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**T**HE following Memorandum and Report from His Honor the Superintendent should have appeared with the correspondence in last week's *Gazette* :—

Memo to the Waste Lands Board.

Referring to the Board's recent action in respect of certain applications for the purchase of hill lands proclaimed open for sale in the *Otago Gazette* of 19th April, the Superintendent desires to indicate to the Board the consequences which must result from its action.

As the Board is aware the representatives of the people have passed appropriations for highly important and necessary public works, works which, if not provided for by means of loan, were to be constructed out of the proceeds of the sale at 10s. an acre of hill lands, in terms of section 150, Otago Waste Land Act. (See votes and proceedings Session XXXII., 1873, page 93.) On the motion of the Secretary for Lands and Goldfields it was resolved—

“That a branch line of light railway, from Oamaru to the Valley of the Waiareka, a distance of fifteen miles, be at once constructed, at a cost not exceeding £31,000, said cost to be defrayed from the sale of 60,000 acres of pastoral land, in terms of section 150, ‘Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872,’ such land to be situated in the Northern District.

“That a light line of railway, between Riverton and Orepuki, in length 16 miles, be constructed, estimated cost £40,000, payment to be made in land in alternate sections on either side of the proposed line at the current value.

“That a light line of railway, between Riverton and Otautau, in length 16½ miles, already surveyed, be constructed at a cost of £40,000, payment to be made in cash or land at the option of the Government.

“That a light line of railway, to connect the Otautau line with the Invercargill and Winton Railway at Wallacetown junction, a distance of 14 miles, be constructed at a cost of £20,000, payment to be made in cash or land at the option of the Government.

“Resolved further that the following branch railways be commenced next year; that the Government be requested in the meantime to obtain the necessary

survey and estimates, viz.: Waipahee to Tapanui, Main Trunk Line to Kaitangata, Main Trunk Line to Outram, Palmerston to Waihemo, Otautau to Night Caps Coal Fields.”

The Colonial Parliament declined to sanction the raising of money by loan, and hence the necessity for falling back upon the other alternative.

Instead, however, of selling hill lands at 10s, as sanctioned by the Provincial Council, the Government has placed in the market for sale a limited area of mountain land spread over five separate runs, at 20s an acre, at which price applications to purchase have been refused by the Board, thereby depriving the Provincial Treasury of the revenue which it was reasonably expected would be £64,000, an amount which would have afforded employment during the winter months to upwards of 2000 men, and upon the faith of receiving which the Province has entered into engagements which cannot otherwise be fulfilled.

The result of this determination on the part of the Board must be disastrous in the extreme, involving as it does the curtailment and cessation of the Public Works throughout the Province, at that season of the year when the labouring population is most dependent upon such work.

In the face of the Board's decision the Government has very reluctantly being compelled to abstain from accepting tenders for various works which are absolutely necessary, and which otherwise would have been gone on with at once, and it is probable that steps may have to be taken to suspend or abandon existing contracts.

Although upon the Board must rest the onus as to the result of its decision—a decision which the Superintendent cannot doubt must have been arrived at without duly considering the grave responsibility which it involved—he cannot but feel the most serious apprehension as to the injury which the Board's action must entail upon every interest throughout the province.

The Board appears to have overlooked the fact that the Land Acts invest the Superintendent and Provincial Council, who are directly responsible to the people, with important and responsible functions, and the

Superintendent cannot but think that he has good reason to complain that in coming to the decision it did in this matter, the Board has not exhibited that courtesy to the Superintendent and Provincial Council which was due to their position as parties whom the law invests with certain powers under the Waste Lands Acts, and that instead of taking time to consider and mature its decision, it should at once, without discussion, and without assigning any reason, have arrived at an apparently foregone conclusion, and one which, if it is reasonable to suppose, must have been come to either under a misconception of the nature of the land applied for, or in the absence of information regarding the resolutions of the Provincial Council above referred to.

As to the value of the land, the Superintendent is of opinion that 20s. per acre all round for such land is a high price—an opinion which is fully borne out by the report of the Chief Surveyor; but if any doubt existed on this point, the Board had an opportunity of setting it at rest by submitting one of these allotments to public auction; and the Superintendent is at a loss to know under what authority the Board refused to allow the sale at public auction of the lands for which duplicate applications had been lodged.

There is good reason to believe that the second application was not a *bona fide* one, as the Superintendent is informed that land of at least as good quality on the adjoining Hundred has been open for sale during the last two years, and for which no application has yet been received. It is reasonable therefore to suppose that this application was not a *bona fide* one.

In the administration of the waste lands there must be two objects kept in view, viz., the settlement of the people on the land, and as a means towards this end the acquisition of revenue.

The large extent of land which is being taken up on deferred payment and under agricultural lease must of necessity diminish the amount of immediate revenue from land.

As it is necessary to dispose of land for revenue purposes, that is to say for providing means of communication, compensation, surveys, and other requirements, among which latter may be specially enumerated school buildings, for which purpose alone L30,000 are urgently needed, there can be no question that the class of land upon which it is expedient to realise is the mountain tops, which are unfit for settlement—such land, in short, as the Waste Lands Board, notwithstanding the resolution of the Provincial Council, and the recommendation of the Superintendent, has refused to sell.

Under all the circumstances of the case the Superintendent cannot but reiterate the expression of his extreme regret at the hasty action of the Board in this matter—action which is fraught with consequences which is most detrimental to the public interest, and for which the Board must be held solely responsible.

J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of Otago.

Superintendent's Office,  
Dunedin, 3rd May, 1876.

**CHIEF SURVEYOR'S REPORT.**

Dunedin, 24th April, 1876.

Re Nature of Country cancelled on Runs Nos. 170, 181, 199, 369, and 247.

Memo. for Provincial Secretary—

Run No. 170.—The 16,000 acres cancelled on this run is a piece of very rugged, scrubby country. It is bounded on the south by the Beaumont Burn, on the west by the Clutha River for fully six miles, and extends back from the Clutha in a breadth varying from two and a half to four miles. The country is intersected by several streams, and, as they and the Clutha run at deep rocky gorges, the country is very broken and difficult of access.

It is only approachable by dray, along the mountain track, availed of, in former times, between Tuapeka and Teviot, when there was no made road. This track will run off and on the back line of cancellation, and will keep open the access to the remaining 17,000 acres of leasehold on the run.

The general elevation above sea level of the part cancelled will be from 1000 to 1600 feet, and of the part on leasehold from 1200 to 3000 feet.

No part of this run can be considered agricultural land, and in its present circumstances the pastoral occupation can only be profitable in large areas.

In the gorge of the Clutha there is a bush of small extent which for the present is completely shut in by rocky bluffs; but, in the event of the railway being extended inland from Lawrence, it would be taken up the Clutha Gorge, and the bush would then become very valuable, from the fact of its being on the verge of the great treeless interior of Otago. The bush ought, therefore, to be reserved, as also a sufficient width alongside the river for road and railway purposes.

Run No. 18.—The 3000 acres cancelled on this run lie in the fork between the Lee Stream and South Rock Creek, and surround the homestead of the run. This area calls for no particular description other than that it is part of the undulating grassy country, stretching away from behind Maungatua to the heights of Waipori. The altitude of the cancellation above sea level is from 1400 to 1600ft. As indicative of the value of the country it may be mentioned that it lies alongside of the Lee Stream Hundred for four miles, which is similar country. The Hundred has been surveyed, and open for application for about two years, but the part adjacent to the area cancelled has not yet been selected.

Run No. 199.—The 15,000 acres cancelled on this run is high lying back country, which will be under snow for a considerable time after every winter storm. The general elevation will be from 2000 to 3000ft. above the sea level. A reference to the map will show that this country is simply an extension of the back line of Cargill and Anderson's purchase, nearer to the summits of Pinelheugh and Lammerlaw. There is no agricultural land in the block, and the only reservation requiring to be seen to will be the proposed dam site for the miners at Teviot, should it happen to come within the limits of the block.

Run No. 369.—The 10,000 acres cancelled from this run lie north from Roxburgh, seven or eight miles by the main interior road, which runs through the block for nearly two miles. Between the road and the Clutha River there is of this block

1,500 acres of an altitude of 1000ft. On the west side of road 800 of shattered land-ship country, altitude 1,000 to 1,600ft.

The balance is mountain slope ... 7,700 rising from 1,600 to 5,000ft. on the summit of Obelisk Range.

10,000  
With the exception of the 1,500 acres, about one-half of which is inferior agricultural land, all the rest is purely pastoral country.

In marking off the boundaries of this block care has been taken not to impinge on land which settlers resident in the district may have been looking to as the natural extension of their properties. Thus the country around M'Loughlin's improvements is still left intact up to the winter snow line, as is also all the road frontage on both sides, extending from M'Loughlin's to the landslips.

The line of the block has been kept well away from the coal reserve at Coal Creek, reported on some time ago by Captain Hutton. Regarding the settlers on the road between Coal Creek and Roxburgh it may be mentioned that their back country is in no way interfered with.

Run No. 247.—The 23,000 acres cancelled on this run consist of 8,000 acres of hard gravelly plain, and 15,000 acres of mountain country. The plain is from 1,250 to 1,400 feet above sea level, and the mountainous part rises from these levels up to the summit ridge, 3,150 to 3,350ft. The block has a frontage to the Taieri River of four and a half miles, and extends back to the summit of Rough Ridge, a distance of from six to seven miles. This is excellent pastoral country, but it is too hard and dry for agriculture. Even if it were suitable for agriculture its position away from any market, and lying many miles off the main road, would preclude profitable cultivation on any scale. The natural destiny of the Upper Taieri Plain and district, of which the block forms a part, is pasturage, and to this purpose it will be devoted for generations to come.

JAMES M'KERROW,  
Chief Surveyor.

### PROCLAMATION.

#### PROTECTION OF ANIMALS ACT, 1873.

By His Honor James Macandrew, Esquire, Superintendent of Otago.

**W**HEREAS by the "Protection of Animals Act, 1873," it is provided that no game shall be hunted, shot, taken, or killed in any province until the same shall have been proclaimed as open for that purpose by proclamation in that behalf to be made and published in the *Gazette*; and no game shall be hunted, shot, taken, or killed except within a consecutive period not exceeding three months of any year to be fixed by the Superintendent by proclamation as aforesaid, between the 1st day of May and the 31st day of June, both inclusive in any year, and only between the hours of sunrise and sunset:

Now therefore I, James Macandrew, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, under and by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by the said Act, and of every other power and authority enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim all that area of land, bounded on the north by Shag River, on the west by the Main North Road, on the east by the ocean, and on the south by the Waikouaiti River; and also that area of land comprised within the Waihola and North Tokomairiro Hundreds, as open for coursing hares between the hours of sunrise and sunset, as and from the date of this proclamation to the 31st of July next. And the sum of £1 shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer by every person obtaining a license to course hares on the area hereby declared open.

