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PROCLAMATION.

By JAMES A. R. MENZIES, Esq.,  
Superintendent of the Province of Southland.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the "Provincial Reserved Bills Act, 1858," Section 2, I hereby notify, that the following Ordinance passed by the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Southland, namely—"The Church of England Cemetery Ordinance, 1864," having been laid before His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency has assented to the same.

Given under my hand, this  
third day of October, one  
thousand eight hundred and  
sixty-four.

J. A. R. MENZIES,  
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,  
Southland, 3rd October, 1864.

IT is hereby notified that Hugh M'Lean, Esq. has been appointed to be an Inspector of Cattle in the province of Southland, under the provisions of the "Diseased Cattle Act, 1861."

J. A. R. MENZIES,  
Superintendent.

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IT is hereby notified that Mr William Hately has ceased to act as Sheep and Cattle Inspector for the Bluff and New River Districts.

J. A. R. MENZIES,  
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,  
Southland, 28th Sept., 1864.

## NOTICE.

## RIVERTON JETTY.

IN virtue of the powers vested in me by "The Jetty and Wharves Ordinance, 1858," I hereby authorise the Wharfinger at Riverton, from and after the fifteenth day of October current, to levy the following Dues, Tolls, and Wharfages for the use of the said Jetty.

	£	s.	d.
On all vessels making fast to the Jetty, per registered ton ... ..	0	0	2
On every description of goods, per ton, of 20 cwt. ... ..	0	1	0
Under one ton, and over half-a-ton ... ..	0	0	3
Single packages under $\frac{1}{4}$ ton each ... ..	0	0	2

The above charges are levied for the use of the Jetty and Trucks.

Owners of goods landed on the Jetty are required to truck the same at their own cost.

J. A. R. MENZIES,  
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,  
Southland, 3rd October, 1864.

I, JOHN CLARKE HUNTER, Returning Officer appointed by His Honor the Superintendent of Southland to preside at a meeting of the Electors entitled to vote for Members for the Town of Invercargill, in the Provincial Council of Southland, assembled on Friday, the sixteenth day of September, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the office of the Town Board, Invercargill, for the purpose of electing three persons to be members of the Town Board at Invercargill, hereby certify that the following persons were duly elected:—

ROBERT MURDOCH,  
JOHN COUTTS,  
GEORGE REESE.

Given under my hand at Invercargill, this 17th day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

J. C. HUNTER,  
Returning Officer.

(From the *New Zealand Gazette*, September 14, 1864.)

## A PROCLAMATION

*Appointing Quarterly Sittings of the Supreme Court at Invercargill.*

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

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intitled "The Supreme Court Act, 1860," it is provided that there shall be held Circuit Courts for the despatch of Civil and Criminal business of the Court before one of the Judges thereof, at such places and times as the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint: And whereas by a proclamation dated the twenty-third day of April, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, Circuit Courts were appointed to be held for the Otago and Southland District at the Town of Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, on the days therein mentioned, and at the town of Invercargill, in the Province of Southland, on the days therein mentioned; And whereas it is expedient to alter the times at which Circuit Courts shall be held at the Town of Invercargill aforesaid:

Now, therefore, I, Sir George Grey, the Governor of the said Colony, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, do hereby revoke the said Proclamation so far as concerns the said Circuit Courts to be held at the Town of Invercargill aforesaid, and do hereby proclaim and appoint that Circuit Courts shall be held at the said Town of Invercargill on the Twelfth day of January, the Twelfth day of April, the Twelfth day of July, and the Twelfth day of October in each and every year, or as soon after the said days respectively as conveniently may be, commencing with the Twelfth day of October next: And in case any one of the said days so fixed as aforesaid shall happen to be a Sunday or Holiday, then the Court appointed for

such day shall be holden on the day following.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,

WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*H. McCulloch Appointed Principal Returning Officer for Southland.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 6th September, 1864.

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

HENRY McCULLOCH, Esquire,

to be Principal Returning Officer for the Province of Southland.

WILLIAM FOX.

#### SOUTHLAND SCHOOL REPORT.

September 30, 1864.

The following is a Report of the present condition of the various Schools in the Province of Southland.

##### *Invercargill Boys' School.*

This School is situated in Tay-street. There is a good, though small school-room, with Master's house attached; the latter at present occupied by the Girls' School.

The Master, Mr. Hamilton, has only had charge of the school for the last six months; though but recently appointed, the numbers have much increased, and the discipline greatly improved. The School Committee may, with much satisfaction, regard the result of the change.

There are seventy children in the school, and the mode of their education is, upon the whole judicious.

The Bible was read by the children in a thoughtful and distinct manner, the

only drawback being that it was in the usual falsetto tone. Time, with steady perseverance, it is hoped, will correct this defect. The lessons have been confined to the first four books of the Old Testament, and to the Life of Christ in the Evangelists. The elder children had retained the principal facts which had been taught.

