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By His Honor's Command,
WILLIAM ROLLESTON,
Provincial Secretary.

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ADDRESS OF HIS HONOR THE
SUPERINTENDENT

*On Opening the Provincial Council, on Thursday,
11th August, 1864.*

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

At the termination of the last session I declared the Council prorogued to the 30th of June, but I subsequently found that for several important reasons it would not be advisable to call you together before the present time.

I was anxious to be in a position to give you more definite information with regard to the means of carrying out those great works of internal communication which were under your consideration at your last meeting, and, moreover, a longer time than I had previously anticipated was requisite to enable me to obtain such information with respect to the requirements of the different districts throughout the province as I wished to lay before you. In pursuance of the resolution adopted in your last session, I have entered into arrangements with Messrs. Doyme and La Touche, civil engineers, for detailed surveys of a line of railway from Christchurch to the Rakaia, and for the preparation of plans and specifications for the various works connected with it, including the bridge over the Rakaia. These surveys are now rapidly progressing, and I trust that I shall be able before the rising of the Council to announce to you that all the necessary preliminaries for the letting of the contracts for the construction of the railway and the bridge have been completed.

I have caused negotiations to be entered into for the acquisition of land required for this railway, and a considerable number of purchases has already been

effected at rates which appear to me to be reasonable.

The Railway Commissioners are still engaged in investigating the best route for the proposed line to the North, and I have no doubt that their report with regard to the more important portion of the work will be laid before you very shortly.

Recent information from England having confirmed the impression previously entertained by me as to the difficulty likely to be experienced in disposing of debentures issued by Provincial Governments, except at a considerable sacrifice, I deemed it expedient to enter into communication with his Excellency's advisers for the purpose of ascertaining how far the assistance of the Colonial Government might be depended upon, for placing the securities of this province in such a position as would secure their negotiation on the most advantageous terms in the English market. With this object I instructed a member of my Executive Council to proceed to Auckland, to represent my views to the Government, and I am glad to be able to state that a proposal will be made to the General Assembly, at its next meeting, to guarantee the existing loans of this, in common with those of the other provinces, on conditions which appear to me fair and reasonable.

I have directed copies of correspondence relating to this subject to be laid before you.

The report of the Commission of Engineers appointed in London for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the subject of the harbor and wharf accommodation in the port of Lyttelton will be laid before you. The character of the permanent works which will be ultimately required, it may be assumed, are determined by this report, and although the cost of the undertaking is so large that I cannot

hope to see it completed at an early period, it appears to me desirable that the work should be at least commenced without delay, and proceeded with as speedily as the resources of the province will permit. Measures will be proposed to you for providing the wharfage accommodation immediately necessary for the traffic of the port.

From information which has recently been made public, it appears probable that an important goldfield will shortly be established on the West Coast; sufficient time, however, has not yet elapsed to enable me to form any positive opinion as to the real character of the discovery, and the way in which it will affect the future prospects of the province. I have, however, thought it desirable to apply at once to the General Government for a delegation of such powers under the Goldfields Acts as may enable me to deal promptly with any emergency which may arise.

I propose, further, as soon as the season admits of it, to cause a survey to be made, in order to determine the best line of road for rendering the district easily accessible from the settled portions of the province.

The steps which are now being taken by the General Government for the extension of telegraph communication throughout the Middle Island have brought under my attention the desirableness of placing all the lines of telegraph in the province under one system of management. You will learn from papers to be laid before you that his Excellency's Government concur in the advantages to be derived from such a course, and you will, therefore, be asked for authority to give effect to such an arrangement.

The re-organization of the Public Works Department authorized by you during your last session has been carried out. The wisdom of the measure you adopted has been fully evidenced by the greater facility and expedition with which the public business has been carried on, as well as by the reduction which it has enabled me to effect in the staff attached to the office of the Provincial Engineer.

