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THE MIDDLE ISLAND REPRESENTATION COMMISSION

(INTERIM REPORT OF).

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INTERIM REPORT.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief over His Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the members of the Middle Island Representation Commission appointed by Your Excellency on the 29th day of May, 1902, have the honour now to forward to Your Excellency the names and descriptions of boundaries of the electoral districts provisionally fixed by us under the authority of our commission, and which we propose publishing forthwith in the *New Zealand Gazette* in compliance with section 4 of "The Representation Act, 1887."

We have arranged to meet again on the 8th August next for the purpose of considering any objections that may be lodged under the above-named section, and after considering and disposing of such objections we shall have the honour of again reporting to Your Excellency the final result.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and two.

THOS. S. WESTON, Chairman.
THOS. HUMPHRIES.
D. BARRON.
G. J. ROBERTS.
A. Y. A. WALES.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, MIDDLE ISLAND.

CITY OF NELSON.

City of Nelson District comprises the area covered by the existing City of Nelson Electoral District, together with D'Urville Island and Stephen's Island, and the Bulwer Peninsula extending from Hallam Cove to Harding Point. The City of Nelson, the Borough of Richmond, and Town District of Havelock are in this district.

MOTUEKA.

Motueka District comprises the area covered by the existing Motueka Electoral District; together with that portion of Hampden Riding of Inangahua County situated to the north-east of a line commencing at the Buller River where that river is crossed by the western boundary of the Inangahua County, and proceeding thence easterly along the left bank of the said Buller River to a point about 30 chains westward of Doughboy Creek, thence along the leading spur to Mount Mantell, and thence along the summit of the Mantell Range and the summit of Cann Range to the Spenser Mountains near Faerie Queen. The Borough of Motueka is in this district.

BULLER.

Buller District comprises the Borough of Westport; the Boatman's, Murray, Crusington, and Reefton Ridings of Inangahua County; and the south-western portion of Hampden Riding of Inangahua County, which is bounded towards the north by the Buller River from the Buller County boundary to a point about 30 chains westward of Doughboy Creek, and thence by the summit of the leading spur to Mount Mantell, and thence by the summits of the Mantell and Cann Ranges and Spenser Mountains near Faerie Queen; together with the Lyell, Wareatea North, Wareatea South, and Charleston Ridings of Buller County.

GREY.

Grey District comprises the area covered by the existing Grey Electoral District, less Charleston Riding of Buller County, which has been added to Buller District, hereinbefore described; together with Marsden Riding of Grey County, and a small portion of Maori Creek Riding of Grey County situated between Maori Creek Road and Marsden Riding. The Boroughs of Greymouth and Brunner are in this district.

WESTLAND.

Westland District comprises the area covered by the existing Westland Electoral District, less the whole of Marsden Riding of Grey County and that portion of Maori Creek Riding of Grey County, which have been included in the Grey District, hereinbefore described. The Boroughs of Hokitika, Kumara, and Ross are in this district.

WAIRAU.

Wairau District comprises the area covered by the existing Wairau Electoral District, excepting that stretch of country extending from Cook Strait to Barefell Pass, known as that portion of Awatere Riding of Marlborough County situated south-east of a line commencing at Cook Strait at Lake Grasmere, and proceeding south-westerly along the northern shore of that lake to the Main Road, thence along the Main Road to Blind River Creek, thence along Blind River Creek to its source, thence along a right line to Mount Peter, thence along the summit of the Kaikoura Range over Monument Hill, Big Cregan, Tapuaenuku, and Mount Monro, to Barefell Pass; and excepting also D'Urville Island, Stephen's Island, and the Bulwer Peninsula extending easterly from Hallam Cove to Harding Point. The Boroughs of Blenheim and Picton are in this district.

HURUNUI.

Hurunui comprises the Counties of Kaikoura, Amuri, and Cheviot, and that portion of Awatere Riding of Marlborough County not absorbed by the Wairau District, hereinbefore described; together with the Waipara, Kowai, and Mount Thomas Ridings of Ashley County. Amberley Town District is in this district.

KAIAPOI.

Kaiapoi District comprises the Boroughs of Rangiora and Kaiapoi, together with the Mandeville, Cust, Eyreton, and West Eyreton Ridings of Ashley County.

AVON.

