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THE following Extracts from the *New Zealand Government Gazette* are re-published for general information.

R. H. WYNYARD,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
28th February, 1854.

THERE being reason to apprehend that the requirements of the Laws relating to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages are not sufficiently known, and that the importance of compliance with them is not adequately appreciated, the following Summary of certain of the provisions which relate to cases of most usual occurrence, has been compiled from the Registration Ordinance, Session 8, No. 9, and the Marriage Ordinance, Session 8, No. 7, and is published for general information. Considering the advantages which,—in future years, and under circumstances likely to arise frequently—individuals and families may derive from the existence of a legally authenticated record of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; and, moreover, the benefit to statistical science which may be anticipated from a regular and complete system of registration in this and other countries, it is earnestly hoped that not only the persons who are bound to make the several entries and returns will strictly attend to the requirements of the Ordinances, but also that Ministers, Magistrates, and the intelligent Settlers gene-

rally will aid in extending a knowledge of the Law, and explaining the value of the system in their respective neighbourhoods.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

BIRTHS.

Clause 9 of the *Registration Ordinance* provides that the father or mother of any child born, or the occupier of every house or tenement in the colony of New Zealand in which any Birth shall happen, shall, under a penalty not exceeding £10, within 42 days give notice of such Birth to the Deputy Registrar of the district. In case of any new-born child found exposed, a constable of the district shall forthwith give information to the Deputy Registrar.

After the expiration of 42 days, at any time within six calendar months following the day of the Birth of a child, the Birth may be registered, provided that the father or mother, or some person present at the birth of the child, shall make a solemn declaration of the particulars required to be known. In this case, a fee of 10s. 6d. is to be paid. After six months from the day of birth, no registration can be lawfully made. (Clauses 12, 13, 15, 16.)

DEATHS.

The occupier of every house or tenement in which any Death shall happen, is required, under a penalty not exceeding £10, to give notice within ten days to the Deputy Registrar of the district. In case of a dead body being found exposed, the Coroner shall forthwith inform the Deputy Registrar; and in every case in which an inquest is held, the Jury shall inquire into the particulars required to be registered, and the Coroner shall

inform the Deputy Registrar of the finding of the Jury. (Clauses 9, 18.)

The undertaker, or other person having charge of a funeral, is to deliver to the Officiating Person or Minister who shall be required to bury, or to perform any religious service for the burial of any dead body, a certificate from the Deputy Registrar that the death has been duly registered. If a dead body be buried without such certificate, the person who buries or otherwise disposes of the body, shall forthwith give notice to the Deputy Registrar, (An excepted case is, when the Coroner, upon holding an inquest, may think fit to give an order in writing that the body shall be buried before registry of the death.) Any person who shall bury, or perform any funeral or religious service for the burial of a dead body, without a certificate from either the Deputy Registrar or the Coroner, and who shall not within one month give notice thereof to the Deputy Registrar, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding £10 for every such offence, to be recovered in a summary way. (Clauses 21, 22.)

As respects both Births and Deaths, Clause 10 of the *Registration Ordinance* provides that the master or keeper of every Gaol, Prison, House of Correction, or Hospital, or Lunatic Asylum, or Public or Charitable Institution, shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be deemed the occupier thereof;—and clause 20 provides that every person by whom information of a Birth or Death is given, must sign and attest his name, description, and place of abode in the Register.

MARRIAGES.

According to the *Marriage Ordinance*, "Officiating Ministers" for the purposes of the Ordinance are those Ministers of religion whose names have been sent to the Registrar-General certified under the hands of the Head, or reputed Head, within the colony, of one of the Religious Bodies named in Schedule E. annexed to the Ordinance. These Bodies are, the United Church of England and Ireland; the Church of Scotland; the Free Church of Scotland; all Presbyterian Congregations; the Roman Catholic Church; and the Wesleyan Methodist Society. The several Heads of these Bodies shall, upon the suspension or deprivation of any Minister, forthwith certify such suspension or deprivation to the Registrar-General. (Clauses 39—41.)

The *Registration Ordinance* provides that every Officiating Minister, or person acting as such, and every Deputy Registrar, immediately after a Marriage solemnized by him, or which may have taken place in his presence, shall register in a book to be kept for that purpose the several particulars relating to such Marriage, according to the form in Schedule C. annexed to the Ordinance. Refusal, or omission without reasonable cause, to make such registration, is punishable by penalty not exceeding £50 for every such offence. (Clauses 23, 33.)

Every Officiating Minister, or Person, or Deputy Registrar, before whom any Marriage is solemnized or hath taken place, shall, in the months of January, April, July, and October, respectively, make and deliver to the Registrar-General a true copy, certified under his hand, of all the entries of Marriages in the Register Books kept by him since the last certificate. If there be no Marriage entered therein since the last certificate, he shall certify the fact under his hand. (Clause 25.) Every person required to make and deliver such a certified copy, or certificate, to the Registrar-General, and who, after being duly required, shall refuse, or, during one calendar month, neglect to do so, shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding £10.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, & c.