Given under my hand, and issued under the public seal of the Province of Otago, this 23rd day of May, 1876.

(Ls) J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of Otago.

### PROCLAMATION

*Appointing a certain Road in the Glenledi Road District to be a Main District Road.*

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

**W**HEREAS by the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871" it is provided that upon the application of the Road Board of any road district the Superintendent may from time to time, if it shall seem fit so

to do, by proclamation appoint that any roads or parts of roads, whether within or upon the boundary of such district, shall be main roads or main district roads: And whereas the Road Board for the Glenledi road district have applied to me, James Macandrew, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, to appoint the road hereinafter described to be a main district road:

Now therefore I, James Macandrew, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf vested in me by the said "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871," do hereby appoint the following road situate within or upon the boundary of the Glenledi road district aforesaid to be a main district road (that is to say):—

All that area in the Province of Otago containing by admeasurement seventeen (17) acres and twenty-eight (28) poles more or less, being a new road situate in Block VII, Akatore Survey District, commencing at a road line situate between section numbered 14, block I, and 26, block VII, Akatore; bounded towards the north and north-east by parts of sections numbered 26, 24, 25, 21, 14, 13, and 10, fourteen thousand eight hundred and fifty-five (14,855) links more or less, and a road line one hundred and sixty-nine and four-tenths (166.4) links; towards the south-east by other part of said section numbered 10, nine hundred and forty-four (944) links; again towards the north-east by other part of section numbered 10, nine hundred and twenty-one (921) links; again towards the south-east by a road line one hundred and five and five-tenths (105.5) links; towards the south-west by other part of said section numbered 10, eight hundred and fifty-one (851) links, and a road line one hundred and four and six-tenths (104.6) links; towards the north-west by other part of section numbered 10, seven hundred and sixty-six (766) links, and a road line one hundred and thirteen (113) links; again towards the south and south-west by other parts of said sections numbered 10, 13, 14, 21, 25, and 26, fifteen thousand four hundred and eighty (15,480) links more or less, and towards the west by a road line one hundred and forty-nine (149) links.

Given under my hand, and issued under the public seal of the Province of Otago, at Dunedin, this 16th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

(L.S.) J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent.

### PROCLAMATION

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

**I** JAMES MACANDREW, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, do, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in the Superintendent of the Province of Otago in this behalf by the "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1865," and of the powers vested in me as Superintendent of the province of Otago, hereby proclaim and declare that all those roads and all those portions of roads in the Province of Otago, mentioned and referred to in the said "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1865," and particularly described in the schedule hereto, shall from and after the day of date hereof cease to be public roads or thoroughfares, and shall no longer form part of the public roads in the several road districts in the Province of Otago mentioned in the schedule to the said Ordinance.

## SCHEDULE.

*Otanomono Road District (now Clutha).*

1. Fifty-eight (58) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from District Road in section two (2), block twenty-one (21), to District Road on (2), block twenty-six (26), Clutha Survey District: Boundaries—north, part of section two (2), block twenty-one, (21), section one (1) and part of section two, block twenty-six (26); south, part section twelve (12), block twenty (20), section eleven (11), part of section twelve (12), block twenty-five, (25).
2. Nineteen (19) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from District Road on section six (6), block twenty-one (21), to District Road on Section four (4). Boundaries—east, section four (4) and part of six (6), block twenty-one (21); west, section three (3), part of section five (5), block twenty-six (26), Clutha Survey District.
3. Fifty-one (51) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from District Road on section two (2), block twenty-one (21), to Puerua River, on section eight (8), block twenty (20), Clutha Survey District. Boundaries: east, section two (2), block twenty-one (21), sections twelve (12), ten (10), and part of eight (8), block twenty (20); west, section one (1), block twenty-six (26), sections eleven (11), nine (9), and part of seven (7), block twenty-five (25), Clutha Survey District.
4. Forty (40) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from District Road on section six (6), block twenty-six (26), to District Road between blocks twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26). Boundaries: east, sections two (2), four (4), and part of six (6), block twenty-six (26); west, sections one (1), three (3), and part of five (5), block thirty-one (31), Clutha Survey District.
5. Sixty (60) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from road line between blocks twenty-one (21) and seventeen (17), Clutha Survey District, to Puerua River, on section two (2), block twenty-one (21). Boundaries: north, section one (1) and part of section two (2), block twenty-one (21), Clutha Survey District; south, section eleven (11) and part of section twelve (12), block twenty (20), Clutha Survey District.
6. Forty-five (45) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from District Road between blocks twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26), to boundary line between sections numbered 6 and 8, block XXV. Boundaries: east, by sections 12, 10, and 8, block XXV.; west, by sections 11, 9, and 7, block XXX., Clutha Survey District, and intersected by a new road line sixty (60) links wide.

Dated at Dunedin this 23rd day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of Otago.

## PROCLAMATION.

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

I, JAMES MACANDREW, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, do, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in the Superintendent of the Province of Otago in this behalf by the "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1875," and of the powers vested in me as Superintendent of the Province of Otago,

hereby proclaim and declare that all those roads and all those portions of roads in the Province of Otago, mentioned and referred to in the said "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1875," and particularly described in the Schedule hereto, shall from and after the day of the date hereof cease to be public roads or thoroughfares, and shall no longer form part of the public roads in the several Road Districts in the Province of Otago mentioned in the Schedule to the said Ordinance.

## SCHEDULE.

## PENINSULA ROAD DISTRICT.

All that area in the Province of Otago containing by admeasurement 2a. 1r. 8p. more or less being a road line situate in block II Otago Peninsula Survey District bounded towards the east by parts of sections numbered 60 and 1 of 61 two thousand two hundred (2,200) links more or less and towards the west by other parts of said sections numbered 60 and 1 of 61 two thousand four hundred (2,400) links more or less.

Dated at Dunedin this 16th day of May, 1876.

J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

## PROCLAMATION.

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

I, JAMES MACANDREW, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, do, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in the Superintendent of the Province of Otago in this behalf, by the "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1865," and of the powers vested in me as Superintendent of the Province of Otago, hereby proclaim and declare that all that road and all that portion of road in the Province of Otago, mentioned and referred to in the said "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1865," and particularly described in the Schedule hereto, shall, from and after the date of the date hereof, cease to be a public road or thoroughfare, and shall no longer form part of the public road in the Road District, in the Province of Otago, mentioned in the Schedule to the said Ordinance.

## SCHEDULE.

## CAVERSHAM ROAD DISTRICT, No. 17.

Four (4) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from Town Belt to Main South Road, on Section thirteen (13), Block VII, Town District; boundaries north by City of Dunedin, south by part of Section thirteen (13), Block VII, Town District.

Dated at Dunedin this 16th day of May, 1876.

J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

## PROCLAMATION

*Setting apart 2,200 Acres of Land in the Chatton Hundred for occupation on deferred payments.*

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

WHEREAS by the 47th section of the Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council, to set apart in any part of the province districts or blocks of land within which licenses to occupy land and leases thereof on deferred payments may be granted, either exclusively or within which the land shall be open for license or lease on deferred payment, or for sale on immediate payment:

And whereas the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago has recommended the Superintendent of the said province to set apart the lands hereinafter specified for alienation on deferred payments.

Now therefore I, James Macandrew, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, by and with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council as aforesaid, do hereby, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by "The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," and of every or any power in this behalf enabling me, proclaim, declare, and set apart all those sections numbered respectively 2, 4, 7, 10, and 13, block V., and 2, 4, 13, 14, 16, and 18, block VI., Chatton Survey District, will be open on Monday, the 27th day of June, 1876, for application for license or lease on deferred payment, as provided in the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872."

Given under my hand, and issued under the public seal of the Province of Otago this 23d day of May, 1876.

J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of Otago.

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**NOTICE.**—Whereas it is intended to stop up the Road which is described in the Schedule hereunder written, and is delineated on the map or plan mentioned and referred to in the "Taieri District Roads Lands Ordinance, 1864," Session XIX., copy of which map or plan so far as it relates to the particular road intended to be stopped up in the Road District specified in the Schedule was deposited at the public School mentioned immediately after the description of the respective road intended to be stopped up in the North Taieri Road District: Now therefore I, James Macandrew, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in me in that behalf by the "Taieri District Roads Lands

Ordinance, 1864," Session No. XIX., do hereby give notice that all persons objecting to the stopping up of that road are required to set forth a statement in writing of any well-grounded objections they may have to the stopping up of that road, 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.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### NORTH TAIERI ROADS DISTRICT.

Thirty-five (35) chains in length, sixty (60) links wide from north-east angle of section number 32, irregular block, Taieri to district road, on the south side of Blocks II. and III., Taieri; boundaries west by Section 24, east by Section 25, irregular block, Taieri.

Plan to be seen at the School-house, North Taieri.

Dated at Dunedin this 16th day of May, 1876.

J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

**T**HE following Report and Statement of Accounts are published for general information:—

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE SOUTHLAND ACCLIMATISATION GRANT ACT.

The fund arising from the disposal of the two thousand acres given to the Southland Acclimatisation Society under the "Grant Act, 1869" having now been expended, this trust terminates, and the Trustees think it is fitting that they should briefly report what has been done under the operation of the grant in the way of fish culture.

The reports of the Curator, Mr. Howard, in May

and July, 1875 (printed in Journals, Legislative Council, 1875), give, in general terms, much of the information which the Trustees desire to convey here.

Before the Grant Act passed in 1869 the Southland Acclimatisation Society had formed breeding ponds near Wallacetown, in which brown trout were successfully reared from ova obtained from Tasmania, and subsequently distributed, and the Trustees take this opportunity to express their appreciation of the liberality with which the sister colony of Tasmania has on various occasions given ova, both of brown and of sea trout, to acclimatisation societies in New Zealand.

In view of a shipment of salmon ova from the United Kingdom in 1869 the hatching accommodation had to be greatly enlarged, and subsequent additions became necessary, and were made from time to time; until in 1875 the area was capacious enough to hatch 300,000 ova.

