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By His Honor's command,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT, *Provincial Secretary*

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MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1855.

[No. 2.]

SPEECH OF HIS HONOR ISAAC
EARL FEATHERSTON, ESQ., ON
CLOSING THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

March 13th, 1855.

MR SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

Having assented to your several measures, I cannot close this Session without expressing my regret, that owing to the destruction of the offices of the Provincial Government, (including the Council Chamber), and the refusal of the party in charge of Government House to place that building at my disposal, you should have been subjected to grave inconvenience—public business seriously impeded, and the Session unnecessarily protracted.

The animus which dictated that refusal was rendered sufficiently manifest by the fact, that at the very time that the Provincial Government and Legislature were denied the temporary occupation of a tenantless house, offices belonging to the Ordnance Department were by the same

party placed at the disposal of a Joint Stock Banking Company.

But I regret this unseemly attempt to thwart and obstruct the constituted authorities of the Province, chiefly because it has occasioned the loss of public documents which might otherwise have been saved.

It is however, satisfactory to find, that through the kind consideration of the committee of the Athæum in granting this hall, you have been enabled to continue your sittings, and to pass many measures of deep interest to this Province.

If your first Session was mainly distinguished by your adoption of the principle of Ministerial Responsibility—the present is marked by a measure which will probably exercise a still more important bearing upon the future of this Province.

Considering the difficulties with which the question of Education is in all countries surrounded—the differences of opinion which in every community exist in regard to it—and remembering how completely the action of the Home Go-

vernment has been paralyzed by the powerful influences brought to bear against every proposal it has ventured to make on the subject—I cannot but refer with feelings of the greatest satisfaction, to the Act which you have passed, without a dissentient voice, for promoting the establishment of common schools on the Secular principle—a scheme of Education from which we may anticipate the happiest results. For while on the one hand, the earnest, and I have no doubt conscientious opposition offered to the scheme by the Churches of Rome and England, has had the effect of eliciting a strong and general condemnation of the Denominational system to which they adhere; on the other hand, the warm manner in which it has been supported by the ministers of the other churches, and by the large majority of the settlers, as proved by the petitions laid upon your table, affords a sufficient guarantee that the Act will not be permitted to remain a dead letter, and justifies the expectation that henceforth common schools will spring up in every district where a few families are congregated.

By the Sewerage, Burial, and Slaughter House Acts you have recognized the necessity of sanitary measures if we expect to escape those epidemics which commit such frightful ravages in other countries. I can only express my hope that the inhabitants of this town will exercise the power conferred upon them, and take immediate steps for the protection of the public health.

By the "Act shortening the time for the recovery of Rates" imposed on land, you have removed one of the chief impediments to the working of the "Roads" and "Fencing Acts" of last session; though it appears to me, that in as much as Absentee Proprietors have long since been made fully acquainted with the provisions of these Acts, and have had ample time to give the necessary instructions to their agents—that justice to the actual settlers will require that the period at which land may be sold for the payment of rates in arrear should be still further abridged.

Passing by the other measures, to most of which I alluded in my opening address, I have to congratulate you upon the anticipations in which we then indulged in regard to Steam and Immigra-

tion being so fully realized. The *Zingari* has already commenced running between the three Provinces of Nelson, Wellington, and Canterbury, and, should no unforeseen difficulties in carrying out the Contract have occurred, we may within a week or two look for the arrival of the steamer destined to keep up a monthly communication between Cook's Straits and Melbourne.

Judging from the Immigration Returns already furnished me, I believe that the excess of Immigration over Emigration for the last half year cannot be estimated at less than 600 souls,—and that during the next six months a still more considerable addition to our population will be made, especially should I succeed in making arrangements for Immigration to Wanganui.

Nothing, however, affords such cheering evidence of the prosperous state of the Province, or of the unabated confidence of the settlers in its resources, as the rapidity with which the damages done by the recent Earthquake are being repaired.

It only remains for me to thank you for the services you have rendered—services which I feel assured will be all the more warmly appreciated from their having been rendered at a time when your own private affairs might well have claimed your sole and undivided attention. I now declare that this Council do stand prorogued.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
SUPERINTENDENT.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Honor ISAAC EARL FEATHERSTON, ESQUIRE, *Superintendent of the Province of Wellington.*

I, THE SUPERINTENDENT of the Province of Wellington, Do HEREBY PROCLAIM AND NOTIFY that the undermentioned Districts in the Wairarapa Valley, recently acquired from the natives, will be open for sale according to the Land Regulations upon Monday the 11th June, 1855, at the Crown Land Office, Wellington.

A plan of the Districts may be seen at at the Crown Land Office, on and after the first day of May next.

General description of the Districts above referred to.

I.—TARATAHI PLAIN.

Bounded towards the North by the

Waingawa river; towards the East by the Ruamehanga river; towards the South by the Waiohne river; and towards the West by the boundary of the Tauherenikau block. Excepting a Small Farms Reserve, on each side of the road from Greytown to Masterton; and excepting also certain Native Reserves, amounting to about 600 acres.

Estimated contents, 37,000 acres.

2.—PART OF BIDWELL'S RUN.

