

OTAGO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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J. L. C. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1863.

[No. 225.]

SCHOOL HOUSE, TOKOMAIRO.

TIME EXTENDED.

TENDERS will be received at the office of his Honor the Superintendent, till 12 noon of Tuesday, the 27th January, 1863, for the Erection of a School-House at Tokomairiro.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Provincial Engineer, Dunedin, and at the School at Tokomairiro.

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

9th January, 1863.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Provincial Secretary until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, the 27th instant, for forming, metalling, &c., about one hundred and eighty-five (185) chains of road from Taieri Ferry to Tokomairiro.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Road Engineer, Dunedin, and at Goodall's Hotel, Tokomairiro.

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Provincial Secretary, until noon of Tuesday, the 27th inst., for the erection of about 1650 Lineal Yards of 3-rail Fencing, Gates, &c.

Plans and Specifications may be seen, and forms of Tender obtained at the Office of the Provincial Engineer.

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

14th January, 1863.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Provincial Secretary, until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, the 27th instant, for metalling, maintaining, &c., about three hundred and ten chains (310) of the road on the Tokomairiro Plain.

Plan and specification may be seen, and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Road Engineer, Dunedin, and at Goodall's Hotel, Tokomairiro.

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

TENDERS will be received at my Office until noon of Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1863, for the Supply of the following Articles for the Dunedin Gaol:—

8 sets Iron Trestles for Tables
Straw, per ton
Lime, per bag

For further particulars apply at the Gaol.

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Provincial Secretary, Dunedin, till noon of Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1863, for the erection of a Resident Magistrate's Court in Dunedin.

Plans and Specifications may be seen, and forms of Tender obtained at the Office of the Provincial Engineer.

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

A MEETING of the Education Board will be held at the Government offices, Dunedin, upon Thursday, the 15th day of January, 1863, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the dispatch of business.

By order,

JOHN HISLOP,
Secretary

GENERAL ROAD BOARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Otago General Road Board will be held in the Provincial Secretary's office, upon Friday, the 23rd day of January, 1863, at 12 o'clock noon, for the dispatch of business.

By order,

JAMES A. CHEYNE,
Clerk to General Road Board.

GENERAL BOARD OF ROAD TRUSTEES.

FIRST MEETING OF TOKOMAIRO DISTRICT ROAD BOARD.

THE first Meeting of the Tokomairi District Board of Road Trustees, elected under the "Roads Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1862," is hereby appointed to be held at the School-house within said District, upon Wednesday, the 28th inst., 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.

HUNDREDS.

LISTS of persons to whom Depasturing Licenses have been issued within the Hundreds of Waihola and North and South Tokomairi, for the year 1863.

WAIHOLA HUNDRED.

John Dewe	James Goodall
John Squires	Alex. Ayson
Andrew Liddle	Edward Grey
Gordon Hughan	John Finch
David Hughan	Benjamin Dawson
Catherine Livingston	William Turner
John Adams	Robert Ferguson
Richard Stoddart	John Martin
Alex. Merrilees	James Martin
Joseph Butcher	John Salmund
Augustus Avarne	Campbell France
Edward Martin	Thomas Dall
Alex. Duthie	Devid Gardyne
James Crane	James M'Kay
David Loudon	James Sinclair
William Strain	Hugh Yorkston
George Lindsay	William White
Donald M'Master	William Grey
Arthur Gerard	John Noble
Charles Faulkner	Alex. Byres
William Black	

NORTH TOKOMAIRO.

James Elder Brown	George Cameron
Robert Murray	James Scott
James Adam	Benjamin Dawson
John Hardy	John Fraser
Donald M'Master	James Scott
Peter M'Gill	George Elder Brown
Henry Clark	John Dunbar
Andrew Kaye	James Watt

SOUTH TOKOMAIRO.

William Henning	Robert Margrie
Mansford	David Maitland
Walter Haynes	James Finch
William Aitchison	Alex. Mitchell
Maitland & Alves	John Powley
William Smith	John L. Gillies
Joseph Smith	John Bruce
Peter Smith	Peter Shermer
George Grey	William Grey
Robert Johnston	William Hislop

In terms of the 60th Clause of the Waste Land Regulations, I hereby call Meetings of the persons whose names appear in the above lists to elect from among themselves, by a majority of votes, three persons, to act as Wardens in each of the several Hundreds of Waihola and North and South Tokomairi, said Meetings to take place as under:—

For the Waihola Hundred, at the Court House, Tokomairi, on Thursday, the 19th day of February next, at 2 o'clock.

For the North Tokomairiro Hundred, at the Court House, Tokomairiro, on Friday, the 20th day of February, at 2 o'clock

For the South Tokomairiro Hundred, at the Court House, Tokomairiro, on Saturday, the 21st day of February, at 2 o'clock.

