

And whereas, by the forty-third section of the said Act, it is enacted, among other things, that the Governor, by Order in Council notified in the *Gazette*, may extend the time allowed for the holding of any election or meeting of the Board, whether the day may have passed on which the same ought to have been held or not: And whereas it is expedient that the neglect to hold such election as aforesaid should be remedied:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of all powers enabling him in this behalf, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby extend the time for holding the election of members of the Wakanui River Board to the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and doth hereby order and declare that such election shall take place at the school-room at Wakanui; that Alfred Augustus Fooks shall be the Returning Officer to conduct such election; and that the first meeting of the said Board shall take place at the River Board Office, at Ashburton, on the third day of April next, at the hour of two in the afternoon; and, lastly, that the provisions of "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," so far as applicable, shall extend to the election to be held hereunder.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Vesting a Reserve in the Geraldine Road Board.

GLASGOW, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twentieth day of January, 1897.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto was permanently reserved for the accommodation of travelling stock by notification in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six: And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is expedient that the said land should be vested in the Geraldine Road Board:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the fourth section of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," doth hereby declare that, from and after the day of the date hereof, the reserve mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall become vested in "The Inhabitants of the Geraldine Road District," in trust, as a reserve for the accommodation of travelling stock.

SCHEDULE.

All that parcel of land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 3 acres and 15 perches, more or less, being Reserve No. 3096 (formerly the sections comprising Block L, Town of South Rangitata), Block III., Geraldine Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by a road-line, 500 links; towards the north-east by Clogstoun Street, 588-4 links; towards the south-east by a road-line, 504 links; and towards the south-west by Mellish Street, 652-6 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Christchurch.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.—Reducing Rates of Postage.

GLASGOW, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twentieth day of January, 1897.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council made under the provisions of "The Post Office Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1886," and "The Post Office (Foreign Parcels) Act, 1888," and issued on the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, certain rates of postage were prescribed for the transmission of parcels through the post respectively within the colony to the United Kingdom, to foreign places by way of the United Kingdom, and to certain of the Australian Colonies, and Tasmania: And whereas it is expedient to reduce the rates of postage for parcels despatched from New Zealand to the United Kingdom:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred by "The Post Office Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1886," and "The Post Office (Foreign Parcels) Act, 1888," and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby order and declare that the rates of postage specified in the Schedule hereto shall hereafter be levied on all parcels despatched from New Zealand to the United Kingdom as aforesaid: And in exercise of the like powers and authorities His Excellency doth hereby declare that the above-mentioned Order in Council of the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, shall be and the same is hereby altered and varied in so far as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this present Order.

SCHEDULE.

PARCEL POST.—RATES OF POSTAGE.

	Postage to Destination: Not exceeding													
	1lb.	2lb.	1b.	4lb.	5lb.	6lb.	7lb.	8lb.	9lb.	10lb.	11lb.			
Parcels posted in the colony for delivery in the United Kingdom	s. 1	d. 0	s. 1	d. 6	s. 2	d. 0	s. 2	d. 6	s. 3	d. 0	s. 3	d. 6	s. 4	d. 0

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

"The Education Act, 1877."—Payments to Education Boards.

GLASGOW, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twentieth day of January, 1897.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by "The Education Act, 1877," His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, doth hereby make the regulation hereto annexed regarding certain payments of capitation allowance to Education Boards; and, with the like advice and consent, doth hereby prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATION.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in an Order in Council made on the 5th day of January, 1888, under the provisions of "The Education Act, 1877," relating (*inter alia*) to attendance registers and returns, the payment of capitation allowance to Education Boards for the quarter ending on the 31st day of March, 1897, shall be according to the working-average attendance of the quarter ending on the 31st day of December, 1896, as working average was defined by Order in Council dated the 5th day of July, 1887, and made under the provisions of the before-mentioned Act.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Conferring Jurisdiction on Native Land Court.

GLASGOW, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twentieth day of January, 1897.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE R. J. SEDDON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section fourteen of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," it is enacted that the Native Land Court shall, as regards all lands within the meaning of subsection ten of section fourteen aforesaid, have jurisdiction as in the said subsection mentioned: Provided that the Court shall not proceed to exercise such jurisdiction unless the Governor in Council shall by order authorise the same to be done:

And whereas the land specified in the Schedule hereto is land in respect whereof the Court has jurisdiction as aforesaid, and it is expedient that the Court should be authorised to exercise the same: