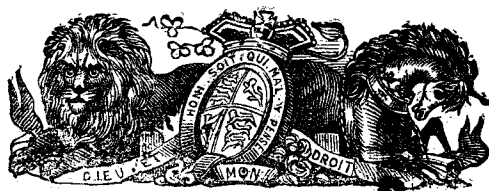


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MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROCLAMATION

By His Honor James Macandrew, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me in that behalf, I do hereby fix and proclaim that the twenty-eighth Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago shall be holden within the Provincial Council Hall, Dunedin, in the said Province, and shall commence upon Tuesday, the fifteenth day of November, 1870, at 12 o'clock noon; and the Members of the said Council are hereby warned to give their attendance at such time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the said Province, this seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

(L.S.) J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

D. REID,
Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.—Whereas it is intended to stop up these Roads and portions of Roads which are severally described in the Schedule hereunder written and are delineated on the maps or plans mentioned and referred to in the "Roads Diversion Ordinance 1870" Session XXVII copies of which maps or plans so far as they relate to the particular roads or portions of roads intended to be stopped up in the Road District specified in the Schedule have been deposited at the public School mentioned immediately after the description of

the respective roads or portions of roads intended to be stopped up in such district: Now therefore I William Alexander Tolmie Deputy-Superintendent of the Province of Otago by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in me in that behalf by the "Roads Diversion Ordinance 1870" Session No. XXVII do hereby give notice that all persons objecting to the stopping up of such roads or portions of roads or any of them are required to set forth a statement in writing of any well-grounded objections they may have to the stopping up of such roads or portions of roads and to leave such statement addressed to me at my office in Dunedin within sixty days from the first publication hereof otherwise such objections will not be considered by me.

Adamsthorpe Road District. (No. 1.)

Plan to be seen at the school-house, Tokomairiro.

Blueskin Road District. (No. 2.)

Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Blueskin.

Breadalbane Road District. (No. 3.)

Plan to be seen at Schoolhouse, West Taieri.

Beaconsfield Road District. (No. 4.)

Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Merton.

Broad Bay Road District. (No. 5.)

Plan to be seen at Schoolhouse, Portobello.

Chalfont Road District. (No. 6.)

Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Hampden.

Deborah Bay Road District. (No. 7.)

Plan to be seen at Schoolhouse, Port Chalmers.

Flagstaff Road District. (No. 8.)

Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Wakari.

Fineand Road District. (No. 9.)

Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse Balclutha.

Goodwood Road District. (No. 10.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse Pleasant Valley.

Glenore Road District. (No. 11.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Glenore.

Glenavon Road District. (No. 12.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Tokomairiro.

Greenvale Survey District. (No. 13.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Popotunoa.

Helensbrook Road District. (No. 14.)
Plan to be seen at Schoolhouse, Tokomairiro.

Hurlington Road District. (No. 15.)
Plans to be seen at the Schoolhouse Port Chalmers.

Allday Road District. (No. 16.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse Otepopo.

Mountroyal Road District. (No. 17.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse Palmerston.

North-east Harbor Road District. (No. 18.)
Plan to be seen at Schoolhouse, North-east Harbor.

Pukeuri Road District. (No. 19.)
Plan to be seen at Schoolhouse Papakaio.

Popotunoa Road District. (No. 20.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse Waiwera.

Saddle Hill Road District. (No. 21.)
Plans to be seen at the Schoolhouse, Saddle Hill.

Sydney Road District. (No. 22.)
Plans to be seen at the Schoolhouse, Herbert.

Waihola West Road District. (No. 23.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Waihola.

Cranbourne Road District. (No. 24.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Waikouaiti.

Warepa Road District. (No. 25.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Balclutha.

Windsor Road District. (No. 26.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Oamaru.

Waitahuna West Road District. (No. 27.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse Waitahuna.

Tuapeka District. (No. 28.)
Plans to be seen at Schoolhouse, Lawrence.