W. H. CUTTEN,
Chief Commissioner.

IMPOUNDED on the 16th day of January, 1863, by Alexander Comer, residing at Mr. Fulton's, Caversham:—

Four Heifers, branded W 2 on the rump, supposed to belong to somebody residing at Green Island, for trespassing on Mr. Fulton's paddock, Caversham, for which 4s. of damages is claimed; and in default of being released, the above cattle will be sold at the South Public Pound, Dunedin, on the 12th day of February, 1863, at 12 o'clock noon.

JOHN BARR,
Poundkeeper of the South Public Pound,
Dunedin.

Erratum.—In *Gazette*, No. 224, of date 14th January, 1863, first page, for balance on "30th Sept., 1862," read, balance on "31st December, 1862."

[The following Appointments were notified in *Gazette* No. 223, and the notification is repeated in correction of typographical errors.]

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Dunedin, 7th January, 1863.

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT directs it to be notified that he has made the following appointments:—

RICHARD EDWARD FIELD,

to be Clerk to the Warden's Court, Gabriel's District;

ARTHUR DAVIES HARVEY,

to be Clerk to the Warden's Court, Waitahuna District.

PUBLICANS' LICENSES.

SIXTEENTH LIST.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS will be taken into consideration in the Provincial Secretary's Office, upon the first Tuesday of February, 1863, at 2 o'clock p.m. Objections (if any) may be lodged at said Office, or stated when the cases are under consideration. Applicants must attend personally or by agent.

No.	Name of Applicant.	Situation of Premises proposed to be Licensed.
DEFERRED APPLICATIONS.		
1	William Wintrap	BUSH LICENSE. Exhibition, Junction, Waipori
WINE AND BEER LICENSE.		
1	Henry Eastwood	Royal Mail Hotel, corner of George and St. Andrew-streets
NEW APPLICATIONS.		
BUSH LICENSE.		
1	Desiré de Costa	Kaitangata
WINE AND BEER LICENSE.		
1	James M'Guire	Imperial Hotel, corner of Princes & Hope-streets
BOTTLE LICENSES.		
1	Thomas Learmont	George-street
2	John and Thomas Brown	Corner of Arthur and Rattray-streets

By order,

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Dunedin, 19th January, 1863.

AUCTIONEERS' LICENSES.

Provincial Secretary's Office,

Dunedin, January 14, 1863.

THE ANNUAL MEETING for considering Applications for Auctioneers' Licenses will be held in the Provincial Secretary's Office, upon Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 1863, at 2 o'clock, p.m., when the following Applications will be disposed of:—

Names of Applicants	Residence.	Names of Householders signing Certificate.	Residence.
S. E. R. Jones	Stafford-street	Oliver Cooper W. P. Simpson Cole, Hoyt and Co. J. Forrester Bing, Harris and Co. W. Keller and Co.	Dunedin " " " " "
W. P. Simpson	Port Chalmers	S. E. R. Jones Cole, Hoyt and Co. J. Forrester Bing, Harris and Co. W. Keller and Co.	" " " " "
Henry Bayliss	Princes-street	Day and Meiville Alexander Williamson J. H. Jenkinson James Finch James Mollison Arthur Beverly	" " " " " "
John Stephenson	Dunedin	S. E. R. Jones John S. Wright R. M. Robertson F. J. Alderson James Wilson Job Wain	" " " " " "
H. F. Glynn	Wakatip	William Kennedy Alexander M'Kinnon A. G. Fisher Cole, Hoyt and Co. J. Harding and Co. S. S. L. A. Lazarus	" " " " " "
S. Benjamin	Dunstan	J. Daniels and Co. Samuel Cohen S. M. Solomon John Harvey T. Smith	" " " " "

By order,

THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary.

AUCTIONEERS' LICENSES.

IN accordance with Clause 8 of the "Licensed Auctioneers' Ordinance, 1862," a SPECIAL MEETING will be held in the Provincial Secretary's Office, upon Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 1863, at a quarter-past 2 o'clock, to consider the following Applications.

Names of Applicants	Residence.	Names of Householders signing Certificate.	Residence.
Robert Smith	Dunedin	L. S. Wright J. Stephenson R. M. Robertson Lloyd, Taggart and Co. Oliver Cooper C. H. Cruth	Dunedin " " " " "
George Collie	Dunedin	Jas. Finch Wm. Bridgman E. W. M'Liskey John Healey John Duncan Frank A. Orbell	Dunedin. " " " " "

By order,

THOMAS DICK, Provincial Secretary.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

