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WILLIAM ADAMS,
Superintendent.

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

May 22, 1860.

The first session of the Provincial Council was opened on the first day of May, and after the election of the Superintendent and Speaker, adjourned to the 22nd day of May, at 11 o'clock, upon which occasion his Honour the Superintendent delivered the following speech:—

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Provincial Council—

I am happy to meet you again, as one of your body. It is very satisfactory to feel that we meet on the most friendly terms, and I trust that we shall so continue to act, that we shall join our best endeavours for the furtherance of those measures we consider to be for the welfare of this province.

There is one point on which I hope for your cordial assistance—that is, in supporting me in carrying on the business of this province, in the simplest manner.

I have prepared, and will lay before you a draft Executive Bill, by which you will perceive that I do not intend to appoint any Executive; but have retained in the Superintendent the entire administrative and Executive control of the business of this province.

I have done this on mature consideration, and for these reasons:—

First, being so small a body, and so easily called together, I consider it much better, and more in accordance with common sense, to take the opinion of the whole Council upon all important measures than to rely upon the judgment of two or three of your body as a Government Executive.

Secondly, because one of the main principles upon which we grounded our arguments for separation was the intention and the hope of conducting the business of this little province in

a plain and unostentatious manner; devoid of all the expensive paraphernalia of other provinces.

The enormous expenditure and absurd assumptions of Provincial Governments, is one of the main arguments in the public mind against this form of Government, and the cause, more than any other, tending to destroy the popular feeling for Provincial Governments, and the rock upon which most assuredly they will be wrecked if not guarded against: for, in a very short time, when the land sales do not yield the abundant harvest to the chest they have hitherto done, the costs of the Provincial Governments will exceed the ordinary revenue of the provinces, and then heavy taxation must follow.

By the course I am wishful to attempt, I hope to steer clear of the shoals that other provinces have struck upon, who cannot, or have not the courage to, break through the barrier of official appointments, and the interminable net of machinery that has been gradually gaining upon them. Let us, therefore, in the beginning, while we are free to choose our course, view our little province as a small county, and manage all our matters in a plain, unostentatious manner, and then we shall be able to expend the principal part of our revenue in forming good roads and bridges through the length and breadth of our province.

I know the opinion of many of the other provinces is that we shall not be able to carry on without the like official machinery as themselves, but those opinions must be viewed with caution, being, I am obliged to think, grounded on self-interest.

I think differently, while supported by you; and trust to prove the truth of the old adage—“Where there is a will there is a way!”

In following out this principle I believe we shall have the full concurrence and support of our constituents at large; and without that, no representative government can ever aspire to do any good.

On this principle I shall ever try to act, and

when I find I have not the support of a majority of this Council, upon the main questions of policy, I shall look upon my stewardship as ended, for I hold that whenever a public man, at the head of a representative government, either large or small, loses the confidence of the people, it is time for him to resign his office; for be his intentions ever so good, or ever so pure, his power for doing good is gone.

These are my principles, gentlemen of the Provincial Council, and upon them I stand or fall; and when I find I am no longer wanted by my fellow-settlers I shall willingly retire to my farming.

I very reluctantly left it; but when I saw, year after year, our districts drained of their resources, for the benefit of Nelson and its neighbourhood, and our wants grossly neglected, I joined with others to gain what we now possess—the management of our own local affairs—and it is my sincere hope that we shall be regardless of our private interests whenever they clash with those measures that we conscientiously believe are for the benefit of the province at large.

I have prepared, and shall lay before you, the following draft bills for your consideration, viz.:

Executive Council Bill
Cattle Branding Bill
Stock Regulation Bill
Dog Nuisance Bill
Education Repeal Bill and
The Road Bill.

I will explain my object in bringing these measures before you as they separately come under your notice.

I shall also lay before you estimates of our revenue for the year ending June 30, 1861, and also of our estimated expenses. These estimates, you must be fully aware, are made with very little data; but I have every belief that I have underrated the amount our revenue will realise.

Unfortunately, at present, having no port for foreign trade, our customs duties are very trifling—nearly the whole of that revenue being at present taken either at Nelson or Wellington, before the goods are shipped here. We shall, therefore, have to pay the interest of the permanent debt, and nearly all the General Government charges out of our other revenue.

