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LAND DEPARTMENT.

Waste Land Board Office,
25th Nov., 1862.

His Honor Major Richardson,
Superintendent.

SIR—

IN accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 23rd October, I have the honor to subjoin a report of the proceedings of the Waste Land Board, for the past year. This being the first occasion on which such a report has been called for, I am not aware of the precise nature of the report required, but in order that the information may be as full as possible I have included matter of a previous date to that asked for.

The subjoined table shows the number of Sittings of the Waste Land Board, and the number of cases decided from the 1st April, 1856, when the existing Land Regulations came into force. The questions as to the boundaries of runs, the most fruitful sources of disputes, have for the most part been arranged, and there are now comparatively few cases in which it is necessary to apply to the Waste Land Board.

R E T U R N

*Shewing the number of Cases decided by
the Waste Land Board, subsequent
to 1st April, 1856.*

	Sittings.	Cases decided.
1856.		
April ...	3	19
May ...	7	37
July ...	1	2
August ...	2	11
September ..	1	12
	14	81
1856-7.		
October ...	3	24
November...	5	29
December...	8	66
1857.		
January ...	2	16
February ...	5	29
March ...	7	48
April ...	4	27
May ...	4	34
June ...	5	26
July ...	4	16
August ...	1	9
September...	3	20
	51	344

Year	Sittings.	Cases decided.	Year	Sittings.	Cases decided.
1857-8.			1860.		
October ...	8	57	July ...	1	8
November...	0	0	August ...	1	13
December...	1	10	September...	1	4
1858.				16	133
January ...	1	10	1860-61.		
February ...	0	0	October ...	1	12
March ...	4	54	November ..	1	7
April ...	3	13	December ...	0	0
May ...	2	11	1861.		
June ...	3	14	January ...	0	0
July ...	0	0	February ...	1	13
August ...	5	35	March ...	0	0
September..	4	34	April ...	6	17
	31	238	May ...	1	8
1858-9.			June ...	1	8
October ...	8	65	July ...	1	7
November..	6	56	August ...	1	7
December...	7	50	September...	1	2
1859.			October ...	1	1
January ...	4	36	November...	1	5
February ...	5	24	December...	1	9
March ...	6	28	1862.		
April ...	1	8	January ...	2	3
May ...	2	13	February ...	1	2
June ...	1	2	March ...	2	8
July ...	1	8	April ...	2	11
August ...	3	9	May ...	0	0
September ..	0	0	June ...	2	11
	42	299	July ...	1	3
1859-60.			August ...	1	4
October ...	3	11	September...	2	16
November...	2	8		16	73
December...	1	4	SUMMARY.		
1860.			1856-5 months	14	81
January ...	0	0	1856-7	51	344
February ...	2	10	1857-8	31	238
March ...	1	34	1858-9	42	299
April ...	1	14	1859-60	16	133
May ...	1	14	1860-61	9	81
June ...	2	13	1861-62	16	73
				179	1249

The following tabulated statements show the amount of land disposed of, the method of disposal, and the amount of money received, distinguishing the different Hundreds from which the same has been derived, and exhibiting the average price per acre, and the average quantity sold to each purchaser during the past and preceding years.

RETURN

OF THE SALE OF TOWN LANDS IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1861.

TOWNS.	Number of 1/4-acre Sections.	Number of Purchasers.	Acreage.	Amount realized.	Average price per Acre.	REMARKS.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Oamaru	170	85	42 2 0	4638 0 0	109 2 7	
Hampden.....	72	33	18 0 0	1271 10 0	70 12 9	
Port Chalmers.....	22	17	5 2 0	305 10 0	55 10 10	
Dunedin	11	8	2 3 0	491 0 0	178 10 10	
Tokomairiro.....	14	8	3 2 0	75 10 0	21 11 5	
TOTAL.....	289	154	72 1 0	6781 10 0		

General Average..... £94 3 0

RETURN

Of the Sale of Town Lands in the Province of Otago for the year ending
30th September, 1862.

TOWNS.	Number of 1/4-acre Sections	Number of Purchasers.	Acreage.			Amount realized.			Average Price per acre.			REMARKS.
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Oamaru	209	97	52	1	0	5939	10	0	113	13	5	
Hampden	40	26	10	0	0	632	10	0	63	5	0	
Hawksbury	86	26	21	2	0	1442	0	0	67	1	4	
Port Chalmers	62	36	15	2	0	1455	10	0	93	18	0	
Dunedin	2	2	0	2	0	183	10	0	367	0	0	
Waihola	93	52	23	1	0	2730	0	0	117	8	4	
Kaitangata	11	6	2	3	0	150	10	0	54	14	6	
Molyneux	96	53	24	0	0	1803	0	0	75	2	6	
Total	599	298	149	3	0	£14336	10	0				
General Average									£96 8 0			

RETURN

OF THE SALE OF RURAL LANDS IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1861.

HUNDREDS.	No. of Sections.	No. of Purchasers.	Acreage.			Amount Realized.			Average Price per acre.			Average Acreage per purchaser.	REMARKS.		
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Oamaru	63	19	3331	3	14	10909	17	9	3	5	6	175	1	13	Of purchases much above the average acreage there were the following, viz.: 1253 a.; 573 a.; 717 a.; 7827 a.; 1282 a.; 618 a.; 766 a.; 500 a.; 1323 a.
Moeraki	35	10	2355	2	2	3295	18	0	1	7	11	235	2	8	
Hawksbury	104	35	6258	2	23	7856	17	0	1	5	1	178	3	11	
Dunedin	40	35	1762	3	13	1795	10	3	1	0	4	50	1	18	
East Taieri	32	30	1177	2	19	1220	11	4	1	0	8	39	1	0	
West Taieri	2	2	72	3	0	48	17	6	0	13	5	36	1	20	
Waihola	5	4	302	0	14	302	0	7	1	0	0	75	2	3	
South Tokomairiro	34	24	1523	3	0	1523	15	0	1	0	0	63	1	34	
North Tokomairiro	8	4	225	0	0	225	0	0	1	0	0	56	1	0	
East Clutha	45	29	2085	0	0	2165	0	0	1	0	9	71	3	9	
West Clutha	13	9	600	0	0	600	0	0	1	0	0	66	2	26	
TOTAL	381	201	19695	0	5	29943	7	5	0	0	0	...	...	...
Tautuku Bush	1	1	100	0	0	100	0	0	1	0	0	100	0	0	
Pastoral Districts	8	6	230	0	0	175	0	0	0	15	2	38	1	13	
GRAND TOTALS	390	208	20025	0	5	30218	7	5							

General Average..... PRICE PER ACRE.
£1 10 2

ACREAGE PER PURCHASER.
96 a. 1 r. 3 p.

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Of the Sale of Rural Land for the Province of Otago for the year ending
30th September, 1862.

HUNDREDS.	Number of Sections.	No. of Purchasers.	Acreage.		Amount Realised.		Average Price per acre.		Average Acreage per purchaser.		REMARKS.
			A.	R. P.	£	s. D.	£	s. D.	A.	R. P.	
Oamaru	353	44	19,782	1 14	38,212	0 0	1 18	7	442	3 1	Of purchases much above the average there were the following, viz.: 2757a.; 818a.; 2810a.; 575a.; 699a.; 1400a.; 675a.; 1750a.; 600a.; 4500a.; 500a.; 500a.; 640a.; 867a.; 550a.; 13,146a.
Moeraki	75½	28	5696	1 14	7796	13 9	1 7	4	203	1 30	
Hawkesbury	78	36	5976	1 40	8019	3 0	1 6	10	166	0 2	
Dunedin	53½	43	3518	2 8	3523	7 3	1 0	0	81	3 12	
East Taieri.....	98	78	4699	1 0	4700	11 3	1 0	0	60	1 0	
West Taieri	46	27	2099	3 2	2688	9 3	1 5	7	77	3 3	
Waiholā	70	30	3876	3 21	3990	19 3	1 0	7	129	0 36	
S. Tokomairiro ...	116½	43	5269	3 0	5269	15 0	1 0	0	122	2 8	
N. Tokomairiro ..	4½	5	201	1 0	201	5 0	1 0	0	40	1 0	
East Clutha	205½	107	9550	0 0	9590	0 0	1 0	1	89	1 0	
West Clutha	1932	55	9526	2 0	9526	10 0	1 0	0	173	0 33	
Waitahuna	120	5	5328	1 6	6767	1 9	1 5	5	1065	2 25	
Pomahaka	184	3	13,293	2 22	18,614	1 6	1 8	0	4431	0 34	
Total	1598	504	88,826	0 2	118,899	17 0					
Pastoral Districts	7	7	490	0 0	490	0 0	1 0	0	70	0 0	
Grand total...	1605	511	89,316	0 0	119,389	17 0					

Price per acre.
£1 6s. 8d.

Acreage per Purchaser.
147a. 3r. 5p.

The following tabulated statement shows approximately the amount of rural land available for sale.

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Shewing Quantity of Rural Land Surveyed, Sold, and Unsold.

DISTRICT.	Survey Block.	Quantity Surveyed.	Sold.	Unsold.	Remarks.	
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Hillend	...	1	4800	70	4730	Open for application
Do.	...	2	3000	1586	1414	Not open
Do.	...	3	6949	...	6949	Not open
Do.	...	4	3822	3822	...	All sold
Do.	...	5	2982	2982	...	All sold
Table Hill	...	1	4575	1620	2955	Not open
Do.	...	2	4829	...	4829	Not open
Do.	...	3	4160	..	4160	Not open
Waitahuna	...	1	4931	...	4931	Do.
Do.	...	2	3888	...	3888	Do.
Do.	...	3	4286	...	4286	Do.
Akatore	...	1	4055	825	3230	Open for application
Do.	...	3	4480	821	3659	Do.
Do.	...	4	3515	1029	2486	Do.
Do.	...	5	4607	2100	2507	Do.
Do.	...	6	2710	200	2510	Not open do.
Maungatua	...	1	3704	2536	1168	Open for application.
Do.	...	2	4381	1698	2683	Do.
Otokia	...	1	4781	1509	3272	Do.
Do.	...	2	3620	1800	1820	Do.
Do.	...	3	3303	485	2818	Do.
Do.	...	4	3954	1100	2854	Do.
Do.	...	5	4012	3130	882	Do.
Clarendon	...	1	4590	805	3785	Do.
Do.	...	6	4476	1034	3442	Do.
Dunedin and E. Taieri	...	1	3424	1250	2174	Do.
Do.	...	2	3731	240	3491	Do.
Do.	...	3	3526	386	3140	Do.
Do.	...	4	4820	2437	2383	Do.
Do.	...	5	4848	2706	2142	Do.
Do.	...	6	...	...	...	All sold.
Do.	...	7	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	...	8	...	...	...	Do.
Pomahauka	...	1	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	...	2	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	...	3	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	...	4	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	...	5	...	...	...	All claimed
Do.	...	9	...	...	...	Do.
North Harbour & Blueskin	...	1	5422	231	5191	Not open
Do.	...	2	4672	2783	1889	Open for application.
Do.	...	2	3420	2687	733	Do.
Otepopo	...	1	...	...	...	All sold
Moeraki	...	1	5483	4648	835	Open for application
Do.	...	2	3648	3038	610	Do.
Do.	...	3	5196	75	5121	Not open
Do.	...	4	5586	156	5430	Do.
Do.	...	5	5336	..	5336	Do.
Hawksbury	...	1	5344	5344	...	All sold
Do.	...	2	3713	635	3078	Open for application
Do.	...	3	5338	868	4470	Do.
Do.	...	4	4700	4700	..	All sold
Do.	...	5	5332	3130	2202	Open for application
Do.	...	6	3668	3668	..	All sold
Do.	...	7	3667	..	3667	Open for application
Oamaru District	...	1 to 5	23422	23422	...	All sold
Do.	...	6	3436	2811	625	Not open
Do.	...	7	4028	...	4028	Do.
			226,670	94,367	132,303	

From the column of this table headed unsold there should be deducted one thirtieth part for education reserves, and about one fiftieth part for general reserves, the balance would then be the amount available for sale.

