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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1857.

THE Superintendent prorogued the Provincial Council at 5.30, P.M., and delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Mr Speaker,
and Gentlemen of the Provincial Council—

It is with much pleasure that I now relieve you from your duties, and in doing so I tender you my sincere thanks for the attention you have given to the various matters which have been brought under your consideration.

As we are now at the close of the session in which the system of responsible administration has been first introduced, I must not allow the occasion to pass without expressing my sense of the great advantage to the Province arising from the harmonious relation and united action of the Superintendent and Provincial Council which is thereby secured.

That some of the measures introduced by the Government should have met with more or less opposition in the Council was to be expected, and might be deemed desirable, as the best guarantee for the soundness of our public measures, is a full and free discussion of them in this Council. But it is a matter for congratulation that the Executive Council, first nominated by me, should have passed through the

ordeal of a first session with no other change than that which was rendered necessary by the appointment of Mr Parris as Resident Land Purchase Commissioner—an appointment which I trust will result in our obtaining a further supply of land.

Many of the Ordinances you have passed during the present session will, I believe, be beneficial to the social and material interests of the Province. They are the—

1. Roads and Bridges
2. Deeds Registration
3. Appropriation
4. Education Commission
5. Slaughter House
6. Dog Registration
7. Licensing Amendment
8. Loan
9. Crown Grants Endorsement
10. Public Reserves
11. Empowering.

Three bills have been laid before you and subsequently abandoned—

Town Sales Annulling
Custody of Crown Grants and
Fencing

Two others, the Cart Tax and American Blight, have been rejected by you.

The first of the Ordinances which I have enumerated, the Roads and Bridges, is as you are aware from the despatch laid on the table yesterday, disallowed by the Governor, some provisions of the clauses im-

ported from the Public Works Ordinance of 1855 being deemed by his Excellency's advisers to be beyond the powers of the Provincial Legislature. The disallowance of this Ordinance, which continued the action of the Public Works Ordinance, leaves the latter in full force and operation; and as the district meetings were summoned under its provisions, no inconvenience will arise in the collection or expenditure of the rates leviable. It is, however, my intention during the recess, to ascertain more particularly the clauses of the Roads and Bridges Ordinance which may be deemed to come under the doubtful restrictions of the 19th section of the Constitution Act, and at the commencement of the next session to lay before you another bill for the same purpose, which shall be free from such objections, and render valid all proceedings which shall have been taken under the disallowed Ordinance.

The Deeds Registration Ordinance legalises the present practice of the Register Office in New Plymouth, and amends some of the inconvenient regulations of the Colonial Ordinance.

Under the provisions of the Education Commission Ordinance, I have appointed a Board of five gentlemen, (in whose ability for the proper discharge of the duties they have undertaken I have the fullest confidence,) to enquire into and consider the system of Education best adapted for the Province.

In connection with the subject of Education, may be mentioned the "Public Reserves Ordinance, 1857." You are probably aware that it was the desire of my predecessor to contract the boundaries of the Town (a desire concurred in by a large majority of the Council), and for this purpose he applied to the General Government to suspend the sale of town lands until the selected sections outside the projected new boundaries could be exchanged for land within them. In this application, however, he was unsuccessful; but the passing of the Waste Lands Act in 1854 gave to the Province an opportunity of recommending to the Governor its own land regulations. Advantage was taken of this power to reserve for educational objects the unsold town lands, parks, and belt, equal to about 280 acres, to be vested in the Superintendent under the "Public Reserves Act 1854," of the General Assembly. This Act gives to the Provincial Legislatures authority to change the specific purposes for which reserves shall have been made, and this power it is now proposed to exercise by the Ordinance you have passed. The supposition that it was ever

contemplated to apply to the one sole purpose of education all the lands reserved by the 18th clause of the Regulations can hardly be seriously entertained, when it is considered that in this reserve are included the present Court House and Gaol, the Superintendent's residence, and numerous town sections required for satisfying outstanding claims and for roads which are absolutely necessary, and have been in use for years. Had such been the intention, it would have been necessary to re-purchase all these lands from the Commissioners who may hereafter be appointed to administer the educational reserves, at a cost which the revenue of the Province could not well defray, so that we should be reduced to the necessity of incurring a heavy debt or levying a tax for the purchase of lands which were, in point of fact, reserved from sale that they might be available for the purposes I have named.

