Mount Peel	Geraldine	1,170	100	13

Possession will be given on 1st March, 1904.

LOCALITY AND DESCRIPTION.

RUN 144, SNOWDALE.

This run is situate between the River Whistler and the Puketeraki Range, about eighteen miles distant from Oxford Railway-station, at an altitude of from 2,200 ft. to 4,500 ft. above sea-level. It comprises mountainous country for the most part covered with tussock and other native grasses. The improvements consist of boundary and subdivision fencing, drafting-yards, shepherd's hut, and store-room. The maximum amount which the incoming tenant will be liable for on account of improvements is £1,268.

RUN 41, MOUNT NIMROD.

This run is situate on the Hunters Hills, at the head of the Pareora River, about ten miles distant from Cave Railway-station, at an altitude of from 1,800 ft. to 5,219 ft. above sea-level. It comprises chiefly sloping spurs, with a northerly aspect, generally covered with blue-grass, snow-grass, and other native grasses. The improvements consist of about thirty miles and a half of boundary fencing. The maximum amount which the incoming tenant will be liable for on account of improvements is £1,855.

RUN 44, BLUECLIFFS.

This run is situate on the western slopes of the Hunters Hills, between the summit and the River Waihao, about twenty-three miles distant from St. Andrews Railway-station, at an altitude of from 2,000 ft. to 5,000 ft. above sea-level. It comprises high spurs, falling steeply into the creeks, but becoming less rugged as they approach the Waihao River, mostly covered with tussock, snow-grass, and other native grasses. The improvements consist of about twenty-four miles and three-quarters of boundary and subdivision fencing, and two 12 ft. by 12 ft. wood and iron huts. The maximum amount which the incoming tenant will be liable for on account of improvements is £1,277.

RUN 50, MOUNT STUDHOLME.

This run is situate on the western side of the Hunters Hills, and slopes down to the Waihao River, about six miles distant from the Waimate Railway-station, at an altitude of from 1,400 ft. to 3,560 ft. above sea-level. It comprises spurs falling towards the creeks and the Waihao River, mostly covered with tussock, snow-grass, and other native grasses. The improvements consist of about nine miles and a half of boundary and subdivision fencing, and an iron hut. The maximum amount which the incoming tenant will be liable for on account of improvements is £690.

RUN 210, PART OF MOUNT PEEL.

This run is situate on the western bank of the River Rangitata, about twenty-one miles distant from Rangitata Railway-station, and from seven to ten miles distant from Peel Forest. It comprises for the most part river flats, covered with tussock and other native grasses. The improvements consist of about five miles of wire fencing. The maximum amount which the incoming tenant will be liable for on account of improvements is £381.

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

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 26th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned village-homestead allotments will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 1903.

If more than one application is received for the same allotment on the same day, priority of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—SEAWARD BUSH TOWNSHIP.

1 and 2 | III. | 10 2 3 | 2 0 | 0 10 6
Situating about one mile from Tisbury Railway-station. Bush land; soil fair; well watered. Weighted with £7 10s. valuation for fencing and clearing. Limit of holding in Block III., Seaward Bush Township, 10 acres.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—INVERCARGILL HUNDRED.—TISBURY VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

73 | XXII. | 19 1 30 | 0 9 6 | 0 7 10
Situating about one mile and a half from Tisbury Railway-station. Land covered with mixed bush; nearly level; soil fair; portion of land liable to flood. Limit of holding, 50 acres.

WALLACE COUNTY.—LONGWOOD SURVEY DISTRICT.—LONGWOOD VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

9 | VII. | 43 0 35 | 0 9 6 | 0 17 4
Situating about one mile from Wakapatu Railway-station. Bush land; soil inferior. Weighted with £58, valuation for fencing and grassing. Limit of holding, 100 acres.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, 5th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned 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 Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1903.

If more than one application is received for the same section on the same day, priority of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.

First- and Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Rent, 5 per Cent.		Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 4 per Cent.	
					Per Acre.	Total Price.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rent.

First-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Southland..	Winton Hundred	16, 17, 46	VIII.	60 1 10	1 0 0	60 6 3	1 0	1 10 2	0 9 6	1 4 2
" ..	Ditto ..	18	"	20 0 0	1 5 0	25 0 0	1 3	0 12 6	1 0	0 10 0
" ..	" ..	19	"	20 0 0	1 5 0	25 0 0	1 3	0 12 6	1 0	0 10 0
" ..	" ..	20	"	20 0 0	1 5 0	25 0 0	1 3	0 12 6	1 0	0 10 0
" ..	" ..	21	"	20 0 0	1 10 0	30 0 0	1 6	0 15 0	1 2 4	0 12 0
" ..	" ..	22	"	20 0 0	1 10 0	30 0 0	1 6	0 15 0	1 2 4	0 12 0
" ..	" ..	23	"	20 0 0	1 10 0	30 0 0	1 6	0 15 0	1 2 4	0 12 0

Situating about three miles from Winton Railway-station. Bush land, old sawmill workings, carrying mixed bush; land undulating and well watered; soil good.

Second-class Land.

County.	District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	0 9	1 1 0	0 7 2	0 16 10
Southland..	Winton Hundred	37	VIII.	55 3 30	0 15 0	42 0 0	0 9	1 1 0	0 7 2	0 16 10
" ..	Ditto ..	42	"	63 0 0	0 15 0	47 5 0	0 9	1 3 8	0 7 2	0 19 0

Situating within five miles of Winton Railway-station. Bush land, old sawmill workings, carrying mixed bush; land undulating; soil good, and well watered.

Southland.. | Otara .. | 22 | IV. | 145 0 0 | 0 8 9 | 63 8 9 | 0 5 25 | 1 11 9 | 0 4 2 | 1 5 5
Situating about three miles from Tokonui and ten miles from Fortrose. Bush land; hilly; soil fair.

Southland.. | Toetoes .. | 16 | III. | 225 0 11 | 0 7 6 | 84 7 6 | 0 4 5 | 2 2 2 | 0 3 6 | 1 13 9
Situating about six miles from Glenham and ten miles from Waimahaka Railway-stations. Mostly covered with mixed bush of no commercial value; soil fair. Roads to section not made.

JOHN HAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Lands in Marlborough Land District for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 5th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral runs will be open for lease on application, at this office, on Tuesday, the 21st April, 1903.

In the event of more than one application being received on the same day for the same run, priority of selection will be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—MARLBOROUGH COUNTY.
Second-class Pastoral Country.

Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
149	Leatham, Raglan, and Molesworth	A. R. P. 79,200 0 0	£ s. d. 100 0 0	21 years.

Rough, broken country, ranging in altitude from 1,500 ft. to 7,000 ft. About 30,000 acres covered with inferior birch bush, remainder open, with patches of scrub, fern, and tussock. On the lower ridges, and along the river, there is fairly good tussock and grass, but a considerable part of the run consists of rocky, mountainous country, much subject to snow in winter, and birch bush that is practically worthless; well watered throughout by permanent streams. Distant about fifty miles from Blenheim, forty miles of which is by main coach-road, and remainder by bridle-track and river-beds.

150 | Leatham and Molesworth | 35,224 0 0 | 10 0 0 | 21 years.

Rough, broken country, ranging in altitude from 2,000 ft. to 7,000 ft. About one-fifth covered with inferior birch bush. Along the Leatham River, and in the Barber and Gordon basins, there is very good tussock and other grass, and the land could be improved by burning and sowing. A large proportion of this run consists of worthless mountain-tops, much subject to snow in winter. Distant about fifty-seven miles from Blenheim, forty miles of which is along main coach-road, and remainder by bridle-track and river-beds.

TERMS OF SALE.

The above runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892." Possession will be given on day of selection.

Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration as required by section 195 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent and license fee (£1 1s.), on fall of the hammer.

C. W. ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in the Township of Parata, Wellington Land District, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 9th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned section will be offered for lease by public auction, under the provisions of "The Native Townships Act, 1895," at this office, on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1903, for a term of twenty-one years, with the right of renewal for a further term of twenty-one years.

If the section is not disposed of at auction it will be open thereafter for lease on application at the upset annual rental stated.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.—HOROWHENUA COUNTY.—TOWNSHIP OF PARATA.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
42	V.	A. R. P. 1 3 16	£ s. d. 3 15 0

Weighted with £170 for improvements.

Parata Township is situated on the Manawatu Railway-line, and adjoins the Waikanae Railway-station. The above section contains a nine-roomed house, and comprises all flat land in English grasses. The soil is of good quality, resting on gravel formation.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in the Canterbury Land District open or Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 5th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity as workmen's homes allotments, at this office, and the local Land Office, Timaru, on Monday, the 27th April, 1903, under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and amendments.

If more than one application is received for either allotment on the same day, the order of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

CHRISTCHURCH LAND DISTRICT.
First-class Land.

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

SELWYN COUNTY.—CHRISTCHURCH SURVEY DISTRICT.—TARAWAHI HAMLET.

Section.	Block.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
35	XV.	1 3 0	6 12 2	5 15 8

This section is situated near the south-western corner of the Tarawahi Hamlet, adjacent to the north bank of the Heathcote River, about 30 chains westward from Colombo Road South, and about two miles and a quarter southward from the Christchurch Post-office; it comprises flat agricultural land, black loamy soil on sandy subsoil. The improvements on the land consist of boundary fencing, valued at £6 6s., which must be paid for by the incoming tenant before being admitted to possession of the land; there are also a fowl-house with run, pigsty, windmill, tanks, &c., and walls of a brick building, all of which are included in the price of the section.

