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WILLIAM WOOD,
Superintendent.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1870.

[No. 4.

NOTICE.

A MEETING will be held at the Land Office, Invercargill, on Monday, the 9th day of May, at two o'clock p.m., for the election of Wardens for the Forest Hill Hundred—adjourned from the 16th inst.

WALTER H. PEARSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Office,
20th April, 1870.

NOTICE

THE following occupiers of land in Forest Hill Hundred have been licensed to depasture cattle within the said Hundred for the current year:—

C. MYERS	ROBERT SUTHERLAND
ALEX. M'DONALD	DENIS TOBIN
DAVID ANDERSON	JAMES MILLAR
JOHN HODGKINSON	JOHN TURNER
ALEX. ROSS	JOHN M'DONALD
THOMAS NORMAN	DONALD M'LEOD
THOMAS DYKE	JOSEPH PHILLIPS
WILLIAM SCOTT	JAMES ALLAN.

WALTER H. PEARSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Office,
20th April, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE following bye-laws, passed by the wardens of Oteramika Hundred, were sanctioned by the Waste Land Board on the 19th April, 1870.—

1. No cattle of any description shall be depastured on the unsold lands within the hundreds, except by license-holders.

2. No sheep shall be depastured on the unsold lands.

3. No entire horse over twelve months old, and no bull over six months old, shall be depastured without special permission of the wardens, and no bull shall be at large for a longer period than three years.

4. All license-holders shall, on or before 16th May, 1870, register with the nearest warden a statement of the number of cattle and horses depastured by them on the unsold lands within the hundred, with their brands.

5. Before removing or slaughtering cattle, owners shall give notice in writing to the nearest warden.

6. Any person about to bring cattle on the run shall, one week before so doing, furnish to the nearest warden notice in writing, with such information as shall give opportunity for inspection.

7. No person shall be allowed to depasture on the unsold lands in the hundred more than one head of cattle for every twelve acres of land owned or occupied by him in the hundred.

8. All stray cattle may be impounded.

9. The penalty for any breach of the foregoing bye-laws shall be any sum not exceeding five pounds, to be recovered in a summary manner, in accordance with the 45th clause of the Southland Waste Lands Act, 1865.

THOMAS DENNISTON,
Chairman of Wardens.

Assented to on behalf of the Waste Land Board,
19th April, 1870.

WALTER H. PEARSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

ACCOUNT OF LAND IN CULTIVATION, AND OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE THEREOF IN NEW ZEALAND,

FEBRUARY, 1870.

(TAKEN UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE "CENSUS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1867.")

SUPERINTENDENT COLLECTOR'S RETURN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	Numbers of Holdings.	Extent of Land broken up, but not under Crop. Acres.	IN WHEAT.		IN OATS.			IN BARLEY.		IN SOWN GRASSES.			IN POTATOES:		IN OTHER CROPS.	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES UNDER CROP.
			Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce, in bushels.	Acres.		Estimated Gross Produce of grain, in bushels:	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce, in bushels.	IN HAY.		In permanent artificial Grass, including Land in Hay in previous column. Acres.	Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce, in tons.	Acres:	
					For Green Food or Hay.	For Grain.				Acres.	Estimated Gross Produce, in tons.					
Town of Invercargill ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wallace	51	741½	89	3310	390½	631½	20,619	102½	3215	176½	269	656	67½	283	15½	2129½
Riverton	158	1402	295½	8074	176½	2382	80,532	1273½	40,735	259	261½	3563½	144½	662	117½	9212
Mataura	324	6363½	638½	21,117	682	5288½	156,931	628½	17,338	765½	945½	17,960½	332½	1722	1238½	27,534½
General Totals for Province ...	533	8506½	1023½	32,501	1249½	8302½	258,082	2004½	61,288	1200½	1476	22,180½	544½	2667	1371½	37,876½

I certify that the above is a correct compilation from the original Returns.

D. MACRORIE,

Superintendent Collector.

OREPUKI AND LONGWOOD GOLDFIELDS.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

THE main workings are on the western side of the Longwood Range, and occupy an area of about nine miles facing Te Waiwai Bay. They have now been worked for over three years. The number of miners has increased slightly during the last year, and generally the same men have been employed here from the discovery until now. The gold is very fine, was first discovered in the creeks, and has thence been followed into the terraces, where it is now worked at various depths up to forty feet. The plan universally followed is ground sluicing, and the only limit to the extension of the workings is, limit in supply of water.

There are about forty miles of head races, cut at a cost, for labor, of about four thousand pounds. Levels have lately been taken for two races of eight miles each, which, if successfully completed, will give increased employment for a hundred men.

The same system of working is followed at Lake George, about eight miles to the eastward, and at Moa Creek, and other creeks on the eastern side of the Range.

The gold on the eastern side is heavier — nuggets of several ounces weight having been found. A race has been formed there of five miles in length, at a cost of nine hundred pounds.

Several small veins of auriferous quartz have been discovered; but further prospecting has now ceased for the winter.

The estimated population of the goldfield is 150 men, 14 women, and 44 children. The average price of provisions as follows—viz., meat, 7d per lb.; flour, £25 per ton. Other stores and clothing about thirty per cent. higher than town prices. Cost of living from 25s to 30s per week. The population being settled, gardens are numerous among the miners.

The rate of wages is about £3 10s per week; not having varied more than 10s during the last three years.

About three miles of the sea beach was profitably worked three years ago, and in many places still yields from £2 to £3 per week.

The principal capital expended here has been the miners labor—in first cutting water races, and consequently only the nearest streams have been brought in.

By the employment of capital from other quarters in extending the supply of water, and opening sludge channels, a large area of known auriferous ground might be profitably worked, and a greatly increased population supported.

HENRY ROGERS,

Warden.

Orepuki, 1st April, 1870.

