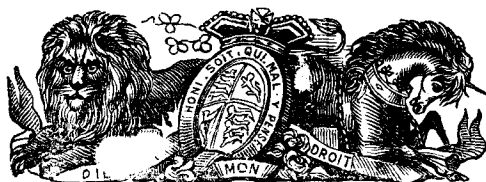


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## PROCLAMATION.

*Road District of Glenavon formed, and the boundaries of the Milburn Road District altered and diminished.*

By his Honor THOMAS FRASER, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

**W**HEREAS by an Ordinance passed by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, intituled the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865," it is, amongst other things, enacted that, until otherwise provided, pursuant to the provisions of the said Ordinance, there should be sixty-one districts, which should be named as specified in the Schedule to the said Ordinance annexed, marked B. And it is also by the said Ordinance provided, that it should be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, from time to time, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, to alter, vary, diminish or enlarge the boundaries of any or all of such districts, and to increase the number of districts by forming and naming new districts.

And whereas it is expedient to form a new Road District, to be named the Glenavon Road District, and to alter and diminish the boundaries of the Milburn Road District. Now therefore, I, Thomas Fraser, Esquire, Deputy-Superintendent of the Province of Otago, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, do hereby proclaim and declare that the area bounded as described in the Schedule A hereto shall, from the day of the date hereof, be constituted a Road District, and shall be named the "Glenavon Road District," and that the area bounded as described in Schedule B hereto shall, from the day of the date hereof, be constituted the Milburn Road District.

### SCHEDULE A.

*Glenavon Road District* shall comprise all that area commencing at the N.W. angle of Section 19, Block 3, Clarendon, and bounded on the North by Sections 2 of 18, 4, 3, and 1, Block 3, Clarendon, Sections 20 and 16, block 2; East by Sections 11 and 12, block 2; and North by blocks 2 and 4, Clarendon; and East, by block 6, Clarendon; South by a line drawn from Trig. Station

F. to Trig. Station I, and Sections 20, 19, 18, 17, and 24, Block 2, Akatore, and Section 73 Tokomairiro; and on the North-west by Sections 6, 5, 4, Tokomairiro; thence by the continuation of the boundary line between sections 3 and 4, Tokomairiro Survey District to Main South Road, thence again on the North-west by the Main South Road to starting point.

### SCHEDULE B.

*Milburn Road District* shall comprise all that area bounded on the north by the northern boundary of Block I., Table Hill Survey District; on the west by the north branch of the Tokomairiro River to Section 2, Block II., Table Hill Survey District; on the south-west by Sections 10 and 13, Block I., Sections 39, 46, 51, 58, 63, 70, 76, and 80, Tokomairiro Survey District, Sections 9 and 4, and a direct line through Sections 1 and 2 to south-west angle of Section 3, Block II., Akatore Survey District; thence on the south and east by southern and eastern boundary of said Block II. to the northern boundary of said Block; thence by said northern boundary to the eastern boundary of the Glenavon Road District; thence on the west and north by the said Glenavon Road District to the Main South Road.

Given under my hand, at Dunedin, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of (L.S.) Otago, this twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

T. FRASER,  
Deputy-Superintendent.

By his Honor's command,  
GEO. DUNCAN,  
For Provincial Secretary.

## PROCLAMATION.

*Boundaries of Cranbourne Road District altered and enlarged, and Boundaries of Montroyal Road District altered and diminished.*

By His Honor THOMAS FRASER, Esquire, Deputy-Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

**W**HEREAS by an Ordinance passed by the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the

Province of Otago, intituled the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865," it is amongst other things enacted, that until otherwise provided, pursuant to the provisions of the said Ordinance, there should be sixty-one Districts, which should be named as specified in the Schedule to the said Ordinance annexed, marked B: And it is also by the said Ordinance provided that it should be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, from time to time, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, to alter, vary, diminish, or enlarge the boundaries of any or all of such Districts: and whereas it is expedient to alter and enlarge the boundaries of the Cranbourne Road District, and to alter and diminish the boundaries of the Montroyal Road District, in manner and as described in Schedule hereto: Now therefore, I, Thos. Fraser, Esq., Deputy-Superintendent of the said Province, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, do hereby proclaim and declare that the boundaries of the said Cranbourne Road District shall, from the day of the date hereof, be altered and enlarged, and that the boundaries of the Montroyal Road District shall from such day and date be altered and diminished, and that the boundaries of the Cranbourne and Montroyal Road Districts shall henceforth be as described in the Schedule hereto.

#### SCHEDULE.

*Cranbourne Road District* shall comprise all that area within the described boundaries and commencing at the N. E. angle of sec. 43, block 2, Hawksbury Survey District, and bounded on the north by sections 37, 38, 39, block 2; sections 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, and portion of 35, block 3; on the west, by section 25, block 3; thence on the south by sections 43 and 44, block 5; west and south-west by sections 44, 45, and 47, block 5, and by bush reserve to Township of Hawksbury; S. and E. by part of Township of Hawksbury, section 1, block 6, Hawksbury, by an old road-line to section 49, block 4, sections 49, 48, 47, 46, and 45, said block 4; by Pleasant River to the Main North Road, and thence by the Main North Road to the N.E. angle of section 43, block 2, the point of commencement.

*Montroyal Road District* shall comprise all that area bounded on the north by block 10, Moeraki Survey District and the township of Palmerston; west by block 7, and part of block 3, Hawksbury Survey District; south, by sections 40, 41, 42, and 43, block 2, said Survey District; east, by Main North Road; south-east by sections 38, 6, 43, and part of 42, block 1, said Survey District; and north by section 4, block 1, said Survey District, and by sections 61, 62, and 63, block 4, Moeraki Survey District.

Given under my hand, at Dunedin, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of  
(L.S.) Otago, this twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

T. FRASER,  
Deputy Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,  
GEO. DUNCAN,  
Provincial Secretary.

#### PROCLAMATION.

*Boundaries of Broad Bay Road District altered and extended, and Portobello Road District altered and diminished.*

By His Honor THOMAS FRASER, Esquire, Deputy-Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance passed by the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, intituled the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865," it is amongst other things enacted, that until otherwise provided, pursuant to the provisions of the said Ordinance, there should be sixty-one Districts, which should be named as specified in the Schedule to the said Ordinance annexed, marked B. And it is also by the said Ordinance provided that it should be lawful

for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, from time to time, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, to alter, vary, diminish, or enlarge the boundaries of any or all of such Districts: and whereas it is expedient to alter and diminish the boundaries of the Portobello Road District in manner and as described in Schedule hereto;—Now therefore, I, Thomas Fraser, Esquire, Deputy-Superintendent of the said Province, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, do hereby proclaim and declare that the boundaries of the said Portobello Road District shall, from the day and date hereof, be altered and diminished, and that the boundaries of the Broad Bay Road District shall, from the day of the date hereof, be altered and enlarged as described in the Schedule hereto.

#### SCHEDULE.

*Broad Bay Road District* shall comprise all that area within the following boundaries commencing at the south-west angle of Section 4, Upper Harbor East Survey District, and bounded on the south and south-west by the North and North-Eastern boundary line of the North-East Harbor Road District; on the south by the Northern boundary of Block III, Otago Peninsula to Hooper's Inlet, thence on the east by the said Hooper's Inlet and by Sections 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and part of 29, Portobello Survey District, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Block V, to Otago Harbor, thence on the north-west by said Otago Harbor to starting point.

*Portobello Road District* shall comprise all that area bounded on the north-west and north by Otago Harbor, on the east by the Native Reserve, on the south by the Ocean to Hooper's Inlet, thence by the Western Coast line of Hooper's Inlet to the boundary line between Sections 14 and 13, Block V, Portobello Bay Survey District, thence on the south and west by Section 13, said Block V, and by Sections 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, and 23, Block II, Otago Peninsula, and by Sections 35, 36, and 37, Block VII, Portobello Bay Survey District to Otago Harbour.

Given under my hand, at Dunedin, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of  
(L.S.) Otago, this twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

T. FRASER,  
Deputy-Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,  
GEORGE DUNCAN,  
For Provincial Secretary.

#### PROCLAMATION.

*Boundaries of North East Harbor Road District altered and enlarged, and the boundaries of Anderson's Bay Road District altered and diminished.*

By His Honor THOMAS FRASER, Esquire, Deputy-Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance passed by the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, intituled the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865," it is amongst other things enacted that until otherwise provided, pursuant to the provisions of the said Ordinance, there should be sixty-one Districts, which should be named as specified in the Schedule to the said Ordinance annexed, marked B: And it is also by the said Ordinance provided that it should be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, from time to time, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, to alter, vary, diminish, or enlarge the boundaries of any or all of such Districts: and whereas it is expedient to alter and diminish the boundaries of the Anderson's Bay Road District in manner and as described in Schedule hereto:—Now therefore I, Thomas Fraser, Esquire, Deputy-Superintendent of the said Province, with the advice and consent of the Otago General Road Board, do hereby proclaim and declare that the boundaries of the said North East Harbor Road District shall, from the day of the date thereof, be altered and enlarged and as described

in Schedule hereto, and that from the said day and date the boundaries of the Anderson's Bay Road District shall henceforth be as described in the said Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

*North East Harbor Road District* shall comprise all that area commencing at the north-west angle of Section 5, Upper Harbor East Survey District; thence following Otago Harbor line southerly to the south-east angle of Section 13 (Quarry Reserve), Block V, Anderson's Bay Survey District; thence bounded on the south and south-east by Sections 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block V, Anderson's Bay Survey District; thence by Sections 1 and 2, Block VIII, Anderson's Bay Survey District; thence by Applications 1326, 1522, and 419, Block I, Otago Peninsula Survey District, to the boundary line between Sections 44 and 45, Upper Harbor East Survey District; on the east by a continuation of that line to Main Portobello Road; thence on the south-east by the said Portobello Road to the south-east angle of Section 59, Block II, Otago Peninsula Survey District; thence on the north-east by Sections 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 22, 2, 1, and Application 1268A and Application 1184, Block II, Otago Peninsula Survey District, and by Section 4, Upper Harbor East Survey District, to starting point.

*Anderson's Bay Road District* shall comprise all that area commencing at the eastern angle of Section 45, Upper Harbor East Survey District, and bounded on the east by the continuation of the boundary line between Sections 44 and 45 to road line between Section 41, Block III, Tomahawk Survey District, and Section 24, Block I, Otago Peninsula Survey District; on the south-east by that road line to Section 22, Block VIII, Anderson's Bay Survey District; thence along north-eastern boundary of Sections 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, and 17, said Block VIII; thence along north-western boundary of said Section 17 and its continuation in same direction to the Lagoon; thence by Lagoon to the northern boundary of Block VII, Otago Peninsula Survey District; thence by said northern boundary to road line at southern angle of Application 2494; thence on the south-west by a continuation of that road-line to Dunedin Town Belt; on the north-west by said Dunedin Town Belt to Otago Harbor; thence following beach line of said Otago Harbor in an easterly direction to south-east angle of Section 13 (Quarry Reserve), Block V, Anderson's Bay Survey District; thence on the north and north-west by the south and south-eastern boundaries of the north-east Harbor Road District to starting point at eastern angle of Section 45, Upper Harbor East Survey District.

Given under my hand, at Dunedin, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of (L.S.) Otago, this twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

T. FRASER,  
Deputy-Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,  
GEO. DUNCAN,  
For Provincial Secretary.

#### CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN.

##### Notice of Election of Mayor.

I hereby notify that, on the 22nd day of July, 1867, JOHN HYDE HARRIS, Esq., of Leith Ward, was duly elected Mayor of Dunedin for the year ending 1st day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

W. MASON, Mayor.

City Council Chambers,  
Dunedin, 23rd July, 1867.

#### CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN.

##### NOMINATION OF COUNCILLORS AND AUDITORS.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that the Nomination of Candidates for election to the several offices

of Councillors and Auditors for the year ending 1st August, 1868, will take place on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of July instant, at the Octagon Market Place, at the hour of noon.

The Councillors retiring by rotation are—Cr. Chalmer, for South Ward; Cr. Carrick, for High Ward; Cr. Birch, for Bell Ward; and Cr. Driver, for Leith Ward.

Nominations must be in form of Schedule D. of the Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865; and be lodged at the office of the Town Clerk, where blank forms may be had, on or before noon of the day herein fixed for the nomination.

One Councillor to be elected for each Ward. Two (2) Auditors to be elected for the City.

WM. MASON,  
Mayor.

City Council Chambers,  
Dunedin, 19th July, 1867.

#### METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS taken at DUNEDIN, for the Month of JUNE, 1867.

Lat. 45° 52' 11" S. Long. 170° 31' 7" E.

Altitude above Sea, 550 feet.

Barometer (reduced to 32° Fah. and sea level.)

Mean atmospheric pressure for month	30.107 inches
Highest pressure (on 24th) .. .. .	30.401 "
Lowest pressure (on 18th) .. .. .	29.582 "
Range for month .. .. .	0.879 "

#### Temperature in Shade.

Aprox. mean temperature for month	44.1 Fah.
Mean maximum temperature .. .. .	49.1 "
Mean minimum temperature .. .. .	39.1 "
Mean daily range of temperature .. .. .	9.9 "
Highest maxim. temperature (on 12th)	59.0 "
Lowest minim. temperature (on 19th)	33.0 "
Extreme range for the month .. .. .	26.0 "

Mean degree of humidity	} Computed from the 9.30, 4.30 p.m. and 9.30 observations	} 83.9 "
(Saturation, 100) .. .. .		
Mean elast. force of vapour	}	} .235 inches
Mean temp. of dew point		
Total rainfall on 10 days .. .. .	2.118 inches	
Greatest rainfall in one day (the 16th) ..	0.470 "	
Mean amount of sky covered (overcast, 10) .. .. .	6	

Wind: Mean velocity per day for month 261 miles  
Greatest velocity observed for 24 hours (on 22nd) .. .. . 625 "

Number of days on which the wind blew from each point at 9.30 a.m. :—

N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm.
1	6	0	0	2	4	10	1	6

REMARKS.—Gales occurred on 18th 19th, and 20th, from W. Snow fell on 19th. Fog prevailed on 15th. The results noted, where the dates are given, were recorded at the morning observations, and therefore occurred during the preceding 24 hours.

HENRY SKEY.

Notice fixing Day and Place of Nomination of Candidates for the offices of Councillors, and also for the Nomination of Candidates for the offices of Auditors.

WHEREAS His Honor James Macandrew, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, in exercise of the powers vested in him by the "Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865," has, by warrant under his hand, appointed me, the undersigned John Cumming, to be the person to give public notice, as by law required, of the place, day, and hour for the nomination of candidates for election to the offices of Councillors, and also for the nomination of candidates for election to the offices of Auditors, for the Incorporated Town of Alexandra, under the said Ordinance, and to attend on the day of nomination of candidates for such offices, at such first election, and to preside, do, and perform at such first election all the acts by the said Ordinance required or directed to be done by the

Mayor of the said Incorporated Town of Alexandria, at the election of Councillors and Auditors :

Now, therefore, I, the said John Cumming, do hereby fix Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of July, 1867, at noon, at one of the Government Buildings at the Camp, in the said Incorporated Town of Alexandria, as the day, hour, and place for nomination of candidates for election to the offices of Councillors and Auditors of the said Incorporated Town of Alexandria at the ensuing election: And I do hereby give notice that I shall attend at the said place, and at the day and time herebefore mentioned, and shall then cause to be publicly opened and read all such nominations of candidates for election to the offices of Councillors and Auditors of the said Incorporated Town of Alexandria as shall be in due form, and shall have been lodged with Richard Watkins, the person appointed by his Honor the Superintendent to act as Town Clerk at such election at Alexandria, before noon of the said twenty-seventh day of July, 1867.

Dated at Alexandria, this 16th day of July, 1867.

JOHN CUMMING,  
Presiding Officer.

Witness: James Sandison.

**R**EGULATIONS passed by the Wardens of the South Tokomairiro Hundred, 15th April, 1867.—A meeting of Licenseholders having been held under Clause 103 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866," at which meeting it was decided by a majority of the votes of those present, that great Cattle only should be depastured on the Waste Lands of the Crown within the South Tokomairiro Hundred.

The Wardens of the South Tokomairiro Hundred compute that the above Hundred will depasture (2,500) two thousand five hundred head of great Cattle, and do hereby apportion the right of pasturage as under, viz.: one head of great Cattle for every (6) six acres of purchased land.