The first large shipment of salmon ova in which Southland participated came to Port Chalmers in April, 1869, in the Mindora. The ova were distributed to Canterbury (7,000), Otago (100,000), and Southland (7,000), but the Mindora was 133 days on her voyage, and the ova were all dead.

In 1871 the Southland Society obtained a small quantity of salmon ova (about 3,000) from Mr. Buckland, packed in bottles surrounded with sawdust, sent to Melbourne by a sailing vessel. They were delayed in transit to Southland, and none were hatched out.

In 1873 the Oberon brought to Port Chalmers 120,000 salmon ova, about 25,000 of which were forwarded to Canterbury, the rest to Southland. She sailed on the 25th January, 1873, and the ova reached the Southland ponds on the 4th May—the time (from packing the ova?) being reckoned by Mr. Howard at 114 days—a period which exceeded the maximum time heretofore considered compatible with continued vitality. About 10,000 ova were placed in the hatching boxes, the others, about 85,000, were useless from one cause or another. About 300 fry were hatched. Most of them died afterwards, and ultimately only 96 of these salmon fry remained, and were removed at the age of one year to a pond near Aparima River, into which it was intended to allow them to go when the proper time had arrived. The fry continued for some time in this pond and thrived well. The Curator reported that in April, 1875, they were strong and healthy; nearly all of those he saw were about the same size—namely, seven inches—and that "the parr marks and shots along the upper side were getting very indistinct," none of them having shown smolt scales during the preceding season. In June, 1875, the Aparima overflowed its banks, communicated with the pond, and the salmon were carried into the river.

It was unfortunate that the flood in the river should have released the fish from the pond, and so withdrawn them from observation just before the time when their progress would have deserved to be, and been, watched with the greatest interest. If these ova had been hatched at Stormontfield one-half of the fry would, according to the opinion of some leading fishculturists, assume the silvery scales of the smolt, and go to sea in May, 1875, the other half in May, 1876. In the case of these fry the period of hatching had been protracted. It is not unlikely that the time for assuming the smolt scales and going to sea would also be delayed, and actually occur, as Mr. Buckland has conjectured, at a season corresponding here to the month of May in Britain. We have lost the opportunity of watching the process on this occasion.

In 1875 the Timaru brought to the Bluff 300,000 salmon ova after a passage of 105 days. About 25,000 of the ova were taken to Canterbury. No fish were hatched out of the whole number.

It appeared that many of the ova had been gathered thirty days before the vessel sailed, otherwise the time was shorter than by the Oberon. These were placed on wooden trays, and the Curator reports that the ova tasted strongly of turpentine; that possibly these ova may have been injured from this cause, and also that many of the ova were not fecundated.

In 1870 Mr. Haas, the hon. secretary of the society, brought from Tasmania 100 sea trout ova. Only thirteen fish were ultimately reared. They were retained in the pond. These fish had the usual parr marks. One of them assumed the characteristic silver scales of the sea trout at fifteen months; the others did not in the following year, during which time they altered little in size, while the other increased in size rapidly. None of them showed a disposition to spawn until 1873, when the female in smolt scales went up the mill. No action was taken then, but in 1874 a female fish, probably the same (weighing at that time 2 1/2 lbs.), having gone up the mill, the Curator placed her in the pond with the brown trout. Next day she and a large brown trout milt were in the mill turning over the gravel. She was stripped, 700 ova taken from her were fecundated with brown trout milt, and 500 fry hatched out from these were placed in the Oreti River in January, 1875. About 40 of the fry were retained in the pond for a year longer, and became very handsome fish, resembling yellow trout, and having no parr marks.

A sea trout spawner, weighing about 3 1/2 lbs., was stripped in 1875. The ova were fecundated with milt of male sea trout. About 1,150 fry were hatched, of which 850 have been placed in the river Oreti and 350 in the Wyncham. These fish have all the marks of parr, indeed they appear to be in every respect like the parr with which those who have fished in the Tay have been familiar.

Many brown trout had been reared in the Southland ponds before the formation of this trust, ova having been obtained from Tasmania at different times. In 1871 the fish in the pond began to spawn, and thence forward a great number of both fry and ova were distributed by the society.

From the preceding remarks, and the tabular statement attached, it will be seen that the society, with the aid of this grant, has planted salmon in one river, sea trout in two river systems, and brown trout in six the large streams in the Southland district, except the Aparima, which has been reserved for, and planted with, salmon.

When contrasted with the results of the shipments to Tasmania, those to Southland show a comparative want of success which deserves notice with the view of endeavouring to throw some light on the causes of failure. With regard to the element of time it appears from the report of the Tasmanian Commissioners, in 1864, that the salmon ova that arrived by the Norfolk in that year were placed in the gravel 96 days after having been stripped; that of these ova, out of 100,000 stripped, about 30,000 were apparently healthy, the result being about 3,000 fry hatched; and by the report of 1866, that from the ova that came by the Lincolnshire in 1866, which were placed in the gravel 104 days after the time when they were stripped, 30,000 fry were hatched.

In the shipments hither by the Mindora, in 1860, she was 127 days on her voyage, and the ova were all dead. The Oberon, in 1873, was 114 days on the passage. Out of 100,000 ova received in Southland only about 300 fry were hatched, of which two-thirds survived for only a few weeks. In 1875 the Timaru was 205 days on the voyage, the ova had been stripped some time before, and all were dead on her arrival. In the three last cases the period exceeded the time of the shipments to Tasmania. In the only instance of success with us prior to the arrival of the shipment by the

Durham—that of the Oberon—it is probable that the ova had been stripped at least 120 days before they were placed in the hatching boxes, and therefore not less than fifteen days longer than the period of the ova by the Lincolnshire, the most successful shipment.

Now, Mr. Youl says in April, 1873 (New Zealand House of Representatives, 1873, H. 12), that he had always considered 100 days as the maximum time that eggs could be left in ice and afterwards successfully hatched—says this apropos of being about to open four boxes of ova retained from the shipment by the Oberon. These were opened 108 days after having been placed in the ice, and the ova were successfully hatched, the last of them on the 9th May, exactly 116 days after having been packed in the box.

Other authorities in Britain believe that the period of hatching may extend to 130 days (Russell on Salmon, &c.)

From the report of the Tasmanian Commissioners, 1864, it appears that the ova received by the Norfolk were stripped about 15th January—were placed in the ponds on or about 21st April. The last of them were hatched on the 8th June, being a maximum period of 144 days after exclusion from the parent fish.

A consideration of these circumstances leads to the conclusion that protracted time alone will not account for all the failures, certainly not for that of the shipment by the Timaru.

Then comes the question of packing. In the report of 1864 the Tasmanian Commissioners observe that the ova were best in those boxes in which the moss was loosely packed and the ova subjected to the least pressure, and that the healthiness of the ova bore a direct relation to the goodness of the moss. The report says "where the moss retained its natural green hue and elasticity there a large proportion of the ova retained a healthy vitality; where, on the contrary, the moss was of a brown colour, and in a collapsed or compressed form, few of the ova were found alive, and all were more or less entangled in a network of fungus." The Commissioners (Tasmanian Rep. 1866) think that the greater success of the shipment by the Lincolnshire was probably in a great measure due to the lighter packing of the moss in which the ova were imbedded.

Mr. Howard remarks (July, 1875), that when the boxes were full, and the moss was green, the ova were invariably better; and also that the ova are always worthless when the moss is dry or has "cobweb." The sphagnum moss has been objected to, but the whole the condition of the moss and the quantity in each box seem to be of more consequence than the kind. In any future shipment the cause of failure, if owing to any defect in the moss, could be easily traced if the boxes were numbered and a record kept of any speciality in the packing of each.

The ova sent from time to time to New Zealand have been packed by the most experienced and careful hands. The Trustees are well assured that Mr. Youl and Mr. Buckland spared no toil and omitted no precaution in order to render every shipment a success, and the enduring gratitude of the colonists of New Zealand is due to these gentlemen, especially to the former, who has laboured longer, and was the pioneer in the field—for the zeal they have shown, and the patience with which they have met and overcome obstacles in the endeavour to naturalise salmon in the rivers of these colonies, persevering in their efforts under many discouragements as those alone would with whom the work was a labour of love.

The materials of which the boxes are made deserve consideration. When made of pine in some cases the ova contained have tasted of turpentine, which could have been derived only from the timber of the boxes or trap. Mr. Howard found the dead ova from the Timaru shipment taste disagreeably of turpentine

after they had been soaking for a month in the hatching boxes. He thinks that in constructing these boxes pine would be preferable to wood; and it would seem that if wood is the best material some kind other than pine—such as plain, or timber from which the sap had been extracted—might be chosen with advantage.

It seems to be generally understood that a large abatement must be made on every shipment on account of unfecundated ova. The proportion of such has been very large in some shipments. In that by the Norfolk, for example, which took 100,000 ova on board (Tasmanian Rep., 1864), out of 30,000 ova apparently healthy Mr. Ramsbottom estimated the number unfecundated at 16,000.

In the shipment of 104,000 by the Lincolnshire (Tasmanian Rep., 1866), out of about 40,000 apparently healthy it was estimated that about 10,000 ova were barren.

Mr. Buckland says (to Agent-General, 30th Jan., '73,) "that unless the fish are properly manipulated a large number of the eggs will prove to be blind." But this will scarcely account for the large proportion of blind eggs. It is not unlikely that other causes may operate more effectively than the task of mechanical dexterity in handling the fish.

The amount of ova taken from individual spawners at one time, and the period of the season at which the fish are stripped, may have some connection with the barrenness of so many ova, for it may be assumed that of the ova taken from any spawner those alone that are mature will be susceptible of fecundation. Seeing that large fish continue on the spawning bed for a week or longer it is probable that the ova gradually mature then, and are not all ready for exclusion at the beginning of that period. If this should be so, then if all or nearly all her ova happened to be taken from any fish at one time some would be immature, and necessarily prove infertile.

Mr. Buist remarks in his report, 1854, that Mr. R. Ramsbottom, when obtaining the ova that were first placed in the hatching boxes at Stormontfield, "with great knowledge and tact selected the fish that were fully ripe, selecting the eggs so successfully that apparently not one in forty has been addled."

Into the question of extremes or alternations of temperature as causes of failure the Trustees do not enter, as the data before them at present will scarcely justify an expression of opinion.