LEVELS COUNTY.—AROWHENUA SURVEY DISTRICT.—PUHUKA HAMLET.

Section.	Block.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
5	X.	3 0 0	1 10 8	2 6 0

This section is situated near the western end of the Puhuka Hamlet, about two miles and a half northerly from Timaru, and three-quarters of a mile from the Smithfield Freezing-works, and comprises open sloping land of good quality on clay subsoil. There are old gorse fences on the southern and north-western boundaries, and the incoming tenant will be liable to the lessee of the adjoining Lot 4 for half the value of the boundary fence between Lots 4 and 5.

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserves in Town of Balclutha, Otago Land District, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 14th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned reserves will be offered for lease by public auction at this office, on Tuesday, the 21st April, 1903, under the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

In the event of any of the sections not being disposed of at auction, they will remain open thereafter for lease on application at the upset annual rentals stated.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—TOWN OF BALCLUTHA.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.
4	III.	A. R. P. 0 1 2	£ s. d. 0 10 0
5	"	0 1 0	0 10 0
15*	"	0 1 11	0 10 0
1	IV.	0 1 0	1 0 0
2	"	0 1 0	1 0 0
21	"	0 1 0	1 0 0
5	V.	0 1 0	1 0 0
6	"	0 1 0	1 0 0
7	"	0 1 0	1 0 0

* Weighted with £47 10s., valuation for improvements, consisting of four-roomed house, dairy, and garden.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Waari Hamlet, Auckland Land District, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity as Workmen's Homes.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 23rd February, 1903.

THE undermentioned Crown lands will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, as workmen's homes, at this office, on Monday, the 20th April, 1903, under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WAARI HAMLET, WAIPAREIRA PARISH.—TITIRANGI SURVEY DISTRICT.

Section.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
		Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	4 3 13	0 7 6	0 18 2
2	4 3 33	0 7 6	0 18 7
3	4 3 33	0 7 6	0 18 7
4	4 3 34	0 7 6	0 18 8
5	4 3 30	0 7 6	0 18 7
6	4 3 35	0 7 6	0 18 8
7	4 2 1	0 7 6	0 16 11
8	4 2 5	0 7 6	0 17 0
9	3 3 14	0 7 6	0 14 5
10	3 0 12	0 7 6	0 10 8
11	3 0 14	0 7 6	0 11 6
12	4 1 37	0 7 6	0 16 10
13	4 1 36	0 7 6	0 16 10
14	4 3 38	0 7 6	0 18 8
15	4 3 29	0 7 6	0 18 6
16	4 3 28	0 7 6	0 18 6
17	4 2 14	0 7 6	0 17 3
18	4 0 14	0 7 6	0 15 5
19	4 3 35	0 7 6	0 18 8
20	4 3 15	0 7 6	0 18 2
21	4 0 36	0 7 6	0 15 10
22	4 2 0	0 7 6	0 16 11
23	4 3 6	0 7 6	0 18 0
24	4 3 6	0 7 6	0 18 0
25	4 3 8	0 7 6	0 18 0
26	4 3 10	0 7 6	0 18 1
27	4 3 12	0 7 6	0 18 2
28	4 3 14	0 7 6	0 18 2
29	3 3 8	0 7 6	0 14 3
30	4 1 2	0 7 6	0 15 11
31	4 0 10	0 7 6	0 15 3
32	3 2 38	0 7 6	0 14 1
33	4 3 28	0 7 6	0 18 6
34	4 3 34	0 7 6	0 18 8
35	4 3 34	0 7 6	0 18 8
36	4 3 35	0 7 6	0 18 8
37	4 3 35	0 7 6	0 18 8
38	4 3 9	0 7 6	0 18 1
39	4 3 26	0 7 6	0 18 6
40	4 3 32	0 7 6	0 18 7
41	4 3 38	0 7 6	0 18 8
42	3 3 20	0 7 6	0 14 7
43	4 1 33	0 7 6	0 16 9
44	4 2 24	0 7 6	0 17 6
45	4 1 34	0 7 6	0 16 9
46	3 3 17	0 7 6	0 14 6
47	4 1 23	0 7 6	0 16 6
48	4 3 22	0 7 6	0 18 4
49	4 3 18	0 7 6	0 18 3
50	4 2 14	0 7 6	0 17 3
51	4 2 1	0 7 6	0 16 10
52	4 0 21	0 7 6	0 15 6
53	4 0 38	0 7 6	0 15 11
54	4 2 26	0 7 6	0 17 6
55	4 2 5	0 7 6	0 17 0
56	4 0 37	0 7 6	0 15 11
57	2 2 39	0 7 6	0 10 4
58	4 3 35	0 7 6	0 18 8
59	4 2 30	0 7 6	0 17 7
60	3 3 38	0 7 6	0 15 0
61	4 1 3	0 7 6	0 16 1
62	3 1 27	0 7 6	0 12 10
63	3 1 29	0 7 6	0 12 11
64	3 3 30	0 7 6	0 14 10
65	4 3 3	0 7 6	0 17 10
66	5 0 0	0 7 6	0 18 9
67	3 2 18	0 7 6	0 13 7
68	3 1 20	0 7 6	0 12 8

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT—continued.

Section.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
		Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
69	2 3 31	0 7 6	0 11 1
70	2 3 2	0 7 6	0 10 5
71	4 2 26	0 7 6	0 17 6
72	4 3 1	0 7 6	0 17 10
73	4 0 0	0 7 6	0 15 0
74	4 0 32	0 7 6	0 15 9
75	3 3 38	0 7 6	0 14 6
76	3 3 39	0 7 6	0 15 0
77	4 0 1	0 7 6	0 15 1
78	4 3 24	0 7 6	0 18 5
79	3 1 4	0 7 6	0 12 4
80	4 3 6	0 7 6	0 18 0
81	4 0 31	0 7 6	0 15 9
82	3 3 38	0 7 6	0 15 0
83	3 2 8	0 7 6	0 13 4
84	3 3 21	0 7 6	0 14 7
85	4 2 22	0 7 6	0 17 5
86	4 2 23	0 7 6	0 17 5
87	4 3 38	0 7 6	0 18 9
88	3 3 36	0 7 6	0 14 11
89	4 3 30	0 7 6	0 18 7
90	2 1 0	0 7 6	0 8 6
91	3 3 37	0 7 6	0 14 9
92	2 3 22	0 7 6	0 10 10

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-runs in Auckland Land District open for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 9th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, at this office, on Wednesday, 8th April, 1903, under the provisions of Part V. of "The Land Act, 1892."

In the event of more than one application being received for the same run on the same day priority of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Run No.	County.	Survey District.	Area.	Half-yearly Rent.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.
71	Rotorua ..	Tarawera and Ruawahia	7,500 0 0	35 3 2
				Broken and undulating land fronting Tarawera Lake; about 3,500 acres mixed forest, balance fern and scrub; soil light and of moderate quality, partly covered with mud from Tarawera eruption. Situated sixteen miles from Rotorua.
72	Whakatane	Rotorua, Ruawahia, and Lower Rangitaiki	5,232 0 0	16 7 0
				Broken land, covered with fern and tea-tree; light soil of inferior quality. Twenty-five miles from Matata.
73	Whakatane	Rotorua and Upper Rangitaiki	8,000 0 0	25 0 0
				Broken and undulating land; one-third mixed forest, balance fern and tea-tree; light soil. Situated about twenty miles from Matata.
74	East Taupo	Tatua and Tauhara	10,350 0 0	32 6 10
				Open land, level and undulating, covered with tussock, fern, and tea-tree; soil light, poor to medium. Situated from two to eight miles from Taupo Township, fronting Waikato River.
75	East Taupo	Tatua ..	8,938 0 0	33 10 4
				Undulating land of moderate quality; about 700 acres light mixed forest, balance fern and tea-tree; soil light. Access by Taupo-Orakei-Korako Road. Sixteen to nineteen miles from Taupo.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserve in Taranaki Land District for Lease by Public Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 14th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, up to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 5th May, 1903, for a lease of the undermentioned section under the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

If the land is not applied for on the date mentioned it will remain open thereafter for selection at the upset annual rental and for the term stated below.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—PATEA DISTRICT.

PART of Section No. 534, Block XI., Hawera Survey District: Area, 53 acres 2 roods 32 perches; upset annual rental, £41 10s. 9d.; term of lease, 14 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. Residence is not compulsory, and no statutory declaration is required. 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 lease shall be for the term of fourteen years, but shall be subject to termination by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by the Government at the end of the fifth and tenth years.
5. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance, free from all deductions whatsoever.
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 lessee shall not take more than two crops, one of which must be a root-crop, from the same land in succession; and either with or immediately after a second crop of any kind he shall sow the land down with good permanent cultivated grasses and clovers, and allow the land to remain as a pasture for at least three years from the harvesting of the last crop before again being cropped.
8. 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; and he shall, at the proper season in each year, clip and trim all gorse and other live fences on the land included in the lease, including the outer fences around the shelter plantation, and he shall be at liberty to enter upon the other portions of the section not described or included in the lease for that purpose.
9. The lessee will keep all buildings, fences, ditches, drains, watercourses, gates, fixtures, and other things upon and about the land in good order and condition, including the outer fences on boundaries of reserve which enclose the plantation, and he shall so yield them up at the end of the term.
10. The lessee shall at the expiration of the term yield up the whole of the land in permanent pasture of grasses and clovers.
11. The lessee shall not cut the cultivated grasses or clovers for hay or seed during the first year from the time of sowing as aforesaid, nor shall he at any time remove from the land or burn any straw grown upon the land. The lessee shall have no right to cut or remove any tree in the shelter plantation surrounding the land comprised in the lease without the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
12. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within thirty days after the date on which the same ought to be fulfilled.