Within the original Otago Block there remain, of the surveyed lands, about 3000 acres still open for selection, a considerable portion of which is either hilly or swampy, and is not likely to be sold for some time.

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Of Acreage of Towns and Reserves.

	In Sections.			Reserves of Roads and Streets.			Unsurveyed.			Sold.			Total.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Waihola	118	0	0	56	1	28	...	...	...	25	1	0	174	1	28
Molyneux	258	0	0	117	1	7	626	3	30	26	0	0	1002	2	37
Kaitangata	88	0	0	46	1	35	139	0	15	2	3	0	273	2	10
Tokomairiro	12	1	0	28	1	24	76	2	7	6	0	0	117	0	31
Lawrence	124	1	0	87	1	22	384	1	5	0	1	0	595	3	27
Havelock	125	1	0	142	2	0	638	3	0	...	...	...	906	2	0
Greyton	27	2	0	16	1	20	90	0	3	0	2	0	133	3	23
Outram	64	1	0	38	2	39	...	...	...	1	3	0	102	3	39
Palmerston	149	1	0	58	3	3	699	2	3	4	1	0	907	2	3
Oamaru	476	0	0	342	0	3	293	2	36	112	2	0	1111	2	39
Hampden	306	0	0	148	3	24	180	0	37	21	3	0	635	0	21
Hawksbury	271	0	0	162	3	37	247	1	15	28	0	0	681	1	12
Port Chalmers	101	1	0	136	1	29	...	...	...	73	0	0	237	2	29
Dunedin	562	0	0	1228	1	5	...	...	...	521	3	0	1790	3	5
Waitaki Run, No. 23 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	470	0	0
Terrace Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23900	0	0
Waikouaiti River (at mouth)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	397	0	12
Blueskin Village ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	1	26
Purakanui Village ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115	0	0
Taieri Mouth Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
L. Taieri Ferry Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	2	2
Waipori Town and Landing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Clutha Ferry ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	738	0	0
Clutha and Waitahuna Junction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	986	0	0
Clutha and Tuapeka ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	0	0
Clutha and Deuchar Burn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	480	0	0
Coal Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6747	2	0
Puerua Township ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	640	0	0
Waiwera ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	640	0	0
Pomahauka (near junction)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	520	0	0
Pomahauka and Waiwera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	614	0	0
Popotunoa Town Reserve	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Otokia Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Mataura Falls Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Tuturau District Reserve	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Run 66 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Toitois Reserve ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Catlins River ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180	0	0
Tautaku ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0
Waikawea ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2683	2	0	2610	3	36	3378	1	31	823	3	0	46850	3	24

In reply to the question—whether the lands in question, if thrown into the market simply for the purpose of raising the revenue I have estimated for the ensuing six months, are likely to be sold much under their value—I have the honor to observe that the Town Land and Rural Land must be treated differently in my reply. With reference to Town Land, which is sold at an open auction, no doubt if a large quantity be offered in excess of the demand, the effect will be to cause a reduction in the price obtained for the sections sold, but the estimated revenue which I have furnished—viz., £70,000—I assume will be obtained without unduly pressing town land into the market, unless the Government, by withholding rural land, render such a course necessary.

With reference to Rural Land, I would observe that the Land Regulations of Otago are not based upon the principle that it is desirable to obtain the full market value of land, but were framed with the political object of affording the opportunity of purchase to bona fide settlers, and to exclude speculative purchasers; hence a condition of purchase was attached, requiring the expenditure of £2 per acre in improvements.

That restriction has not latterly had to the full extent the effect which was intended; but I feel a difficulty in expressing any opinion as to obtaining the full market value of land sold under regulations formed with an intention not to obtain that value. If the object of Government be to obtain the full market value, the system of open auction is the only one which will attain that result. I am of opinion that the practice adopted in one case—viz., Block 6, Oamaru—of selling the alternate sections and withholding the others, has had the effect of reducing the market value of the land sold; but possibly if the unsold sections be retained for a considerable time, the enhanced value of the now unsold land may more than compensate for the loss on recent sales. The subject has a political bearing which, as the General Government deem it advisable that I should avoid taking an active part in politics, I abstain from referring to; but I may state that I think it advisable, if the practice of so selling detached pieces of land is to be continued, that the reserves should be at greater distances from each other, so that a buyer may obtain land in contiguity, which from its extent may bear the necessary outlay to render it profitable to work it.

No applications for land for depasturing purposes have been received during the past year, the Waste Land Board deeming it advisable in the present state of the

Province not to let upon license for four teen years land which it may be necessary immediately to resume, at considerable outlay to the Government. The following tabulated statement shews the number of licenses issued during the year, in fulfilment of pre-existing engagements, and in terms of the Regulations. One abandoned run (No. 403) comprising about 70,000 acres, in the Interior district, was sold by auction for £700, but the license has not yet been issued.

No. OF RUN.	DATE OF ISSUE.	DATE OF LICENSE.	ACREAGE.	NAME OF LICENSEE.	LOCALITY OF RUN.	REMARKS.
350	Nov. 12, 1861	Feb. 26, 1860	22,000	John Thompson	Interior District	
301B	April 21, 1862	Jan. 17, 1859	74,000	Donald Hankinson	South Western District	
324	June 7, "	Feb. 26, 1860	38,000	Hamilton, Brothers	South Western District	
389	" 7, "	" 26, "	35,000	Hamilton, Brothers	South Western District	
1 of C.	Sept. 11, "	May 1, 1857	50,000	Hodgkinson & M'Murdo	Interior District	These three runs were licensed in Canterbury, and the claims were adjusted after the boundary line was fixed.
2 of C.	" 11, "	" 1, 1858	40,000	Hodgkinson & M'Murdo	Interior District	
3 of C.	" 11, "	" 1, 1860	63,680	Hodgkinson & M'Murdo	Interior District	
394	July 19, Sept. 12, "	Feb. 26, "	24,000	Edward G. Griffiths	Interior District	

On the probable operation of the system of leasing agricultural land in gold-fields I am not in a position to form an opinion excepting upon conjecture, the system having been so recently introduced as to

afford no experience upon which to found a judgment. I believe the granting of agricultural leases within gold-fields will be highly beneficial, and that they will be applied for so soon as the impression becomes general that the gold-fields will be permanent on any given spot, and consequently when the population becomes more settled. I am further of opinion that it would be desirable to grant leases of larger extent than ten acres, and to afford a greater security of tenure than can be given under the existing law. There is a large extent of land within the boundaries of proclaimed gold-fields, which in all probability will never be worked for gold, and I see no reason why such lands, after a sufficient examination, if found to be non-auriferous, should not be let upon lease, with a purchasing clause at a fixed price, sufficiently high to ensure the land being only applied for by those bona fide intending to use it.

With regard to the general working of the Land Regulations of the Province, both as regards the principles upon which they are based, and the practice in carrying them into operation, on which you request my opinion, I would observe that the principle upon which the Otago Land Regulations are based—viz., that the land should pass into the hands only of those who intend to use it, is in my opinion both wise and just; but the improvement clauses, by which that object is sought to be carried out, have latterly become ineffective, by reason of doubts entertained on the possibility of enforcing them. Upon the best legal means of obviating this difficulty, the Provincial Solicitor is the proper officer to express an opinion; but should there be no effective means of enforcing the conditions, I am of opinion that it will be impossible to prevent the country from passing away from the Government into the hands of large buyers, unless the price be raised.

The chief difficulty in carrying out the existing Land Regulations, in the spirit in which they were passed, arises from the fact of certain portions of the most available land on the sea coast having been retained as runs, and withheld from sale for so long a period as to have acquired a high position value far exceeding the ordinary average value of Crown Lands. I refer especially to one Section of Rural Land, adjoining the Town of Oamaru, which sold at the Government Sale for £14 per acre, and the whole of Block 1, Oamaru, which comprised 3776 acres, sold on an average for £3 6s. 10d. The whole of the land on the seaboard, north of Dunedin, and portions of the Interior Valleys, such as the Waihemo Valley, have more or less acquired a position

value, and it therefore becomes impossible to have a fixed price applicable to the whole lands of the Province which can work satisfactorily, and I do not see how it is possible to prevent those lands, which are much above the average value of the Crown Lands of the Province, from falling into the hands of large capitalists, with whom the small capitalists cannot compete.

That portion of the Land Regulations which provides for an auction between the applicants for the same land, whose applications have been made on the same day, is generally little understood by the public, and is attended by much inconvenience; this, however, arises from that which was understood to be an exception, having become the rule, the cause of its having become the rule is that stated before, that much of the land having acquired a higher value than the Government fixed price of £1 there will always be a large number of applicants for such lands, many of whom are mere speculators. I can see no remedy for this state of affairs but to raise the price of land to such a sum as will represent the average value of the Crown Lands generally, and by surveying and throwing open land greatly in excess of the demand. The course would replace the Land Regulations on their original footing, and the applicant for land would then find it to be an exceptional case where he was exposed to competition. The present inconvenience of the closed auction, as it is called, would have to be submitted to in dealing with all those lands which have acquired a market value much in excess of the rate which might be fixed as the price of the Crown Lands.

If the object of the Government be to ascertain my opinions on the subject of the Land Regulations, with a view specially to the revenue, I repeat the answer to the former question—That the system of open auction is the only one whereby the full value of the land can be obtained, and that any rules or regulations which tend to discourage speculation in land, equally tend to the reduction of the amount receivable by the Government.

There are several minor difficulties in carrying out the Land Regulations, the remedies for which were suggested by me to the Government several years since, and I prepared a revised set of regulations, which were, however, rejected by the Government. The revised regulations took a very considerable time to prepare, and I have not the notes by me from which they were prepared. As the amendments had reference to those points on which the regulations were evaded, and as the Local Government has ceased to have the power

to legislate upon the subject of Crown Lands, and it would require a lapse of at least eighteen months before any legislation by the General Assembly of New Zealand could be effective in providing remedies, I doubt the advisability of pointing out these defects in a document to be made public. Should the Government or the Members of the General Assembly contemplate proposing amendments in the Regulations, I shall be most willing to point out those particulars in which I, from experience, find the details of the Regulations defective.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. H. CUTTEN,
Chief Commissioner of the Waste Land Board, and Commissioner of Crown Lands.

IMMIGRATION REPORT.

Immigration Department,
14th October, 1862.

His Honor, Major Richardson,
Superintendent.

SIR— I HAVE the honor to present the following report on the Immigration Scheme:—

Immigrants' Bills.

The following is the amount collected from 1st April to 30th September, 1862:—

April	£802	10	0
May	591	10	0
June	636	17	4
July	738	5	3
August	621	0	0
September	564	9	6

Total for six months £2983 12 1
Total for six months ending 31st March, 1862, 4457 18 5

Total for twelve months, £8441 10 6

The above amount is somewhat less than I expected to realise, but the winter months are generally less productive, and the last winter was a season of depression in money matters amongst the community in general, and had a corresponding effect on the returns for Immigration. The return for September is considerably less than that of the five preceding months, in consequence of the rush to the Dunstan diggings.

The disposition on the part of many of the defaulters owing passage money to defer the payment of the debt to the latest period, and in some cases to repudiate the claims of the Government altogether, is no less apparent now than in former years. In accordance with my instructions from the Government I took immediate steps to recover, by legal measures, the bills due by immigrants of long standing in the colony. There were thirty-four defaulters sued, the Supreme Court cases having been conducted by Mr. Howorth, and those coming under the jurisdiction of the Resident

Magistrate by myself. I herewith enclose a list of the parties sued, with remarks on each case. The discontinuance of the District Court, and the long interval elapsing between the sittings of the Supreme Court, have retarded our operations, but as there is now a near prospect of the appointment of a Resident Judge, this delay will not again occur. The plan I have proposed to myself is, if possible, to clear off each ship in succession, and take such other steps as I find circumstances may demand. I find it utterly useless to continue any further correspondence with defaulters in the Province of Southland, as they seem determined to take no notice of my communications, and I would respectfully suggest that the Government should employ a solicitor in Invercargill, to recover, by legal measures, the monies due there.

Immigration Fund.

The following is the present state of the Immigration Fund:—

The total amount of debt due by immigrants is £46,979 1s. 5d. The amount due, according to the time allowed by the British Agents for payment, is £37,136 18s. 7d.

