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*Native Land in Waipakura Survey District taken for the Purposes of Public Buildings.*

PLUNKET, Governor.  
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this first day of April, 1908.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR J. G. WARD, K.C.M.G.,  
PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

**WHEREAS** the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is Native land and is required to be taken for the purposes of public buildings:

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 of the said land has been prepared in duplicate, as required by the eighty-ninth section of "The Public Works Act, 1905":

Now, therefore, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers vested in him by "The Public Works Act, 1905," and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby proclaim and declare that the land shown upon such map and described in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for public buildings as aforesaid; and the said land shall vest in His Majesty the King, as from the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

SCHEDULE.

THE parcel of land mentioned hereunder:—

Approximate Area of the Parcel of Land taken.	Being	Situated in Block No.	Situated in the Survey District of
A. R. P. 15 1 32	Section No. 3, part of Te Tuhi No. 3B Block	II	Waipakura.

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In the Land District of Wellington; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 23497, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured red.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Rate of Duty to be levied on Winding-engines for Mining Purposes when driven by Hydraulic Power.*

PLUNKET, Governor.

**WHEREAS** winding-engines for mining purposes driven by hydraulic power are articles which, in the opinion of the Minister of Customs, possess such properties that they can be used for purposes similar to those for which winding-engines for mining purposes, steam, air, or electrically driven, are used: And whereas the last-mentioned engines (including bed-plates, foundation-bolts, and friction-clutches, when imported with the engines) are liable to the following duties of Customs, namely: Five per cent. *ad valorem* if the produce or manufacture of some part of the British dominions, and fifteen per cent. *ad valorem* if not the produce of such dominions:

Now, therefore, I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred upon me by section seventeen of the Tariff Act, 1907, do hereby direct that, in lieu of the duties imposed by the said Act, there shall be levied on winding-engines for mining purposes driven by hydraulic power (including bed-plates, foundation-bolts, and friction-clutches, when imported with the engines) the same duties of Customs as those hereinbefore specified, namely:—

Five per cent. *ad valorem* if the produce or manufacture of some part of the British dominions, and fifteen per cent. *ad valorem* if not the produce of such dominions.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this thirteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

J. A. MILLAR,  
Minister of Customs.

Governor's Order No. 185.]

Declaring Auckland Oyster-fishery, and Subdivisions in which it is lawful and unlawful to take Oysters.

PLUNKET, Governor.

WHEREAS it is, amongst other things, enacted by the fifteenth section of "The Sea-fisheries Act, 1894," that the Governor may from time to time declare any bay, estuary, or tidal waters in the Dominion to be an oyster-fishery, and prescribe the subdivisions thereof wherein it shall be lawful and unlawful to take oysters:

And whereas by Warrant under the hand of the Governor, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and published in a Supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette* of the same date, the Auckland Oyster-fishery was constituted and divided into subdivisions:

And whereas it is desirable to revoke the said Warrant, and to make another in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, doth hereby revoke and determine the said Warrant of the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and all Warrants amending the same, and doth hereby declare the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between a point on high-water mark of the sea due east of Trig. Station No. 29 on the south head of Whangaruru Harbour and the northernmost point of the south head of Tairua Harbour, including the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters of any islands situated between the said points on the south head of Whangaruru Harbour and the south head of Tairua Harbour, excepting the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters of the Island of Kawau, to be an oyster-fishery under the name of "the Auckland Oyster-fishery"; and I do hereby divide the same into nine subdivisions, namely:—

1. The Whangarei Subdivision, which shall include the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between a point on high-water mark of the sea due east of Trig. Station No. 29 on the south head of Whangaruru Harbour and the section boundary-line of Section 91, Block I, Mangawai Survey District, on Bream Tail.

2. The Auckland North Subdivision, which shall include the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the section boundary-line of Section 91, Block I, Mangawai Survey District, on Bream Tail, and the north-easternmost point of Mullet Point.

3. The Mahurangi Subdivision, which shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the north-easternmost point of Mullet Point and the north-easternmost point of Gull Point.

4. The Rangitoto Subdivision, which shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the north-easternmost point of Gull Point and the north-easternmost point of East Tamaki Head, and inside a line drawn from the last-mentioned point to a point two miles north-east of the David Rocks, and inside a line drawn from that point to the north-easternmost point of Gull Point.

5. The South-eastern Subdivision, which shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the north-easternmost point of East Tamaki Head and the south-western point of Hautapu Point, Coromandel Peninsula, except the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters of Waiheke and Pakehi Islands.

6. The Waiheke-Pakehi Subdivision, which shall include all the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters of Waiheke and Pakehi Islands.

7. The Cabbage Bay Subdivision, which shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the south-western point of Hautapu Point and the northernmost point of Cape Colville.

8. The Eastern Subdivision, which shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the northernmost point of Cape Colville and the northernmost point of the south head of Tairua Harbour.

9. The Great Barrier Subdivision, which shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters of Great Barrier Island.

And His Excellency the Governor doth further declare and prescribe that it shall be unlawful to take oysters in said subdivisions of the Auckland Oyster-fishery:

Provided that it shall not be unlawful for the Minister to cause oysters to be taken under the Sea-fisheries Act, 1907, in subdivisions set apart under that Act for the purpose.

The said oyster-fishery and the several subdivisions shall be marked out by distinguishing posts or marks (to be approved by the Collector of Customs at the Port of Auckland in the manner provided by section twenty-six of the said Act of 1894) as nearly as may be.

This Warrant shall have force and effect from the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

J. A. MILLAR.

Opening National Endowment Lands in Nelson Land District for Selection.

PLUNKET, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by "The Land Act, 1892," and its amendments, I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the national endowment lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eight, at the rentals mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said lands shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," and "The National Endowment Act, 1907."

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

Third-class Unsurveyed Lands.

District.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre per Annum.
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BULLER COUNTY.—OTUMAHANA BLOCK.

	Acres.	d.	d.
Kongahu ..	II		
Otumahana ..	I, II, V, VI, IX, X, XIII	15,265	3 84 to 4 08

This block is bounded generally towards the north by the surveyed sections on Granite Creek and by the northern district line of the Otumahana Survey District; towards the east and south by unsurveyed Crown lands; and towards the west by the Karamea-Seddonville Main Road and surveyed sections in Blocks II and III, Kongahu Survey District.

The whole is covered with heavy mixed bush, chiefly birch, kamai, rimu, and miro, with occasional patches of white-pine towards the northern end, and the usual heavy undergrowth.

The land is undulating, with good rich flats along most of the rivers and creeks, varying in altitude from 80 ft. to 1,300 ft. above sea-level. Formation, sandstone and granite gravel on papa, the whole being well watered.

Access is gained by the Karamea-Seddonville Main Road and by unformed branch roads up the various creeks and rivers, the northern extremity of the block being distant about four miles and a half from the Karamea Settlement, and the southern end about twelve miles from Seddonville. A metalled dray-road from the sea-coast by way of the Little Wanganui Valley taps the block about midway on the Karamea-Seddonville Road.

BULLER COUNTY.—ORIKAKA BLOCK.

Orikaka ..	X, XI, XII, XIV, XV, XVI	20,052	3 6 to 4 8
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Situated in the head-waters of the Mackley or Orikaka River, a tributary of the River Buller, the southern boundary being distant about eight miles from the Inangahua Junction Post-office, and the south-eastern corner about five miles from Lyell Township. Access is given by the County Council prospecting-track, which runs through about the middle of the block, and by a graded but unformed road up the Orikaka River from the main Buller coach-road.

The portion of the block to the westward of the Orikaka River is composed of six main spurs from the Mount William Range, varying in altitude from 500 ft. to 2,650 ft. above sea-level, of slate formation, with outcrop of granite; very precipitous, with little soil, the vegetation being stunted and alpine in character, chiefly birches, with rimu, silver-pine, rata, totara, and miro. The portion lying to the north of the Orikaka River ranges in altitude from 800 ft. to 2,400 ft., is very broken, of clay formation, with numerous coal outcrops, covered with pine scrub; the remainder of the block has an altitude of from 500 ft. to 1,900 ft., and is of slate formation. The portion lying to the north of the Coalbrookdale Track is very rough and broken, with fair soil in places, while the portion to the south of the track is not so broken, but with little soil above 1,200 ft. The forest is of the same nature as that on the western side of the Orikaka, with the addition of a little matai and kahikatea. The whole is well watered by the Orikaka River, Pensini's Creek, and their numerous tributaries.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

ROBERT McNAB,  
Minister of Lands.

*Arrangements for First Election, &c., County of Waipukurau.*

Office of the Minister of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 18th April, 1908.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES HENRY NELSON

to be the person to make up electors' rolls for the Ridings of Mount Herbert and Hatuma, in the County of Waipukurau, as constituted by "The Counties Act, 1886," and the Waipukurau County Act, 1907, also to be Returning Officer to conduct the first election of members of the Council of the said county, and to be the Clerk of the Council of the said county for the purpose of presiding at the first meeting thereof.

WM. HALL-JONES,  
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Clerks of Courts appointed.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable JAMES STEVENSON REID

to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrate's and Warden's Courts, and Receiver of Gold Revenue and Mining Registrar, at Seddonville, from the 16th day of April, 1908, *vice* Constable A. Satherley; and

Constable ALLAN SATHERLEY

to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrate's and Warden's Courts, and Receiver of Gold Revenue and Mining Registrar, at Granity, from the 16th day of April, 1908, *vice* Constable J. S. Reid.

JAMES MCGOWAN,  
Minister of Justice.

*Inspector of Factories appointed.*

Department of Labour,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable DANIEL RYAN

to be an Inspector under "The Factories Act, 1901." The appointment is dated the 18th day of April, 1908.

J. A. MILLAR,  
Minister of Labour.

*Special Order made by the Council of the County of Rangitikei.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 16th April, 1908.

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

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL.

*Special Order making Special Rate.—Loan of £50, Kakariki Street.*

In pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by "The Counties Act, 1886," and "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," the Rangitikei County Council doth hereby resolve as follows: That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £50, authorised to be raised by the Rangitikei County Council, under the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," for the purpose of metalling Kakariki Street, Mangaweka North, between the Main Trunk Road and Karearea Street, a distance of about 28 chains to be metalled, the said Rangitikei County Council hereby makes and levies a special rate of 2d. in the pound sterling upon the rateable valuation of all rateable property of the Kakariki Special-rating District, comprising Sections 2 and 3, Block I; 1 to 11 inclusive, Block II; 1 and 2, Block III; 1 to 5 inclusive, Block V; 1 to 5 inclusive, Block VI; 1 and 2, Block VII; and 1 and 2,

Block VIII—all of the Mangaweka North Township; also Sections 60, 61, 62, 67, 69, and 70, Mangaweka North Suburban (formerly part Raumaewae's Reserve): and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable in one sum on the 1st day of May 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 interest on such loan being at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

I, Robert Kirkpatrick Simpson, Chairman of the Rangitikei County Council, do hereby certify that the above special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Rangitikei County Council held on the 7th day of March, 1908, and was duly confirmed at a special meeting of the said Rangitikei County Council held on the 4th day of April, 1908.