The Trustees refer to these points suggestively, having no doubt that due weight will be given to each when the next shipment is under consideration.

The shipment of salmon ova by the Durham has arrived in a condition such as to justify the hope that it will be not less successful than any previous one to this hemisphere. In the view of a large number of fry being reared the Trustees would remind the Government of the recommendation of the late Dr. Gray (New Zealand app. House of Representatives, 1872, G. 26), to place the young fry in one or more "subalpine" streams, in small rather than in large ones, as they would have fewer enemies and be less disturbed. The experiments that were made in 1868 on the temperature of New Zealand waters show, as Dr. Hector has remarked (app. House of Representatives, 1869, D. 2), that only the rivers flowing south into or near Foveaux's Straits fulfil what is believed to be a necessary condition to the successful acclimatisation of salmon, namely—giving an average temperature under 50 degrees, the average temperature of the sea in the Strait (52 degrees) being also favourable. Taking into account the character of the waters, of the affluents, and of the estuaries of the various rivers flowing into the sea into or near Foveaux Straits the Trustees have agreed to suggest that of the fry reared from the salmon ova shipped by the Durham three-

fifths should be placed in one of the affluents of the river Oreti, and of the rest two-thirds in the Aparima and one-third in the Wyndham. All these rivers contain abundance of food in the form of waterlice, snails, &c., while shrimps and echini, the spawn of which is supposed to be a favourite food, abound in the sea, and a rapid growth of the fish may be confidently anticipated.

Instances of remarkably rapid growth have occurred in the ponds, where some of the brown trout when removed as yearlings to the Makarewa River were found to weigh nearly a pound. Many of them, at seven years old, have been estimated by the Curator, and some proved to weigh 8 or 9 lbs.

The Trustees wish to direct the attention of the Government to the urgent recommendation of Mr. Buckland in the letter above quoted to the following effect—"At the end of the second year build a fishing weir right across the river to test at a very slight expense whether the salmon really come back or not."

The Trustees recommend that his Excellency the Governor be advised to prohibit, under the provisions of the "Salmon and Trout Act, 1867," the use—for a time—of nets or engines of any kind to capture fish in the waters, salt or fresh, of any rivers in which salmon have been planted.

And, finally, the Trustees earnestly urge that an Act of Parliament should be passed to prohibit all fixed nets or engines for the capture of fish in New Zealand waters.

April, 1876.

POSTSCRIPT.—In the end of 1875 the Provincial Government of Otago, in concert with the General Government, ordered a shipment of salmon ova to be sent by steamer to Melbourne, and accordingly they were packed in the steamer Durham. She sailed from England on 22nd January, 1876. The ova coming to New Zealand (90,000) were at Melbourne transhipped to the intercolonial steamer coming to the Bluff, landed there (with the exception of a few boxes sent to Canterbury), and placed in the Southland hatching boxes on 1st April, thus these ova, brought all the way from Britain by steamers, were placed in the hatching boxes sixty-nine (69) days after the sailing, and, as near as can now be ascertained, eighty-seven (87) days after having been taken from the parent fish.

It was observed that in most—in nearly all—of the boxes the moss was fresh and green; rather close packed and compressed in those places near the floor of the ice-house. All the moss tasted of turpentine more or less strongly.

Of the ova that came to Southland from 25,000 to 30,000 were apparently healthy, and of these it appeared that about two-thirds were not fecundated.

The hatching is now in progress, and for the present the Curator is unwilling to say anything more definite than an expression of his confident anticipation that this will prove a more successful shipment than even that by the Lincolnshire.

The Trustees believe that the mode adopted in this instance of bringing the eggs from Britain by steamers is that which is most likely to effect the naturalisation of salmon in New Zealand—an object which would probably be secured by one other successful shipment, and they trust that arrangements will be made for another shipment in December.

JAS. A. MENZIES,  
Chairman of Trustees.

2nd May, 1876.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FRY FROM SOUTH- LAND PONDS.

I. SALMON FRY, 1874: To Aparima Pond, 96 fish. Carried into Aparima River in June, 1875.

**2. SEA TROUT.**—Fry bred in 1870; spawned 1875. In 1876 placed in Oreti, 850 (10 large fish retained in ponds); fry placed in Wyndham, 250.

**2A. HALF-BRED SEA TROUT.**—Fry reared 1874. Placed in Oreti in 1875, 500; placed in Makarewa in 1876, 40.

**3. BROWN TROUT.**—Upper Waiiau, 1869, 100. Wakatipu (lost in transit), 1869. Otamita, 1869, 50; 1871, 100. Waiiau (Stuart's), 1870, 47. Waihopai, 1870, 100; 1872, 100; 1875, 500. Centre Creek, 1870, 50. To Queenstown (Corporation), 1870, 100. Wyndham (lost in transit), 1870. Makarewa (large fish in 1876), 1870, 350; 1871, 82; 1873, 220; 1875, 500; 1876, 40. Wikiwi, 1870, 117; 1872, 100. Omut (Riverton), 1871, 60; 1872, 50. To Dunedin Society, 1872, 210. Puni Creek, 1872, 100. Winton Creek, 1873, 205. Upper Mataura (Howitt's), 1873, 160. Benmore, 1873, 310. Waimatuku, 1873, 147. Orawea, 1875, 500. Morley, 1875, 500. Oreti (at Lowther), 1876, 750. Wyndham, 1876, 750. Mimiau, 1876, 500. Waikaka, 1876, 350. Titiroa, 1876, 250.

#### APPOINTMENT OF POLLING PLACE FOR ROSLYN ROAD DISTRICT.

**U**NDER and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871," I hereby appoint the Roslyn Hall, Roslyn, to be the Polling Place for the election of members of the Roslyn District Road Board.

J. MACANDREW,  
Superintendent of Otago.

**H**IS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT directs it to be notified that he has appointed  
CONSTABLE W. M. GRANT

to be Inspector of Slaughter-houses, and of Cattle intended for Slaughter, for the District of Oamaru, ~~from Constable Henry Green transferred.~~

D. REID,  
Provincial Secretary.

22nd May, 1876.

#### HAVELOCK CEMETERY.

**H**IS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT directs it to be notified that he has appointed

MR. JOHN STABLES,  
MR. ALEXANDER REID,  
MR. THOMAS PHILLIPS,

to be Managers of the Havelock Cemetery, *vice* Mr. D. Clarke and Mr. Tanton left the district, and Mr. Bolt deceased.

D. REID,  
Provincial Secretary.

23rd May, 1876.

#### MEMORANDUM OF GOVERNMENT LAND SALES.

May 26, Havelock township. Auction: Public Place, Havelock. See advertisement.

May 27, 1876. Fairfax, Waihole, Hull, Kapiti, and Beaulieu townships. Auction: Courthouse, Milton. See advertisement.

May 27, 1876. Akatofe district. Auction: Courthouse, Milton. See advertisement.

May 27, 1876. Maungatua district. Auction: Courthouse, Milton. See advertisement.

May 27, Clarendon district. Auction: Courthouse, Milton. See advertisement.

May 30, 1876. Balclutha, Kaitangata, Molyneux, and Newhaven townships. Auction: Barr's Hall, Balclutha. See advertisement.

May 30, 1876. Hill-end (Totara Island) district. Auction: Barr's Hall, Balclutha. See advertisement.

June 5, 1876. St Bathans, Hill's Creek, Naseby, and Manuherika township. Auction: Survey Office, Naseby. See advertisement.

June 5, 1876. Kyeburn district. Auction: Survey Office, Naseby. See advertisement.

June 14, 1876. Crookston and Greenvale districts. Auction: Land Office. See advertisement.

D. M. MACGOUN,

For the Chief Commissioner.

Land Department,  
12th April, 1876.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

#### LAND SALES, &c.

**T**HE following allotments in the undermentioned Townships will be offered for sale by public auction by Mr. R. B. Martin, on the dates and at the places hereafter mentioned. Front quarter-acre sections be sold at the upset price of £8 each, and back sections £5 each. Sections over the quarter acre will be sold at rates to be stated by Auctioneer.

At Havelock, on Friday, 26th May, at noon, sections in Township of Havelock.

Havelock—Sections 1 to 17, Block I; 1 to 17, B. II; 1 to 13, B. III; 1, 8, 9, 10, B. IV; 1 to 7, 9 to 12, B. V; 1 to 17, 20 to 30, 32 to 41, B. VI; 1, 2, 4 to 8, 14 to 16, B. VII; 7 to 13, B. VIII; 1 to 4, B. IX; 1 to 7, 10, 13, 14, B. XVII; 6 and 7, 13 to 16, 19 and 20, B. XVIII; 3 to 6, B. XXII; 6, 7, B. XXIII; 1 to 5, B. XXIV; 1, B. XXV; 9 to 15, B. XXVI; 2, 6, 7, 9 to 25, B. XXVII; 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11, B. XXVIII. With valuations—Sections 16 and 17, b. XVI, £40. Section 24, b. XVI, £10. Section 16, b. XXXIII, £3. N.B.—Sections 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, B. XXXI, 3 and 6, B. XXXII, withdrawn from sale.

At Court House, Milton, Tokomairiro, on Saturday, 27th May, at noon, sections in Townships of Fairfax, Waihole, Hull, Kapiti, and Beaulieu.

Fairfax—Section 13, Block V; 7, B. VII.

Waihole—Sections 8, 9, Block 13; 17, 18, B. XIV; 8 to 12, B. XVIII; 22, B. XXI; 1, 2, 19, 20, and 21, B. XXIII; 1 to 22, B. XXIV; 12 to 16, B. XXV.

Hull—Sections 2 to 11, Block IV; 1, 2, 4 to 6, 9, 10, B. V; 1 to 8, B. VI; 1 to 6, B. VII; 1, 2, 5, B. VIII.

Kapiti—Sections 1, 2, 5 to 9, 14 to 18, Block I; 1, 2, 4 to 14, B. IV. Suburban sections, 4 to 6, 8, 10, 11, 15 to 21, B. VI, at £5 per acre.

Beaulieu—Sections 5 and 8.

At Barr's Hall, Balclutha, on Tuesday, 30th May, at noon, sections in Townships of Balclutha, Kaitangata, Molyneux, and Newhaven.

Balclutha—Sections 7 to 10, 12, 13, 20, Block I; 1, 8, 10, 14 to 19, B. II; 10, B. III; 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, B. VI; 10, B. IX; 12, B. X; 4, 14, B. XI.

