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WILD CATTLE ORDINANCE, 1867.

Regulations.

NOTICE.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, March 12, 1867.

WHEREAS by the twenty-first clause of the Wild Cattle Ordinance, 1867," it is provided that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent from time to time by notice in the *Government Gazette* of the Province to constitute Districts within which Wild Cattle may, under certain conditions, be shot or otherwise destroyed without being previously caught or impounded, and to make Regulations with reference thereto. Provided that no such District shall be constituted, and no such Regulations shall be published, without the previous approval of the Provincial Council expressed by a resolution thereof.

Now, therefore, I, HENRY ROBERT RICHMOND, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Taranaki, do hereby declare that the following Regulations, which have been submitted to and approved by the Provincial Council, shall, unless otherwise provided, be in force in all Districts hereafter to be constituted under the said recited clause :—

1. On and after the 1st March 1867 will be granted by the Superintendent on the recommendation of the Board of Cattle Commissioners of any District, constituted in accordance with clause 21 of the "Wild Cattle Ordinance," to any owner or occupier of land within such Cattle District, authorising the holder thereof to shoot or otherwise destroy or cause to be shot or destroyed, wild Cattle found at large upon the land owned or occupied by him, or owned or occupied by any other person in the District, upon which he shall receive written authority from such owner or occupier to enter for the purpose of destroying wild Cattle; and no such licensee shall be subject as regards Cattle shot or destroyed by him during the term of his License to any penalty to which he would otherwise be liable under any Provincial Ordinance for slaughtering such Cattle, except it shall be proved that he wilfully and knowingly shot or destroyed Cattle which were not wild Cattle, according to the meaning and intent of these regulations.

2. Every person to whom such License shall be granted shall deliver to the Chair-

man of the Board of Commissioners for the Cattle District in which any Cattle have been shot or destroyed by him or by his order, and within twenty-four hours after the shooting or destroying thereof, a notice giving the number, description and the brand, if any, of the Cattle so shot or destroyed by him, and shall keep the skins of any such Cattle at a place to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Cattle Commissioners, at least one week after the delivery of such notice, and in default shall, on the information of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, be subject to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Pounds to be recovered in a summary way.

3. The Chairman of any Board of Cattle Commissioners to whom any such notice of Cattle having been shot or destroyed shall have been delivered, shall immediately cause a copy thereof to be posted at the public Pound situated nearest to the place at which such Cattle were shot or destroyed, and on the Public Notice Board at the Town Bridge, Devon street.

4. No Licensee under this Ordinance shall be liable to pay any compensation or damages for Cattle shot by him in the proper exercise of his License, unless a claim to the ownership thereof shall have been lodged with the Chairman of Cattle Commissioners, by whom the notice of the shooting or destroying thereof was published within seven days after the publication of such notice, and unless such Cattle were branded with a registered brand, and unless such claimant can prove they were not wild Cattle within the meaning and intent of these regulations.

5. No License to destroy wild Cattle shall have any effect or shall exempt the holder thereof from any punishment or penalty to which he would otherwise be subject, except, as regards acts done, during the period specified in such License.

6. In the event of any Cattle shot or destroyed by any Licensee being claimed within the period hereinbefore specified and which are proved not to have been wild Cattle within the meaning of these regulations, the Board of Cattle Commissioners, shall award the amount of compensation to be paid by such Licensee to the person who shall prove to their satisfaction that he is the owner of such Cattle, and the amount awarded shall be recoverable by such owner as a debt due to him by such Licensee.

7. The term "Wild Cattle" shall apply to all Cattle whether unbranded or branded with a brand either registered or not regis-

tered, whereof the owner or person in charge cannot prove that during the period of nine months immediately preceding the shooting or destroying thereof they had been kept for at least six months in fenced enclosures, or that they had for the same period been under the control of their owner, or on land in his occupation.

8. Any person not duly licensed under these Regulations or authorised by the Bye Laws of any Cattle District, who shall shoot or destroy any Cattle which are not his own property and without the consent of the owner thereof, shall, in addition to any penalty to which he might otherwise be liable, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds for each such offence, recoverable in a summary way.

H. R. RICHMOND,
Superintendent.

THOMAS KELLY,
Provincial Secretary.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SHEEP AND CATTLE.

