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HIS Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified that he has been pleased to appoint

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EDWD. JOLLIE,
Provincial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the Roads Ordinance, 1869, it is among other things enacted, that if at any time previous to the first day of August in any year, a majority of the Ratepayers of any portion of a district described in Schedule B to the said Ordinance, should petition the Superintendent that a portion of the district to be specified in such petition should be formed into a separate district, it should be lawful for the Superintendent, in Council, by Proclamation, to be inserted in the *Government Gazette*, and one newspaper circulating in the district, to declare that such part of the district mentioned in the said petition should be a road district :

And whereas, a petition signed by a majority of ratepayers within a portion of the Kowai district, being a district described in the Schedule B to the said Ordinance, was duly forwarded to the Superintendent pursuant to the said Ordinance ; and it was thereby prayed that the portion of the province therein mentioned might be formed into a separate district :

Now therefore I, WILLIAM ROLLESTON, Superintendent of the said Province, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in exercise and execution of the powers vested in me by the said Ordinance, do hereby declare that the portion of the Province of Canterbury, hereinafter described and heretofore comprised in the Kowai District shall henceforth be a Road District, under the name of the Ashley District : that is to say—all that portion of the Province bounded on the south and west, by the south bank of the Ashley river from the eastern side of the road running between sections 1684 and 2673 to its source on the east by the eastern side of the road forming the eastern boundary of section 2163 ; thence by that road to where it crosses the western boundary of Run No. 11 ; thence by the latter boundary to the

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east bank of the Makerikeri; thence by the east bank of that river, and the eastern boundary of Run No. 194, to the summit of Mount Grey; thence by the ridge to Mount Karetu; thence by the eastern and northern boundaries of Runs 165, 166, and 168, to the westernmost corner of Run No. 464, and also by the Waipara District.

Given under my hand at Christchurch, this 3rd day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, entitled 'The Canterbury Temporary Mining Reserves Act, 1869,' it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Canterbury, by Proclamation, to temporarily reserve from sale any lands in which he shall have good reason to believe that precious metals exist. Provided that no such reservation shall continue in force beyond the end of the Session of the Provincial Council next after the issue of such Proclamation.

Now therefore I, WILLIAM ROLLESTON, Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, by virtue of the powers enabling me in that behalf do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the lands described in the Schedule hereto.

Given under my hand at Christchurch, this 29th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

SCHEDULE.

Two hundred and eighty-three acres more or less, situate in the Lyttelton district, at the Head of the Bay, commencing at a point on the road forming the north-eastern boundary of section 447, the same being the north-eastern corner of that section; thence south-westerly following the south-eastern boundary of section 447 to the north-east boundary of section 2284, thence south-easterly following the latter boundary a distance of about thirty-one chains to the western boundary of section 5170; thence northerly, following that boundary and a line in continuation thereof to the northern side of the road forming the northern boundary of section 5170, thence easterly, southerly, and westerly, following that road to mining reserve numbered formerly 1097 in red; thence south-easterly, following the said reserve to the road forming the south-eastern boundary of sections 2144 and 5197; thence north-westerly, following the south-western boundary of the latter section to the westernmost corner thereof; thence northerly, following the westerly boundaries of sections 5197, 2144, 1375, 1339, and 2375, to the road first mentioned, and from thence returning along the same to the commencing point, exclusive of reserve No. 190 in red, and roads. The land above described includes Improvement Preemptive Rights A and B on runs Nos. 12 and 431, and also Canterbury Association Preemptive Right No. 70.

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