Sufficient time has now elapsed since the transfer to the several Road Boards of the charge and maintenance of the roads throughout the province to afford the means of judging of the probable operation of the system. The result, notwithstanding partial failures incident to the establishment of a new system of administration, has proved upon the whole satisfactory, and tends to show that the general application of the principle of local self-government is likely to be productive of beneficial effects to the community. Some amendments in the existing Ordinance, which the experience of the past year has shown to be necessary, will be submitted to you.

I notice with great satisfaction that by careful and energetic administration of the law for the inspection of sheep, the spread of the disease which a few months ago threatened to bring serious consequences on the province, has been checked, and the number of diseased sheep has been much reduced.

In pursuance of the intention expressed by me at the opening of the last session, I have directed the preparation of such modified plans for the building of a Supreme Court-house and Gaol as the financial condition of the province will justify me in carrying out.

No time has been lost in giving effect to your wishes for carrying out the recommendations of the Commissioners appointed to report upon the improve-

ments of the landing service at Timaru. Important works are already in progress there, and orders have been given for the boats and other materials recommended in the report; I trust that the new service will be in operation by the commencement of the next wool season.

I have caused a very careful examination of the lower portion of the River Waimakariri to be made with a view of ascertaining by what means its further encroachment upon the Island at Kaiapoi can be averted. A report, containing the result of this investigation, which will be laid before you, will place you in possession of the fullest information as to the facts of the case. You will, I am sure, share the regret I have experienced at finding that the very serious injury with which landed property on the Island is threatened, could only be permanently averted by engineering works of great magnitude, and such as would involve the province in very large and uncertain expenditure.

After full consideration of the case, I determined to take upon myself the responsibility of incurring such expenditure as I was advised would be sufficient to prevent immediate danger until you should have had the opportunity of giving your consideration to the whole question.

It will be most satisfactory for you to find, from the statements of accounts which will be laid before you that, notwithstanding a large expenditure on public works during the past year, and the existence of considerable monetary depression which has prevailed for some time, the finances of the province are in a sound and healthy condition, and that there is a considerable balance in the provincial chest.

The Ordinance passed for the management of the Christchurch Hospital was found upon trial to work less successfully than was anticipated, and the governing body have requested to be allowed to resign their responsibility. I accordingly felt it incumbent upon me to resume the management of the hospital; at the same time I have come to the conclusion that the maintenance of this and similar institutions ought not for the future to remain a burden upon the general revenue of the province. A measure will therefore be submitted to you for the purpose of raising funds for the maintenance of hospitals, and for other charitable purposes.

The Ordinance passed by you in a previous session, constituting a Board for the administration of the sums appropriated to education, has hitherto worked satisfactorily. Though the total number of scholars under instruction has been steadily on the increase, the expense of maintaining the schools has been considerably reduced, while at the same time their efficiency and organisation has been proved.

The Board of Education Ordinance, 1863, left a large discretionary power in the Board, which, however necessary for correcting some of the evils attendant upon former arrangements, is one which should as soon as possible be limited and controlled by some definite rules. In order to give effect to this principle, a Bill will be laid before you, chiefly for the purpose of creating local organisation, independent to a certain extent of the Board, so far as regards the localities with which they are connected.

The shortness of the period which has elapsed since you were last assembled for the despatch of public business, will I believe render it unnecessary for you to be detained at this session for any considerable

ength of time. The questions, however, which will be submitted for your consideration will be of great importance to the future interests of the province, and will require your most earnest attention.

I now declare this Council open for the transaction of public business.

S. BEALEY,
Superintendent.

MOORING, WESTERN PORT.

THE accompanying Notice, respecting a Mooring which has been laid down at Western Port, is published for the information of navigators and others.

JAS. G. FRANCIS,
Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

Department of Trade and Customs,
Melbourne, 6th July, 1864.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

WESTERN PORT.

Masters of vessels frequenting *Western Port* are hereby informed that a *mooring* buoy, colored *red*, and secured by 20 fathoms of 1½-inch chain and a 17-cwt. anchor, has been laid down in 7 fathoms water in the narrows between Davis and Moody Point, for the use of vessels loading there.

