



# THE COUNTY OF WESTLAND GAZETTE.

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### PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS by the 29th Section of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to demise for mining purposes to any person, for any term not exceeding fifteen years from the making of the lease, any auriferous Crown Lands, not exceeding ten acres in the whole of alluvial ground, or an area of 400 yards by 200 yards on a quartz reef, and to grant sites for machinery and any necessary easements for the purposes aforesaid, subject, nevertheless, to the conditions or provisions in the said section contained:

And whereas His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, did, on the third day of February, 1869, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, delegate unto me, Conrad Hoos, Chairman of the County Council of the County of Westland, the power vested in him by the twenty-ninth section of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866:"

Now, therefore, I, Conrad Hoos, Chairman of the County Council of the County of Westland, in exercise of the powers vested in me in that behalf, do hereby give notice that, on the twentieth day of January, 1870, I intend to demise to the person named in the Schedule hereto annexed certain auriferous Crown Lands, containing quartz lodes or

veins, for the term specified in the said Schedule.

C. Hoos.

### SCHEDULE.

Name of Lessee.	Situation.	Area.	Term of Lease.
Ward and party ..	Hunt's Beach, Okarito	5 acres	Fifteen years.

County Chairman's Office,  
Hokitika, 11th March, 1870.

**T**HE Chairman of the County Council directs it to be notified that he has appointed

**WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, Esq.,**  
to be Acting Inspector of Schools for the County of Westland. The appointment to date from the 15th February.

A. E. TENNANT,  
Chief Clerk.

County Chairman's Office,  
Hokitika, 11th March, 1870.

**T**HE Chairman of the County Council directs it to be notified that he appointed

**WILLIAM HENRY JAMES, Esq.,**  
Sub-Inspector of Police for the County of Westland, to be Acting Inspector of Police during the absence of the Inspector on leave.

A. E. TENNANT,  
Chief Clerk.

**ERRATUM.**—In the *County of Westland Gazette*, No. 10, of the 7th March, 1870, in the contract of Capt. Bascand for the Southern Steam Service, the word "bi-weekly" in the fifth line should read "bi-monthly."

**WE**, the undersigned, Commissioners of the Waste Lands Board of the County of Westland, in accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the Regulations for the sale, letting, occupation, and management of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the County of Westland, do hereby notify that Tuesday, the twelfth day of April, at noon, in the Land Office, Hokitika, is fixed as the time and place when a sale by auction of town, suburban, and rural lands shall take place.

MALCOLM FRASER,  
Chief Commissioner.

J. A. BONAR,  
C. HOOS,  
W. EVANS, } Commissioners.  
H. W. BARBOR, Receiver of Land Revenue.

Land Office, Hokitika,  
8th March, 1870.

REPORT OF THE ROAD BOARD  
AUDITOR.

SIR—I have the honor to report for your information that I have visited the following Road Boards, viz., Paroa, Arahura, Ross, and Kanieri, for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts. These, with the exceptions I shall mention, I have found to be correct, but the system of keeping the books adopted by all the offices, excepting Ross, I do not consider as proper or sufficient as a means of recording the receipts and expenditure of public money, while at the same time the difficulties of checking the accounts are much increased.

To remedy this I would suggest that the accounts of the various offices should be kept upon one uniform system, and with your concurrence I shall draw up the necessary forms for the initiation of this plan, and forward them to the several Secretaries.

I would also desire to point out to you that in one or two instances I noticed that large payments have been made from the Board funds to members of the Board for work done on account of the Board. This I consider is against the provisions of Clause 17 of the County of Westland Act, which expressly forbids any members of a Road Board from participating in anywise in any contract, or any work in the gift or done under the authority of the Board. I also notice that payments have been made on vouchers which do not bear any authority from the Chairman of the Board or other officer appointed to supervise the expenditure—this only applies

to the Kanieri and Okarito offices. I consider this check very necessary, and also that each payment should be made by cheque signed by at least two members of the Board.

In going through the Paroa accounts I found that several sums of eight shillings paid weekly to the Board as rent, were not entered in the cash book, though there were accounted for by the secretary in the petty cash disbursements. Also that the cash balance shown in the statement, and which should have been supported by certificate from the bankers of the Board as being to the credit of the Board, was at the time in the custody of one of the members of the Board, such a course is very irregular. Amongst the vouchers of the Arahura Board I found one for £17, signed across by Mr. Hannan, the then Chairman, as having been paid by him to the claimant. Upon making enquiries respecting this I ascertained that the person to whom the money was payable had refused to sign the voucher as discharged because he had not received the amount, Mr. Hannan having retained some portion of it to satisfy a private debt due to him by the payee. A number of payments made by the Kanieri Road Board are most irregular, the voucher merely stating "received so much," without showing on what account the amount was due or for what service the debt was incurred.