DECEMBER. 1862.	THERMOMETER.			BAROMETER.		DEPTH OF RAIN.	DIRECTION OF THE WIND.
	MAX.	MIN.	MEAN.	8 A.M.	5½ P.M.		
				Inches.	Inches.		
1	55.00	44.50	49.75	29.954	29.828	0.05	N.E.
2	57.00	46.00	51.50	29.756	29.697	...	N.E.
3	66.00	58.00	62.00	29.620	29.537	...	N.E.
4	75.00	48.00	61.50	29.508	29.617	0.15	S.W.
5	61.00	39.50	50.25	29.657	29.525	0.20	S.W.
6	54.00	35.00	49.50	29.551	29.539	0.54	S.W.
7	53.00	34.00	46.00	29.514	29.679	...	S.W.
8	52.00	37.00	44.50	29.771	29.814	...	S.W.
9	56.50	39.50	48.00	29.883	29.664	...	S.W.
10	60.00	44.50	52.75	29.428	29.708	...	N.W.
11	63.00	46.00	54.50	29.600	29.700	...	N.W.
12	69.00	48.00	58.50	29.713	29.431	...	N.E.
13	71.50	50.50	61.00	29.119	29.225	...	N.E.
14	73.50	48.00	60.75	29.394	29.683	..	N.E.
15	73.00	41.00	57.00	29.778	29.792	..	S.W.
16	67.00	44.00	55.50	29.634	29.404	..	S.W.
17	67.00	44.00	55.50	29.428	29.433	...	S.W.
18	64.00	43.00	53.50	29.440	29.582	0.66	S.W.
19	59.00	42.00	50.50	29.670	29.638	0.34	S.W.
20	59.00	41.50	50.25	29.635	29.820	0.48	S.W.
21	54.50	41.50	48.00	29.930	29.879	0.44	S.W.
22	60.00	45.00	52.50	29.834	29.679	...	N.E.
23	68.00	48.00	58.00	29.514	29.671	..	N.E.
24	70.00	39.00	54.50	29.794	29.643	...	S.W.
25	74.00	43.00	58.50	29.814	29.928	..	N.E.
26	76.00	44.50	60.25	29.990	29.742	..	N.E.
27	73.00	51.00	62.00	29.816	29.885	..	S.W.
28	58.00	45.00	52.50	29.913	29.957	0.62	S.W.
29	57.00	46.00	52.50	29.820	29.842	...	N.E.
30	60.00	47.00	53.50	29.944	29.982	...	N.E.
31	63.50	49.00	58.75	29.904	29.838	..	N.W.

The height of the Barometer is reduced to the Sea level at a temperature of 32° Fahrenheit. The observatory is about 3 miles from the centre of Dunedin.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE OBSERVATORY
AT HELENSBURN,

For the week ending January 7th, 1863.

Height above the sea—900ft.

Day of Month.	DAILY MEANS.				WIND.			Inches of Rain in 24 hrs.
	Barometer.	THERMOMETER.		Clouds.	DIRECTION.		Force.	
		Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.		Morning.	Afternoon.		
1	29.972	61.	60.	10	S.W.	S.W.	0.02	
2	29.811	51.75	50.	4	N.E.	N.W.	...	
3	29.695	58.00	56.5	2	N.W.	N.E.	...	
4	29.416	63.	61.	3	N.E.	S.W.	...	
5	29.495	63.75	57.50	4	S.W.	S.W.	...	
6	29.206	52.50	49.00	5	N.	S.W.	0.74	
7	29.712	52.00	49.00	8	S.W.	S.W.	0.66	

NOTE.—Clouds: 10 is an overcast sky, and 0 is a cloudless sky. WIND.—Force: The maximum pressure in 24 hours in lbs. and decimal parts of a lb. on the square foot.

A. H. ROSS,
Registrar.

RURAL LANDS.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR RURAL LAND WERE RECEIVED AT THE LAND OFFICE, DUNEDIN, FROM THE 26th DECEMBER, 1862, TO THE 14th JANUARY, 1863, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

