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(PROVINCE OF NELSON).

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By His Honor's command,

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Provincial Secretary.

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Superintendent's Office, Nelson,
April 30, 1866.

HIS HONOR the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Report and Returns for general information.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Provincial Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NELSON TRUST FUNDS, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st DECEMBER, 1865.

In submitting to the public the accounts of the Nelson Trust Funds for the year ended 1st December, 1865, it will be seen by looking over the annual abstract that no remarks are required with reference to the Religious Reserve Fund or the Reserve Fund, as they speak for themselves, and the Steam Fund is therefore the only one requiring special notice.

In the last annual report, 1864, it was shown that the Steam Fund was absorbed in the purchase of the steamer Nelson, and that that vessel had been leased to the Nelson and Marlborough Coast Steam Navigation Company, upon the terms mentioned therein.

The rush to the West Coast gold-diggings in December, 1864, and the following months, placed the Company under the necessity of employing the Nelson almost exclusively in the trading and passenger traffic thereby opened up, and for the maintenance and development of such traffic she was found of the greatest service.

It was whilst thus engaged that she was, in April last, unfortunately stranded on the sands at Hokitika. In consequence of this accident, and in accordance with the terms of the charter party, the lease of the steamer became void, and her entire control and management devolved upon the Trustees.

Under these circumstances, the Trustees, before taking any immediate steps for getting her off the sands, deemed it advisable to send some suitable person down to Hokitika who

should, in conjunction with two others competent for such a duty, hold a survey on the vessel, and report fully to them as to her condition and the possibility of her being safely launched.

They accordingly deputed Mr. John Walker to undertake this duty, who at once proceeded thither with proper instructions for his guidance.

Mr. Walker on his return reported favorably as to the soundness of the vessel, and the practicability of her being launched.

The Trustees immediately advertised both in Hokitika and Nelson for tenders for the execution of the work necessary.

As, however, the tenders received in reply to the advertisement were not altogether satisfactory, and as also from information received from time to time, it was found that the vessel was being lifted by the high tides and ocean swell into a more favorable position for launching; they judged it better to send down known shipwrights who should execute the work at ordinary wages; whilst at the same time the interest of the Trustees should be looked after by the master of the steamer who was retained on board.

This course was adopted, and Messrs. Freeman and Milliou, and J. Calder were engaged for the work, and they proceeded to Hokitika without delay.

The work of launching the vessel was satisfactorily performed by those employed. She was then brought to Nelson for repairs and refit, and, pending the adjustment of the accounts with the underwriters, the expenditure incurred in launching and repairs, which has for the present been met by an advance from the Bank of New Zealand, has been carried to a Suspense Account, to avoid any further complication of the account standing against the steamer Nelson.

The question of the future disposal of the steamer next became a matter for careful consideration, and eventually the Trustees decided to advertise her for sale or charter—the former alternative to be contingent upon a sufficient price being offered.

The result of such advertisement was that though no offer for the vessel's purchase was made, several tenders for her charter were

received, out of which the one from Messrs. J. S. Cross and others was accepted, and a charter party was accordingly prepared and duly signed; letting her to them on the following terms:—

For a term of One year.

At a rental of Two thousand pounds, payable quarterly in advance, and in case of the Trustees not being able to effect an insurance at the rate of twelve and a half per cent. or less, then any additional amount to be paid by charterers.

Rent to continue to be paid notwithstanding vessel shall be damaged, stranded, or wrecked, except in the case of total wreck, when the rent will cease from the time that the Trustees shall be placed in a condition to recover the insurance from the underwriters.

Vessel to visit the Port of Nelson once at least every fourteen days, and some port in the Province of Marlborough once every month.

Vessel, hull, and machinery, &c., to be kept in thorough repair, and to be inspected every six months by two competent persons, one appointed by the Trustees and one by the charterers.

In case of a stranding or wreck the charterers to have the control of and management of said vessel and repairs, or till condemned and sold.

Insurance to be effected by Trustees.

She sailed from Nelson for the Grey on the 21st September, and when leaving again on the 27th, was driven on shore on the northern bank of the river's mouth.

By the present charter party the lessees are, under the above circumstances, placed in the position of owners, and the duty of endeavoring to launch her from her present position devolves upon them, and the narration of the steps they have taken for the accomplishment of so desirable an object will more properly come within the next annual report.

By order of the Trustees,

H. C. DANIELL,
Secretary.

RELIGIOUS RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To amount of Fund under administration at commencement of year	1,121	17	6	By appropriation of Fund at commencement of year as follows:—			
				Loan at interest	250	0	0
				Temporary advance to Steam Fund	871	17	6
	£	1,121	17 6		£	1,121	17 6
To Receipts during current year—				By Payments during current year—			
Interest on Loans		37	10 0	Advance to Steam Fund		37	10 0
	£	37	10 0		£	37	10 0

RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To amount of Fund under administration at commencement of year	4,261	19	11	By appropriation of Fund at commencement of year, as follows:—			
				Loans without interest	3,200	0	0
				Ditto at interest	1,000	0	0
				Temporary advance to Steam Fund	61	19	11
	£	4,261	19 11		£	4,261	19 11
To receipts during current year—				By payment during current year—			
Interest on Loans		150	0 0	Fees to Trustees for the years 1863 and 1864		111	6 0
				Fees to Auditor for 1864		4	4 0
				Salary of Secretary		25	0 0
				Contingencies		0	11 5
				Advance to Steam Fund		8	18 7
	£	150	0 0		£	150	0 0

TOTAL FUNDS under ADMINISTRATION of the TRUSTEES, on the 1st December, 1865.