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

JAMES MACKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Janefield Settlement, Otago Land District, open for Selection on Lease in Perpetuity.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 18th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Crown land will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity, at this office, on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 1903, under the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and amendments.

In the event of more than one application being received for the section on the same day, priority of selection shall be decided by ballot.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—TAIERI COUNTY.—TAIERI SURVEY DISTRICT.—JANEFIELD SETTLEMENT.
First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Lease in Perpetuity: Rent, 5 per Cent.	
			Rent per Acre per Annum.	Half-yearly Rent.
27A	I.	10 0 0	£ s. d. 1 17 0	£ s. d. { 9 5 0 8 11 7*

* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £220, repayable in twenty-one years.

First-class open, level, agricultural land, abutting on the Otago Central Railway. The following buildings and improvements go with the section: Eight-roomed dwelling-house and scullery, dairy, store, stable, cow-byre and cart-shed, plantation, fruit-trees, and fencing round homestead—value, £220. : half-yearly payment of interest and sinking fund, £8 11s. 7d. The following buildings do not go with the section, and will be disposed of by tender: Old piggeries, with binder-shed; cow-shed, containing sixteen stalls; barn, with loft and chaff-house; pigery, and brick boiler-house. The buyer of these buildings will be allowed one month from date of acceptance of tender in which to remove them.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Run in Canterbury Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 10th March, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral run will be offered for lease by public auction, at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1903, at 3 o'clock p.m., under the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.
Class I.

Run No.	Name of Run.	County.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Term of License.
64	Part of Hakataramea	Waimate	Acres. 11,000	£ 275	Years 7

Possession will be given on 1st March, 1904.

This run is situate on the eastern slopes of the Grampian Mountains, and extends about eleven miles and a half in a southerly direction from the Hakataramea Pass, at an altitude of from 2,000 ft. to 5,600 ft. above sea-level. The lower spurs of the range are easy and sloping, and are mostly covered with tussock, snow-grass, blue-grass, and other native grasses. The improvements consist of about twenty miles and a half of boundary and subdivision fencing, and cob hut with iron roof. Included in this length of fencing are about three miles of Government rabbit-fence on the southern boundary, that are not to be paid for by the incoming tenant. The maximum amount which the incoming tenant will be liable for on account of improvements is £630.

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

THOS. HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in the Town of Westport, Nelson Land District, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Nelson, 9th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned sections in the Town of Westport will be offered for lease by auction for a term of forty-two years under "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877," and its amendments, and "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1901," at the Courthouse, Westport, on Thursday, the 2nd April, 1903, at noon.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—TOWN OF WESTPORT.

Section.	Locality.	Area.	Upset Rental per Annum.			Valuation for Improvements.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
839	Russell Street	A. R. P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
840	"	0 0 22.8	0	15	0	8	0	0
842	Queen Street	0 0 36.4	1	0	0	120	0	0
843	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	125	0	0
844	Bright Street	0 0 16.9	0	10	0	180	0	0
844A	Russell Street	0 0 24.6	0	15	0	19	0	0
845	Bright Street	0 1 0	1	5	0	25	0	0
846	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	10	0	0
847	"	0 0 31.6	1	0	0	200	0	0
848	"	0 0 6.8	1	10	0	80	0	0
861	Chamberlain Street	0 0 14.1	0	10	0	200	0	0
862	"	0 0 10.3	0	10	0	35	0	0
863	"	0 0 28.5	1	0	0	5	0	0
864	"	0 0 15.9	0	15	0	120	0	0
867	Bright Street	0 0 23.3	1	0	0	55	0	0
868	"	0 0 15.6	0	15	0	100	0	0
869	"	0 0 19.3	0	15	0	60	0	0
870	"	0 0 7.9	0	10	0	100	0	0
877	Queen Street	0 1 0	1	0	0	45	0	0
898	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	160	0	0
899	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	20	0	0
1026	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	250	0	0
1028	Peel Street	0 1 0	1	0	0	10	0	0
1029	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	145	0	0
1030	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	10	0	0
1031	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	300	0	0
1032	Bright Street	0 1 0	1	5	0	1	0	0
1033	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	1	0	0
1034	"	0 1 0	1	10	0	1	0	0
1035	Gladstone Street	0 1 0	1	5	0	1	0	0
1036	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	15	0	0
1037	"	0 0 32	1	0	0	200	0	0
1038	"	0 1 8	1	10	0	65	0	0
1039	Peel Street	0 1 0	1	0	0	250	0	0
1040	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	15	0	0
1041	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	170	0	0
1042	Romilly Street	0 1 0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1043	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	2	0	0
1044	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	130	0	0
1045	Bright Street	0 1 0	1	10	0	130	0	0
1046	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	50	0	0
1047	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	180	0	0
1048	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	22	0	0
1049	"	0 1 0	1	10	0	250	0	0
1050	Romilly Street	0 1 0	1	5	0	50	0	0
1051	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	120	0	0
1052	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	0	10	0
1053	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	5	0	0
1054	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	2	0	0
1055	Derby Street	0 1 0	1	5	0	1	0	0
1056	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1057	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1058	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1059	"	0 1 0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1060	Bright Street	0 1 0	1	10	0	45	0	0
1061	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	15	0	0
1062	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	7	0	0
1063	"	0 1 0	1	5	0	150	0	0
1064	"	0 1 0	1	10	0	10	0	0

The improvements on the above sections consist of cottages, outbuildings, gardens, and fencing.

Terms of Sale.

A deposit of half-year's rent and £1 Is. lease fee must be paid on the fall of the hammer, and, in addition, the amount of valuation of improvements, should the purchaser not be the person by whom the improvements have been effected.

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

W. G. MURRAY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 10th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral runs will be offered for lease by public auction, at this office, on Friday, the 3rd day of April, 1903, at 11 a.m.

PASTORAL RUNS UNDER PART VI., "THE LAND ACT, 1892."

Class.	Run No.	Area.	Survey District.	County.	Half-yearly Rent.
II.	76	Acres. 9,920	Tarawera	Rotorua	£ s. d. 12 8 0
"	77	6,400	"	"	6 8 0
"	78	8,896	"	"	6 13 3
"	79	14,592	Tarawera and Paeroa	"	14 12 0

Nearly all open land; fern, tea-tree, and tussock, with a few patches of light mixed forest; broken and undulating country; soil light, overlaid in parts with deposits from Tarawera eruption. Situated from three to nineteen miles from Rotorua by the Rotorua-Waiotapu and Rotorua-Wairoa Roads. [NOTE.—All centres of thermal action, together with right of way thereto, to be reserved from these areas.]

II.	86	15,675	Hurakia	West Taupo and Clifton	7 16 9
"	87	18,117	"	West Taupo	9 1 0
"	88	16,837	Hurakia & Puketapu	"	8 8 0
"	89	13,776	Puketapu & Tuhua	"	6 18 0

These runs are all high mountainous country, ranging to 3,500 ft. above sea level; soil fairly good, but mostly covered with pumice; mixed forest, contains totara and rimu in small quantities. Situated from 15 to 38 miles from Poro-te-Rau Railway-station and from 13 to 37 miles from Taumararui.

II.	90	20,000	Tauhara & Waitahanui	East Taupo	10 0 0
"	91	20,000	Tauhara, Waitahanui, & Otukotara	"	10 0 0

Open land; fern, tea-tree, and tussock, with a small clump of mixed forest on each run; light pumice soil of inferior quality. Access by Taupo-Napier Road, from 11 to 18 miles from Taupo.

TERMS OF SALE.

These runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of the Land Act. Term of lease, twenty-one years. Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 195 of the Land Act, and pay the sum of half a year's rent and lease fee on fall of the hammer.

GERHARD MUELLER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Land in Wellington Land District for Sale under Section 114 of "The Land Act, 1892."

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 24th January, 1903.

IT is hereby notified, in pursuance of section 240 of "The Land Act, 1892," that the undermentioned Crown land will be offered to the holder of the adjoining land, under section 114 of the said Act, on and after Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1903.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Survey District.	Upset Price per Acre.
13A	VIII.	A. R. P. 4 0 0	Ongo	£ s. d. 1 15 0

Weighted with £21, valuation for improvements.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in Westland for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Hokitika, 5th February, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral runs will be offered for lease by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Hokitika, on Thursday, 14th May, 1903, at 2 o'clock p.m.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.