Kaitangata—Sections 5 to 18 and 20, B. I; 5 to 10, 12 to 21, B. II; 1, 2, 15 to 20, B. III; 10 to 14, B. IV; 3, 4, 16 to 19, B. V; 13, B. VI; 6 to 15, 17, 19 to 21, B. VII; 4, 14 to 18, B. IX; 2 to 5, 11, 12, 16, 22, B. X; 2 to 7, 9, 14, 15, 18 to 22, B. XI; 2 to 7, 12, 13, 14, 22, B. XII; 3 to 22, B. XIII; 2 to 12, 14 to 22, B. XIV; 1 to 22, B. XV; 1, 2, 4 to 22, B. XVI; 20, B. XXIX; 2 to 5, B. XXX; 6, 7, B. XXXII; 2, B. XXXII. N.B.—4 and 5, B. XXX, temporarily withdrawn.

**Molynseux**—Sections 1 to 20, Block I; 1 to 3, 5 to 19, 15 to 20, B. III; 3, 5 to 20, B. IV; 10, B. V; 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, B. VI; 1, 2, 3, 5 to 20, B. VII; 3, 13, B. VIII; 3, 9 to 13, 15, 16, B. XI; 8, B. XIII; 10, B. XVIII; 5 to 8, 15, 17, 19, B. XIX; 5 to 10, 14 to 18, B. XX; 5, 7, 8, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, B. XXII; 5 to 16, 18, 19, B. XXIII; 5 to 20, B. XXIV; 5 to 9, 11 to 15, 17, B. XXV; 5 to 20, B. XXVII; 5, 15, B. XXXI; 2, 5 to 20, B. XXXII; 2 to 20, B. XXXIII; 1 to 16, 18, 19, 20, B. XXXIV; 8 to 13, 19, 20, B. XXXV; 6 to 20, B. XXXVI; 1 to 20, B. XXXVII; 1 to 11, 13 to 20, B. XXXVIII; 10, 12, 13, 15 to 21, B. XXXIX; 10 to 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, B. XL; 5 to 19, B. XLI; 1 to 9, 11 to 18, B. XLII; 1 to 20, B. XLIII; 1 to 4, 6 to 20, B. XLIV; 2, 3, 5 to 14, 18, B. XLV; 5 to 31, B. XLVI; 1 to 20, B. XLVII; 1 to 18 and 20, B. XLVIII; 1 to 16, B. XLIX; 1 to 4, 6 to 11, B. L; 1 to 11, B. LI; 1 to 15, B. LII; 1 to 12, 14 to 20, B. LIII.

**Newhaven**—Sections 2, 10 to 16, Block I; 1 to 8, 13 to 15, 17 to 20, B. II; 2 to 5, 12 to 20, B. III.

At Survey office, Naseby, on Monday, 5th June, at noon, sections in Township of St. Bathans, Hill's Creek, Naseby, and Manuherika.

**St. Bathans**—Sections 28, b. I; 14, 18, b. II.

**Hill's Creek**—Sections 1, 3, 7, 9 to 20, block I; s. 6 to 27, b. II; s. 1, 2, 5 to 28, b. III; s. 5, b. IV.

**Naseby**—Sections 70, 71, 136A, 143, block I; s. 16, b. II. N.B.—Sections 144, 147 to 152 and 154, b. I, and s. 1, b. II withdrawn from sale.

**Manuherika**—Sections 1 to 12, block I; s. 1 to 12 b. II; s. 1, 3, 4, 7 to 10, b. III; s. 1 to 7, b. IV; s. 1 and 2, b. V; s. 1 to 8, 10, b. VI; s. 1 to 8, b. VII.

D. M. MACOUN,  
For the Chief Commissioner.

#### CLARENDON DISTRICT.

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY, 1876.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Section 15, Block V., Clarendon District will be offered for sale by public auction by Mr. R. B. Martin, on Saturday, 27th May, 1876, at the Court House, Milton, immediately after the sale of the Townships, at the upset price of £1 per acre, with valuation for improvements to the extent of £295, to be paid at auction.

#### AKATORE DISTRICT,

(TOKOMAIRIRO.)

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY, 1876.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Section 54, Block 5, Akatore District, will be offered for sale by public auction on Saturday, 27th May, 1876, by Mr. R. B. Martin, at Milton, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

#### MAUNGATUA DISTRICT.

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY, 1876.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the lease for ten years of the Bush Reserve, being Section 41, Block, I, Maungatua District, under the 85th clause of "The Waste Lands Act, 1872," containing 162a. or 19p., will be offered for sale by public auction by

Mr. R. B. Martin, at the Court House, Milton, Tokomairiro, on Saturday, the 27th of May next, immediately after the sale of the Townships, at the upset price or rent of one shilling per acre per annum.

J. T. THOMSON,  
Chief Commissioner.

Land Department,  
Dunedin, 16th Feb., 1876.

MONDAY, 29TH MAY.

**T**HE following Town Sections will be sold by auction at the Land Office, Invercargill, at noon, on Monday, the 29th day of May proximo:—

Town.	Section.	Block.	Upset Price.		
			£	s.	d.
Dipton	7	III	5	0	0
Mataura	10	VIII	24	0	0
"	12	"	13	0	0
"	6	VI	5	0	0
"	7	"	5	0	0
Winton	4	V	7	0	0
"	5	"	6	16	0
Dipton	4	I	5	0	0
"	5	"	5	0	0
Campbelltown	12	XIX	12	10	0
"	13	"	12	10	0
Dipton	5	IV	5	0	0
"	2	I	5	0	0
"	2	II	5	0	0
Gore	20	IV	5	0	0
"	21	"	5	0	0
Dacre	1	XII	8	0	0
Winton	6	I	14	8	0
Otautau	17	III	1	0	0
"	18	"	1	0	0
Seaward Bush	3	I	2	10	0
"	4	"	16	4	0
"	5	"	23	7	6
"	6	"	24	5	0
"	7	"	24	5	0
"	8	"	24	5	0
"	9	"	22	2	6
"	10	"	24	5	0
"	11	"	24	5	0
"	12	"	24	5	0
"	13	"	24	5	0
"	14	"	24	5	0
"	15	"	25	0	0
"	16	"	25	0	0
"	17	"	25	0	0
"	18	"	25	0	0
"	19	"	25	0	0
"	20	"	25	0	0
"	21	"	16	7	6
"	22	"	16	7	6
"	23	"	21	12	6
"	24	"	16	2	6
"	27	"	10	10	0
"	28	"	8	2	6
"	46	"	2	10	0
"	47	"	8	0	0
"	48	"	14	17	6
"	49	"	19	2	6
"	50	"	24	5	0
"	51	"	25	0	0
"	52	"	25	0	0
"	53	"	10	16	0
"	54	"	5	12	6

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent of Otago.

Superintendent's Office,  
Dunedin, 19th April 1876.

**GOVERNMENT TOWNSHIP OF DUNOON,  
BROAD BAY, OTAGO PENINSULA.**

**SALE OF SECTIONS—MONDAY, 29th MAY.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the unreserved sections in the Township of Dunoon will be offered for sale by auction in the Provincial Council Hall, Dunedin, on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1876, at 12 o'clock, at an upset price of £20 per section.

Plans to be seen at the Land Office, Dunedin.

**AMENDED NOTICE**

**MONDAY, 29th MAY, 1876.**  
At 12 o'clock.

**FREEHOLD RESIDENCES AT KENSINGTON.**

Will be offered for sale by Public Auction in the Provincial Council Hall, on Monday, the 29th May, 1876, at 12 o'clock.

**TEN** Sections of Land, averaging from seven to ten poles, with Cottages erected thereon, in the Township of Kensington, at the junction of the Clutha Railway and the Anderson's Bay Road.

Terms: One-fourth cash, the balance of the purchase money to be by bills at 6 and 12 months respectively, bearing interest at eight per cent. per annum. Upset price £225 each section.

**HILLEN DISTRICT, TOTARA ISLAND.**

**TUESDAY, 30th MAY, 1876.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Section 71A, Block 15, Hillend District, will be offered for sale by public auction by Mr. R. B. Martin, on Tuesday, the 30th May, at noon, at Barr's Hall, Balclutha, at the upset price of £5 per acre.

**DEFERRED PAYMENTS.**

**THURSDAY, 1st JUNE, 1876.**

3,600 Acres of Land for sale on deferred payments in the Kyeburn Hundred, Swinburn Survey District.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the undermentioned sections will be open for application on deferred payments on Thursday, the 1st day of June, 1876. Application must be made by the applicant in person at any Land Office in the Province, and a deposit of 1s. 6d. per acre paid at the time of making the application, being the first half-year's occupation fee. The purchase money is payable at the rate of 3s. per acre per annum for ten years.

Plans to be seen, and lithographs obtained, at the Land Offices at Naseby, at Dunedin, and at Lawrence.

Sections 11, 13, and 15, block I.  
Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 19, block IV., and sections 1 and 2, block V., Swinburn Survey District.

**DEFERRED PAYMENTS.**

**THURSDAY, 1st JUNE, 1876.**

1,000 Acres of Land for sale on deferred payments in the Otakarama Hundred, Waikaka Survey District.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the undermentioned sections will be open for application on deferred payments on Thursday, the 1st day of June, 1876. Application must be made by the applicant in person, any Land Office in the Province, and a deposit of

1s. 6d. per acre paid at the time of making the application, being the first half-year's occupation fee. The purchase money is payable at the rate of 3s. per acre per annum for ten years.

Plans to be seen, and lithographs obtained, at the Land Offices at Dunedin, and at Invercargill.  
Sections 6, 7, 8, 16, and 17, block XII, Waikaka Survey District.