CHARLES FERGUSON,
Chief Harbor Master.

Department of Ports and Harbors,
Williamstown, 6th July, 1864.

Provincial Treasury,
Christchurch, August 6, 1864.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Auctioneers' Ordinance, Session III., No. 3, I hereby give notice that the undermentioned person has taken out an Auctioneer's License for the term ending 30th June, 1865:—

MARK SPROT, of Christchurch, Merchant.

G. S. SALE,
Provincial Treasurer.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, August 10, 1864.

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified that a Writ, calling for the election of a Member to serve in the Provincial Council for the Waitangi District, has been returned to him, with the endorsement that

DAVID INNES, Esq.,

has been duly elected.

WM. ROLLESTON,
Provincial Secretary.

SALE OF TOWN AND RURAL LANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sections of land specified below will be submitted to public auction at the sitting of the Waste Lands Board, to be held at the Land Office, Christchurch, on Thursday, September 1st, 1864, at the hour of noon, subject to the usual conditions of sale, and in conformity

with the regulations for the disposal, sale, letting, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown, now in force within the Province of Canterbury.

WM. ROLLESTON,
Provincial Secretary.

TOWN OF TIMARU.

Lot.	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
1	298	0	1	0	12	0	0
2	299	0	1	0	12	0	0
3	91	0	1	0	12	0	0
4	255	0	1	21	18	6	0
5	288	0	1	0	12	0	0
6	305	0	1	0	12	0	0

TOWN OF ASHBURTON.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
7	8	0	1	0	12	0	0
8	9	0	1	0	12	0	0
9	10	0	1	0	12	0	0
10	11	0	1	0	12	0	0
11	12	0	1	0	12	0	0
12	13	0	1	0	12	0	0
13	14	0	1	0	12	0	0
14	15	0	1	0	12	0	0
15	16	0	1	0	12	0	0
16	17	0	1	0	12	0	0
17	42	0	1	0	12	0	0
18	43	0	1	0	12	0	0
19	44	0	1	0	12	0	0
20	51	0	1	0	12	0	0
21	52	0	1	0	12	0	0

TOWN OF AROWHENUA.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
22	76	0	0	39	11	14	0
23	77	0	0	39	11	14	0
24	102	0	0	39	11	14	0
25	103	0	0	39	11	14	0
26	123	0	0	39	11	14	0
27	147	0	0	39	11	14	0

TOWN OF GERALDINE.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
28	46	0	0	36	10	16	0

RURAL LAND.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
29	7193	7	0	0	14	0	0
30	7196	12	0	0	24	0	0
31	7336	11	2	0	23	0	0
32	7506	8	2	0	17	0	0

TIMARU DISTRICT.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
33	7008	14	2	0	29	0	0
34	7009	8	0	0	16	0	0
35	7388	12	3	10	25	2	6
36	7419	6	0	20	12	5	0

LINCOLN DISTRICT.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
37	7306	9	0	0	18	0	0
38	7450	10	0	0	20	0	0
39	7476	14	0	0	28	0	0
39a	7556	17	3	0	35	10	0

ELLESMERE DISTRICT.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
40	7369	6	2	0	13	0	0
41	7370	15	2	0	31	0	0
42	7396	10	0	0	20	0	0

BANKS' PENINSULA.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
43	7022	5	1	0	11	0	0
44	7382	0	1	11	0	15	0

OXFORD DISTRICT.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
45	7285	6	2	0	13	0	0
46	7505	8	0	0	16	0	0

MALVERN DISTRICT.

