




NEW ZEALAND  
GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

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By His Honor's command,

JOSEPH BRITTAN,

Provincial Secretary.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
Christchurch, May 30, 1856.*

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against encroaching upon the unsold portion of the Town Reserves, either by making banks or digging ditches thereon, as persons so offending will be proceeded against according to law.

By order of His Honor the Superintendent,

JOSEPH BRITTAN,  
Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
Christchurch, June 6, 1856.*

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT directs it to be notified for public information that he has appointed the following Gentlemen to be Returning Officers under the

Roads Ordinance, Sess. VI, No. 2, for the undermentioned Districts:—

*For the Town of Lyttelton District,  
Mr. Isaac Thomas Cookson.*

*For the Town of Christchurch District,  
Mr. William Wilson.*

*For the Papanui District,  
Mr. William Thomson.*

*For the Port Victoria District,  
Mr. W. Hawkshaw Percival.*

*For the Avon and Heathcote District,  
Mr. J. Brittan.*

*For the Riccarton District,  
Mr. Robert Harrison.*

*For the Lincoln District,  
Mr. Robert Rickman.*

*For the Middle Pastoral District,  
Mr. G. A. E. Ross.*

*For the South Pastoral District,  
Mr. Robert Heaton Rhodes.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Christchurch, June 6, 1856.

The following result of the Census is published for general information.

JOSEPH BRITTAN, Provincial Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF THE CENSUS OF THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY IN NEW ZEALAND.

Taken on the 15th January, 1856.

Districts.	Population.			Age.									Race.						Religion.						
	Males	Fe- males.	Total.	Under 5 years.	Between 5-10	“ 10-15	“ 15-21	“ 21-30	“ 30-40	“ 40-50	“ 50-60	60 and upwards.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	French.	German.	Other Nations.	Church of Eng- land.	Wesleyan.	Presbyterian.	Independent.	Baptist.	Roman Catholic.	Other Denomi- nations.
Town of Christchurch .....	363	347	710	142	94	62	63	140	141	49	12	7	586	52	57	1	10	4	593	23	49	9	9	2	10
North Christchurch District ...	559	416	975	216	148	107	85	159	160	77	19	4	856	63	28	2	12	14	711	139	45	2	3	7	4
South “ “ .....	479	321	800	162	97	69	75	181	142	48	22	4	684	47	40	0	23	6	662	51	49	5	4	6	5
Town of Lyttelton .....	382	383	765	158	87	59	81	166	127	62	20	5	686	38	27	0	7	7	487	108	64	9	12	25	15
Lyttelton Country District ...	301	224	525	111	82	65	68	72	72	38	15	2	394	71	43	0	4	13	358	51	39	0	0	23	0
Kaiapoi “ “ .....	273	202	475	78	51	46	45	121	102	20	6	6	314	44	20	3	4	90	302	70	31	0	8	3	0
Akaroa “ “ .....	302	220	522	94	64	73	40	104	79	32	31	5	321	76	43	55	5	22	342	9	69	0	0	73	10
North Pastoral “ “ .....	163	54	217	26	19	13	21	75	49	7	5	2	149	42	15	1	1	9	181	3	27	0	0	6	1
Middle “ “ .....	162	66	228	28	15	23	51	64	34	10	2	1	184	30	11	0	0	3	195	2	21	0	0	6	0
South “ “ .....	111	19	130	9	6	2	18	55	23	12	2	3	92	20	7	0	0	11	100	1	19	0	0	2	7
Total .....	3,095	2,252	5,347	1,024	663	519	547	1,137	929	355	134	39	4,266	483	291	62	66	179	3,931	457	413	25	36	153	52

NOTE.—The Maori population is believed to amount to about 300 but is not included in the above return.

Districts.	Education.									Dwellings.	Land.		Acres cropped with							Stock.																
	Cannot Read.	Can Read only.	Can Read and Write.	At Public Schools.			At Private Schools.				Extent of Land.	Acres Fenced.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Maize.	Potatoes.	Artificial Grass.	Garden or Orchard.	Any other crops.	Horses.	Mules and Asses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Goats.	Pigs.										
				Day.	Sunday.	Day and Sunday.	Day.	Sunday.	Day and Sunday.																											
Town of Christchurch .....	16	55	492	55	24	20	15	8	8	157	70,148	12,261	3,171	278	730	1	971	815	242	254	113		188	42	13	206										
North Christchurch District ...	95	92	481	53	13	12	18	1	1	203																					170		1,012	1,600	48	918
South " " .....	49	60	563	24		3		14	1	171																				284	2	2,116	10,005	26	806	
Town of Lyttelton .....	39	103	505	45	30	53	36	2	1	152																				42		174	26	39	67	
Lyttelton Country District ...	36	63	165	13	32	44	5		9	90																				67		1,486	7,180	47	1,030	
Kaiapoi " " .....	74	24	254	12						96																				92	1	583	9,075	49	487	
Akaroa " " .....	43	48	304	17	6		7		7	93																				35	9	1,837	5,150	166	736	
North Pastoral " " .....	6	14	131							35																				148		1,533	69,288	10	353	
Middle " " .....	10	7	168	3						60																				136	1	2,732	44,715	2	389	
South " " .....	21	4	88							43																				102		773	73,707	1	4	
Total .....	389	470	3,151	223	105	132	88	25	27	1,100	70,148	12,261	3,171	278	730	1	971	815	242	254	1,189	13	12,434	220,788	401	4,996										