The Public Reserves Ordinance will place these lands at your disposal at your next sitting, and I rely with confidence on you to apply them judiciously to the various objects for which they were retained in the hands of the Government.

The Crown Grants Endorsement Bill was laid before you in order to remedy a defect in the title to lands sold for non-payment of rates leviable in respect of public works.

The Slaughter House, Dog Registration, and Licensing Amendment Ordinances are provisions for public convenience, health, and comfort.

The Custody of Crown Grants Bill was abandoned, as the object was subsequently more conveniently provided for in the Deeds Registration Ordinance.

The Town Sales Annulling Bill was abandoned, because the passing of it, after the almost unanimous refusal of the Council to sanction the accumulation of rates proposed in the Public Works Amendment Bill, would in many cases have left the Government without any means of recovering the rate.

I have now only to notice the Fencing Bill, which received the anxious attention of the Government, as a measure of practical utility on this subject is most urgently needed; but the different requirements of the lands in the several districts, and in their various stages of cultivation, render the framing of a system for the just apportionment of the liabilities, a matter of no ordinary difficulty and anxiety. I trust, however, that the next session will not close without some practical measure being adopted by you.

Acting upon a Resolution of the Coun-

cil, and in deference to the strong opinion of the community, I have reduced the boating charges on shipping, without making a corresponding reduction on landing goods.

The Loan Bill must necessarily be reserved for the signification of his Excellency the Governor's pleasure thereon, and I trust to be enabled during the time that will intervene before the result can be known, to obtain designs and specifications on the erection of a bridge over the Waiwakaiho River.

In addition to those measures already assented to, it will be necessary during the next session, to lay before you bills for amending the Land Regulations, and for providing new lines of Road where necessary, and compensating the owners and occupiers of lands affected by them.

I am in communication with the General Government respecting the appointment of Commissioners to deal with the Native Reserves, and also respecting the acquisition from the Natives by lease of the pasture lands on our southern coast boundary, and should my applications be successful, they will have the effect of materially developing the resources of the Province.

With regard to our general relations with the Native inhabitants, whilst I am fully alive to the necessity of the utmost exertion

to induce them to adopt our laws, and assist in enforcing them, I also feel that any action that may be attempted by this Province without the support of the General Government will only tend to increase the contempt for our authority, which a long course of misrule has engendered in the Native mind. It is my intention to enter into correspondence with his Excellency's Government on this subject, and I hope with your advice and assistance, to be able to take measures which may be consistent with the views of the General Government, and tend ultimately to bring the Native population of this Province under British law. In the meantime, arrangements have been made for the translation into the Native tongue of such portions of our Ordinances as can be considered applicable to the Native race in its present condition, that they may have an opportunity of ascertaining what our laws are before they are required to adopt them.

In taking my leave, I beg to thank you for your advice and assistance—and I now declare this Council to be prorogued to the 7th of October next.

G. CUTFIELD,
Superintendent.

New Plymouth,
12th August, 1857.

ABSTRACT of the REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the Provincial Government of New Plymouth from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1857, inclusive.

REVENUE.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand 1st January	... ..	4	14	4
Customs	to 31st May ...	824	5	4
Do contribution to boat service	to 31st May ...	125	0	0
Land Fund	to 31st May ...	916	13	4
Police—Carriage of Southern Mail	to 31st March ...	21	0	0
Pound Fees	11	0	10
Licenses—Auctioneers	80	0	0
Publicans	240	0	0
Pasturage	53	9	0
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		373	9	0
Registration of Deeds	40	6	0
Miscellaneous—Rent of portion of building in Brougham-street	5	0	0
Expenses on Town Sections advertised for sale for arrears of Road rates...	... ..	1	1	0
Sale of Plans of Hua Village site...	... ..	7	0	
		<hr/>		
		6	8	0
Repayments for assisted passages from England...	116	17	4
Do do from Melbourne	48	0	0
		<hr/>		
		164	17	4
		<hr/>		
		£2487	14	2
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EXPENDITURE.