**CORRECTED NOTICE**

**KYEBURN HUNDRED,  
(Near Naseby.)**

**MONDAY, 5th JUNE, 1876.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the following Sections in the above Hundred will be offered for sale by public auction by Mr. R. B. Martin, at Naseby, on Monday, 5th June, 1876, immediately after the sale of the townships, as land of special value, under clause 85 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," at the upset price opposite each section:

Sec.	Block	Acreage.	District.	Upset price.
		A. R. P.		£ s. d.
1	II.	163 1 14	Kyeburn	763 6 6
2	"	71 0 28	"	91 3 6
11	"	200 0 00	"	209 0 0
3	III.	200 0 00	"	244 0 0
5	"	199 0 20	"	216 0 0
6	"	198 3 15	"	211 17 0
13	"	200 0 00	"	212 0 0
14	"	200 0 00	"	236 0 0

**HERRIOT HUNDRED,**

**NEAR TAPANUI.**

**WEDNESDAY, 14th JUNE, 1876.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the following Sections in the above Hundred will be offered for sale by public auction, at the Land Office, Dunedin, on Wednesday, 14th June, 1876, at noon, as land of special value, under clause 85 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act 1872," at the upset price opposite each section:

Section	Block	Acreage.	District	Upset price.
19	7	239 0 00	Crookston	361 6 0
2	8	263 2 00	"	424 13 0
3	8	293 1 12	"	440 0 0
6	8	203 0 00	"	304 10 0
9	8	200 0 00	"	300 0 0
24	8	200 0 00	"	405 14 0
3	9	216 2 00	Greenvale	324 15 0
4	9	140 0 00	"	210 0 0
10	9	198 2 00	"	297 15 0
11	9	195 1 11	"	293 0 0
12	9	287 3 00	"	431 12 6
13	9	206 1 37	"	328 17 6
14	9	199 0 16	"	314 16 3
18	9	126 2 30	"	190 0 0
1	10	268 1 00	"	312 7 6
2	10	199 2 16	"	299 8 0
3	10	200 0 00	"	300 0 0
7	10	195 2 14	"	293 7 6
8	10	196 2 00	"	294 15 0

**J. T. THOMSON,**  
Chief Commissioner.

Land Department,  
3rd May, 1876.

THE following Sections in the Oreti Hundred will be offered for sale by auction at the Land Office, Invercargill, at noon on Monday, the 11th day of June, proximo.

Section 106, containing 200 acres

" 104. " ... 500 "

" 103. " ... 500 "

Upset price, £1 per acre.

WALTER H. PEARSON,  
Commissioner Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Office,  
Invercargill, 11th May, 1876.

#### DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

MONDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1876.

5,766 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS IN THE FOREST HILL HUNDRED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned sections will be open for application on deferred payments on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1876. Application must be made by the applicant in person at any Land Office in the Province, and a deposit of 1s. 6d. per acre, being the first half-year's occupation fee paid at the time of making the application fee. The purchase money is payable at the rate of 3s. per acre per annum for ten years.

Plans to be seen, and lithographs obtained, at the Land Offices as Dunedin, at Invercargill, and at Lawrence.

227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239,  
241, 242, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 253, 254,  
255, 263, 264, 265, 267, 268, 271, 272, 273,  
and 275, Forest Hill Hundred.

#### DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1876.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned sections will be open for application on deferred payments on Wednesday, the 21st June, 1876. Application must be made by the applicant in person, at any Land Office in the Province, and a deposit of 1s. 6d. per acre paid at the time of making the application, being the first half-year's occupation fee. The purchase money is payable at the rate of 3s. per acre per annum for ten years.

Plans to be seen, and lithographs obtained, at the Land Office, at Dunedin.

Section.	Block.	District.	Acreage.
7	5	Waipahee	197 0 32
26	2	Glenkench	200 0 00
23	4	Greenvale	200 2 14
23	5	"	89 2 00
8	5	"	200 0 00
4	4	Wakaia	128 2 35
11	4	"	200 0 00
5	4	"	200 0 00
1	4	"	198 0 08
9	10	Waikaka	197 3 29
12	8	Togetoës	198 0 00
17	8	"	200 0 00
4	2	Highlay	3 0 25
1	5	Tiger Hill	46 0 19
2	"	"	46 0 19
3	"	"	39 1 09
8	"	"	45 2 31

J. T. THOMSON,  
Chief Commissioner.

Land Department,  
10th May, 1876.

#### DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

MONDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1876.

1,400 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS IN THE TAPANUI HUNDRED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned sections will be open for application on deferred payments on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1876. Application must be made by the applicant in person, at any Land Office in the Province, and a deposit of 1s. 6d. per acre paid at the time of making the application, being the first half-year's occupation fee. The purchase money is payable at the rate of 3s. per acre per annum for ten years.

Plans to be seen, and lithographs obtained, at the Land Offices at Dunedin, and at Lawrence.

3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, and 14, Block XII, Crookston Survey District.

#### PORTOBELLO BALLAST RESERVE.

THURSDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1876.

NOTICE is hereby given that the license to occupy the Portobello Ballast Reserve, excepting portion required for ballast purposes under the 161st Clause of the "Otago Waste Land Act, 1872," will be offered for sale by public auction at the Land Office, Dunedin, on Thursday, 22nd June, 1876, at noon, at the upset price of £12 per annum. Other conditions to be stated at sale.

J. T. THOMSON,  
Chief Commissioner.

Lands Department, 10th May, 1876.

#### WAREPA DISTRICT.

Near Newhaven.

FRIDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1876.

NOTICE is hereby given that section 50, block I, Wairepa District, will be sold by public auction at the Land Office, Dunedin, on Friday, the 30th June next, at noon, under the 85th clause of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," at the upset price of 30s. per acre, subject to Road Reservation, to be more correctly defined after survey. Survey fees, including mileage and bush lines, £9 8s., to be paid by the purchaser.

J. T. THOMSON,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Waste Lands Board.

Land Department,  
Dunedin, 24th May, 1876.

MONDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1876,  
At 12 o'clock.

TO be sold by public auction at the Land Office, Invercargill, at noon, on Monday, the 26th day June, 1876, the Lands hereafter described, viz. :-

All that piece or parcel of land, containing 10 acres 1 rood 8 poles, more or less, being part of section 18, block II, New River Hundred, lying east of Railway Reserve; bounded on the north by section 21, 193 links; on the east by section 19, 5,900 links; on the south by public road, 201 links; on the west by Railway Reserve 1,544 links, again on the north by Railway Reserve 25 links, again on the west by Railway Reserve 1076 links, again on the south by Railway Reserve 38 links, again on the west by Railway Reserve 3,280 links.

All that piece or parcel of land containing 9a. or. 7p. more or less, being part of section 3, block XIV, Invercargill Hundred, lying east of Railway Reserve, bounded on the west by Railway Reserve 3,240 links, on the north by a public road 370 links, on the east by sections 2 and 1, of block XIV. aforesaid 3,270 links, and on the south by the Waikiwi Stream.

All that piece or parcel of land containing 5a. 2r. 14p., more or less, being other part of section 3, block XI-7, Invercargill Hundred, lying east of Railway Reserve, bounded on the west by Railway Reserve 2,700 links, on the north by Waikiwi Stream, on the east by section 1, block XIV, aforesaid 2,670 links, and on the south by a public road 231 links.

All that piece or parcel of land containing by ad-measurement 5a. 2r. 16p., more or less, being part of section 2 of 38 block, IX, Invercargill Hundred, bounded on the west by sections 7 and 9, block XIV, Invercargill Hundred, 4,500 links, or thereabouts, on the east by Railway Reserve 4,507 links, on the south by section 6, block XIV. aforesaid, 259 links.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing by ad-measurement 1r. 30p., more or less, being part of sections 43 and 44, Harewood Estate, bounded on the north by north boundary of section 28, block I, Invercargill Hundred, 77 links; on the east by a public road 452 links; on the south, by Avenal road 175 links, and on the west by section 45, Harewood Estate, 450 links.

#### DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

MONDAY, 27th JUNE, 1876.

#### 2,200 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS, IN THE CHATTON HUNDRED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned sections will be open for application on deferred payments on Monday, the 27th day of June, 1876. Application must be made by the applicant in person, at any Land Office in the province, and a deposit of 1s. 6d. per acre paid at the time of making the application, being the first half-year's occupation fee. The purchase money is payable at the rate of 3s. per acre, per annum, for ten years.

Plans to be seen, and lithographs obtained, at the Land offices at Dunedin, at Invercargill, and at Lawrence.

Sections 2, 4, 7, 10, and 13, block V., and 2, 4, 13, 14, 16, and 18, block VI., Chatton Survey District.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application under the 47th, &c., sections of the Waste Lands Act, 1872, and amendments for section 16, block III, Teviot, has been received from Honora Fitzgerald, and duly recorded. Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1876, at the Court House, Roxburgh, is the day and place appointed for deciding such application if unopposed, and notifying objections (if any) which may have been lodged.

W. LAURENCE SIMPSON,  
District Land Officer.

District Land Office,  
Clyde, 4th May, 1876.

#### LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

MR. ROBERT SHORT, Land Office, Dunedin, has been appointed to supply information as to settlement on the land, whether by immediate purchase, deferred payments, or under agricultural leases.

Mr. Short will show maps of the land and assist purchasers or selectors in making the necessary applications.

#### 50,000 FOREST TREES.

THE following Trees will be disposed of for Cash by the Curator at the Botanical Gardens, Dunedin:—

VARIETIES.	No.
Pinus Insignis ... ..	7,726
" Ponderosa ... ..	1,995
" Pungens ... ..	1,010
" Jeffreyana ... ..	76
" Halepensis ... ..	1,876
" Sabiniana ... ..	101
" Maritima ... ..	4,294
" Tuberculata ... ..	380
" Smithiana ... ..	91
" Muricata ... ..	2,110
" Rigida ... ..	1,235
" Rubra ... ..	95
" Coulteri ... ..	62
" Benthamiana ... ..	150
Abies Douglasii ... ..	150
Cupressus Macrocarpa ... ..	540
" Pendula Vera ... ..	1,176
" Goveniana ... ..	40
" Lawsoniana ... ..	226
Thuja Compacta ... ..	3,709
" Aureu Variegata ... ..	662
Cedrus Atlantica ... ..	36
" Libanus ... ..	42
Biota Aurea ... ..	956
" Sinensis ... ..	220
" Orientalis ... ..	75
Sequoia Gigantea ... ..	65
English Ash ... ..	13,376
English Oak ... ..	7,334
English Sycamore ... ..	1,495
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	51,365

The Curator will not be bound to supply all that may be asked by any person.

#### ABSTRACTS from previous Gazettes of Impounding Notices:—

2ND JUNE, FRIDAY NOON.

3 Cows, a heifer and a bull will be sold at South Dunedin Pound.

IMPOUNDED on the 14th day of May, 1876, by order of Mr. William Craig, of Otepopo:

1 bay Horse, indistinct brand off shoulder,

Owners unknown; for trespassing on grass paddocks at the Punch Bowl, for which £1 driving expenses are claimed, and in default of being released the above Horse will be sold at the Public Pound on Friday, the ninth day of June, 1876, at twelve o'clock noon.