Avon District comprises the Boroughs of New Brighton and Linwood; that portion of Heathcote Riding of Selwyn County situated north of the Boroughs of Woolston and Linwood; the New Brighton Subdivision of Avon Road District; that portion of Richmond Subdivision of Avon Road District lying eastward of the road forming the western boundaries of Sections Nos. 713 and 1135, Block XI., Christchurch Survey District; and the whole of Styx Subdivision of Avon Road District excepting that portion extending about two miles and three-quarters south from the mouth of the Waimakariri River, and lying north of Rural Sections Nos. 2638, 2637, 2340, 31684, 20428, and 19571.

CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH.

City of Christchurch comprises the City of Christchurch, the Borough of St. Albans, the Borough of Sydenham, and Hagley Park.

RICCARTON.

Riccarton comprises the Riccarton Road District; the Papanui and Belfast Subdivisions of Avon Road District; that portion of Richmond Subdivision of Avon Road District situated westward of Sections Nos. 713 and 1135, Block XI., Christchurch Survey District; and that portion of Styx Subdivision of Avon Road District which extends about two miles and three-quarters south from the mouth of the Waimakariri River, and is situated north of Sections Nos. 2638, 2637, 2340, 31684, 20428, and 19571, Block IV., Christchurch Survey District; together with that portion of Templeton Road District lying east of a line commencing at the junction of Springs Road with Junction Road, and proceeding thence northerly along Springs Road to the South Road, thence westerly along the South Road to the Southbridge Railway-line, thence northerly along the Southbridge Railway-line to Hornby Junction Road, and thence along Hornby Junction Road to the north-eastern boundary of Templeton Road District.

ELLESMERE.

Ellesmere District comprises that portion of Ellesmere Riding of Selwyn County within the boundaries of the existing Ellesmere Electoral District: that portion of Lincoln Riding of Selwyn County situated south of a line commencing at the Selwyn Railway-bridge, and proceeding easterly along the Southbridge Branch Railway from the River Selwyn to the Little River Railway; thence southerly along the Little River Railway to the road forming the southern boundaries of Rural Sections Nos. 10211 and 9499; thence easterly along that road to the western boundary of Rural Sections Nos. 4727 and 4754; and thence southerly along the western boundary of the last-mentioned sections to the Halswell River: the Taitapu Road District of Selwyn County: together with the Borough of Akaroa, and the whole of Akaroa County less that portion of Port Victoria Road District lying to the west of Gebbie's Pass Road, leading from the head of the bay to the road district boundary and Lyttelton Harbour. Southbridge Town District is in this district.

LYTTELTON.

Lyttelton District comprises the Boroughs of Lyttelton, Woolston, and Sumner; that portion of the Heathcote Riding of Selwyn County within the boundaries of the existing Lyttelton Electoral District; that portion of the Victoria Road District of Akaroa County situated within the boundaries of the existing Lyttelton Electoral District; that portion of Halswell Road District of Selwyn County situated east of a line starting from the road at the southern corner of Spreydon Road District near Cashmere, and proceeding southerly along the road intersecting Section No. 383, and passing Sections Nos. 502, 1324, 4682, 2599, 4620, 2063, 31362, intersecting Sections Nos. 10210 and 493, to Section No. 452, and thence along the north-western and south-western boundaries of the last-mentioned section to the eastern boundary of Halswell Road District; and that portion of Spreydon Road District of Selwyn County situated south of Stark's Road and east of Barrington Road.

COURTENAY.

Courtenay District comprises the whole of the Templeton Road District of Selwyn County less that portion absorbed by Riccarton District, hereinbefore described; the whole of the Halswell and Spreydon Road Districts of Selwyn County less those two portions absorbed by Lyttelton District, hereinbefore described; that portion of Springs Road District of Selwyn County situated north-west of the Southbridge Branch Railway, east of Little River Railway, and north of the road forming the southern boundary of Sections Nos. 10211 and 9449, Block V., Halswell Survey District; and the whole of Courtenay and Lincoln Road Districts of Selwyn County.

SELWYN.

Selwyn District comprises Malvern and Coleridge Ridings of Selwyn County, and that portion of Ellesmere Riding of Selwyn County situated in the existing Selwyn Electoral District, together with Oxford Riding of Ashley County, Mount Hutt and South Rakaia Ridings of Ashburton County, and that portion of Upper Ashburton Riding of Ashburton County situated east of Winchmore Road and north of Black's Road.