Dated at Dunedin this fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. A. TOLMIE,
Deputy-Superintendent of the
Province of Otago.

For description, see *Gazette* of 14th and 21st September, 1870.

Land and Works Office,
Dunedin, 11th October, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that John Bell and Matthew Smith having failed to execute the Mining Lease prepared in their favor for Section 12, Mid Wakatipu, the Government have cancelled the same, and the land is now open for occupation by holders of Miners' Rights.

D. REID,
Secretary for Land and Works.

Land and Works Office,
Dunedin, 11th October, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Government have cancelled the Occupation Certificate issued under the Agricultural Lease Regulations in favor of Charles Thomson and Niel Andersen Nass, for Section 2 Block X, Waitahuna East, and the Agricultural Leases issued in favor of the undermentioned James and William Cameron, Section 2, Block X, Waitahuna West.

Edward Herbert and Others, Section 3, Crookston.
Chas. Thomson and Neil Andersen Nass, Section 36, Block X, Waitahuna East.

Chas. Thomson and Neil Andersen Nass, Section 37, Block X, Waitahuna East.

And the land is now open for application under the Agricultural Lease Regulations.

D. REID,
Secretary for Land and Works.

REMITTANCES to the Provincial Government must be made by Bank Draft or Post-office Order, and not in postage-stamps.

Provincial Government Buildings,
Dunedin, 1st Oct., 1870.

ELECTION OF LOCAL BOARDS ROAD TRUSTEES.—Ratepayers in the undermentioned Road District having failed to elect a Local Board to serve for the year ending June, 1871. Notice is hereby given, that a meeting is appointed to be held for the purpose of electing five duly qualified persons to serve as a Local Board, as under:—

Waitahuna West.—Saturday, 22nd October, 1870, at the house of Mr. John Buchannon, at noon.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk, General Road Board.

MARTIN'S BAY.—Notice is hereby given, that in the event of a sufficient number of *bona fide* Settlers desiring to proceed to Martin's Bay, arrangements will be made for a direct steamer at an early date.

Apply immediately to the Secretary to the Superintendent, Dunedin.

21st September, 1870.

IMMIGRANTS' PASSAGE MONEY.—All Immigrants in arrears are requested to pay the same forthwith, otherwise expenses will be incurred. Lists containing the names of all persons in arrears have been placed in the hands of the police.

JOHN LOGAN,
Immigration Agent.

Dunedin, 11th October, 1870.

IMMIGRATION TO OTAGO. — Conditions:—£6 for each adult, and the half of that sum for persons between the ages of 1 and 12, must be paid in Otago before the names are sent home to the Agent in Edinburgh.

If the parties remain three years in Otago, no further payment will require to be made. If they do not remain that time, another payment of £8 10s. must be made before leaving Otago.

All Immigrants must be approved by the Agents for the Province at Edinburgh.

Schedule, &c., may be had on application.

JOHN LOGAN,
Immigration Agent.

Dunedin, 11th October, 1870.

NOTICE.

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS ACT.

THE period during which native game may be hunted, shot, taken or killed in this Province, having expired on the 31st day of August last, it is notified, for general information, that any person or persons found offending against the provisions of the Act, will be prosecuted.

T. K. WELDON,
Commissioner of Police.

GOLD FIELDS REGULATIONS, 1870, &c., price 2s.

Cattle Brand Book, price 2s. 6d.

Fencing Ordinance, price 6d.

Licensing (Publicans') Ordinance, price 1s.

May be had of Provincial Government Storekeeper, Dunedin. The usual allowance to the Trade when twelve are taken. These are the prices in Dunedin. If mailed the postage must be paid by purchaser.

ABSTRACT FROM PREVIOUS GAZETTES

- of Impounding Notices :—
 13th October, Friday, noon, a mare will be sold at the Hawksbury Pound.
 14th October, Friday, noon, a bay horse will be sold at Tokomairiro Pound.
 21st October, Friday noon, a horse will be sold at South Dunedin Pound.
 21st October, Friday noon, a filly and three horses will be sold at Hawksbury Pound.