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

No. of Run.	Area.	Locality.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term.
	Acres.		£ s. d.	
424	9,400	Lake Brunner ..	9 10 0	Ten years from 1st March, 1904, including also period between dates of sale and lease.
425	3,840	Upper Taramakau ..	4 0 0	
426	4,100	Poerua ..	4 0 0	
427	11,900	Otira ..	6 0 0	
428	35,500	Upper Arahura ..	18 0 0	
429	8,200	Greenstone ..	8 0 0	
430	15,400	Upper Mikonui ..	8 0 0	
431	34,400	Whitcombe Valley ..	17 0 0	
432	10,200	Mount Rangitoto ..	10 0 0	
433	22,700	Upper Waitaha ..	15 0 0	
434	22,000	Lake Ianthe ..	15 10 0	
435	26,100	Mount Adams ..	20 0 0	
436	23,200	Price Range ..	12 0 0	
437	45,500	Upper Wataroa ..	20 0 0	
438	16,100	Saltwater Lagoon ..	12 0 0	
439	17,500	Okarito Lagoon ..	9 0 0	
440	16,900	Mapourika Lake ..	8 10 0	
441	13,200	" ..	10 0 0	
442	11,800	Waitangi-ta-ona ..	12 0 0	
443	16,300	Waikupa-kupa ..	10 0 0	
444	10,100	Clearwater ..	8 0 0	
445	20,000	Upper Cook Valley ..	10 0 0	
446	15,100	Upper Karangarua ..	8 0 0	
447	31,600	Wills Valley ..	16 0 0	
448	9,900	Mount Watney ..	10 0 0	
449	11,000	South of Hope River ..	6 0 0	
450	31,500	George River ..	16 0 0	
451	32,500	Big Bay ..	16 0 0	
452	13,700	Upper Cascade ..	7 0 0	

LOCALITIES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF RUNS.

Run No. 424: Occupies the greater part of Mount Te Kings, on southern shores of Lake Brunner. Very steep bush-clad spurs and gullies; suitable for cattle, with a small area of open tussock on top fit for sheep.

Run No. 425: Cattle-feed country on forest-clad slopes of Mount Alexander, opposite Jackson Railway-station. Access from Taramakau River bed.

Run No. 426: Consists of lower northern faces of Mount Alexander. Very rugged country; cattle-feed only. Access from Bell Hill Road.

Run No. 427: Rough bush-clad sidelings, with a little open grassed mountain-tops of the northern watershed of Deception River. Suited for cattle-grazing, and for a few sheep during summer months. Access from Christchurch Road, Otira Valley.

Run No. 428: Situated in Arahura and Taipo Valleys, occupying the ranges between these rivers. Very wild, rough country; lower flanks covered with cattle-feed bush; upper portions bare and snow-clad with a fringe of grass; summer feed for sheep. Access by both valleys, but mainly from Arahura horse-track.

Run No. 429: Principally table-lands and hollows covered with dense forest and patches of scrub; cattle-feed only. Access via Marsden and Greenstone Roads.

Run No. 430: Very rough hill-sides; all cattle country. Comprises bulk of Tuki River watershed. Access from Upper Mikonui River bed.

Run No. 431: Occupies the greater portion of Whitcombe Valley. Very rugged mountainous country, comprising shaggy bush, rough tussock ridges, and barren, snow-clad tops. Access via Hokitika Valley bridle-road to junction with Whitcombe River, thence by river-bed.

Run No. 432: Covers western ridge and slopes of Mount Rangitoto. Wholly cattle country; mixed forest. Access

from Main South Road and Rangitoto horse-track; ten miles from Ross.

Run No. 433: Comprises the upper valley of Waitaha River. Cattle-feed only; very precipitous; rugged sidelings; approach difficult to back country. Access via open river-bed; eight miles from Main South Road.

Run No. 434: Low hummocky coastal lands between Lake Ianthe and Tasman Sea. Covered with dense forest; only suitable for cattle. Access via Main South Road and sea-beach.

Run No. 435: Includes the lower southern faces and the open tussock tops of the Adams Range. Bush feed for cattle and mountain summer feed for sheep. Access from Main South Road and Wataroa River bed.

Run No. 436: Consists of the whole of the open country of the Price Range. Snow-covered tops and rocky ridges bordered with a varying width of grasses and alpine vegetation; summer feed for sheep only. Access from Wataroa and Waitangi River beds.

Run No. 437: In upper valleys of Wataroa and Perth Rivers. Very rough, rugged mountain tops and sidelings; mostly forest and barren hill-tops, with some sparse alpine pastures. Access by Wataroa bridle-road to junction with Perth River, thence by river-bed and terraces.

Run No. 438: This area lies between the sea and Main South Road immediately north of the Wataroa River. Fairly flat surface covered with dense forest; cattle country only. Access from Main Road and sea-beach.

Run No. 439: Smooth bush-clad slopes running eastward from Okarito Lagoon; only suitable for feeding cattle. Access from Main Road.

Run No. 440: Rough, tumbled country between Okarito Township and Mapourika Lake; wholly covered with mixed forest; cattle-feed only. Access from Main Road and Totara River, &c.

Run No. 441: Forest-clad low ridges and shallow gullies east of Mapourika Lake. Comprises the watershed of McDonald's Creek; only fitted for cattle. Access by Main Road.

Run No. 442: Comprises the whole of the valley at head of Waitangi-ta-ona River below the bush-line; cattle-feed only. Access from Main Road and by open river-bed.

Run No. 443: Covers the swampy plateaux and bush-clad terraces and ridges south of Waikupa-kupa River; all cattle country. Easy of access from beach and inland bridle-road.

Run No. 444: Hummocky country; all bush; only fitted for cattle. Easy of access via bridle-road and Clearwater and Cook River beds. Close to mining township of Gillespie's.

Run No. 445: Includes the whole of the upper watersheds of Cook and Balfour Rivers. Very wild country, mostly bush, with small areas of alpine grassed lands. Access by Cook River bed; six miles from Main Road.

Run No. 446: Comprises the western portion of the Karangarua Range between the Twain, Copland, and Karangarua Rivers. All broken mountain heights and flanks; densely timbered on lower country and sparsely grassed on tops. Access via Karangarua River bed.

Run No. 447: Takes in the whole of the Wills River Valley, with the grass tops of the Bealey Range. Good open well-grassed river-flats, only fit for sheep; reported to have rabbits. Access from Haast Valley via Bealey Range.

Run No. 448: All mountainous country; open grass summits and thickly timbered lower faces; fitted for a few cattle, and also for sheep in summer. Access from Jackson Valley Road across open river-bed of Arawata River.

Run No. 449: Bush-clad country sloping to sea-beach immediately south of Hope River; cattle-feed only. Access by bridle-road, which is in course of construction, from Hope River along coast.

Run No. 450: This comprises all the bush country in the valleys of the George and Jerry Rivers; all cattle country. Access by sea-beach from Barn Bay difficult; also by Cascade bridle-road, now in bad repair.

Run No. 451: High, broken forest lands immediately north of Big Bay; only suitable for cattle. Access difficult, and via steamer, landing at Big Bay.

Run No. 452: Heavily timbered slopes and flats of the upper valley of Cascade River; cattle-feed only. Access by river-bed and terraces.

G. J. ROBERTS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands

NATIVE LAND COURT NOTICES.

Sitting of the Native Land Court at Rotorua, Auckland.

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 19th March, 1903.
NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Rotorua on the 18th day of April, 1903, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.
 [Auckland, 1903-13.]

JAS. W. BROWNE, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

CLAIMS OF THE DISTRICT OF TAUPO.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARTITION.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
2624	Whata Reweti, Te Wharewhiti Matenga, and others (34T-14, 2/147)	Tahorakuri.
2625	Whata Reweti and others (34T-30, 2/172)	Tahorakuri.
2626	Whata Reweti and others (34T-31, 2/173)	Tahorakuri No. 8.
2627	Te Kirikau Werahiko and others (by Henare Werahiko, Agent) ..	Tahorakuri No. 5.
2628	Nepia Matenga, Miriana te Tapuke, and others (34-53, 2/229) ..	Tahorakuri No. 5 (Waikari).
2629	Nepia Matenga, Miriana te Tapuke, Te Wenerau Kerehi (by her trustee, L. M. Grace), and others (34-54, 2/231)	Tahorakuri No. 7 (Obaki).
2630	Miriana Tapuke and others (34-55, 2/232)	Tahorakuri No. 8 (Waimahana).

Application for Confirmation Certificate under Section 55.

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 16th March, 1903.
NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been made to a Judge of the Court for a certificate under section 55 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," confirming the alienation hereunder specified. All objections to the granting of such certificate must be lodged with me within fourteen days from the publication of this notice.
 [Gisborne, 1903-5.]

JOHN BROOKING, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
35	Mortgage	14th March, 1903 ..	Sections 293 and 294, Township of Gisborne	Maata te Owai to S. S. P. Marr.

Applications for Confirmation Certificates under Section 55.

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.
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.
 [Wellington, Sec. 55.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

THE ALIENATIONS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Transfer by way of exchange (1903-36)	14th March, 1903 ..	Hinana No. 1B ..	Hoani Paraone Tunuiarangi and others.
2	Transfer (1903-40) ..	14th March, 1903 ..	Porehira Kare (Poll-hill's Gully Native Reserve), Section 1 of 37	Hiko Paopaokirangi to Ellen Collins.
3	Mortgage (1903-43) ..	20th March, 1903 ..	Hinana 1B (part of) and Hinana No. 4	Hoani Paraone Tunuiarangi to the Public Trustee.
4	Assignment of rents (1903-44)	20th March, 1903 ..	Hinana 1B (part of) and Hinana No. 4	Hoani Paraone Tunuiarangi to the Public Trustee.

Sitting of the Native Appellate Court at Levin.

Native Land Court Office, Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.
NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the Native Appellate Court will be held at Levin on the 21st day of April, 1903, to hear and determine the several appeals against the decisions of the Native Land Court set forth in the Schedule hereto. All persons interested in the said applications are hereby notified to attend at the time and place aforesaid.
 [Wellington, 1903-12.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

APPEALS.