Superintendent's Department—Superintendent	150 0 0	
Clerk... ..	75 0 9	
	<u> </u>	225 0 0
Executive Council		128 16 2
Provincial Treasury—Clerk		75 0 0
Crown Lands-Commissioner	100 0 0	
Surveyor... ..	85 0 0	
do Forage... ..	26 0 0	
do Fees for two pupils	25 0 0	
Two pupils	25 0 0	
Draughtsman	75 0 0	
Clerk	37 10 0	
	<u> </u>	373 10 0
Registrar of Deeds	62 10 0	
Rent of Office	3 0 0	
	<u> </u>	65 10 0
Harbor Department		280 0 11
Police and Gaol—Sergeant of Police, (also Pound-keeper)	60 0 0	
Two Privates... ..	79 11 0	
Horse allowance	12 0 0	
One Private (Mailman)	52 0 0	
Gaoler	48 0 0	
Rations for Prisoners	17 3 2	
	<u> </u>	268 14 2
Local Posts		2 10 0
Eradication of Scotch Thistle		17 5 0
Charitable aid		9 15 0
Rent of offices		17 10 0
Printing and Stationery		81 6 3
Contingencies		62 1 5
Surveys—Hua and Waiwakaiho Hundred	351 6 0	
Hua Village	3 5 0	
Line of road at Omata	15 0	
	<u> </u>	355 6 0
Public Works—Opening bush roads—		
1st District, 24 chains	5 8 0	
3rd do 35 do	14 18 0	
4th do 110 do	33 0 0	
5th do 139 do	55 14 0	
6th do 27 do	5 8 0	
	<u> </u>	114 8 0
		<u> </u>
		£2076 12 11
Fees for Crown Grants received in 1856 repaid General Government		15 0 0
Repaid advance for immigrants passages from England		55 0 0
Cash in hand 30th June, 1857		341 1 3
		<u> </u>
		£2487 14 2

Provincial Secretary's Office,
New Plymouth, 25th August, 1857.

THE following Returns, compiled from the Census for the Year ended 31st March 1857, are published for general information.

I. N. WATT,
Provincial Secretary.

PROVINCE OF NEW PLYMOUTH.

RETURN of the NUMBER and CONDITION of the POPULATION for the Year ended 31 March, 1857.

NUMBER OF POPULATION.

