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J. WOODWARD,
 ACTING-PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1864.

No. 1.

Firing for Provincial Government Rifle Prizes.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 4th January, 1864.

THE Superintendent directs the following Rules and Regulations, respecting the firing for the Prizes given by the Provincial Government, in the Militia Districts of Wellington, Wairarapa, and Castle Point, to be published for general information.

J. WOODWARD,
 Acting Provincial Secretary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE FIRING FOR PRIZES GIVEN IN THE DISTRICTS OF WELLINGTON, WAIRARAPA, AND CASTLE POINT.

1. The following will be the Prizes given for each District.

Wellington, including Porirua and Karori	}	1st Prize, £15
		2nd do. £12
		3rd do. £8
		4th do. £6
		5th do. £4
Total ..		£45

Hutt District	}	1st Prize, £12
		2nd do. £8
		3rd do. £5
Total ..		£25

Wairarapa District	}	1st Prize, £12
		2nd do. £8
		3rd do. £5
Total ..		£25

Castle Point District, one Prize, £5.

Time and place of Firing

2. The Firing to take place at such hours and places as the Officers Commanding the different companies may deem convenient; commencing on Monday, 14th March, 1864. Should the weather prove unfavourable at any time appointed, the firing may be postponed at the discretion of the Officer Commanding the company, provided that the firing of each company is completed on or before Thursday, April 14th, 1864.

Who eligible to compete, and names to be sent in.

3. The Militia and Volunteers, and all intending competitors to send in their names to the different commanders of companies on or before the 28th February, 1864, after which no one will be allowed to enter.

List of persons firing.

4. A list, giving each competitor a number only, to be given to the Officer and Marker; another list to be made out with each competitor's name and corresponding number on it to be kept by the Officer stationed at the spot where the competitors fire from.

Competitors absenting themselves.

5. Should any competitor absent himself without leave when his turn comes to fire he is to forfeit his chance and a shot is to be fired in the air (which the marker will score as a miss) in order to keep the members on the list correct.

Arms and Ammunition to be used.

6. Government Rifles and Ammunition.

Mode of Firing.

7. Without artificial rest in any position.

8. Distances at which to fire, viz. :—

Number of rounds, Targets and Score.

Distances at which to fire.	No. of rounds at each	Targets to be used at the several distances.	Value of Points.
Yards.		Two regulation size Targets 6x2 ft. each or one 6x4 ft. having a centre 2 ft. in diameter & a bull's eye 8 in.	
100	5		Bull's eye 3
200	5		Centre 2
300	5		Outer 1

Ties.

9. Ties to fire five rounds at one Target 6x2 feet, at 300 yards' range.

Ring Shots.

10. Competitors to have the benefit of any shot on the ring.

Rechochets.

11. Any shots which touch the ground before hitting the Target (rechochets) to be noted R in the column of misses.

Score.

12. All hits to count according to where the bullet first strikes the target.

Award of Score.

13. All differences as to points, etc., to be decided by the Officer Commanding the District before any returns of the firing are finally made up.

Officers.

14. Officers commanding Companies to be on the ground; one Officer to be appointed to call the names of competitors at the place of firing, and another to remain near the Target.

Marker.

15. A marker to be appointed by the

Officer commanding the Company, who will be under the Officer appointed to remain near the Target.

Returns of Firing.

* 16. A return of the names of all competitors with the number of points scored by each to be forwarded to the Officer Commanding Militia and Volunteers, Wellington, according to forms (which will be sent to the different Captains of Companies) as soon as possible after the firing has ceased.

17. The attention of Officers commanding Companies is particularly called to the following rules to prevent accident.

Caution against accidents.

No competitor is to cap or cock his rifle before coming to the spot from which he is to fire. No competitor is to let the cock of his rifle down when an unexploded cap is on the nipple, but to keep it at half cock. Competitors before firing are to take a few paces in front of all lookers-on, and to see that no objects are in the line of fire.

EDWARD GORTON,
Major Commanding

Wellington, Wairarapa, and Castle Point Districts.

Appointment of Registrar of Dogs.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 5th January, 1864.

THE Superintendent has been pleased to appoint

MR. J. H. MARRIOTT
to be Registrar of Dogs for the Electoral Districts of Wellington, Country Districts, and Hutt—the appointment to date from the 1st of January instant.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Tenders.

RECEIVED by Board of Wardens,
Pahautanui, for forming and metalling
57 chains of road in that district :—

J. Jones } £250 accepted
T. Woodman }
B. Draper . . . £275 10s.
D. Cook . . £4 10s. per chain, £256 10s.
H. Harris . . £265.
J. Howell . . £263.

TENDERS for cartage of timber from
Rangitikei to Wanganui :—

T. O'Riley, 10s. per 100 feet accepted
J. Bull, 10s. 6d. per 100 feet.

Sheep Inspector's Report.