No. of Applications.	APPLICANT.	ACREAGE.			LOCALITY AND DESCRIPTION.
		A.	R.	P.	
5775	Adam Landells	200	0	0	South Tuakitoto, 1, 2, 3, and 4, block VI.
5742	John Aitkin	15	0	0	North Harbour and Blueskin, part of 18, Block I.
5777	John M'Neil	100	0	0	Clutha, 5 and 7, Block XXXIII.
5778	D. P. Steele	50	0	0	Clutha, 2, Block XXIII.
5779	Thomas Redpath	179	1	6	Hillend, 1 of 20 and 21, Block I.
5780	Frank Stephen Canning	41	1	26	Otokia, 2 of 3, Block III.
5781	James Porteous	125	0	0	South Molyneux, 12 and half of 11, Block VI. half of 11 and half of 12, Block IV.
5782	Robert Gartshire	100	0	0	North Tuakitoto, 1, Block I., and 1, Block IX.
5783	Gillies and Street	300	0	0	Clutha, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, Block LX.
5784	Gillies and Street	600	0	0	Clutha, all Block LIII.
5785	Samuel George Isaacs	80	0	0	Portobello, 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, half of 7, half of 8, Block I.
5786	William Chapman	81	3	0	Hawkesbury, 8, Block III.
5787	Bazil Seivwright	10	0	0	Portobello, 17, Block III.
5788	Francis Barker	17	1	24	Inch Clutha, part of 5, Block VI.
5789	Francis Barker	25	0	0	Inch Clutha, half of 3, adjoining 5, Block VI.
5790	James Mitchell	105	2	14	Maungatua, 2 of 24, and 1 of 22, Block II.
5791	Martin Fahey	25	0	0	Clutha, half of 4, Block XLI.
5792	Martin Fahey	50	0	0	Clutha, 12, Block XL.
5793	William Grant	100	0	0	South Tuakitoto, 8a, 9, Block IX.
5794	James B. Blair	20	0	0	Otokia, 2 of 4, Block III.
5795	A. Quartier	200	0	0	Clutha, 2, 3, 4, and 6, Block XXVI.
5796	A. Quartier	50	0	0	Clutha, 1, Block XXXI.
5797	A. Quartier	150	0	0	Clutha, 7, 9, 11, Block XXX.
5798	Robert Clark	64	0	27	Dunedin and East Taieri, 21, Block IV.
5799	William B. Gomer	80	0	0	Run No. 251, Homestead.
5800	Robert Clark	137	0	12	Hillend, 19, Block I.
5801	Alexander Grigor	100	0	0	Clutha, 6 and 8, Block XXXIII.
5802	George Graham	104	0	0	North Harbour and Blueskin, remaining part 18, Block I.
5803	Alexander Clark	10	0	0	Portobello, 12, Block III.
5804	Alexander Miller	40	1	11	Maungatua, half of 1, Block I.
5805	J. S. Shanks & Sons	10	0	0	Mataura, Run No. 66, Out-Station.
5806	J. S. Shanks & Sons	10	0	0	Mataura, Run No. 66, Out-Station.
5807	Kenneth Cameron	43	2	12	Hawkesbury, 44, Block V.
5808	Alexander M'Kenzie	147	3	14	Otokia, 39, Block I.
5809	James A. R. Menzies	80	0	0	Run No. 88, Homestead.
5810	James A. R. Menzies	10	0	0	Run No. 88, Out-Station.
5811	James A. R. Menzies	10	0	0	Run No. 88, Out-Station.
5814	William Gilbert Rees	80	0	0	Run No. 356, Homestead.
5815	William Gilbert Rees	10	0	0	Run No. 356, Out-Station.

The above Applications will be decided at this Office on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 1863.

Waste Land Board Office,
Dunedin, 19th January, 1863.

W. H. CUTTEN,
Chief Commissioner.

POSTAL.

Postmasters Appointed.

General Post Office,
Auckland, 25th November, 1862.

IN virtue of the powers delegated to me by His Excellency the Governor, the following appointments have been made in the service of the Colony.

READER GILSON WOOD,
For the Postmaster-General.

OTAGO.

Mrs. Oliver, to be Postmistress at East Taieri.

John Simpson, to be Postmaster at Waihola, from the 1st April, 1862.

James Scott, to be Postmaster at Waiwera, from the 1st March, 1862.

Robert Andrew Greenslade, to be Postmaster at Dunstan, from the 10th October, 1862.

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(From the *New Zealand Gazette*, Dec. 20, 1862.)

A PROCLAMATION

Constituting Petty Sessional Districts.

By His Excellency SIR GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by the "Petty Sessions Act 1858," it was enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, by notice in the *New Zealand Gazette* to constitute Petty Sessional Districts in any part of the Colony, and such Districts to abolish, and the boundaries thereof to define and alter as he shall think fit.

Now, therefore I, Sir George Grey, the Governor as aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and notify the districts following, as Petty Session Districts for the purposes of the Act before recited, that is to say:—

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.

Clutha District.

Bounded towards the North by the Nokomai Gold-Field; towards the East by the Dunstan, Mount Bengier and Tuapeka Gold Field to Lovell's Creek, thence by Lovell's Creek, the Tuakitoto Lake, Kaitangata Lake and Creek, and the Clutha River to the Ocean; towards the South by the Ocean; and towards the West by the Province of Southland.

Tokomairiro District.

Towards the North by Cairn Hill, Raggety Ranges, and the Upper Taieri River; towards the East by the Waikouaiti and Dunedin Districts; towards the South by the Ocean; and towards the West by the Gold Fields and the Clutha District.

Dunedin District

Comprises the City of Dunedin, and that portion of the Hundred of Dunedin not within the limits of the Port Chalmers District.

