

6. All charges payable in respect of the hire of any telephone instruments shall be paid half-yearly in advance for distances up to two miles and under, and for distances over two miles quarterly in advance, the first payment to commence from the date when the connection with the telephone exchange is completed.

7. If such payment be not made within one week after demand, the connection with the exchange may, at the discretion of the said Superintendent, be discontinued without prejudice to any proceedings for the recovery of any moneys then due or otherwise.

8. Telephones connected with exchanges are to be used on the business of the subscriber or that of his employés, family, or guests.

#### CHARGES.

On and after the 1st April, 1897, in addition to the entrance-fee of £1, the charge per annum payable in respect of the hire for any telephone instrument connected with a Government telephone exchange shall be as follows:—

	Per Annum.
At exchanges which are open continuously—	£ s.
Business establishments .. .. .	7 0
Private residences .. .. .	5 0
At exchanges which are not open continuously—	
Business establishments and private residences .. .. .	5 0
Extra telephone (in addition to cost of fitting)	1 0
Special instruments or appliances, as per agreement.	
Printing name of subscriber in telephone list	Free
Printing of additional names in connection with the same number: For each additional entry .. .. .	0 10

The above rates are for connections with a telephone exchange of warehouses, stores, shops, and business places not more than half a mile from the exchange, and of private residences not more than one mile from the exchange.

For every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof, for each year commencing from the date of connection, and for every following year, 10s.

Where any connection with an exchange is over one mile in length, the applicant will be required to hold the same for three years.

If a connection with a telephone exchange necessitates the erection of a new line of poles beyond one mile, then the additional charge after the first mile will be at the rate of £1 for every quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

For connections over three miles in length the subscriber will be charged at ordinary rates on the first three miles. For the portion beyond that distance he will be required to pay the cost of erection of the line, and an annual maintenance charge of £1 for each quarter of a mile or fraction thereof if the line is on new poles, or 10s. for each quarter of a mile if the wire is on an existing line of poles.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Additional Regulation under "The Post Office Act, 1881":  
Posting Letters, &c., on Railway-trains at Flag-stations  
and Sidings.*

JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
Administrator of the Government.

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-second day of March, 1897.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT  
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, certain regulations were made and rates of postage fixed under the authority of "The Post Office Act, 1881," for the transmission of letters and other posted articles through the post: And whereas it is expedient to amend such regulations in the manner hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, His Excellency Sir James Prendergast, Knight, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the additional regulation set forth in the Schedule hereto, exempting certain letters and commercial papers posted in posting-boxes on railway-trains from the imposition of "late fee," and doth declare that such additional regulation shall

come into force and have effect on and from the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

#### SCHEDULE.

A LETTER or commercial paper posted in the posting-box on the guard's van of any railway-train shall not be charged "late fee" when it is posted at a railway flag-station or siding at a place where there is not a post-office: Provided that every such letter or paper bears the words "Posted at [Name of flag-station or siding]" written or printed on the front or address side of the letter or paper; otherwise late fee shall be levied as in ordinary cases.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

#### Local Land District constituted.

(L.S.) JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
Administrator of the Government.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the twenty-third section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, may from time to time establish and define, abolish, alter, or reconstitute local districts for the sale or disposal of land, and in like manner from time to time may appoint land offices and land officers or other persons for conducting sales of land in such local districts, and for receiving applications for the sale, letting, disposal, or occupation of Crown lands, and for generally carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare that the district described in the Schedule hereto is hereby established, defined, and constituted a local district for the sale and disposal of land under the said Act, and that the land office the name of which is in the said Schedule set opposite the name of the said local district is appointed the land office for the said local district.

#### SCHEDULE.

Name and Description of Local District.	Names of Land Offices.
AROWHENUA LOCAL LAND DISTRICT. Sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of the Waiapi Settlement, situate in Block I., Arowhenua Survey District; Sections 1 to 24, inclusive, of the Raki-tairi Settlement, situate in Blocks XI., XII., XVI., Opihi Survey District: Canterbury Land District.	Principal Land Office, Christchurch. Local Land Office, the Courthouse, Temuka.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir James Prendergast, Knight, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government 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 twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN McKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

#### Notifying Lands in Auckland for Sale by Public Auction.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,  
Administrator of the Government.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the one hundred and thirteenth section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, James Prendergast, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint Friday, the fourteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, as the time at which the lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall be sold by public auction; and I do hereby fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold as those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto following the description of such lands respectively.