NOTICE.—Tenders will be received by the Broad Bay Road Board, for the clearing and reforming of the Track along the Beach.

Specifications can be seen at the house of Mr. Raynbird; also at the house of Mr. Allan, Portobello road, till 12 noon, 29th instant. Mr. Raynbird will show intending contractors the work between 10 and 11 o'clock on that date.

EAST TAIERI ROAD DISTRICT.—Tenders will be received by Mr. James Aitkin, until 3rd November, for forming and metalling 60 chains, more or less, of road line in the above district. Also, for laying down 800 yards, more or less, of sustenance metal on roads already formed.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.—
 GEORGE ROBERTSON, Clerk to Board. 10th October, 1870.

WASTE LAND BOARD ADVERTISEMENTS.

Monday, 24th October.

CATLIN'S DISTRICT, 3000 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT
 Sections 1 to 22, Block I
 Sections 1 to 7, Block II
 Sections 1 to 15, Block IV,

Catlin's District, on the Owake River, have now been Surveyed, and will be open for application as Surveyed Land, on Monday, the 24th October, 1870, at £1 per acre. The Sections contain about 50 acres each of good agricultural Land.

Tuesday, 1st November, at Noon.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the following allotments of rural land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, will be offered for sale by auction, as land of special value, in the Land Office, Dunedin, on Tuesday, the 1st day of November next, at noon.

Block 3, Kuriwao District.

Section 2, containing 4a. 3r. 11p., upset price £300

" 1, " 26a. 1r. 24p. " £60

The hotel, occupied by Mr. Pollock, is situated on section 2, and consists of bar, dining room, parlor, private room, four bedrooms on the ground-floor, and eight on the upper-floor. The out-buildings connected with the hotel consist of 9-stalled stable, cooking-house, blacksmith's shop, barn, and stockyard.

Section 1 is partly fenced, and is now used as an accommodation paddock attached to the hotel.

Terms, 10 per cent. cash, balance within a month.

LITHOGRAPH MAPS of the Province of Otago, and of the surveyed Towns, Blocks, and Districts therein, may be obtained at the Land Office,

Dunedin; at Mr. Livingston's, bookseller, Princes street; and at the agencies of Mr. Livingston, Oamaru; Mr. Smith, Waikouaiti; Mr. Stoddart, Hampden; Messrs. B. Hibbard and Co., Tokomairiro; and at the Survey Offices at Queenstown, Clyde, Naseby, and Lawrence, so far as relates to the Districts, &c., adjacent to them; but any map not on hand at any of the Survey Offices may be ordered through them.

All the surveyed Towns and Blocks have been lithographed—price 1s. each. The Districts now lithographed on a scale of 80 chains to an inch are Awamoko, Papanaki, Oamaru, Kauroo, Otepopo, and Moeraki—price 5s. each.

LAND open for sale on 18th May, 1870.—See *Gazette* published 19th May, 1870, which may be had at the various Survey and Police Stations throughout the Province, and at the Land Office, Dunedin.

EDUCATIONAL RESERVES.—The following mentioned Reserves will be Leased by Auction early in November next. Full particulars in a future advertisement. Copies of Leasing Regulations may be obtained on application.