H. T. MURCOTT,

Poundkeeper of the Hampden Pound.

IMPOUNDED on the 12th day of May, 1876, by Boys Bros., Falls Station:

1 red and white Steer, branded like S 3 near ribs.

1 red Cow, white face, branded GH (conjoined) off thigh, like 6 off ribs; calf at foot.

1 blue Steer, branded 6 off ribs.

1 red Heifer, branded J.C. off rump.

Supposed to belong to W. McMasters, stock owner, Upper Nevis; for trespassing on Falls Station, for which 3s. per head driving expenses are claimed, and in default of being released, the above Cattle will be sold at the Public Pound at Hayes Lake, on Friday, the ninth day of June, 1876, at twelve o'clock noon.

W. T. MARSHALL,

Poundkeeper of the Shotover Pound.

**TREASURER of the SOUTHLAND ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY in Account with the Trustees of the Southland Acclimatisation Grant Fund:**

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
April 7, 1875.	Balance ...	265	17	0
EXPENDITURE.				
May 19, 1875.	Refund to Southland Acclimatisation Society as under—namely:—			
	Clerical Assistance	5	0	0
	Howard, expenses	10	14	0
	Sundries on Ova account	59	13	0
		<hr/> £75 7 0		
Sept. 22, 1875.	Curator, salary for six months ending 30th June, 1875	100	0	0
March 2, 1876.	Curator's salary	90	10	0
		<hr/> £265 17 0		

JAMES A. MENZIES,  
Chairman of Trustees.

4th April, 1876.

(SUMMARY.)

**SOUTHLAND ACCLIMATISATION GRANT FUND.**

**TREASURER OF SOCIETY in Account with Trustees:—**

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
May 13, 1871	Paid by Mr. Baptian	800	0	0
	Expenditure	721	10	0
	Balance	78	10	0
April 22, 1872	Paid by Mr. Baptian	400	0	0
		478	10	0
	Expenditure	216	8	0
	Balance	262	2	0
April 1, 1873	Paid by Mr. Baptian	400	0	0
		662	2	0
	Expenditure	229	19	6
	Balance	432	2	6
1874	Cash	4	7	0
		436	9	6
	Expenditure	381	12	11
	Balance	54	16	7
April 1, 1875.	Final payment by Mr. Baptian...	395	10	5
	Cash sale of material	15	10	0
		<hr/> £465 17 0		
	Expenditure	200	0	0
	Balance	265	17	0
April 3, 1876.	Expenditure	265	17	0
		<hr/> £2015 7 5		

JAMES A. MENZIES,  
Chairman of Trustees.

4th April, 1876.  
It.—40s.

**STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure of the Oamaru Cemetery from December 31st, 1874 to December 31st, 1875:—**

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1875.	To balance in hand	69	18	5
Dec. 31, 1876,	To Receipts, ground fees, &c.	301	16	6
	„ National Bank	64	8	7
		<hr/> 436 3 6		
	To Balance	£22	5	2
EXPENDITURE.				
Dec. 31, 1876.	By Sexton's wages	98	17	2
	„ Secretary's salary and commission	33	8	9
	„ Surveys, laying off blocks	19	0	0
	„ Incidentals	4	10	0
	„ Stationery and postage...	1	4	7
	„ Improvements, planting, &c.	106	17	10
	„ Cemetery Lodge, on account	150	0	0
	„ Cash in hand	22	5	2
		<hr/> £436 3 6		

**Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Oamaru Cemetery on the 31st December, 1875:—**

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
	To National Bank	64	8	7
	„ Amount due for Lodge	120	0	0
		<hr/> £184 8 7		
ASSETS.				
	By Cash in hand	22	5	2
	„ Uncollected accounts...	30	0	0
	„ Balance to provide for...	132	3	5
		<hr/> £184 8 7		

Audited and found correct,  
JOHN THOS. EVANS, } Auditors.  
GEORGE SUMPTER, }  
Oamaru, 31st March, 1876. It. 22s.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Mining Lease of Section 1, Block I., Silver Peak District, prepared in favor of John Bathgate and Frederick Charles Graves, has been Cancelled, and the land is now open for occupation by holders of Miners' Rights, etc.

D. REID,  
Provincial Secretary.  
Provincial Secretary's Office, Dunedin,  
22nd May, 1876.

**£3 REWARD.**

**STRAYED** from Hills Creek, about six months' one bay Filly, branded A near shoulder, white star forehead, two hind feet white. Any one returning same to Mr. Turnbull, Hills Creek; or Mr. Williams, poundkeeper, Clyde, will receive the above reward.

GEO. SMITH,  
2t.—8s. pd. Carrier.

**£2 REWARD.**

**STRAYED** from the North East Valley one gray Mare, branded J under the near side saddle, also <sup>4</sup>/<sub>13</sub> on off side saddle; also one dark bay Colt, little white on off hind foot, and small blaze on face. Any person returning the same to Thomas Brown, N.E. Valley Hotel, will receive above reward.  
2t.—9s. pd.

**CROWN GRANTS** in favor of the undermentioned persons are now ready for delivery at the Crown Grant Office, Invercargill.

WALTER H. PEARSON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Grant Office,

Invercargill, 18th May, 1876.

Fras. Stirling Brown Holt, sec. 8, Wairio District.  
Do. 10, do.  
Do. 15, do.  
Do. 16, do.

Jas. Rattray and Wm. Alex. Tolmie, sec. 24, Eyre District

Jas. Rattray and Wm. Alex. Tolmie, sec. 25, Eyre District

Jas. Rattray and Wm. Alex. Tolmie, sec. 32, Eyre District

Fred. Whitaker and Thomas Russell, sec. 3, bk. VII, Jacob's River Hundred.

John Topi Patuki, sec. 37, Jacob's River Hundred.

Matthew Scott, sec. 13, Wairio District.

Do. 14, do.

Thomas Norman, sec. 8, Forest Hill Hundred.

Alexander Biss, sec. 45, Forest Hill Hundred.

Justin Aylmer, sec. 1A, Takitimo District.

John George Brown and William Stewart, sec. 24, Takitimo District.

Thomas Watson, sec. 5, Wairaki District.

Thomas Watson, sec. 6, Wairaki District.

William Sargeant, sec. 2, Centre Hill District.

James Mouat, sec. 12, block I, Winton Hundred.

Wm. McAllister, sec. 18 and 29, block XII, Invercargill Hundred.

Henry Walker Mitchell, sec. 12, block V., Campbelltown Hundred.

James Mouat, sec. 35, block I., Aparima Hundred.

Francis W. Scott, sec. 3, block IV., Lowther.

Anthony Dickson Wilson, sec. 19, block XXXI., Invercargill.

John Mitchell, sec. 8, block IV., Wallacetown.

Duncan McArthur, sec. 12 and 13, block IV., Wallacetown.

William Ritchie, sec. 16, block IV., Wallacetown.

#### TENDERS FOR REMOVING TOLL.

**TENDERS** will be received at the office of the Secretary of Public Works, Dunedin, until noon of Tuesday, 6th June, 1876, for Removing and Re-erecting Waiholo Toll house and Gate.

Specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at the office of the Inspector of Buildings, Dunedin, or at the Toll House, Waiholo Gorge.

The Government does not undertake to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. GREEN,  
Secretary for Works.

**TENDERS** wanted by the Portobello Road Board for the following Works in the Sandymount Sub-division:—1st. Formation at Flounder Point, Hooper Inlet. 2nd. Formation on road. Mr. Samuel Morris and Mr. David Aitchison will show contractors the works on Wednesday, the 31st of May. Flounder Point at 12 o'clock; at Mr. Morris' 2 o'clock. Tenders to be accompanied by 5 per cent. on the amount of tender, and to be in not later than Saturday, the 3rd of June, at 12 o'clock.

GEORGE J. CLARK,  
Clerk to the Board.

3t.—12s.

#### NORTH-EAST VALLEY ROAD DISTRICT.

**TENDERS** are invited for supplying and spreading about 150 yards of 1/2-inch Road Metal of the best blue stone for the Upper Harbour Road; also about 60 yards of 1/2-inch Metal for Ravensbourne Road,

also to form street line and culverts in the Townships of Rothersay and St. Leonards. The several Works will be shown by the District Inspector on Thursday, the 1st June, commencing at Ravensbourne at 10 a.m. (train).

Specifications at Mr. Robert Bacon's Boot Shop, Octagon. Tenders left at North-East Valley Schoolhouse on or before the 3rd June, at 2 p.m.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

HUGH MCEADYEN,

3t.—18s.

Clerk to Board

#### NOTICE TO MAKE FENCE

To Donald McKay, late of Wallacetown, Southland, or his Assignees.

AS it is desirable that a substantial fence be erected between the Wallacetown Cemetery, and your Section of half an acre adjoining, you are hereby called upon immediately to clear the gorse and broom from the boundary, and to bear your share of expense of erecting a new fence, which fence shall be of post, rails, and pickets, of sawn timber, and painted.

By order of Managers of the Cemetery,

J. U. MURRAY,

Secretary.

Wallacetown, 10th May, 1876.

**A MEETING** of the Education Board will be held on Thursday, the 1st day of June, in the Government Buildings, Dunedin, at 12 o'clock noon.

JOHN HISLOP,

Secretary.

#### TAIERI ROAD BOARD.

**TENDERS** invited for the Formation of 16 Chains of Road (more or less) in the Breadalbane Sub-division.

Tenders to be lodged with the Clerk until noon of 3rd June next.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the Clerk's office.

A. Campbell, Esq., Breadalbane, will point out the road to tenderers on 27th May, 1876.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. REES,

Clerk.

Mosgiel, 16th May, 1876.

#### ROSLYN ROAD DISTRICT.

**A MEETING** OF RATEPAYERS in the Roslyn Road District entitled to vote at the ensuing Election will be held at Roslyn Hotel on Thursday, 8th June, at 12 noon, to nominate candidates for election in place of those retiring from office. In the event of a poll being demanded the same will be held in Roslyn Hall on Saturday, 10th June, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

ALEX. C. BEGG,

1t-6s. 6d.

Chairman Roslyn Road Board.

#### SEASIDE ROAD BOARD.

**MEETINGS** of Ratepayers will be held on Thursday, the 8th June, at 12 noon, at Saddle Hill and Brighton Schoolhouses, to nominate candidates for election as members for the District Board.

