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By His Honor's command,  
ALFRED DOMETT, Provincial Secretary.

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NELSON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1861.

No. 5.

SPEECH of His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, on the Prorogation of the Eighth Session of the Provincial Council, of Nelson, on the 18th June, 1861.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

In bringing the present Session to a close, permit me to thank you for the assiduity with which you have attended to the numerous and important questions which have been brought under your notice.

I desire to announce to you that I have given, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, my assent to the following Acts, passed by you during the present Session, viz.:

- “Waimea East Road Alteration Act,”
- “Gorse Hedges Act.”
- “Nelson Board of Works Debenture Amendment Act.”
- “Thistle Act, 1861.”
- “Impounding Act, 1861.”
- “Protection of Animals Act.”
- “Appropriation Act, 1861.”

And I have reserved the following Acts for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon, viz. :—

- “Custom House Site Act.”
- “Electoral Districts Act.”
- “Patent Slip and Dry Dock Act.”

Amongst the various measures which have received your consideration was that of

supplying the town with water by means of Water Works. This interesting subject has received the careful attention of the Government, and I may also remark that the requisite reserves of land were sometime since made by me for that purpose.

It is, however, in my opinion, very doubtful whether, so long as Nelson has its present abundant supply of springs and streams, any undertaking on commercial principles would satisfactorily accomplish the contemplated object without a considerable subsidy from the Public Revenue, or the imposition of a forced rate upon the inhabitants. The latter course I should regard as exceedingly oppressive and unjust under existing circumstances, and is one to which I could not give my assent, without a clearly expressed opinion on the part of the inhabitants generally, of their desire to be taxed for that purpose. Moreover, the passing of such an extreme measure would have pledged a considerable portion of the future revenue of the Province to those who might advance capital for the construction of the requisite works. This, in my judgment, would be, so long as the New Provinces Act is permitted to exist, not only unwise but decidedly wrong, inasmuch as the lapse of a few months may lead to a further division of the Province, should insufficient reflection precipitate an expedient so dangerous to our common success,

and thereby take from us the means required for upholding the public credit.

One measure to which, after some hesitation, I have assented, namely, the "Protection of Animals Act," may be viewed, I must confess, with some suspicion. Were I to suppose for a moment that this Act could ever be perverted into anything like a Game Law, it would meet my instant disapproval, but I find it intends to provide only for the protection of imported animals, or such as are so rare a character as to make it desirable to take every precaution to preserve them in order to their proper increase. It will now remain with the Superintendent to declare when that period has arrived. I feel assured that every well disposed person will aid the Government in a course which will finally be for the benefit of the community at large.

I have already transmitted to the General Government the resolutions passed by you for improving the Waste Land Regulations. I trust they will confer great benefits on those who are desirous of acquiring land in fresh districts. The formation of roads as preliminary to settlement, and the mode of Leasing Mineral Lands, will be greatly improved by their adoption.

The additions which have been made, at your request, to the Appropriation Act, might occasion the inference that a hidden source of great wealth must lie within the Province. Should your views of the estimated Revenue prove correct, it will afford me great pleasure to appropriate it as speedily as economy will allow in accordance with your recommendations.

Your attention has, I understand, been given to the subject of Immigration. The comforts and advantages offered by this Province will of themselves present some of the strongest motives to really industrious and useful parties to visit our shores and settle here. With land varying in price from five to twenty shillings per acre, an exceedingly healthy climate, security from native molestation, and most promising auriferous and other mineral prospects now clearly before the public, we shall have little cause to fear any lack of European additions to our population. To obtain such I do not think it will be necessary either to provide free passages, or offer the inducement of free grants of land. I still, however, think that a judicious system of land sales on deferred payments would prove highly beneficial.

Numerous reports have been proposed by you relative to subjects of deep interest, these shall have my early and earnest consideration, so as to insure their effective practical admission for the welfare of the Province.

I have, now, gentlemen, to express my warm acknowledgments of the friendly feeling displayed by you both to myself and the other members of the Government, and I sincerely hope your efforts to promote the public welfare will be duly appreciated by your respective constituencies.