## PORT VICTORIA, CANTERBURY.

An Account of the Staple Articles, the Produce of this Port and Province, exported in the year, ended 31st December, 1855, as compared with the year, ended 31st December 1854:—

	1855.		1854.	
	Quantity.	Declared value	Quantity.	Declared value
Ale and Beer .....	108 gallons.	16 0 0	Nil.	0 0 0
Butter .....	5,552 lbs.	339 0 0	1,050 lbs.	80 0 0
Cheese .....	19,915 "	811 10 0	3,920 "	183 0 0
Flour .....	1 ton.	40 0 0	Nil.	0 0 0
Grain—Barley .....	987 bush.	456 0 0	109 bush.	60 0 0
“ Bran .....	1,586 "	127 0 0	124 "	12 0 0
“ Oats .....	6,060½ "	2,001 0 0	4,190 "	1,865 0 0
“ Sharps .....	8 "	7 0 0	Nil.	0 0 0
“ Wheat .....	859 "	575 5 0	600 "	300 0 0
Oil .....	Nil.	0 0 0	153 gallons.	40 0 0
Plants .....	1 case.	10 0 0	Nil.	0 0 0
Timber—Sawn .....	50,000 ft.	200 0 0	25,000 ft.	250 0 0
Firewood .....	5 cords	5 0 0	10 cords.	15 0 0
Vegetables—Carrots .....	3 tons.	15 0 0	16 tons.	99 0 0
“ Onions .....	2,464 lbs.	58 16 0	Nil.	0 0 0
“ Potatoes .....	725¾ tons.	6,516 0 0	292 tons.	3,170 0 0
Wool .....	410,108 lbs.	20,586 9 0	132,000 lbs.	7,095 0 0
Total .....		£31,764 10 0		£13,169 0 0

The increase £18,595 10s. 0d. is attributable to increased production throughout the Province, and also to the circumstance that the greater portion of the principal Export, Wool, leaves direct for Ports beyond seas, instead of being sent coastwise to Wellington for final shipment, and appearing on the Books of that Port, as an export from thence.

The Wool clip for the Summer of 1855-6 will amount as nearly as can be at present ascertained, to about 2,000 bales valued at £30,000.

An Account of the Expenditure at this Port, in the year ended 31st December, 1855, as compared with year ended 31st December, 1854:—

	Paid out of Duties received under Colonial Acts.	
	1855.	1854.
Salaries .....	705 0 0	615 0 0
Incidents .....	278 2 7	221 17 10
Total .....	£983 2 7	£836 17 10

About £50 arrear of Salary for 1854, was paid in 1855. Office rent has been raised £10, per annum. The remainder of the increase in contingencies, is owing to the additional cost for Tidewaiters, caused by the increase of shipping.

J. W. HAMILTON, Collector.

Custom House, Port Victoria, 28th February, 1856.

PORT VICTORIA, CANTERBURY.

An Account of Vessels entered Inwards and cleared Outwards in the Year ended 31st December, 1855, as compared with year ended 31st December, 1854.

				1855.			1854.								
				Inwards.			Outwards.			Inwards.			Outwards.		
				No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.
United Kingdom	.....	British Vessels	.....	4	2502	116	...	...	...	1	461	36	...	...	...
Asia—British Possessions, N. S. Wales	.....	“	.....	8	1533	74	14	2647	131	6	2081	81	8	3210	109
		Foreign	“	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2042	56	...	...	...
Victoria	.....	British	“	8	834	52	8	1335	60	...	...	...	3	354	24
V. D. Land	.....	“	“	5	1870	86	3	1168	44	...	...	...	1	107	7
Norfolk Island	.....	“	“	2	1066	50	2	1064	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Australia	.....	“	“	...	...	...	1	126	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singapore	.....	“	“	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	388	12
Foreign Possessions—China	.....	“	“	...	...	...	1	820	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	.....	“	“	...	...	...	2	1478	57	...	...	...	...	...	...
Java	.....	“	“	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	533	15
New Caledonia	.....	“	“	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	137	9
South America—Foreign Possessions—Peru	.....	“	“	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	305	12
		Chili	“	...	...	...	2	614	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Foreign	“	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1327	34
Totals				27	7805	378	33	9252	393	10	4584	173	18	6361	222

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The increase of Vessels from Great Britain is owing to the revival of Immigration this year. There has been considerable increase in the number of Vessels frequenting Port Victoria, (1855), but as many arrive *via* other Ports in New Zealand, they do not appear in this Return.