In testimony whereof the common seal of the Rangitikei County Council has been hereunto affixed.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1908.

R. K. SIMPSON,  
Chairman.

The common seal of the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabitants of the County of Rangitikei was hereunto affixed on the 4th day of April, 1908, in the presence of—

HAROLD H. RICHARDSON,  
County Clerk.

*Special Order made by the Council of the County of Pahiataua.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

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

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

PAHIATUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

*Special Order striking Special Rate.—Loan No. 78.*

THAT, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," the Pahiataua County Council hereby resolves as follows: That, for the purpose of providing interest and other charges on a loan of £1,000, authorised to be raised by the Pahiataua County Council, under the above-named Act, for the following works, viz.,—

(1.) Construction of bridge near Balance Factory ..	£ 315
(2.) Construction of bridge near S. Avery's, Balance Gorge Road .. .. .	150
(3.) Construction of bridge, Ballance Valley Road ..	200
(4.) Construction of bridge, Ballance Valley Road ..	150
(5.) Completion of formation and metalling Balance Valley Road .. .. .	185
	£1,000

the said Pahiataua County Council hereby makes and levies a special rate of 2d. in the pound upon the unimproved rateable value of all land included in the Ballance Special-rating District, comprised within the following boundaries—on the east by the Mangahao River; on the north by the northern boundaries of Sections 12, Block I, and 15, Block II; on the west by the forest reserve from western corner of Section 15, Block II; along the eastern boundary of Palmerston North S.S. Block to the Tararua Road; on the south by the Tararua Road to the south corner of Section 72, Block VI; along the eastern boundaries of Sections 72, 71, and 70, Block VI; along the northern boundaries of Sections 69 and part 68, Block VI; along the eastern boundaries of Sections 67, 66, and part 65, Block VI, and the south boundary of Section 43, Block III; along the Ballance Road to Holdaway's Road; along Holdaway's Road to the Mangahao River—all in the Mangahao Survey District: and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable on the 1st day of April in each and every year during the currency of such loan, being a period of forty-one years, at 4 per cent. per annum, or until the loan is fully paid off.

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Pahiataua County Council on the 7th day of March, 1908, and confirmed at a meeting of the said Council on the 4th day of April, 1908.

S. BOLTON,  
Acting-Chairman.

*Special Order made by the Council of the County of Pahiatua.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

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

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

PAHIATUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

*Special Order striking Special Rate.—Loan No. 79.*

THAT, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," the Pahiatua County Council hereby resolves as follows: That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £170, authorised to be raised by the Pahiatua County Council, under the above-named Act, for the payment of part cost of the erection of a suspension-bridge at Bourke's Crossing over the Makakahi River (a Government subsidy of £1 for £1 being available for the work), the said Pahiatua County Council hereby makes and levies a special rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the unimproved rateable value of all rateable property in the Bourke's Bridge Special-rating District, comprising the following sections—Section 1, Block XIV, Mangahao; Sections 2, Block XV, Mangahao, and 1A, Block III, Mangaone; Sections 5 and 30, Block XV, Mangahao; and Lots 16 to 20 of Sections 8 and 9, Block XIV, Mangahao: and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable on the 1st day of April in each and every year during the currency of such loan, being a period of forty-one years, at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum, or until the loan is fully paid off.

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Pahiatua County Council on the 7th day of March, 1908, and confirmed at a meeting of the said Council on the 4th day of April, 1908.

S. BOLTON,  
Acting-Chairman.

*Special Order made by the Council of the County of Pahiatua.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

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

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

PAHIATUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

*Special Order striking Special Rate.—Loan No. 80.*

THAT, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," the Pahiatua County Council hereby resolves as follows: That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £100, authorised to be raised by the Pahiatua County Council, under the above-named Act, for the purpose of metalling about 40 chains of Tripe's Road, the said Pahiatua County Council hereby makes and levies a special rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound upon the unimproved rateable value of all rateable property in the Tripe's Road Special-rating District, comprising the following sections—Sections 65, 66, and 67, Block XIV, Mangahao; and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable on the 1st day of April in each and every year during the currency of such loan, being a period of forty-one years, at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum, or until the loan is fully paid off.

I hereby certify that the above special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Pahiatua County Council on the 7th day of March, 1908, and confirmed at a meeting of the said Council on the 4th day of April, 1908.

S. BOLTON,  
Acting-Chairman.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Kaiapoi, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

KAIAPOI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and the Acts amending the same respectively, and of "The Local Elections Act, 1904."

WE hereby give public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal of the Kaiapoi Borough Council, upon which a poll was taken on the 7th day of April, 1908, to raise a special loan of £3,000 for the purpose of installing an acetylene-gas plant: For the proposal, 265; against the proposal, 118; informals, 17.

And we declare the proposal carried.

J. H. BLACKWELL,  
Mayor.

CHAS. H. WRIGHT,  
Returning Officer.

Kaipoi Borough Council Chambers,  
7th April, 1908.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Kaiapoi, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

KAIAPOI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and the Acts amending the same respectively, and of "The Local Elections Act, 1904."

WE hereby give public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal of the Kaiapoi Borough Council, upon which a poll was taken on the 7th day of April, 1908, to raise a special loan of £4,000 for the purpose of kerbing, channelling, and asphaltting: For the proposal, 287; against the proposal, 147; informals, 15.

And we declare the proposal carried.

J. H. BLACKWELL,  
Mayor.

CHAS. H. WRIGHT,  
Returning Officer.

Kaipoi Borough Council Chambers,  
7th April, 1908.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Levin, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

LEVIN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

*Result of Poll for Loan of £4,000.*

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and the Acts amending the same respectively.

I HEREBY give notice that on the 8th day of April, 1908, a proposal was submitted by the Levin Borough Council to the ratepayers of the Borough of Levin for raising a special loan of £4,000 for the purpose of constructing waterworks for the said borough, and that the number of votes recorded respectively for and against the said proposal was as follows: For, 192; against, 17; informal, 1.

I therefore declare the said proposal to be carried.

B. R. GARDNER,  
Mayor of Levin.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Levin, is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901."

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Finance.

## LEVIN BOROUGH COUNCIL.

*Result of Poll for Loan of £18,000.*

In the matter of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and of "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and the Acts amending the same respectively.

I HEREBY give notice that on the 8th day of April, 1908, a proposal was submitted by the Levin Borough Council to the ratepayers of the Borough of Levin for raising a special loan of £18,000 for the purpose of constructing waterworks for the said borough, and that the number of votes recorded respectively for and against the said proposal was as follows: For, 190; against, 17; informal, 3.

I therefore declare the said proposal to be carried.

B. R. GARDENER,  
Mayor of Levin.

*Forbidding the Issue of Money-orders and the Transmission of Correspondence for the National Agency, Melbourne.*

THE Postmaster-General of the Dominion of New Zealand having reasonable ground for supposing that the agency whose name and address are shown in the Schedule hereunder is engaged in advertising the treatment of diseases of the sexual organs, it is hereby ordered, under section 9 of "The Post Office Act Amendment Act, 1906," that no money-order in favour of the said agency shall be issued, and that no postal packet addressed to the said agency (either by its own or any fictitious or assumed name), or to such address without a name, shall be either registered, forwarded, or delivered by the Post Office of New Zealand.

## SCHEDULE.

THE National Agency, 175 William Street, Melbourne.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1908.

JOHN G. FINDLAY,  
For Postmaster-General.

*Notice fixing Closing-hours of all Shops in the Road District of Mount Hutt under the Shops and Offices Act.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in the Road District of Mount Hutt, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all shops in the road district shall be closed as follows: Monday, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday (statutory half-holiday), 1 p.m.; Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.: And whereas the Mount Hutt Road Board has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in the road district:

Now, therefore, I, John Andrew Millar, the Minister of Labour, in pursuance of section 21 of "The Shops and Offices Act, 1904," and section 5 of "The Shops and Offices Act Amendment Act, 1905," do hereby direct that from and after the 27th day of April, 1908, all shops in the Road District of Mount Hutt shall be closed in accordance with such requisition.

Dated at Wellington, this 22nd day of April, 1908.

J. A. MILLAR,  
Minister of Labour.

*Varied Notice fixing Closing-hours of Shops in the Town District of Pukekohe.*

WHEREAS by notice dated the 20th day of May, 1907, and gazetted on the 23rd day of May, 1907, the Minister of Labour, in exercise of the powers in that behalf conferred upon him by section 21 of "The Shops and Offices Act, 1904," and section 5 of "The Shops and Offices Act Amendment Act, 1905," and acting in accordance with a requisition duly made and certified as required by those sections, did direct that from and after the 1st day of June, 1907, all shops, excepting fruiterers, in the Town District of Pukekohe should be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesdays at 9 p.m., and on Saturdays (the weekly half-holiday) at 1 p.m. in each week, except as provided in section 16 of "The Shops and Offices Act, 1904": And whereas by a like requisition, duly made and certified as aforesaid, he has been requested to vary the said notice by fixing the closing-hours of all shops, with the exception of fruiterers, bakers, and hairdressing-saloons, as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.; on Friday at 8 p.m.; on Saturdays at 1 p.m.:

Now, therefore, in compliance with the last-mentioned requisition, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 21 of "The Shops and Offices Act, 1904,"

and section 5 of "The Shops and Offices Act Amendment Act, 1905," I do hereby vary the said notice by directing that on and after the 27th day of April, 1908, all shops, with the exception of fruiterers, bakers, and hairdressing-saloons, in the Town District of Pukekohe shall be closed in accordance with the last-mentioned requisition. (The weekly half-holiday is on Saturday.)

Dated at Wellington, this 22nd day of April, 1908.

J. A. MILLAR,  
Minister of Labour.

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

Office of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners,  
Wellington, 2nd March, 1908.

