

Statement of the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Vogel), which was delivered in the House of Representatives on the 12th instant.

2. This Parliamentary Paper, with the documents annexed to it, will show the financial position of New Zealand at present, and also the financial policy of the existing Ministry.

*Vide Appendix
to Journals of
H. of R., 1871,
B. No. 2.*

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

I have, &c.,

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 9.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 86.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 24th September, 1871.

In my Despatches Nos. 20, 21, 28, 31, 37, and 49 of this year, I gave some account of the progress and present condition of the Provinces of Otago, Canterbury, and Auckland, and of the County of Westland. I now have the honor to transmit an official Return, showing the Population, Revenue, Imports and Exports, Shipping, and Live Stock, of the remaining Provinces of New Zealand, namely, Wellington, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, and Marlborough.

2. Wellington was the first and principal settlement of the New Zealand Company, and was founded on the 22nd January, 1840. The seat of the General Government and Legislature was removed from Auckland to Wellington in 1865, in pursuance of votes of the Colonial Parliament, and in consequence of the central position of the latter city on Cook's Strait, which separates the two principal Islands. According to the Census of 1871, the City of Wellington has seven thousand nine hundred and eight (7,908) inhabitants.

3. Taranaki, also settled originally by the New Zealand Company, was founded on 31st March, 1841. It is the smallest of the Provinces, but has large quantities of rich and fertile land. The chief town is New Plymouth, with one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven (1,837) inhabitants.

4. The Province of Hawke's Bay was separated from Wellington in 1858. Napier, the chief town, has two thousand one hundred and seventy-nine (2,179) inhabitants.

5. Nelson, the third settlement of the New Zealand Company, keeps as the anniversary of its foundation in 1842, the 1st February. The seat of the Provincial Government, of the same name with the Province, has five thousand five hundred and thirty-four (5,534) inhabitants.

6. The Province of Marlborough was separated from Nelson in 1859. It is chiefly a pastoral settlement, and contains only two small towns: Picton, with six hundred and thirty-six (636), and Blenheim, with seven hundred and forty-one (741) inhabitants.

7. I will not add further details on the present occasion, seeing that the fullest possible information respecting the present condition of New Zealand will be found in the Statistical Register for 1871, and in the Report of the Census taken in the February of this year, both of which official documents will be published shortly.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 10.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 89.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 27th September, 1871.

In continuation of my Despatches No. 77 of 1868, No. 94 of 1869, and No. 90 of 1870, I have now the honor to transmit a copy of the anniversary address with which, on the 23rd instant, I opened, as President, the Session for 1871 of the New Zealand Institute.

Enclosure 1.
See "Transactions
and Proceedings
of the N.Z.
Institute," Vol.
IV., page 1.