I found that, generally speaking, the Boards exercise considerable supervision upon the expenditure, and that in most instances the funds at the disposal of the Boards have been very economically disbursed, and the office expenditure reduced as much as possible. The liabilities of the different Boards are, with the exception of Paroa, very light, and consist mainly of small accounts due for office expenditure.

The Paroa Board is heavily indebted, principally for sums due to contractors on public works, but the causes which led to the embarrassment of the Board are, I think, exceptional, and unlikely to occur again; I allude to the great falling off in the rates, owing to the removal of the inhabitants at the Greenstone, &c., and to the difficulties experienced in obtaining payment from the Greymouth Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THOMAS HORTON,

Auditor for Road Boards.

C. Hoos, Esq.,  
County Chairman.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF ARAHURA ROAD BOARD, 1st JANUARY  
TO 14th DECEMBER, 1869.

## RECEIPTS.

1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January	To Balance - - - - -	448	5	10			
to	" Rates - - - - -	196	12	7			
	" Deposit on Contract - - - - -		7	0			
December.	" Grants per County Council - - - - -	1027	15	7			
	" Land Revenue - - - - -	73	10	0			
					1753	4	0

## EXPENDITURE.

1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January	To Track to Fox's - - - - -	152	15	0			
to	" " Callaghan's - - - - -	40	19	6			
	" Beach to Tramway - - - - -	140	13	0			
December.	" Fourth Terrace - - - - -	142	9	0			
	" German Gully - - - - -	76	0	0			
	" Track, Greeks No. 2 - - - - -	146	17	0			
	" " Liverpool Bill's - - - - -	36	5	6			
	" " Piper's Flat - - - - -	17	0	0			
	" Bridge " - - - - -	22	10	0			
	" " Star Hotel - - - - -	94	15	0			
	" Track to School - - - - -	9	0	0			
	" Clearing and Surveying New Tracks - - - - -	47	12	6			
	" Repairing all District Tracks - - - - -	158	7	6			
	" Road through Stafford - - - - -	118	5	0			
	" " Goldsborough - - - - -	65	18	2			
	" Contingencies—				1269	7	2
	Expenses of Elections - - - - -	35	14	0			
	Salaries (12 months) - - - - -	208	0	0			
	Solicitor's Fees - - - - -	17	18	0			
	Advertising - - - - -	26	14	6			
	Compensation to Hackett and party (damage to claim) - - - - -	40	0	0			
	Stationery - - - - -	8	2	6			
	Incidental and petty cash - - - - -	85	12	1			
	Conference expenses - - - - -	24	6	0			
	Assessing " - - - - -	30	0	0			
					476	7	1
	" Balance in hand - - - - -				7	9	9
					1753	4	0

Audited and found correct.

T. HORTON,  
Auditor.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF PAROA ROAD BOARD, 1st JANUARY TO  
14th DECEMBER, 1869.

## RECEIPTS.

1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January	To Balance - - - - -				24	14	6
to	" County account, Land Sales - - - - -	122	12	6			
	" Grants per County Council - - - - -	895	16	8			
December.	" Protection Works, Paroa - - - - -	7	5	6			
	" Road Rates - - - - -	160	9	6			
	" Petty Cash (returned) - - - - -		1	1			
	" Grey Borough Council - - - - -	267	0	11			
					1453	6	2
					1478	0	8

## PAROA ROAD BOARD—Continued.

EXPENDITURE.			
1869.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January to December.	" Arnold Track - - - - -	399 7 0	
	" Saltwater Creek Road - - - - -	73 11 0	
	" Track, Limestone - - - - -	22 0 0	
	" Bridge, Cock-a-Bulla Junction - - - - -	16 7 0	
	" Office, Saltwater, Paroa - - - - -	40 0 0	
	" Repairs, &c., Road Works- - - - -	187 11 1	
			738 16 1
	" Contingencies—		
	Salaries (12 months) - - - - -	263 10 0	
	Assessors expenses - - - - -	75 0 0	
	Fines (Court) - - - - -	2 0 0	
	Various Sundries (12 months) - - - - -	86 12 0	
	Packing, &c. - - - - -	4 9 4	
	Elections - - - - -	23 12 4	
Petty Cash - - - - -	17 0 0		
		472 3 8	
" To Balance - - - - -		267 0 11	
		1478 0 8	

Audited and found correct.