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

## SCHEDULE.

## OTEKAIKE SETTLEMENT.

ALL those areas to be called the Otekaieke Settlement, situated in the Otago Land District, containing by admeasurement 50,542 acres 1 rood 9 perches, as severally described hereunder, viz.: First, 48,600 acres and 12 perches, being now known as Allotments 1A to 53A, 62A to 66A, and 68A of the Otekaieke Settlement, the bed of Otekaieke River between railway and south-west boundary of Block XI, and Runs 28 and 28A to 28E: bounded—commencing at the junction of the Otiake and Waitaki Rivers; thence south-easterly by road reserve along Waitaki River, 21500 links; thence along road reserve up Otekaieke River to railway reserve, 2200 links; thence on the south-west and south-east by railway reserve, bearing 321° 56', 220 links, and 231° 56', 1507.5 links; thence south-east along main road crossing Otekaieke River, 132° 40', 516.8 links, and 134° 03', 1424 links; on the north-west by road reserve down Otekaieke River, 5100 links; on the north by road reserve down Waitaki River, 12400 links, to Kurow-Oamaru Railway; thence south across railway, 101 links; thence south-east along railway, 99° 19½', 717.9 links; 103° 25', 314.8 links; 112° 27', 298.2 links; 121° 18', 277.6 links; 130° 38', 271.9 links; 138° 23', 1380.8 links; 134° 25', 197.4 links; 140° 11', 206 links; 141° 18½', 1939.3 links; thence diagonally across road and railway, 70° 39', 106 links; thence northerly along road-line, 0° 20', 401.5 links, and 48° 20', 449.5 links; thence easterly by road along Waitaki River, 16600 links; thence by line bearing 139° 38', 1842 links; by irregular boundary, 1850 links; thence south by eastern boundary of Block V, Maruwenua District, 564 links; thence easterly by road along Waitaki River, 8040 links; thence due south by eastern boundary of Sections 16 and 6, Block IV, 4368.5 links; thence south-west by railway reserve, 247° 07', 452.6 links; 208° 47', 173.8 links; north-west by road, 294° 17½', 310.5 links; north-east by line, 37° 03', 117.8 links; south-east by railway, 128° 55', 105.7 links; across railway, 35° 02', 100.6 links; thence north-west by railway, 311° 27', 184.7 links; 315° 47', 2628.2 links; 312° 13', 398.2 links; 305° 02', 406.4 links; 296° 01', 435.2 links; 292° 26½', 4318.3 links; thence due south, across railway and by road-line, 1398.5 links; thence north-west by road, 294° 18', 7970.6 links; thence across road, 232° 36', 217.8 links; thence southerly by Lot 4, Deposit Plan 1870, 183° 14½', 3832.1 links; across road, 184° 47', 100.8 links; thence south-east by road, 114° 18½', 7229 links; south-east across road, 129° 48', 100.2 links; by road, 36° 19', 983.8 links; 79° 00', 1101.1 links; 118° 14', 1192 links; by lines bearing 153° 32', 952 links; 214° 45', 1378 links; 259° 48', 1149.6 links; 308° 20', 231 links; south along block-line and block-line produced, 180°, 4803.7 links; thence north-west, 314° 38', 5224.9 links, and across road, 100 links; thence south-west by road, 224° 39½', 1831.9 links; 210° 09', 1438.2 links; thence westerly, 285° 19', 1630.9 links; 277° 41', 416.5 links; thence north-west by line bearing 314° 22½', 12283 links; thence north, 0° 01', 1738.4 links; thence due west to Geodesical Station, Black Hill, 10304.4 links; thence south-west by line through Trig. H, 216° 43' 51", 33730 links; thence north-west, 321° 29', 3502.7 links; thence due south by block-line, 3766.9 links; across road, 353.8 links; again by block-line, 2045.5 links; thence due west, 1465.5 links; thence north-west, 321° 29', 681 links; across road, 108 links; thence 7197 links to Otekaieke River; thence down Otekaieke river-bank reserve, 6400 links; thence across Otiake River by block-boundary, 321° 29', 979 links; thence following up the north bank of the Otekaieke River and Dansey's Stream and right line to watershed; thence by right lines to Trigs.

Y, Y to F, F to Mount Domet, Mount Domet to Kurow River in line with Trig. L, Mount Kurow; thence down Kurow River to Section 22, Block VIII, Kurow District; on the north-east by river reserve and Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, Block VIII, Kurow, and 1, Block I, Domet, and line produced across Otiake River; thence down Otiake River to Allotment 30A, Otekaieke Settlement, and by Otiake River Reserve, 34900 links, to point of commencement: excepting out of the above description Allotment 3 of Deposit Plan 1905, and railway reserve: as the same are more particularly shown on working-plans of Settlement and Land Transfer Deposit Plans 294, 824, 1275, and 1870. Second, all that area, containing 1,928 acres 1 rood 28 perches, being now known as Allotments 55A to 61A and 67A, Otekaieke Settlement: bounded—commencing at a point on the east boundary of Section 24, Block VI, Manuwenua District, 2987 links due south of north boundary of Block VI; thence south-easterly by lines, 114° 34', 366·3 links; 110° 45', 609·9 links; 195° 12', 100 links; and across road, 100 links; thence by road, 105° 12', 517 links; 116° 09', 299 links; 132°, 1517·1 links; 131° 18', 1963·9 links; 129° 14', 703·1 links; 91° 05', 479·2 links; 76° 35', 276·7 links; 65° 12', 310·4 links; 80° 36', 448·1 links; 84° 43', 762·5 links; south-westerly by road up Maruwenua River, 220° 46', 397·6 links; 206° 38', 768 links; 206° 40', 418·8 links; 221° 17', 224·2 links; 238° 06', 1703·5 links; 220° 32', 279·3 links; 221° 54', 484·2 links; 207° 02', 150·3 links; 156° 41', 543·6 links; 172° 10', 198 links; 191° 27', 504 links; 196° 28', 469·8 links; 234° 01', 120 links; 249° 27', 519·5 links; 249° 04', 123 links; 230° 45', 354·3 links; 248° 13', 605·8 links; 248° 10', 197·6 links; 227° 12', 1362·4 links; 247° 09', 274·2 links; 210° 55', 335 links; 226° 56', 496·9 links; 199° 19', 1409·9 links; across road, 168° 48', 101·9 links; thence by road continued up Maruwenua River, 168° 48', 925·3 links; 187° 39', 20028 links; 207° 18', 378·6 links; 177° 50', 229 links; 196° 15', 1198·6 links; 210° 54', 1456·8 links; 187° 58', 1345·6 links; 154° 51', 1431 links; 200° 51', 753·5 links; 209° 41', 503 links; 219° 13', 296·6 links; 336° 57', 185·5 links; 337° 14', 287·1 links; 270° 46', 1124·6 links; 220° 16', 554 links; 243° 37', 872·8 links; 138° 46', 911·8 links; 266° 02', 682·1 links; 221° 17', 2144·7 links; westerly by road, 299° 39', 1567·1 links; 297° 1', 385·7 links; 315° 50', 1355·7 links; 336° 12', 949·1 links; 291° 36', across road, 203·8 links; and by road, 606·4 links; 252° 42', 936·1 links; 272° 02', 688·6 links; 260° 39', 934·5 links; 250° 21', 1712·4 links; 258° 48', 162 links; thence due north by block-line, 4301·2 links; thence north-easterly by road, 90° 00', 109 links; 320 links across road, and by road, 669 links; 61° 48', 431·7 links; 60° 23', 1137·7 links; 40° 47', 367·5 links; 83° 02', 976·5 links; 57° 40', 694·9 links; 38° 17', 1033·6 links; 59° 28', 1574·5 links; 65° 33', 1899·2 links; 19° 30', 825·7 links; 66° 33', 1869·9 links; 88° 47', 1347·4 links; across road, 346° 28', 102·4 links; thence due north, 1491·9 links; thence due east, 613·7 links; and across road, 103·8 links; thence northerly by road, 344° 22', 8 links; 65° 43', 287 links; 336° 46', 343·1 links; 48° 46', 145·4 links; 85° 37', 580·9 links; 78° 28', 259·5 links; 22° 38', 256·2 links; 327° 51', 250·2 links; 309° 47', 1682·2 links; 321° 16', 1213·5 links; 334° 11', 1052·6 links; 319° 53', 1420·6 links; 310° 51', 389·6 links; 329° 08', 869·1 links; 9° 30', 915·6 links; 31° 26', 1591·8 links; 54° 04', 296·8 links; 34° 12', 399 links; 46° 29', 462·6 links; 61° 11', 508·1 links; 73° 54', 1010·3 links; 69° 01', 651·3 links; 74° 54', 743·4 links; 82° 18', 862·7 links; 76° 37', 495·9 links; 91° 18', 128 links; thence due north by line across road, 100 links, and line produced, 303·8 links, to point of commencement: excepting therefrom intersecting mining reserve. Third, all that area, containing 2 acres 1 rood 10 perches, being parts of Sections 11 and 21, Block III, Maruwenua District: bounded—commencing at peg 3, Deposit Plan 1548, near southern corner of Section 21, Block III; thence north-easterly, 51° 21', 765·9 links, and 70° 57', 637·1 links; thence south-west by road-line 34° 29', 680 links; thence westerly by Maruwenua River bank, 875 links, to said peg 3. Fourth, all that area, containing 11 acres 1 rood 39 perches, being pre-emptive right known as Section 1, Block X, Maruwenua Survey District. And as the aforesaid areas are more particularly shown on the plan marked L and S. 19368, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, in Wellington, and thereon edged with red.

ROBERT McNAB,  
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, 4th April, 1908.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and its amendments, I hereby notify that the undermentioned Crown land, being

the land known as the Meadowbank Settlement, which has been acquired under the said Acts, is subject to the said Acts.

#### SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Otago Land District, containing 4,346 acres 1 rood 22 perches, being net area of Allotments 1A to 11A and 13A, Meadowbank Settlement, being also part Section 3, Sections 4 to 23, 28, 29, 35, 36, 37, part 38, Sections 39, 40, 41, part 43, Sections 44, 45, part 46, Sections 47 to 55, 59, 75, 76, closed road, Volume 88, folio 231, and road-lines to be closed, Block V, Moeraki Survey District; and parts of Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7, and road to be closed, Block I, Dunback Survey District. Bounded, commencing at a point on boundary of said districts situated 8186·3 links due north from Trig. Station R, Taieri Peak: thence north by said district-line, 360°, 6021·1 links; thence east by Sections 1 and 2, said Block V, 89° 54', 7950·9 links; thence north by Sections 2 and 78, 0° 1', 3123·6 links; across road, 100·7 links and 97·1 links; thence east by block-line, 90° 01', 1639·1 links; across road, 282·5 links and 5545·8 links; thence south and east by Section 74, 180° 1', 1345 links, and 90° 1', 2864 links; south-westerly by road, 214° 43', 1259·1 links; thence east across road, and by Sections 24, 25, 26, 90°, 121·7 links and 5535·8 links; thence south and east by Section 27, 180°, 1539·3 links, and 90°, 1713·5 links; thence south-easterly by Dunback Railway, 150° 43', 1550·3 links; across road, 114·7 links and 2932·6 links, and 138° 26', 301·5 links; thence south by block-line, 180° 02', 2291·9 links; thence west by road, 268° 1', 1722·3 links, and 272° 55', 530·8 links; thence south across road, and by Sections 56, 57, 58, 180° 2', 100 links and 5181·1 links; thence east 90° 2', 2232·3 links; again south by block-line, 180° 2', 3765·4 links; thence westerly by road, 252° 22', 1496·5 links; 279° 30', 3050·5 links; 291° 02', 2248·8 links; 328° 28', 1819·3 links; 270° 47', 3322·9 links; 280° 21', 906·4 links; 288° 47', 2074·9 links and 103·9 links across road; by road, 242° 08', 2602·1 links; 303° 15', 1498·8 links; 256° 36', 508·8 links; 276° 19', 1481·1 links; 269° 09', 638·4 links; 301° 57', 1377·9 links; 260° 56', 1987·5 links; 297° 45', 299·3 links; 316° 56', 500·7 links; 288° 02', 678·2 links; 303° 19', 808·7 links; 258° 36', 935·5 links; 295° 41', 1037·7 links; 333° 9½', 172·6 links; 287° 24', 245·2 links; 229° 19', 309·8 links; 242° 56', 301·2 links; 259° 54', 152 links; 353° 41', 1016·9 links; 31° 27', 163·3 links; across road, 308° 30', 100·8 links; and by road, 247° 25', 286·8 links; 337° 38', 359·8 links; 300° 42', 399·5 links; 329° 48', 965 links; 267° 29', 131 links; 221° 40', 550 links; 271° 45', 455 links; 238° 50', 621·7 links; 230° 18', 1008 links; 278° 36', 1347·6 links; 258° 32', 1490 links; 277° 56', 2347·7 links; 291° 45', 2393·9 links; 293° 58', 864·2 links; 335° 20', 1836·1 links; 350° 29', 1269·7 links; 32°, 70·3 links; thence east by right line, 90°, 13083 links, to point of commencement: excepting out of above-described boundaries Section 42, Block V, Moeraki District, and Allotment 12A, being education reserves: be the said area, bearings, and distances a little more or less: as the same are more particularly shown on the plan marked L and S. 19389, deposited in the Head Office of the Department of Lands and Survey, in Wellington, and thereon edged with red.

