4. Roads Frontage Repealing
5. Fencing
6. Auctioneers' Licensing
7. Thatch and Straw Building
8. Iron Sand Lease, and
9. Appropriation.

The purchase of the land in the Mangorakau District has at length been completed by the Government, and we may expect will shortly be placed at the disposal of the province. A substantial advantage arising from the purchase has been at once to get rid of a serious source of embroilment amongst the native claimants to the land; and, I have reason to believe, land in other quarters will soon be acquired, to the mutual advantage of both races.

I am glad to inform you that the General Government has commissioned the District Land Purchase Commissioner to explore the country between the Waitara and the Mokau rivers, with a view of connecting Auckland and New Plymouth by a bridle-road.

The expenditure of the year 1858 has been kept within the amount voted by the Council.

The Customs Revenue continues to exhibit a steady increase; and I think I may congratulate you, that though slowly, in consequence of our many difficulties, the province is steadily progressing in wealth and prosperity.

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Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 11th February, 1859.

IT is notified for general information that a Writ for the Election of a Member of the Provincial Council for the Omata District, in the room of Richard Brown, resigned, having been issued in accordance with the provisions of "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the colony of New Zealand," the Returning Officer for the said district has returned the said Writ with a certificate to the effect that

JOHN LITCHFIELD NEWMAN,
of Omata, Farmer,

has been duly elected to serve as member of the Provincial Council for the Omata District.

G. CUTFIELD,
Superintendent.

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Provincial Secretary's Office, 19th February, 1859.

THE following Notes and Table of the Weather for the year 1857, furnished by E. L. Humphries, Esq., are published for general information.

I. N. WATT,
Provincial Secretary.

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## ABSTRACT OF NOTES ON THE WEATHER

AT NEW PLYMOUTH, TARANAKI, DURING THE YEAR 1857.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The Highest Temperature in the Shade | | 82° |
| ,, Lowest | | 32° |
| ,, Mean | | 55.8 |
| ,, ,, Average daily range | | 16.1 |
| | BAROMETER. | |
| ,, Highest | 30.42 | |
| ,, Lowest | 28.90 | |
| ,, Mean | 29.78 | |
| ,, Nos. of Fine Days | | 232 |
| ,, ,, Showery, 103; Rainy, 30 | = | 133 |
| ,, Prevailing Wind, South-West, 150 days | | |
| ,, Fresh winds | | 92 |
| ,, Nos. of Fresh Gales | | 23 |
| ,, ,, Whole ,, | | 8 |
| ,, Prevailing Fresh Gales South-West | | |
| ,, ,, Whole ,, North-West | | |
| ,, Moderate, Light Winds and Calms | | 236 |
| ,, Rain, 52.75 inches | | |
| ,, Thunder on 9 occasions | | |
| Frost on 15 ,, | | |
| Three slight Earthshakes in the months of May, September, and October. | | |

## METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1857.

| 1857. | Self-Registering Thermometer | | | | Aneroid Barometer. | | | Weather. | | | Prevailing Winds. | | Force of Winds. | | | | | Rain. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Maximum. | Minimum. | Mean. | Average daily range. | Maximum. | Minimum. | Mean. | Fine days. | Showery. | Rainy. | Direction. | No. of days. | Moderate. | Fresh. | Fresh Gales. | Whole Gales. | Light and calms. | Inches. | Thunder. | Frost. |
| January ... ... | 77 | 41 | 61.6 | 17.19 | 30.25 | 29.40 | 29.84 | 25 | 5 | 1 | S.W. | 20 | 6 | 8 | 2 | ... | 15 | 3.63 | ... | ... |
| February ... ... | 80 | 50 | 64.5 | 19.9 | 30.15 | 29.50 | 29.52 | 21 | 5 | 2 | S.W. | 18 | 7 | 7 | 1 | ... | 12 | 1.80 | 1 | ... |
| March ... ... | 82 | 45 | 67.4 | 18.4 | 30.17 | 29.50 | 29.92 | 24 | 4 | 3 | S.W. | 17 | 6 | 6 | ... | ... | 19 | 4.41 | 1 | ... |
| April ... ... | 80 | 45 | 58.5 | 20 | 30.42 | 29.50 | 30.05 | 16 | 12 | 2 | S.W. | 15 | 12 | 5 | 1 | ... | 11 | 2.52 | ... | 1 |
| May ... ... | 65 | 34 | 46 | 18 | 30.05 | 29.30 | 29.68 | 18 | 11 | 2 | S.W. | 18 | 16 | 12 | 1 | ... | 1 | 4.42 | 1 | ... |
| June ... ... | 62 | 34 | 52 | 14.2 | 30.30 | 29.20 | 29.75 | 21 | 6 | 3 | S.E. | 10 | 18 | 4 | ... | ... | 8 | 5.78 | ... | 5 |
| July ... ... | 61 | 32 | 49.6 | 11.3 | 30.40 | 29.25 | 29.92 | 18 | 9 | 4 | S.E. | 14 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 5.95 | 2 | 2 |
| August ... ... | 62 | 33 | 47.8 | 15.3 | 30.30 | 29.45 | 30.02 | 21 | 8 | 2 | S.E. | 14 | 11 | 10 | ... | ... | 10 | 4.14 | 1 | 7 |
| September ... | 63 | 34 | 51.5 | 15 | 30.07 | 29.17 | 29.72 | 15 | 12 | 3 | S.W. | 7 | 18 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5.75 | ... | ... |
| October ... ... | 64 | 36 | 52.8 | 12.7 | 30.22 | 29.17 | 29.74 | 14 | 12 | 5 | S.W. | 15 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 3 | ... | 5.76 | 1 | ... |
| November ... | 68 | 40 | 55.5 | 13.6 | 30.15 | 28.90 | 29.42 | 15 | 13 | 2 | S.W. | 18 | 6 | 17 | 4 | ... | 2 | 5.07 | 2 | ... |
| December ... | 74 | 43 | 62.3 | 16.9 | 30.10 | 29.48 | 29.83 | 24 | 6 | 1 | S.W. | 22 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3.52 | ... | ... |
| Means and Extremes... | 82 | 32 | 55.8 | 16.1 | 30.42 | 28.90 | 29.78 | 232 | 103 | 30 | S.W. | 150 | 140 | 92 | 23 | 8 | 96 | 52.75 | 9 | 15 |

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