I shall consider it my duty, with your assistance, to have this remedied as soon as possible, for without a customs revenue we cannot possibly flourish.

In the estimates of expenditure, you will find that I have put down £2880 for bridges. The principal ones are:—

Cart bridge over the Tua Marina;
Cart bridge over the Omaka, Beaver; and
Horse bridge over the Pelorus, on the road to Nelson.

These three bridges, I consider, should be immediately put in hand.

In the estimates of expenditure for roads, I have put down £1828. The principal ones are:—

From the Awatere, over the Taylor's Pass, to the Beaver;
From the Beaver to the Wairau river, to open a direct communication with Picton; and
To make, amend, and repair the road from the Wairau to Picton;
Laying out a road up the plain, and repairing the same from the Waihopai, through the Narrows;
Making a bridle track from the Kaituna, by the Wairau, to the Tua Marina.

These are the main lines we at present can afford to deal with. Some repairs will be required upon other roads, and something done on

the coast line to the Amuri; but at present we cannot attempt much.

The ferries that I propose are—

One over the Wairau, from the Bluff at Hannam's Bush; and
One over the Wairau, on the road to Picton.

In the estimates, those for public buildings are large, and it was my purpose to have endeavoured to avoid them this year; but I find we shall be compelled to build a gaol, or enlarge the present lock-up, and to have other conveniences for the public service; I therefore consider it better at once to erect some good plain substantial buildings, that will be of permanent service to the province, than expend money in makeshifts, which will be ultimately lost.

In making the roads and bridges, &c., I hope you will agree with me, that they should be done substantially and well.

There is a sum for educational purposes; my views hereon I will explain when the subject is brought directly before you for your consideration.

I have also put a sum on the Estimates for Rifles, &c.

Considering that we have a right to our share of the Nelson Trust Funds, the larger portion of which fund has arisen from lands sold in these districts, I have had served upon the trustees a notice for an account, and that we shall hold them personally responsible for any further outlay of the said funds until some adjustment is made between the two provinces. I hope this will be done without an appeal to the Supreme Court.

In the matter of the sale of the Government land still remaining unsold in this province, my opinion is, that we should class that under three heads, viz.:

Pastoral,
Inferior Agricultural, and
Superior Agricultural, or Timber Land,

and that now most of the best land in the province has been sold, I think it would be unfair to the public, and giving an undue advantage to the owners of land purchased at the fixed upset price of 5s. and 10s. to make any higher assessment than

Pastoral Land, at 5s.,
Inferior Agricultural, at 10s.

I am perfectly aware that there is a difference in the value of different parts of these two sorts of land, particularly the pastoral; but the line of value is very difficult to draw with equity, without a personal inspection, and as such would be impossible in all cases, it would be invidious in the few; therefore I consider it fairer to all parties to let the upset prices stand at 5s. and 10s. than trust to any office assessment, which many of us know to our cost is not always a very equitable one.

And there is another advantage. I believe it will be more satisfactory to all parties for the upset prices to be fixed as far as practicable; therefore the only land I shall advise an assessment to be made upon is the timber, or superior agricultural land, and this may vary between 10s. and 20s.

The question of accounts, and any other difference between the Nelson province and ourselves, I am of opinion can be best settled by a Committee of the House of Representatives, if such a course can be taken. I have written to the Superintendent of Nelson for an account of sums voted and sums expended for this province, but there has not yet been time for his reply. As soon as I am in a situation to lay any statement before you, it shall be done, and I will then advise with you as to the best course to adopt.

There are numerous other subjects I shall have to submit for your consideration; for instance, our Postal Communication, Immi-

gration, and others. These matters I will lay before you as soon as possible.

I shall not trouble you with any further remarks, but to assure you I feel great confidence in your anticipated assistance, in carrying out measures best suited to the wants, and most conducing to the real interests of this province; and I look forward with assurance to its continuous and increasing prosperity.

The following reply was adopted by the Council:—

To his Honour William Adams, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough, Islands of New Zealand.