DISTRICT.	SECTION.	BLOCK.	AREA.
Wyndham	1 and 2	X	7327 2 17
Glenkenich	28, 30, 36, and 37	XI	228 2 16
Warepa	14	III	252 2 26
Waikawa	14	I	90 1 21
Glenomaru	1	V	116 0 0
"	6	VI	100 0 0
"	29	VIII	88 2 32
Clutha	10	III	52 0 0
"	9	XVII	52 0 0
"	11	LXXXIII	52 0 0
"	6	XCIII	52 0 0
Rankleburn	34 and 36	I	200 0 0
"	12	II	208 3 38
"	3	III	140 0 0
"	1	V	143 2 11
"	1	VI	136 3 9
Hillend	4	XI	136 0 0
"	1	XIII	74 0 0
Waitahuna West	20	IV	116 3 0
"	4	V	133 2 13
Waitahuna East	15	I	127 0 38
"	8	II	94 1 29
"	1	III	75 0 0
Kaitangata	3	V	154 0 0
"	17	VI	116 0 31
"	7	VII	178 1 38
"	14	III	179 0 32
"	2	VIII	101 1 4
North Molyneux	4	VII	52 0 0
"	2 of 1	XI	26 0 0
Inch Clutha	9, 10, 11 and 12	II	208 0 0
Tokomairiro	1	XLVIII	45 0 0
Akatore	1	VIII	145 2 0
Clarendon	1	V	77 0 0

JOHN HISLOP, Secretary.

OTAGO HARBOR.

Harbor Office,

Port Chalmers, 4th Oct., 1870.

SIR,—On receipt of your Honor's instructions to furnish information *re* entrance to Otago Harbor, I at once proceeded to take soundings thereat, assisted by Mr Pilot Loudon, and others, and now have the honor to report thereon as follows :—

The least water at present in the north or main channel is 22 feet at low water spring tides, same as in my report of May last.

In the old channel, which is a short cut into the Harbor across the bar or sand bank (meantime much used by vessels not drawing more than 18 feet), there is, at present, 15½ feet at low water spring tides, being 1½ foot more than there was in May last.

The mean high water level at the Heads is 4 feet 9 inches, which will give as high water in ordinary tides, in the north or main channel, 26 feet 9 inches (sufficient water for vessels drawing 22 feet to enter any day of the year, except when a S. E. sea tumbles in on the coast, which very rarely occurs); and in the old channel at high water, 20 feet 3 inches.

I may here repeat what I have stated in former reports, that for many years in the old channel referred to there was not less than 18 feet at low water, then used by all vessels visiting this port from 2100 tons register downwards, some of them drawing 21 feet, until the great tidal wave of August, 1868, when it suddenly shallowed to 12 feet at low water, thereby necessitating the use of the north or main channel for large vessels; and which, by the same disturbing element, was, on the other hand, very much improved, owing to the outer end of the bar or sand-bank being completely washed away. Since then, a returning process to its original form has been slowly, but surely, going on.

In the channel across the inner bar there is at present not less than 18 feet at low water spring tides, being two feet deeper than May last. The usual process of change is going on here. A ridge forms nearly across the channel, shallowing to 15 feet, then breaking through on each side, leaving a knoll in the centre. Such is the present state of that part of the channel—a small knoll with 14½ feet over, and 18 feet all round it, at low water. Then adding the mean high water level will give in this channel 22 feet 9 inches; or, if more water is required, if the vessel answers her helm quickly, by steering into the bight above Harrington Point, 30 feet of water would be obtained right through, but rather a sharp turn for a long vessel; at the same time, by a little manoeuvring, quite practicable with steam power. Such channel, however, is never used, as there is always plenty of water to make a straight course over the more shallow parts of the inner bar, which is but a very narrow ridge indeed.

And now, in conclusion, perhaps the capabilities of the Port of Otago could not be better shewn than simply to state, in a few words, that the ship Achilles, of 1520 tons register, drawing 21½ feet of water, was on the 3rd of July last safely piloted into this harbor, and anchored at Port Chalmers in the dark. Also, that only three wrecks have occurred at the entrance since the formation of the settlement. The first, the barque Revival, was run on shore during the night, when the pilot was absent from the Heads: cause, the master incapable, and the crew in a half state of mutiny. The second, the barque Genevieve, run on shore during the night, when the pilots were all engaged: cause, foolhardiness on the part of the master (who was a stranger to the port) entering without a pilot. The third, the schooner Tamar, missed stays beating in during a S.W. gale, and in wearing ran on shore on Taiaroa Head. The pilot could not board this vessel through stress of weather, and the master disobeyed the signal made "to anchor outside until the weather would moderate." So that all three wrecks, with ordinary management, might have been avoided, therefore cannot possibly be received as evidence that the entrance to this harbor is dangerous. On the contrary, I think I am correct when I state that a larger amount of shipping has visited Otago Harbor, and fewer casualties have happened therein, than in any of the other principal ports of New Zealand.—I am, &c.,