The following are the present divisions of the Immigration Scheme:—

1. Guaranteed passages by *bona fide* settlers.
2. Parties paying the whole of the passage money of their friends at this end.
3. Applications by *bona fide* settlers for single females to be brought out free.

Guaranteed Passages.

In accordance with the resolution of the Government to resume Immigration on the Guaranteed Passage Scheme, I have the honor to report that sixty-eight applications by *bona fide* settlers in the colony, guaranteeing the payment of the passage of their friends, have been forwarded from this office to the British Agents. The system now adopted and approved of by the Government is, that two persons names, both being *bona fide* settlers, be adhibited to the form of guarantee, and I have used every precaution to have sufficient security for the repayment of the loan before entertaining the application. The number of souls indicated by the 68 applications is 231.

In addition to this, I have entertained and accepted applications from persons paying at this end the whole or a part of the passage money of their friends. The sum of £327 was paid into the Treasury on their account, and £129 is still due on good security.

Female Immigration.

There have been 180 single females suitable as domestic servants, sent for by

me, on application by *bona fide* settlers in the colony since the 15th March ult.

This scheme which the Government resolved upon nine months ago, for the purpose of supplying the great demand for female labour in the colony, is now beginning to take effect. The following numbers have already arrived :—

Per Black Swan, 13th Feb., 1862,	9	statute adults.
„ Escort, 12th Aug.,	1	„
„ Grasmere, 5th Sept.,	30	„
„ Bombay, 11th	7	„
„ Robt. Henderson, 19th Sep.,	8	„
„ Jura, 6th Oct.,	59½	„

Total number of females 114½

By late advices from the British Agents it appears that the Sevilla sailed from the Clyde on the 1st August, for this colony, with 129 single females; the Star of Tasmania, from London, on the 26th July, with 25; and the Pladda, from the Clyde, on the 10th September, with about 200. The first two ships are now about due.

The females who arrived by all the above ships, excepting the Jura, were accepted on the original half passage scheme adopted by the Government; but as the agents found that they would not be successful in inducing many to avail themselves of it, from the fact that other colonies were offering more favourable terms, a more liberal scheme was afterwards adopted, the female immigrants per Jura being the first under the new system. Those who have already arrived were, upon the whole, a suitable class for supplying the demand for domestic servants in town and in the country districts, and their good behaviour on board ship, as reported by those in charge of them, and in the barracks, testifies to the care with which the British Agents have made the selection. Those by the first five ships were readily engaged at wages ranging from £35 to £40 per annum, and those per Jura at from £30 to £35. The above wages may appear excessive for female labour, but as long as the demand is so much in excess of the supply, so long will the wages continue high. I have no doubt, however, that the arrival of the next ship will have a marked effect in lowering the wages of female servants in the colony.

The difficulty of carrying out a scheme of female emigration, so as to guard against the introduction of females of indifferent character, has been felt in other colonies. The Agents of the Government of Otago, I have reason to believe, feel the responsibility resting upon them in this respect, and are earnest in their endeavours to select emigrants of good moral character. Whatever irregularity may have taken place, has occurred without their knowledge. In my report to your Honor on the arrival of the Jura, I felt it my duty to inform you that four females by that ship came out as unmarried among the

single females, while the husbands of three of them were in the same ship among the single men, and the husband of the fourth preceded her per Robert Henderson; this device being resorted to in order to evade the full payment of the passage money. The Government instructed me to demand the immediate payment of the sum advanced by the Agents for these parties, and if not complied with, to prosecute them for obtaining money on false pretences.

It is of great importance to have a competent matron in charge of the females by each ship, as was the case on board the Jura. By proper care on her part, any irregularity or improper conduct is checked at once, and good order and discipline are preserved throughout the voyage.

From the experience I have now derived in regard to female immigration, I can confidently assert that the only class suitable for this colony is hard working domestic servants, and these alone will succeed. Nothing, in my opinion, would be more imprudent, both as regards the colony and the parties themselves, than the introduction of needlewomen and governesses from the large towns at home into this Province, as they are wholly unsuitable, from their previous habits, to engage as servants in families, and equally unsuitable as wives to our working classes. As soon as they find that there is no demand for them, and, perhaps, after trial, that they cannot perform the duties required of a servant in a family, they lose heart, and moral ruin is imminent. I have seen a few instances of this kind, and now feel it my duty respectfully to warn the Government against spending the public money in assisting females of these classes.

I have thought it my duty, with your Honor's approbation, to afford every assistance to male immigrants from Great Britain, who have come out to the colony at their own expense, without any assistance from Government. Of the several hundreds who have arrived on our shores within the last two months, the greater number appeared to be a superior class, who would be an honor to any colony. As it is well that such immigrants should be encouraged, I have granted them liberty to lodge in the barracks for a short time, and rendered my services in procuring engagements for them in the country districts.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

COLIN ALLAN,
Immigration Agent.

ROAD ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To His Honor Major Richardson,
Superintendent.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor to lay before you a report on the general progress of the

Roads in this Province, during the six months ending 30th September, 1862.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES DUNDAS,
Assistant Engineer.
Pro Road Engineer.

SOUTHERN TRUNK.

DUNEDIN TO TAIERI FERRY.
(Inspector Abbott.)

Contracts

At the commencement of the half-year there were five contracts in operation on this Section, viz. :—

1st. Smail and Brinings, metalling road for two miles south of Abbott's Creek.

2nd. John Wishart—Metalling road for two miles south of Mr. Dickson's, East Taieri.

3rd. John Wishart—Metalling one and a quarter miles south of Mr. Callender's Hotel.

4th. James M'Kenzie—Metalling and forming six miles of road south of Mr. Dowie's house. On this portion the contractor has built culverts.

5th. John Wishart—Metalling three quarters of a mile of road, north of Taieri Ferry, one mile south of contract 4th.

Those five contracts have all been completed during the half-year, and another contract has been entered into with Mr. M'Kenzie, for metalling three miles and eight chains south of the Reliance Hotel, No. (6).

It is impossible to tell the exact amount of work that has been performed during the six months, as contracts 1 to 5 had been in operation for periods varying from one to four months previous to the commencement of the term, approximately 12 miles have been metalled, and six miles formed.

Contract No. 6 should have been completed on the 6th October, 1862, but extension of time was granted on account of bad weather. More than half of this contract is now finished.

Day Labor.

The road has been formed for four and three quarter miles north of the Taieri Ferry, involving some heavy side cuttings. The entire maintenance of the road has been kept up by daily labor; an average number of 22 surfacemen has been employed at a wage of 7s per diem.

Average number of laborers, 40 at 6s. per diem.

Remark.

When contract No. 6 is completed, the road will be metalled throughout from Dunedin to Taieri Ferry, the cost of maintaining which, for the ensuing six

months, should not exceed £4400 or £200 per mile.

The items of expenditure should be nearly as follows :—

Two surfacemen per mile, at	
7s. per diem each	£109 4 0
One hundred and fifty yards	
metal per mile, at 10s. per	
yard.....	75 0 0

Total for one mile .. £184 4 0

The system of road-making which has been adopted in this Section, viz. : laying a thin coat of metal on top of broken schist will prove much more expensive in the end than if the road had been properly pitched and drains cut across at short intervals. The cost of this latter system would be nearly double of that which has been adopted, but where such heavy traffic exists as on the road from Dunedin to Tokomairiro, it would prove much more economical. A contract was entered into with Mr. Macilwain to erect mile posts on the road between Dunedin and Molyneux. He has failed to perform his contract.

Expenditure.*

Contracts 1	£2320 0 0
" 2, 3, 5	4930 0 0
" 3	
" 4	7338 14 0
" 5	
" 6	600 0 0
Wages to laborers and surfacemen	3277 4 7
Tools, &c.	96 8 4

Total expenditure	18,562 6 11
Balance unexpended	1,437 13 1

Amount of vote £20,000 0 0

TAIERI FERRY TO TOKOMAIRIRO RIVER.
(Inspector Pitcairn.)

Contract.

On this section three contracts were in operation at the commencement of the half-year.

1st. Jas. M'Kenzie—Metalling and forming about three and a quarter miles from the Taieri Ferry southwards. This contract should have been completed on the 7th June. The works were stopped by the Provincial Engineer on account of bad weather. One mile of this contract is now completed.

2nd. Jas. M'Kenzie—Metalling one mile of road, about seven miles south of the

* There will exist a difference between the sums entered in these tables and those in the Treasury; the one appearing in the Road Department Bill book, and the other as paid by the Treasury Department.

Taiari Ferry. This contract should have been completed on the 5th June, but was stopped on account of bad weather. No metal has as yet been laid on.

3rd. F. K. Williams—Forming and metalling one and three quarter miles, commencing at the southern end of contract 2nd. This contract should have been completed on the 31st July. About one mile is now finished.

Day Labor.

The road for two and a half miles to the south of contract No. 1 has been formed, and is now ready for metalling. The next one and a quarter miles have been formed and gravelled by daily labour. This portion of the road is in good condition from the southern extremity of contract No. 3 to the Mill, Tokomairiro, a distance of about four miles. The road was gravelled before the term.

The maintenance of this portion was kept up by daily labour. This was a work of more cost than might appear at first sight. The gravel was so much cut up by the heavy traffic that it was found necessary during the winter to spread scrub over the surface of the road to prevent it from becoming perfectly impassable.

Remarks.

This section, about 17 miles in length, is now in this state:—Two miles are metalled, and contracts embracing four miles more are in progress; six miles have been gravelled; three miles of the gravelled road has been so cut up by the immense traffic which has been on the road during the past summer as to require complete renewal—it is quite evident that simple graveling is not sufficient to bear the traffic on this section. Sixty chains of the road between the bridges, Tokomairiro, had been gravelled shortly before the beginning of the half-year; during the winter months this part was nearly as bad as the adjoining portion of the road, which had never been touched.

Expenditure.

Contract 1	719	0	0
" 2	105	0	0
" 3	777	10	0
Daily labour	3711	3	6
Tools, repairs, &c.	513	10	1
Balance of Contract completed before six months, due to Mr. Hardy	287	16	1
Total expenditure	£6113	19	8
Unexpended balance	886	0	4
Amount of vote	£7000	0	0

TOKOMAIRIRO RIVER TO CLUTHA FERRY.

(Inspector Pitcairn.)

All that has been done to this section during the six months is repairing a few culverts and cleaning out ditches at the side of the road. This work was done by private contract by Mr. Graham.

Two contracts were entered into with Mr. M'Ennis.

1st. Two Bridges at Stoney Creek.

2nd. A Bridge at Lovel's Creek.

They were completed about the commencement of the term.

Remarks.

This section is about eighteen miles in length, it is not metalled in any part at present except on the approaches to the Bridges, nor is the traffic at present sufficiently great to warrant the expenditure which would be incurred in metalling. The Inspector reports that side cutting will be required at some parts of the road. He estimates the cost at £2000.

Expenditure.

Private contract with Mr. Graham	£308	16	6
Unexpended balance	£1691	3	6
Amount of vote	2000	0	0

CLUTHA FERRY TO MATAURA FERRY.

(Sub-Inspector Small.)

This section of road is about 55 miles in length. During the half-year but little appears to have been done. The Inspector reports that he has metalled the Kahiku and Waiwera Bridges.

The road through Popotuna Gorge for two miles has been widened from twelve to fifteen feet. This is a work of more magnitude than would at first sight appear, as the cutting is almost entirely through rock.

The Inspector also reports that twenty chains of side cutting have been finished, fifteen stone culverts built, and two bridges erected, one of which was done by contract.

The report of Inspector Small is so extremely meagre that it is impossible to give more detailed information.

Expenditure.

Wages to laborers	£570	18	0
Provisions, tools, repairs, &c.	415	12	7
Total expenditure	£986	10	7
Unexpended balance	1013	9	5
Amount of vote	£2000	0	0

NORTHERN TRUNK,

THROUGH DUNEDIN.

(Inspector Abbott.)

The amount voted, £2000, was handed over to the Town Board of Dunedin.

DUNEDIN TO WAIKOUAITI.

(Inspectors Oliver, Chalmers, and Cahill.)

Contracts.