Port Chalmers District

Comprises the Town of Port Chalmers and all that area bounded towards the North by the Waikouaiti District to Double hill, thence by a line to Mount Cargill; thence towards the west by a line to the West corner of section numbered 77, North-east Valley District (survey) thence by the Western boundary of sections numbered respectively 77 and 78, and a line to the Western corner of section numbered 16, Upper Harbour, West District (survey); thence by the Western boundary of that section to the Harbour, towards the South by the Harbour, and towards the East by the Ocean.

Waikouaiti District.

Bounded towards the North by Fillyburn, the Ranges, Deepdell Creek and Shag River; towards the East by the Ocean; towards the South by the Dunedin Hundred; and towards the West by the Taieri River.

Oamaru District.

Bounded towards the North by the Waitaki River; towards the East by the Ocean; towards the South by the Waikouaiti District; towards the West by the Shag River, the Wakanui Mountains, and the Kurow Creek to the Waitaki River.

Given under my hand at the Government House at Auckland and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,

ALFRED DOMETT.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 19th December, 1862.

THE following Regulations by which the firing for the Prizes, given by the Government, will be conducted, are published for general information.

ALFRED DOMETT.

**REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE
NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
PRIZES FOR THE BEST RIFLE
SHOTS FOR THE YEAR 1863.**

Prizes.

1. The 1st Prize to be Fifty Pounds, the winner also to keep and wear the Champion Pouch and Belt for the best shot in New Zealand during the year in which he wins it.

- The 2nd Prize to be Thirty-five Pounds.
- 3rd " " Thirty Pounds.
- 4th " " Twenty-five Pounds
- 5th " " Twenty Pounds.
- 6th " " Seventeen Pounds
Ten Shillings.
- 7th " " Seventeen Pounds
Ten Shillings.
- 8th " " Fifteen Pounds.
- 9th " " Fifteen Pounds.
- 10th " " Twelve Pounds Ten
Shillings.
- 11th " " Twelve Pounds Ten
Shillings.
- 12th " " Ten Pounds.
- 13th " " Ten Pounds.
- 14th " " Ten Pounds.
- 15th " " Ten Pounds.
- 16th " " Seven Pounds Ten
Shillings.
- 17th " " Seven Pounds Ten
Shillings.
- 18th " " Five Pounds.
- 19th " " Five Pounds.
- 20th " " Five Pounds.

Time and place of firing.

2. The firing to take place at such hours and places as the Officers Commanding at the different stations may deem convenient; each competitor to fire his whole number of rounds on the same day, commencing on the 2nd March. Should the weather prove unfavourable at any time appointed, the firing may be postponed at the discretion of the Officer Commanding at the Station.

Who eligible to compete.

3. The firing to be open to any person sworn in and now serving as a Militiaman at Taranaki, and to all Members of Volunteer Corps (Officers included). All intending competitors to send in their names on or before the 20th February next, to the Officer Commanding the Corps to which they belong, or to the Adjutant, when lists are to be compiled from the names sent in; but if considered that any such person, whether a Militiaman or Volunteer, shall not have attended, when required, sufficiently regularly at drills, parades, training, or exercise, it is authorised that such person be prevented from firing for the prizes.

List of persons firing.

4. A list giving each competitor a number only, to be given to the Officer and Marker, another list to be made out with each competitor's name and corresponding number on it, to be kept by the Officer Commanding or Adjutant, and Officer stationed at the spot where the competitors fire from.

Competitors absenting themselves.

5. Should any competitor absent himself when his turn comes to fire, he is to forfeit his chance, and a shot is to be fired in the air (which the marker will score as a miss), in order to keep the numbers on the lists correct.

Arms and Ammunition to be used.

6. Rifles and Ammunition supplied by the Government.

Mode of firing.

7. Without artificial rest. 1st range, standing or kneeling: 2nd range, standing or kneeling: 3rd range, in any position.

8. NUMBER OF ROUNDS, TARGET, AND SCORE.

Distances at which to fire.	No. of rounds to be fired at each distance	Targets to be used at the several distances.				Value in Points and Hits at each distance.	
		Size of Targets.		Bull's Eye.	Centre.	Outer.	Hit.
300, 400, and 500 yards,	5 Rounds at each range.	8 inches.	2 feet by 4 feet.	3	2	1	1

Wooden Targets (when required), to be ordered by the Officer Commanding or Adjutant to be made at the different Stations, 6 feet by 2 feet, painted as shown at the end.

Ties at Stations.

9. Ties to fire five rounds at five hundred yards at two Targets. In this case shots to be measured from the centre of the bull's eye. Ties to be fired for and decided at each station previous to forwarding the lists, and names to be placed on the lists in their proper order according to the number of points and hits made.

Ties.

10. Instructions will be forwarded for firing Ties between Provinces or Stations after all the lists have been received at the Deputy Adjutant General's Office in Auckland:

Hits.

