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SPEECH OF HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT ON CLOSING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRD PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.

MR SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

I beg to intimate that I have assented on behalf of the Governor to the following Acts, viz:—

An Act to provide for the Management of Public Cemeteries.

An Act to Provide for the Management of the Wairarapa Race Course.

An Act to Amend the District Highways Act, 1862.

An Act to make provision for the inspection of Cattle previous to exportation, and for regulating the driving thereof.

An Act to enable Landowners to drain their lands.

An Act to authorise the Superintendent to purchase Land to satisfy the awards of the Compensation Committee.

An Act to appoint John Morrison, Esq., of Adelaide Place, King William-street, in the City of London, to be Agent for the Province of Wellington.

An Act to bring into operation the Wellington Town Board Act.

An Act to appropriate the Revenue of the Province of Wellington for the year commencing the 1st day of April, 1863, and ending the 31st day of March, 1864.

An Act to Amend the existing Dog Nuisance Act.

And further, that I have reserved the following Acts for the Governor's assent, viz:—

An Act to establish Marine Boards for Ports in the Province.

An Act to authorise the construction of a Bridge over the Wanganui River and levying Tolls on Traffic over the same.

Some of these Acts will, I have no doubt, be hailed with great satisfaction. The Drainage Act, which in its present form, can only be regarded as a tentative measure, will, I believe, be found wherever it is brought into operation, to confer such important benefits as will justify you, in a future session, more fully to develop the principle embodied in it.

The readiness with which you have not merely agreed to the proposal made by the inhabitants of Wanganui in regard to their bridge, but have conceded to them far more liberal terms than they themselves had ventured to ask, will, I feel assured, be warmly appreciated by them, and will induce them to lose no time in commencing that great work upon a well considered plan.

Though I doubt the expediency of increasing the number of the City Commissioners from six to nine, and still believe that three paid Commissioners would have been more effective, I may be permitted again to express a hope that the inhabitants of Wellington, with the certainty they now have of a considerable revenue accruing from the Town Belt, with the promise of a grant in aid which will in all probability be equal to the amount of the local assessment and with a large amount of prison labour virtually at the disposal of the Town Board, will no longer hesitate to take upon themselves the management of their own local affairs.

The necessity of having some one in England authorised to act on behalf of the Province, in advising and assisting intending Emigrants, and in diffusing information respecting its resources and capabilities, has been so long felt, that I do most sincerely congratulate you upon the appointment of one so eminently qualified to discharge all the duties of agent as Mr J. Morrison. It cannot fail to be most gratifying to him, that the desire he has ever evinced to promote our interests, and the services he has in many ways already rendered, should at length have been acknowledged by the present appointment being conferred without any solicitation on his part, and by the unanimous voice of the Legislature.

That the scheme of Immigration proposed by the Select Committee will be attended with even a moderate success, is to my mind more than doubtful. "Single men" may possibly be in a position to avail themselves of the terms offered; but it is vain to expect that "single women" or "married couples" of the strictly labouring class can do so. It appears to me that it would have been better to have accepted Mr Morrison's proposal as far as single men are concerned, but with respect to single females and married couples, to have required them to pay not more than half the passage money, giving promissory notes for the other moiety. With a judicious selection the amount of the promissory note would in each case have been so trifling that no difficulty would have been experienced in recovering it. As I gather, however, from the debates that the Government is not precluded, in the event of the Committee's proposal being found impracticable, from adopting some other system—I shall not hesitate in such a case to modify the Committee's terms in the manner I have just mentioned. Under any circumstances I propose to supplement the Committee's scheme by at once notifying, that the Government will be prepared to assist settlers desirous of bringing out their friends and relatives

to the following extent: the Government to guarantee that the rate of passage money shall not exceed £15 per adult; the applicant to have the option of either at once paying to the Government £12 as the whole amount of his contribution, or of paying one half of the passage money at the time of making his application, and giving security for the payment of the other moiety on the arrival of the party sent for, with the understanding that on payment of the last moiety at the time specified he will be entitled to the bonus of £3 proposed by the Committee, but not otherwise. Under some such regulations as these, I have reason to believe, from the applications already made, a considerable stream of immigration of the most valuable kind will at once be created, and may be steadily maintained and increased.