T. HORTON,  
Auditor.RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF TOTARA ROAD BOARD, 1ST JANUARY  
TO 14TH DECEMBER, 1869.

## RECEIPTS.

1860.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January to December.	To Balance - - - - -		552 15 5
	" Land Sales - - - - -	186 15 0	
	" Grants per County Council - - - - -	1021 5 7	
	" Police Court Fines - - - - -	16 0 0	
			1224 0 7
			1776 16 0

## EXPENDITURE.

1869.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January to December.	To New Roads - - - - -	138 7 6	
	" Township - - - - -	99 1 9	
	" Donoghue's Road - - - - -	144 8 10	
	" Redman's - - - - -	89 10 6	
	" Storm Channel - - - - -	99 1 6	
	" Totara Track - - - - -	609 3 9	
	" Repairs to Tracks, &c. - - - - -	61 8 6	
			1241 2 4
	" Ferry Subsidies - - - - -		55 10 0
	" Office expenses, consisting of salaries, office rent, election expenses, maintenances, Delegates expenses, furniture, tools, &c., &c. - - - - -		440 10 9
	" Deposits returned - - - - -	9 5 0	
	" Fire protection - - - - -	25 0 0	
		34 5 0	
Balance - - - - -		5 7 11	
		1776 16 0	

Audited and found correct.

T. HORTON,  
Auditor.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF KANIERI ROAD BOARD, 1ST JANUARY  
TO 14TH DECEMBER, 1869.

## RECEIPTS.

1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	To Balance	-	-	-	1070	11	0
January	" Grant, County Council	-	-	-	840	5	6
	" Land Revenue	-	-	-	313	6	3
to	" Approach Kanieri Bridge, per County Chairman	-	-	-	21	0	0
December.	" Contract Deposit	-	-	-	68	0	0
	" Overdraft	-	-	-	0	0	1
					1224	11	10
					£2313	2	10

## EXPENDITURE.

1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	By Woodstock Track	-	-	-	208	13	0
January	" Kanieri Bridge and approaches	-	-	-	384	9	0
	" Blue Spur Track	-	-	-	190	16	0
to	" Kanieri Lake	-	-	-	227	12	0
	" Ho Ho	-	-	-	118	12	6
December.	" Paddock	-	-	-	48	11	0
	" Arch Creek Bridge	-	-	-	5	0	0
	" Longford Track	-	-	-	146	19	9
	" Oméo Lead	-	-	-	52	18	6
	" Paddock and Kanieri Track	-	-	-	261	10	0
	" Gaspipe Lead	-	-	-	179	16	3
	" Culverts at Kanieri	-	-	-	19	0	0
	" Labourers—Repairing tracks, &c.	-	-	-	188	3	0
					2032	1	0
Contingencies—							
	Salaries	-	-	-	117	5	0
	Elections	-	-	-	12	12	0
	Advertising	-	-	-	35	18	6
	Furniture and Repairs	-	-	-	47	19	4
	Boat-hire	-	-	-	8	18	0
	Incidentals, Petty Cash, &c.	-	-	-	58	9	0
					581	1	10
					£2313	2	10

Audited and found correct.

T. HORTON,  
Auditor.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF OKARITO ROAD BOARD, 1ST JANUARY  
TO 14TH JUNE, 1869.

## RECEIPTS.

1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January	To Balance	-	-	-	228	9	1
to	" County Council account, Ferry Subsidies, 1868	-	-	-	200	0	0
June.	" Grants, per County Council	-	-	-	541	13	4
	" Sale of Lands	-	-	-	243	15	0
					985	8	4
					£1213	17	5

OKARITO ROAD BOARD—*Continued.*

		EXPENDITURE.					
1869.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January	By Ferry Subsidies - - - - -	211	3	6			
	“ Blanchard’s Track - - - - -	20	0	0			
to	“ Cook’s River - - - - -	63	12	0			
	“ Channel Cutting, Five Mile Beach - - - - -	20	0	0			
June.	“ Making Three Mile Road - - - - -	636	6	6			
	“ Five Mile Bridge - - - - -	146	5	0			
					1097	7	0
	“ Contingencies—						
	Surveys - - - - -	76	12	0			
	Salaries - - - - -	18	0	0			
	Election Expenses - - - - -	6	0	0			
	Posting notices and petty cash - - - - -	10	6	0			
					110	18	0
	Balance, 14th December - - - - -					5	12
							5
					1213	17	5

Audited and found correct.

T. HORTON,  
Auditor.