J. W. HAMILTON,  
Collector,

Custom House, Port Victoria, 28th February, 1856.

## PORT OF AKAROA.

## PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

*An Account of Duties Received at this Port in the Year ended 31st December, 1855, as compared with the Year ended 31st December, 1854.*

	1855.			1854.		
	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.
Duties received under Colonial Authority.....	234	17	7	426	11	6

*An Account of the Expenditure at this Port in the Year ended 31st December 1855, as compared with the Year ended 31st December 1854.*

	Paid out of duties received under Colonial Authority.					
	Year ended 31st December, 1855.			Year ended 31st December, 1854.		
	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.
Salaries .....	180	0	0	180	0	0
Incidents .....	0	0	0	13	14	0
Total .....	£180	0	0	£193	14	0

*An Account of Vessels Entered Inwards and Cleared Outwards for the Year ended 31st December, 1855, as compared with the Year ended 31st December 1854.*

	1855.						1854.					
	Inwards.			Outwards.			Inwards.			Outwards.		
	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.
Foreign Europe..... Foreign Vessels	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	707	65	"	"	"
British Colony ..... British "	"	"	"	1	192	9	"	"	"	"	"	"
" ..... Foreign "	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	150	5	"	"	"
Whaling Grounds .....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	797	65
Foreign Countries .....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	762	28
Total.....	"	"	"	"	192	9	3	947	70	4	1,559	93

	1855.						1854.					
	Imports.			Exports.			Imports.			Exports.		
	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.
Great Britain .....	654	3	4	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0
British Colonies .....	844	0	0	1,305	0	0	2,257	5	0	0	0	0
Foreign States .....	238	0	0	0	0	0	55	16	0	650	0	0
Total.....	1,736	3	4	1,305	0	0	2,402	1	0	650	0	0

*An Account of the Staple Articles, the Produce of these Islands, exported  
in the Year ended 31st December, 1855, as compared with the Year  
ended 31st December, 1854.*

1854.	Articles.	1855.	Year ended 31st December, 1855.			Year ended 31st December, 1854.		
			<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
...	..... Bran .....	267 bushels	20	"	"	"	"	"
...	..... Butter .....	540 lbs.	27	"	"	"	"	"
...	..... Cheese .....	2 tons	200	"	"	"	"	"
150 Cords...	..... Firewood .....	.....	"	"	"	150	"	"
...	..... Flour .....	84 cwt.	170	"	"	"	"	"
...	..... Oats .....	200 bushels	60	"	"	"	"	"
...	..... Potatoes.....	85 tons	690	"	"	"	"	"
50 in No....	..... Spars .....	.....	"	"	"	500	"	"
...	..... Wheat .....	200 bushels	138	"	"	"	"	"
			£1,305	0	0	£650	0	0

ROBERT GREAVES, Sub-Collector.

Custom-House, Akaroa,  
31st December, 1855.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
June 6, 1856.*

**HIS HONOR THE SUPERIN-**  
**TENDENT** directs the publica-  
tion of the following Despatches for  
general information.

JOSEPH BRITTAN,  
Provincial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 11th April, 1856.*

Sir,—

I am directed by His Excellency the  
Governor to transmit to your  
Honor the enclosed copy of a Despatch  
dated 27th November 1855 which has  
been received from the Secretary of  
State for the Colonies on certain  
questions respecting the position and  
rights of the Superintendents of Provin-  
ces under the constitution of New  
Zealand.

I have also the honor to forward a  
copy of the Table of Precedency  
alluded to in that despatch.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent,  
Canterbury.

*Downing Street,  
27th November, 1855.*

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge Acting Go-  
vernor Wynyard's despatches, No.  
63 and 67 of the 25th May and 5th  
June last, in which certain questions  
are raised respecting the position and  
rights of the Superintendents of Pro-  
vinces under the Constitution of New  
Zealand.

I do not think that either the  
Constitutional Act, or Sir John  
Pakington's Despatch accompanying  
it, contains anything decisive on those  
questions, nor can I obtain from  
precedent any satisfactory rule, there  
being in fact no precedent applicable  
to officers of this class. But since  
reference is made to Her Majesty's  
Government on these points it becomes  
necessary that I should convey to you  
their instructions founded on the  
best consideration which they can give  
to the subject.

