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J. WOODWARD,

ACTING PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

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SPEECH OF HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT ON OPENING THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

I have convened this special Session, at, I fear, grave personal inconvenience to many of you, simply for the purpose of asking your consent to a sale to the General Government of the Provincial Government Buildings.

Believing that such consent will not only be readily given, but that it will be your desire, equally with that of the whole Province, that we should in every possible way assist His Excellency's Government in rendering the removal of the Seat of Government as easy, and as little onerous to the rest of the Colony as possible—that we should, in short, meet the wishes of Ministers in no niggardly, no huckstering spirit. I have already, subject to your confirmation, agreed on behalf of the Province to accept the sum of £8,200, this being a third less than the original cost of the buildings—a deduction for wear and tear, which, considering that no expense has been spared in keeping them in thorough repair, cannot be deemed other than liberal.

While it would be manifestly unwise, if not unfair, with an impending dissolution, to enter on questions of future policy, I still gladly avail myself of this opportunity to bring before you two or three matters on which further and immediate legislative action is required.

Certain allotments of the Reclaimed Land having inadvertently been sold in contravention of the law, a Bill will be submitted to you to make good the Purchasers' Titles.

From an estimate received from England by the last mail, and which will be laid on your table, you will learn that the cost of the proposed extension in iron of the Queen's Wharf will exceed your appropriation by at least £10,000. Should Mr. Morrison, as I have every reason to believe, have accepted a tender for the delivery in Wellington of the materials and plant, the necessary funds will have to be remitted by the next mail, and I shall, therefore, ask you to make a further appropriation to the amount have just specified.

As there seems every prospect of the Wanganui Bridge Committee being very shortly in a position to proceed with that great work, now absolutely essential to the future progress of the settlement, it will be necessary to pass a Bill extending the period during which the Committee may exercise the large powers conferred upon them by the Act of 1863; and should, as I confidently anticipate, a majority of the electors resident in Wanganui, Tarakina, and Rangitiki Districts, in the most emphatic manner declare against separation, I would earnestly recommend you, in order to prevent any further delay in the commencement of the work, to empower the Government to make the Committee such advances as they may require, on the understanding that they will lose no time in availing themselves of their borrowing powers.

I shall also submit to you a Bill authorising me, in accordance with your resolution of last session, to convey a certain piece of land to the Wanganui Society of Odd Fellows, on the same conditions as similar grants have hitherto been made. A Bill will also be introduced to amend the Representation Act of last session, by giving an additional member for Rangitiki.

Understanding that the Trustees of the Wesleyan Reserve, which was formerly a part of the Town Belt, and which comprises some 73 acres, are willing to dispose of it to the Government for a moderate sum; and, having regard to the paucity of public reserves in this city, especially of reserves for the purposes of public recreation, I venture to urge upon you the expediency of authorising the Government to effect its purchase, with a view to its being converted into a Public Park, for which it is in all respects most admirably adapted. I make this suggestion the more readily, because I propose submitting to you a Bill authorising the transfer to the General Government, either by a deed of gift or at a valuation, a portion of the Town Belt abutting upon the land selected by His Excellency's Ministers as the site of the Governor's residence.

In making proposals, which will involve a considerable outlay, it is right that I should mention that the actual receipts for the current financial year, will so far exceed my estimate of revenue that there will be no difficulty in providing the funds required to give effect to them. The financial position of the Province never was so prosperous—so entirely satisfactory.

There remains one point on which you undoubtedly are entitled to precise information. I refer to the mission which I have been requested to undertake by the General Government. I regret, however, that I am not, and shall not for some days be in a position to state whether or not I shall proceed next month to England. Should I do so, I need scarcely assure you that my services will be at the disposal of the Province. But under any circumstances, as there would be a manifest inconvenience in the Provincial Council meeting during a session of the General Assembly, I propose, with your concurrence, to ask His Excellency's Ministers for an early dissolution, with a view of permitting a session of the Council to be held in April.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Wellington, 18th January, 1865.