The Home Lessons had been well learned; the Spelling is good; the Writing shews considerable improvement in style and cleanliness; the Geographical knowledge, though not extensive, was good; the Arithmetic had evidently been taught with much care; the Numbers dictated to the younger children were written with great correctness.

In reading, the attention of the children should frequently be directed to the fact that its pitch is too high, and that the style is widely different from that of ordinary conversation. The production of a graceful modulation, and of a clear and simple manner of utterance, while they give great charm to what is read, greatly aid in its proper comprehension.

The school accommodation is insufficient, and very defective. It is desirable that the Committee endeavour to remedy this, as soon as they possibly can.

##### *Girls' School, Invercargill.*

This school was established with the view of giving to the daughters of the upper classes of the Province an education which might be characterized by its completeness, and its suitability to the rank in life of those to have been educated. Then there were no private schools supplying such a want, though, to some extent, this has since been remedied. Hitherto the instruction has been confined to the ordinary branches of elementary knowledge. The average attendance is the limit of the accommodation, viz: twenty-one; the accommodation is so restricted that it is inconvenient both to teacher and scholars; it is confined to one room in the house in Tay-street, erected for the use of the master of the Boys' School.

The changes which of late have taken place in the Town have led to the removal of so many of the elder scholars, that its status is not what otherwise it would have been. There is urgently needed at present an elementary Girls' School for the children of the working classes. Any omission in this respect will be sure to entail results unfavour-

able to the happiness and good order of the community. The adaptation of this school for such a purpose in more commodious premises is suggested to the Committee as desirable to be undertaken.

*Riverton.*

There is a well built school and master's house in this township. It is well lighted, and recently considerable improvements have been effected in its ventilation; it is a mixed school, that is, one for both sexes, and therefore requiring not simply ordinary watchfulness, but superior discipline. I do not think that it has attained in this respect all that a thoughtful and anxious parent might properly demand. On the books there are nine girls and twenty-two boys; total 31. As this township has been settled many years, the children are more than ordinary numerous within its limits; the numbers in attendance are not therefore satisfactory; either a large proportion of the children must be educated elsewhere, or they are growing up without school instruction. It behoves the School Committee to take this matter into its serious consideration. Funds have been liberally contributed by the town, and it has a right to demand a corresponding result; as that result does not at present exist, means should be taken immediately to remedy it.

The elder pupils read the Bible with some degree of care and understanding, and are evidently well taught these lessons. Their manner and tone of reading have also improved; in the latter respect, the ordinary standard of excellence they have not yet attained. The reading is not sufficiently easy and natural, though both in modulation and pitch, they would not unfavourably stand comparison with other schools in the Province.

The writing books do not shew that constant supervision, which is essential for success in this imitative art, yet the present are superior to the past, though not quite so cleanly and carefully executed as is desirable.

The mental arithmetic is creditable both to teacher and scholars. Arithmetic should always be highly valued, not only on account of its utility in the ordinary business of life, but for its strengthening and educative influence upon the mind. While it requires more effort to teach it well than some other branches, it also requires more attention and thought on the part of the pupils.

The geographical knowledge of the children was ready and correct, and pretty extensive.

There is considerable mental activity shewn by the children of this school during their lessons.

*South Riverton.*

There is an excellent school-house here, but no master's house. It has been placed by the School Committee too far in the bush; as the road leading to it crosses several gullies, and is shaded by lofty trees, it presents, for a large part of the year, a great obstacle to the success of the school. There are few children in this Province whose situation is more unfavorable for mental improvement than those of South Riverton. So much the more do they need whatever amount of culture which a good elementary school can impart. The acquirements of the children are generally very limited, but their progress has been more considerable than at first their present knowledge would indicate; they are not so far on the road as some others, but the journey was commenced at a different stage. This remark applies to some, but not to all. They especially require a course of instruction which shall tend to arouse the mind to greater mental activity; without this, even in other respects well directed labour will not produce a satisfactory result. While admitting that the labour expended has been beneficially bestowed, I am compelled to say it is barren of large results; the time devoted to instruction is insufficient, and the manner too quiet and destitute of life. A child whose faculties are in a state of activity needs no stimulus, but one whose powers are dull and torpid must have knowledge so presented as to animate and spur on the mind to increased exertion. There are eight girls and eleven boys attending this school.

*Campbelltown.*

The children in attendance on this School are sixteen boys and four girls, a large portion of whom are very young. Both the School and Master's House are well situated and convenient. The time for instruction is too short; there are few children who prepare their lessons at home, and the portions assigned them are imperfectly learned. The mode of instruction is not sufficiently collective; that is, it is too frequently limited to an individual rather than to a class.