In the event of a poll being demanded in any of the sub-divisions the election will take place on Monday, the 12th day of June, 1876, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m., at the above places.

THOMAS HOWORTH,

Walton,

Returning

ROBERT RENNIE,

Brighton,

Officers.

at 11s. 6d.

WAIKOUAITO ROAD DISTRICT.

MEETINGS OF RATEPAYERS entitled to vote at the ensuing election will be held as under, to nominate candidates for Election as members for the District Board, viz.:

- At Mr. Brinton's house, on Thursday, the 8th of June, at 12 noon, for Clevedon Subdivision.—Henry Scott, Returning Officer.
At the School-house, Merton, for Merton Subdivision, on Thursday, the 8th June, at 12 noon.—Robert Allan, Returning Officer.
At the Kilmog Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th of June, at 12 noon, for Beaconsfield Subdivision.—Coll McDonald, Returning Officer.

HENRY SCOTT, Clevedon; ROBERT ALLAN, Merton; COLL MACDONALD, Beaconsfield; Returning Officers.

2t. 12s. 6d

ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE PENINSULA ROAD BOARD.

A MEETING OF RATEPAYERS entitled to vote at the ensuing Election will be held at the undermentioned places on Thursday, 1st June, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate candidates for election in place of those retiring from office:—

- At the School-house, Anderson's Bay.—Mr. Nichol, Returning Officer.
At the School-house, N.E. Harbour.—Mr. Sim, Returning Officer.
At the School-house, Highcliffe.—Mr. Tinnock, Returning Officer.
At the School-house, Tomahawk.—Mr. Fraser, Returning Officer.

It is also notified that two members have to be elected for N.E. Harbour owing to Messrs. Edwards and Macandrew retiring.

Should a poll be demanded it will be held in the above places on Thursday, 8th June, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

By order of the Board. W. O. DUTHIE, Clerk.

2t.—20s.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE PORTOBELLO ROAD BOARD.

A MEETING of Ratepayers in the respective sub-divisions of the Portobello Road District entitled to vote at the ensuing election will be held on Friday, the 2nd of June, prox., at 12 o'clock, to nominate candidates for election in the place of those retiring from office.

PLACES OF MEETING AS FOLLOW:— Portobello School-house { William Geary } Return- Broadbay School-house { George Green } ing Sandymount School-house { Walter Riddel } Officers

In the event of a poll being demanded it will be held in the above places on Thursday, the 8th June, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

By order of the Board, GEORGE J. CLARK, Clerk to the Board.

4t.—25s.

HALF-WAY BUSH DISTRICT ROAD BOARD.

MEETING of Ratepayers entitled to Vote at the ensuing election will be held, as below stated, for the Nomination of one Member to serve for Waikari sub-division, and one Member for Flagstaff, on Thursday, June 1st, 1876, at 12 noon.

For Waikari, at the School-house, Waikari, W. T. Bunting, Returning Officer.

For Flagstaff, at Mr. C. Hay's residence, John Jolly, Returning Officer.

In the event of more than one person being nominated for either subdivision, and a poll demanded, the same will be held on Thursday, June 8th, 1876, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the places above-mentioned.

By order, W. JOHNSON, Clerk to Board. Dated May 15th, 1876. 2t.—15s. pd.

SOUTH MOLYNEUX ROAD DISTRICT.

NOTICE.

MEETINGS of Ratepayers entitled to Vote at the ensuing Election will be held to Nominate Candidates for Election to represent the undermentioned subdivisions for the year ending June, 1877:— Ahuriri Subdivision, at the Post Office, Ahuriri, on Friday, 2nd June, at noon.—Alfred Jowitt, Returning Officer.

Catlin River Subdivision, at the house of Captain Saunders, Owaki Flat, on Thursday, 1st June, at noon.—Andrew Lees, Returning Officer.

Port Molyneux Subdivision, at the Board's Office, on Friday, 2nd June, at noon.—George Hay, Returning Officer.

Puerua Subdivision, at East Clutha School-house, on Friday, 2nd June, at noon.—Robert Christie, Returning Officer.

Waitapeka Subdivision, at the house of Mr. Hodge, on Friday, 2nd June, at noon.—Andrew Melville, Returning Officer.

In the event of a Poll in any Subdivision being demanded it will be held in the above place in the subdivision concerned on Thursday, 8th June, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

ALFRED JOWITT ANDREW LEES GEORGE HAY ROBERT CHRISTIE ANDREW MELVILLE } Returning Officers.

By order of the Board, JAMES SHIELS, Clerk.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of Ratepayers in the respective Sub-divisions of the Blueskin Road Board District entitled to vote at ensuing election will be held on Thursday, June 1st, at 12 noon, to nominate candidates for election in place of those retiring from office. Places of meeting as under:

Deborah Bay Sub-division, at the house of Mr. Lean, "The Rocks." Mr. R. Lean, Returning Officer. Purakanui Sub-division, the Board's office. Mr. A. Wilson, Returning Officer.

Waitati Subdivision, the house of Mr. Alex. Pullar. Mr. A. Martin, Returning Officer.

In the event of a Poll being demanded it will be held in the above places on Thursday, the 8th June, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

By order of the Board. 2t.—15s.

HALF-WAY BUSH DISTRICT ROAD BOARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Rates and Arrears of Rates due to the above Board unpaid by the 25th instant will be summarily proceeded for without further notice.

W. JOHNSON, Clerk.

## NORTH EAST VALLEY ROAD DISTRICT.

**M**EETINGS of Ratepayers entitled to Vote at the ensuing election will be held as under to Nominate Candidates for Election as Member for the District Board, viz., at Mr. Crickmore's, Sawyers' Bay, on Monday, the 29th May, at 12 noon, for Harlington.

GEORGE ROSS, Returning Officer.  
At Schoolhouse, North East Valley, for Signal Hill Sub-division, on Tuesday, the 30th May, at 12 noon.

JOHN LONGWORTH, Returning Officer.  
At Cattle Market Hotel, on Wednesday, the 31st May, at 12 noon, for Pine Hill Sub-division.

HENRY POTTER, Returning Officer.  
In the event of a poll being demanded in any of the Sub-divisions the election will take place on Thursday, the 8th day of June, 1876, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

GEORGE ROSS, Harlington,  
JOHN LONGWORTH, Signal Hill.  
HENRY POTTER, Pine Hill.

31-328. Returning Officers.

## MAKAREWA ROAD DISTRICT.

## ORDER.

**T**HE Makarewa District Road Board have duly notified their intention to open up a new road through Section 29, Block IX., Invercargill Hundred, in lieu of the track as originally laid off through the said section; and also of the said line dividing the said section from Section 28, and a portion of Section 27 of the said block and hundred. No objection having been lodged to the proposed alteration of road, and the owner and occupier of the ground over which the proposed road is to run having signified his assent thereto, the said Board does hereby, and by virtue of the thirty-third section of the "Highway Boards Empowering Act, 1871," and of the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1871," direct that this new line shall be opened up according to plan and specification, and that it shall be in lieu of the two lines which it is herein specified it is intended to supersede.

THOS. TURNBULL,  
Chairman Makarewa Road Board.  
WM. RUSSELL,  
Clerk to the Board.

Office of Makarewa Road Board,  
Invercargill, 13th May, 1876.

## EDUCATION MEETING.

**T**HE Owners and Occupiers of Land, and Household-ers at Fairfax and vicinity, are invited to meet at the School-house, Fairfax, on Thursday, the 8th of June, 1876, at half-past 7 o'clock p.m., to elect a School Committee for the current year.

JOHN HISLOP,  
Secretary.

**T**HE Partnership hitherto existing between T. W. Kempthorne, F. Prosser, and T. Ching, as Wholesale Druggists and General Merchants, expired by effluxion of time on the 29th February, 1876.

The business from that date, and in future, will be carried on as heretofore by T. W. Kempthorne, E. Prosser, A. Felton, and F. S. Grimwade, in co-partnership under the style of Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co. at Dunedin and Auckland, and at Wellington as Felton, Grimwade, and Co.

The new firm will receive all outstanding accounts and discharge all liabilities of the former partnership.

Signed, THOMAS W. KEMPTHORNE.  
E. PROSSER.  
THOMAS CHING.

Witness: THOMAS ANCELL.  
Dunedin, 8th May, 1876.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

**N**OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned as Millers and Produce Merchants, carrying on business in Dunedin and Oamaru under the style or firm of Anderson and Mowat, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business will be carried on as hitherto by James Anderson, under the style or firm of Anderson and Co.

Andrew Mowat will pay all liabilities due by, and receive all debts due to, the late firm in Oamaru, James Anderson paying all liabilities due by, and receive all debts due to, the late firm in Dunedin.

JAMES ANDERSON,  
ANDREW MOWAT.

Dated March 1st, 1876. t.c.

## FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

## INCENDIARISM.

## MALICIOUSLY SETTING FIRE TO THREE STACKS OF OATS.

**W**HEREAS about a quarter-past ten o'clock on the night of the 15th instant three stacks of oats, the property of Thomas Henderson, situate at Trotter's Creek, in the Hampden Police Division, and opposite the Kartigri Hotel, were maliciously destroyed by fire:

And whereas suspicion is attached to two swagmen, who, dissatisfied with the treatment they received at the said hotel, left shortly before the said fire was discovered:

Notice is hereby given that a reward of £50 will be paid by the Provincial Government of Otago to any person who will first give such information to the police as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons by whom the said fire was caused, and in addition thereto His Excellency the Governor will be advised to grant a free pardon to an accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the fire, who will give such information as shall lead to a like result.

T. K. WELDON,  
Commissioner of Police.

Police Office, Dunedin,  
23rd May, 1876.

## NOTICE.

## ROAD BETWEEN PELICHET'S BAY AND LOGAN'S POINT.

**A**NY PERSON found throwing the Metal of the said Road away, or into Pelichet's Bay, or otherwise injuring the said road, will be prosecuted.

JAMES GREEN,  
Secretary for Roads and Works.  
Roads and Works Office, Dunedin,  
22nd May, 1876.

**E**NQUIRIES are made at this Office for Elizabeth Hesketh, who left London for Otago in ship "Chile" in July, 1867. Any person who can give information regarding her will please to communicate with me.

COLIN ALLAN,  
Immigration Officer.

Immigration Office,  
Dunedin, 8th May, 1876.

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