11. Competitors to have one point added for each *hit*, in addition to the value of points made.

Ring Shots.

12. Competitors to have the benefit of any shot on the Ring.

Ricochets.

13. Any shots which touch the ground before hitting the Target (ricochets) to be noted R in the column for misses.

Score.

14. All hits to count according to where the bullet "first" strikes the target.

Award of Score.

15. All differences as to points, &c., to be decided by the Officer Commanding or Adjutant at the Station, before any returns of the firing are finally made up.

Commanding Officer.

16. Officers Commanding Corps, or Adjutants, to be on the ground. One Officer to be appointed to call the names of competitors at the *place of firing*, and another to remain near the Target.

Marker.

17. A marker to be appointed by the Officer Commanding, or Adjutant, at each Station, who will be under the Officer appointed to remain near the Target.

Medical Officer.

18. The Medical Officer to attend. Where there are no Surgeons of Militia receiving pay, a Medical Practitioner to be employed at £1 ls. per diem.

Returns of Firing.

19. A return of the names of all competitors, with the number of points and hits scored by each, to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding at each Station

to the Deputy Adjutant General at Auckland, according to the accompanying Form, as soon as possible after the firing has been concluded.

Caution against Accidents.

20. The attention of Commanding Officers and Adjutants is particularly called to the following rules to prevent accidents:—

No competitor is to *cap* or *cock* his rifle before coming to the *spot* from which he is to fire.

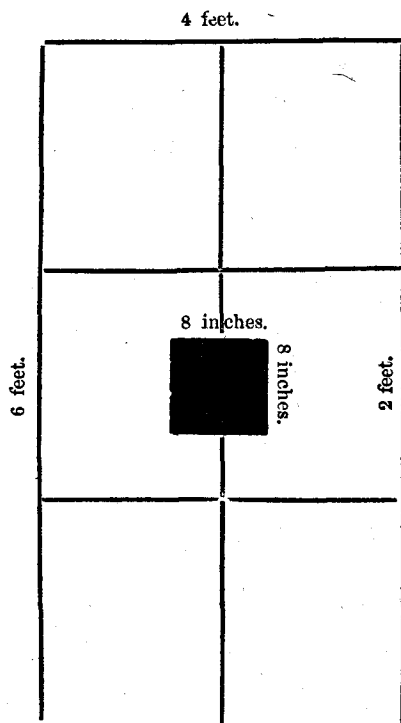
No competitor is to let the cock of his rifle *down* when an unexploded cap is on the nipple, but to keep it at half-cock.

Competitors before firing are to take a few paces in *front* of all *lookers on*, and to see that no objects are in the line of fire.

H. C. BALNEAVIS,

Deputy Adjutant General of
Militia and Volunteers.

Auckland, 1st January, 1863.



POSTAL.

Appointment of Postmasters.

IN virtue of the powers delegated to me by His Excellency the Governor, the following appointments have been made in the service of the colony.

READER WOOD,
For the Postmaster-General.

OTAGO.

GEORGE HAMILTON HARRIS,
to be Postmaster at Weatherstone, from
the 11th November 1862.

(From the *New Zealand Gazette*, Dec. 30, 1862.)

POSTAL.

*Contract for Mail Steamer between
Melbourne and Dunedin.*

General Post Office,
Auckland, 30th December, 1862.

THE following Articles of Agreement with Messrs. M'Veckan and Blackwood, for conveyance of Mails between Melbourne and Port Chalmers are published for general information.

READER WOOD,
For the Postmaster-General.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the Twenty-fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two Between James M'Veckan and John Hutchison Blackwood both of the City of Melbourne in the Colony of Victoria Merchants of the one part and the Honourable Crosbie Ward of Auckland in the Colony of New Zealand as Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the Colony of New Zealand aforesaid and for and on behalf of the said last mentioned Colony of the other part:

Witnesseth that the said James M'Veckan and John Hutchison Blackwood in consideration of the payments hereinafter agreed to be made to them do hereby for themselves their heirs executors and administrators and each of them doth hereby for himself his heirs executors and administrators covenant with the said Crosbie Ward and with his successors in the said office of Postmaster-General.

1. That they the said James M'Veckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall and will at their own costs and charges at all times until this agreement shall be determined and to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General for the time being of New Zealand aforesaid convey Her Majesty's Mails between Melbourne and the Ports of the Bluff Harbour and Port Chalmers in New Zealand aforesaid during the time of twelve calendar months commencing from the term at which the steam-vessel "Aldinga" or some other vessel may be sent from Melbourne on the said service in January next according to the agreement hereinafter contained and also from and after the determination of the said term of twelve calendar months until the expiration of six calendar months from the time at which the said James M'Veckan and John Hutchison Blackwood or the survivor of them their or his executors administrators or assigns or the Postmaster-General for the time being of New Zealand shall have given unto the other of the said parties hereto notice in writing of a desire or intention to determine this contract and the service thereunder.