No.	Name of Appellant.	Name of Land.	Decision in respect of which Appeal is made.
1	Thomas R. Ellison, as solicitor for Paretawhara	Ngarara West A 37 ..	Decision, given 13th August, 1900, on an application for confirmation of a transfer from Paretawhara to W. A. Chapple.
2	Wirihana Hunia and others ..	Horowhenua 11B No. 36 ..	Decision, given 2nd December, 1901, on partition.
3	Rangi Mairehau and Hoani Nahona	Horowhenua 11B No. 36 ..	Decision, given 2nd December, 1901, on partition.
4	Rabira Wirihana and others ..	Horowhenua 11B No. 36 ..	Decision, given 2nd December, 1901, on partition.
5	Te Aomarere te Karaha ..	Horowhenua No. 11 ..	Decision, given 9th December, 1901, appointing successors to Pirihira Hautapu, deceased.
6	Kereihii Roera ..	Muhunua No. 3A, Section 1E No. 1, Subdivision 1	Decision, given 15th December, 1902, removing restrictions.
7	William Henry Simcox (by his solicitors, Kirk and Wilson)	Pukehou No. 4D, Section 2	Decision, given 19th December, 1902, refusing confirmation of mortgage.
8	Ngahuia Rene ..	Rekereke No. 2 ..	Decision, given 10th February, 1903, appointing successors to Matene te Whiwhi.
9	Inia Hoani ..	Muhunua No. 1B ..	Decision, given 16th December, 1902, on partition.

Sitting of the Native Land Court at Wellington.

Registrar's Office, Wellington, 24th March, 1903.
 NOTICE is hereby given that the several matters mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written will be heard by the Native Land Court sitting at Wellington on the 30th day of March, 1903, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will allow.
 [Wellington, 1903-12.]

R. C. SIM, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.
 APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Name of Land.
276	Rakauphemo Toka and others	Manawatu-Kukutauaki No. 4A, Section 2, Sub-division 1.
277	Niniwa Heremaia	Tahuroa, Block D.
278	Niniwa Heremaia	Wainuioru 1b.
279	Niniwa Heremaia	Wainuioru, Block C.
280	Niniwa Heremaia	Pahaoa No. 1b.

Tenders for Native Timber, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department (Head Office), Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.
 THE undermentioned successful and unsuccessful tender-rates for the supply of native timber for 1903-4 for the New Zealand railways are published for general information.

T. RONAYNE,
 General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Tenderer.	Matai.	Totara.	White-pine.	Rimu.		Remarks.
				First-class.	Ordinary Building.	
CHRISTCHURCH SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, HALF-INCH AND UNDER.						
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
W. White and Co.	9 0	12 6	6 6	7 0	6 6	Accepted.
J. T. Brown and Son.. .. .	11 0	14 0	6 6	9 0	7 6	Declined.
John Waller and Son.. .. .	11 0	15 0	7 3	9 0	7 6	"
CHRISTCHURCH SECTION: SAWN TIMBER, OVER HALF-INCH.						
W. White and Co.	17 3	22 0	11 0	11 3	11 0	Accepted.
J. T. Brown and Son.. .. .	18 9	25 0	12 0	13 3	12 3	Declined.
John Waller and Son.. .. .	19 9	24 0	12 0	13 0	12 3	"
CHRISTCHURCH SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, HALF-INCH AND UNDER.						
W. White and Co.	9 3	13 0	7 9	10 0	9 0	Accepted.
J. T. Brown and Son	12 0	16 0	9 6	11 6	11 0	Declined.
John Waller and Son	12 6	16 9	9 6	12 3	11 9	"
CHRISTCHURCH SECTION: WROUGHT TIMBER, OVER HALF-INCH.						
W. White and Co.	17 9	23 0	12 0	14 6	14 0	Accepted.
J. T. Brown and Son	20 9	27 0	13 0	15 3	14 3	Declined.
John Waller and Son	21 0	26 0	13 6	15 3	14 6	"
DUNEDIN AND INVERCARGILL SECTIONS: SAWN TIMBER.						
Macpherson and Co. .. .. .	..	19 6	5 6	7 0	5 11	Accepted.
Massey and Co. .. .. .	..	23 0	5 6	7 3	5 6	Declined.
DUNEDIN AND INVERCARGILL SECTIONS: WROUGHT TIMBER.						
Macpherson and Co. .. .. .	..	21 6	7 0	8 10	8 3	Accepted.
Massey and Co. .. .. .	..	27 6	7 6	9 0	8 3	Declined.

Tenders for Horse-forage, New Zealand Railways.

Railway Department (Head Office), Wellington, 23rd March, 1903.
 THE undermentioned successful and unsuccessful tender-rates for the supply of horse-forage for 1903-4 for New Zealand railways are published for general information.

T. RONAYNE,
 General Manager, New Zealand Railways.

Beaus, Old, Crushed.	Bran.	Carrots.	Chaff, Oaten, Unthreshed.	Hay, Meadow.	Oats.		Straw.	Straw, Pressed.	Green Feed, Rye and Oats.
					Crushed, Old.	Whole, Old.			
W. AND G. WINSTONE, AUCKLAND SECTION (ACCEPTED).									
3/6 bushel	1/3 bushel	32/6 ton	105/0 ton	85/0 ton	2/8 bushel	2/6 bushel	60/0 ton	60/0 ton	6d. bundle.
J. J. CRAIG, AUCKLAND SECTION (DECLINED).									
3/6 bushel	1/5 bushel	40/0 ton	100/0 ton	80/0 ton	3/4 bushel	3/3 bushel	60/0 ton	70/0 ton	9d. bundle.
ROBERTSON BROS., AUCKLAND SECTION (DECLINED).									
5/0 bushel	1/3 bushel	40/0 ton	100/0 ton	110/0 ton	3/6 bushel	3/6 bushel	70/0 ton	70/0 ton	6d. bundle.
GEORGE TRELEAVEN AND Co., CHRISTCHURCH SECTION (ACCEPTED).									
3/3 bushel	1/1 bushel	20/0 ton	65/0 ton	80/0 ton	2/5 bushel	2/4 bushel	25/0 ton	35/0 ton	2½d. bundle
THOMAS WREAKS, CHRISTCHURCH SECTION (DECLINED).									
3/6 bushel	1/3 bushel	18/0 ton	70/0 ton	80/0 ton	2/4 bushel	2/3 bushel	25/0 ton	30/0 ton	3d. bundle.

Vital Statistics.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the Month of February, 1903:—

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the undermentioned Boroughs, during the Month of February, 1903.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1903.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1903.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, February, 1903.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1902.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.				
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.					
Auckland	37,022	91	10	1	10	11	3	12	47	1.27	17.21		
Birkenhead	1,109	1	3	..	1	..	..	1	5	4.51	12.93
Devonport	4,417	10	1	..	2	..	..	4	7	1.58	8.98
Newmarket	2,104	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	0.95	12.01
Grey Lynn	5,212	9	..	..	2	3	..	..	5	0.96	11.80
Parnell	4,834	7	2	..	5	1	2	2	12	2.48	11.49		
Other suburbs* .. .. .	*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals Auckland and sub-urban boroughs*	54,698*	123	16	2	21	15	5	19	78	1.43	15.27		
Wellington	45,419	104	7	2	15	5	..	18	47	1.03	12.58		
Karori	1,443	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.79
Melrose	4,005	8	1	..	1	..	..	1	3	0.75	10.29
Onslow	1,723	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.58	9.00
Totals Wellington and suburbs	52,590	124	8	2	17	5	..	19	51	0.97	12.24		
Christchurch	19,079	36	2	..	8	3	..	4	17	0.89	12.24		
Linwood	7,333	8	..	..	1	1	..	3	5	0.68	16.06
St. Albans	7,539	12	1	..	..	1	1	2	5	0.66	10.04
Sydenham	12,679	27	..	1	..	1	..	6	8	0.63	11.21		
Woolston	2,797	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	0.36	10.89
Other suburbs* .. .. .	*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals Christchurch and sub-urban boroughs*	49,422*	89	3	1	9	6	2	15	36	0.73	12.14		
Dunedin	25,214	44	1	1	14	1	2	7	26	1.03	11.86		
Caversham	5,335	13	..	..	1	1	..	3	5	0.94	20.19
Maori Hill	1,687	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.59	11.74
Mornington	4,132	4	..	1	2	..	..	2	5	1.21	7.37
North-east Valley	3,801	7	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	0.79	8.46
Roslyn	5,268	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.46
St. Kilda	1,936	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	0.52	7.15
South Dunedin	5,713	13	1	1	..	1	..	2	5	0.87	12.10		
West Harbour	1,546	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.31
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	54,632	102	2	4	18	3	3	16	46	0.84	11.29		

* The remaining suburbs do not lie within borough boundaries, and particulars respecting them have not been obtained for the Vital Statistics. The total population of Auckland and its suburbs was 87,326 persons, and that of Christchurch with its complete suburbs amounted to 57,041 persons, at the Census of March, 1901.

Deaths occurring at hospitals, of persons not residents of the borough wherein the hospital is situated, have been allotted in each case to the borough where the disease was contracted, and not to that in which the death actually took place.

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 438, against 473 in January—a decrease of 35. The deaths in February were 211, a decrease of 40 on the number in January. Of the total deaths, males contributed 103, females 108. Seventy-seven of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 36.49 per cent. of the whole number; 58 of these were under one year of age.

