

December 15: Approving of plans of Kaihu Valley Railway Company's bridge across Kaihu Creek.

December 22: Approving of plans of bridge across north branch of Waimakariri River.

January 5: Approving of Sir John Coode's plans of harbour works at Westport.

January 17: Approving of plans of W. Brownlee's wharf, Pelorus River.

January 17: Licensing W. Brownlee to use portion of foreshore of Pelorus River for construction of a wharf.

January 17: Approving of plans of wharf at Timaru.

January 17: Approving of plans of Mr. Barlow's fish-pond at Matakoho, Kaipara.

January 17: Approving of Sir John Coode's plans of harbour works at Greymouth.

January 24: Approving of plans of bridge and landing-stage, Awanui River.

February 23: Approving of plans of W. Brownlee's bridge across tidal creek of Pelorus River.

February 23: Approving of plans of boom across Kaimarama Creek, Mercury Bay.

February 23: Licensing Mercury Bay Timber Company to use portion of foreshore of Kaimarama Creek for construction of booms.

February 23: Approving of plans of extension of outer tee of Queen's Wharf, Wellington.

March 5: Approving of plans of Contract No. 1, extension of south breakwater, Greymouth.

March 5: Approving of plans of works at Orawaiti overflow, Buller River.

March 5: Approving of plans of works at Buller Relief-channel.

March 5: Approving of plans of railway-siding on foreshore at Anderson's Bay, Otago Harbour.

March 5: Licensing Dunedin, Forbury, and Peninsula Railway and Tramway Company to use portion of foreshore at Anderson's Bay for construction of siding.

March 11: Approving of plans of temporary wharf in lagoon at Westport.

March 11: Approving of plans of wharf at Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sound.

March 11: Licensing E. H. Crease and others to use portion of foreshore at Endeavour Inlet for erection of wharf.

March 11: Vesting management of Port Albert Wharf in Rodney County Council.

March 11: Vesting management of Russell Wharf in Bay of Islands County Council.

March 27: Vesting management of Havelock Wharf in Pelorus Road Board.

*Notices to Mariners.*—Fifty-five Notices to Mariners were issued during the year; of these, twenty-three related to matters within the colony. The following is a list of them:—

Kaipara.—North Head flagstaff shifted.

Kaipara.—Banks forming below Tauhara Creek.

Lyttelton Harbour.—Yards to be braced up, to avoid collision with electric lights.

Greymouth.—Beacon on north edge of south training-wall.

Waimakariri.—Depth of water on bar. Flagstaff removed to South Spit. Channel up river marked with buoys.

Timaru Harbour.—Position of wreck of "Duke of Sutherland."

New Plymouth.—Alteration of position of lights.

Bay of Islands.—Buoys placed near entrance to Port Tepuna and Kerikeri River.

Bay of Islands.—Light on railway wharf, Opua.

Buller River.—Removal of front up-river beacon.

Waitapu.—Leading lights.

Kaipara Heads Lighthouse.—Preliminary notice.

Greymouth.—Light on end of staging, wharf extension.

Buller River.—Bar and danger signals at night.

Picton.—Stumps of piles of old boat-wharf above bottom.

Oamaru.—Leading lights on beacons, and night signals to steamers.

French Pass.—Exhibition of light.

Westport.—Lights on dredge.

Kaipara Heads.—Exhibition of light.

Waitapu.—Alteration of colour of leading lights.

Oamaru.—*Re* dredging operations.

Bay of Islands.—Buoy on rock near Opua Wharf.

Bluff.—Exhibition of leading lights.

*Light Dues.*—The sum of £8,526 0s. 8d. was collected as light dues during the year, this being £332 0s. 8d. more than was collected during the previous financial year. No amount has this year been paid to the credit of light dues by the General Post Office on account of light dues on the San Francisco mail steamers, or on account of the direct steamers, all of which vessels are, when they carry an English mail, exempted from paying light dues. A fresh Order in Council fixing light dues to be collected at Kaipara and New Plymouth was issued last year. Dues are only collected in respect of foreign-going and intercolonial trading vessels, no light dues having been collected on coasters since the 1st April, 1880.

*Government Vessels.*—The "Hinemoa" has as usual been employed on special service. It was found necessary last October to re-tube her boilers, and it is anticipated that it will soon be necessary to renew them. The "Stella" has been continuously employed attending to lighthouses, buoys, beacons, &c. Her services have, in addition, been made available as far as possible for other departments of the Government service. She made a special trip from Port Chalmers to Lyttelton, having the torpedo-boat in tow. A new funnel has been supplied, a fog-horn fitted, and sundry