WILLIAM THOMSON, Harbor Master.

His Honor the Superintendent
of Otago.

HIGHCLIFF LOCAL ROAD BOARD.—Ratepayers are requested to pay the amount of their respective rates to Mr. David Auld, Collector, at his house, on or before the 21st day of October, 1870.
—THOMAS GRAINGER, Chairman. Highcliff, 19th September, 1870.

GREEN ISLAND ROAD DISTRICT.—Ratepayers are requested to pay the amount of their respective rates to me at my house, on or before the thirty-first day of October, 1870.—JAMES DONALD, Collector. Green Island, October 1, 1870.

GOODWOOD ROAD DISTRICT.—Notice is hereby given, that the above-named Road Board intend to apply to the General Road Board for authority to levy a Highway Rate in November, 1870, of Sixpence (6d) per acre. The Assessment Roll is now ready, and can be inspected for fourteen days from date at my house.—JOHN KEEN, Clerk and Collector. Palmerston, 7th October, 1870.

BLUE MOUNTAIN ROAD DISTRICT.—Notice is hereby given that the above-named Road Board intend to apply to the General Road Board for authority to levy a Highway Rate in November, 1870, of Sixpence in the £ on all lands and houses in the district. The Assessment Roll is now ready, and can be inspected for fourteen days from date at my house.—JOHN KEEN, Clerk and Collector. Palmerston, 7th October, 1870.

HARRINGTON LOCAL ROAD BOARD.—Notice is hereby given that the Local Board of the above District intends to apply to the General Road Board at its next meeting for authority to levy a General Rate of Ninepence per acre on all rateable property in the district. Also, that the Assessment Roll may be inspected at my house for fourteen days from this date.—JOSEPH MORRIS, Clerk to Local Board. Harrington, 5th October, 1870.

NOTICE.—The Local Board of Mosgiel hereby notify their intention to apply to the General Road Board, at its next meeting, for leave to levy a Highway Rate of One Shilling in the Pound within the said district on all lands, buildings, &c. Also, the Assessment Roll for the above district can be inspected fourteen days from date of this notice, at the house of the undersigned, Sundays and public holidays excepted.—JOHN ANDREW, Clerk to the Board. Grange, Mosgiel, 7th October, 1870.

WANGALOA ROAD BOARD.—Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to the General Road Board, at its next sitting, for authority to levy a Highway Rate of Three (3) Pence per acre on all lands liable to be rated in the district.

The revised Assessment Roll lies at the School-house for inspection, where it may be seen for fourteen days from this date—Sundays excepted.—ROBERT NEILL, Clerk to Wangaloa Road Board. Wangaloa, October 7, 1870.

ANDERSON'S BAY ROAD BOARD.—Notice is hereby given, that application is to be made to the General Road Board, at its next monthly meeting, to levy a Highway Rate of Fourpence in the Pound on an assessment of the annual value of all lands, houses, mills, buildings, and hereditaments within such district. Also, the Assessment Roll may be inspected by ratepayers at my house, Silverton, Anderson's Bay, for fourteen days from this date.—JAMES SAMUEL, Clerk and Collector. October 12, 1870.