DISTRICT.	CANNOT READ.														CAN READ ONLY.														CAN READ AND WRITE.														TOTALS.						
	Under 5 years.		Between 5 and 10.		Between 10 and 15.		Between 15 and 25.		Between 25 and 40.		Between 40 and 60.		60 and upwards.		Under 5 years.		Between 5 and 10.		Between 10 and 15.		Between 15 and 25.		Between 25 and 40.		Between 40 and 60.		60 and upwards.		Under 5 years.		Between 5 and 10.		Between 10 and 15.		Between 15 and 25.		Between 25 and 40.		Between 40 and 60.		60 and upwards.		Total Males.	Total Females.	General Total.				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F									
Grey and Bell	92	97	28	25	4	3	1		2	3	2	3	1	3	2	5	39	37	21	17	9	13	10	9	6	11	2	2			25	12	65	65	105	70	111	84	84	56	10	7	619	521	1140				
Omata	57	50	25	9	1	1		3	2	2	1	1			3	1	31	19	9	9	4	7	6	2	2					10	11	24	23	44	32	48	46	39	24	3	1	310	240	550					
Town	71	87	16	11		3		4	2	3		1		3	2	20	20	8	4	5	5	1	8	4	6	2	2			26	23	45	51	47	55	108	72	49	39	11	8	418	405	823					
RACE.																																																	
English	12	20	12	7	1	3	1	5	4	7	2	5	1	3			14	7	4	15	16	15	18	21	12	19	4	4			23	16	47	56	176	139	232	185	163	114	20	15	762	656	1418				
Scotch		1	1	1					1						1	1	2	3	2											1		4	3	7	6	19	9	5	3	1		44	27	71					
Irish	2	2	1							1						1	2	2			1			2								1	1	3	1	11	7	3	2	3	1		27	20	47				
Colonial	206	211	55	37	4	4		1							7	6	72	64	32	15	2	2							37	30	82	79	10	11	2	2		3	1	1		509	460	969					
Foreign								1	1	1																																							
OCCUPATION.																																																	
Agriculture					3		1		3		1							7		13		16		10		2				1		44		131		150		96		6				485		485			
Manufactures and Mechanics								1	1								2		5		1		2								10	1	41	4	51	4	36	3					149	12	161				
Commerce								1			1																				1		13		42		14				3				75		75		
Professional and Official																																	4		21		19				2				46		46		
No regular occupation	220	234	69	45	2	7		7	1	8	1	5		3	8	8	90	76	29	30		18	1	23		19	2	4		60	46	79	138	7	153	3	198	7	116	13	16		592	1154	1746				
RELIGIOUS SECT.																																																	
Church of England	139	146	40	26	4	6		7	6	4	1	5	1	1	5	5	47	37	17	15	8	11	12	14	7	14	3	3		37	28	71	67	106	74	170	123	103	73	17	12	793	671	1464					
Wesleyan	46	46	18	6	1	1	1		3	2			1	2	2	1	23	22	11	7	7	4	4	5	3	4				11	13	34	36	41	44	37	34	34	24	4	1	280	253	533					
Primitive Methodist	13	15	3	8													11	8	7	6	2	2	2	3	2	1				5	2	13	16	18	12	12	11	9	5			97	90	187					
Presbyterian	8	9	1	1											1	1	5	2		2	1			1						2	1	7	4	4	3	18	11	6	4	1	1	54	40	94					
Roman Catholic	7	4	2					1								1	3													1		5	4	9	9	10	2	1				26	33	59					
Independent	1	4	2	1												2	1	2									1	1		3	1	2		5	5	8	6	7	4	1	1	34	24	58					
Unitarian	2	2	2	1																													3	9	4	4	2	4	4	1	1		24	17	41				
Baptist	2	4															1													1	1	2	2	4	3	2	2	1	1			12	14	26					
Congregational		3		1																		1										2	1	1	1		1	1	2			4	8	12					
Society of Friends	1																															1					2					5	3	8					
Lutheran																																					2						2		2				
Mosaic																																												1		1			
Nil and no return	1	1	1	1													1	2	1											1															15	13	28		
TOTALS	220	234	69	45	5	7	1	7	6	8	3	5	1	3	8	8	90	76	38	30	18	18	18	23	12	19	4	4		61	46	134	139	196	157	267	202	172	119	24	16	1347	1166	2513					
CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.																																																	
At Day School	2	9	12	7											1	1	38	33	4	5											34	32	63	55	14	9								168	151	319			
Sunday School	5	9	8	4											7	12	43	42	11	15	1									24	16	39	40	5	4									143	142	285			
FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS IN GARRISON..	13	21	6	6				1		5							3	3	1	1			3		2					1	3	6	7	1	6	1	14		1				32	74	106				

PROVINCE OF NEW PLYMOUTH.

RETURN OF FENCING AND CROPS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 1857.

