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By His Honor's Command,
EDWARD JOLLIE,
Provincial Secretary.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, Dec. 22, 1865.

THE offices of the Provincial Government will be closed on **MONDAY** the 25th and **TUESDAY** the 26th instant, and on **MONDAY** the 1st of January, 1866.

By His Honor's command,
Edw. JOLLIE,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, Dec. 22, 1865.

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Report, by the Port Officer, on the Okarita and Wanganui Rivers.

Edw. JOLLIE,
Provincial Secretary.

Hokitika, Dec. 7, 1865.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit to you the result of my personal inspection of the Wanganui and Okarita Rivers, and I am now enabled to furnish you with such information as was wanting to complete the Report I forwarded to you upon this portion of the coast in May last.

The entrance of the River Wanganui, which is at the present time very narrow, is unsafe for a vessel of any description to attempt. The south spit overlaps its mouth, and runs for a considerable distance to the northward, where, the coast being rock-bound, should a vessel become stranded in endeavouring to take the bar she would doubtless instantly break up.

All the headlands between this and the Okarita should be approached with great caution in fine weather, as the rocks apparently run a considerable distance out to seaward.

The lagoon, commonly known as the Okarita, is situated about thirty miles to the southward of the Wanganui; the coast line for six miles to the north is a low sandy bank, covered with coarse grass and flax, whereas about half-a-mile to the southward of the entrance there is a high rocky headland, from which a foul bottom apparently extends some distance in a north-westerly direction.

The River Okarita empties itself into the eastern side of this extensive lagoon, into which the sea flows and ebbs with great velocity, forming a regular tidal harbour; in this respect it has a great advantage over the other rivers, being almost entirely free from any fresh.

The present channel over the bar runs N.W. and S.E., with a depth of fourteen feet at high-water spring tides.

The flood tide continues to run in for one hour after it is high water in the offing. It is high water, full and change, at 11.40. Rise and fall about nine feet.

Vessels entering should keep well over to the south shore until abreast the north spit, when they ought to stand straight across for the opposite side, to avoid the current sweeping them upon a middle shingle bank.

About a quarter of a mile from the entrance the channel is divided by an island into two branches, the northern one being navigable for from $1\frac{3}{4}$ to two miles, with from four to six feet at low water, while the southern arm has the same depth of water

to a distance of about one-eighth of a mile. There is a very bad holding ground, so that the masters of vessels cannot trust to their anchors and cables if moored in the tideway.

I beg to enclose you a plan of this harbour, and I have the honor to suggest the necessity of forming a signal station there, should the prospects of this part of the gold-fields justify the expenditure.

I think also a beacon placed on the shore, indicating the position of the middle bank, would be of great service, as I do not consider a buoy or mark of any sort upon the shoal itself would stand.

I would also propose that a green light should be exhibited at night, in contra-distinction to the red and bright lights of the Hokitika and Grey Rivers.

I consider this light of great importance, as most of the vessels arriving off this port will have to stand off and on when awaiting the tide or daylight, rather than risk anchoring with bad holding ground, and for the most part a rocky bottom.

I have, &c.,
FRED. D. GIBSON,
Port Officer.

G. S. SALE, Esq.,
Commissioner, Hokitika.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION.

SHIP "BLUE JACKET."

THE Commissioners, on arriving alongside, were prevented boarding the Ship, the Health Officer considering that she must be detained in quarantine, owing to the recent existence of smallpox among the immigrants, &c.

The Ship having been admitted to pratique, the Commissioners examined the vessel. The whole of the between deck fittings having been destroyed by order of the Board of Health, the Commissioners can only report that every compartment was very clean. The position indicated as that of the female hospital was objectionable, being placed in a close corner, where lighting and ventilation must necessarily have been very imperfect. Isolation in the hospital, in the case of contagious disease, must have been impracticable.

The boiler of the condenser (Normandy's), at about the longitude of the Cape, was found to be cracked, and to leak considerably into the fire. Had the injury amounted to a stoppage of distillation the result would have been most serious, as four tanks, reported as having been passed by the Commissioners at Gravesend as part of the water supply, were, when opened, found to contain bread.

On receiving information that the immigrants in the Lazaret were released from quarantine, the Commissioners proceeded to Camp Bay. They found all the immigrants in good health. They regret that they have to report that during the voyage many irregularities occurred, evincing imperfect discipline. Enquiry convinced the Commissioners that the Surgeon did not receive from the master and officers that assistance

and moral support which would enable him, occupied as he must have been with the care of the sick, to maintain proper order. The very objectionable plan of allowing single men in the saloon in a passenger (immigrant) ship was the principal if not the sole cause of those improprieties of which the Commissioners complain.