I now declare this Council to be prorogued, and it stands prorogued accordingly..

J. P. ROBINSON,  
*Superintendent.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Nelson,  
June 21, 1861.

**HIS** Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified for general information that he has given his assent to the undermentioned Act, passed by the Provincial Council of Nelson, Session VIII., viz.: "Cattle Branding Amendment Act, 1861."

ALFRED GREENFIELD,  
*Chief Clerk.*

Land Office, Nelson,  
June 14, 1861.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the undermentioned ALLOTMENTS of LAND will be put up to auction, at the Crown Land Office, Nelson, on SATURDAY, 7th of September, 1861, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Ten per cent. on the purchase money to be deposited at the Sale, and the remainder to be paid within one month, or the deposit forfeited.

**PASTORAL LANDS.**

Section.	SQUARE, No. 82, HAMNER PLAIN.			Upset Price £ s. d.
	Contents.			
	A.	R.	P.	
No. 11	...	320	0 0	139 13 0
12	...	172	0 0	65 6 0
14	...	247	0 0	83 16 0
15	...	237	0 0	86 2 0

Section.	SQUARE, No. 83.—HAMNER PLAIN.			Upset Price £ s. d.
	Contents.			
	A.	R.	P.	
No. 72	...	246	0 0	71 13 0
73	...	124	0 0	38 6 0
74	...	158	0 0	52 10 0
75	...	152	0 0	50 10 0
76	...	122	0 0	43 9 0
77	...	101	0 0	36 0 0
78	...	154	0 0	54 17 0
79	...	122	0 0	34 16 0
80	...	174	0 0	57 17 0
81	...	185	0 0	61 10 0

All the above Allotments are subject to a reservation for right of roads, the deductions for which have been made in the price, as provided in the 44th clause of the Land Regulations.

For ALFRED DOMETT,  
*Commissioner,*  
H. C. DANIELL, *Chief Clerk.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Nelson,  
June 21, 1861.

**I**N compliance with the request of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, His Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following notice.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,  
*Chief Clerk.*

**TARANAKI SETTLERS' RELIEF FUND.**

Notice to Claimants.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor having been pleased to appoint a Commissioner to investigate Claims for losses sustained by Settlers at Taranaki, during the late War, with a view to the distribution of the Relief Fund.

*Notice is hereby given*, that the Commissioner will be ready to receive applications from persons claiming to participate in such Relief.

The following Rules must be observed by parties making application. The applicant must state in writing, exact particulars of the property destroyed or damaged, in respect of which relief is claimed. The nature of the loss or damage, how arising, so far as is known or can be ascertained, and the true amount or value thereof estimated in money.

The applicant must verify the statement by the usual Statutory Declaration.

In addition to the applicant's declaration, the Commissioner will require corroborative proof.

Applications must be delivered, or sent by post, addressed to the Resident Magistrate, Taranaki.

If from persons resident at Taranaki, within ten days from this date.

If from persons resident North of the Province of Canterbury, one Month from this date.

If from persons resident in the Province of Canterbury or South of that Province or elsewhere in the Colony, within two Months from this date.

Persons resident in Taranaki, must attend before the Commissioner personally.

Non-residents may authorise any other person to attend on their behalf.

Further notice will be given as to the time and place of the Commissioner's sitting, which will commence in about ten days' time.

Dated this 6th day of June, 1861.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Land Office, Nelson'  
June 25, 1861.

**I**N accordance with the provisions of the Land Regulations of the 15th February, 1860, Clause 25, *Notice is hereby given*, that the following Sections have been withdrawn from sale, viz. :—

Nos. 31 and 34, of Square, No. 2, near Redwood's Valley.  
No. 100, Moutere Hills.

J. P. ROBINSON,  
*Superintendent.*

J. W. BARNICOAT,  
*Speaker.*

**I**MPOUNDED at Waimea South,  
A RED and WHITE STEER, about 18 months old, with white tail, not branded, will be Sold on the Tenth day of July, unless claimed.

WILLIAM MCGOWAN,  
*Pound Keeper.*