A REPORT of the Sheep in the Wanganui, Turakina, Rangitikei, and Manawatu Districts, above six months old as per Return of the months of May and June of 1863.

Name of Station.	Name of Owner or Person in charge.	No. of Sheep.	Amount of Assesst.	Condi- tion.	General Remarks.
			£ s. d.		
Headlings	Thos. Shields ..	336	0 14 0	Scabby	Notice of Scab, May 5th, 6 months to clean.
Brunswick Station	G. F. Baker ..	183	0 7 7½	Clean	
Victoria Avenue ..	Daniel Smith ..	149	0 6 2½	..	
New Seat	Thos. McWilliam ..	150	0 6 3	..	
Kai Tokei	Jas. Lomax ..	713	1 9 8½	..	
New Peckham ..	W. J. Holder ..	100	0 4 2	..	
Warrengate	H. S. Harris ..	1200	2 10 0	Scabby	Notice of Scab, 1st August, 6 months to clean.
Wai Puna	P. Mussun ..	350	0 14 7	Clean	
Lamb Hill	Dr. Allison ..	1300	2 14 2	..	
Kai Ewie	David Peat ..	1643	3 8 5½	..	
Wesleyan Mission St.	Rev. W. J. Watkin	320	0 13 4	..	
New Brunswick ..	F. G. Campbell ..	300	0 12 6	..	
	J. D. Hewett ..	900	1 17 6	..	
Mowhaana	H. L. Peake ..	400	0 16 8	..	
Ukopokouwi	J. H. Gibson ..	190	0 7 11	..	
The Grange	Captain McGrath	848	1 15 4	..	
Tobrabo	A. Duncan ..	700	1 9 2	..	
Papaeti	Capt. Smith ..	900	1 17 6	..	
Mataraua	G. McGregor ..	1550	3 4 7	..	
Sea-field	P. Imlay ..	4000	8 6 8	Scabby	Notice of Scab, 3rd August, 6 months to clean.
Wiora	T. H. Harper ..	820	1 14 2	Clean	
Wanganui	W. C. Hylton ..	180	0 7 6	..	
Aramoua	A. Colville ..	354	0 14 9	..	
Lily Bank	J. P. Watt ..	270	0 11 3	Scabby	Notice of Scab, 2nd October, 6 months to clean.
Victoria Avenue ..	J. Pawson ..	40	0 1 8	Clean	
New Brunswick ..	Messrs. C. S. Hurley	753	1 11 4½	..	
Cherry Bank	John McGregor ..	750	1 11 3	..	
Weretoe	Messrs. M Merchant	1160	2 8 4	..	
Papaite	Jas. Thurston ..	70	0 2 11	..	
Te Koretoe	Charles Smith ..	370	0 15 5	..	
Southern Grove ..	Handly Brothers ..	3100	6 9 2	..	Scab had made its appearance in this flock, prompt means have been taken and now I believe them to be clean.
Kaikokokopu	John Durrend ..	3750	7 16 3	Scabby	Notice of Scab, July 24
Fordell	Mess. Read & Hume	2600	5 8 4	..	
Mouhana	J. W. Peake ..	700	1 9 2	Clean	Notice of Scab, 10th September.
Westmere	Taylor & Watt ..	4000	8 6 8	Scabby	
Cresswell	Charles Small ..	150	0 6 3	Clean	Notice of Scab, 27th July.
Booklyn	John Hicks ..	300	0 12 6	..	
	Buckthought ..	52	0 2 2	..	
Wangahoe	J. M. Richards ..	2000	4 3 4	Scabby	Notice of Scab, 19th October.
Park Head	John Maxwell ..	51	0 2 1½	Clean	
Mill	John Gibson ..	194	0 8 1	..	
Otamatea	J. T. Wickstead ..	200	0 8 4	..	
Featherston	Watts & Small ..	500	1 0 10	..	
Okone	R. F. Shields ..	62	0 2 7	..	
	George Wright ..	63	0 2 7½	..	

Sheep Inspector's Report (continued).