At the commencement of the half-year there were two contracts for road-making in operation.

1st. Campbell and Davis, bush cutting, forming, and metalling horse track from Bush Inn towards Blueskin, about two miles.

This contract is now completed.

2nd. D. R. Evans, forming eighty-eight chains of road immediately south of Blueskin Bay.

3rd. Shortly after the commencement of the half-year a contract was entered into with Mr. Muir for the forming and metalling of one hundred chains of road, at Cherry Farm, Waikouaiti. This portion is now formed, and metal broken ready to lay on, but the works are put a stop to on account of the delay in building the bridge over a lagoon at the same place. A contract was entered into with Mr. Muir for the construction of this bridge. In the original plan it was proposed that the bridge should be built of three spans, and that embankments should be thrown up at each end. It was found that the swamp would not bear the embankment, and that it would be necessary to extend the bridge to eighteen spans. Ten of those spans are now completed. A contract was also entered into with Mr. Muir for making a large cutting near the bridge.

Day Labour.

About one mile of the road, extending from Bush Inn southwards, was metalled shortly after the commencement of the half-year. A road party of twelve men were engaged at the same time in forming and metalling horse track immediately north of Blueskin Bay. Farther north a party (toward Cherry Farm) of sixteen men were employed in a similar manner. The rate of wages of those men was 5s. per diem with rations.

In May a road party was employed in widening and metalling the road between North-east Valley and Bush Inn. In July the number of men employed on this work was two hundred and fifty: on the discovery of the Dunstan gold-fields most of those men left the works. Shortly

after, however, about one hundred returned, and the works were completed about the end of September.

In the month of July a party of fifty men was employed on the road from Bush Inn towards Blueskin. In August this party was increased to one hundred in number, and at the end of September one hundred and seventy-five men were employed.

These men were engaged in widening and forming the road and building culverts. At the end of September the road was formed for two miles and a half, north of Bush Inn.

Remarks.

There is now an excellent metalled road from Dunedin to the divergence of the Port Chalmers road; from this point for two miles and a half further on, the road is formed and ready for metalling; the next three and a half miles are metalled. The road is here only sufficiently wide for a horse track; it would be expedient to close this portion for dray traffic until the formation is widened.

From the termination of the metalled track to Blueskin the road is formed.

In Kilmog Bush, one mile and three-quarters have been formed and metalled in the same manner as the horse track in Blueskin Bush.

The portion of road requiring more immediate attention are tracks through Blueskin Bush to be widened, road at Blueskin Bay to be formed, track through Kilmog Bush to be widened, and contract for making road through swamp near Cherry Farm to be completed.

Expenditure.

Contract 1	£991	15	6
" 2	427	12	6
" 3	1500	0	0
Wages to laborers, surface-men, &c.	1327	10	8
Tools, provisions, repairs and private contracts	1863	5	4
Total expenditure	6110	4	0
Expenditure in excess	1110	4	0
Amount of vote	£5000	0	0

On this road £3644 19s 6d have been expended on daily labor in addition to the above sum of £1327 10s 8d.

Total sum expended on labor £4972 10s 2d.

WAIKOUAITI TO SHAG RIVER.

(Inspectors Oliver, Chalmers, & Cahill.)

Contracts.

1st. Grant and Kirby—Forming and

metalling ninety chains of road at Hawksbury Township. About three-fourths of this contract was finished at the commencement of the half-year. The whole contract was completed in May.

2nd. Munro and Ritchie—Forming seventeen and a-half chains of road near Pleasant River.

Some small contracts for building culverts have been completed.

Day Labor.

No regular road parties have been organised on this section. Surfaced men have been scattered along the road throughout the six months.

Remarks.

Of this section, nearly ten miles in length, ninety chains are metalled, and about a quarter of a mile more formed, the remainder of the road being entirely untouched. The greater portion of this section should be formed.

Two bridges have been built over Pleasant River by Mr. Palmer.

Expenditure.

Contract 1.....	£1000	0	0
" 2.....	80	0	0
Wages to laborers and surfacemen	198	1	0
Tools, repairs, &c.	17	10	0
Pleasant River Bridges ..	965	12	3
Total expenditure	2261	3	3
Unexpended balance	238	16	9
Amount of vote.....	£2500	0	0

SHAG RIVER TO OAMARU.

(Sub-Inspector Stranchon).

Contracts.

1st. Allan Henderson—Constructing twelve culverts about two miles south of Hampden Township.

Several private contracts have been completed:—

1st. D. Gardiner—Two culverts, about two miles south of Oamaru.

2nd. Elder, Bros.—Side cutting at same place, about 800 cubic yards.

3rd. M. Dillon—One culvert at same place.

Day Labor.

About one mile of road has been formed and a large embankment thrown across a swamp two miles south of Hampden township. At Hampden township a quarter of a mile of road has been formed, and a wooden culvert erected, between this and Otepopo. Six sidings have been cut.

About two miles south of Oamaru, at Awamoa and Mann's Gully, half a mile of road has been formed, involving some heavy cutting and banking. The average number of laborers employed on this section has been thirty; rate of wages, 8s. per diem.

Remarks.

No portion of this section has been metalled, nor is the traffic sufficiently great to warrant it. From Shag River for six miles northwards the road should be formed; also one mile near Otepopo should be formed. Instructions have been given to Sub-Inspector Stranchon to proceed with this work. Two bridges have been done on this section by contract; as they do not come under this department, particulars are not given.

Expenditure.

Contract—Allan Henderson	228	3	1
" D. Gardner	58	11	6
Elder, Bros. (not yet paid)	£70	0	3
M. Dillon.....	30	17	0
Wages to laborers and surfacemen	784	11	3
Tools and repairs	18	5	6
Expenditure incurred in bridge under heading Shag River to Oamaru.	2700	18	10
Total expenditure.....	£3821	7	2
Expenditure in excess	1321	7	2
Amount of vote.....	£2500	0	0

OAMARU TO WAITAKI.

(Sub-Inspector Stranchon).

Contracts.

1st. Elder, Bros.—From landing-place at Oamaru, one mile northwards, forming and gravelling road. Half of this contract was finished on 1st April; it is not completed.

2nd. Elder, Bros.—From termination of last contract to town boundary, 46 chains of road formed and gravelled.

3rd. M. Dillon—Forming road and cutting ditches from town boundary to Boundary Creek, a distance of three and a quarter miles. In this contract it was necessary to fill up several swamps.

Day Labor.

An average number of four men has been employed during the last three months, chiefly as surfacemen, at a daily rate of 8s. per diem.

Remarks.

The road between town boundary and Boundary Creek should be metalled; the traffic is considerable, averaging about ten drays per diem. From Boundary Creek to the Waitaki the road is naturally very good, and requires nothing except at the Waitaki and at Oamaru Point, where some cutting must be done. A road party of forty men working for one month should finish the whole.

A contract was entered into with Mr. J. Thompson to build a bridge over Boundary Creek; this is now finished.

Contract 1	659	7	7
" 2	419	5	0
" 3	544	17	10
Wages to Laborers and Sur- facemen	136	10	3
Bridge, Boundary Creek ..	351	10	6
Tools, repairs, &c.	30	19	10
Total expenditure.....	£2142	11	0
Unexpended balance	357	9	0
Amount of vote	2500	0	0

SOUTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.

CLUTHA MOUTH TO INTERIOR.

(Sub-Inspector Smaill)

All the work that has been performed on this Section during the last six months has been done by daily labor. The Inspector reports as follows:—

One hundred and ten chains of road have been completed, sixteen chains of which were in swamp, and ninety-four chains side cutting. Ten culverts have been built. Ditches have been dug through swamps for a distance of seventy-three chains. The approaches to seven bridges have been metalled, and the road line cleared of flax for half a mile. The Inspector also reports that in order to complete the line of road from the Molyneux Township to the main South Road, it will be necessary to metal forty-five chains, to dig forty chains of ditches, and to build one bridge.

Expenditure.

Wages to laborers, sur- facemen, &c.	£1294	19	7
Tools, provisions, repairs, &c.	667	12	4
Total expenditure ..	1962	11	11
Unexpended balance ..	1037	8	1
Amount of vote	£3000	0	0

NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.

OAMARU TO INTERIOR.

(Sub-Inspector Strachon.)

All the works on this Section for the last six months have been done by daily labor.

From the Marawennua for a distance of forty miles up the Valley of the Waitaki River side cuttings have been made wherever necessary. In swamps metal has been used. Forty culverts have been built. The road is now good for the distance of forty miles. An average number of thirty men (30) have been employed on this Section. The rate of wages has been 5s. 6d. per diem, with rations.

Remarks.

From the termination of the line of road now completed to the Lindis, is a distance of forty-five miles. Some large side cuttings will be necessary. The present road party should finish the whole in two months.

Expenditure.

Wages to laborers, sur- facemen, &c.	£959	10	3
Provisions, tools, repairs, &c.	774	8	11
Total expenditure ...	1733	19	2
Unexpended balance ..	266	0	10
Amount of vote	£2000	0	0

CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK.

SADDLE HILL TO WEST TAIERI.

(Inspector Abbott.)

Contracts.

At the commencement of the six months there were three contracts in operation.

1st. W. Morton—Cutting ditches on each side of the road for a distance of two hundred and seventy-two chains.

2nd. Taylor and Gore—Cutting large drains from road line to Silver Stream, for the purpose of draining water from road. The drain is twenty feet wide, eight feet deep, and forty-one chains long.

3rd. Jas. M'Kenzie—Forming and metalling one hundred and forty-seven chains of road from Saddle Hill to Silver Stream. These three contracts are now all completed.

Day Labor.

Four miles and a half of the road between Silver Stream and West Taieri have been formed. Two miles and a quarter of this distance are in banking, average height of banking two feet. Fifteen cul-

verts have been built, and thirteen repaired. The average number of men employed was about seventy, and the rate of pay 6s 6d per diem. On the average two drays and horses have been employed on this section.

Remarks.

The road from Saddle Hill to West Taieri is now finished, with the exception of three quarters of a mile, on Mr. Turnbull's property, about three miles from Saddle Hill. Mr. Turnbull objects to the road being taken through his property.

Expenditure.

Contract 1.....	£623	0	0
" 2.....	605	0	0
" 3.....	1575	0	0
Wages to laborers, surface-men, cartage, &c.	3655	11	4
Tools and repairs.....	4	17	0
Total expenditure	6463	8	4
Unexpended balance	3536	11	8
Amount voted.....	£10,000	0	0

WEST TAIERI TO INTERIOR.

(Inspector Abbott.)

Two contracts were in operation on this section at the commencement of the half-year.

1st. Bailey and Corcoran—Widening cutting three miles north of Taieri Ferry. The road for about two miles of this cutting has been widened from fifteen to twenty-one feet.

2nd. D. R. Evans—Forming about a mile of road between last contract and the Taieri Ferry.

3rd. During the six months a private contract was entered into with M. Corcoran for widening three-quarters of a mile of road between school-house, West Taieri, and Mac's Hotel. This portion of road was widened from fifteen to twenty-one feet.

Day Labor.

A road party of twelve men was engaged for three months after the 1st of April, in bridging streams and making side cuttings on the line of road near Campbell Thomson's station. During the last three months of the term two surfacemen were engaged on the road between Campbell Thomson's and the West Taieri.

The laborers on this section were paid at the rate of 6s. 6d. per diem, with rations.

Remarks.

All that is now required in this section is that a few surfacemen should be constantly employed in making necessary repairs, &c.

Expenditure.

Contract 1	£348	1	11
" 2	213	12	0
" 3	207	6	0
Wages to laborers, surface-men, carters, &c.	420	14	4
Tools, provisions, repairs, &c.	8	14	0
Total expenditure	1198	8	3
Unexpended balance	801	11	9
Amount of vote.....	2000	0	0

MAIN BRANCH ROADS.

DUNEDIN TO PORTOBELLO.

(Inspector Abbott.)

There were three contracts in operation on the 1st April.

1st. Wm. Mitchell—Forming and metalling forty-one chains of road between Dunedin and Anderson's Bay. This contract was just being completed at the commencement of the term.

2nd. Messrs. Johnstone and Erskine—Forming and metalling forty chains of road from Dunedin towards Anderson's Bay. A small portion of this contract was finished at the commencement of the six months. It is now completed.

