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By His Honor's Command,  
F. E. STEWART,  
Provincial Secretary.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1866.

[No. LXVII.]

PROCLAMATION

By His Honor WILLIAM SEFTON MOORHOUSE, Esq., Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Canterbury, entitled "The Education Ordinance, 1864," it is among other things enacted that whenever the Board of Education shall call by advertisement a public meeting of owners and occupiers of land and householders in any district, and such meeting shall declare by the votes of the majority of the persons present (being such owners and occupiers of land and householders as aforesaid,) that they are willing that the said district be formed into an Educational District under the provisions of the said Ordinance, and shall declare their willingness to provide the proportion of the annual expenses of an Educational District, the Superintendent shall, as soon as conveniently may be, by Proclamation in the Provincial Government Gazette, declare such district to be an Educational District under the said Ordinance, and such district shall thereupon become an Educational District accordingly:

And whereas at a meeting duly called as aforesaid, and held at Messent's Accommodation House, on Tuesday, the 11th day of September, 1866, the owners and occupiers of land and householders in the district specified in the schedule hereunto annexed, did by the votes of the majority there present declare that they were willing that the said district should be formed into an Educational

District; and further declared their willingness to provide the proportion of the annual expenses of an Educational District as provided in the said Ordinance:

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM SEFTON MOORHOUSE, Superintendent of the said Province, in pursuance of the power in me vested by the said in part recited Ordinance, do hereby proclaim that the district specified in the schedule hereunto annexed shall be an Educational District within the meaning of the said Ordinance.

Dated this Eighteenth day of September,  
One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

W. S. MOORHOUSE,  
Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,  
F. E. STEWART,  
Provincial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

CUST DISTRICT.

Commencing at the junction of the western boundary of the Fernside Educational District with the south bank of the River Ashley, following the said boundary southerly to the Harewood and Rangiora Road; thence westerly to the eastern boundary of the Cust Road Board District, following said boundary southward till it meets the boundary of the Eyreton Educational District, following this latter boundary westward and southward to the north bank of the

River Eyre, following said bank westward to the western boundary of Run No. 14; thence following this boundary northward to the Cust Main Drain Reserve, and a line in continuation of said boundary drawn straight to the south bank of the River Ashley; thence following this bank to the commencing point.

Public Works Office,  
Christchurch, June 4, 1866.

**H**IS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Certificate of Completion of the North Avon Bridge for general information.

F. E. STEWART,  
Secretary for Public Works.

Provincial Engineer's Office,  
Christchurch, May 29, 1866.

SIR,—According to your instructions, I have examined the North Avon Bridge and Road Diversion, and have the honor to report that the said Bridge and Road Diversion are carried out in conformity with the provisions required by Clause 3 of the "North Avon Bridge and Road Diversion Ordinance, 1866, Sess. XXIV, No. 18."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. THORNTON,  
Assistant Provincial Engineer.

The Provincial Engineer.

Provincial Treasury,  
Christchurch, Sept. 13, 1866.

**P**URSUANT to the provisions of the "Auctioneers' Ordinance, Session III, No. 3," I hereby give notice that the under-mentioned person has taken out an Auctioneers' License for the term ending 30th June, 1867:—

CHARLES CLARK, of Colombo Street,  
Christchurch, Land and Estate  
Agent.

GEORGE A. E. ROSS,  
Provincial Treasurer.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the partnership, if any, heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, carrying on business as Importers and General Storekeepers at Kaiapoi, Saltwater Creek, and Leithfield, under the style or firm of "J. White and Co.," was dissolved, on the 31st day of March, 1866, by mutual consent:—

JOSEPH SENIOR WHITE.

Witness to signature—  
Wm. Joynt.

JOHN SENIOR WOODHOUSE.

Witness to signature—  
Samuel Wills.

RANDAL WOODHOUSE.

Witness to signature—  
A. R. Pavitt.

*N.B.*—The business at Leithfield is continued by Mr. J. S. Woodhouse, under the style of "J. White and Co." as formerly.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,  
CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

In the matter of the "Debtors and Creditors Act, 1862;" and

In the matter of the "Debtors and Creditors Act Amendment Act, 1865;" and

Re James Fergusson Douglass, of Christchurch, Hotel Keeper, a debtor.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that by an order of this Honorable Court made the Eleventh day of September instant the estate and effects of the above named debtor were sequestrated and Henry Fowle Seager of Christchurch was appointed Receiver under the said Acts and the Twelfth day of November next at the Court House Christchurch was appointed as the time and place for the hearing of the petition of the said debtor and the said order was thereby declared to be a vesting order pursuant to section 8 of the said "Debtors and Creditors Act Amendment Act, 1865."

A. C. COTTRELL,

Solicitor for the said Petitioner.

## RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DEDUCED FROM DAILY REGISTERS KEPT AT THE

Government Stations in Christchurch and Hokitika, for August, 1866.

	CHRISTCHURCH STATION.	HOKITIKA STATION.*
Latitude	43° 32' 16" S.	42° 41' 30" S.
Longitude	172° 38' 59" E.	170° 59' 0" E.
Height above Sea	21 feet.	8 feet.