	Section.	Quantity.			Upset price.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
47	7373	1	2	20	3	5	0
48	7374	3	0	0	6	0	0

**RETURN OF SHEEP INSPECTED BY THE INSPECTORS OF SHEEP FOR THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY,
DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1864.**

Date of In- spection.	Date of preceding In- spection.	Name of Station.	Where situate.	Name of Manager or Owner.	No. of Sheep on the Station.	No. of Sheep inspected.	Result.	Date on which Sheep were last dressed	REMARKS.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.									
1864: July 1	Farm	Kaiapoi,	— Travers	15	15	Clean.		
" 7	Feb. 17	White Rock	Ashley	Macfarlane and Mann ...	12,000	1,000	Scabby.		
" 12	Farm	Kaiapoi	J. Heyward	110	110	Clean.		
" 21	Farm	Ashley	J. Macfarlane	550	550	Scabby.		
" "	Farm	Kaiapoi	— Mason	200	200	Clean.		
" 25	Government Yard	North bank of the Hurunui	G. Rutherford (a) .....	....	500	Clean ...	....	From Nelson Province.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.									
July 12	The Grange	Lincoln Road	G. Gould	300	300	Doubtful		
" 15	Racecourse	Ricecarton	A. R. Creyke	800	800	Scabby.		
" 18	Bottle Lake	Coast	F. E. Stewart .....	....	200	Clean.		
" 21	Broomfield	Ricecarton	James Wilson	1,500	1,500	Clean.		
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.									
July 18	Raukapuka	Geraldine	A. Cox	20,000	4,000	Clean.		
" 23	South bank of the Waitangi	J. N. Cameron (b) .....	....	900	Clean ...	....	From Otago Province.

Christchurch, 5th August, 1864.

P. B. BOULTON, Inspector of Sheep.

(a) DECLARATION.—I, George Rutherford, of Addington, Amuri, do hereby solemnly declare that the Sheep, 500 in number, marked H, now being depastured by me at the North bank of the Hurunui, have not within three months last past had applied to any of them any reputed scab-destroying preparation, nor been mixed with any Sheep infected with scab or catarrh; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true.

GEORGE RUTHERFORD.

Declared before me at Hastie's, this 25th day of July, 1864.—H. RAMSAY SCARVELL, Inspector of Sheep.

(b) DECLARATION.—I, J. N. Cameron, of Otago, do hereby solemnly declare that the Sheep, 900 in number, marked —, now being depastured by me at Waitangi, have not within three months last past had applied to any of them any reputed scab-destroying preparation, nor been mixed with any Sheep infected with scab or catarrh; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

J. N. CAMERON.

Declared before me at Waitangi, this 23rd day of July, 1864.—ANDREW PATERSON, Inspector of Sheep.

INSPECTOR'S RETURN OF SHEEP IMPORTED BY SEA.

Date	Proprietor.	Ship.	Whence.	Description of Stock.	Remarks.
1864:					
July 16.....	S. Bealey (a)	Airedale	Wellington	10 rams	Clean.
" 22.....	J. R. Hill (b)	Wild Wave	Sydney	7 ewes and rams	Clean.

I certify the above to be a correct Return,

Christchurch, 5th August, 1864.

P. B. BOULTON,
Inspector of Sheep.

(a) DECLARATION.—I, Robert P. Glen, of Lyttelton, do hereby solemnly declare that the sheep, 10 in number, marked —, now on board of the vessel "Airedale," Ferguson, Commander, now lying at Lyttelton, in the said Province, have not within three months last past had applied to any of them any reputed scab-destroying preparation, nor been mixed with any sheep infected with scab or catarrh; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true.

ROBERT P. GLEN.

Declared before me at Lyttelton, this 16th day of July, 1864.—WILLIAM PALFREY, Inspector of Sheep.

(b) DECLARATION.—I, James R. Hill, of Christchurch, do hereby solemnly declare that the sheep, 7 in number, marked —, on board of the vessel "Wild Wave," —, Commander, now lying at Lyttelton, in the said Province, have not within three months last past had applied to any of them any reputed scab-destroying preparation, nor been mixed with any sheep infected with scab or catarrh; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true.

J. R. HILL.

Declared before me at Lyttelton, this 22nd day of July, 1864.—WILLIAM PALFREY, Inspector of Sheep.

CHRISTCHURCH:

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