Some of these single passengers are reported to have on frequent occasions been seen with their arms around the waists of the single female immigrants; and the mates are also mentioned as improperly familiar with the single women, and as declining to assist the surgeon when applied to by him.

On landing at the Lazaret, the second and third officers are reported by an official to have rudely romped with the girls upon the grassy slopes, and to have refused to leave their apartment until threatened with force.

The Commissioners can only recommend for gratuities the Surgeon, who is commended generally for his assiduous care of the sick; and the Purser (the officer who served the provisions), of whom all parties concur in speaking well.

In conclusion, the Commissioners again deprecate the mixing of various classes in immigrant vessels. Recognising the advantage of the presence of married ladies in the saloon, they repeat that the Government plan of excluding saloon passengers should, with this exception, be adopted. The hospital also, as in Government ships, should be in the poop, or at least in a deck-house.

WM. DONALD.
RICH. R. ARMSTRONG.
JOHN T. ROUSE.

NOTICE

OF DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that by Deed, dated the Twelfth day of December, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the co-partnership hitherto subsisting between us, the undersigned, DANIEL LOUIS MUNDY and BRAHAM LAMERT, at Christchurch and Hokitika, under the style or firm of "MUNDY and LAMERT," Photographers, was dissolved by mutual consent as from the said date.

The stock and effects of the late firm which are at Hokitika have been assigned to the said BRAHAM LAMERT, who is to receive all debts owing to, and to pay all debts owing by, the late firm which have been incurred at that place.

The stock and effects of the late firm which are in Christchurch have been assigned to the said DANIEL LOUIS MUNDY, who is to receive all debts owing to, and to pay all debts owing by, the said late firm, save those above mentioned.

Witness our hands, this 13th day of
December, 1865.

D. L. MUNDY.
B. LAMERT.

Witness—

THOS. J. JOYNT,
Solicitor, Christchurch.

MONTHLY LIST OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES IN THE PORT OF LYTTELTON, FROM THE 1st TO THE 31st NOVEMBER, 1865.

INWARDS.				OUTWARDS.								
DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NAME OF SHIP.	TONS.	FROM WHENCE.	PASSENGERS.			DESTINATION.	NAME OF SHIP.	TONS.	PASSENGERS.		
				Males.	Females.	Children.				Males.	Females.	Children.
1865: November 6	Annie ..	18	Wellington	4			Wellington	130	2	1		
" 6	Phebe ..	416	Wellington	33	4		Dunedin	46				
" 6	Wellington ..	262	Dunedin	6	3	3	Timaru	28				
" 7	Akaroa ..	17	Akaroa	29	7	1	Dunedin	147				
" 8	King of Italy ..	1,362	Auckland	10	1		Dunedin	28				
" 8	Ellen ..	30	Wokitika				Dunedin	417				
" 10	Spray ..	296	Wellington				Wellington	262			1	
" 10	Lord Ashley ..	147	Wellington				Dunedin	27				
" 11	Star of the South ..	174	Dunedin				Dunedin	40				
" 11	Rangitira ..	463	Wellington				Havelock	47				
" 11	Albion ..	60	Wellington				Akaroa	40				
" 11	Moa ..	303	Wellington				Dunedin	17				
" 13	Egmont ..	410	Dunedin	4	1	5	Akaroa	42				
" 16	Phebe ..	40	Dunedin	6	2		Hokitika	17				
" 16	Alert ..	285	Akaroa	17	2		Dunedin	296				
" 16	Hero ..	765	Wellington	13	6		Wellington	174				
" 17	Geelong ..	137	Hokitika				Dunedin	463				
" 17	Antelope ..	17	Dunedin				Wellington	308			4	
" 18	Waipara ..	47	Akaroa				Wellington	16				
" 21	Queen ..	177	Nelson				Dunedin	767				
" 21	Lord Ashley ..	286	Wellington	2	4	3	Dunedin	286				
" 21	South Australian ..	436	Dunedin	17	5		Wellington	11				
" 21	Tararua ..	523	Dunedin	15	6	2	Dunedin	137				
" 25	Otago ..	457	Dunedin	16	6	4	Wellington	436				
" 25	Wellington ..	262	Wellington	14	6	2	Dunedin	177				
" 27	Geelong ..	137	Wellington	5	7		Dunedin	436			1	
" 27	Alredale ..	286	Dunedin	7	2		Dunedin	296				
" 29	Pearl ..	28	Timaru				Wellington	17				
" 30	Egmont ..	308	Wellington	26			Akaroa	19				
	Total Tonnage ..	8,166	Total Passengers ...	234	52	16	Total Passengers ..	7,735	120	22	11	