  

	CHRISTCHURCH.	HOKITIKA.
Mean Atmospheric Pressure	29.913	29.991
Greatest Pressure	(31st) 30.416	(31st) 30.424
Least Pressure	(12th) 29.132	(12th) 29.115
Mean Pressure of Vapour in Inches of Mercury	.278	.324
Mean of Highest Day Temperature in Shade	54.2	53.3
Mean of Lowest Night Temperature in Shade	36.7	39.2
Mean Temperature of Atmosphere in Shade	45.4	46.2
Highest Temperature in Shade	(28th) 64.8	(28th) 57.0
Lowest Temperature in Shade	(2nd) 27.3	(1st) 29.0
Mean Daily Range	17.6	14.4
Mean Solar Radiation	78.7	67.5
Maximum ditto	(30th) 100.7	(30th) 77.0
Mean Nocturnal Radiation	30.1	34.9
Minimum ditto	(19th) 18.8	(2nd) 22.5
Mean Temperature of Dew-point	42.7	47.1
Mean Degree of Moisture (saturation = 100)	81	92
Number of Days on which Rain fell	9	19
Total Rainfall in Inches on ground	0.616	11.56
Greatest Daily Fall	(20th) 0.142	(11th) 2.62
Mean Amount of Cloud (overcast = 10)	3.6	5.9
Mean Velocity of Wind in Miles per Day	133	103
Greatest ditto ditto	(8th) 247	(11th) 236
Least ditto ditto	(18th) 69	(22nd) 39
Mean Weight of a Cubic Foot of Air	545.1 grains	545.1 grains
Vapour in a Cubic Foot of Air	3.15 "	3.7 "
Vapour required to saturate a Cubic Foot of Air	0.75 "	0.3 "

NOTE.—The Barometer is corrected for Index Error, &amp;c., and reduced to 32 deg. Fah.

\* Observer, JAMES ROCHFORD, Esq., District Engineer.

## REMARKS.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

The first day of the month was cold and cloudy, with showers of rain in the evening. From the 2nd to the 7th beautiful weather prevailed, warm sunshine days, often cloudless, with light variable winds. There was a cold damp fog on the morning of the 8th; the day overcast and dull. Frequent showers fell on the 9th, with strong N.E. wind in the forenoon. The 10th and 11th were very fine, wind northerly and warm. 12th, light rain from the S.W. in the forenoon, afternoon fine. 13th and 14th, fine but cloudy,

showers of rain at night. Light rain fell also on the morning of the 15th for an hour, when it cleared up remarkably fine, and continued thus for five days, during which time scarcely a cloud was visible day or night, the wind blowing lightly from the east, with frequent calms. On the 20th the wind blew strong in the forenoon from N.W., changing to S.W. at 3 p.m., with two hours of rain; at night a very slight shower of hail fell for a few seconds, and at the same time the higher parts of Banks Peninsula were covered with a thin coating of

snow. From the 21st to 27th the nights were sometimes cold and frosty, but the days were mild and pleasant. About this time the earlier trees, such as the willow and gooseberry, commenced throwing out leaves. The 28th was the warmest day in the month ( $64^{\circ} 8'$  in shade), a dry N.W. wind blowing, and causing clouds of dust to rise in the streets; a few heavy drops of rain from S.W. fell towards evening. The last three days of the month were almost cloudless, with a light breeze from E. and N.E.

Like the preceding month, August was quite free from gales or very high winds; the daily velocity exceeded 200 miles only three times; viz., on the 9th and 10th from N.E., and on the 20th from N.W. and S.W. The mean direction of the wind was E.N.E. The mean force in pounds pressure on the square foot, at 9.30 a.m.,  $\cdot 28$ ; at 3.30 p.m.,  $\cdot 42$ ; at 9.30 p.m.,  $\cdot 15$ . The rainfall,  $0\cdot 616$  inches, divided over nine days, was much below the average, and only about one-third of the amount of evaporation, which was  $1\cdot 796$  inches. The want of rain is much felt in the agricultural districts. The following figures show the amount of rain which fell in Christchurch during the first eight months of each year since the station was established:—

Rainfall from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1866	- -	$12\cdot 946$	inches.
" " " 1865	- -	$18\cdot 103$	"
" " " 1864	- -	$14\cdot 423$	"

The mean temperature in the shade exceeds the average by  $2^{\circ} 2$ . The extreme range of temperature in the shade was  $37^{\circ} 5$ . The mean temperature of evaporation was  $42^{\circ} 4$ . Solar radiation was remarkably high, being no less than  $10^{\circ} 8$  in excess of the mean for the month; rising

to  $100^{\circ} 7$  on the 30th, a figure which was not reached last year until the 1st of November, and in 1864 until 23rd of October. Terrestrial radiation showed a mean of  $30^{\circ} 1$ , the exposed thermometer on grass falling below  $32^{\circ}$  on 19 nights; two very cold nights occurred in particular, the 2nd and 19th, when that instrument fell to  $19^{\circ} 3$  and  $18^{\circ} 8$  respectively.

#### HOKITIKA.

The month commenced with three very fine days and frosty nights, followed by three more of unsettled weather, more or less rain falling each day. The 7th and 8th were fine; then occurred five days of stormy weather, with heavy rains, no less than  $7\cdot 89$  inches falling in that period; on the 11th alone  $2\cdot 62$  inches were collected, including some hail which fell during a thunderstorm. The 14th, 15th, and 16th were fine, also the 18th. There was a gale from S.W. for three hours on the 20th. From then to the close of the month small quantities of rain fell each day, except on the 26th, 29th, and 30th, sometimes only showers in the night-time. The barometer reached its minimum on the 12th, and its maximum on the 31st, both periods identical with those in Christchurch. The total rainfall in Hokitika, from January 1 to August 31, was  $79\cdot 52$  inches on 131 days. The above Table shows some of the principal results of observations taken during the last month, but no comparison can be made with previous years, as the station was not established in Hokitika until the beginning of January last.

R. L. HOLMES,  
Meteorological Observer,  
Christchurch.

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