ROBERT McNAB,  
Minister of Lands.

Bonus for the Production of Mineral Phosphate.—Notice  
No. 1192.

Department of Agriculture,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

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

£500 if on land on which the Crown is entitled to such deposits;  
£250 if on other land.

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

1. That no fertiliser containing material from the deposit, or from any deposit in the neighbourhood, has been placed upon the market previous to the date hereof.
2. That the raw material is reasonably accessible and can be worked at a profit.
3. That the committee appointed by the Minister for Agriculture to examine the deposit is satisfied that there is sufficient to meet all ordinary demands of the Dominion for five years.
4. That the fertiliser made from the phosphate can be disposed of at a price which will allow of it being remuneratively used for agricultural purposes.

5. That the composition of the phosphate shall average not less than 50 per cent. of phosphate of lime (tricalcic phosphate): provided, however, that should a phosphate of a lower average composition be discovered the committee may recommend that a portion of the bonus be granted.

6. That the bonus will only be paid to the first claimant who satisfies the above conditions.

The terms of payment will be—

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

One-fifth on delivery of the first 200 tons to purchasers; The remaining three-fifths by equal payments on delivery of each additional 150 tons to purchasers.

Applications addressed to "The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, Wellington," will be received up to and including the 31st day of December, 1908.

Specimens of the rock may be seen at the office of any Inspector of Stock in the Dominion, and a leaflet descriptive of the phosphate, and showing how it may be roughly tested, may be obtained on application to these officers. A limited number of specimens of New Zealand phosphate rock are available for distribution to farmers, prospectors, and others interested, and will be sent free on application to the Chief Chemist, Department of Agriculture, Wellington.

ROBERT McNAB,  
Minister for Agriculture.

Officiating Ministers for 1908.—Notice No. 20.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

PURSUANT to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand passed in the fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King Edward VII, and intitled "The Marriage Act, 1904," the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.  
The Reverend Edward Andrew Axelsen.

Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand.  
The Reverend Charles Boughton Jordan.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

Kaitangata Relief Fund.

STATEMENT of account—1st April, 1907, to 31st March, 1908:—

	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance as at 1st April, 1908	..	4,685	8	2
Public Trust Office—				
Interest—				
1st April, 1907, to 30th Sep-	£ s. d.			
tember, 1907	..	99	0	8
1st October, 1907, to 31st				
March, 1908	..	97	9	3
		196	9	11
		£4,881	18	1
To Beneficiaries Account—	Dr.	£	s.	d.
Allowances to fifteen recipients—				
29th March, 1907, to 30th	£ s. d.			
August, 1907	..	137	16	8
30th August, 1907, to 27th				
March, 1908	..	218	3	1
		355	19	9
Expenses of Board member	..	1	1	0
Expenses of report re one bene-				
ficiary	..	0	14	0
Petty expenses	..	0	3	2
			1	18
Balance as at 31st March, 1908	..	4,524	0	2
		£4,881	18	1

J. W. POYNTON,  
Public Trustee.

Public Trust Office, Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

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JOHN MACKAY,  
Government Printer.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th March, 1908.

	LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	..	888,030	14	7
Bills in circulation	..	53,776	11	3
Balances due to other Banks	..	24,581	19	1
Government deposits	..	1,748,902	1	9
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	..	5,321,918	6	10
Bearing interest	..	4,573,010	3	3
Total average liabilities	..	£12,610,219	16	9
	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal	..	2,134,690	14	9
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	..	50,602	6	10
Notes and bills of other Banks	..	120,664	8	5
Balances due from other Banks	..	2,195	3	4
Landed property	..	106,834	6	9
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	..	996,062	1	0
2. Colonial Government securities	..	1,077,113	6	2
3. Other funded securities	..			
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	..	7,104,932	15	4
5. Securities not included under the above heads	..	819,462	6	5
Total average assets	..	£12,412,557	9	0

4-per-cent. guaranteed stock, £1,000,000. (Interest, £20,000 for six months, paid 1st November, 1907.)

Preference shares fully paid up issued to the Crown under "Bank of New Zealand Act, 1903," £500,000.

Ordinary share capital, £500,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on preference shares, 7½ per cent. per annum.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on ordinary shares, 10 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on preference shares, £37,500.

Amount of the last dividend declared on ordinary shares, £50,000.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £281,675.

Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of April, 1908.

W. CALLENDER, General Manager.  
F. E. CORKILL, Accountant.

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Dominion of New Zealand, taken from the several weekly statements, during the Quarter from the 6th January to 30th March, 1908.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. .. .		146,276	18	4
Bills in circulation .. .. .		19,127	6	4
Balances due to other Banks .. .. .				
Government deposits .. .. .				
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. .. .		1,291,111	8	5
Bearing interest .. .. .		583,774	0	6
<b>Total average liabilities</b> .. .. .		<b>£2,040,289</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals .. .. .		544,651	16	1
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. .. .		1,617	9	2
Notes and bills of other Banks .. .. .		37,716	2	5
Balances due from other Banks .. .. .				
Landed property .. .. .		61,307	8	5
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. .. .		340,357	6	7
2. Colonial Government securities .. .. .				
3. Other funded securities .. .. .				
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. .. .		2,770,722	0	3
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. .. .		10,321	9	8
<b>Total average assets</b> .. .. .		<b>£3,766,693</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £1,600,000.  
Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 12 per cent. per annum, and 2 per cent. per annum bonus.  
Amount of the last dividend declared, with bonus, £112,000.  
Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £1,486,070.

Dated at Wellington, this 7th day of April, 1908.

A. P. WEBSTER, Inspector.  
R. SWANSTON, Accountant.

STATEMENT of the amount of the average Liabilities and Assets of the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, at Branches in the Dominion of New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. .. .		155,154	0	0
Bills in circulation .. .. .		11,318	0	0
Balances due to other Banks .. .. .		3,028	0	0
Government deposits .. .. .				
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. .. .		1,579,497	0	0
Bearing interest .. .. .		1,313,818	0	0
<b>Total average liabilities</b> .. .. .		<b>£3,062,815</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals .. .. .		591,211	0	0
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. .. .		4,640	0	0
Notes and bills of other Banks .. .. .		36,183	0	0
Balances due from other Banks .. .. .		593	0	0
Landed property .. .. .		66,865	0	0
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. .. .		214,908	0	0
2. Colonial Government securities .. .. .				
3. Other funded securities .. .. .				
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. .. .		3,297,026	0	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. .. .		95,204	0	0
<b>Total average assets</b> .. .. .		<b>£4,306,565</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1908, £1,500,000.  
Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 10 per cent. per annum, and bonus of 2 per cent.  
Amount of the last dividend declared, with bonus, £105,000.  
Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £1,340,870.

Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of April, 1908.

G. E. TOLHURST, Inspector.  
A. W. McNICOL, Chief Clerk.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the National Bank of New Zealand, Limited, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. .. .		268,644	0	0
Bills in circulation .. .. .		9,258	0	0
Balances due to other Banks .. .. .		25,295	0	0
Government deposits .. .. .				
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. .. .		1,778,455	0	0
Bearing interest .. .. .		1,459,086	0	0
<b>Total average liabilities</b> .. .. .		<b>£3,540,738</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. .. .		862,802	0	0
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. .. .		30,678	0	0
Notes and bills of other Banks .. .. .		56,946	0	0
Balances due from other Banks .. .. .		48,925	0	0
Landed property .. .. .		89,005	0	0
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. .. .		292,615	0	0
2. Colonial Government securities .. .. .		50,000	0	0
3. Other funded securities .. .. .				
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. .. .		2,566,193	0	0
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. .. .		6,472	0	0
<b>Total average assets</b> .. .. .		<b>£4,003,636</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1908, £375,000.  
Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 10 per cent. per annum for half-year.  
Amount of the last dividend declared, £18,750.  
Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £365,068.

Dated at Wellington, this 10th day of April, 1908.

JOSEPH GIBSON STOTT,  
Pro General Manager.

STATEMENT of the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New South Wales, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th March, 1908.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. .. .		182,677	10	0
Bills in circulation .. .. .		10,145	16	6
Balances due to other Banks .. .. .		30,470	2	4
Government deposits .. .. .				
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. .. .		1,568,898	4	6
Bearing interest .. .. .		1,624,005	17	10
<b>Total average liabilities</b> .. .. .		<b>£3,411,197</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metal .. .. .		740,039	0	7
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. .. .		17,725	16	5
Notes and bills of other Banks .. .. .		3,757	1	6
Balances due from other Banks .. .. .		30,340	11	11
Landed property .. .. .		123,245	4	4
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. .. .		251,857	17	9
2. Colonial Government securities .. .. .		167,905	19	0
3. Other funded securities .. .. .		59,014	2	11
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. .. .		2,808,435	13	4
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. .. .		138,797	1	9
<b>Total average assets</b> .. .. .		<b>£4,336,118</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th March, 1908, £2,493,720.  
Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 10 per cent.  
Amount of last dividend declared, £110,635.  
Amount of the reserved profits after declaring such dividend, £1,530,000.

Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of April, 1908.

E. J. FINCH, Inspector.  
R. G. GUY, Inspector's Accountant.



STATEMENT of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the undermentioned BANKS in the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND for the QUARTER ended 31st MARCH, 1908.

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LIABILITIES.

BANKS.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.						Total Liabilities.
				Government.		Not bearing Interest.		Bearing Interest.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Bank of New Zealand .. .. .	888,030 14 7	53,776 11 3	24,581 19 1	1,748,902 1 9	5,321,918 6 10.	4,573,010 3 3	12,610,219 16 9			
Union Bank of Australia, Limited .. .. .	155,154 0 0	11,318 0 0	3,028 0 0	..	1,579,497 0 0	1,313,818 0 0	3,062,815 0 0			
Bank of New South Wales.. .. .	182,677 10 0	10,145 16 6	30,470 2 4	..	1,563,898 4 6	1,624,005 17 10	3,411,197 11 2			
Bank of Australasia .. .. .	146,276 18 4	19,127 6 4	..	..	1,291,111 8 5	583,774 0 6	2,040,289 13 7			
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited .. .. .	268,644 0 0	9,258 0 0	25,295 0 0	..	1,778,455 0 0	1,459,086 0 0	3,540,738 0 0			
Totals .. .. .	1,640,783 2 11	103,625 14 1	83,375 1 5	1,748,902 1 9	11,534,879 19 9	9,553,694 1 7	24,665,260 1 6			

ASSETS.