WILLIAM GRAY,	} Wardens of the South Tokomairiro Hundred.
THOMAS JOHNSON,	
JOHN BRUCE,	
ROBERT WAUGH JOHNSTON.	

**S**CANDINAVIAN WATER RACE COMPANY,  
(REGISTERED).—Capital, £12,000.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, JULY, 1867.

*Assets:*

1867. To Cash due by Water sold ...	£704	6	10
„ „ Arrears of Calls ... ..	365	0	0
„ „ Interest due on Unpaid Calls ...	10	10	0
„ „ Estimated value of Gold in Tail Races ... ..	250	0	0

£1,329 16 10

*Liabilities:*

1867. By balance of Loan ... ..	£600	0	0
„ „ Outstanding Bills ... ..	150	0	0
„ „ Balance... ..	579	16	10

£1,329 16 10

GEORGE PURTON, Manager.

St. Bathans, Otago,  
July 18th, 1867.

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**M**OUNTAIN WATER RACE COMPANY,  
REGISTERED.

Capital, £4,000, in Ten Shares of £400 each, paid up.

*Assets.*

Main Race ... ..	£2,000	0	0
Reservoir ... ..	700	0	0
Branch Races ... ..	600	0	0
Claims and Plant ... ..	700	0	0
Balance in Bank of New South Wales...	51	18	6
Amount due to the Company ... ..	250	1	6

£4,302 0 0

*Liabilities.*

Nil.

JAMES SMITH, Manager.

St. Bathans, July 17, 1867.

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**E**NTERPRISE WATER RACE COMPANY,  
REGISTERED.

Capital, £4,500, in Nine Shares of £500 per share, paid up.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Half-year ending 30th of June, 1867.

*Assets.*

To Main Race ... ..	£2,500	0	0
„ Reservoir and Branch Races ... ..	1,212	16	0
„ Claims and Tail Races, and Plant ...	787	4	0
Balance due to Company ... ..	146	6	6

£4,646 6 6

*Liabilities.*

None.

Paid-up Capital by nine Shareholders of

£500 per share ... .. £4,500 0 0

PATRICK ROOK, Manager.

Company's Office, St. Bathans,

20th July, 1867.

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[From the *New Zealand Gazette*, July 8, 1867, No. 38.]

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 8th July, 1867.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has, in Her Majesty's name, summoned

The Honorable JOSEPH DRESSER TETLEY,  
of Kekerangu, Marlborough; and

The Honorable JOHN HYDE HARRIS,  
of Dunedin, Otago, to the Legislative Council of New Zealand, by Writs of Summons under the Seal of the Colony.

E. W. STAFFORD.

(From the *New Zealand Gazette*, July 16, 1867. No. 40.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 15th July, 1867.

**I**T is hereby notified that a Writ issued for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the District of Port Chalmers, has been returned with a certificate to the effect that

DAVID FORSYTH MAIN,

of Dunedin, householder, has been duly elected.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 15th July, 1867.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN BOYLE BENNETT, Esq.,

Registrar-General at Wellington, to receive Petitions from persons desirous of obtaining Letters Patent under "The Patents Act, 1860."

E. W. STAFFORD.

General Post Office,

Wellington, 13th July, 1867.

**T**HE following Report of the Court of Inquiry held under "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act, 1863," on the wreck of the s. s. "South Australian," is published for general information.

JOHN HALL.

INQUIRY INTO WRECKS

REPORT on the Wreck of the screw steamship "South Australian."

To the Honorable the Postmaster-General of New Zealand.