District.	Nature of Crop and No. of Acres in each.									
	No. of acres fenced in.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Maize.	Potatoes.	Grass.	Garden & Orchard.	Other crops.	Total No. of acres cultivated.
Grey and Bell.....	6373	514	68	177	127 $\frac{7}{8}$	222 $\frac{1}{4}$	4025 $\frac{1}{4}$	119 $\frac{3}{4}$	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	5239 $\frac{7}{8}$
Omata	3620	344 $\frac{3}{4}$	54 $\frac{3}{4}$	83	13 $\frac{5}{8}$	150 $\frac{5}{8}$	2993	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	213 $\frac{1}{4}$	3918 $\frac{1}{2}$
Town	275 $\frac{7}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{8}$	11	250 $\frac{1}{4}$	33	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	314
Total.....	10268 $\frac{7}{8}$	864 $\frac{1}{4}$	123 $\frac{1}{4}$	266 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 $\frac{3}{4}$	383 $\frac{7}{8}$	7268 $\frac{1}{2}$	218 $\frac{1}{4}$	318 $\frac{3}{4}$	9472 $\frac{3}{8}$

RETURN OF STOCK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1857.

District.	Horses.	Mules.	Asses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Goats.	Pigs.
Grey and Bell.....	202	..	..	1927	7465	11	1199
Omata	118	1	..	899	6241	3	835
Town	74	..	..	165	260	33	238
Total.....	394	1	..	2991	13966	47	2272

RETURN OF DWELLING HOUSES IN THE PROVINCE FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1857.

District.	Materials of which Constructed.						
	Iron.	Stone.	Sawn Timber.	Slabs.	Fern.	Raupo.	Cob.
Grey and Bell.....	1	..	182	6	4	10	..
Omata .....	..	..	82	6	..	12	..
Town	2	4	171	..	..	36	1
Total	3	4	435	12	4	58	1

GOVERNMENT AUCTION SALE.

MR F. U. GLEDHILL is instructed by the Provincial Government of New Plymouth to offer for Public competition at his Auction Rooms, on SATURDAY, 19th of September next, at 3 P.M. precisely—

300 ACRES OF RURAL LAND, the private estate of the Provincial Government, which will be offered in properties of 100 acres each, in the following situations :—

Allotment 806, Grey District—100 acres—bounded on the North by No. 790, on the East by the Mangorei river, on the South by No. 810, and on the West by Nos. 796, 788, and 789.

Allotment 113, Omata District—100 acres—Bounded on the North by No. 93, on the East by the Henui River, on the South by No. 129, and on the West by No. 100.

Allotment 114, Omata District—100 acres—Bounded on the North by No. 78, on the East by the Nakara, on the South by No. 106, and on the West by the Hurford Road.

These lands were purchased by the Provincial Government under the Land Regulations of the 4th March 1853, and have a liberal allowance in acreage for Roads.

After which will be sold—

6 Circular Canvas Tents, 10 feet in diameter ; and

An Autographic Press, on Mahogany stand, with 9 stones, ink, and all materials requisite for use.

The conditions of sale may be inspected at the Auctioneer's, and plans of the Land at the Government Survey Office.

New Plymouth,
25th August, 1857.

GOLD REWARD.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
New Plymouth, 17th August, 1857.

THE Provincial Government of New Plymouth hereby offers a reward of one

hundred pounds (£100) to the person who shall first disclose to it exclusively the situation of a valuable and available Gold Field within the Province.

The value shall be estimated from the number of persons (say 300) who can obtain a return for their labor averaging not less than ten shillings per day each, and from the length of time they can find employment there.

The availableness shall be established by the Gold Field being within the purchased districts of the Crown.

In case of the foregoing conditions being fulfilled, the reward will be paid in twelve months from this date, or within six months from the date of the first license that may be granted for the search for gold.

The Provincial Government will submit all claims for the reward to the final decision of a Committee of four persons, two to be appointed by the claimant, and two by the Provincial Government, and the same course will be taken for the settlement of any dispute or difference which may arise in the construction of the terms of this Notice.

I. N. WATT,
Provincial Secretary.

RURAL LAND SALE.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 16th July, 1857.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a periodical Sale of Rural Land in the Hua and Waiwakaiho Hundred, under the Land Regulations of the Province, at the Crown Lands Office in the Town of New Plymouth, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on the first day of every month, unless the same fall on a Sunday or on Good Friday, and in that case on the following day.

G. CUTFIELD,
Superintendent.