The School greatly needs collective

teaching, and regular courses of lessons presented to the scholars orally by the Teacher in such a manner so as to excite attention and inform the mind. The Master is a gentleman of large experience in private tuition, and is capable of higher things than this school gives him an opportunity of producing. The proper use of the black board would be found an important auxiliary in elucidating the lessons.

*Long Bush or Mona School.*

This is a small but well conducted School; the attendance is from sixteen to twenty. Everything about the School exercises denotes activity on the part of teachers and scholars. The Master, Mr J. B. Wardrop, is a well trained and efficient teacher. The information in English History, as far as the reign of Henry III, and in the outlines of Geography were both good; the copy-books were clean and well written, the spelling was good; the knowledge of the meaning of the words in their lessons was such as shewed that not only were the facts of the lessons acquired, but the import of the language in which they were conveyed carefully attended to. The principal truths contained in the Books of Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament and of Matthew in the New, were known by the elder children.

The Arithmetic will require a little more attention to be equal to the other branches taught in the school; there is a good School House and Master's House detached.

*Aparima.*

There is a good though small school-house recently erected at Gummy's Bush; Mr. James Fullarton, M.A., is the master; it is situated in the centre of a most important and populous agricultural district. The school at present contains about twenty children, all of whom have for the first time in this district been brought under the influence of scholastic instruction within the last three months.

*Myross Bush near Invercargill.*

A School-house and Master's House have been built, but no master has yet been appointed.

*Waiānawa, Oreti.*

This School is situated between the Aparima and Oreti rivers; the school-room and master's house have been built during the present year. The

Schoolroom will accommodate thirty children; it is well lighted with six sliding sashes, and what is of equal importance, its ventilation is good. The master is George M'Leod, M. A. There are 18 children of both sexes in this school. The reading and spelling have much improved during the past year: the pitch of the voice in reading was formerly too high; at present it is a little too low. It is also rather lifeless; some degree of strength and energy are essential to produce good reading. Considering the ages of the children the progress is marked and, with the above qualification, satisfactory.

The writing is tolerably clean and, in some instances, neat; but the mode of teaching the earlier lessons not sufficiently methodic. As the school is not large all the earlier exercises should be written by the master, and the copies so set that the exercises of one copy should, when necessary, lead to the correction of previous defects. There are 14 children in writing. The arithmetic will require the closest attention of the master. This branch of instruction is the most defective. It is not alone desirable that it should be well taught from the utility of the science, but especially in an elementary school for its disciplinary effect upon the pupil. On entrance into the school the children should at once be taught their tables. Progress in mental calculations are also desirable. Especial attention is needed to notation and numeration. The geographical knowledge, though limited, was clear and correct. There are 10 children receiving Bible lessons. It is desirable that more information be imparted, the direct aim of which should be the strengthening of the understanding. This kind of knowledge ought to be communicated so as to arouse the children to greater mental effort. If the pupils were to learn some suitable hymns and moral songs, such as Watts' for children, the remembrance of such poems in after life could not fail to influence for good, while the singing of them three or four times a day, to suitable and lively tunes, would give relief and impart a tone of cheerfulness to less attractive studies.

It will thus be seen that there are eight Government Schools in the Province, with an attendance of 219 children.

W. F. TARBTON.

## PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.

RETURN OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED FOR SALE DURING THE  
MONTH OF AUGUST, 1864.

DISTRICT IN WHICH SLAUGHTERED.	GREAT CATTLE.	SHEEP.	PIGS.	TOTALS.	REMARKS.
Invercargill .....	73	377	10	460	
Campbelltown .....	8	14	—	22	
Riverton .....	6	10	—	16	
Winton .....	6	4	—	10	
Lowther .....	—	8	—	8	
Gore .....	—	—	—	—	
Totals .....	93	413	10	516	

Office of Registrar of Brands,  
Southland, 2nd September, 1864.

C. MORTON,  
Registrar of Brands, *pro tem.*

CATTLE BRANDS REGISTERED DURING THE MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER, 1864.

NAME OF OWNER.	RESIDENCE.	BRANDS AND DESCRIPTIONS.	REMARKS.
John Cunningham	Riverton	JC (conjoined)	
John Ford	Riverton	J F	
James Borland	Green Bank, Jacob's River Hundred	J B	
Scully & Denshem	Riverton	Heart (crossed)	
Michael Hogan	Mount Pleasant	NH (conjoined)	
John McIntosh	Mable Bush	M J	
George Crosbie	Winton	C R	
Nathanael Bates	Flax Point, Riverton	JB (within circle)	
John Lee	South Riverton	J L L	
John Lee	South Riverton	L	

Office of Registrar of Brands,  
Southland, 3rd October, 1864.

C. MORTON,  
Registrar of Brands *pro tem.*