We, the members of the Provincial Council of Marlborough, in Council assembled, beg to express to you our thanks for the clear and satisfactory manner in which you have enunciated to us your line of policy, and we entirely agree with you in your views and statements, and more especially in the sound and wise course you have adopted, in expressing your earnest intention and determination to conduct our public business on the simplest and most economical plan; we especially applaud your intention of holding, together with the office of Superintendent that of Commissioner of Crown Lands, and others necessary for the conduct of our affairs, and of considering us, your Council in full, as your only working Executive, confident that, in that step, hitherto new to Provincial Legislation, we perceive a move made in the direction of a more sound and healthy organization of local affairs, coinciding as it does with the widely-extended and well-tried municipal institutions of Old England, such a system being, we believe, fully in accordance with the views of the first promoters of Provincial Government, and the framers of the New Provinces Act.

We also entirely concur with you in your views with regard to the several prices of land being fixed and uniform, considering that, however politic it might have been in years gone by, to have assessed pastoral and inferior agricultural lands at a higher figure, that now, the most valuable portions having become the property of individuals, it would be impolitic, and by diminishing the amount of our land sales, greatly retard the growth and prosperity of our province, to assess such lands at a higher upset price than 5s. and 10s. respectively, especially as it must be patent to all, that for some time, in the absence of any considerable amount of Customs revenue, we are mainly dependent upon the returns from our land sales; superior agricultural lands, on the other hand, should be assessed at the maximum price, and even that in most cases, we opine, to be far below its real value.

In conclusion, we beg to assure you that we will most cordially support you in your expressed line of policy and in your exertions for the welfare of this province, and assure you of our willingness to attend, whenever any important political question or other business should induce you to revert to your Council for advice or assistance.

CYRUS GOULTER,
Speaker.

PROCLAMATION.

I, THE SUPERINTENDENT of the Province of Marlborough, do hereby Proclaim that the undermentioned Allotments of LAND will be put up to AUCTION, at the Land Office, Marlborough, on TUESDAY, 24th Day of

JULY NEXT, at Twelve o'clock, noon.

Ten per cent. of the Purchase Money to be deposited at the sale, and the remainder to be paid within one month, or the deposit forfeited.

TOWN OF PICTON.				
Section.	Contents.			Upset Price.
	A.	R.	P.	
No. 241	0	1	0	25 0 0
312	0	1	0	50 0 0
400	0	1	0	20 0 0
401	0	1	0	20 0 0
427	0	1	0	25 0 0
428	0	1	0	25 0 0
441	0	1	0	25 0 0
442	0	1	0	25 0 0
1020	0	1	0	15 0 0
1141	1	1	0	50 0 0
PICTON SUBURBAN.				
No. 18	10	0	0	20 0 0
19	10	0	0	20 0 0
20	10	0	0	20 0 0
21	34	0	0	68 0 0
WAITOHI VALLEY.				
<i>North Bank of Wairau.</i>				
Part 2 of Rural VII.	25	0	0	25 0 0
3	VII.	25	0	25 0 0
No. 98	50	0	0	50 0 0
PORT UNDERWOOD.				
<i>Uruti or Kakapo Bay.</i>				
No. 17	10	0	0	10 0 0
<i>Whangakoko Bay.</i>				
No. 18	38	0	0	19 0 0
19	62	0	0	31 0 0
<i>Hakakaka.</i>				
20	24	0	0	24 0 0
<i>Robin Hood's Bay.</i>				
No. 21	172	0	0	43 0 0
22	114	0	0	28 10 0
23	220	0	0	55 0 0
KAITUNA.				
No. 53	90	0	0	90 0 0
55	103	0	0	103 0 0
57	109	0	0	109 0 0
58	108	0	0	108 0 0
59	86	0	0	86 0 0
60	102	0	0	51 0 0
Part 2 of 62	40	0	0	40 0 0
63	79	0	0	79 0 0
70	76	0	0	38 0 0
81	90	0	0	45 0 0
82	93	0	0	93 0 0
83	46	0	0	46 0 0
84	30	0	0	30 0 0
85	119	0	0	59 10 0
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94	11	0	0	11 0 0
95	10	0	0	10 0 0
96	20	0	0	20 0 0
97	88	0	0	43 0 0
98	63	0	0	31 10 0
SQUARE No. 19.				
<i>Upper Pelorus Valley.</i>				
No. 5	79	0	0	79 0 0
6	127	0	0	127 0 0