NOTICE is hereby given that the hours of attendance for the Registration of Births, Deaths, &c., at the Office, in Chapel-street, Auckland, are from eleven, a.m., to two, p.m., daily (Sundays and holidays excepted).

JOHN B. BENNETT,
Registrar-General.

Registrar-General's Office,
March 21, 1854.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
28th March, 1854.

HIS Excellency the GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM HULME, Esquire,

to be Postmaster for the Province of Auckland.

This appointment to date from the 1st January last.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland; 27th March, 1854.

HIS Excellency the Governor administering the Government has been pleased to direct the publication of the following By-Laws for the Hundred of Onehunga, which have received His Excellency's assent, and which will come into operation on the 1st. May, 1854, according to the provisions of the Crown Lands' Ordinance.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

BY-LAWS OF ONEHUNGA HUNDRED.

1. That all Cattle depasturing on the aforesaid Waste Lands of the Crown shall be branded on some conspicuous part of the body with the Owner's registered or returned brand, under a penalty of two shillings and sixpence per head for each and every omission.

2. That each and every person who shall depasture Cattle above his proportion on such Waste Lands, shall be assessed, and is, and are, hereby assessed for each and every head of great Cattle, the sum of sixpence per quarter; and for each and every head of Sheep, the sum of one penny per quarter, payable quarterly, in advance; and that Cattle for any portion of time within any quarter, shall be chargeable, and paid for as if running the entire quarter.

3. That the assessment hereby made shall be paid to the Ranger, or any other person duly authorised by the Wardens of the said Hundred, quarterly, in advance.

4. That all persons depasturing Cattle as aforesaid, in the first week of January, April,

July, and October, give notice in writing, duly signed by him or her, to the Ranger for the time being of the said Hundred, or other authorised person, of the number of Cattle then running, and bearing his or her brand, and being bonâ fide his or her property, as also of the number of Cattle, if any, hired of or from any other person, and whom, and particulars of the brand any such hired Cattle may bear, the said Return to be left at the residence of either of the Wardens for the aforesaid Hundred under a penalty of ten shillings for the first omission, and (£1) one pound for every further omission.

5. That no person shall run any Cattle upon the said Waste Lands but such as shall be his or her own property, or bonâ fide hired by him or her.

6. That each and every person depasturing Cattle as aforesaid, shall at all times, when required by the Ranger, or any other person duly authorised by the Wardens of the aforesaid Hundred, give, in writing or otherwise as the Ranger or such person authorised may require, full and correct information of the number of Cattle running on his or her account; and any person refusing to give such information, or giving false or evasive information, shall forfeit and pay the sum of (£1) one pound for each and every such offence.

7. That no entire male Cattle, great or small, shall be allowed to run upon any part of the said Waste Lands without the consent, in writing, of two of the Wardens at least, under a penalty of twenty shillings for each and every offence; and any entire male Cattle found upon the said Waste lands, without consent as aforesaid, shall be deemed and treated as Cattle trespassing.

8. That any person worrying Cattle by driving them with dogs, or otherwise, off the said Waste Lands, or other unenclosed Lands, not in the lawful occupation of the person so driving off such Cattle, shall forfeit and pay the sum of (£2) two pounds for the first offence, and (£3) three pounds for the second offence, and (£5) five pounds for the third and every further offence.

HENRY HAYR, } Wardens.
PATRICK DONOVAN, }

N.B. The Wardens of the Onehunga Hundred deem it a duty to call the attention of the Licence Holders to By-Law No. 4, as they intend to enforce the penalty in all cases.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of Licences in this Hundred, that the Penalty attached to a breach of By Law No. 1 will be summarily inflicted in every case, from and after the first day of May, 1854.

For the Wardens of the
Hundred of Otahuhu,
J. S. S. HICKSON,
Secretary.

Otahuhu, 22nd March, 1854.

Commissioner of Crown Lands' Office,
Auckland, 23th March, 1854.

IN accordance with the 30th clause of the Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 1 of Session 10), I publish the following apportionments made by the Wardens of the Hundreds of Otahuhu and Onehunga.

W. GISBORNE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Otahuhu,
22nd March, 1854.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith a List of the holders of Depasturing Licenses in the Hundred of Otahuhu for the current year (including the names of nine persons to whom Licenses have been granted by the Wardens since the publication of the original list), shewing the apportionment of cattle to each individual, allowing five head of small in lieu of one head of great cattle; and to add that I have accepted the offices of Secretary and Treasurer to the Wardens, at their request.

I have, &c.,
J. S. S. HICKSON.

W. GISBORNE, Esq.,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

LIST of the HOLDERS of DEPASTURING LICENCES in the Hundred of Otahuhu, for the year 1854, shewing the apportionment of cattle to each individual, allowing five head of small in lieu of one head of great cattle.

