



GOVERNMENT GAZETTE,

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI,

NEW ZEALAND.

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NEW PLYMOUTH, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1859.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

THE Superintendent opened the 7th Session of the Provincial Council at the Council Chamber on Monday, the 7th instant, at $\frac{1}{2}$ -past 10 o'clock, a.m., and delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Provincial Council,—

Acting upon a Resolution of the Council passed at the close of the last session, I have called you together at the earliest period that the public accounts for the past year could be laid before you in a complete form. These, together with the Estimates for the present year, will now be laid before you.

I am aware that the present time of meeting must be inconvenient to most of you, but the business requiring your immediate attention is inconsiderable.

Two Resolutions, to be concurred in by the Superintendent, will be required to give effect to the Resolutions of the last session with respect to letting the sea beach and land contiguous thereto, for the purpose of working the iron sand ore—one recommending his Excellency the Governor to execute a lease of the sea beach; and the other signifying your approval of a lease of the adjoining land, to be executed under the 41st clause of the Land Regulations.

These are the only measures which I propose to submit to you at the present time in addition to the bill providing for the public expenditure for the year 1859.

It is my intention afterwards to prorogue the Council for a short period, when I shall lay before you several measures for your consideration, including bills for contracting the Town and providing for new lines of roads.

A new Court House and Gaol are urgently required, but the outlay necessary for their erection is beyond the present means of the Province. I trust, however, with the aid of the General Government, at the commencement of the next session to be enabled to lay before you a definite plan for meeting this great want without further delay.

The building of the Waiwakaiho bridge is progressing favourably. This bridge so seriously needed will prove of great benefit; but it cannot be disguised that the construction of so extensive a work is a serious drain on our limited resources.

It is satisfactory to state that, with the exception of a Dog Registration Ordinance, the Ordinances of the last session, most of which largely affecting local interests, have been allowed by his Excellency the Governor, namely:—

1. Roads and Bridges
2. Declaratory Roads and Bridges

4. Roads Frontage Repealing
5. Fencing
6. Auctioneers' Licensing
7. Thatch and Straw Building
8. Iron Sand Lease, and
9. Appropriation.

The purchase of the land in the Mangoraka District has at length been completed by the Government, and we may expect will shortly be placed at the disposal of the province. A substantial advantage arising from the purchase has been at once to get rid of a serious source of embroilment amongst the native claimants to the land; and, I have reason to believe, land in other quarters will soon be acquired, to the mutual advantage of both races.

I am glad to inform you that the General Government has commissioned the District Land Purchase Commissioner to explore the country between the Waitara and the Mokau rivers, with a view of connecting Auckland and New Plymouth by a bridle-road.

The expenditure of the year 1858 has been kept within the amount voted by the Council.

The Customs Revenue continues to exhibit a steady increase; and I think I may congratulate you, that though slowly, in consequence of our many difficulties, the province is steadily progressing in wealth and prosperity.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 11th February, 1859.

IT is notified for general information that a Writ for the Election of a Member of the Provincial Council for the Omata District, in the room of Richard Brown, resigned, having been issued in accordance with the provisions of "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the colony of New Zealand," the Returning Officer for the said district has returned the said Writ with a certificate to the effect that

JOHN LITCHFIELD NEWMAN,
of Omata, Farmer,

has been duly elected to serve as member of the Provincial Council for the Omata District.

G. CUTFIELD,
Superintendent.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 19th February, 1859.

THE following Notes and Table of the Weather for the year 1857, furnished by E. L. Humphries, Esq., are published for general information.

I. N. WATT,

Provincial Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF NOTES ON THE WEATHER AT NEW PLYMOUTH, TARANAKI, DURING THE YEAR 1857.

The Highest Temperature in the Shade	82°
„ Lowest	32°
„ Mean	55.8
„ „ Average daily range	16.1

BAROMETER.

„ Highest	30.42
„ Lowest	28.90
„ Mean	29.78
„ Nos. of Fine Days	232
„ „ Showery, 103; Rainy, 30	= 133
„ Prevailing Wind, South-West,	150 days
„ Fresh winds	92
„ Nos. of Fresh Gales	23
„ „ Whole „	8
„ Prevailing Fresh Gales South-West	
„ „ Whole „ North-West	
„ Moderate, Light Winds and Calms	236
„ Rain, 52.75 inches	

Thunder on 9 occasions

Frost on 15 „

Three slight Earthshakes in the months of May, September, and October

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1857.

1857.	Self-Registering Thermometer				Aneroid Barometer.			Weather.			Prevailing Winds.		Force of Winds.					Rain.		Thunder.	Frost.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Average daily range.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Fine days.	Showery.	Rainy.	Direction.	No. of days.	Moderate.	Fresh.	Fresh Gales.	Whole Gales.	Light and calms.	Inches.			
January	77	41	61.6	17.19	30.25	29.40	29.84	25	5	1	S.W.	20	6	8	2	...	15	3.63	...	...
February	80	50	64.5	19.9	30.15	29.50	29.52	21	5	2	S.W.	18	7	7	1	...	12	1.80	1	...	
March	82	45	67.4	18.4	30.17	29.50	29.92	24	4	3	S.W.	17	6	6	...	...	19	4.41	1	...
April	80	45	58.5	20	30.42	29.50	30.05	16	12	2	S.W.	15	12	5	1	...	11	2.52	...	1	
May	65	34	46	18	30.05	29.30	29.68	18	11	2	S.W.	18	16	12	1	...	1	4.42	1	...	
June	62	34	52	14.2	30.30	29.20	29.75	21	6	3	S.E.	10	18	4	...	...	8	5.78	...	5
July	61	32	49.6	11.3	30.40	29.25	29.92	18	9	4	S.E.	14	11	3	2	2	11	5.95	2	2	
August	62	33	47.8	15.3	30.30	29.45	30.02	21	8	2	S.E.	14	11	10	...	...	10	4.14	1	7
September	63	34	51.5	15	30.07	29.17	29.72	15	12	3	S.W.	7	18	7	3	1	1	5.75	...	...
October	64	36	52.8	12.7	30.22	29.17	29.74	14	12	5	S.W.	15	12	8	8	3	...	5.76	1	...	
November	68	40	55.5	13.6	30.15	28.90	29.42	15	13	2	S.W.	18	6	17	4	...	2	5.07	2	...	
December	74	43	62.3	16.9	30.10	29.48	29.83	24	6	1	S.W.	22	17	5	1	2	6	3.52	...	...
Means and Extremes...	82	32	55.8	16.1	30.42	28.90	29.78	232	103	30	S.W.	150	140	92	23	8	96	52.75	9	15	