BANKS.	Coined Gold and Silver and other Coined Metals.		Gold and Silver in Bullion or Bars.		Notes and Bills of other Banks.		Balances due from other Banks.		Landed Property.		Notes and Bills discounted.		Colonial Government Securities.		Other Funded Securities.		Debts due to Bank, exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad.		Securities not included under other Heads.		Total Assets.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand .. .. .	2,184,690	14 9	50,602	6 10	120,664	8 5	2,195	3 4	106,834	6 9	996,062	1 0	1,077,113	6 2	..	..	7,104,932	15 4	819,462	6 5	12,412,557	9 0
Union Bank of Australia, Limited .. .. .	591,211	0 0	4,640	0 0	36,183	0 0	533	0 0	66,865	0 0	214,908	0 0	..	..	..	..	3,297,026	0 0	95,204	0 0	4,306,565	0 0
Bank of New South Wales .. .. .	740,039	0 7	17,725	16 5	3,757	1 6	30,840	11 11	123,245	4 4	251,857	17 9	167,905	19 0	59,014	2 11	2,803,435	13 4	138,797	1 9	4,336,118	9 6
Bank of Australasia .. .. .	544,651	16 1	1,617	9 2	37,716	2 5	..	..	61,307	8 5	340,357	6 7	..	..	..	..	2,770,722	0 3	10,321	9 8	3,766,693	12 7
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited .. .. .	862,802	0 0	30,678	0 0	56,946	0 0	48,925	0 0	89,005	0 0	292,615	0 0	50,000	0 0	..	..	2,566,193	0 0	6,472	0 0	4,003,636	0 0
Totals .. .. .	4,873,394	11 5	105,263	12 5	255,266	12 4	81,993	15 3	447,256	19 6	2,095,795	5 4	1,295,019	5 2	59,014	2 11	18,542,309	8 11	1,070,256	17 10	28,825,570	11 1

CAPITAL AND PROFITS.

BANKS.	Capital paid up.	Rate per Annum of Last Dividend.	Amount of Last Dividend declared.		Amount of Reserved Profits at Time of declaring such Dividend.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand—	£					
4-per-cent. stock guaranteed by the Government of N.Z. . . . .	1,000,000					
Preferred shares subscribed for by the Government of N.Z. . . . .	500,000	Seven and a half per cent. per annum				
Capital payable by shareholders .. .. .	500,000	Ten per cent. per annum .. .. .	87,500	0 0	281,675	0 0
Union Bank of Australia, Limited .. .. .	1,500,000	Ten per cent. per annum, and bonus two per cent. . . . .	105,000	0 0	1,340,870	0 0
Bank of New South Wales .. .. .	2,493,720	Ten per cent. . . . .	110,635	0 0	1,530,000	0 0
Bank of Australasia .. .. .	1,600,000	Fourteen per cent. per annum .. .. .	112,000	0 0	1,486,070	0 0
National Bank of New Zealand, Limited .. .. .	375,000	Ten per cent. per annum for half-year .. .. .	18,750	0 0	365,068	0 0

The Treasury, Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

ROBERT J. COLLINS, Secretary to the Treasury.

## Vital Statistics.

**R**EGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report on the Vital Statistics of the Principal Towns of New Zealand during the Month of March, 1908:—

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 March, 1908.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1908.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGHs REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1908.									Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 1908.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1907.
			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 .. .. .	42,385	117	8	3	15	5	4	9	44	1.04	13.38		
Birkenhead .. .. .	1,430	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1.40	10.98		
Devonport .. .. .	5,871	12	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.17	7.25		
Newmarket .. .. .	2,495	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	0.80	6.57		
Grey Lynn .. .. .	6,660	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.47		
Parnell .. .. .	5,418	13	2	..	3	..	1	3	9	1.66	8.17		
Mount Eden .. .. .	7,707	22	..	1	1	..	..	2	4	0.52	9.00		
Other suburbs* .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals Auckland and sub-urban boroughs*	71,916	189	11	4	21	7	5	14	62	0.86	11.43		
Total population of Greater Auckland, Census, 1906	82,101, including suburbs not in boroughs.												
Wellington .. .. .	65,747	136	11	1	25	15	4	17	73	1.11	11.45		
Karori .. .. .	2,449	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	0.41	9.50		
Onslow .. .. .	1,226	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1.62	10.09		
Miramar .. .. .	1,525	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	1.31	7.56		
Totals Wellington and suburbs	70,947	149	12	1	26	17	4	18	78	1.10	11.28		
Total population of Wellington and suburbs, Census, 1906	68,807.												
Christchurch .. .. .	53,826	106	3	1	22	2	..	16	44	0.82	14.72		
Woolston .. .. .	3,252	10	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	0.61	8.38		
New Brighton .. .. .	1,132	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Sumner .. .. .	1,181	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0.85	..		
Other suburbs* .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Totals Christchurch and sub-urban boroughs*	59,391	117	4	1	22	2	..	18	47	0.79	14.37		
Total population of Greater Christchurch, Census, 1906	69,059, including suburbs not in boroughs, and New Brighton and Sumner.												
Dunedin .. .. .	38,058	70	8	1	8	5	..	13	35	0.92	12.98		
Maori Hill .. .. .	2,223	8	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	0.90	6.29		
Mornington .. .. .	4,350	9	1	..	..	2	..	2	5	1.15	8.33		
North-east Valley .. .. .	4,667	15	1	1	..	..	..	1	3	0.64	8.61		
Roslyn .. .. .	5,760	6	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	0.69	12.25		
St. Kilda .. .. .	2,840	8	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	0.70	15.02		
West Harbour .. .. .	1,592	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1.26	10.25		
Totals Dunedin and suburbs	59,495	118	10	2	12	8	1	20	53	0.89	12.02		
Total population of Dunedin and suburbs, Census, 1906	56,020.												

\* The remaining suburbs do not lie within borough boundaries, and particulars respecting them have not been obtained for the Vital Statistics.

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

The total births in the above boroughs amounted to 573, against 608 in February—a decrease of 35. The deaths in March were 240, an increase of 29 on the number in February. Of the total deaths, males contributed 126, females 114. Eighty-eight of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 36.66 per cent. of the whole number; 70 of these were under one year of age.

There were fifty-nine deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards: Five men, 66, 67, 74, 76 (two), and ten women, 66, 68, 71 (two), 74, 78 (two), 83 (two), 86, died at Auckland; nine men, 66, 68, 71, 74 (two), 78, 85, 90, 96, and five women, 66, 75, 78, 89, 98, at Wellington; ten men, 65 (four), 67, 68, 69, 71, 74, 78, and five women, 72, 73, 76, 78, 86, at Christchurch; and six men, 67, 69, 70, 76, 82, 100, and nine women, 65, 68, 70, 76, 78, 81, 83 (two), 90, at Dunedin.

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during March, 1908.

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.	
<b>I.—GENERAL DISEASES.</b>									
<b>A.—Epidemic Diseases.</b>									
1. Typhoid Fever .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	5
4. Malarial Fever .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
7. Scarlet Fever .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
10. Influenza .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
<b>B.—Other General Diseases.</b>									
27. Phthisis .. .. .	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	3	12
27. Tubercular Pneumonia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
28. Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	4
29. Tubercular Peritonitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
29. Mesenteric Disease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
34. Tuberculosis—General .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
36. Syphilis .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
39. Cancer—Tongue .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
40. " Liver, Stomach, Pancreas .. .. .	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	2	9
41. " Intestines .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
42. " Uterus, Vulva .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
45. " Other Organs .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
46. Tumour .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
46. Lymphadenoma .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
47. Rheumatoid Arthritis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
50. Diabetes .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	1	6
53. Leucæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
54. Pernicious Anæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
<b>II.—DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND OF THE ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE.</b>									
61. Meningitis .. .. .	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
62. Locomotor Ataxia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
63. Disseminated Sclerosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
64. Apoplexy .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	2	6
66. Hemiplegia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
67. General Paralysis of Insane .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
69. Epilepsy .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
71. Convulsions of Children (under 5 years of age) .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
74c. Tumour of Brain .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
<b>III.—DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.</b>									
79. Organic Heart-disease .. .. .	..	3	..	5	..	5	..	6	19
80. Angina Pectoris .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
81. Aneurism .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
82. Thrombosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
<b>IV.—DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.</b>									
90. Acute Bronchitis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
91. Chronic Bronchitis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
92. Broncho-pneumonia .. .. .	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	6
93. Pneumonia .. .. .	1	2	1	3	..	4	..	1	12
94. Empyema .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
99. Hæmorrhage of Lungs .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<b>V.—DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.</b>									
103. Gastric Ulcer .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
104. Gastric Catarrh, Stenosis .. .. .	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
105. Diarrhœa and Enteritis (children under 2 years of age) .. .. .	10	..	11	..	2	..	9	..	32
106. Diarrhœa and Enteritis (children over 2 years of age and adults) .. .. .	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
108. Intestinal Obstruction .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
109. Intussusception of Intestine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
111. Hydatids .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
112. Cirrhosis of Liver .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
116. Peritonitis .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
117. Pancreatitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
118. Appendicitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2

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.	
<b>VI.—DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM AND ADNEXA.</b>									
119. Acute Nephritis .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
120. Bright's Disease .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
120. Uræmia .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
121. Cirrhosis of Kidneys .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
123. Suppression of Urine .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
125. Enlarged Prostate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
131. Ovarian Cyst .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
<b>VII.—PUERPERAL CONDITION.</b>									
134. Miscarriage .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
137. Tokæmia of Pregnancy .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
<b>IX.—DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.</b>									
146. Necrosis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
146. Rickets .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
<b>XI.—INFANCY.</b>									
151. Congenital Debility .. ..	8	..	7	..	1	..	3	..	19
151A. Premature Birth .. ..	1	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	7
153. Indigestion, result of improper feeding	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
<b>XII.—OLD AGE.</b>									
154. Senile Debility .. ..	..	5	..	3	..	3	..	1	12
<b>XIII.—VIOLENCE.</b>									
155. Suicide—Prussic Acid .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
159. " Gunshot Wound .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
160. " Cutting Throat .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
166. Accident—Fall of Tree .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
166. " Fall from Scaffold .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
166. " By Motor-car .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
166. " By Tram-car .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
166. " Wound of Hand .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
171. " Contact with Electric Wire	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
172. " Drowning .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
174. " Asphyxia .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
176. " Fall .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
<b>XIV.—ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.</b>									
179. Heart-failure .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Totals .. ..	27	35	34	44	7	40	21	32	240