2. That the steam-ship "Aldinga" now employed in trading between Melbourne and Otago aforesaid or a steam-ship fit in all respects for the service hereby contracted for shall be the steam-ship employed to convey the said Mails and that the ship to be employed for that purpose shall every calendar month leave Melbourne on her voyage to Otago within twenty-four hours after the arrival in Hobson's Bay of the steamer carrying the Monthly Mails between Point de Galle and Melbourne if such last mentioned steam-ship shall be by telegram or other communication posted in the Hall of Commerce or at the Telegraph Office in Melbourne. announced to be approaching the Port of Melbourne before two o'clock in the afternoon of the ninth day of each month commencing in January next (except of February) and on the seventh day of February but if no such announcement be posted or made within the time aforesaid the "Aldinga" or such other vessel may then on the ninth of each other month and seventh of February at the times aforesaid leave Melbourne for Port Chalmers but in case such announcement shall be posted or made then the "Aldinga" or such other ship shall not depart until after the arrival in Hobson's Bay of the steamer carrying the said Monthly Mails between Point de Galle and Melbourne. Provided always that the said "Aldinga" or such other ship as may be employed under this contract shall not in any case be required or compelled to remain at Melbourne after ten o'clock in the forenoon of the eleventh day of any month except February and not after the ninth day of any month of February although the said steamer carrying the Monthly Mails may not have arrived at Melbourne aforesaid. Provided further that in case any such day of departure falls on a Sunday the time for such departure may be extended to the ensuing Monday at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

3. That the "Aldinga" or such other ship as aforesaid shall punctually on the eighteenth day of every calendar month during the continuance of this contract at three o'clock in the afternoon leave Port Chalmers on her voyage to Melbourne but in case the "Aldinga" or such other ship shall in any month have been detained at Melbourne in manner mentioned in the preceding clause of this contract then her departure may on the voyage from Port Chalmers succeeding such detention be delayed by James M'Veckan and John Hutchison Blackwood for a time corresponding with the period for which she may have been so detained at Melbourne as aforesaid. Provided always that she shall in no case depart from Port Chalmers later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the nineteenth day of each month.

4. That in every month of February

during the said contract the day for departure from Port Chalmers shall be the sixteenth in lieu of the eighteenth of the month and that the proviso in the last clause that the vessel should in no case depart from Port Chalmers later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the nineteenth of each month shall in every month of February be and apply to the seventeenth day of that month.

5. That the "Aldinga" or such other ship as aforesaid shall in every voyage to and from Melbourne during the continuance of this contract when the state of the weather will permit call at the Bluff Harbour in the Province of Southland and receive and deliver Mails there as may be required by the Postmaster-General and if the state of the weather shall not permit such call to be made then every exertion shall be used to procure such Mails to be delivered or received in such other manner as may be possible or expedient.

6. That the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall cause the Mails to be taken from and delivered to the English Mail Steamer in Hobson's Bay if such steamer be in the said Bay at the time at which the vessel performing this contract may arrive there and shall cause the Mails to be landed or placed in a boat or delivered on board any steamer or vessel in Port Chalmers as the Post Office authorities may direct but if no such direction shall be given or if the English Mail Steamer shall not be in Hobson's Bay as aforesaid then the Mails shall be forthwith landed and delivered to the Post Office authorities.

7. If the English Mail shall not arrive before the times appointed for the departure of the "Aldinga" or such other vessel as aforesaid the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall if required at as early a period thereafter as they conveniently can send the Mails by some other ship belonging to them without making any additional charge or permit such Mails to be forwarded by such ship and in such manner as the Post Office authorities at Melbourne may direct but not at the expense of the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood.

8. That the Mails shall in all cases be kept in a safe dry and commodious place on board the "Aldinga" or such other vessel as aforesaid.

9. That a suitable first-class cabin and first-class maintenance with appropriate bed bedding and furniture shall on each voyage be provided and appropriated for the sole use and accommodation of the officer having charge of the Mails and he shall if required be maintained on board from any time not exceeding twenty-four hours before the ship leaves Melbourne and for a time not exceeding twenty-four

hours after she arrives at Melbourne and he shall be conveyed by the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood to and from the shore either with or without Mails at least once on every voyage in each port of departure and arrival.

10. That efficient assistance shall at all and any time or times be given to the officer in charge of the Mails whenever required by him either to stow away the Mails or remove them or any of them during the voyage and in due time to prepare and make ready the same for delivery before arrival at any of the ports aforesaid.