Section.	Contents.	Upset Price.
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
SQUARE No. 29.		
<i>North Bank of Wairau.</i>		
No. 43	122 0 0	30 10 0
44	223 0 0	55 15 0
45	109 0 0	27 5 0
46	97 0 0	24 5 0
48	80 0 0	20 0 0
49	300 0 0	75 0 0
SQUARE No. 28.		
<i>North Bank of Wairau.</i>		
No. 47	46 0 0	23 0 0
<i>North Boulder Bank.</i>		
No. 4	86 0 0	20 0 0
SQUARE No. 30:		
<i>Fabian's Valley.</i>		
No. 27	10 0 0	5 0 0
28	10 0 0	5 0 0
29	10 0 0	5 0 0
30	10 0 0	5 0 0
SQUARE No. 42.		
<i>Tynesfield Run.</i>		
No. 35	314 2 0	78 12 6
36	315 0 0	78 15 0
37	313 2 0	78 7 6
38	316 0 0	79 0 0
39	202 0 0	50 10 0
40	87 0 0	21 15 0
41	81 0 0	20 5 0
42	100 0 0	25 0 0
SQUARE No. 38.		
<i>Flaxbourne.</i>		
No. 176	150 0 0	75 0 0
177	240 0 0	60 0 0
178	240 0 0	60 0 0
SQUARE No. 40.		
<i>Flaxbourne.</i>		
No. 20	173 0 0	43 5 0
21	173 0 0	43 5 0
22	310 0 0	77 10 0
23	193 0 0	48 5 0
FLAXBOURNE.		
No. 101	201 0 0	50 5 0
102	130 0 0	32 10 0
103	312 0 0	78 0 0
104	304 0 0	76 0 0
105	319 0 0	79 15 0
106	320 0 0	80 0 0
107	320 0 0	80 0 0
108	311 0 0	77 15 0
109	320 0 0	80 0 0
110	319 0 0	79 15 0
111	268 0 0	67 0 0
112	303 0 0	75 15 0
113	248 0 0	62 0 0
114	308 0 0	77 0 0
115	319 0 0	79 15 0
116	320 0 0	80 0 0
117	314 0 0	78 10 0
118	316 0 0	79 0 0
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120	289 0 0	72 5 0
121	70 0 0	35 0 0
122	114 0 0	57 0 0
123	115 0 0	57 10 0
124	130 0 0	32 10 0
125	75 0 0	37 10 0
126	286 0 0	71 10 0
127	287 0 0	71 15 0
128	303 0 0	77 0 0
129	220 0 0	55 0 0
130	64 0 0	32 0 0
131	120 0 0	60 0 0

Section.	Contents.	Upset Price.
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
FLAXBOURNE—continued.		
No. 132	60 0 0	30 0 0
133	139 0 0	69 10 0
134	103 0 0	51 10 0
135	149 0 0	74 10 0
136	239 0 0	59 15 0
137	121 0 0	60 10 0
138	147 0 0	73 10 0
139	109 0 0	54 10 0
140	261 0 0	65 5 0
141	148 0 0	74 0 0
142	100 0 0	50 0 0
143	136 0 0	68 0 0
144	126 0 0	63 0 0
145	191 0 0	47 15 0
146	140 0 0	70 0 0
147	150 0 0	75 0 0
148	120 0 0	60 0 0
149	213 0 0	54 10 0
150	273 0 0	69 10 0
151	264 0 0	66 0 0
152	293 0 0	73 5 0
153	312 0 0	78 0 0
154	181 0 0	45 5 0
155	252 0 0	63 0 0
156	319 0 0	79 15 0
157	292 0 0	73 0 0
158	313 0 0	78 5 0
159	247 0 0	61 15 0
160	297 0 0	74 5 0
161	315 0 0	78 15 0
162	277 0 0	69 5 0
163	259 0 0	44 15 0
164	306 0 0	76 10 0
165	295 0 0	73 15 0
166	166 0 0	83 0 0
167	234 0 0	58 10 0
168	200 0 0	50 0 0
169	200 0 0	50 0 0
WAIKAPA.		
<i>Woodbank.</i>		
No. 14	191 0 0	47 15 0
15	80 0 0	20 0 0
16	89 0 0	22 5 0
17	276 0 0	69 0 0
18	276 0 0	69 0 0
19	276 0 0	69 0 0
20	221 0 0	55 5 0
21	199 0 0	49 15 0
22	217 0 0	54 5 0
23	280 0 0	70 0 0
24	250 0 0	62 10 0
25	250 0 0	62 10 0
26	300 0 0	75 0 0
29	312 0 0	78 0 0
31	249 0 0	62 5 0
32	269 0 0	67 5 0
37	144 0 0	36 0 0
38	306 0 0	76 10 0
40	320 0 0	80 0 0
41	234 0 0	58 10 0
42	180 0 0	45 0 0
43	174 0 0	43 10 0
44	180 0 0	45 0 0
45	174 0 0	43 10 0
46	180 0 0	45 0 0
47	186 0 0	46 10 0
48	220 0 0	55 0 0
49	94 0 0	23 10 0
50	116 0 0	29 0 0
52	256 0 0	63 15 0
53	220 0 0	55 0 0
57	246 0 0	61 10 0
<i>Kekerangu.</i>		
No. 34	239 0 0	59 15 0
36	317 0 0	79 5 0
59	245 0 0	61 5 0
60	132 0 0	33 0 0
62	126 0 0	31 10 0

