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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1861.

THE Superintendent opened the Tenth Session of the Provincial Council, at the Council Chamber, at 11 o'clock a.m., and delivered the following

ADDRESS.

MR SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,—

I have taken this early opportunity of calling you together that I may, as soon as possible, ascertain your views respecting the desirability of any change in the form of the Executive Government introduced in this Province since I last had the honor of being its Superintendent, and, if desirable, to determine the direction and extent of the alterations you propose. A Bill will be laid before you which has been framed to meet what I believe to be the views of the Council, and in so far as it requires your correction, I have no doubt we shall meet without difficulty on the subject. When this has been determined, other measures will be laid before you—some of a temporary nature, framed to meet the special circumstances we have been reduced to by the war, and before peace shall have been re-established in the province. My views in preparing these have been—

1st. To make use of the funds we have,

the charitable aid subscribed, and such advances as we may obtain from the General Government, to provide homes of a removable description for the houseless in the Town, and of which they may derive the benefit on their farms at the end of the war.

2nd. To make provision for the execution of Public Works affording employment to the many who, when Militia pay and rations cease, will find themselves in want of the common necessities of life, and, for some time, of the means of beginning a settler's life anew.

A copy of an application to the General Government for an advance for these purposes will be laid before you, and you will see that the application is made on the ground, amongst others, that the erection of buildings enabling refugees now at Nelson to return will relieve the General Government of the heavy expenditure now going on there for their maintenance.

One measure of a more permanent character will, I am sure, claim your earnest attention; it is on the subject of education, one at all times deserving of consideration, and more especially at the present time, when the population, from the necessities of the war, is huddled into the small space comprised within the lines of defence. About 200 acres of land, reserved for educational purposes by the Land Regulations which I prepared in 1855, now form the

Town Belt, and are available on such terms as you may join with me in determining. From this land I am of opinion an income of from £400 to £500 a-year will be readily obtainable for promoting this purpose. For the buildings necessary a vote on the estimates may be taken for facilitating the immediate prosecution of the object.

The Lieut.-General, and the Colonel Commanding in this Province, have, from motives of consideration calling for our best thanks, determined to permit the employment of some 300 soldiers by the settlers, to retrieve the farms in the neighbourhood from their dilapidated state; this, I fear, very few will be able to avail themselves of, as the farms have for some time ceased to be a source of income, and what means remained to the settlers have been spent in supplementing the Militia pay and rations, which, until the pay was raised a few months' back, was inadequate to maintain the men without their families.

Statements of the financial position of the Province will be laid before you, from which you will perceive that it maintains the character for soundness which it has had under every Provincial Government since its existence as a Province.

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

New Plymouth, 10th June, 1861.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 12th June, 1861.

THE following correspondence is published for general information, in accordance with instructions from the General Government.

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 6th June, 1861.

SIR,—I have to request that your Honor will be good enough to cause the enclosed notice, specified in the margin,* to be published in the Provincial Government Gazette of Taranaki.

I have, &c.,
E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor
The Superintendent of Taranaki.

TARANAKI SETTLERS' RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS.

HIS Excellency the Governor having been pleased to appoint a Commissioner to investigate Claims for losses sus-

tained 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 10 days from this date.

If from persons 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 10 days' time.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1861.

E. W. STAFFORD.

TENDERS FOR FIREWOOD.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 10th June, 1861.

TENDERS will be received at this office until noon on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, for supplying the Government Offices with 10 cords of sound mixed FIREWOOD, in good condition for burning, and cut into 8 feet lengths. Tenders to state at what price per cord (8 ft. x 4 ft x 4 ft.). The Contractor will deliver the firewood as required with a week's notice at the Government Offices on Mount Eliot, and stack the same.

Tenders to be sealed and endorsed "Tender for Firewood."

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

* Taranaki Settlers Relief Fund.

ELECTION NOTICE.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF GREY AND BELL.

IN pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1858," I, Edward Smyth Willcocks, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Grey and Bell, do hereby give notice, that by virtue of a Writ bearing date the Sixth day of June, 1861, issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, an Election will be held for the return of a qualified person to serve as a Member of the House of Representatives for the said Electoral District, and that the nomination of Candidates will take place at the Court House, New Plymouth, on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1861, and that the Poll (if necessary) will be taken on Friday, the twenty-first day of June, 1861.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1861.

EDWARD SMYTH WILLCOCKS,
Returning Officer.

The following is the Polling Place for the Electoral District of Grey and Bell:—

Court House, New Plymouth.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1861.

EDWARD SMYTH WILLCOCKS,
Returning Officer.

NOTICE.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 10th June, 1861.

SETTLERS who desire to obtain the assistance of Soldiers, under the Regimental Order of the 24th May, published in the *Gazette* of June 7, are requested to send to the Garrison Office their names, the number of men they require, and the nature of the employment, when the form appended will be filled up by the military authorities.

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

Council Chamber,

New Plymouth, June 12, 1861.

SUBJECT to the approval of the Provincial Council of the Province of Taranaki, I hereby appoint

THOMAS KING

to be Clerk, the appointment to date from the 10th inst.

EDWD. L. HUMPHRIES,
Speaker.

Superintendent's Office,

New Plymouth, 10th June, 1861.

THE following Tenders for lining the Government Offices, &c., have been received in pursuance of a public notice dated the 6th instant, and are published for general information:—

TENDER ACCEPTED.

William Watson.....£37 10s. 0d.

TENDER REJECTED.

Charles Clare£40 5s. 0d.

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

[From the *General Government Gazette*, June 6.]

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 6th June, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Taranaki Regiment of New Zealand Militia,

HENRY JONES,

to be Quartermaster, *vice* Ritchie, resigned.

Date of Commission—

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 6th June, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD SMYTH WILLCOCKS, Esquire,
to be Returning Officer for the election of Members of the House of Representatives for the following Electoral Districts:—

Grey and Bell

Town of New Plymouth

Omata.

E. W. STAFFORD.