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

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the rate at each of the four centres.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City .. ..	1.04
and six suburban boroughs .. ..	0.86
Wellington City .. ..	1.11
and three suburban boroughs .. ..	1.10
Christchurch City .. ..	0.82
and three suburban boroughs .. ..	0.79
Dunedin City .. ..	0.92
and six suburban boroughs .. ..	0.89

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

Compared with March, 1907, the results are,—

	1907.	1908.
Auckland and suburbs .. ..	0.85	0.86
Wellington and suburbs .. ..	0.96	1.10
Christchurch and suburbs .. ..	1.17	0.79
Dunedin and suburbs .. ..	0.79	0.89

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 March, 1908.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1908.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1908.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 1908.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1907.
			Males.			Females.					
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Thames .. .. .	3,750	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	0.80	13.87
New Plymouth .. .. .	5,323	18	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	0.38	10.51
Napier .. .. .	10,115	23	..	..	4	1	..	2	7	0.69	12.37
Wanganui .. .. .	8,160	26	5	..	3	..	1	1	10	1.22	11.13
Palmerston North .. .. .	11,299	29	1	..	4	1	..	2	8	0.71	11.33
Masterton .. .. .	5,412	23	1	..	1	1	..	3	6	1.11	10.90
Blenheim .. .. .	3,500	21	..	1	1	..	1	1	4	1.14	37.96
Nelson .. .. .	8,305	23	..	..	5	2	..	1	8	0.96	16.40
Greymouth .. .. .	4,836	20	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	0.21	16.54
Hokitika .. .. .	2,410	10	2	..	..	1	..	..	3	1.25	24.28
Lyttelton .. .. .	3,941	5	2	..	..	2	..	..	4	1.01	14.46
Timaru .. .. .	7,935	26	4	..	3	1	..	..	8	1.01	11.96
Oamaru .. .. .	5,180	13	..	..	2	..	..	1	3	0.58	11.21
Invercargill (Greater) .. .. .	13,419*	39	3	..	5	..	..	4	12	0.89	13.11

\* Includes suburban boroughs—Invercargill East, North, and South, with Avenal and Gladstone.

Registrar-General's Office,  
Wellington, 22nd April, 1908.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN,  
Registrar-General.

RETURN of REVENUE collected at the GENERAL POST OFFICE and in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of NEW ZEALAND for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

	POSTAL REVENUE.							TELEGRAPH REVENUE.				Total Post and Telegraph Revenue.
	Private Box and Bag Rents.	Money-order Commission.	Stamps sold, and credited to Stamp Revenue.	Postal Guides.	Postal-note Commission.	Miscellaneous Receipts (Postal).	Total Postal.	Telegrams.	Telephone Exchanges.	Miscellaneous Telegraph.	Total Telegraph.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Post Office ..	138 19 5	39 12 9	..	1 0 0	..	500 5 8	674 17 10	..	6,565 11 0	434 11 5	7,000 2 5	7,675 0 3
Auckland ..	1,005 5 7	645 6 9	16,090 1 3½	19 1 6	252 1 7	14 16 0½	18,026 12 9	11,063 18 8	503 19 3	180 11 5	11,748 9 4	29,775 2 1
Blenheim ..	190 7 1	36 14 3	1,392 18 3½	1 5 6	19 14 5	1 8 3	1,642 7 9½	1,200 15 9½	53 7 1	6 2 3	1,260 5 1½	2,902 12 11
Christchurch ..	1,187 12 10	282 17 3	12,345 1 8	8 0 10	129 14 9	10 9 11½	13,963 17 3½	6,528 11 6½	335 0 8	241 11 6	7,105 3 8½	21,069 1 0
Dunedin ..	850 0 8	249 5 3	7,058 10 5	12 0 6	129 5 4½	5 5 1	8,304 7 3½	5,502 18 3½	207 17 0	154 16 10	5,865 12 1½	14,169 19 5
Gisborne ..	347 9 1	59 2 9	395 0 2½	0 19 0	19 8 9½	1 10 10½	823 10 8½	2,034 17 0½	37 17 7	10 10 0	2,083 4 7½	2,906 15 4
Greymouth ..	171 18 0	71 11 3	1,616 16 7	2 9 6	18 8 4	0 8 3½	1,881 11 11½	1,251 13 9	22 8 6	10 10 0	1,284 12 3	3,166 4 2½
Hokitika ..	72 0 0	17 13 0	449 11 11½	0 14 6	7 16 5	0 2 10½	547 18 9	512 15 2½	11 2 6	6 0 0	529 17 8½	1,077 16 5½
Invercargill ..	598 9 1	116 7 6	4,383 8 0½	7 6 8	74 13 10½	2 11 6½	5,182 16 8½	3,062 1 7½	97 16 11	83 6 6	3,243 5 0½	8,426 1 9
Napier ..	810 13 8	145 3 6	5,076 18 7½	5 6 8	81 11 4	4 6 4	6,124 0 1½	4,246 3 5	173 4 3	36 15 7	4,456 3 3	10,580 3 4½
Nelson ..	162 0 1	62 17 3	986 4 8	2 9 6	25 12 4½	1 10 11	1,240 14 9½	1,426 7 0½	19 12 6	10 0 9	1,456 0 3½	2,696 15 1
New Plymouth ..	261 1 1	67 11 3	2,499 5 1½	3 12 8	44 3 11	1 14 5	2,877 8 5½	1,727 5 8	27 12 6	33 13 4	1,788 11 6	4,665 19 11½
Oamaru ..	143 11 4	32 16 3	1,779 5 1	2 18 6	25 6 11	0 6 7½	1,984 4 8½	865 6 10½	24 0 4	5 10 6	894 17 8½	2,879 2 5
Thames ..	192 1 6	95 13 6	2,503 11 6½	2 1 6	49 8 7½	1 1 8	2,843 18 4	1,766 0 8½	41 16 11	15 5 0	1,823 2 7½	4,667 0 11½
Timaru ..	314 6 10	63 8 6	5,454 11 4½	2 15 0	36 13 5½	1 9 7	5,873 4 9	1,667 6 2	32 12 11	49 9 7	1,749 8 8	7,622 13 5
Wanganui ..	699 5 2	176 0 3	9,063 16 5½	1 18 6	108 4 8½	3 13 3½	10,052 18 4½	4,033 15 6½	88 8 6	16 14 0	4,138 18 0½	14,191 16 5
Wellington ..	1,757 2 6	808 19 0	25,942 12 3½	5 17 4	234 7 11½	134 9 5½	28,883 8 6½	13,476 12 8	581 3 10	155 16 7	14,213 13 1	43,097 1 7½
Westport ..	44 15 11	64 10 0	977 2 4½	0 11 0	18 9 0½	1 4 1	1,106 12 5	905 19 2	8 2 5	25 10 0	939 11 7	2,046 4 0
Totals 1st quarter in 1908	8,941 19 10	3,035 10 3	98,014 16 0	80 8 8	1,275 1 10½	686 14 11½	112,034 11 7	61,272 9 2	8,831 14 8	1,476 15 3	71,530 19 1	183,615 10 8
Totals 1st quarter in 1907	7,734 0 5	4,680 16 9	90,336 15 10½	72 19 2	1,664 5 11½	5,357 18 8½	109,846 16 10½	58,337 9 2	7,032 5 6	1,681 0 8	67,050 15 4	176,897 12 2½

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

D. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of MONEY-ORDER and SAVINGS-BANK TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Money-order Offices open at End of Quarter.	MONEY-ORDERS.				Savings-Bank Offices open at End of Quarter.	SAVINGS-BANKS.							
		Issued.		Paid.			Accounts.		Number of Deposits.	Number of With- drawals.	Amount of Deposits.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.	Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Opened.	Closed.						
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland .. ..	148	23,607	99,888 12 7	22,097	102,664 18 7	143	3,483	2,242	25,943	18,064	432,097 8 7	398,419 10 9	33,677 17 10	..
Blenheim .. ..	8	1,762	6,629 13 6	808	4,655 5 8	8	297	251	2,333	1,438	35,509 2 8	37,382 6 3	..	1,873 9 7
Christchurch .. ..	66	11,088	48,114 9 11	10,293	62,175 13 9	66	2,925	2,055	29,711	19,886	411,969 10 7	407,901 4 11	4,068 5 8	..
Dunedin .. ..	56	11,346	47,256 11 8	11,798	58,115 4 4	52	2,311	1,624	22,608	13,602	307,084 14 4	288,664 3 4	18,420 11 0	..
Gisborne .. ..	10	2,227	11,779 8 8	906	6,272 14 6	10	621	377	3,997	3,014	64,598 12 2	57,539 19 1	7,058 13 1	..
Greymouth .. ..	13	2,729	11,792 0 10	1,285	5,246 13 11	13	453	290	2,848	1,755	44,369 12 7	43,758 19 4	610 13 3	..
Hokitika .. ..	7	848	3,256 5 7	512	1,854 0 4	7	86	98	527	411	10,477 11 5	12,449 10 9	..	1,971 19 4
Invercargill .. ..	31	5,673	21,325 13 7	3,443	15,126 19 0	29	754	535	5,678	3,563	88,421 19 7	84,507 19 11	3,913 19 8	..
Napier .. ..	34	6,492	30,904 12 0	4,165	25,106 10 9	29	1,241	906	9,583	5,519	130,419 8 11	114,612 8 10	15,807 0 1	..
Nelson .. ..	19	2,884	10,506 17 5	2,366	9,721 13 6	19	430	322	3,364	2,151	55,081 19 9	52,143 19 3	2,938 0 6	..
New Plymouth .. ..	12	3,316	12,349 14 6	2,267	11,554 2 7	12	582	402	4,161	2,276	66,402 14 5	56,405 15 1	9,996 19 4	..
Oamaru .. ..	10	1,977	22,855 5 1	1,051	10,381 1 8	10	307	212	2,170	1,381	40,757 11 5	38,062 10 7	2,695 0 10	..
Thames .. ..	17	4,695	17,933 10 11	2,109	9,280 12 11	17	621	429	4,243	2,742	57,903 17 11	61,725 6 0	..	3,821 8 1
Timaru .. ..	15	3,449	28,888 6 10	1,667	8,063 9 4	15	665	407	4,971	2,997	79,024 19 2	68,421 7 0	10,603 12 2	..
Wanganui .. ..	41	8,149	38,420 13 10	4,061	19,254 10 11	40	1,508	987	10,102	5,933	158,540 0 4	133,172 11 8	25,367 8 8	..
Wellington .. ..	79	21,729	86,748 14 5	19,462	90,097 19 0	80	5,467	3,532	46,107	27,660	530,326 10 3	497,772 10 0	32,554 0 3	..
Westport .. ..	17	2,807	11,030 16 2	924	4,258 3 5	17	358	277	2,271	1,151	29,201 19 1	29,994 14 0	..	792 14 11
Totals 1st quarter in 1908	583	114,778	510,181 7 6	89,209	443,829 14 2	567	22,109	14,946	180,617	113,543	2,542,187 13 2	2,382,934 16 9	159,252 16 5	..
Totals 1st quarter in 1907	563	109,180	466,369 3 10	86,182	409,245 16 5	545	20,067	14,285	159,239	108,303	2,325,099 7 0	2,000,250 13 11	324,848 13 1	..