Name of Station.	Name of Owner or Person in charge.	No. of Sheep.	Amount of Assesst.	Condition	General Remarks.
			£ s. d.		
Woodlands	M. J. Goodson ..	900	1 17 6	Clean	
	John Fernie ..	409	0 17 ½	..	
Blinkbonney ..	Thomas Higgin ..	2000	4 3 4	..	
Mary Bank	David Blyth ..	550	1 2 11	..	
Virginia Lake ..	Jane Hair ..	300	0 12 6	..	
Santon	William Garner ..	360	0 15 0	..	
Ihiro Part	Andrew Watt ..	200	0 8 4	..	
Marangai	Captain Cameron ..	1550	3 4 7	..	
Wangahou	Isaac Sargent ..	240	0 10 0	..	
Mata Ongaonga ..	H. Churton ..	308	0 12 10	..	
TURAKINA.					
	John Ormond ..	60	0 2 6	..	
	C. Simpson & Co.	4700	9 15 10	Scabby	Notice of Scab, 17th July.
Ashtead	H. J. & E. D. Wilcox	800	1 13 4	Clean	
Glen Cairn	James Bruce ..	480	1 0 0	..	
Plain House ..	N. E. Beamish ..	800	1 13 4	Scabby	Notice of Scab, Aug. 6
Ann Bank	James Wilson ..	800	1 13 4	..	Notice of Scab, 13th September.
Eden More	Adam Glassgow ..	340	0 14 2	Clean	
Tulloch Gorm ..	Alexander Grant ..	400	0 16 8	..	
Invermaile	Cameron Brothers	1780	3 14 2	..	
Cluny	A. Robertson ..	460	0 19 2	..	
Morvia	Jas. Laurie ..	240	0 10 0	..	
Allisdale	John Crichton ..	230	0 9 7	..	
RANGATIKEI.					
	C. Champion ..	2000	4 3 4	..	
Rose Bank	Alexander Miln ..	780	1 12 6	..	
Tutu Totara ..	Capt. Marshall ..	2198	4 11 7	..	
Coakely	Messrs. Ross Broth.	295	0 16 5½	..	
Landsdown	Thomas Scott ..	250	0 10 5	..	
	John McBeth ..	600	1 5 0	Scabby	Notice of Scab, Aug. 17
Weston	Robert Rayner ..	236	0 9 10	Clean	No one appointed to pay his debts in this district.
Pukeihou	Duncan Fraser ..	600	1 5 0	..	
	C. J. Harrison ..	404	0 16 10	..	
Korero Maiwhao	Thomas D. Syer ..	126	0 5 3	Scabby	Notice of Scab, July 16
Westoe	A. W. F. Halcombe	3200	6 13 4	..	Notice of Scab, 16th September.
	Messrs. Hammond	1194	2 9 9	Clean	
Everton	C. W. Smith ..	240	0 10 0	..	
Bonny Glen	F. Williamson ..	100	0 4 2	..	
	William Hair ..	340	0 14 2	Scabby	Notice of Scab, 31st July.
Mutu Ruma Ruma	John Lambert ..	520	1 1 8	Clean	
Pukeipapa	Richard Howard ..	300	0 12 6	..	
Witatapea	George Miller ..	634	1 6 5	..	
	W. Hardinck ..	65	0 2 8½	..	
MANAWATU.					
	B. & McDonald ..	2000	4 3 4	..	
	Captain Trafford ..	2200	4 11 8	Scabby	Notice of Scab, Oct. 25.
	W. J. Swainson ..	2215	4 12 3½	..	Notice of Scab, 14th July.
	Thos. W. Cook ..	3278	6 16 7	Clean	
	Rev. James Duncan	105	0 4 4½	..	
	Francis Robinson	3200	6 13 4	..	
Total			83,808 ..	£174 12 0	

GREGOR McGREGOR, Sheep Inspector.

Election of Wardens, Makirikiri District.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, January 4th, 1864.

NOTICE is hereby given, that it has been duly notified to this office by the Chairman that the first annual meeting of the rate-payers of the Makirikiri district, was held on the 24th ult., when the following persons were elected as a Board of Wardens for the said District:—

Philip Buckthought
Thomas Gibson
Stephen Hensan
John Jackson
Francis Watts
Henry Boyden Roberts, Chairman

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

In the matter of the Absent Debtors Act, 1860.

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Middle District.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to **JOSEPH LEVIN**, of Nelson, in the Province of Nelson, in the Middle District of New Zealand, Merchant Greeting: Whereas an action is now pending in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, for the Middle District, at Wellington, wherein **JOE DRANSFIELD**, of Wellington Merchant, is plaintiff, and **WILLIAM WILSON**, formerly of Nelson aforesaid, Merchant, is defendant; and in order that the said plaintiff may proceed in his said action, we command you that you retain and keep all and singular the lands, hereditaments, monies, goods, chattels, property, and other effects of whatsoever nature in the custody or under the control of you, the said **JOSEPH LEVIN**, at the time of the service of this Writ upon you, or in which the said defendant shall at that time be legally or equitably entitled, or otherwise beneficially interested, and whether solely or jointly with any persons or person; and we hereby command you that in your own proper person be and appear before His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, when you shall receive proper notice for that purpose from the plaintiff, and then to be examined touching the premises, and to do and observe and receive what shall then and there be reconsidered of you in that behalf, and this you shall in no wise omit.

Witness—**ALEXANDER JAMES JOHNSTON**, Esq.,
a Judge of the Supreme Court of
New Zealand, this 15th day of December, 1863.