3rd. D. Proudfoot—Forming and metalling seventeen chains of road, between contracts 1st and 2nd. This contract is now completed.

Day Labor.

Shortly after the completion of contracts 2nd and 3rd, it was found that the road was not sufficiently strong to bear traffic. A road party of nine men and two drays were set to work at once. This party was at work for three months. The road is now excellent. Rate of wages for laborers was 7s. per diem. On the 1st April a road party of about thirty men was employed in extending the road towards Portobello Bay through the bush. This party was at work until the end of May, by which time they had formed about sixty-five chains of road. Rate of wages to this party, 6s. 6d. per diem.

This road is now metalled from Dunedin for a distance of ninety chains. About four miles more have been formed. It is not yet decided how the road is to be carried on to Portobello Bay.

Expenditure.

Contract 1	£85	0	0
" 2	336	0	0
" 3	217	14	6
Wages to laborers, carters, &c.	779	2	2
Tools, repairs, &c	37	3	1
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Total expenditure	1454	19	9
Unexpended balance	1045	0	3
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Amount of vote	£2500	0	0

DUNEDIN TO WEST TAIERI.

(Inspector Abbott.)

On this Section two contracts have been completed during the six months.

1st. M'Millan and M'Intosh—Metallizing seventy chains at Halfway Bush.

2nd. Wm. Mitchell (private contract) metallizing ten chains near Halfway Bush.

Day Labor.

Three surfacemen have been constantly employed on this line of road for the last six months at a daily wage of 7s. each. A road party of six men were employed near Silver Stream for about six weeks.

Remarks.

Of this Section about fifteen miles in length, about one and a half miles are metallized; little or nothing has been done to the remainder; the portion of road through the Taieri plain is good in summer, but very bad in winter.

Expenditure.

Contract 1	£599	8	0
" 2	78	0	0
Wages to laborers, &c.	394	17	0
Tools repaired	3	16	4
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Total expenditure	1076	1	4
Unexpended balance	23	18	8
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Amount of vote	£1100	0	0

NORTH EAST VALLEY TO TIMBER DISTRICT.

(Inspectors Oliver, Chalmers, & Cahill.)

A contract for metallizing thirty chains of this road was completed in April by A. & G. Ford. In July a road party of ten men was employed in quarrying metal and spreading it on the surface of the road. During the Dunstair rush the men all left this road. In September a party of six men, with two horses and drays, were employed in metallizing. Towards the end of September the party was increased to twenty-five men. It is anticipated that this force of men will finish the road in one month.

Expenditure.

Contract A. & G. Ford....	£200	16	0
Wages to laborers, carters, &c.	570	0	8
Tools, repairs, &c	14	11	6
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Total expenditure	785	8	2
Expenditure in excess	285	8	2
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Amount of vote	£500	0	0

PORT CHALMERS TO NORTHERN TRUNK.

(Inspectors Oliver, Chalmers, & Cahill.)

A contract for horse track on this section by Telfer and Pitman was completed just before the commencement of the half-year. During July and August two men were employed in keeping this road in repair.

Mr. M'Kenzie has entered into a contract to widen this track. He commenced operations towards the end of September, but received no payment during the six months. The supervision of this road still remains with the Provincial Engineer.

Expenditure.

Telford & Pitman	536	7	7
Wages	97	1	0
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Total Expenditure	£633	8	7
Unexpended balance	3366	11	5
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Amount of vote	£4000	0	0

INCH CLUTHA TO SOUTHERN TRUNK.

(Sub-Inspector Small.)

No expenditure has been incurred under this heading. Plans and specifications for the formation of the road have been prepared.

TOKOMAIRIRO TO TUAPEKA.

(Inspector Piteairn.)

Contracts.

A contract has been entered into with Mr. Ross for gravelling one mile and a half of the road near Major Croker's house. Three private contracts have also been entered into.

1st. J. D. Ross—Gravelling one and a half miles of road near Major Croker's house.

2nd. T. Reid—Building and repairing culverts.

3rd. Thos. Murray—Forming three miles of road from the Woolshed Diggings to the Round Hill.

4th. J. L. Smithers—Earthwork in approaches to Waitahuna Bridge, building three culverts, earthwork in approaches to those culverts, gravelling approaches to bridge and culverts.

Day Labor.

The road was formed and ditches dug on that portion of the road for which Mr. Ross contracted.

Two road parties have been engaged on that portion of the road which passes through the Woolshed Diggings. About two miles have been formed here.

Towards the end of August, surfacemen were employed on Mr. Ross's contract, in order to keep the surface in good repair.

Remarks.

The Inspector reports that two small bridges and some side cuttings are required near Round Hill, and that when these are completed there will be a good dray road from Tokomairiro to the Waitahuna. He estimates the cost to be £300. There is now an excellent bridge over the Waitahuna. From the Waitahuna to the Tuapeka nothing has been done to the track.

Expenditure.

Contract 1	£585	0	0
" 2	65	0	0
" 3	256	0	0
" 4	457	10	5
Day labor	1333	13	9
Tools, repairs, &c.	219	15	9
Total expenditure	£2916	19	11
Unexpended balance	2083	0	1
Amount voted.....	5000	0	0

TOKOMAIRIRO TO CLARENDON.

(Inspector Pitcairn).

No expenditure has been incurred under this heading. Plans and sections have been prepared, and the making of this road will shortly be open for tender.

WEST TAIERI TO TUAPEKA.

(Inspector Abbott).

All the works on this section were performed by day labor. One road party of seven men was at work between Lees Stream and the Waipori River during the whole of the six months. This party was engaged in building culverts and making side cuttings where necessary,

Another party of eight men was engaged on the road between Waipori and Wetherstone's; these men were similarly employed.

Remarks.

This is now a good dray road between West Taieri and Wetherstone's, which requires only a small party to repair culverts, &c.

Expenditure.

Wages to laborers	£923	18	10
Tools, repairs, &c.	7	1	10
Total expenditure	£931	0	8
Unexpended balance	1068	19	4
Amount voted.....	2000	0	0

A wire suspension bridge has been put across the Waipori by day labour. This bridge is for foot passengers and horses; it is found to do very well.

WAIKOUAITI TO NORTHERN TRUNK.
(Inspectors Oliver, Chalmers, and Cahill.)

No expenditure has been incurred under this heading during the half-year.

MOERAKI BAY TO NORTHERN TRUNK.
(Sub-Inspector Strauchon.)

Nothing has been done to this road during the half-year. It is proposed to place a road party on this Section at once.

OAMARU BAY TO NORTHERN TRUNK.
(Sub-Inspector Strauchon.)

The expenditure on this Section has been placed under the heading "*Oamaru to Waitaki.*"

ROAD TO MILITARY BARRACKS.

(Inspector Abbott.)

Contracts.

M. Dillon — Metalling twenty-two chains. This contract was completed shortly after the commencement of the half-year.

Day Labour.

About twenty of the Military were employed for some short time after the commencement of the half-year.

Expenditure.

Contract (Dillon)	£204	5	0
Wages to laborers, surface- men, &c.	296	0	3
Tools, repairs, &c.	46	6	11
Total expenditure	546	12	2
Expenditure in excess	396	12	2
Amount of vote	£150	0	0

Afterwards a road party of about eighteen (18) men was employed to complete the work.

Roads not provided for.

Approach to Police Station, Port Chalmers	£169	2	3
Approach to Cattle Yard, Port Chalmers	14	2	0
Road from Dunedin Jetty to Beach	50	0	0
Road from Campbell Thomp- son's to new diggings ..	111	8	0
Waikouaiti to Dunstan Gold Fields	91	6	2
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Total expenditure	435	18	5
Unexpended balance	1564	1	7
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Amount of vote	£2000	0	0

Supplemented Roads.

No expenditure has been incurred except on the Moray Place works, which were under the charge of Inspector Abbot. On those works the prisoners were employed in excavating for about four months after the commencement of the half-year. Six carts were employed at the same time.

Expenditure.

Wages to laborers and carters	£102	15	6
Tools, repairs, &c.	181	13	2
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Total expenditure	284	8	8
Unexpended balance	115	11	4
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Amount of vote	£400	0	0

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office,
Dunedin, 16th October, 1862.

His Honor Major Richardson,
Superintendent.

SIR—In forwarding the Estimates for the ensuing half-year, I do myself the honor to submit the following remarks referring to the general condition and prospects of this Department, in comparison with its position when the last Estimates were submitted.

The rapid development of the gold fields had caused a large increase in the strength of the Force immediately before the passing of the former Appropriation Ordinance, and provision was made therein for the continuance of that increase during the past half-year. Although, during the winter, less activity prevailed, and the mining population decreased, yet the very great probability of crime, and subse-

quently, I regret to add, the absolute increase of serious offences, rendered it unwise to diminish the strength of the Department, which was kept throughout the half-year at about the same level.

By strict economy I was enabled to effect a saving in the votes for salaries, while maintaining a force sufficient to preserve order, secure property, and efficiently to supervise the criminal element then resident in the Province.

This latter (the criminal element) did not, during the winter, diminish in the same ratio as the mining population of a better character, which may probably be accounted for by the fact that many of them having committed themselves in the Colonies from whence they came, were unwilling to return to them.

Crime during the winter has considerably increased, as may be seen by comparing the present calendar with the former one—and one case of murder, the first that has been known in the Province since the discovery of the gold fields, is included amongst the charges. I am, however, glad to be able to reiterate the statement contained in my last half-yearly report, that in no instance has the perpetrator of a serious offence escaped arrest.

With reference to the internal arrangements of the Department, I have but two alterations of importance to note, viz.: the transfer of Mr. Sub-Inspector Keddell, to be Commissioner of gold fields, and the transfer of Mr. Storekeeper Duncan, to be Gold Receiver. The vacancy caused by Mr. Keddell's removal has not yet been filled up, and I propose to have the duties of storekeeper discharged by a quarter-master-sergeant. The remaining *personnel* of the Department has not altered more than might be expected; and, notwithstanding the attraction of recent gold discoveries, which at one time threatened inconvenience, I am glad to report that no deterioration has taken place.

The prospects of the Department during the ensuing half-year are more arduous than they have hitherto been. The new gold fields have caused a large increase of population, and necessitated a more than proportionate increase of Police Stations, as they not only require protection themselves, but, being situated at a long distance from Dunedin, need expensive escort arrangements, and the formation of stations along the whole of the road. The latter precaution is the more imperative from the fact that the track lies through country offering many advantages to the highway robber.

In the large increase of population during the last few weeks I regret to be

compelled to state that the Province has received some of the most dangerous criminals of the Australian Colonies; and that, although the generality of the late arrivals seem to belong to a steadier class of miners than those who follow rushes habitually, yet a large number emphatically belong, if not to the criminal element, at least to that from which it is recruited. It may be said of the persons composing the present rush, that they are divided into two classes, more widely separated than in any former instance. The steadier portion, more valuable accessions—and the remainder more undesirable colonists than have hitherto been attracted to the Province. The latter class also possessing a sprinkling of desperate criminals.

These circumstances have compelled me to place on the present Estimates, provision for an increase in the number of Constables which may at any time become necessary; as I do not consider it would be prudent at the commencement of the summer to limit myself to a strength which may be only equal to the moment. I may, however, mention that my present strength is very slightly in excess of that provided for by last estimates; and it will be unnecessary to add that I shall not increase it unless public interests call imperatively for the additional expenditure.

Before passing to the consideration of the financial aspect of the service, I may state, that, with proper arrangements, I do not at present anticipate any serious difficulty in repressing the intentions of the criminal part of the population; but I beg to draw your Honor's most serious consideration to the great advisability of adopting some measures to prevent the further increase of convicted offenders from other Colonies who at present take refuge here.

The Estimates for the current half-year have been divided as directed by your Honor, into salaries and services. Under the first of these heads, the saving during the past half-year, and previously alluded to, amounts to £1,149 18s. 2d., and results mainly from my having kept the strength below the limit voted. The Estimate for the ensuing half-year exceeds by £2,495 4s. 7d. that last passed, as previously explained. It also includes the following alterations and additions:—

Formation of the new rank of Inspector, at a salary of £400 per annum.

