### No. 49.

Mr. G. S. Cooper to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

Government Buildings, 8th April, 1873. Or one hundred and twenty thousand ova shipped, Canterbury is to have twenty; Invercargill the rest. Long letter from Buckland arrived yesterday. Am sending copies per "Ladybird" to agents of both Societies. I think better send bill of lading to your Honor. Will you kindly give me names of agents of two Societies who are in waiting for ova?

G. S. COOPER,

The Superintendent, Dunedin.

(for Colonial Secretary).

# No. 50.

Mr. Blakiston to Mr. G. S. Cooper.

SIR,-Christehurch, 5th April, 1873. In reply to your favour of the 3rd inst., I have to inform you that Mr. A. M. Johnson, the Curator of the Canterbury Acclimatization Society, is now in Dunedin, awaiting the arrival of the "Oberon." Mr. Johnson is a thorough expert in the matter of pisciculture, and has

taken down every appliance for the safe transit of the ova to Christchurch.

I have caused the instructions by Mr. Youl to be forwarded to him. It might be as well to furnish Mr. Johnson with authority direct from the Government to take over the 20,000 eggs allotted to Canterbury.

I have, &c.,

CHAS. ROBT. BLAKISTON,

Chairman, Canterbury Acclimatization Society.

G. S. Cooper, Esq., Under Secretary, Wellington.

## No. 51.

His Honor J. Macandrew to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 3rd April, 1873. SIR,--I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 102, 27th March, 1873, with enclosures, referring to the shipment of salmon ova per "Oberon," and in reply to state that I shall take all due steps to have the ova carefully conveyed to the ponds on arrival.

I have, &c., J. Macandrew,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintendent.

#### No. 52.

Dr. HECTOR to Mr. G. S. COOPER.

Westport, 11th April, 1873. (Telegram.) HAVE several days' work here yet, and would like to inspect Collingwood Mine. When You had better arrange without me. Has not Superintendent is "Oberon" due at Dunedin? agreed to make arrangements?

G. S. Cooper, Wellington.

J. HECTOR.

## No. 53.

Mr. G. S. Cooper to Dr. Hector.

Government Buildings, Wellington, 10th April. (Telegram.) "OBERON" left Gravesend 24th January; Deal, 27th. Now out 77 days. Should be in Dunedin very soon. Wish you could be there to superintend. G. S. COOPER.

Dr. Hector, Westport.

No. 54. His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Dunedin, 9th April, 1873. (Telegram.) SALMON OVA.-Mr. A. M. Johnson is here, prepared to take charge of Canterbury ova, and Mr. Howard on behalf of Southland.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.