	Loans bearing Interest			Loans, &c., not bearing Interest.			S. Nelson : Invested therein or Advanced thereto.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Steam Fund... ..	450	0	0	1,615	2	0	6,805	15	1	8,870	17	1
Religious Fund ...	250	0	0	909	7	6	1,159	7	6
Reserve Fund ...	1,000	0	0	3,200	0	0	70	18	6	4,270	18	6
TOTALS.....	1,700	0	0	4,815	2	0	7,786	1	1	14,301	3	1

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts referred to in the preceding Abstract, and the certified copies of vouchers furnished by Lloyds' agents (the originals having been transmitted to England, in order to establish the claim of the Trustees upon the Underwriters to the Policy of Insurance on the steamer Nelson), and find the same to be correct.

(Signed)

ROBERT POLLOCK, }
JOHN PERCY, } Auditors.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson,
April 12, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undermentioned Crown Lands included in certain Depasturing Licenses, have been sold, in accordance with the Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1863, viz. :—

Sections Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15, of Square 45, out of license held by D. and J. Kerr.

Sections Nos. 1 and 2, of Square 58, and 4 and 5 of Square 59, out of license held by G. C. Saxton.

60 acres in the District of Wangapeka, out of license held by George Gillow.

10 acres in the District of the Upper Waiuu, out of license held by W. T. L. Travers.

H. C. DANIELL,
Commissioner.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson,
April 13, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with the Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1863 (Section No. 9), the following Sections of Crown Land, which have been advertised for sale by auction on the 7th of May next, are reserved from sale for public purposes :—

Nos. 56, 57, and 53, Westport Suburban.

H. C. DANIELL,
Commissioner.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson,
April 14, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undermentioned Sections of Land are withdrawn from sale, for the purpose of resurvey :—

Nos. 71, 76, 78, and 80, of Square 6, Dove Dale.

H. C. DANIELL,
Commissioner.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson,
27th April, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given that the conditions of the undermentioned Mineral Lease, not having been fulfilled by the Lessees, it is declared forfeited :—

Lewthwaite and Wiesenhavern, Pakawau, 518 acres.

H. C. DANIELL,
Commissioner.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson,
25th April, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1863, the following sections of land are withdrawn from sale and reserved for public purposes, viz. :—

For Educational.

No. 49 of Square 8, District of Takaka.

As a Dipping Station, under the provisions of the Scab Act. Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 20, of Square 80, in the District of Amuri, 906 acres.

By order of the Waste Lands Board,
H. C. DANIELL,
Commissioner.

APPLICATIONS for DEPASTURAGE LICENSES received by the Commissioner of Crown Lands during the months of MARCH and APRIL, 1866.

DAVID KEAN—District of Wai-au-ua.

Bounded on the eastward by a small stream running into the Waiiau about one and a half mile below the junction of the Hope and Dillon; southward and westward by the Dillon, and northward by a line so as to include three thousand acres.

Deposit paid, £5.

H. P. DE LA PASTURE—District of the Clarence.

Being for the excess of acreage that may be contained in the block applied for by him on the 2nd August, 1865, above the six thousand acres then specified.

Estimated extent, 10,000 acres,
Deposit paid, £15.

H. C. DANIELL,
Commissioner.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson,
April 30, 1866.

NOTICE.

SUPREME COURT—WESTLAND DISTRICT.

In the matter of the "Debtors and Credit-

ors Act, 1862," and in the matter of the "Debtors and Creditors Act Amendment Act, 1865."

HIS Honor Henry Barnes Gresson, Esq., the Judge presiding in this honorable Court, has appointed that the Court shall sit for the dispatch of business accruing under the provisions of the above-named Acts, at the Court House, Hokitika, on **MONDAY**, the Thirtieth day of July next, at Eleven, a.m.

ROBERT ABBOTT,
Registrar.

Hokitika, April 11, 1866.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, MIDDLE DISTRICT.

In the matter of the Debtors and Creditors Acts, 1862 and 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Petitions are appointed to be heard at the Court House, Nelson, on **MONDAY**, the 14th day of May, 1866.

First hearings:

David Wilson, of Nelson, clothier
Michael Ward, of Nelson, dealer
Edward Coleman, of Nelson, carpenter
Henry Hargreaves, of Nelson, butcher
William Avery and John Avery, of Picton, carpenters
William Thompson, of Nelson, laborer
Martin McLaughlin, of Nelson, mercantile assistant.

Adjourned hearings:—

Thomas Bush, of Nelson, public house keeper
John Alfred Langford, of Nelson, storekeeper
Arthur Devery and Luke Green, of Deep Creek, storekeepers
Nathaniel Thomas Prichard and Phillip Rush, of Blenheim, butchers
Separate estate of Phillip Rush
Andrew de Vaney, of Nelson, carter.

ALBERT PITT,

Solicitor to the above Petitioners.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1866.