IMPOUNDED on the 27th day of September, 1870, by John M'Kellar, Esq., Tapanui Station: one White Cow, red spots on neck, two slits in off ear, branded like E D near ribs; owner unknown; for trespassing on Tapanui Station; for which no damage is claimed; and in default of being released, the above cow will be sold at the Public Pound at Tapanui, on Friday, the 28th day of October, 1870, at 12 o'clock noon.—A. MACGREGOR, Poundkeeper of the Glenkenich Pound.

BLUESKIN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.
A Meeting of the Blueskin Agricultural and Pastoral Association will be held at the Waitati Hotel on Monday, 24th October, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a President, and other business. 2t.6s

NOTICE OF FENCING.—We hereby give notice to all whom it may concern, that we are about to erect a fence between Block VIII and Block XI, Pine Hill, on Section 8, Block VIII; also between Section 8 and Section 16 one side, and Sections 7, 25, and 28 respectively on the other.

E. J. SCHLOTEL, and
C. R. BOYD.

4s-

£50 REWARD.

WHEREAS on Saturday night, the 24th September last, or early on the following morning, a valuable stack of firewood was wilfully set fire to, near to the Home Station of the undersigned. A reward of Fifty Pounds sterling will be paid to any person or persons who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the offender; and further, the Governor will be recommended to grant a free pardon to such informant, provided he shall prove to have been an accomplice.

D. F. MAIN.

Taiari Lake Station,
1st October, 1870.

29 VICTORIA, No. 26.

SCHEDULE A.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED JOHN PITCHES, hereby make application to Register the Ida Valley Deep Lead Company (Registered), under the provisions of the "Mining Companies Limited Liability Act 1865," and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular, namely:—

1. The name and style of the Company is the "Ida Valley Deep Lead Company (Registered.)"
2. The place of intended operations is at Blacks No. 3.
3. The nominal capital of the Company is one thousand five hundred pounds, in one hundred shares of fifteen pounds each.
4. The amount already paid up is three hundred and fourteen pounds.
5. The name of the Manager is John Pitches.
6. The Office of the Company is at Blacks No. 1.
7. The names and several residences of the Shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date are as follows:—

John Smellie Graham, Dunedin, 10 shares
Arthur Buchanan, Maniototo Plains, 10 shares
William Fraser, Earnslugh, 10 shares
Robert Stewart, Hawksburn, 7 shares
Donald Stronach, Ida Valley, 7 shares
Henry G. Glassford, Gipp's Land, 5 shares
Thomas Fraser, Dunedin, 5 shares
William Ulick Burke, Blacks, 4 shares
Adolphus Alexander Oliver, Maniototo Plains, 3 shares
John Pitches, Blacks, 3 shares

John Handyside, Blacks, 3 shares
John Alves, Dunedin, 2 shares
John Beck, Blackstone Hill, 2 shares
Robert M'Morran, Clyde, 2 shares
Robert Thompson, Clyde, 2 shares
Hugh Sinnamon, Ida Valley, 1 share
Gilbert Sinclair, Blacks, 1 share
Henry Rowland, Blackstone Hill, 1 share
Fanny M'Cuskey, Hogburn, 1 share
John Hughes, Blacks, 1 share
James Wotherspoon, Blacks, 1 share
Samuel Worth, Blacks, 1 share
James M'Donald, Drybread, 1 share
James Millward, Chatto Creek, 1 share
William Crawford, Dunedin, 1 share
Unallotted, 15 shares

Total, one hundred shares.

Dated this 29th day of September, 1870.

JOHN PITCHES, Manager.

Witness to signature—

JAMES HAZLETT,

A Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

[A Proclamation, of which the following is a copy, has been sent to His Excellency the Governor, by the Honorable Colonial Secretary, for signature.]