Section.	Contents.	Upset Price.	
		£	s. d.
LOWER CLARENCE.			
<i>Wharf Valley.</i>			
No. 1	254 0 0	63	10 0
2	269 0 0	67	5 0
3	245 0 0	61	5 0
4	244 0 0	61	0 0

Given under my hand, at the Land Office, in the Province of Marlborough aforesaid, this 14th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Superintendent.

APPPLICATIONS for DEPASTURAGE LICENSES, in accordance with the Land Regulations of the 1st July, 1856, received by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to the 14th of June, 1860:—

Walter Long Wrey.	District—Wairau-valley. Boundaries—The surplus land over and above the estimated portion of the Birch-hill run, being between 30,000 and 40,000 acres, now held by Messrs. Robinson and Renwick. The boundaries of the said surplus are between the Branch river and Mr. Morse's run, bounded by the Wye river. Estimated extent—under 20,000 acres. Deposit paid—£30.
Henry Handy- side.	District—Queen Charlotte's Sound. Boundaries—North by Gore's Harbour and Cook's Straits; east by Cook's Straits; south by Queen Charlotte's Sound and Endeavour Inlet; west by the north-east boundary of R. Blaymires' application. Estimated extent—Under 10,000 acres. Deposit paid—£15.
Thomas Carter	District—Clarence. Boundaries—All the available land immediately adjoining the northern boundary of that portion of Thomas Carter's run on the Clarence which is in the Province of Marlborough. Estimated extent—10,000 acres. Deposit paid—£15.
Donald M'Cor- mick.	District—Queen Charlotte's Sound. Boundaries—On the east by the Etana native reserve, thence by the bush to Watomonga, one mile from the coast from the head-land, thence to the west side of the native reserve of Waikawa, near Picton. Estimated extent—Under 10,000 acres. Deposit paid—£15.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.
Marlborough, June 14, 1860.

Superintendent's Office,
Marlborough, May 5, 1860.

THE Public are informed, that there is a FERRY for Foot Passengers, in the charge of Mr. JOHN WARD, ACROSS the WAIRAU RIVER, at the Bluff below Hannam's Bush. The charge is one shilling each passenger.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Superintendent.

Land Office, Marlborough,
May 10th, 1860.

I HEREBY give notice that all parties Cutting Wood on, or Removing Wood off, any of the Crown Lands of this province, will be prosecuted.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Commissioner.

Superintendent's Office,
Marlborough, May 31st, 1860.

I HEREBY give notice that all parties Cutting Wood on or Removing any Wood off any of the Public Roads of this province will be prosecuted.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Marlborough, June 14th, 1860.

IT is notified, for general information, that

MR. JOHN O'SULLIVAN
has been appointed Sub-Officer of Public Works for this province.

WILLIAM ADAMS,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 19th May, 1860.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that Writs issued for the election of Members of the Provincial Council for the Province of Marlborough, have been returned with certificates to the effect that

For the District of Picton
Arthur Penrose Seymour

For the District of Beaver
James Sinclair

For the District of Lower Wairau
Henry Dodson

William Henry Eyes]

For the District of Upper Wairau
John Godfrey

Cyrus Goulter

For the District of Wairau Valley
William Adams

William Douglas Hall Bailie

For the District of Awatere
Charles Elliott

For the District of Flaxbourne and Clarence

Joseph Ward
have been duly elected.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
For the Colonial Secretary.

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