Formation of the new rank of Detectives in charge, at a salary of £260 per annum

Formation of the new rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 13s. per per diem.

Addition to the salary of the Clerk to Commissioner, of £50 per annum.

The first of these is merely a promotion from the rank of Sub-Inspector to the next superior grade provided for by the "Constabulary Force Ordinance," and is fully explained in my letter to your Honor, No. 29, dated 30th September.

The rank of Detective in charge has become necessary in consequence of the before-mentioned increase in the criminal class, and is intended to give more of the organisation peculiar to that branch of the service to the efforts of Detectives stationed at different parts of the Province.

The appointment of a Quartermaster-Sergeant is an economical measure, obviating the necessity of appointing a storekeeper.

With the foregoing exceptions, this portion of the Estimates for the current half-year agrees in the main with the rates passed for the previous one.

Under the head of Services I am gratified to be able to state that the expenditure for the last half-year has also been within the sum voted by £413 19s 2d. For the present half-year the increase of the Department causes a slight increase in totals, and there is an additional item, (arms, &c.) which has become necessary from the same cause.

I may state that up to the discovery of the Dunstan gold field, but one vote on the Estimates (stores) was overdrawn, and that were it not for the expenses consequent thereon, the column for expenditure in excess of vote, would have had but that entry.

While reporting upon the financial affairs of the Department, I do myself the honor to express my conviction of the advantages to be gained by the adoption of a uniform system of public accounts as referred to in your Honor's letter, No. 714, dated 26th June, 1862.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN.

Commissioner of Police.

PROVINCIAL BALANCE SHEET

FOR

HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1862.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, AT SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1862.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Deposits on Surveys	£150 0 0	Immigration Bills	£46,979 1 5
„ Contracts	291 2 0	LOANS—	
	441 2 0	Dunedin Town	
Debentures payable	23,000 0 0	Board	£4500 0 0
Union Bank of Australia	22,583 4 3	Dunedin Cemetery	100 0 0
		Port Chalmers	
		Town Board	500 0 0
		Port Chalmers	
		Cemetery	100 0 0
		James G. Lewis	250 0 0
		Harbor Improvements	11,261 10 6
			16,711 10 6
		Due by Home Agents	10,485 3 9
		ADVANCED ACCOUNTS—	
		Engineer Department	1,620 6 2
		Do. Special	4,500 0 0
		Police Department	8 4 0
		Geological Survey Department	177 0 1
		Harbor Department	38 2 7
		Gold Escort	7 3 6
		Paymaster Public Works	9 15 7
		Exterminating Thistles	60 0 0
		Supreme Court	100 0 0
			6,520 11 11
			£80,696 7 7
	£46,024 6 3		

N. Z. Company's Debt, £63,000 bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., with a Sinking Fund of 2 per cent.

WALTER DAY, *Sub-Treasurer and Accountant.*

PROVINCIAL BALANCE SHEET

AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1862.

DR.	REVENUE.	
To BALANCE at March 31		
„ Loans —		
Dunedin Town Board	£4500 0 0	
„ „ Cemetery	100 0 0	
Port Chalmers „	100 0 0	
		4,700 0 0
„ Advanced Accounts		
Engineer's Department	37 15 9	
„ „ (special)	1000 0 0	
Public Building Department	3 1 5	
Police	109 12 2	
Harbor	99 9 11	
Gold Escort	7 3 6	
Paymaster Public Works	9 15 7	
Exterminating Thistles	60 0 0	
		1,326 18 4
„ Due by Messrs. Crawford & Auld		7,218 14 10
„ In hands of Treasurer at 31st March		44,832 7 7
		£58,078 0 9
REVENUE for Half-Year ended 30th September, 1862—		
„ Crown Lands	53,577 16 0	
„ Customs, $\frac{3}{8}$ of gross receipts	27,317 10 0	
„ Gold Export Duty	20,371 18 5	
„ Harbor Dues	2,480 13 9	
„ Jetty Dues	1,237 18 5	
„ Sheep Assessment and Fines	1,105 15 5	
„ Upper Taieri Ferry Dues	435 9 4	
„ Dog Tax	92 1 0	
„ Immigration—		
Repayment of Loans	3,983 12 0	
Per Crawford & Auld, received in Britain	884 10 5	
Passages paid in advance here	311 0 0	
		5,179 2 5
„ Licenses—		
Auctioneers	700 0 0	
Publicans	2,621 0 0	
Wine and Beer	666 0 0	
Bottle	424 0 0	
Wholesale	94 0 0	
		4,505 0 0
„ Ground Rents		419 5 0
„ Incidental Receipts		65 16 0
„ Sale of Police Horses		183 18 0
„ Hospitals—		
Repayments, Dunedin	118 10 5	
Donations, Tuapeka	267 13 8	
		386 4 1
„ Education—		
Fees Received	140 11 7	
Books sold	18 10 4	
		159 1 11
„ Poundkeepers' Fees		16 9 0
„ Interest—		
Dunedin Town Board	416 18 7	
Union Bank of Australia	237 1 11	
Bank of New South Wales	118 4 2	
		772 4 8
„ Lithographic Maps		46 18 5
		118,353 1 10
Total Revenue		
Carry forward		£176,431 2 7

PROVINCIAL BALANCE SHEET

AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1862.

EXPENDITURE.

By Balance at March 31—			
„ Debentures payable		25,500	0 0
„ Drafts by Crawford and Auld	1,770	0 0	
„ „ Union Bank	1,011	16 0	
		<u>2,781</u>	<u>16 0</u>
„ Deposits on account of Contracts		242	0 0
			<u>£28,523 16 0</u>
EXPENDITURE for Half-Year ended 30th September, 1862			
„ Superintendent's Department—			
Superintendent	400	0 0	
Provincial Secretary	75	0 0	
Clerk to Superintendent	171	5 0	
Assistant Clerk	145	16 8	
Two Assistant Clerks	222	1 8	
Extra Clerk	32	14 1	
Office Keeper	79	13 4	
Messenger	43	2 6	
		<u>1,169</u>	<u>13 3</u>
„ Provincial Council Department—			
Speaker	50	0 0	
Chairman of Committees	37	10 0	
Clerk to Council	89	11 8	
Assistant do.	70	0 0	
Office Keeper	79	3 4	
„ Contingencies—			
Expenses of Country Members	344	16 0	
Printing Proceedings	65	14 0	
		<u>736</u>	<u>15 0</u>
„ Executive Council Department—			
Non-official Members			121 0 5
„ Provincial Solicitor's Department—			
Solicitor	191	8 3	
Clerk	90	11 1	
		<u>281</u>	<u>19 4</u>
„ Audit Department—			
Provincial Auditor	128	6 7	
Deputy	33	1 4	
		<u>161</u>	<u>7 11</u>
„ Treasurer's Department—			
Treasurer	125	0 0	
Sub-Treasurer and Accountant	195	16 8	
		<u>320</u>	<u>16 8</u>
„ Crown Lands Department—			
Chief Commissioner	287	10 0	
Clerk to „	171	5 0	
Clerk to Treasurer	162	18 4	
Clerks	324	12 2	
Crown Grant Clerks	212	18 4	
„ Contingencies—			
Printing and Advertising	629	15 7	
Refunds on Land	8	2 6	
Contingencies	89	7 5	
		<u>1,886</u>	<u>9 4</u>
„ Survey Department—			
Chief Surveyor	291	13 4	
District Surveyors	543	15 11	
Assistant „	277	11 6	
Sub-Assistant „	620	15 0	
Draughtsmen	475	11 11	
Lithographic Printers	145	0 0	
Survey Parties	3,571	12 6	
„ Contingencies—			
Instruments	28	19 6	
Travelling Expenses	48	7 6	
Stationery	48	14 10	
Surveyor's Passage from Britain	60	0 0	
Contingencies	616	6 6	
		<u>6,728</u>	<u>8 6</u>
Carry forward	£11,406	10 5 £28,523 16 0

REVENUE—(Continued.)

Brought forward...	£176,431 2 7
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Carry forward	<u>£176,431 2 7</u>
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EXPENDITURE—(Continued.)

	Brought forward		£11,406 10 5	£28,523 16 0
To	Engineer and Architect's Department—			
	Engineer	275	0	0
	Assistant „	294	9	9
	Inspector-General of Roads	87	10	0
	Road Inspectors	607	12	9
	Clerk	121	5	0
	Draughtsmen	113	13	1
	Clerk of Works	75	0	0
	Chainman and Messenger	30	6	8
	Engineering Parties	151	5	0
„	Contingencies—			
	Rent of Office	131	10	0
	Horse Hire for Inspectors	176	2	2
	Travelling Expenses	269	6	6
	Stationery	250	12	0
	Instruments	96	14	6
	Office Furniture	215	5	11
	Contingencies	19	10	8
„	Architect's Department—			
	Assistant Architect	171	13	4
	Clerk of Works	144	3	4
	Draughtsmen	189	4	11
	Clerk	118	15	0
„	Contingencies—			
	Travelling Expenses	80	16	6
	Office Materials	34	10	0
	Contingencies	3	11	8
	Office Assistance	52	16	8
			3,710	15 5
„	Police Department—			
	Commissioner	241	13	4
	Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables	11,669	15	4
„	Contingencies—			
	Travelling Expenses	116	19	6
	Transport of Prisoners	57	8	0
	Prisoners' Rations	96	7	0
	Purchase of Horses	176	0	0
	Forage	1,355	14	10
	Shoeing and Farriery	133	15	9
	Repairs to Saddlery and Vehicles	103	4	6
	Stores and Furniture	601	8	4
	Transport of „	69	4	5
	Stationery	137	0	7
	Fuel, Light and Water	175	18	6
	Compensation to Constables	10	14	0
	Rewards	25	10	0
	Special Detective Service	9	11	0
	Police Paddocks	25	10	6
	Contingencies	132	17	11
			15,138	13 6
„	Harbor Department—			
	Harbor Master	190	0	0
	Clerk to „	100	0	0
	Assistant Clerk	33	6	8
	Pilots	891	13	3
	Signal Masters	150	0	0
	Jetty Keeper	120	16	8
	Clerk to „	70	16	8
	Lighthouse Keeper	72	10	0
	Boats and Schooner Crews	1301	14	9
	Signal Master's Crews	8	6	8
„	Contingencies—			
	Pilot Schooner	289	7	7
	Boats and Repairs	120	2	0
	Signals	29	11	6
	Flagstaves	1	10	0
	Oil	18	19	9
	Buoys and Beacons	97	0	6
	Oamaru Moorings	52	16	0
	Firewood and Coals	30	10	0
	Fencing at Pilot Station	51	11	3
			£3,630 13 3	£30,255 19 4
				£28,523 16 0

REVENUE—(Continued).

Brought forward...	£176,431 2 7
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Carry forward	<u>£176,431 2 7</u>
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EXPENDITURE—(Continued.)