There were thirty-six deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Six men, 65, 66, 71, 77, 81, 83, and five women, 71, 72, 82, 83, 84, died at Auckland; six men, 66 (two), 67, 68, 71, 83, and three women, 65, 74, 77, at Wellington; four men, 68, 69, 75, 76, and two women, 68, 84, at Christchurch; and six men, 67, 68 (two), 74, 82, 84, and four women, 71, 74, 79, 82, at Dunedin.

THE following Table shows the Causes of the Deaths of Persons of both Sexes under 5 Years of Age and 5 Years and upwards, and the Proportion per Cent. of Deaths from each Cause, in the Boroughs above given, registered during the Month of February, 1903.

CLASSES.	CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGH.		TOTAL.	PROPORTIONS PER CENT.
		Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years & over.		
I.	Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases	9	3	5	2	4	1	3	4	31	14.69
II.	Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.	Dietetic Diseases	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	2.37
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	6	5	..	5	..	6	3	13	38	18.01
V.	Developmental Diseases	..	4	3	3	4	1	1	1	17	8.06
VI.	Local Diseases	17	24	6	26	4	13	2	15	107	50.71
VII.	Violence	1	3	1	..	..	2	3	..	10	4.74
VIII.	Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1.42
	Totals	38	40	15	36	12	24	12	34	211	100.00

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FERRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Miasmatic</i> —									
Measles	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3
Scarlet Fever, Scarlatina.. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	6
Influenza .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Whooping-cough.. .. .	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
ORDER 2:—									
<i>Diarrhœal</i> —									
Infantile Cholera .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Diarrhœa	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	11
Dysentery .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Venereal</i> —									
Stricture of Urethra .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Septic</i> —									
Pyæmia, Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2
Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS III.—DIETETIC DISEASES.									
Want of Nourishment	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Alcoholism .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	3
Malnutrition	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.									
Rachitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cancer .. .. .	..	2	..	3	..	3	..	6	14
Tubercular Mesenteric Disease	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tuberculosis of Kidney .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Tubercular Laryngitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Tubercular Meningitis	4	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	7
Phthisis .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	2	1	3	9
Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Diabetes .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.									
Premature Birth .. .. .	..	..	3	..	4	..	1	..	8
Old Age .. .. .	..	4	..	3	..	1	..	1	9
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Diseases of Nervous System</i> —									
Meningitis .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	6
Apoplexy .. .. .	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	6
Paralysis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Epilepsy .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Convulsions	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Spinal Disease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Bulbar Paralysis.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Chronic Hydrocephalus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
ORDER 3:—									
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System</i> —									
Heart-disease .. .. .	..	6	..	6	..	4	..	4	20
Fatty Heart .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Syncope .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Aneurism .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Embolism .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
ORDER 4:—									
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System</i> —									
Bronchitis	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Pneumonia .. .. .	..	2	2	2	1	2	1	..	10
Pleurisy .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3
ORDER 5:—									
<i>Diseases of Digestive System</i> —									
Stomatitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Acute Pharyngitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Hæmatemesis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Enteritis	14	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	19
Peritonitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
Gallstones .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Cirrhosis of Liver .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Jaundice .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Abdominal Tumour .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Appendicitis .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
ORDER 6:—									
<i>Diseases of Lymphatic System</i> —									
Grave's Disease .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHS.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES— <i>contd.</i>									
ORDER 7:—									
<i>Diseases of Urinary System,—</i>									
Bright's Disease	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	4
Uræmia	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cystitis	1	..	..	..	1	2
Enlarged Prostate	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hypertrophy of Prostate	1	..	..	1
ORDER 8:—									
<i>Diseases of Reproductive System,—</i>									
Abortion, Miscarriage	2	..	1	..	..	3
Embolism after Childbirth	1	1
ORDER 9:—									
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion,—</i>									
Arthritis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.									
ORDER 1:—									
<i>Accident or Negligence,—</i>									
Fall	1	..	1
Run over by Tram	2	..	..	2
Collision with Tram	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fracture of Pelvis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Burns	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ptomaine Poison	1	..	1
Suffocated	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Birth Accident	1	..	1
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT-SPECIFIED CAUSES.									
Marasmus, &c.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Totals	38	40	15	36	12	24	12	34	211

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

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

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City	1.27
and five suburban boroughs	1.43
Wellington City	1.03
and three suburban boroughs	0.97
Christchurch City	0.89
and four suburban boroughs	0.73
Dunedin City	1.03
and eight suburban boroughs	0.84

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

Compared with February, 1902, the results are,—

Auckland and suburbs	1.43	1903.	1.43
Wellington and suburbs	1.05	1902.	0.97
Christchurch and suburbs	0.96	1903.	0.73
Dunedin and suburbs	0.73	1902.	0.84

Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases.—Thirty-one deaths from diseases of this class were registered in February last as occurring at the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs—viz., 12 at Auckland, 7 at Wellington, 5 at Christchurch, and 7 at Dunedin. Of this total, 21 were under five years of age. Diarrhoea, dysentery, and infantile cholera were the causes of 13 deaths, scarlet fever of 6, whooping-cough of 4, measles of 3, septic diseases of 3, and influenza and stricture of the urethra of 1 each.

Dietetic Diseases.—There were 5 deaths in this class, 2 children dying from malnutrition or want of nourishment, and 3 adults from alcoholism.

Constitutional Diseases.—These numbered 38, or 2 more than in the preceding month, and of the total 21 were due to phthisis and other tubercular diseases, 14 to cancer, 2 to diabetes, and 1 to rachitis.

Developmental Diseases.—In this class there were 17 deaths—8 from premature birth, and 9 from old age.

Local Diseases.—The total number of deaths recorded as from diseases of this class was 107—29 under and 78 over five years of age—and of these 19 were due to diseases of the nervous system, 25 to diseases of the circulatory system, 16 to diseases of the respiratory system, 32 to diseases of the digestive system, 1 to disease of the lymphatic system, 9 to diseases of the urinary system, 4 to diseases of the reproductive system, and 1 (arthritis) to disease of the organs of locomotion.

Violence.—All the 10 deaths in this class registered in February at the four chief centres were accidental—4 in Auckland, 1 in Wellington, 2 in Christchurch, and 3 in Dunedin. Three of the deaths were tram accidents, 1 from a fractured pelvis, 1 from burns, 1 from poison, a labourer was suffocated in a drain at Auckland and an infant accidentally suffocated in Wellington, also an infant at Dunedin died from an accident at birth, and a child of two years from the effects of a fall.

Ill-defined and Not-specified Causes.—Only 3 deaths in this class were reported, all from infantile atrophy, and at Auckland.

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

Towns.	SIX PRINCIPAL SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												PRINCIPAL LUNG-DISEASES.							
	Influenza.		Scarlet Fever.		Typhoid and other Fever.		Diphtheria.		Whooping-cough.		Diarrhœal Diseases.		Bronchitis.		Pleurisy.		Pneumonia.		Congestion of Lungs.	
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.
Auckland and suburban boroughs	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	9	7	16	2	1	1	..	2	6	..	..
Wellington and suburban boroughs	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	4	3	..	..
Christchurch and suburban boroughs	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	1	..	..
Dunedin and suburban boroughs	1	..	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	1	5	..	..
Totals	1	..	6	9	..	1	..	1	4	15	12	16	3	7	3	2	10	15	..	..

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the undermentioned Boroughs, during the Month of February, 1903.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1903.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY, 1903.									Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Feb., 1903.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1902.
			Males.			Females.			Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, Feb., 1903.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1902.			
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.						
Thames	4,209	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	0.48	17.52
New Plymouth	4,885	15	1	..	..	2	1	..	2	6	6	1.23	9.15
Napier	2,370	23	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	4	4	0.43	12.05
Wanganui	7,386	23	1	2	4	1	..	..	1	9	9	1.22	10.46
Palmerston North	7,823	19	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	5	5	0.64	10.82
Blenheim	3,263	13	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	4	4	1.23	18.51
Nelson	7,513	17	1	..	..	2	1	..	4	8	8	1.06	15.46
Greymouth	4,218	7	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	3	0.71	8.35
Hokitika	1,885	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	4	2.12	27.66
Lyttelton	4,263	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	0.47	8.38
Timaru	6,869	24	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	6	6	0.87	12.00
Oamaru	5,380	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	6	6	1.12	10.31
Invercargill	6,250*	16	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	3	0.48	8.88

* At the census taken in March, 1901, the population of Invercargill and suburbs was 10,637 persons.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1903.

GEO. DRURY,
Deputy Registrar-General.

PROVISIONAL METEOROLOGICAL RETURN FOR FEBRUARY, 1903.

	AUCKLAND.	WELLINGTON.	LINCOLN, CANTERBURY.	DUNEDIN.
Mean Temperature in shade for month*	65.4	61.3	60.8	57.2
Average same month previous years*...	57.6	62.5	61	57.4
Maximum Temperature in shade, and date*	78.0 on 15th	78.0 on 24th	83.4 on 12th	80.0 on 12th
Minimum Temperature in shade, and date*	50.0 on 2nd	43.0 on 3rd	42.4 on 10th	42.0 on 20th
Maximum Solar Radiation, and date* ..	142.0 on 14th and 24th	138.0 on 16th	136.4 on 12th	..
Minimum Terrestrial Radiation, and date*	49.0 on 2nd, 3rd, and 8th	32.0 on 3rd	39.0 on 10th	..
Mean Humidity (Saturation = 100) ..	65	77	67	76
Average same month previous years ...	72	71	72	71
Total Rainfall, in inches	2.080	1.880	1.180	1.458
Average same month previous years ...	3.514	3.540	...	2.660
Number of Days of Rain	9	12	11	9
Average same month previous years ...	11	9	7	12

* Fahrenheit.