ASHBURTON.

Ashburton District comprises the existing Ashburton Electoral District, less that portion of Upper Ashburton Riding of Ashburton County situated north of Black's Road and east of Winchmore Road, which has been added to Selwyn District, hereinbefore described. The Borough of Ashburton and the Town Districts of Tinwald and Hampstead are in this district.

GERALDINE.

Geraldine comprises the existing Geraldine Electoral District, *minus* Albury Riding of Mackenzie County, and *plus* that portion of Point Riding of Levels County within the boundaries of the existing Timaru Electoral District. The Borough of Temuka and the Geraldine Town District are in this district.

TIMARU.

Timaru District comprises the existing Timaru Electoral District, less the portion of Point Riding of Levels County included therein, which has been added to Geraldine District, hereinbefore described.

WAITAKI.

Waitaki District comprises the existing Waitaki Electoral District and Albury Riding of Mackenzie County, less all the country lying south of the Waitaki River and west of the Ohau and Hopkins Rivers. The Borough of Waimate is in this district.

OAMARU.

Oamaru District comprises the Borough of Oamaru; the Papakaio, Waiareka, Incholme, and Kakanui Ridings of Waitaki County; that portion of Otepopo Riding of Waitaki County situated north of a line commencing where the north branch of the Waianakarua River crosses the north-western boundary of Otepopo Riding, and proceeding easterly to the confluence of the said north branch with the south branch of the Waianakarua River, and thence along the Waianakarua River to the sea-coast; together with that portion of Otakaika Riding of Waitaki County lying between the north and south branches of the Kakanui River, and extending to Kakanui Peak.

MOUNT IDA.

Mount Ida District comprises that portion of Waitaki County within the boundaries of the existing Waitaki Electoral District, and the whole of Maniototo County; together with the Manuherikia, Matakau, and Hawea Ridings of Vincent County; and that portion of Lindis Riding of Vincent County north-east of a line commencing at the confluence of the Bannockburn with the Clutha River, and proceeding thence easterly to the track leading from Bendigo to the watershed between Devil's Creek and Bannockburn, and thence southerly along that track to the south-eastern boundary of Lindis Riding. The Borough of Naseby is in this district.

WAIKOUAITI.

Waikouaiti District comprises the whole of Waihemo and Waikouaiti Counties, and that portion of Waitaki County situated south of a line commencing at the south-western boundary of Waitaki County, near the source of the north branch of the Waianakarua River, and proceeding easterly along the said branch to its confluence with the south branch of the Waianakarua River, and thence along the Waianakarua River to the sea-coast; together with the Boroughs of Hampden, Palmerston South, and Hawksbury.

CHALMERS.

Chalmers District comprises the Boroughs of Port Chalmers, and North-east Valley, and West Harbour; Peninsula County; and that portion of the Borough of St. Kilda situated east of Hillside Road. Quarantine Island, in Otago Harbour, is in this district.

CITY OF DUNEDIN.

City of Dunedin District comprises the City of Dunedin; together with the Boroughs of Roslyn, Mornington, and Maori Hill.

CAVERSHAM.

Caversham District comprises the Boroughs of Caversham and South Dunedin, and that portion of the Borough of St. Kilda situated west of Hillside Road.

TAIERI.

Taieri District comprises the whole of Taieri County less that portion lying between Lee's Creek and the Taieri River, west of the road fronting Sections Nos. 41, 40, 23, 22, and 5, Block IV., Maungatua Survey District; together with the Boroughs of Mosgiel and Green Island. The Town Districts of Outram and Allanton are in this district.

BRUCE.

Bruce District comprises the existing Bruce Electoral District, with the addition of that portion of Maungatua Riding of Taieri County situated between Lee's Creek and the Taieri River west of the road fronting Sections Nos. 41, 40, 23, 22, and 5, Block IV., Maungatua Survey District, and less Clydesdale Riding of Clutha County. The Boroughs of Kaitangata and Milton are in this district.

CLUTHA.