Brought forward	£3630 13 3	£30,255 19 4	£28,523 16
To Removing Snags at Taieri	350 0 0		
" " Clutha	41 9 10		
Travelling Expenses	77 5 3		
Dredging Harbor	56 3 7		
Contingencies	300 7 9		
		4,455 19 8	
„ Sheep Inspector's Department—			
Chief Inspector	300 0 0		
Sub-Inspector's	237 3 10		
Dipping Apparatus	492 15 6		
		1,029 19 4	
„ Gold Field Department—			
Commissioners	825 0 0		
Receivers	566 13 4		
Inspectors of Licenses	381 6 7		
Clerks of Sessions	44 3 10		
Mining Surveyor and Staff	45 8 8		
Clerk to Mining Board	13 6 8		
Commissioner, Dunedin	143 8 3		
Clerk to „ „	40 6 5		
Chief Gold Receiver, Dunedin	41 13 4		
Gold Receiver, „	191 17 5		
Contingencies	264 8 9		
		2,557 13 3	
„ Gaol Department—			
Gaoler	164 11 8		
Matron	25 0 0		
Chief Warder	120 16 8		
Warders	1,225 9 4		
Overseer of Hard Labor	110 8 4		
„ Contingencies—			
Rations, &c.	895 6 6		
Stores, Furniture, &c.	646 10 9		
Contingencies	55 19 1		
		3,244 2 4	
„ Hospital Department—			
Provincial Surgeon	233 6 8		
Resident „	112 10 0		
Keeper, with family	122 18 4		
Male and Female Attendants	398 10 7		
Chaplain	75 0 0		
„ Contingencies—			
Rations, Medicines, &c.	1,509 3 11		
Stores, Furniture, &c.	931 3 1		
Medical Assistance	125 0 0		
Instruments	0 11 0		
Contingencies	34 6 11		
Hospital Staff, Tuapeka	61 13 3		
Stores, Furniture, &c., Tuapeka	351 0 7		
		3,955 4 4	
„ Education Department—			
Secretary and Inspector	170 16 8		
Teachers' Salaries	883 0 0		
Adjustment of „	356 5 0		
Contingencies	50 0 7		
		1,460 2 3	
„ Immigration Department—			
Immigration Agent	166 13 4		
Barrack Keeper	4 1 5		
Contingencies	32 6 6		
		203 1 3	
„ Roads—			
Dunedin to Taieri Ferry	18,465 1 1		
Taieri Ferry to Clutha Ferry	6,120 1 11		
Clutha to Mataura Ferry	931 6 5		
Through Dunedin	2,000 0 0		
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	10,052 9 8		
Waikouaiti to Horse Range	2,261 3 3		
Horse Range to Oamaru	3,784 7 2		
Oamaru to Waitaki	2,150 13 0		
Clutha Mouth to Interior	1,564 0 0		
Oamaru to Interior	1,503 16 11		
Carry forward	£48,832 19 5	£47,162 1 9	£28,523 16 0

REVENUE—(Continued).

Brought forward	£176,431 2 7
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Carry forward	<u>£176,431 2 7</u>
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EXPENDITURE—(Continued.)

Brought forward	£48,832 19 5	£47,162 1 9	£28,523 16 0
Saddle Hill to West Taieri	6,459 12 7		
West Taieri to Interior	1,245 2 0		
Dunedin to Portobello	1,448 7 6		
" to West Taieri	1,073 1 10		
N. E. Valley to Timber District	470 1 8		
Port Chalmers to Northern Trunk	633 8 7		
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	2,825 17 11		
West Taieri to "	973 0 11		
To Military Barracks	546 12 2		
Not provided for	516 15 11		
Temporary employment	344 9 11		
Tuapeka Road Board	664 7 8		
		66,033 18 1	
" Bridges—			
Stoney Creek	231 10 0		
Lovell's Creek	239 0 0		
Lower Taieri	555 16 0		
Waipori	809 14 7		
Waitahuna	1,150 0 0		
Iron Wire for Bridges	461 2 4		
		3,447 2 11	
" Supplementary Bridges—			
Tokomairiro to Coal Field		4 0 0	
" Jetties—			
Waihola	400 5 0		
Dunedin	612 0 1		
Port Chalmers	645 16 11		
		1,658 2 0	
" Telegraph		275 12 8	
" Ferries and Punts—			
Clutha (Hauka)	498 12 6		
Upper Taieri	533 12 0		
		1,032 4 6	
" Public Buildings—			
Dunedin High School	1,000 0 0		
" North "	1,100 0 0		
Port Chalmers "	3 10 0		
Portobello "	27 19 8		
North East Harbor "	22 18 0		
" Valley "	5 3 0		
Wakari	92 1 2		
Green Island "	774 15 0		
East Taieri "	29 0 0		
Waihola "	7 10 0		
Moeraki Bush "	35 18 8		
Inch Clutha "	156 0 0		
South Clutha "	134 0 0		
Warepa "	120 0 0		
Goodwood "	5 0 0		
Oamaru "	400 0 0		
Caversham "	60 0 0		
Hospital Addition	2,972 16 11		
" Tuapeka	659 5 1		
Gaol Extension	1,689 13 11		
" Hulk	163 13 8		
Central Police Station	246 15 8		
District "	3,351 6 2		
Police Officers' Quarters	392 14 0		
Court House, Oamaru	200 0 0		
Pilot's House, at Heads	378 18 7		
" " Taieri	15 2 0		
" " Clutha	100 7 9		
Provincial Buildings, Additions	1,177 17 2		
Immigration Barracks	114 7 0		
Portable Buildings	1,391 14 0		
Repairing and Painting Buildings	86 18 1		
Gold Fields Buildings	1,196 4 7		
Military Barracks	1,233 14 6		
Meteorological Observation House	34 12 7		
Gold Receiver's Office	73 6 0		
Recreation Grounds	335 4 10		
Carry forward	£19,788 8 0	£119,613 1 11	£28,523 16 0

REVENUE—(Continued).

Brought forward	...	...	..	£176,431	2	7
„ Balance at September 30th, 1862—						
Deposits on account of Surveys		150	0 0			
„ Contracts		291	2 0			
					441	2 0
Debentures payable				23,000	0 0	
Due to Union Bank of Australia				22,583	4 3	
						46,024 6 3

£222,455 8 10

EXPENDITURE—(Continued.)

Brought forward...	£19,788 8 0	£119,613 1 11	£28,523 16
Works not provided for	529 12 7		
Pound, North Dunedin	55 9 0		
		20,373 9 7	
„ Immigration		1,931 11 4	
„ Steam—			
Inter-Colonial	1,350 0 0		
Coastal	750 0 0		
		2,100 0 0	
„ Loans—			
Interest on Debentures		1162 11 2	
„ Miscellaneous—			
Navigation of Waihola Lake	712 10 0		
Geological Department	1,459 10 5		
Prospecting Parties	741 7 4		
Fuel	424 2 0		
Relief to Destitute Persons	119 7 4		
Burial of Paupers	169 19 3		
Printing	1,430 0 3		
Advertising	638 18 0		
Stationery	647 11 5		
Inspection of Horses and Cattle	75 0 0		
Meteorological Registrar	35 16 8		
Poundkeeper	25 0 0		
Upper Taieri Ferrymen	284 1 0		
Military (extra pay)	1,703 14 8		
International Exhibition	5 0 0		
Supreme and other Courts	735 18 4		
Purchase of Runs	3,000 0 0		
Moray Place Works	350 9 11		
Bonus to Mr. Read	500 0 0		
Compensation to Mr. Hertslet	50 0 0		
Southland Arbitration	50 0 0		
Bank Interest and Exchange	23 4 0		
Purchase of West Taieri Accommodation House	1,100 0 0		
General Contingencies	752 2 1		
		15,033 12 8	
Total Expenditure			160,214 6 8
Balance at September 30th. 1862.			
„ Loans—			
Dunedin Town Board	4,500 0 0		
Cemetery	100 0 0		
Port Chalmers Town Board	500 0 0		
Cemetery	100 0 0		
James G. Lewis	250 0 0		
Harbor Endowment	11,261 10 6		
		16,711 10 6	
„ Due by Crawford and Auld		10,485 3 9	
„ Advanced Accounts—			
Engineer's Department	1,620 6 2		
„ „ (special)	4,500 0 0		
Police	8 4 0		
Geological Survey Department	177 0 1		
Harbour	38 2 7		
Gold Escort	7 3 6		
Paymaster Public Works	9 15 7		
Exterminating Thistles	60 0 0		
Supreme Court	100 0 0		
		6,520 11 11	
			33,717 6 2
			<u>£222,455 8 10</u>

WALTER DAY, *Sub-Treasurer and Accountant.*

UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE.

For the Half-Year ended 30th September, 1862.

Superintendent's Department—			
Extra Clerk			£32 14 1
Provincial Council Department—			
Chairman of Committees	£12 10 0		
Expenses of Country Members	44 16 0		
			<u>57 6 0</u>
Crown Lands Department—			
Printing and Advertising	379 15 7		
Refund on Land	8 2 6		
			<u>387 18 1</u>
Survey Department—			
Draughtsmen	20 11 11		
Survey Parties	571 12 6		
Surveyor's Passage from Britain	60 0 0		
Contingencies	516 6 6		
			<u>1,168 10 11</u>
Engineer's Department—			
Inspector-General of Roads	87 10 0		
Road Inspectors	7 12 9		
Rent of Office	131 10 0		
Horse Hire for Inspectors, &c.	26 2 2		
Stationery	210 12 0		
Instruments	46 14 6		
Office Furniture	15 5 11		
Clerk of Works	75 0 0		
Travelling Expenses	5 16 6		
			<u>606 3 10</u>
Police Department—			
Prisoners' Rations	16 7 0		
Forage	155 14 10		
Stores and Furniture	201 8 4		
Transport of "	19 4 5		
Stationery	37 0 7		
			<u>429 15 2</u>
Harbor Department—			
Assistant Clerk	8 6 8		
Pilot Schooner	139 7 7		
Removing Snags at Taieri	50 0 0		
Dredging Harbour	56 3 7		
			<u>253 17 10</u>
Sheep Inspector's Department—			
Sub-Inspectors			87 3 10
Gold Fields Department—			
Inspector of Licenses	6 6 7		
Clerk to Mining Board	13 6 8		
Commissioner, Dunedin	143 8 3		
Clerk to " "	40 6 5		
			<u>203 7 11</u>
Gaol Department—			
Stores, Furniture, &c.			146 10 9
Hospital Department—			
Stores, Furniture, &c., Dunedin			456 3 1
Roads—			
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	5,052 9 8		
Horse Range to Oamaru	1,284 7 2		
To Military Barracks	396 12 2		
Tuapeka Road Board	664 7 8		
			<u>7,397 16 8</u>
Bridges—			
Waipori	209 14 7		
Waitahuna	650 0 0		
Iron Wire for Bridges	161 2 4		
			<u>1,020 16 11</u>
Jetties—			
Waihola	0 5 0		
Dunedin	12 0 1		
Port Chalmers	145 16 11		
			<u>158 2 0</u>
Carry forward			<u>£12,406 7 1</u>

UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE—(Continued.)

Brought forward		£12,406 7 1
Ferries and Punts—		
Clutha, Hauka	198 12 6	
Upper Taieri	233 12 0	
		432 4 6
Public Buildings—		
Inch Clutha School	6 0 0	
Hospital Addition	1,172 16 11	
Gaol Extension	189 13 11	
Central Police Station	146 15 8	
District Police Station	551 6 2	
Police Officer's Quarters	42 14 0	
Pilot's House at Heads	78 18 7	
" Clutha	0 7 9	
Military Barracks	233 14 6	
		2,422 7 6
*Steam—		
Inter-Colonial	1,350 0 0	
Coastal	750 0 0	
		2,100 0 0
Miscellaneous—		
Burial of Paupers	19 19 3	
Printing	830 0 3	
Advertising	138 18 0	
Upper Taieri Ferrymen	29 1 0	
Military	23 14 8	
Compensation to Mr. Hertslet	50 0 0	
Southland Arbitration	50 0 0	
Purchase of West Taieri Accommodation House	1,100 0 0	
		2,241 13 2
		£19,602 12' 3

* Guaranteed by Resolution of Provincial Council, dated 5th May, 1862.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the above Statement of the Provincial Treasurer for the Half-year beginning 1st April and ending 30th September, 1862, and find it correct as an Account and Balance Sheet of transactions for that period; and that the Expenditure shewn therein has been properly classified, and that the Expenditure without the authority of the law is separately shewn.

A. LIVINGSTON,
Provincial Auditor.

October 1st, 1862.

ACCOUNT OF MONIES RECEIVED AND PAID BY THE TREASURER OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OTAGO, UNDER THE DUNEDIN CHURCH
LANDS ORDINANCE, 1861.

RECEIPTS.

To 30th September, 1862	
Amount of Ground	
Rentals on portion	
of Manse Reserve	£623 2 6
Less, Factor's Com-	
mission	31 3 0
	591 19 6
Net proceeds of material of Old	
Manse, sold by auction	59 16 0
	£651 15 6

PAYMENTS.

Auction expenses on Sale of	
Leases;— Advertising, &c.,	
£38 17s.; Auctioneer's Com-	
mission, £68 10s.	£107 7
T. B. Gillies, preparing and pass-	
ing Ordinance	21 0 0
Gillies & Street, Survey of Manse	
Reserve, and Plans	24 15 0
Balance paid over to account of	
erection of New Manse, Church	
Hill	498 13 6
	£651 15 6

E. & O. E.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of Otago.

APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1854-5 TO 1861-2.