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

D. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary.

STATEMENT of TELEGRAPH BUSINESS within the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

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THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

[No. 32

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Offices open at End of Quarter.	Ordinary Telegrams, including Paid Government Telegrams.		Urgent Ordinary Telegrams.		Press Telegrams.*		Bureau Communications.		Total.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Auckland .. .. .	330	290,483	£ s. d. 8,794 14 11	15,070	£ s. d. 1,004 14 1	14,842	£ s. d. 609 8 8	31,068	£ s. d. 655 1 0	351,463	£ s. d. 11,063 18 8
Blenheim .. .. .	65	26,343	792 10 2	1,013	67 18 5	565	205 7 5½	7,161	134 19 9	35,082	1,200 15 9½
Christchurch .. .. .	190	145,742	4,571 17 2½	6,479	484 16 3	6,852	819 19 1	29,976	651 19 0	189,049	6,528 11 6½
Dunedin .. .. .	178	133,794	4,075 14 0	4,510	330 18 4	8,633	427 9 11½	25,157	668 16 0	172,094	5,502 18 3½
Gisborne .. .. .	30	29,764	1,320 16 1½	1,609	114 4 7	1,624	215 14 4	19,164	384 2 0	52,161	2,034 17 0½
Greymouth .. .. .	31	27,970	895 1 5	934	61 15 7	2,307	152 5 0	6,459	142 11 9	37,670	1,251 13 9
Hokitika .. .. .	43	10,423	329 5 0½	248	16 8 8	497	84 6 3	4,338	82 15 3	15,506	512 15 2½
Invercargill .. .. .	127	56,720	1,688 5 0½	1,110	78 4 11	2,224	305 3 5	37,695	990 8 3	97,749	3,062 1 7½
Napier .. .. .	77	89,617	2,698 9 8½	4,592	279 4 11	5,300	394 16 9½	43,199	873 12 0	142,708	4,246 3 5
Nelson .. .. .	58	36,662	1,112 4 4	1,569	81 14 2	34,237	190 4 0½	1,893	42 4 6	74,361	1,426 7 0½
New Plymouth .. .. .	50	36,731	1,111 2 5	1,851	109 10 3	2,159	200 3 3	14,562	306 9 9	55,303	1,727 5 8
Oamaru .. .. .	35	16,102	475 9 11	346	24 13 8	592	168 13 6½	6,950	196 9 9	23,990	865 6 10½
Thames .. .. .	45	43,885	1,344 5 9	2,659	158 11 8	891	185 13 6½	4,468	77 9 9	51,903	1,766 0 8½
Timaru .. .. .	47	34,484	1,041 14 10	1,315	86 3 7	1,057	195 1 6	15,261	344 6 3	52,117	1,667 6 2
Wanganui .. .. .	91	95,690	2,853 11 1½	5,156	277 7 11	3,424	352 17 3	25,950	549 19 3	130,220	4,033 15 6½
Wellington .. .. .	180	289,702	10,093 0 3	13,435	839 17 0	33,454	1,132 19 11	62,813	1,410 15 6	399,404	13,476 12 8
Westport .. .. .	34	21,537	664 5 2	737	72 8 1	798	87 12 5	2,863	81 13 6	25,985	905 19 2
Totals first quarter in 1908 .. .. .	1,611	1,385,649	43,862 7 5	62,633	4,088 12 1	119,456	5,727 16 5	338,977	7,593 13 3	1,906,765	61,272 9 2
Totals first quarter in 1907 .. .. .	1,446	1,358,157	42,901 0 2½	73,927	4,322 2 1	107,451	5,076 12 4½	277,162	6,037 14 6	1,816,697	58,337 9 2

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

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

D. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary.



STATEMENT showing the NUMBER, AMOUNT, &c., of POSTAL-NOTE TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	No. of Postal-note Offices open at the End of the Quarter.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES SOLD.											Total Amount of Postal Notes sold, including Commission.	Commission on Postal Notes sold.				
		At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/0	At 2/6	At 3/0	At 5/0	At 10/0	At 15/0	At £1.	At £5.	Total.						
Auckland ..	167	4,396	2,868	7,244	7,334	7,143	10,339	8,555	2,660	4,833	..	55,372	£ 17,089	s. 16	d. 7	£ 252	s. 1	d. 7
Blenheim ..	17	288	181	516	501	548	802	665	200	455	..	4,156	1,382	2	5	19	14	5
Christchurch ..	75	2,030	1,150	3,270	3,394	3,042	4,995	4,573	1,543	2,973	..	26,970	9,190	10	9	129	14	9
Dunedin ..	69	2,370	1,353	3,186	3,562	3,608	5,253	4,452	1,588	2,424	..	27,796	8,808	10	10½	129	5	4½
Gisborne ..	12	326	193	508	546	541	766	557	212	517	..	4,166	1,396	8	3½	19	8	9½
Greymouth ..	14	276	147	451	500	446	731	638	189	451	..	3,829	1,312	4	10	18	8	4
Hokitika ..	10	121	90	203	222	183	260	245	83	230	..	1,637	575	17	5	7	16	5
Invercargill ..	43	1,204	740	1,855	1,976	1,901	3,212	2,684	881	1,398	..	15,851	5,111	15	10½	74	13	10½
Napier ..	42	1,519	970	2,396	2,337	2,134	3,389	2,686	1,008	1,527	..	17,966	5,555	6	10	81	11	4
Nelson ..	24	481	262	739	765	647	1,148	830	253	532	..	5,657	1,759	12	10½	25	12	4½
New Plymouth	23	769	570	1,300	1,279	1,328	1,646	1,408	580	849	..	9,729	3,013	19	5	44	3	11
Oamaru ..	13	505	260	587	720	569	986	915	302	529	..	5,373	1,763	12	11	25	6	11
Thames ..	24	877	577	1,366	1,373	1,299	1,992	1,683	595	960	..	10,722	3,385	7	7½	49	8	7½
Timaru ..	15	500	344	993	1,026	950	1,512	1,322	364	768	..	7,779	2,537	10	5½	36	13	5½
Wanganui ..	53	1,730	1,334	3,239	2,894	2,836	4,340	3,656	1,203	2,242	..	23,474	7,463	1	8½	108	4	8½
Wellington ..	86	3,546	2,347	5,690	6,314	6,201	9,216	7,617	2,535	5,793	..	49,259	16,682	17	5½	234	7	11½
Westport ..	20	272	203	527	575	569	719	611	191	374	..	4,041	1,259	14	0½	18	9	0½
Totals 1st qr. in 1908	707	21,210	13,589	34,070	35,318	33,945	51,306	43,097	14,387	26,855	..	273,777	88,288	10	4½	1,275	1	10½
Totals 1st qr. in 1907	688	20,355	12,927	26,009	29,385	31,778	45,909	39,156	12,729	23,258	221	241,727	79,657	5	11½	1,664	5	11½

POSTAL DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF POSTAL NOTES PAID.												Total Amount of Postal Notes paid.			
	At 1/0	At 1/6	At 2/0	At 2/6	At 3/0	At 5/0	At 7/6	At 10/0	At 12/6	At 15/0	At £1.	At £5.		Total.		
Auckland ..	4,891	3,277	7,767	7,913	7,486	10,996	..	9,196	..	2,934	5,254	1	59,715	£ 18,185	s. 11	d. 0
Blenheim ..	134	91	227	250	261	382	..	318	..	115	265	..	2,043	712	7	6
Christchurch ..	2,264	1,387	3,726	3,995	3,629	6,093	..	5,215	..	1,753	3,355	..	31,417	10,434	1	0
Dunedin ..	3,126	1,904	4,310	4,712	4,538	7,021	..	6,093	..	1,927	3,414	..	37,045	11,660	16	0
Gisborne ..	129	72	172	198	220	314	..	254	..	93	202	..	1,654	564	1	0
Greymouth ..	125	83	237	273	240	385	..	374	..	190	292	..	2,139	779	1	0
Hokitika ..	63	31	82	120	89	170	..	170	..	49	102	..	876	308	5	6
Invercargill ..	721	497	1,177	1,136	1,136	2,002	..	1,840	..	651	1,064	..	10,224	3,476	3	6
Napier ..	1,003	564	1,475	1,461	1,484	2,122	..	1,886	..	691	978	..	11,664	3,614	18	6
Nelson ..	364	190	588	570	537	872	..	770	..	271	583	..	4,745	1,632	6	0
New Plymouth	713	339	1,038	871	966	1,393	..	1,287	..	448	757	1	7,813	2,508	8	0
Oamaru ..	191	115	333	338	345	499	..	496	..	185	303	..	2,805	959	19	6
Thames ..	326	191	517	571	561	842	..	816	..	279	482	..	4,585	1,547	12	0
Timaru ..	373	190	576	651	567	928	..	880	..	278	596	..	5,039	1,733	8	6
Wanganui ..	870	668	1,701	1,576	1,584	2,325	..	1,952	..	727	1,247	..	12,650	4,047	16	0
Wellington ..	5,589	3,816	8,519	9,485	9,686	13,637	..	10,703	..	3,331	7,124	..	71,890	22,439	1	6
Westport ..	93	55	174	187	188	244	..	269	..	95	153	..	1,458	497	10	0
Totals 1st qr. in 1908	20,975	13,470	32,619	34,307	33,517	50,225	..	42,519	..	13,957	26,171	2	267,762	85,101	6	6
Totals 1st qr. in 1907	19,772	12,546	25,858	29,055	30,710	45,271	..	38,751	..	12,405	23,140	218	237,726	76,980	14	6

STATEMENT showing DISCOUNT-STAMP TRANSACTIONS in the several POSTAL DISTRICTS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st March, 1908.

Postal District.	Discount-stamps sold.	Discount-stamps redeemed.	Unsold Discount-stamps on Hand on 31st March, 1908.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland .. .. .	7 5 0	7 12 0	24 0 0
Blenheim .. .. .	..	..	10 15 0
Christchurch .. .. .	..	..	5 0 0
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	30 0 0
Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	11 10 0
Greymouth .. .. .	..	..	25 0 0
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	12 10 0
Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	23 14 0
Napier .. .. .	1 10 0	1 6 0	3 5 0
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	12 0 0
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	12 15 0
Oamaru .. .. .	..	..	24 15 0
Thames .. .. .	1 0 0	6 11 0	16 0 0
Timaru .. .. .	..	..	25 15 0
Wanganui .. .. .	..	0 2 0	15 5 0
Wellington .. .. .	652 0 0	670 10 0	196 0 0
Westport .. .. .	..	..	11 0 0
Totals .. .. .	661 15 0	686 1 0	459 4 0
Totals, March quarter, 1907 .. .. .	716 14 0	654 12 0	496 9 0

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st April, 1908.