I, the undersigned, Alfred Chetham Strode, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and a Resident Magistrate in and for the Colony of New Zealand, having been on the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, applied to by Thomas Hill, Esq., Principal Officer of Customs at the Port of Dunedin, for a formal investigation pursuant to Section VII of "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act, 1863," and other provisions of the said Act, respecting the loss of a certain steamship, called the "South Australian," of the Port of Melbourne, Victoria, on the second day of April last, on the reef of rocks lying four miles south of "Cook's Head," on the East Coast of Otago, did duly proceed with the said investigation, to wit, on the ninth, tenth, eleventh and eighteenth days of April, instant, and had before me and examined on oath divers persons and witnesses, to wit, Hugh Mackie, master mariner; Hunter Regnart, chief mate; Henry Mullen, second mate; John Thomas Nutt, chief engineer; James Aitken, Magnus Brown, Fowler Masterton, Evan Davis, seamen, (all of the "South Australian" steamship); Francis Dillon Bell, Albert Griffiths, John Reid Mackenzie, passengers on board; Alexander McKinnon, master mariner; Spencer Brent, clerk; John Bell Mudie, merchant; and George Simpson, master mariner; the original dispositions of whose evidence are hereunto annexed, signed by me, being assisted therein by William Thomson, Harbour Master of Otago, and a master mariner, holding a Certificate of Competency from the Board of Trade in London, who was duly appointed by Thomas Hill, Esq., Principal Officer of Customs at the Port of Dunedin, to act as Assessor to me the said Justice of the Peace and Resident Magistrate, and upon such investigation and examination of witnesses as aforesaid, I find, and beg to report to the Honorable the Postmaster-General of New Zealand as follows, that is to say:—

1. That the official number of said ship called the "South Australian" is 29,570, of which Hugh Mackie is master, who holds a Certificate of Competency, and which ship belonged to Messrs McMeekan, Blackwood and Co., of Melbourne, Victoria, Merchants.
2. That the loss or damage herein more particularly mentioned happened on the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at about eleven o'clock in the evening, on the reef of rocks lying four miles south of "Cook's Head," on the East Coast of Otago.
3. That the loss or damage appears by the evidence to have been caused mainly by the incorrectness of the deviation card supplied by the authorities at Melbourne, inasmuch as the actual course made by the "South Australian" on the night in question has been one and three-quarter ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ ) points to the westward of the course indicated by the deviation card, supposing the position of the point at which the course was shaped to have been correct.
4. That the nature of the loss or damage done was total wreck. That it is not known to the master or any one in Otago whether the vessel is insured or not. That the "South Australian" is barque-rigged; her port of registry, Adelaide, South Australia; her registered tonnage, 435

83-100. That no lives were lost through the wreck.

And I, the said Justice of the Peace and Resident Magistrate, further state my opinion on the matter aforesaid to be as follows—That at the time the course was shaped abreast of Cape Sanders (up to which time the vessel had been steered by the land) presuming the vessel to have been about four miles off the coast as appears by the evidence of the master, she must have taken considerably more than the customary offing for steamers in daylight: the usual course being, when abreast of that Cape about one and a half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) miles from the land, a S.S.W., course, which was the course set, steered according to the deviation card, from one and a half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) miles from Cape Saunders, the usual track for steamers, would, with the current on the port bow, which is known to exist, place the vessel on the reef on which she struck. There seems by the evidence to have been no effort made from time to time to determine the true position of the vessel, and, particularly at the time of shaping the course, the evidence of the master and that of the chief officer being on that point very conflicting. Moreover, this is the more apparent from the fact of the master having after the vessel struck supposed his position to be south of the Nuggets, and having given an order to one of the officers in charge of a boat to steer a N.N.E. course in order to fetch the Molyneux. It appears from the testimony of all the witnesses that the night on which the disaster occurred was fine, calm, and starlight, with a slight haze over the land, but quite clear overhead. Under these circumstances it seems somewhat unaccountable that the close proximity of the land was not observed by those connected with the management of the ship, and consequently but one conclusion is forced upon me (*i.e.*) that the lookout was insufficient and careless of his duty; and even supposing that the land was partially obscured by the haze, a cast of the lead every hour should have been taken. The evidence discloses that no officer was in charge of the bridge of the vessel where the telegraph to the engine-room was fixed. This circumstance appears to show something, to say the least, unusual, when a steamer is under weigh; but from the evidence adduced I must conclude that the loss of the "South Australian" was not, in the words of the two hundred and forty-second section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," caused by the wrongful act or default of the master or any other officer of the ship. In conclusion, I deem it right to state that the master had been fourteen years at sea, and four and a half years in the trade between Otago and Melbourne, and had never before met with the slightest accident.

Given under my hand this twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, New Zealand.

A. CHETHAM STRODE, J.P. and R.M.

I, William Thomson, Nautical Assessor on the inquiry into the cause of the wreck of the steamship "South Australian," concur in the above Report concerning the loss of the said vessel.

WILLIAM THOMSON,  
Nautical Assessor.