	1854 to 1855	1855 to 1856	1856 to 1857	1857 to 1858	1858 to 1859	1859 to 1860	1860 to 1861	1861 to 1862	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ROADS.									
MAIN SOUTH ROAD—									
Dunedin to Taieri Ferry ..	31 15 0	159 10 2	60 0 0	2,731 15 6	2,370 14 9	5,762 19 8	8,372 11 0	30,602 8 3	50,091 14 4
Taieri Ferry to Tokomairiro River	310 0 0	378 9 3	314 7 7	1,608 18 3	1,557 1 5	9,407 13 3	13,776 9 9
Tokomairiro River to Clutha Ferry	68 15 6	...	...	...	1,949 7 9	...	323 16 6	2,341 19 9
Clutha Ferry to Mataura Ferry...	262 15 2	1,276 10 3	528 19 11	1,082 5 10	3,150 11 2
									69,360 15 0
MAIN NORTH ROAD—									
Dunedin to Waikouaiti ..	15 0 0	30 0 0	...	479 13 9	437 0 11	4,210 19 2	2,486 12 2	10,256 14 2	17,916 0 2
Waikouaiti to Shag River	45 0 0	96 16 8	382 17 11	505 18 5	898 0 10	2,644 11 9	4,573 5 7
Shag River to Oamaru...	116 19 0	...	...	...	3,784 7 2	3,901 6 2
Oamaru to Waitaki	30 0 0	...	124 14 10	2,150 13 0	2,305 7 10
									28,695 19 9
SOUTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK—									
Clutha Mouth to Interior	16 0 0	879 18 1	2,228 5 3	3,124 3 4
NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK—									
Oamaru to Interior	421 8 2	1,650 1 8	2,071 9 10
CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK—									
Saddle Hill to West Taieri	215 14 0	13 16 5	6,674 14 1	6,904 4 6
West Taieri to Interior...	688 8 2	2,024 6 0	2,712 14 2
									9,616 18 8
MAIN BRANCH ROADS—									
Dunedin to Portobello	35 0 0	..	...	...	...	968 6 1	697 18 2	2,223 19 11	3,925 4 2
„ to West Taieri	175 0 0	...	408 19 6	214 13 6	82 4 0	589 15 6	1,463 17 10	2,934 10 4
N. E. Valley to Timber District...	97 12 6	678 13 10	765 13 3	1,541 19 7
Port Chalmers to Northern Trunk	63 0 0	...	675 1 6	422 3 1	1,963 8 7	3,123 13 2
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	3,585 0 0	3,585 0 0
West Taieri to Tuapeka	1,119 6 6	1,119 6 6
Through Dunedin	1000	1,577 17 4	2,600 9 2	...	...	2,000 0 0	6,578 6 6
BRIDGES.									
Lower Taieri	555 16 0	555 16 0
Waitahuna	1,150 0 0	1,150 0 0
West Taieri	380 0 8	12 10 0	392 10 8
Oamaru	1,286 5 9	...	1,286 5 9
Water of Leith	328 1 0	...	328 1 0
Stoney Creek	333 0 0	333 0 0
Lovell's Creek	239 0 0	239 0 0
Waipori	809 14 7	809 14 7

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PROCLAMATION

By his Honor JOHN LARKINS CHEESE
RICHARDSON, Esquire, Superintendent
of the Province of Otago.

*Of the Appointment of Judges of the
Wardens' Courts now or hereafter to
be constituted, under or by virtue of
"Gold-fields Act, 1858."*

WHEREAS by Proclamation given under my hand and issued under the public seal of the said Province, the thirteenth day of October, 1862, I, John Larkins Cheese Richardson, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, on the recital and in pursuance and exercise of the powers delegated to me by the Governor of New Zealand therein set forth, constituted provisionally for certain parts or districts therein mentioned of the Gold-fields of the Province of Otago, Wardens' Courts for the administration of Justice within the said districts respectively: And whereas it is necessary that in further pursuance and exercise of the powers so delegated, I should appoint Wardens or Judges of the Wardens' Courts of such districts now or hereafter to be constituted:

Now therefore I, John Larkins Cheese Richardson, Superintendent aforesaid, do by this instrument, in pursuance and exercise of the power so delegated to me, appoint—

EDWARD CROKER, Esquire
CHARLES WORTHINGTON, Esquire
JACKSON KEDDELL, Esquire
JOHN NUGENT WOOD, Esquire
and
THOMAS BASTON ARCHBALD, Esquire

to be Wardens and Judges of all such Wardens' Courts now or hereafter to be constituted, with power to them and each of them to act alone or with Assessors or Juries, and in such manner and to exercise all or any of the powers in the Gold-fields Act, 1858, mentioned as the Governor shall think fit to direct, but declaring that such appointments shall be deemed to be provisional only until the same shall have been confirmed and allowed by the Governor, and that the Governor shall have power to disallow the same.

Given under my hand at Dunedin,
and issued under the Public
Seal of the said Province, the
(L.S.) second day of December, one
thousand eight hundred and
sixty-two.

J. L. C. RICHARDSON,
Superintendent of the Province of
Otago.

PROCLAMATION

*Constituting a Warden's Court within the
District of Mount Benger Gold-field.*

By his Honor JOHN LARKINS CHEESE
RICHARDSON, Esquire, Superintendent
of the Province of Otago.

WHEREAS by Proclamation given under my hand and issued under the Public Seal of the said Province the thirteenth day of October last, I, John Larkins Cheese Richardson, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, on the recital and in pursuance and exercise of the powers delegated to me by the Governor of New Zealand therein set forth, constituted provisionally for certain parts or Districts therein mentioned of the Gold-fields of the said Province Wardens' Courts, for the administration of Justice within the said Districts respectively: And whereas it is expedient and necessary that a Warden's Court should also be constituted for the District hereinafter mentioned:

Now therefore I, the said John Larkins Cheese Richardson, Superintendent aforesaid, in pursuance and exercise of the powers so delegated, do hereby constitute for the District after-mentioned of the Gold-fields of the said Province a Warden's Court, for the administration of justice within the same, but declaring that the said Court is constituted provisionally until the same shall have been confirmed and allowed by the Governor, and that the Governor shall have power to disallow the same, that is to say:—

For the District known as

"MOUNT BENGER."

Given under my hand and issued
under the Public Seal of the
(L.S.) Province of Otago, the second
day of December, one thousand
eight hundred and sixty-two.

J. L. C. RICHARDSON,
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

TENDERS will be received at the Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin, until 4 o'clock, of Friday December 5th, from parties willing to supply the following articles, in such quantities as may be required for the Dunedin Hospital:—

Sugar
Barley
Rice
Bread
Potatoes
Arrowroot
Yellow soap
Calico, bleached and unbleached.

The quality of the article must be to the satisfaction of the Provincial Surgeon.

By order, THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary.
26th November, 1862.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Provincial Secretary, Dunedin, until Friday, the 5th of December, for Red Pine Beams and Wrought Iron Work, for the Jetty-street Pier, Dunedin. Particulars and forms of tender may be obtained at the office of the Provincial Engineer.

By order, THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary.
November 28th, 1862.

NO Eligible Tenders having been received, tenders will again be received at the office of the Provincial Secretary, Dunedin, until four o'clock on TUESDAY, the 9th day of December, 1862, from parties willing to supply the Police Department during the period ending 31st March, 1863, with the following articles, viz:—

*Mounted kit, complete..	..	..	6
*Pouch belts .. .. .	..	..	12
*Nose bags .. .. .	..	..	30
*Horse brushes .. .. .	..	..	25
*Dandruff br shes .. .. .	..	..	25
*Water do .. .. .	..	..	25
*Curry combs .. .. .	..	..	25
*Mane combs .. .. .	..	..	25
*Hoof picks .. .. .	..	..	25
*Pack saddles .. .. .	..	..	3
*Saddle bags, complete with locks and keys .. .. .	..	..	12
*Hobbles, pairs .. .. .	..	..	30
*Head-collars .. .. .	..	..	26
*Sword-belts .. .. .	..	..	12
*Tables .. .. .	..	..	10
*Forms .. .. .	..	..	15
*Chairs .. .. .	..	..	6
Buckets, zinc .. .. .	..	..	20
Blankets, pairs .. .. .	..	..	20
*Rugs .. .. .	..	..	20
Palliasces .. .. .	..	..	30
Boilers, oven .. .. .	..	..	10
Kettles, tea .. .. .	..	..	10
Bedsteads, iron .. .. .	..	..	20
Plates, tin .. .. .	..	..	12
Pannikins .. .. .	..	..	12
Urinals, zinc .. .. .	..	..	10
Lanterns, stable .. .. .	..	..	4
Lamps, oil .. .. .	..	..	6
*Lanterns, dark .. .. .	..	..	12
Shovels .. .. .	..	..	6
Spades .. .. .	..	..	6
Stable forks .. .. .	..	..	6
Wheel barrows .. .. .	..	..	6
*Escort cart .. .. .	..	..	1
*Harness double set .. .. .	..	..	1
*Bridles, for leading pack horses .. .. .	..	..	12
Tents .. .. .	..	..	6
Tarpaulins .. .. .	..	..	2
Oil, galls. { Kerosene .. .. .	..	..	100
{ Colza .. .. .	..	..	50
{ Neatsfoot .. .. .	..	..	5

Samples of each article must be shown.

Those marked with an asterisk to be made and delivered according to sample, to be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Police.

THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary.
20th November, 1862.

TENDERS will be again received at the office of the Provincial Secretary, until four o'clock a.m. of Tuesday, December 9th next, for the Construction of about Nine Culverts, to be erected on the Main North Road, in the neighborhood of the township of Hampden.

Specification and sketch of culverts may be seen, and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Road Engineer, Dunedin. By Order, THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary, 1st December, 1862.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Provincial Secretary, till 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th December current, for the erection of a Wooden Cottage for the Geological Survey Department. Plans and specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at the office of the Provincial Engineer. THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary. 1st December, 1862.

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.—From the form in which sales of Private Townships are occasionally advertised, they may be mistaken to be sales by order of the Government. The public, therefore, are requested to observe that all Government Land Sales are conducted by a Government officer, and that all notices of such Sales are signed by the Chief Commissioner of the Waste Land Board. W. H. CUTTEN, Chief Commissioner Waste Land Board Office, Dunedin, 1st December, 1862.

£5 REWARD.—Stolen or Strayed on 19th November, from the Government Road Party's Camp, on Lammermuir Ranges, five months on this side of Valpy's store, 1 Strawberry Bullock, short horns, branded T U on both sides of rump; also, 1 White and Brown Bullock, with 1 horn broken, and branded A D on off rump. Whoever may return the same to Road Party, at above locality, or give such information to them as may lead to their discovery, will receive above reward. By order, THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary. 1st December, 1862.

WEST TAIERI ROAD DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the first Meeting of the Road Trustees, elected under the "Roads Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1862," for the West Taieri Road District, will be held upon Friday, the 5th December, 1862, at the Schoolhouse, within the said District, at 1 o'clock p.m., said Trustees having failed to meet as formerly advertised.

By order,
JAMES A. CHEYNE,
Clerk to General Road Board.

MAILS BETWEEN TUAPEKA AND DUNSTAN.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office, or at the Post Office, Tuapeka Junction, on or before the 30th instant, from persons willing to carry mails from an early day in December, till the 30th June, 1863, as undermentioned:—

Between Tuapeka Junction Post Office, and the Post Office, Dunstan, by way of the Teviot, twice weekly—one day carrying letters only, and the other day carrying letters and newspapers.

Days and hours of arrivals and departures to be fixed from time to time by the Postmaster.

Tenders to be at "per annum," and security will be required for the due fulfilment of the contract.

The Government will not be bound to accept the lowest, nor any of the tenders.

Tenders to be endorsed—"Tenders for mails between Tuapeka Junction and Dunstan."

ARCH. BARR,
Chief Postmaster.
Chief Post Office, Dunedin, 1st Dec. 1862.