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,—

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

An Act to authorize the Superintendent to convey to Her Majesty certain land in the town of Wellington, held by him in trust for purposes of public utility.

An Act to authorise the Superintendent to sell to Her Majesty certain property held by him for the use of the Province.

An Act to increase the sum authorised to be expended in extending and improving the Public Wharf, at Wellington, by the Appropriation Act, 1864-5.

An Act to grant a piece of land to the Loyal Wanganui Lodge of Odd Fellows.

An Act to extend the time allowed for raising the amount authorised by Act, Session X., No. 6, for constructing a bridge over the Wanganui River.

An Act to confirm certain sales of parts of the reclaimed land in the harbor of Wellington, made by the Superintendent.

An Act to authorise the Superintendent to purchase the piece of land adjoining the town of Wellington, commonly known as the Wesleyan Reserve, for the purposes of a park or recreation ground.

I have reserved the following Act for the signification of His Excellency's pleasure thereon, viz:—

An Act to amend the Representation Act, 1864.

Brief as this your last session has been, it will, I venture to say, ever be referred to as marking an important epoch in the history of the Colony, and especially of this Province.

Called together for the purpose of facilitating the removal of the Seat of Government to the geographical centre of these Islands, you have in the terms on which you have handed over the Provincial Government Buildings to the General Government, and in making a free gift of 190 acres for the Governor's residence, evinced a spirit of wise liberality, which I doubt not will be fully recognised and appreciated by the Government of the Colony.

The concessions you have so gracefully made to Wanganui will, I trust, not only eradicate all desire for the further dismemberment of the Province, but will also remove any bitterness of feeling which the Separation movement may possibly have engendered. Should such happily be the result of your conciliatory overtures, there is not the slightest reason why a tender for the erection of the Wanganui Bridge should not be at once accepted.

While owing to my ignorance of the precise state of the negotiations at present pending between His Excellency's Government and the Agent of the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of the Panama Mail service, I have been precluded from bringing the matter under your consideration during the present Session, I shall not hesitate, acting in concert with the Government of Canterbury, to avail myself, if necessary, of the powers conferred upon me by your resolution of last session; being perfectly confident that any action taken by Canterbury and Wellington to secure such an inestimable boon, will be readily ratified and confirmed by the General Assembly.

After having intimated to you the possibility of my shortly proceeding to England, it is a very great relief to me to be able now to announce that after due deliberation I have abandoned any such intention for the present.

And now it only remains for me to assure you of my warm appreciation of the flattering testimony you have just borne to my administration of the Government of the Province during a period of nearly twelve years—to tender you my sincere thanks for the cordial co-operation you have ever afforded me, and to congratulate you upon being in the proud position—should our fellow-settlers not deem us worthy of a renewal of the confidence they have hitherto reposed in us—of being able to hand over the Province to our successors with all the great objects for which many of us have so long striven, either already achieved or in process of accomplishment—with its finances in a sound and prosperous condition, and with a bright and I trust glorious future before it.

I now declare that this Council do stand prorogued.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Wellington, 24th January, 1865.

Importation of Cattle from Taranaki Prohibited.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Honor ISAAC EARL FEATHERSTON, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand.

I, ISAAC EARL FEATHERSTON, by virtue of the powers vested in me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that after the date hereof the Province of New Plymouth shall be deemed to be an infected District within the meaning and for the purposes of the "Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," and that no cattle after the date hereof until further notice shall be imported by vessel or otherwise into the Province of Wellington from such District.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Wellington, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of January, 1865.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,
J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Election of Wardens, Upper Rangitiki Road Board.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 20th January, 1865.

NOTICE is hereby given that it has been duly certified to this Office that the Annual Meeting of the Rate-payers of the Upper Rangitiki District was held on the 10th day of January instant, at the Court House, Marsden, when the following persons were elected as Wardens for the ensuing term of two years, viz:—

Mr. Halcombe, Chairman
" C. Galpin
" O. Lattorf
" Hunt
" Wm. Still
" J. Lambert.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Tenders.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 24th January, 1865.