1. With regard to the precedency of  
the Superintendents. With every dis-  
position to recognise the high position  
occupied by these officers as elected  
by the people of each Province to fulfil  
functions of importance within it,  
Her Majesty's Government cannot  
admit that this can give a claim to  
the Superintendent of Auckland fo

precedency above high officers of the General Government and Legislature. Even admitting that there were an analogy between the position of the Provincial Superintendents under the New Zealand Constitution and that of the officers formerly so styled in different colonies (which is hardly the case their duties being wholly different) that analogy would fail here, because no local Superintendent under the old Colonial system could have been at once "in his Province" and "at the seat of Government." The rank of the Superintendent in Auckland cannot be placed higher than that of the "Commissioners, or Government agents of Provinces or Districts" in the table contained in the Colonial Regulations. But in the other Provinces there being at present no Lieutenant Governor, the Superintendent should have precedence of all other persons.

2. I am not sure whether I correctly understand the Acting Governor as asking for instructions respecting the precedence of the Superintendents in relation to each other. It is a question on which the local Government would be better able to decide (subject to the confirmation of the Crown) than Her Majesty's Government. But if reference is made to me, I should direct that the order of seniority be followed, that is, Superintendents to rank according to the date of their election, such date in the case of those who had served more than once being that of the first election.

3. The Superintendents are certainly not invested with the power of Lieutenant Governors, or any other Executive powers by the Constitution; and I am not aware that any Executive functions have since been entrusted to them by the General Legislature: and until such is the case it would seem that their official correspondence with the Governor must be limited to that arising from their Legislative duties defined by the Constitution. But with respect to this official correspondence, Her Majesty's Government think that the dignity and peculiar functions of the Superintendents entitle them to carry it on direct with the Governor and not through the medium of the Colonial Secretary, and I do not see that it is possible for me to define 'beforehand what may be properly 'official' correspondence.

4. It has already been intimated by my predecessors in this Department that all communications from the Superintendents must be addressed to the Secretary of State through the Governor in the same manner as those from all other parties official or private. Nor do Her Majesty's Government see any reason for altering this rule. On the contrary they are satisfied that whilst its maintenance is essential for order and regularity in the conduct of public business and for securing to the Secretary of State the fullest available information in respect to the questions which may be submitted to him, it is still more important to the public of New Zealand in order to maintain the unity of the Executive Government of that Colony as established by its present Constitution.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

#### "TABLE OF PRECEDENCY."

1. The Governor or Lieutenant-Governor, or Officer administering the Government.
2. The Lieutenant-Governor (not administering the Government) or the senior Officer in command of the Troops, if he is to succeed to the administration of the Government, in case of the death or absence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or the Officer administering the Government.
3. The Bishop.
4. The Chief Justice.
5. The Members of the Executive Council.
6. The President of the Legislative Council.
7. The Members of the Legislative Council.
8. The Speaker of the House of Assembly.
9. The Puisne Judges.
10. The Members of the House of Assembly.
11. The Colonial Secretary (not being in the Executive Council.)
12. The Commissioners or Government Agents of Provinces or Districts.
13. The Attorney-General.
14. The Solicitor-General.
15. The Senior Officer in command of the Troops, except in cases already provided for.

16. The Archdeacon.  
 17\*. The Treasurer, Paymaster-General or Collector of Internal Revenue.  
 18\*. The Auditor-General or Inspector-General of Accounts.  
 19\*. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.  
 20\*. The Collector of Customs.  
 21\*. The Comptroller of Customs.  
 22\*. The Surveyor-General.  
 23. Clerk of the Executive Council.  
 24. Clerk of the Legislative Council.  
 25. Clerk of the House of Assembly.

&c., &c., &c.

\* Not being Members of the Executive Council.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
 Christchurch, June 6, 1856.*

**HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT** directs it to be no-

tified for public information that he has appointed

MR. W. C. BESWICK,  
 to be Returning Officer under the Roads Ordinance, Sess. VI, No. 2, for the Kaiapoi District.

By order of His Honor the Superintendent,

JOSEPH BRITTAN,  
 Provincial Secretary.

### NOTICE.

*Custom House, Akaroa,  
 26th day of April, 1856.*

THE Building owned by James Bruce, Publican, and situated in the Town of Akaroa immediately opposite Bruce's Hotel has been approved for the free warehousing and securing of Goods under Bond for the Payment of Duties according to the Provisions of the Custom's Ordinance No. 3, Sess. I, 1841.

ROBERT GREAVES,  
 Sub-Collector.