New Plymouth,
January 7th, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to report the arrivals of the following ships with stock to the Port of New Plymouth for the half-year ending 31st December, 1867:—

Date	Port of Origin	Destination	No. of Cattle	Sheep
Sept. 11....	Rangitira.	Wanganui.	47	60
Oct. 6.....	Wanganui.	Wanganui.	0	270
Nov. 9.....	Rangitira.	Auckland.	45	3
Nov. 14....	Wanganui.	Wanganui.	44	290
			136	623

The above schedule comprises the exact number of stock imported to this Province during the aforesaid period; neither Cattle nor Sheep showed any signs of disease at the time of landing, but as a precautionary measure I had all the Sheep dipped that were not immediately slaughtered, as infection exists on board of the various steamboats; it therefore allowed the Sheep that were imported to mix with the flocks in the Province without danger of infection.

I have the satisfaction to report to your Honor that the scab in this Province is all but eradicated—only one flock in the Omata District is diseased, and that very slightly, but until a period of eight months or thereabouts have elapsed since the last flock of Sheep have been dipped, it will be impossible to report with certainty that the Province is free from scab. The difficulty of placing the newly dipped Sheep on pasturage free from the acari,

and the chance of some stray infected Sheep coming out of the bush and mixing with the flocks is to be dreaded, and until the above mentioned period has expired there is danger of the scab again appearing.

According to instructions received from your Honor, I beg to report the following information regarding the per centage of lambs per one hundred (100) ewes, yield of wool, Sheep best adapted for the Province, and the capacity of the grass lands to carry Sheep per acre.

The average increase of lambs in this Province per one hundred (100) ewes, has been nine-five (95) per cent., the yield of wool per Sheep three and a-half pounds ($3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.), and the breeds of Sheep best adapted for the soil and climate are the Leicester and Southdowns; the Leicester Sheep having the advantage over the Southdown in that their lambs are not so subject to diarrhoea as Southdowns, and in wet seasons that is a great point of advantage.

The grass lands in this Province carry three and a-half Sheep to the acre all the year round. The total numbers of Sheep in the Province to this date are nineteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine (19,739). I beg to draw your Honor's attention to the necessity, ere long, of reserving quarantine grounds in several parts of the Province.

The disease called pleuro-pneumonia still exists in various districts, but by immediately separating the diseased animals from the healthy and by destroying and burying those badly infected, prevents its spreading; eight cases have occurred within the last six months. The pleuro confines itself to working bullocks.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. HATELY,

Cattle, Sheep, and Brands

Inspector, Taranaki.

To His Honor

The Superintendent,
Taranaki.

List of Sheep owners and number of Sheep in the Province of Taranaki, up to 31st December, 1866.

	No. of Sheep.
Messrs. Atkinson	2,400
Allan	50
Billing	54
Bishop	130
Bayly	360
Carried forward	2,994

Brought forward	2,994
Bayly	381
Billiald	77
Brown	360
Barriball	200
Berridge	380
Brighty	460
Bassett	41
Curtis	102
Clare	350
Cutfield	255
Collins	25
Dingle	670
Davy	108
Elliot	270
Everett	130
Free	108
Foreman	78
Gilbert	280
Greenway	100
George	1,200
Greaves	480
Geddes	40
Greenwood	300
Hoskin	500
Harrison	288
Honeyfield	100
Hawken	380
Honeyfield	350
Hoskin	290
Hoby	470
Harley	109
Hayes	370
Hamblyn, C.	124
Hamblyn	320
Kingdon	79
Kelly	320
Long	500
Lepper	60
Mace	400
McKellar	1,130
Newsham	202
Oxenham	290
Priske	113
Pearce	255
Rowe	133
Snell	187
Steer	110
Smart	260
Street	298
Sutton	43
Skinner	300
Smith	160
Sampson	400
Shuttleworth	350
Trim	97
Tate	700
Wright	189

19,739

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Cattle, Sheep, and Brands
Inspector, Taranaki.

[From the *New Zealand Gazette*.]

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 20th February, 1867.

THE following Ordinances, passed by the Provincial Council, and assented to by the Superintendent of the Province of Taranaki, intituled

"The Scab Ordinance, 1866,"

"Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1867,"

having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has been pleased to leave the same to their operation.

E. W. STAFFORD.

G. GREY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington,
the tenth day of January, 1867.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by "The Native Reserves

Act, 1856," and "The Native Reserves Amendment Act, 1862," the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, doth order that the land hereinafter described, that is to say: All that parcel of land, being the section marked F on the plan of the Waiwakaiho District, in the Province of Taranaki, bounded towards the North by section marked E, towards the East by a Native Reserve marked C, towards the South by section marked F1, and towards the West by the River Waiwakaiho, being land subject to the operation of the said Act, shall be sold, and the same is hereby sold to John Whiteley, of New Plymouth, Wesleyan Missionary, and Charles Edward Rawson, of New Plymouth, Settler, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling (£150).

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of Executive Council.