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

Meteorological Office, Wellington, 9th March, 1903.

JAMES HECTOR,
Director.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM HENRY MATHEWS, of Remuera, Auckland, Draper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1903, at 2.30 o'clock.

JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee.
18th March, 1903.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend in the under-mentioned estate is now payable at my office, Devon Street, New Plymouth, on all proved accepted claims upon production of promissory notes (if any) for indorsement:—
J. N. Whitfield: Second and final dividend, of 10½d. in the pound.

J. S. S. MEDLEY,
Deputy Official Assignee.
New Plymouth, 20th March, 1903.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that CLIFFORD LAWRENCE BRIDGES, of Aramoho, News Agent, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, Wanganui, on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1903, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

JOHN NOTMAN,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Wanganui, 23rd March, 1903.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that HENRY GEORGE CRANFIELD, of Ashburton, Drover, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Saturday, the 28th day of March, 1903, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN DAVISON,
Deputy Official Assignee.
23rd March, 1903.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN CALLINAN, of Brun-
nerton, Hotelkeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1903, at 11 o'clock.

G. S. SMITH,
Deputy Official Assignee.
Greymouth, 16th March, 1903.

In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend in the under-mentioned estate is now payable at my office, Hospital Street, Greymouth, on all proved accepted claims upon production of promissory notes (if any) for indorsement:—

John Phelan, Kaimata, Engine-driver: First dividend, 1s. 11½d. in the pound.

G. S. SMITH,
Deputy Official Assignee.

MINING NOTICES.**NEW GLOUCESTER GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).**

NOTICE is hereby given that at an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the above company, held at the company's office, Queen Street, Auckland, on the 27th November, the following resolutions were submitted and passed:—1. "That the New Gloucester Gold-mining Company (Limited) be wound up voluntarily." 2. "That Alfred Lovell White, the Manager of the company, be and is hereby appointed Liquidator, with all the powers of liquidator under 'The Companies Act, 1882,' and its amendments."

WM. S. WHITLEY, Director.
A. L. WHITE, Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Chelmsford Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 28th September, 1899.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Auckland; Alfred Lovell White.
Nominal capital: £8,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £8,000.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £5,715 6s. 10d.
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: £1,000.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 80,000.
Number of shares allotted: 80,000.
Amount paid per share: 10,000 at 2s., and 70,000 at 1s. 9d.
Amount called up per share: 1s. 9d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £409 13s. 2d.
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: 31.
Present number of shareholders: 105.
Number of men employed by company: 31.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 1,363 oz. 11 dwt.; £2,528 0s. 2d.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 2,173 oz. 7 dwt.; £3,971 17s. 10d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £3,773 16s. 2d.
Total expenditure since registration: £10,397 3s.
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: £2 11s. 8d.
Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.
Amount of debts owing by company: £1,203 2s.

I, Alfred Lovell White, of Auckland, Manager of the Chelmsford Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on 31st December, 1902; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

A. L. WHITE,
Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of March, 1903,
before me—Joshua Jackson, J.P. 468

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Taniwha Gold-mining Company (Limited).
When formed, and date of registration: 12th September, 1901.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Auckland; Alfred Lovell White.
Nominal capital: £8,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £4,100.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £1,736 14s. 10d.
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: 80,000.
Number of shares allotted: 41,000.
Amount paid per share: 1s. 1d.
Amount called up per share: 1s. 1d.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £484 1s. 10d.
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: 23.
Present number of shareholders: 57.
Number of men employed by company: 12.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: 111 oz. 5 dwt.; £263 6s. 2d.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: 145 oz. 6 dwt.; £345 17s. 7d.
Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,537 12s. 9d.
Total expenditure since registration: £2,818 18s. 9d.

Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £53 10s. 5d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £10 3s. 3d.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.
 Amount of debts owing by company: £933 16s. 9d.

I, Alfred Lovell White, of Auckland, Manager of the Taniwha Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on 31st December, 1902; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

A. L. WHITE,
 Secretary.

Declared at Auckland, this 19th day of March, 1903,
 before me—Joshua Jackson, J.P. 469

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Mount Buster Mining Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 20th April, 1896.
 Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Naseby; Fred. W. Inder.
 Nominal capital: £6,480.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,480.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): £4,320; Nil.
 Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders on which no cash has been paid: £4,320.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 216.
 Number of shares allotted: 216.
 Amount paid per share: £20.
 Amount called up per share: £20.
 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: 13.
 Present number of shareholders: 13.
 Number of men employed by company: 4.
 Quantity and value of gold produced during preceding year: 497 oz. 3 dwt. 11 gr.; £1,915 3s. 11d.
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 1,933 oz. 2 dwt. 10 gr.; £7,444 11s. 11d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £624 6s. 11d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,938 3s. 6d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: £4,212.
 Total amount of dividends paid: £4,212.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £346 1s. 10d.
 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.
 Amount of debts owing by company: £111 0s. 10d.

I, Frederick Walter Inder, of Naseby, Legal Manager of the Mount Buster Mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on 31st December, 1902; and I hereby make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

FRED. W. INDER,
 Legal Manager.

Declared at Naseby, this 23rd day of March, 1903, before me—N. P. Hjorring, J.P. 475

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Sullivan's Lead Gold-dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 8th May, 1900.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Crawford Street, Dunedin; Gordon J. Reid.
 Nominal capital: £12,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £10,000.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £7,301 2s. 6d., and £83 7s. 6d. preference shares.

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: £2,000.
 Number of shares into which capital is divided: 12,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 12,000.
 Amount paid per share: £1, less arrears.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 35; £1,142 18s. 9d., plus arrears on forfeited shares, £1,555 18s. 9d.
 Number of shares forfeited: 1,825.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 138.
 Number of men employed by company: 1.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold produced since registration: 46 oz. 5 dwt.; £179 16s. 6d.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £2,137 12s. 6d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £7,058 8s. 3d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's: £242 14s. 3d., and £83 7s. 6d. (No. 2 Account).
 Amount of cash in hand: £3 14s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.
 Amount of debts owing by company: £28.
 Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.

I, Gordon James Reid, of Dunedin, Legal Manager of Sullivan's Lead Gold-dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on the 31st December, 1902; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

GORDON J. REID,
 Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 9th day of March, 1903, before me—C. F. Sundstrum, J.P. 463

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Golden United Dredging Company (Limited).
 When formed, and date of registration: 7th April, 1900.
 Whether in active operation or not: Not in active operation.
 Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Crawford Street, Dunedin; Gordon J. Reid.
 Nominal capital: £14,000.
 Amount of capital subscribed: £6,500.
 Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £6,500, less arrears £1,318 4s. 6d. = £5,181 15s. 6d.
 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: 14,000.
 Number of shares allotted: 6,500.
 Amount paid per share: £1, less arrears.
 Amount called up per share: £1.
 Number and amount of calls in arrear: 17; £278 17s. 4d., plus £1,039 7s. 2d. on forfeited shares.
 Number of shares forfeited: 1,275.
 Number of forfeited shares sold, and money received for same: Nil.
 Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
 Present number of shareholders: 97.
 Number of men employed by company: 1.
 Quantity and value of gold or silver produced during preceding year: Nil.
 Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Nil.
 Amount expended in connection with carrying on operations during preceding year: £1,938 0s. 5d.
 Total expenditure since registration: £2,599 14s. 10d.
 Total amount of dividends declared: Nil.
 Total amount of dividends paid: Nil.
 Total amount of unclaimed dividends: Nil.
 Amount of cash at banker's and on deposit at interest: £2,578 19s. 8d.
 Amount of cash in hand: £3 1s.
 Amount of debts directly due to company: Nil.
 Amount of debts considered good: Nil.

Amount of debts owing by company: £2,000, on dredge.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): £2,458, on dredge contract.

I, Gordon James Reid, of Dunedin, Legal Manager of the Golden United Dredging Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on the 31st day of December, 1902; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

GORDON J. REID,
Secretary.

Declared at Dunedin, this 9th day of March, 1903, before me—C. F. Sundstrum, J.P. 464

STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A COMPANY.

Name of company: Premier Sunrise (New Zealand) Gold-mining Company (Limited).
Where formed, and date of registration: London; 11th April, 1903.
Whether in active operation or not: In active operation.
Where business is conducted, and name of Legal Manager: Macetown; William Patton.
Nominal capital: £5,000.
Amount of capital subscribed: £2,500.
Amount of capital actually paid up in cash: £2,405 15s.
Paid-up value of scrip given to shareholders, and amount of cash received for same (if any): Nil.
Number of shares into which capital is divided: 50,000.
Number of shares allotted: 25,000.
Amount paid per share:
Amount called up per share: 2s.
Number and amount of calls in arrear: —; £94 5s.
Number of shares forfeited: Nil.
Number of shareholders at time of registration of company: 7.
Present number of shareholders: 147.
Number of men employed by company: 26.
Quantity and value of gold or silver produced for year: Mill gold, 1,486 oz. 13 dwt. 17 gr., value £5,673 8s. 6d.; cyanide gold, 22 oz. 1 dwt. 18 gr., value £68 1s. 1d.
Total quantity and value of gold or silver produced since registration: Mill gold, 1,486 oz. 13 dwt. 17 gr., value £5,673 8s. 6d.; cyanide gold, 22 oz. 1 dwt. 18 gr., value £68 1s. 1d.
Amount of cash at banker's in New Zealand: £2.
Amount of debts directly due to company: £802 9s. 8d.
Amount of debts considered good: £802 9s. 8d.
Amount of contingent liabilities of company (if any): Nil.
Amount of debts owing by company: £121 13s. 5d.