THE following Tenders are published for general information.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

FIREWOOD.

1. For Government Office,—
 - B. Reeve .. £1 3s. 0d. per cord, Accepted.
 - W. Reeve .. £1 5s. 0d. " Declined.
2. For Wellington Gaol,—
 - B. Reeve .. £1 8s. 0d. per cord, Accepted.

ADDITIONS TO WELLINGTON GAOL.

	£	s.	d.	
D. Grewar & Co.	952	0	0	Declined.*
Wallis, Parsons & Co.	1150	0	0	Accepted.
J. Stewart	1294	0	0	Declined.
T. R. Cooper	1341	0	0	"

* The tender of Messrs. Grewar & Co. was first accepted, but subsequently thrown up.

103 CHAINS BRIDLE PATH, SOUTH KARORI ROAD.

J. McMannaway .. 2	0	0	per ch in,	Accepted.
J. Symons 2	9	0	"	Declined.
A. Lewer and .. 2	10	0	"	"
R. Tuckwell .. 2	15	0	"	"
P. Monaghan .. 2	19	0	"	"
D. Grewar & Co. 422	2	6	"	"

Comparative Return shewing the amount of Customs Duties collected at the Port of Wanganui, in the Colony of New Zealand, (according to the several Heads of Revenue under-mentioned) for the Quarters ended respectively 31st December, 1863, and 31st December, 1864.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	QUARTER ENDED.			
	31st December, 1863.		31st December, 1864.	
	Quantity.	Duty.	Quantity.	Duty.
Spirits gallons	1673 6-0	£ 752 18 10	2503 24-0 } 195 17-0 }	£ 1544 0 1
Do. " at 12s.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cigars and Snuff .. lbs.	170	25 10 0	.....	.....
Tobacco "	2782	208 13 0	1825 } 118 }	151 18 6
Do. at 2s. 6d.	.....	.....	701 } 54 }	115 19 0
Wine gallons	414 21-0	62 3 11	836	20 18 0
Do. " at 4s.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ale, Beer, &c., in wood gallons	300	7 10 0	.....	.....
Do. do. in Bottle .. gallons	285	14 5 0	.....	.....
Tea lbs.	740	14 0 0	2433 } 240 }	46 11 0
Do. " at 6d.	.....	.....	448	5 12 0
Coffee, Cocoa, &c. .. lbs.	.....	.....	29,831	124 5 11
Sugar "	6184	25 15 4	.....	.....
Fire Arms nil.	.....	.....	1	0 0 3
Gunpowder lbs.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goods by measurement at 4s. per cubic foot ..	873 ft. 3 in.	174 13 0	1205 8	241 2 8
Goods by weight at 3s. per cwt.	79 0 9	11 17 2	67 3 8	10 3 7
Wine gallons at 5s.	.....	.....	10	2 10 0
Totals .. .. .	.....	£1237 6 3	.....	£2263 1 0

JAMES G. WOON,

Acting Collector.

Custom House, Wanganui,

this seventh day of January, 1865.

Comparative Return of Arrivals and Departures at the Port of Wellington, between the Quarters ending December 31st, 1863, and 1864.

ARRIVALS FROM.	1863.		1864.		DEPARTURES TO	1863.		1864.	
	Ships.	Tons.	Ships.	Tons.		Ships.	Tons.	Ships.	Tons.
Great Britain	3	1522	3	1526	Great Britain	0	..	1	601
New South Wales ..	6	2850	13	4066	New South Wales ..	8	1972	15	4873
Van Dieman's Land..	1	312	1	226	Van Diemen's Land	0	..	..	..
Other Ports	2	323	5	2122	Other Ports	2	901	6	3666
Coastwise	124	14,982	137	18,186	Coastwise	114	14,867	131	17,429
Totals	136	19,989	159	26,126	Totals	124	17,740	153	26,569

Wellington, 6th January, 1865.

JOHN HOLLIDAY,
Harbour Master.