11. That if the said Postmaster-General shall during the continuance of this agreement think fit to entrust the charge and custody of the mails to the master of the vessel to be employed for the time being in the performance of this agreement and in all cases when the officer or other person appointed to have charge of her Majesty's mails shall be absent the master of such vessel shall take due care of and the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall be responsible for the acts and defaults of the Master with regard to the receipt safe custody and delivery of the said Mails and each of such Masters shall make the usual oath or declaration required or which may hereafter be required by the Postmaster-General in such and the like cases and shall receive and deliver all Mails into the hands of the Postmaster of the port or place of destination or into the hands of such other person or persons and at such other place or places as is appointed by these presents for such delivery and the said Master shall furnish a return of the date of receipt and delivery of the Mails and of the arrival and departure of the vessel at each port in such form as the said Postmaster-General of New Zealand may require.

12. That the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall in case the "Aldinga" shall become by accident or otherwise unfit to perform the service aforesaid with the necessary accuracy and dispatch but not in any other case substitute for her another steam-ship fit in all respects for the said service and in case the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall not find such other fit vessel as aforesaid within two calendar months after the vessel for the time being employed in the said service shall be rendered unfit as aforesaid this contract shall at the option of the Postmaster-General be void and at an end.

13. That in case the "Aldinga" or such other ship or vessel shall not be ready to depart or shall not on the Mails being delivered to her actually depart at the times hereinbefore appointed or any of them or shall be delayed from any cause beyond the time hereinbefore appointed for de-

parture of the Mails the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall forfeit and pay to the said Postmaster-General the sum of One Hundred Pounds for every day of twenty-four hours and so in proportion for every fraction of a day and in case of the departure of the English Mail for Point de Galle before the arrival of the "Aldinga" or such other ship or vessel as aforesaid in Port Phillip Bay shall also forfeit and pay in every such last-mentioned case the full sum of the Three Hundred Pounds Provided that the whole of the sums so to be forfeited as aforesaid in respect of any one voyage shall not exceed Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds and the above sum shall be and they are hereby declared to be liquidated damages and not penalties provided that no such penalty as aforesaid shall be enforced in any case or cases in which delay or loss shall arise from any cause over which they the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood had and could have no control or means of prevention.

14. That in case any alteration shall take place in the times now fixed for the arrival and departure of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's mail ships at and from Melbourne aforesaid the Postmaster-General of New Zealand shall be at liberty if he think fit from time to time to alter the days of departure and arrival of the "Aldinga" or such other vessel as aforesaid and on his giving two months' notice to the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood in manner hereinafter mentioned of his desire so to do they shall at the time or times mentioned in such notice cause the required alterations to be made Provided that no such alterations as aforesaid shall be made having the effect of causing less than eight days or more than ten days to intervene between the time of departure on the said service from Melbourne and the succeeding departure on the same service from Port Chalmers.

15. That the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall at all times keep an agent in New Zealand for the purpose of receiving all notices to be given as aforesaid and of receiving payments and all communications and making any necessary arrangements in relation to the service hereby contracted for.

16. That the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood shall do and execute and find and provide all acts matters and things to be done and executed found or provided in pursuance of their covenants hereinbefore contained at their own sole expense and costs and the amounts to be paid to them as hereinafter mentioned shall be deemed to be in full satisfaction therefor.

17. And in consideration of the premises the said Postmaster-General for and on behalf of the said colony of New Zealand (but so as not to bind himself personally) doth hereby covenant with the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood that the said colony of New Zealand shall from time to time pay or cause to be paid to the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood or their assigns or the survivor of them or the executors administrators or assigns of such survivor for the services as aforesaid the sum of Thirteen Thousand Pounds per annum in twelve equal monthly portions to be paid at the Sub-Treasury at Dunedin in New Zealand on the application of the person or persons entitled thereto together with the further sum of Two Hundred Pounds for each detention of the ship employed under this contract under the provisions of the second clause hereinbefore contained.

18. And for the due and faithful performance of all and singular the covenants provisos clauses articles and agreements hereinbefore contained and which on the part and behalf of the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood their officers agents or servants are or ought to be observed performed fulfilled and kept the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood do hereby bind themselves and their successors unto Her Majesty the Queen in the sum of Two Thousand Pounds sterling to be paid to Her Majesty Her heirs or successors by way of stipulated or ascertained damages hereby agreed upon between the said Postmaster-General and the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood in case of any wilful breach neglect or default on the part of the said James M'Meckan and John Hutchison Blackwood or either of them of all or any of the covenants hereinbefore contained on their part.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

JAMES M'MECKAN L.S.
JOHN HUTCHISON BLACKWOOD L.S.
CROSBIE WARD L.S.

Signed sealed and delivered by the
said James M'Meckan John Hutchison
Blackwood and Crosbie }
Ward in the presence of

MATTHEW W. TAYLOR.

No. 107 Collins Street West
Melbourne Solicitor.

JOHN LORD

Clerk to Messrs. Bennett and
Taylor Solicitors Melbourne.