As Mr Scott, the Engineer, who has been engaged in laying down Patent Slips in various parts of the world, has arrived and will at once proceed to examine and report on the best site, and to give an estimate of the probable cost, the Government will soon be in a position to decide how far they will be justified in undertaking the erection of a slip in this harbor.

While I recognise the responsibility you have cast upon me by the resolutions you have passed relative to the proposed Railway, I so fully appreciate the incalculable advantages such a system of internal communication would confer upon the whole Province, that you may rest assured that no efforts will be wanting on my part to carry out your views.

Though it is impossible to deny that recent events at Taranaki have materially altered the position in which we stood a few since, and may throw serious impediments in the way of the immediate execution of the great works you have sanctioned—may, in fact, for a time at least, prevent the realization of the expectations and hopes I indulged in my opening address; still, taking into consideration that his Excellency has, by giving up the Waitara and by the amnesty proclaimed for the past, narrowed the questions at issue between the Government and the Natives at Taranaki, to the surrender of those implicated in the treacherous massacre of the escort, and to the possession of Tataraimaka,—that the Natives in almost every part of the island have declared that Tataraimaka belonged to the Queen—that the Governor was justified in taking possession of it, and have expressed their abhorrence of the recent outrage,—above all, bearing in mind that in this war we shall have right and not injustice on our side, I do not despair of seeing peace before very long established on a satisfactory and lasting basis; nor am I without hope that under ordinary circumstances the horrors of war may be averted from this Province.

Thanking you on behalf of the Province for the manner in which you have discharged your duties as its representatives, and with the most perfect confidence that whatever turn events may take—however critical the position we may be placed in—I may ever rely upon your support and co-operation, I now declare that this Council do stand prorogued.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

Provincial Council Chamber,
May 26th, 1863.

General Government Notices.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th May, 1863.

THE following Notices are reprinted from the *New Zealand Gazette* for general information.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Appointment of Captain H. Roberts, Lieut. B. Sheriff, and Dr. J. Fletcher.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 21st April, 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the "Prince of Wales Company," Wanganui Rifle Volunteers. HENRY ROBERTS, to be Captain. Date of Commission—21st April, 1863. BEDFORD SHERIFF, to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission—21st April, 1863. JAMES FLETCHER, M.D., to be Surgeon. Date of Commission—21st April, 1863.

READER WOOD,
In the absence of Mr. Domett.

Resignation of Ensign John Jones.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 21st April, 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of Ensign JOHN JONES, of the "Mataroo" Company, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers.

READER WOOD,
In the absence of Mr. Domett.

G. F. Swainson Esq., appointed to ascertain assent of Natives under "Natives Reserves Act, 1856."

Native Office,
Auckland, April 25th, 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

GEORGE F. SWAINSON, ESQ.,

to be a person to ascertain the assent of the Natives in the Province of Wellington to their Reserves being brought under the operation of the "Native Reserves Act, 1856."

F. D. BELL.

Money Order Branch.

General Post Office,
Auckland, 7th April, 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given that Money Orders will be issued on and after the 1st June next, at any Money Order Office in New Zealand, for the transmission of money to the Colony of Queensland.

Commission will be charged on Money Orders issued at the following rates.

For any sum
Not exceeding £5 One Shilling
Above £5, and under £10 Two Shillings

No single Order will be issued for a greater amount than ten pounds.

Money Orders may be obtained and be made payable at the following places, viz:—

BRISBANE.

Dalby, Ipswich, Gayndah, Warwick, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba

Full information as to forms, &c., will be supplied to the public on application at any Money Order Office.