FOREIGN SHIPPING.			
DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NAME OF SHIP.	TONS.	FROM WHENCE.
1865: November 1	Indus ..	368	Sydney ..
" 3	Fawn ..	216	Valparaiso ..
" 14	Bergensen ..	524	Frederickstad ..
" 18	Drover ..	186	Melbourne ..
" 29	Union ..	158	Newcastle ..
" 29	Blue Jacket ..	1,442	London ...
	Total Tonnage ..	2,904	Total Passengers ..
			87
			79
			40
			40

DATE OF DEPARTURE.	NAME OF SHIP.	TONS.	DESTINATION.
1865: November 1	Ahuriri ..	...	Wellington
" 2	Breeze ..	...	Dunedin
" 2	Pearl ..	...	Timaru
" 3	Valiant ..	...	Dunedin
" 6	Ellen ..	...	Dunedin
" 6	Phebe ..	...	Dunedin
" 7	Wellington ..	...	Wellington
" 7	Jupiter ..	...	Dunedin
" 7	Emerald ..	...	Havelock
" 8	Alert ..	...	Akaroa
" 10	Star of the South ..	...	Dunedin
" 11	Antelope ..	...	Akaroa
" 11	Isabella Jackson ..	...	Hokitika
" 11	Lord Ashley ..	...	Dunedin
" 11	Rangitira ..	...	Wellington
" 11	Albion ..	...	Dunedin
" 13	Egmont ..	...	Wellington
" 13	Sunset ..	...	Wellington
" 14	Hero ..	...	Akaroa
" 16	Alredale ..	...	Dunedin
" 16	Phebe ..	...	Dunedin
" 17	Geelong ..	...	Wellington
" 20	Esperanza ..	...	Dunedin
" 21	Pearl ..	...	Timaru
" 21	Queen ..	...	Timaru
" 21	South Australian ..	...	Dunedin
" 22	Lord Ashley ..	...	Wellington
" 23	Antelope ..	...	Wellington
" 24	Southern Queen ..	...	Akaroa
" 25	Wellington ..	...	Akaroa
" 25	Tararua ..	...	Dunedin
" 25	Otago ..	...	Wellington
" 26	Prince Consort ..	...	Dunedin
" 27	Alredale ..	...	Hokitika
" 27	Drover ..	...	Dunedin
" 27	Geelong ..	...	Wellington
" 27	Egmont ..	...	Wellington
" 30	Total Tonnage ..	...	Dunedin
	Total Tonnage ..	7,735	Total Passengers ..
			120
			22
			11

Harbour Master's Office, Lyttelton, 11th December, 1865. A. SPROUL, Harbour Master.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the "Publichouse Ordinance, 1863," the Quarterly Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the Colony of New Zealand, will be held in the Resident Magistrates' Courts at Christchurch, Lyttelton, Kaiapoi, Timaru, and Akaroa, on Tuesday, the second day of January next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration applications for Publichouse Licenses for the districts of Christchurch, Lyttelton, Kaiapoi, Timaru, and Akaroa.

The following applications have been received:—

Applications at the Resident Magistrate's Court, Christchurch.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	KIND OF LICENSE.	SITUATION OF HOUSE.
Ashton, John - - -	Conditional -	Craigieburn.
Baker, Alfred Don - - -	Conditional -	Cass River.
Butler, John - - -	Conditional -	Head of Bealey River.
Cossley, John - - -	Conditional -	Goldney's Saddle.
D'Arcey, Michael - - -	Conditional -	Castle Hill.
Granger and Gibhart - - -	Conditional -	Little Racecourse Hill.
Jones, Everard W. - - -	Conditional -	Waimakariri Ferry.
Nielson, Lauretz - - -	Conditional -	Porter's Pass.
Plank, John - - -	Refreshment -	Market-place, Christchurch.
Ray, Walter - - -	Conditional -	Otira Valley.
Wade, Joseph - - -	Wine and Beer -	Ferry Road.
Willis, George - - -	Conditional -	Little Racecourse Hill.

Received at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Kaiapoi.

Perrin, James - - -	Hotel - - -	Exchange Hotel, Kaiapoi.
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Received at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Timaru.

Young, John Albert - - -	General - - -	Timuka.
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No applications have been received at the Resident Magistrate's Court House, Christchurch, from the Resident Magistrates' Courts at Lyttelton and Akaroa.

THOMAS B. BAIN,
 Clerk to the Bench.

Resident Magistrate's Court House,
 Christchurch, Dec. 11, 1865.

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