(L.S.) R.E.S.

General Government Notices.

Justice of Peace Appointed.

Attorney-General's Office,
Auckland, 19th Dec., 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

RICHARD JOHN DUNCAN,
of Wellington, in the Province of Wellington, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

New Zealand Flax.

£4,000 REWARD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 18th Dec., 1863.

THE Government of New Zealand is prepared, subject to the under-mentioned conditions, to give rewards to the amount of **£4,000** for the discovery of efficient means for rendering the Flax and other fibrous plants of New Zealand available as articles of export, viz. :—

£2,000

To the person who shall, by some process of his own invention, first produce from the *Phormium Tenax* or other fibrous plant indigenous to New Zealand, forty tons of Merchandize.

£1,000

To any person, other than the person entitled to the first reward, who shall, by some process of his own invention, next produce from the *Phormium Tenax*, or other fibrous plant indigenous to New Zealand, forty tons of Merchandize.

£1,000

Viz :—**£200** to any person, not exceeding five in all, other than those entitled to the first and second rewards, who shall, by any process, whether of his own invention or not, produce from the *Phormium Tenax*, or other fibrous plant indigenous to New Zealand, twenty tons of Merchandize.

Every claim for the above rewards must be preferred before the 1st January, 1866.

The Merchandize must be saleable as an article of export from the Colony of New Zealand, and have been produced at a cost not exceeding 75 per cent. of its value at the Port of entry from which it is exported; and the process used must be fully made known, with a view to the discovery being at once made unconditionally available to the public.

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand will from time to time appoint Commissions, to consist of not less than three persons, to act at such places as circumstances may require, and each claim for reward will be referred to such Commission as may be considered the most convenient for its proper investigation. The acts of the majority will be deemed the acts of the Commission.

Each Commission shall be at liberty to adopt such means as it may deem most fit for determining the value and cost of production of the Merchandize, for ascertaining the process employed, and for fully investigating in all respects and reporting upon the validity of any claim.

Every competitor wishing to have flax inspected must apply to the Collector of Customs at the nearest Port, who shall forthwith give notice to the Commissioners acting for the particular locality, who shall forthwith appoint some convenient time and place for the inspection, and communicate the same in writing to the competitor. Any competitor may exhibit to the Commissioners any quantity of flax not less than five tons at a time.

For each quantity inspected and approved by the Commissioners they shall give the competitor a certificate signed by a majority of them, a duplicate of which must be forthwith deposited at the Collector's Office, at the nearest Custom House.

When the total quantity shall have been inspected by instalments and more than one certificate is given to a claimant, then each certificate after the first shall state in words the quantity already passed and approved on behalf of the same competitor. Whenever the quantity approved of on behalf of any one competitor amounts to forty tons, the Commissioner shall certify in words, at length, the date on which the full quantity was passed, and the name of the competitor, which certificate they shall *immediately* deposit with the Colonial Secretary, keeping one copy for themselves, and giving the competitor one. The date of such certificate shall be deemed the day on which the claimant produced the forty tons of Merchandize required.

Whenever any quantity of flax is brought for inspection, satisfactory proof will have to be given to the Commissioners that no part of the flax has been already inspected by them.

One half of the reward will be paid at once to any person whom the Governor, on

the report of a Commission, shall declare in writing to be entitled to the same, after which no other claim to a reward of the same class will be entertained; and the other half of such reward will be paid upon satisfactory proof being given to the Governor, or his appointee in London, of the *bona fide* sale of twenty tons of the Merchandize in Europe, at an advance of not less than twenty per cent. upon the actual cost of the article landed in Europe.

All costs and expenses connected with the carriage to or removal from the place of inspection, of any flax offered for inspection and all other expenses, if any, connected therewith, to be borne by the competitor.

WILLIAM FOX.

Militia and Volunteers

Colonial Defence Office,

Auckland, 19th Dec., 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:—

In the Wanganui Militia.

George Fisk to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission—17th December, 1863.

In the "Prince of Wales" Company" Wanganui Rifle Volunteers.

Charles Hulke to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission—18th December, 1863.

In the Wairarapa Militia.

Henry Thomas Spratt to be Surgeon. Date of Commission—3rd December, 1863.

In the "Carterton" Rifle Volunteers.

Thomas Hooker to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission—18th December, 1863.

In the "Porirua" Rifle Volunteers.

William France to be Ensign. Date of Commission—18th December, 1863.

In the "Taita" Rifle Volunteers.

William Whitewood to be Captain. Date of Commission—3rd December, 1863.

William Read Welch to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission—3rd December, 1863.

David Dalgity to be Ensign. Date of Commission—3rd December, 1863.

In the "Rangitikei" Cavalry Volunteers.

Henry Hammond to be Cornet. Date of Commission—3rd December, 1863.

T. RUSSELL.