READER WOOD,
For the Postmaster-General.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

AT THE

OBSERVATORY, WELLINGTON,

For the Month ending 30th April, 1863.

Lat. 41 deg. 16 min. 25 sec. S. Long. 174 deg. 47 min. 25 sec. E. Height above sea 90 feet.

Day of Month.	Daily Means.				Maximum in Sun's Rays. Blackened Bulb.	Maximum in Shade.	Wind			In. of Rain in 24 hours.
	Barometer.	Thermometer.		Clouds.			Direction.		Force.	
		Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.				Morning.	Afternoon.		
1863.										
April.										
Wednesday 1	30.193	63.0	60.5	4.	72	67	NNE	NE	2.25	—
Thursday 2	.229	62.5	59.0	4.	73	67	N	NW	3.00	—
Friday 3	.099	64.0	60.7	8.	73	67	N	N	1.75	—
Saturday 4	29.981	65.0	61.7	9.	70	67	NNE	N	12.00	—
Sunday 5	.851	62.0	58.5	6.	73	67	N	NNE	3.50	—
Monday 6	.480	61.5	57.5	9.	79	69	N	S	.50	—
Tuesday 7	.459	55.0	51.0	9.	78	67	S	S	2.25	1.86
Wednesday 8	.801	48.0	44.5	1.	63	56	SW	SW	4.75	.02
Thursday 9	.877	55.5	51.0	1.	72	63	N	N	4.00	—
Friday 10	.503	58.5	53.5	6.	69	65	S	S	8.50	.19
Saturday 11	.878	52.5	48.7	1.	65	59	NNW	N	4.75	—
Sunday 12	.947	53.5	51.5	7.	66	61	S	N	5.50	.02
Monday 13	.116	51.5	50.0	5.	63	56	NW	S	1.00	.03
Tuesday 14	.814	57.5	52.5	5.	72	61	N	N	3.00	—
Wednesday 15	.899	62.0	56.5	2.	79	67	N	N	3.50	—
Thursday 16	.788	62.5	58.0	1.	87	69	N	N	3.25	—
Friday 17	.818	59.5	55.0	10.	76	69	S	SSW	4.25	.10
Saturday 18	.877	50.0	46.5	8.	62	56	SSW	S	5.50	.11
Sunday 19	.630	46.0	41.5	6.	59	55	NW	N	4.00	.02
Monday 20	.558	49.0	45.0	1.	65	56	N	N	8.25	.18
Tuesday 21	.650	54.5	51.0	1.	71	61	N	N	3.75	—
Wednesday 22	.745	57.2	53.5	2.	78	65	N	N	1.25	—
Thursday 23	.617	54.0	51.5	0.	71	62	N	N	4.25	—
Friday 24	.822	53.0	50.2	4.	70	61	S	N	4.50	.13
Saturday 25	.863	48.0	45.5	4.	67	53	N	N	3.00	.07
Sunday 26	.869	47.5	45.0	1.	68	55	E	S	.25	.01
Monday 27	.973	50.5	48.0	4.	72	59	E	E	.25	—
Tuesday 28	.689	52.5	51.0	10.	71	57	S	NE	.00	.21
Wednesday 29	.671	55.0	53.5	6.	63	60	N	N	7.25	.05
Thursday 30	.736	55.5	52.0	5.	62	60	N	N	10.00	.19

NOTE.—*Clouds*.—10 is an overcast sky, and 0 is a cloudless sky.

Wind: Force.—The Maximum Pressure in 24 hours in lbs., and decimal parts of a lb. on the square foot.

Barometer.—The height is reduced to sea level, at a temperature of 32 deg. Far.

Thermometer Means.—Deducible from the Maximum and Minimum readings at 10 a.m., of the 24 hours previously.

Maximum in Sun's Rays and Shade.—These figures are the readings at 10, a.m., and like the wind's force, thermometer means, and fall of rain apply to the 24 hours previously.

JOHN KNOWLES, in Charge.