I, William Patton, of Macetown, Manager of the Premier Sunrise Gold-mining Company (Limited), do solemnly and sincerely declare that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this is a true and complete statement of the affairs of the said company on the 1st January, 1903; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

W. PATTON,
Manager.

Declared at Macetown, this day of March, 1903, before me—Henry Graham, J.P. 459

UNDER "THE MINING ACT, 1898."

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR A BRANCH WATER-RACE.

To the Warden of the Otago Mining District, at Roxburgh.
PURSUANT to "The Mining Act, 1898," the undersigned, William Coulter, Richard George, William Young, and John George, all of Roxburgh, miners, hereby apply for a license for a branch water-race, as specified in the Schedule hereto, the course whereof has been duly marked out for the purpose.

Dates and numbers of miners' rights: 6/11/02, No. 24388; 11/10/01, No. 24373; 30/9/02, No. 29683; 30/9/02, No. 29684.
Address for service: c/o Jabez Burton, Mining Agent, Roxburgh.

Dated at Roxburgh, this 12th day of March, 1903.

SCHEDULE.

Locality of the race, and of its starting and terminal points: Commencing on the Cemetery Hill, at Roxburgh East, at the termination of main water-race, held under license No. 503, dated 14/11/01, and terminating at dam at Osbourne's Gully.

Length and intended course of race: About three miles northerly, through Sections 16, 17, 23, and 24, Block I., Teviot District, being land owned by Mr. G. A. Smith.

Points of intake: One only.

Estimated time and cost of construction: Main race, with two branches, £1,700; twelve months.

Mean depth and breadth: 18 in. by 4 ft.

Number of heads to be diverted: Ten.

Purpose for which water is to be used: Gold-mining.

Proposed term of license: Forty-two years.

WM. COULTER,
RICHARD GEORGE,
WM. YOUNG,
JOHN GEORGE

(By their Registered Agent, JABEZ BURTON),
Applicants.

Precise time of filing of the foregoing application: 11.20 a.m., 12th March, 1903.

Time and place appointed for the hearing of the application, and all objections thereto: Wednesday, 8th April, 1903, at 10 a.m., in Warden's Court, Roxburgh.

Objections thereto must be filed in the Registrar's office and notified to applicant at least twenty-four hours before the day so appointed.

FREDERICK JEFFERY,

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Mining Registrar.

In the matter of "The Companies Act, 1882"; and in the matter of the New Zealand Westport Coal-mines (Limited).

AT an extraordinary general meeting of the abovenamed company, duly convened, and held at the registered office of the company, No. 6, Customhouse Quay, Wellington, on the 4th day of March, 1903, the following resolution was duly passed, and at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the members of the said company, also duly convened, and held at the same place on the 20th day of March, 1903, the following resolution was duly confirmed, viz.: "That the company be now wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. R. F. Smith be appointed Liquidator of the company for the purposes of such winding-up."

Dated at Wellington, this 20th day of March, 1903.

CHARLES PALLISER,
Chairman.

Witness—R. F. Smith, Solicitor, Wellington. 460

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the order of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, dated the 13th day of March, 1903, confirming the cancellation and reduction of the capital of the abovenamed company from £40,000 to £26,037 10s., and the minute (approved by the Court) showing with respect to the capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above statutes, were registered by the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies at Dunedin on the 18th day of March, 1903. And notice is further given that the said minute is in the words and figures following, namely:—

"The capital of the Fortification Railway and Coal Company (Limited) is henceforth £26,037 10s., divided into 27,925 ordinary shares of 10s. each, 9,075 ordinary shares of £1 each, and 3,000 preference shares of £1 each, instead of £40,000, divided into 37,000 ordinary shares of £1 each and 3,000 preference shares of £1 each. At the time of the registration of this minute 27,925 of the said ordinary shares have been issued, which have been and are deemed to be fully paid up; 1,125 of the said ordinary shares have been issued but have been forfeited, upon 100 of which the sum of 3s. per share has been and is to be deemed paid, and upon 400 of which the sum of 1s. 6d. per share has been and is to be deemed paid, and upon 600 of which the sum of 1s. per share has been and is to be deemed paid, and upon 25 of which nothing has been or is to be deemed paid. The residue of the said ordinary shares, 7,950 in number, have not been issued, and nothing has been or is to be deemed to have been paid on any of them. The whole of the said 3,000 preference shares have been issued, and have been and are to be deemed fully paid up."

Dated at Dunedin, this 18th day of March, 1903.

BATHGATE AND WOODHOUSE,
Solicitors for the Company.

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THE NEW MOANATAIRI GOLD-MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

“THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884.”

NOTICE is hereby given that the New Moanatairi Gold-mining Company (Limited) will, after the expiration of three months from the date hereof, cease to carry on business in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated at Auckland, this 3rd day of March, 1903.

D. P. MITCHELL,
Attorney for the Liquidator.

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THE MAY QUEEN (HAURAKI), (LIMITED).

“THE FOREIGN COMPANIES ACT, 1884.”

NOTICE is hereby given that the May Queen (Hauraki), (Limited), will, after the expiration of three months from the date hereof, cease to carry on business in the Colony of New Zealand.

Dated at Auckland, this 3rd day of March, 1903.

D. P. MITCHELL,
Attorney for the Liquidator.

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LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of “The Land Transfer Act, 1885,” and its amendments, unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before the 27th day of April, 1903.

3319. JOHN PURVIS RUSSELL.—103 acres 3 roods 14 perches, Section 67, Moroa Block. Occupied by Applicant.

3348. MARIA SMITH.—2 acres 3 roods 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, parts of Section 35, Hutt District. Occupied by — Alexander and — Miles as tenants.

3355. JOSEPH MOLIERE TABUTEAU.—534 acres 3 roods 9 perches, part of Section 93, Wainui-o-mata District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1903, at the Lands Registry Office, Wellington.

W. STUART,
District Land Registrar.

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

985. ALICE ISABELL ALEXANDER.—Part of Section 21, Bell District, 39 acres 2 roods 28 perches. Occupied by Charles Colson.

Diagram may be inspected at this office (Plan 1965).

Dated this 18th day of March, 1903, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
District Land Registrar.

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

994. LOUISA JANE SHARLAND and SIDNEY JOHN BROOKFIELD.—Section 910, Town of New Plymouth; area, 1 rood 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches. Occupied by William Courtney.

Diagram may be inspected at this office (Plan 1934).

Dated this 21st day of March, 1903, at the Lands Registry Office, New Plymouth.

R. L. STANFORD,
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,” and its amendments, unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same within one month from the date of the *Gazette* containing this notice.

9492. WILLIAM DEARSLEY.—27 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, part of Lot 37, Christchurch Town Reserves. Occupied by George Johnson.

9506. CATHERINE CURTIN.—1 acre 2 roods 4 perches, part of Rural Section 76, Block XV., Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1903, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,
District Land Registrar.

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PRIVATE ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE following is the scale of fees to be paid for animals slaughtered at the Nelson City Abattoir, situated at Stoke, which has been registered as the abattoir within the meaning of “The Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1900,” for the City of Nelson:—

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H. V. GULLY,
Nelson, 9th March, 1903.
Town Clerk.

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BOROUGH OF SUMNER.

SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Sumner held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1903, the following resolution (intended to operate as a special order) was duly passed; and at a special meeting of the said Council held on the 10th day of March, 1903, the said resolution was duly confirmed, which said resolution is in the words and figures following:—

“That the total number of members of the Council be reduced from nine to six, exclusive of the Mayor.”

The alteration hereby made in the number of the members of the said Council shall not take effect until after the 21st day of April, 1903, and the Councillors to be elected on the last Wednesday in April, 1903, shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this special order.

JAMES CRAWFORD,
Town Clerk.

Sumner, 24th day of March, 1903.

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THE NEWTOWN PUBLIC HALL AND GYMNASIUM COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 202 of “The Companies Act, 1882,” that a General Meeting of the members of the abovenamed company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Badham and Biss, Customhouse Quay, in the City of Wellington, on Saturday, the 30th day of May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator; and also of determining, by extraordinary resolution, the manner in which the books, accounts, and documents of the company, and of the Liquidator thereof, shall be disposed of.

Dated at Wellington, this 26th day of March, 1903.

RICHD. T. BADHAM,
Liquidator.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto carried on by the undersigned as woollen importers and warehousemen, under the style of “Eaton, Crow, and Co.,” has this day been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. S. P. Eaton. The business will henceforth be carried on by Mr. ALEXANDER CROW, to whom all debts owing to the late firm must be paid, and to whom all accounts owing by the late firm must be rendered forthwith.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1903.

S. P. EATON.
ALEX. CROW.

Witness—D. Cooke, Solicitor, Dunedin.

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I LEONARD SMITH TALBOT, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, now residing at Timaru, hereby give notice that I intend applying on the 25th April next to have my name placed on the Medical Register for the Colony of New Zealand, and that I have deposited the evidence of my qualification in the office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths at Christchurch.

L. S. TALBOT.

Dated at Timaru, 23rd March, 1903. 470

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