Clutha District comprises the whole of Clutha County; Tapanui Riding of Tuapeka County; the Borough of Balclutha; and that portion of Mataura Riding of Southland County east of a line commencing at the south-eastern corner of Tutarau Road District, and proceeding thence northerly along the eastern boundary of the said Tutarau Road District to the source of the north branch of the Otakaramu Stream; thence along a right line to the south-western corner of Block IX., Waikaka Survey District; thence along the western boundary-lines of Blocks IX. and VI. and III., Waikaka Survey District, to the northern boundary-line of the last-mentioned block; thence easterly along the northern boundary of the said Block III. to the eastern boundary of Southland County; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Southland County to the road leading to Chatton Village; thence westerly along that road, passing Maitland Village, to Chatton Village; thence north-easterly along the road forming the south-eastern boundary of Section No. 9, Block V., Chatton Survey District, and along the continuation of that road, passing Waikaka Township, to the northern boundary of Mataura Riding. The Borough of Tapanui and Clinton Town District are in this district.

TUAPEKA.

Tuapeka District comprises the existing Tuapeka Electoral District, less the Matakanui and Manuherikia Ridings of Vincent County, which are included in Mount Ida District, hereinbefore described. The Boroughs of Lawrence, Roxburgh, and Alexandra are in this district.

WAKATIPU.

Wakatipu District comprises the existing Wakatipu Electoral District, with the addition of that portion of Oreti Riding of Southland County lying north of the Waimea Plains Railway from Lumsden to Balfour, east of the road leading westerly from Balfour, passing Sections Nos. 353, 351, and 266, to and across Waimea Stream, and north of the road intersecting Section No. 91, to Cowan's Creek; less the Hawea Riding of Vincent County, and less that portion of Lindis Riding of Vincent County included in the Mount Ida District, hereinbefore described. The Boroughs of Queenstown, Cromwell, and Arrowtown are in this district.

MATAURA.

Mataura District comprises the existing Mataura Electoral District, with the addition of that portion of Mataura Riding of Southland County not included in the Clutha District, hereinbefore described, and less that portion of Waihopai Riding of Southland County lying to the north of the Seaward Bush Railway and west of Blocks I. and VI., Oteramika Survey District. The Boroughs of Gore and Mataura and Wyndham Town District are in this district.

AWARUA.

Awarua District comprises the existing Awarua Electoral District, with the addition of that portion of Waihopai Riding of Southland County situated north of the Seaward Bush Railway and west of Blocks I. and VI., Oteramika Survey District, and that portion of Awarua Riding of Southland County bounded towards the north by the Waihopai River; towards the east by Blocks VII. and XXIII., Invercargill Hundred; towards the south by the Seaward Bush Railway; and towards the west by the Borough of South Invercargill and the road known as Oteramika Road, fronting Sections Nos. 38, 2 of 21, and 13; towards the north-west by the road known as Dunedin-Invercargill Road, fronting Sections 8, 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block II., Invercargill Hundred; and again towards the west by the road known as Mill Road, fronting Sections Nos. 16, 17, and 12 of the said Block II., to the Waihopai River; and less that portion of Winton Riding of Southland County north of the northern boundaries of Winton, Forest Hill, and Oreti Hundreds. The Boroughs of Winton and Campbelltown are in this district.

INVERCARGILL.

Invercargill District comprises the existing Invercargill Electoral District, less that portion of the Waihopai Riding of Southland County included within the boundaries of the Awarua District, hereinbefore described, and bounded towards the north by the Waihopai River; towards the east by Blocks VII. and XXIII., Invercargill Hundred; towards the south by the Seaward Bush Railway; towards the west by the Borough of South Invercargill and Oteramika Road to the Main Road, Invercargill to Dunedin; thence towards the north-west by the last-mentioned road to Mill Road; and thence again towards the west by Mill Road to the Waihopai River. The Boroughs of Invercargill, North Invercargill, South Invercargill, East Invercargill, Avenal, and Gladstone are in this district.

WALLACE.

Wallace District comprises the existing Wallace Electoral District, with the addition of that portion of Winton Riding of Southland County lying north of the northern boundaries of Oreti, Winton, and Forest Hill Hundreds which is included within the boundaries of the existing Awarua Electoral District, and less that portion of Oreti Riding of Southland County included within the boundaries of Wakatipu District, hereinbefore described. The Borough of Riverton and Otautau Town District are in this district.

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