Governor.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the eleventh section of "The Otago and Southland Union Act, 1870," it is enacted that, notwithstanding the dissolution of the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland, the persons who immediately before the coming into operation of this Act were members of the said Council shall, on a day and at a time and place to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the New Zealand Gazette, assemble, and by lot or by ballot, as and to be taken in such manner as shall be prescribed in and by such Proclamation, select seven of their number, who, with the present Superintendent of the Province of Southland shall represent in the Provincial Council of the new Province that part of the new Province which, immediately before the coming into operation of the said Act, was included in the Province of Southland:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, K.G.C.M.G., in exercise and pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf do by this Proclamation fix Thursday, the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the day and time, and the Provincial Council Chamber, Invercargill, as the place, on and at which the persons who immediately before the coming into operation of the said Act were members of the Provincial Council of the late Province of Southland shall assemble as and for the purpose in the hereinbefore recited section of the said Act is provided. And I do by this Proclamation prescribe that the selection by the said persons of seven of their number to represent, with the person who at the time of the passing of the said Act was Superintendent of the late Province of Southland, in the Provincial Council of the new Province of Otago, that part of the said new Province which was within the late Province of Southland, shall be by ballot, to be taken in the manner following, that is to say—

1. William Wood, Esq., lately Superintendent of the Province of Southland, shall preside at the taking of, and shall take the said ballot at the said meeting.

2. The taking of the said ballot shall commence at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on the said twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

3. The said William Wood, Esq., shall, before the said twentieth day of October, cause to be printed ballot papers, with the Christian or first names and surnames of all the persons who were Members of the

Provincial Council of Southland immediately before the coming into operation of the said Act, except the name of William Wood, Esq., and of no other persons, in the form following:—

Ballot Paper.

A. B.

C. D.

&c.

Directions.

The voter is to strike out the name of every person for whom he does not intend to vote by drawing a line through the name with a pen or pencil. He must be careful not to leave uncanceled the names of more than seven, or the paper will be invalid. The ballot paper must then be folded, so as to conceal all the names of the persons printed on the paper, and the ballot paper must then be put in the ballot box by the voter.

The ballot paper must not be taken out of the room in which the ballot is taken.

The above directions shall be printed on the paper, and shall be complied with and enforced.

4. The ballot shall be taken in the said chamber, and the said chamber shall be so arranged that there shall be in the same an inner compartment, and there shall be provided by the said William Wood therein pencils and pens and ink for the use of the voters.

5. The said William Wood shall also provide a ballot box with an opening therein to receive the ballot papers, and with a lock and key.

6. Before proceeding to take the poll the said William Wood shall exhibit, for the inspection of the voters, the ballot box, open and empty, and shall then forthwith take the same, being still empty, and set the same, empty and unopened, on a table in front of him, and in view of the persons present in the said chamber, and so keep the same till the ballot is concluded.

7. There shall be delivered at the said meeting by the said William Wood, to each person entitled to vote, and who shall desire to vote, a ballot paper, and every person to whom a ballot paper shall be delivered shall forthwith retire alone to the said compartment, and shall there alone, and without delay, strike out from

such ballot paper the names of the persons for whom he does not intend to vote, and shall forthwith fold up such ballot paper in such manner as will conceal the names of the persons on the ballot paper, and deposit it in the ballot box, in the presence of the said William Wood.

8. Each voter may give one vote to each of the persons qualified to be selected, not exceeding seven in number, and he may vote for himself, if he thinks fit, as one of the seven, and any ballot paper recording more than seven votes shall be rejected at the close of the poll.

9. At twelve of the clock at noon of the said day the said William Wood shall close the poll, and shall then open the ballot box, and proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each person, in view of those present in the chamber, and shall both then and after abstain from inspecting the writing upon the back of the ballot papers, and take care that the same is not seen by any person present, and shall then and there announce the number of votes given to each person, and declare those not exceeding seven in number who have received the greatest number of votes to be duly elected Members, and if two or more of such persons shall have received an equal number of votes the said William Wood shall have a casting vote, but he shall not have an original vote, and the names of the persons so declared shall be certified to the Governor by the said William Wood, and be published by the Colonial Secretary in the General Government *Gazette*.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House at Wellington; and issued under the seal of the said Colony, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.