SESS. II.—1879. NEW ZEALAND.

NEW COUNTY OF TIMARU

(PROCLAMATION CONSTITUTING).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 15 of "The Counties Act, 1876."

(L.S.) HERCULES ROBINSON, GOVERNOR.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas a petition was presented to the Governor, signed by seven hundred and fifty persons, holding property of the annual value of seventy-one thousand two hundred pounds, being not less than three-fifths of the county electors contained within that portion of the County of Geraldine included within the boundaries particularly set forth in the First Schedule hereto, and containing in the whole an area of two hundred and one thousand four hundred and nine acres (more or less) in extent: And whereas the said petition prayed the Governor to constitute the said portion of the County of Geraldine a new county, and set forth the boundaries of the proposed new county: And whereas such petition was publicly notified in the Timaru Herald of the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, being not less than one month before such presentation to the Governor:

Now, therefore, I, Hercules George Robert Robinson, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, by virtue and in exercise of the power vested in me by the fourteenth section of "The Counties Act, 1376," do hereby proclaim and declare that the aforesaid portion of the County of Geraldine shall constitute a new county, to be called "The County of Timaru," and that the boundaries of the said new county so constituted shall be those particularly set forth in the First Schedule hereto; and the said new county is hereby constituted accordingly: And I do hereby further proclaim and declare that the said County of Timaru shall be divided into three ridings, to be called the Levels Riding, the Opihi Riding, and the Ngawai Riding, the boundaries whereof shall be those particularly set forth in the Second Schedule hereto: And I do hereby further proclaim and declare that the number of members of the County Council of the said County of Timaru shall be—for the Riding of Levels three members, for the Riding of Opihi three members, and for the Riding of Ngawai three members.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY OF TIMARU.

Bounded towards the North-west by the Opawa Stream from its source to its confluence with the Te Ngawai River; thence by the middle of that river to the confluence of a stream rising in Section No. 6192; thence by that stream to Section No. 6192 aforesaid, and by that section to the Opihi River; thence towards the North-east by the middle of that river to the sea; towards the East by the sea to the mouth of the Pareora River; towards the South by the middle of that river to its westernmost source, near Mount Nimrod; thence by a right line to Mount Nimrod; thence by lines from peak to peak along the summit of the Hunters' Hills for about five (5) miles to the boundary of the Mount Cook Road District; thence by a right line due west to the Hakateramea River; and again towards the North-west by a right line from thence to the source of the Opawa Stream, the starting point.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

BOUNDARIES OF RIDINGS.

Opihi Riding.

Bounder towards the North and North-east by the middle of the Opihi River from Section No. 6192 to the confluence of the Te Ngawai River; thence towards the South and West by the Te Ngawai River to the confluence of a stream rising in Section No. 6192; thence by that stream to Section No. 6192 aforesaid, and by that section to the Opihi River at the starting point.