D. ROBERTSON,  
Secretary.

### CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

*Lands in Town of Mangarua withdrawn from Sale.*

District Lands Office,  
New Plymouth, 21st April, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sections Nos. 14 and 15, Block VIII, Town of Mangarua, advertised for sale by public auction on the 29th April, 1908, have been withdrawn.

FRANCIS SIMPSON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Lands in Nelson Land District open for Selection on Renewable Lease.*

District Lands Office,  
Nelson, 9th March, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 240 of "The Land Act, 1892," that the undermentioned lands will be open for selection on renewable lease, at this office, on Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 1908.

#### SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—BULLER COUNTY.—KONGAHU BLOCK.

*National Endowment.*

District.	Block.	Area.	Renewable Lease Rent per Acre per Annum.
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#### SECOND-CLASS UNSURVEYED LAND.

	Acres.	d.
Kongahu ..   III   750   5-28		

Situated near Little Wanganui. Access by Karamea Inland Road from Mokihinui, about twenty miles, and thence by Westport-Mokihinui Railway, twenty-nine miles. The land can also be reached by steamer trading between Westport and Little Wanganui River, a distance of about thirty-five miles.

Forest-clad country, the bush being principally birch. The soil is fair, and when cleared and sown produces excellent grass. Altitude, about 800 ft. above sea-level. Good climate; abundant rainfall.

Kongahu ..   III   430   4-68		
..   VI   30   4-68		

Hilly pastoral country, with patches of excellent soil on western side of Glass-eye Creek, remainder, good soil of sedimentary marine formation; covered with bush, comprising birch, rimu, and kamahi. Access by about two miles of unformed track from the Little Wanganui River, which is distant about thirty-five miles from Westport by steamer.

F. W. FLANAGAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Land in Otago Land District for Disposal under Section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892."*

District Lands Office,  
Dunedin, 18th February, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 240 of "The Land Act, 1892," that the undermentioned land will be disposed of, under section 117 of "The Land Act, 1892," on or after Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1908.

#### SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

SECTION 22, Block VI, Budle Survey District, to John Sheehy: Area, 12 acres 3 roods 34 perches.

D. BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Land in Nelson Land District for Disposal by way of Exchange.*

District Lands Office,  
Nelson, 18th February, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 240 of "The Land Act, 1892," that the undermentioned land will be exchanged for an equal area included in the area of 1,000 acres held under lease in perpetuity by Mrs. M. McDonald on or after Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1908.

#### SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Nelson Land District, situated in Block VI, Motupiko Survey District, containing by admeasurement 64 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the north-east by a road fronting the Motupiko River, towards the south by land granted to Mrs. Minnie McDonald on lease in perpetuity, and towards the west by Chinaman's Creek.

F. W. FLANAGAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NATIVE LAND COURT NOTICES.

*Application for Confirmation Certificate under Section 55.*

Registrar's Office, Auckland, 15th April, 1908.  
**N**OTICE 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.  
 [Auckland, Sec. 55, 1908-9.]

A. G. HOLLAND, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
16	Sale .. .. .	7th April, 1908 ..	Kopua No. 1D ..	Robert Ormsby and William Ormsby to John Ormsby.

*Application for Confirmation Certificate under Section 55.*

Registrar's Office, Gisborne, 14th April, 1908.  
**N**OTICE 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, 1908-9.]

HAROLD CARR, Registrar.

THE ALIENATION ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No.	Nature of Alienation.	Date.	Name of Land.	Names of Parties.
1	Mortgage .. .. .	28th March, 1908 ..	Makauri, Allotment 28	Henry Cheetham Jackson and Hoera Kewa to William Miller.

*Notice of Nominations for Committees for Incorporated Blocks.*

IN THE NATIVE LAND COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,  
 GISBORNE DISTRICT.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the persons whose names are set out in the second column of the Schedule hereunder have been proposed for nomination as candidates for the committees to administer the blocks set out in the first column.

Dated at Gisborne, this 14th day of April, 1908.

HAROLD CARR, Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

Name of Block.	Names of Persons nominated.
Kaiti No. 313, Section 1c ..	Turanga Rawiri. Hapi Hinaki. Hoera Hinaki. Hemi Kauta. Keapa Pomare. Wi Wharekino.
Tauwharetoi No. 1D ..	Pita te Hau. Hoani Matiaha. Peta Tiakiwai.

**BANKRUPTCY NOTICES.**

*In Bankruptcy.—In the District Court of Waikato and Thames, holden at Thames.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given that JOHN NEWBOLD HEAPE, of Paeroa, Storekeeper, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1908, at 2.30 o'clock.

E. GÉRARD,  
 Official Assignee.

Auckland, 13th April, 1908.

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

**N**OTICE is hereby given that GARROD ORSBORN, of Wellington, Dairyman, was this day adjudged bankrupt;

and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1908, at 11 o'clock a.m.

A. SIMPSON,  
 Official Assignee.

Wellington, 16th April, 1908.

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

**N**OTICE is hereby given that JOSEPH BLONDELL, of Invercargill, Labourer, was this day adjudged bankrupt; and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at my office, on the 24th day of April, 1908, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CHARLES B. ROUT,  
 Deputy Official Assignee.

Invercargill, 13th April, 1908.

**LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES.**

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the parcel of land herein after 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 25th day of May, 1908.

1347. Applicants, DAVID McLEOD and JOHN CATTANACH McLEOD, 52 acres and 15 perches, comprising Block 122, Ruataniwha Crown-grant District. In occupation of Applicants.

Diagram may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1908, at the Lands Registry Office, Napier.

THOS. HALL,  
 District Land Registrar.

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**N**OTICE 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.

10744. AGNES SAPWELL.—1 acre 2 roods, Lots 55, 56, and 57, Plan 816, part of Rural Sections 1834 and 1946, Borough of Timaru. Occupied by Applicant.

10746. WILLIAM COOPER.—45 acres, Rural Sections 6071 and 7597, Block VI, Christchurch Survey District. Occupied by Applicant.

10748. ARCHIBALD HENRY ANTHONY.—34 perches, part of Lot 177, Christchurch Town Reserves. Unoccupied.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1908, at the Lands Registry Office, Christchurch.

G. G. BRIDGES,  
 District Land Registrar.

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## PRIVATE ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SURNAME.

I, WILLIAM JOHN SIMPSON, heretofore called and known by the name of "William John Mitchell," of Napier, Bootmaker, hereby give notice that by a deed-poll dated the 11th day of April, 1908, duly executed, and attested and filed in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, at Napier, on the 14th day of April, 1908, I formally and absolutely renounced and abandoned the said surname of "Mitchell," and declared that I had assumed and adopted, and intended thenceforth upon all occasions whatsoever to use and subscribe, the name of "William John Simpson" instead of "William John Mitchell," and so as to be at all times hereafter called, known, and described by the name of "William John Simpson" exclusively.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1908.

WILLIAM JOHN SIMPSON,  
Late WILLIAM JOHN MITCHELL.

Witness—E. H. Williams, Solicitor, Napier. 465

## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORGE FREDERICK HOPKINS DEE has retired from the Partnership which has for some time past been carried on by the said GEORGE FREDERICK HOPKINS DEE and EDWARD ALBERT ERNEST DEE and WILLIAM ARTHUR DEE, under the style of "E. W. Dee and Sons," in the City of Nelson, in the trade or business of Tailors, Clothiers, and Mercers; and that the business will in future be carried on by the said Edward Albert Ernest Dee and William Arthur Dee under the same style.

As witness our hands, this 15th day of April, 1908.

G. F. H. DEE.  
E. A. E. DEE.  
W. A. DEE.

Witness—E. B. Moore, Solicitor, Nelson. 466

## SEFTON-ASHLEY DRAINAGE BOARD.

## ELECTION TO FILL EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

M. R. DAVID BOYCE, of Sefton, being the only candidate nominated to fill the above-named vacancy on the Board of Trustees, I therefore hereby declare him to be duly elected to fill the said vacancy.

J. H. BAIRD,  
Returning Officer.

Sefton, 6th April, 1908. 467

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between ARTHUR HENRY STEED and FREDERICK STEED, carrying on business as Storekeepers at Frasertown, under the style or firm of "A. Steed and Co.," has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 10th day of February, 1908. All debts due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid respectively by the said Arthur Henry Steed, who will continue to carry on the said business under the said style or firm of "A. Steed and Co."

Dated the            day of April, 1908.

ARTHUR H. STEED.  
FREDERICK STEED.

Witness to signatures—Edwin Sandeman, Solicitor, Wairoa, H.B. 468

## ELLESMERE LANDS DRAINAGE BOARD.

## SPECIAL ORDER.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it in that behalf by "The Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905," and by "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and its amendments, the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board hereby resolves as follows:—

That, for the purpose of providing the interest and other charges on a loan of £10,000, authorised to be raised by the said Board, under the above-mentioned Acts, for the purpose of repaying to the Selwyn County Council (a) the sum of two thousand two hundred and eighty-nine pounds ten shillings and threepence (£2,289 10s. 3d.), being the amount of the principal moneys which the said Council has lawfully expended in respect of drainage-works before the coming into operation of "The Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905," together with such further sum for interest as may be found due to the Council up to the date of payment of the said sum; and (b) to construct works necessary to provide an outlet to the sea of the waters at Lake Ellesmere; such loan to be at four and a half pounds per centum per annum for a period of thirty years. And, for the purpose of providing a fund to defray the cost of such payment and construction and execution of the said works, the said Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board hereby makes and levies a special rate of two twenty-sevenths of one penny in the

pond upon the rateable value of all rateable property within the Ellesmere Lands Drainage District, comprising all that area of land as described in the First Schedule of "The Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905"; and that such special rate shall be an annual-recurring rate during the currency of such loan, and be payable half-yearly on the thirty-first day of March and the thirtieth day of September in each and every year during the currency of such loan, being a period of thirty years, or until the said loan is fully paid off.

We hereby certify that the foregoing special order was duly made and passed at a special meeting of the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board held at the office of R. H. Rhodes, Esq., Hereford Street, Christchurch, on the 15th day of February, 1908, and duly confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the said Board held at the office of R. H. Rhodes, Esq., Hereford Street, Christchurch, on the 21st day of March, 1908.

R. HEATON RHODES,  
Chairman.

HENRY NEALE,  
Secretary to the Board.

Christchurch. 469

## THE DUNEDIN SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY (LIMITED), (IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named company are required, on or before the 16th day of May, 1908, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, and, if so required by notice in writing from the undersigned, are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, and in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1908.

KENYON AND HOSKING,  
Crawford Street, Dunedin,  
Solicitors for the Liquidators.

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I, EDWIN ANDERSON, of Auckland, New Zealand, Settler, do hereby give notice that on and after the 15th day of April, 1908, the surname of "Moore" will be assumed, taken, and adopted by me for myself and children in addition to my previous family surname of "Anderson," and that at all times hereafter the surname of "Moore" will be used and adopted by me and my children in all transactions, documents, and writings, and all legal and other proceedings. And I further give notice that a duplicate of this notice has been filed in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Northern District, at Auckland, New Zealand.

Dated at Auckland, this fourteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

EDWIN ANDERSON.

Witness—  
A. Devore, Solicitor, Auckland. 471

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