License Holders.	Apportionment of Great Cattle.	License Holders.	Apportionment of Great Cattle.
Arthur, John	4	Milqueen, Arthur ..	4
Callaghan, John	3	Miller, William	7
Callagher, Francis ...	7	Mehan, William	3
Coney, James	4	Mullens, Samuel	15
Coyle, Peter	3	Smith, Henry	4
Dale, Thomas	3	Trimble, John	4
Donnelly, James	3	Walsh, James	3
Fallas, Thomas	4	Williams, T. C.	100
Gilmore, James	5	Williamson, Thomas..	12
Golober, Edward	4	Baldwin, William ..	3
Hall, John	50	Condon, Robert	3
Hickson, J. A.	20	Dixon, William	3
Hickson, J. S. S.	15	Garlick, Edmund ...	3
Leslie, William	8	Gott, John	3
McAnulty, John	8	McGauran, T. F. ...	6
McCrory, Patrick ..	4	Patterson, William ..	4
McGuire, Patrick ..	4	Schoolan, Cornelius..	3
McManus, Hugb.	4	Stewart William	4

J. S. S. HICKSON, }
W. MEHAN, } Wardens.
H. McANULTY, }

Otahuhu, 22nd March, 1854.

Onehunga, 25th March, 1854.

SIR,—We have the honour to inform you that we, the Wardens of the Hundred of Onehunga, have made the following apportionment of Cattle for the present year, five

head of small cattle allowed in lieu of one head of great cattle.

NOTICE.

HOLDERS of Depasturing Licenses are required to furnish to the Wardens, with as little delay as possible, Returns in writing of the number of cattle depastured by them on the Waste Lands of this Hundred, in conformity with By Law No. 4.

For the Wardens of the Hundred of Otahuhu,
J. S. S. HICKSON,
Secretary.

Otahuhu, 22nd March, 1854.

LIST of Persons to whom Depasturing Licenses have been issued by the Wardens of the Hundred of Auckland, for the year 1854.

License Holders.	Apportionment of Great Cattle.	License Holders.	Apportionment of Great Cattle.
Alexander, John	5	Maddekin, Murty,	2
Anson, James	5	Manders, John	3
Bates, John	5	May, George	6
Bates, William	3	May, Joseph	17
Beeswick, Charles	3	May, Martin	5
Blackburn, William	5	McCutchen, William	7
Brown, James	2	McGhee, Joseph	25
Brennan, Michael	3	McGan, Robert	2
Betts, C. G. D.	9	McKenzie, Donald	2
Courtney, J. C.	8	McMahon, A.	3
Crew, Patrick	5	McPike, John	5
Collins, Thomas	2	Meehan, Patrick	3
Coley, James	3	Millar, William	3
Cleghorn, Thomas	9	Mooney, James	5
Cahir, John	2	Moore, Charles	5
Dilworth, James	24	Morris, William	2
Donovan, Patrick	25	Murdock, John	3
Dobson, John	2	Ninnis, John	6
Douglass, John	2	Nixon, Adam	3
Duggin, John	3	Nowlan, John	2
Daily, Robert	2	O'Brien, T.	5
Farmer, James	31	O'Keeffe, Jeremiah	8
Ferrell, George	6	O'Neil, John	8
Greenwood, Major	17	Owens, Phillip	3
Gillespie, Henry	5	Purchas, A. P.	7
George, Edward	4	Ralph, A.	4
Gordon, William	3	Riley, John	2
Hardington, Henry	6	Rooney, Andrew	9
Hayr, Henry	17	Shayle, Simon	2
Heming, Samuel	3	Smith, William	2
Hill, James Carlton	24	Smythies, Henry	8
Hewitt, William	2	Steelyard, Edward	3
Kelly, Patrick	6	Tilley, Samuel	2
Kerr, William	3	Turner, Robert	3
Lavery, Henry	5	Twalmley, Robert	2
Leahy, John	4	Walters, John	2
Lusk, R. B.	12	Wild, William S.	6
Leather, William	3	Williams, John, J.	3
Macartney, James	4		

Bolous, John	McDonald, William
Bond, James	McQuoid, John
Bycroft, John	Paton, Thomas
Caldicutt, Charles	Patterson, William
Caldicutt, John	Robertson, Robert
Clark, Richard	Senior, Joseph
Cleghorn, T. D.	Somerville, Thomas
Edgerly, M.	Stokes, John
Horn, Thomas	Wallis, Thos. S.
Keirr, Thomas	Wells, Wm. Page
Kelly, John	West, Joseph
Ladbrook, William	Williams, Brothers
Lang, George	Williamson & Crummer
Magee, J. and R.	Young, J. W.
McDonald, James & Alex.	

JNO. RUSSELL,
BENJ. TURNER,
Wardens of the Auckland Hundred.

Surveyor-General's Office,
30th March, 1854.

TENDERS will be received at this office, until the 29th April, from persons desirous of undertaking a Survey at Opotiki.

The external boundary of a block of land containing 11,470 acres has been surveyed, and it is now required to set out 2,987 acres of the said block, to be granted to Messrs. Wilson and Stack, as well as to divide the remainder into portions not exceeding 640 acres each.

For further particulars apply at this office.
C. W. LIGAR,
Surveyor-General.

We have, &c.,

PATRICK DONOVAN, } Wardens.
HENRY HAYR, }

William Gisborne, Esq.,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.