Return showing the Orders in Council which have been issued during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1897.

Date of Order.		Purpose of Order.											
1896 —													
April	9	Approves of plans of McKay and Menzies' wharf, Decanter Bay.											
E	9	Licenses McKay and Menzies to occupy foreshore for wharf site, Decanter Bay.											
May	6	Divides New Plymouth Rating District into electoral wards.											
	20	Approves of plans of county wharf at Bredin's Landing, Paparoa, Kaipara.											
,,	20	Licenses Otamatea County Council to occupy wharf site at Bredin's Landing.											
,,	28	Approves of plans of Kauri Timber Company's booms, Waikahikatea Channel, Kaipara.											
,,	28	Licenses Kauri Timber Company to occupy site for booms, Waikahikatea Channel.											
June	2	Extends close season for seals.											
,,	9	Approves of Westport Harbour Board constructing additional railway-siding.											
,,	15	Revokes vesting of Waiuku Wharf in Waipipi Road Board.											
,,	15	Vests management of Waiuku Wharf in Waiuku Road Board.											
"	15	Approves of filling in approach to lower Western Training wall, Westport, with stone.											
"	15	Approves of Hokianga County Council reclaiming alongside Kohukohu Wharf.											
. ,,	15	Approves of plans of Municipal Baths at Thorndon, Wellington.											
_ "	26	Appoints a member of Westport Harbour Board.											
July	13	Approves of plans of bridge over Waihou River, Thames.											
"	27	Approves of plans of Quay Street Jetty No. 3, Auckland.											
. "	27	Prescribes dues and rates for use of Waitapu Wharf.											
Aug.	10	Makes regulations as to whitebait fishing in Westland County.											
"	10	Approves of Westport Harbour Board procuring twenty-five hopper wagons.											
"	10	Approves of Westport Harbour Board connecting coal-staiths with weighbridge by telephone.											
. "	10	Approves of plans of Ferry Jetty off Waterloo Quay, Wellington.											
"	24	Approves of Thames Harbour Board licensing J. W. Walker to occupy foreshore for mining.											
g-"-+	31	Approves of plans of coal-loading wharf and siding at Westport.											
Sept.	7	Approves of additions to Thorndon Yacht Club shed, Wellington. Approves of Westport Harbour Board erecting running shed in station yard.											
. ""	7	Approves of Westport Harbour Board erecting running shed in station yard. Approves of Westport Harbour Board erecting waiting-room, Waimangaroa Station.											
"	7	Approves of Westport Harour Board electing waiting-room, Walthangaroa Station. Approves of plans of extension of Merchandise Wharf, Westport.											
"	14	Approves of plans of extension of lower Western Training-wall, Westport.											
"	21	Declares Coromandel County Council shall be Harbour Board for Coromandel Harbour.											
Oct.	12	Approves of plans of protective works on river near Blenheim.											
	12	Makes regulations as to herring nets used in Lake Ellesmere.											
"	12	Vests management of Motueka Wharf in Waimea County Council.											
"	26	Varies close season for oysters in Manukau.											
"	26	Approves of plan of addition to Purua Jetty, Lyttelton.											
Nov.	16	Approves of plan of W. Hayes's boat- and landing shed, Whangaroa.											
"	16	Licenses W. Hayes to occupy foreshore for shed site, Whangaroa.											
"	16	Approves Westport Harbour Board procuring hopper wagons.											
"	16	Prohibits use of jiggers in whitebait fishing.											
Dec.	12	Revokes license to E. R. Cardno to occupy site for booms in Waima River.											
	12	Approves of plans of Morning Star Gold-mining Company's wharf, Preservation Inlet.											
,,	12	Licenses Morning Star Gold-mining Company to use foreshore for wharf site.											
,,	12	Approves of erection of Harbour Board offices on foreshore at Bluff.											
"	12	Revokes close season for mullet in Bay of Islands.											
,,	21	Declares lobsters and crabs subject to provisions of Act as to artificial beds.											
"	21	Makes sea-fishing regulations.											
,,	21	Approves of plans of H. Palmer's oyster storage ground, Wellington.											
1897													
Jan.	11	Grants compassionate allowance to widow of late Lightkeeper Parks.											
"	11	Approves of further extension of lower Western Training-wall, and dredging, Westport.											
_ "		Approves of Westport Harbour Board procuring railway plant.											
Feb.		Approves of plan of J. Smyth and Co.'s tramway on foreshore at Kennedy Bay.											
"		Licenses J. Smyth and Co. to occupy foreshore for tramway at Kennedy Bay.											
"	15	Vests management of a wharf in Auckland Harbour in Kauri Timber Company.											
" -		Approves of plans of additions to Northcote Ferry Jetty, Auckland Harbour.											
March		Licenses J. Hartley and others to occupy foreshore at Kohukohu for recreation ground.											
"	15	Approves of plans of extension of Horseshoe Bay Wharf.											
,,	15	Approves of plans of extension of Goods Wharf, Thames.											

Return showing the Number of Masters, Mates, and Engineers examined during the Year ended the 31st March, 1897, distinguishing the Number of Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates.

	Auckland.			Wellington.			Lyttelton.			Dunedin.			Other Places.			Totals.		
Class of Certificate.	Passed.	Failed.	Total.	Passed.	Failed.	Total.	Passed.	Failed.	Total.	Passed.	Failed.	Total.	Passed.	Failed.	Total.	Passed.	Failed.	Total.
Foreign - going masters and mates	9	5	14	17	8	25	2	2	4	7	11	18				35	26	61
Home-trade masters and mates River-steamer masters Sea-going engineers River-steamer engineers Marine engine-drivers	4 4 6 2 11	3 7 1 	7 11 7 2 12	2 28 4 2	2 6 1	6 2 34 5 2	7 1 1	1 1 1	8 2 1	3 1	 1 1	 4 2	2 2 4 2	 5	2 2 9 2	8 8 46 12 16	5 7 9 8 1	15 16 56 20 1'
Totals	36	17	53	57	17	74	11	4	15	11	13	24	10	. 5	15	125	56	18