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By His Honor's command,

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Provincial Secretary.

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Superintendent's Office, Nelson,
11th February, 1867.

HIS Honor the Acting-Superintendent directs the publication of the following Report for general information.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Audit Office,
Nelson, January 21, 1867.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the
Provincial Council, Nelson.

SIR.—I have the honor to forward herewith, in compliance with the requirements of the Provincial Audit Act of the General Assembly, 1861, the Quarterly Statements of the Provincial Treasurer to the period ending December 31, 1866.

Also copy of letter addressed to His Honor the Superintendent, respecting the irregularity of the Receipts by the Provincial Treasurer, of the Customs Duties due from the Port of Greymouth.

Also Statement of Unauthorised Expenditure to the present date, with the special

orders under which unauthorised expenditure has been paid since the present Audit Act came into operation. The whole of this expenditure has been included in the Act for Further Appropriating the Revenue, about to be forwarded to the Council.

With respect to the Customs Duties from the Grey, I may state that the Hon. the Colonial Secretary was communicated with on the subject, and the respective amounts are now included in the December Quarterly Statement.

The Council will be aware that the Audit Act of 1861, under which I have hitherto had the honor of performing my duties, ceased to be operative on the 31st December last, and that the new Act, of 1866, came into operation on the 1st instant. By this Act the Provincial Auditors and the Deputy Auditors, now acting, are deemed to hold their respective appointments from the hands of His Excellency the Governor. Other alterations have also been made, making the Act of a much more restrictive character than the previous one, and inflicting much heavier fines and penalties for any infringement of its clauses.

It is on account of the nature of the 12th Clause of this Act that His Honor the Superintendent has been compelled to call the Council together before its usual time of meeting; this clause rendering it impossible to authorise the payment of money after one-twentieth part of the amount of the ordinary provincial revenues of the preceding year has been expended—the amount thus at the service of the Government for over-expenditure is only £2784 11s. 4d. In the ordinary course of events this might prove sufficient; but the sudden and rapid development of auriferous country on the West Coast of this Province has rendered a prompt outlay absolutely necessary of far greater amount than was anticipated by either the Government or the Council. It will nevertheless be a satisfaction to the Council to know that large as the expenditure is, the receipts are still larger, leaving a considerable balance to the credit of the Government; and which balance it is hoped will be still further augmented when the gentlemen appointed by the General Government to report upon and recommend an equitable rate of the division of Customs Duties received at Greymouth, between the Provinces of Canterbury and Nelson, have forwarded the result of their enquiries.

The total amount received from the 1st of April to the 30th November last, on account of the West Coast Gold-Fields, a period of eight months, was £22,854 3s. 3d. whilst the expenditure for the same period has been under £10,000, but which expenditure will be very materially increased for the remaining four months of the financial year.

I have also the honor to state to the Council that in the performance of my official duties, I visited, in November last, the various offices connected with the South-west Gold-fields, on the West Coast, when the Accounts were Audited to the 31st October, and found satisfactory.

I could not, however, but remark at the same time that the officials were overworked, and required considerable assistance, and at the present time this is even still more the case.

The Cash Balances to the credit of the following accounts of the Provincial Government, at the Union Bank of Australia, on the 31st December, were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Provincial account ...	16,157	17	4
Waterworks account ...	12,598	19	11
Immigration account ...	2,270	1	0
	£31,026	18	3

On which amounts a small per centage of interest is allowed by the bank.

I have &c.,

H. D. JACKSON,
Provincial Auditor.

Provincial Audit Office, Nelson,
October 26, 1866.

To His Honor

The Superintendent, Nelson.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose herewith the Provincial Treasurer's Statements for the Quarter ending September 30, 1866, with the Certificate as to the correctness of the same endorsed on the face thereof. I have, however to remark to your Honor that the receipts on the statements do not include anything as having been received for the Customs collected at the Port of Greymouth. The last receipt under that head was for May; the receipts for the month of June, July, and August ought to have appeared. On enquiring I find that the last two months have lately been received, but the amount for June seems to have been lost sight of.

I have, &c.,

H. D. JACKSON,
Provincial Auditor.

AMOUNT OF UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE
BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF NELSON,
TO JANUARY, 1867.

	£	s.	d.
Melbourne, Paris, and Bombay Exhibition ...	100	0	0
Bridges, Maintenance, Tarring, &c., ...	102	15	0
Roads into Dove Dale, &c., ...	579	13	0
Road: Wai-iti to Stanly Brook	47	6	0
East Takaka Road &c., ...	10	8	0
Roadway, &c., Wairoa River	54	13	6
Lockup, &c., Amuri ...	86	0	0
Bonus to Mr. Austin ...	200	0	0
Maungatapu Murders ...	1811	0	1
Queen's Warehouse, Nelson	510	0	0
Clearing Telegraph Line ...	202	1	0
Public Baths ...	172	0	0
	£3875	16	10

H. D. JACKSON,
Provincial Auditor.

Superintendent's Office, Nelson,
11th February, 1867.

HIS HONOR the Acting-Superintendent directs it to be notified for general information that a writ issued for the Election of a Member of the Provincial Council for the District of Amuri has been returned with a Certificate to the effect that

THOMAS HENRY WIGLEY,
of Amuri, freeholder, has been duly elected.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,
Provincial Secretary.

RULES FOR INTERMENT IN THE WAIMEA WEST CEMETERY.

1. That the exclusive right of burial in any plot of ground in the Waimea West Public Cemetery be purchasable at the rate of five shillings per square yard, payable at the time of selection of the site, failing which the same to remain open to selection.
2. That no burial-plot shall be less than nine feet in depth, nor contain less than four square yards, viz., nine feet by four feet, every additional foot of frontage to be five shillings.
3. Persons not desirous of purchasing the exclusive right of burial, may cause burials to take place by paying to the Trustees the sum of Ten Shillings for each such interment in addition to the usual burial fees.
4. Persons who are unable to pay the fees imposed by rule 3, may use such portion of the Cemetery for the burial of their friends as shall be set apart for that purpose by the Trustees of the Cemetery, free of charge.
5. Applicants for burial-plots, exclusive or otherwise, can select any spot in any section, on application to the Secretary, or any person duly authorised, who is hereby empowered to mark off the same on payment of the sum fixed by the regulations.
6. Each plot is to be staked off at the four corners, with durable stakes, at least one foot above the level of the ground.
7. The Sexton, or other person, shall not begin digging a grave until the sum due on its leasing shall have been paid.
8. The holders of any plots of burial ground shall observe such rules, with regard to enclosing, fencing, and decent maintenance of the same, as shall from time to time be laid down by the Trustees.

9. The top of any coffin, deposited in any part of the Cemetery, shall not be less than five feet below the natural level of the soil.

10. It shall be at the option of persons using the ground for interment, to engage and pay such persons as they prefer either for the burial service or the interment.

By order of the Trustees,

WINFIED HIGGIN,
Secretary.

Approved by the Superintendent and Executive Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Cemeteries Act, 1859.

J. W. BARNICOAT,
Acting-Superintendent.

February 11th, 1867.

(Extract from the *New Zealand Gazette*.)

G. GREY, Governor.

IN pursuance of the power vested in me by the eleventh section of "The Marine Act, 1866," I, Sir George Grey, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby direct that the distinguishing Flag to be carried at the mast or mainmast head of vessels whose masters hold a certificate of exemption from pilotage while entering any port to which that certificate applies shall be a White Flag not less than six feet long and four feet broad.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand, and its Dependencies, at the Government House, at Wellington, and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this nineteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

JOHN HALL.

Approved in Council:
FORSTER GORING,
Clerk to the Executive Council.