Bounded towards the North by the boundary of the Tauherenikau block, to a point about two miles south of Mr. Morrison's Road, thence Eastward to the Ruamahanga river, thence by the Ruamahanga to the Race Course; thence inland South-westerly to a stream at the base of the hills, and along that stream to a point about one mile north of Mr. Bidwell's house; thence North-Westerly across to Tauherenikau boundary.

Estimated contents, 6000 acres.

3.—KAHUTARA.

Bounded towards the North by a line from the mouth of the Tauherenikau river, to a point in the bush, about 50 chains South-west of Mr. Bidwell's house; thence South-westerly at a distance varying from a quarter of a mile to a mile from the Ruamahanga river, to a point on that river, about two miles above its entrance to the lake; thence to the lake northerly and along its margin to the Tauherenikau.

Estimated contents, 15,000 acres.

It is to be understood that the Government reserves the right of altering or correcting the above general description, when the native boundaries have been examined on the ground: and also reserves the right of making all necessary Public Reserves, which will be shown in the plan on the 1st of May.

GIVEN under my hand and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Wellington, at Wellington, the fifteenth day of March, 1855.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

By His Honor's command

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, March 3rd, 1855.*

HIS HONOR the Superintendent has directed the publication of the following additional notice.

By His Honor's command,
WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

In reference to the Sale of Crown Lands at Napier, Hawke's Bay, published in *Gazette*, No. 1, 1855, Notice is hereby given, that (considerable additional improvements having been made upon some of the Sections, and the value of others having greatly increased since the preparation of the published Schedule,) the upset prices of the undermentioned allotments will be the sums set opposite to the number of such Lots respectively in the Schedule hereunto appended.

SCHEDULE.

Lot 11, upset price £550
12 280
62 350
80 30
81 600
82 550
106 1150

ALFRED DOMETT,
Commissioner.

Crown Land's Office,
Napier, Feb. 19, 1855.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 5th March, 1855.*

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be the Committee for effecting the purposes of the Act of the Provincial Council, Sess. II. No. —, intituled "An Act to enable certain persons to Levy a Toll upon Traffic over the Bridge proposed to be erected over the River Hutt."

ALFRED RENALL, Esq., M.P.C.
THOMAS MASON, Esq., J.P.
MR. PERCY, SENIOR.
MR. PERCY, JUN.
MR. KNIGHT,
MR. BRAITHWAITE, SENIOR.

By His Honor's command,
WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th March, 1855.

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTEN-
DENT has been pleased to appoint
the following gentlemen to be the Com-
missioners to report on the damages
caused by the recent Earthquakes in the
district of Wellington—

MR. EDWARD ROBERTS,
" CHARLES MILLS,
" C. R. CARTER.

By His Honor's command,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
March 15th, 1855.*

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTEN-
DENT has been pleased to direct
the publication of the following extract
from MR. HUGHES' report upon the line
of road between Greytown and Masterton
for general information,

By His Honor's command,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Provincial Secretary.

Masterton, March 6th, 1855.

SIR,—

I forward by MR. MASTERS the plan of
the line of Road from Greytown to
Masterton which I am glad to inform you
passes a great portion of the way through
land of an excellent description, and can
be made at a very trifling expense,—there
are only about 20 chains immediately
after crossing the Waiolini of a swampy
nature, this portion will require drains,
and raising three feet above the level of
the adjoining land; the metalling is
close at hand in the river bed, so that it
will probably not be the most expensive
part of the line,—the portion through the
three-mile Bush is all good ground and
free of swamp, and the remaining distance
to Masterton is nearly all a good natural
road.

I am, &c., &c., &c.,
(Signed) JOHN HUGHES.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, February 1, 1855.*

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTEN-
DENT directs it to be notified for
general information, that a Writ for the
election of a Member of the Provincial
Council for the Wellington Country Dis-
trict having been issued in accordance
with Clause 12 of an "Act to grant a
Representative Constitution to the Colo-
ny of New Zealand," the Returning Offi-
cer for the said District has returned the
said Writ with a Certificate to the effect
that the undermentioned gentleman has
been duly elected to serve as Member
of the said Provincial Council for the
said Wellington Country District, viz:—

WILLIAM BROMLEY, Esq., of Porirua.

By His Honor's command,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Provincial Secretary.

Resident Magistrate's Court,
Wellington, 3rd March, 1855.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Jus-
tices for the District of Wellington
will be holden at the Resident Magistrate's
Court at Wellington on Tuesday, the
27th day of March next, at 12 o'clock,
in the forenoon, for the purpose of form-
ing the Militia List for this District, for
the year 1855-56.

R. S. CHEESMAN,
Clerk to the Bench.

Resident Magistrate's Court,
Wellington, March 3rd, 1855.

NOTICE is hereby Given, that the
General Annual Licensing Meeting
for the District of Wellington will be
held at this Court on Tuesday the 17th
day of April next, at Eleven o'clock in
the forenoon, for the purpose of consi-
dering applications for Licenses for the
sale of Fermented and Spirituous liquors
in compliance with the provisions of the
Licensing Ordinance, 3 Victoria, Session
11 No. 12.

All applications must be lodged with
the Clerk of the Bench on or before
Tuesday, the 3rd day of April next.

R. S. CHEESMAN,
Clerk to the Bench.