

## PROVINCE OF NELSON.

## CENSUS.

IN THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN  
VICTORIA.

## SESSION II., No. 1.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR TAKING A CENSUS OF  
THE PROVINCE OF NELSON.

## ANALYSIS.

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*“An Ordinance to provide for taking a Census of the Province of Nelson.”* Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that authentic Statistical Information Preamble. of the Province of Nelson should be periodically obtained: Be it therefore enacted, by the Superintendent of the Province of Nelson, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, as follows:—

Census to be taken.

1. A census of the number and condition of the population of the Province of Nelson shall be taken on the days and in manner hereinafter declared.

Superintendent to appoint persons to leave Schedules, &c.

2. The Superintendent shall appoint persons to collect the information required by this Ordinance, and may cause an allowance to be made to any such person at a rate not exceeding Ten shillings per day.

Notices to Householders to be prepared to give information.

3. Some fit person, to be appointed by the Superintendent, shall, on or before the Twenty-first day of December in every year, cause notices to be given in the *Government Gazette*, and to be affixed on the Court House and in such other conspicuous places as he shall deem proper, requiring every householder to be prepared, on the First day of January then next, or as soon thereafter as he may be called upon so to do by a Collector appointed as aforesaid, to give all such information as is required by the Schedule hereunto annexed.

Collector to leave Schedules at Houses, and Householders to fill up same.

4. The said Collectors shall, on or before the Thirty-first day of December in each year, leave, at every house within the districts assigned to them respectively, a Schedule, being a blank copy of the Schedule to this Ordinance annexed; and every householder able to write shall, on the First day of January then next, furnish in writing the information required by the said Schedule, by filling up the same, and subscribing his name at the foot thereof, and shall deliver the same, when called for, to one of the said Collectors.

Collectors to call for Schedules, and complete them when necessary.

5. Each Collector shall, as soon after the First day of January as practicable, call at every house in his district to collect the Schedules; and such Collector is hereby authorised to put such questions as may be indispensable to the complete filling up thereof, to any householder who, from inability to write or otherwise, shall not have duly filled up the same; and the Collector shall thereupon fill it up himself with the information so supplied.

Penalty for not filling up Schedules, &c.

6. Every householder who shall wilfully refuse, or without lawful excuse neglect, to fill up the said Schedule to the best of his knowledge and belief, or to sign and deliver the same, or shall make, sign, or deliver, or cause to be made, signed, or delivered, any false return of any of the matters specified in the said Schedule, or who shall refuse to answer, or wilfully give a false answer, to such questions as aforesaid, shall, for every such refusal or neglect or wilfully false answer, forfeit a sum not exceeding Five pounds, nor less than Twenty shillings, to be recovered in a summary way.

7. It shall also be lawful for the Superintendent to appoint such other persons as he may deem necessary for the purpose of taking a census of the number and condition of the Maori Population of the Province, and to cause an allowance to be made to such persons at a rate not exceeding Twelve shillings per day.

8. Provided always, that the first census taken under this Ordinance shall be taken on the First day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five; the notices given on or before the Twenty-first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five; the Schedules left on or before the Thirty-first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and filled up by the housholder on the First day of February, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and called for, and filled up when requisite by the Collector, as soon after that day as practicable; all in manner aforesaid.

Persons to be appointed to take a Census of the Maori Population of the Province.  
Time for taking Census in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five extended to the First of February in that year.

9. This Ordinance shall be termed the "Census Ordinance, Short Title. 1854,"\* and may be cited and referred to by that title.

Passed the Provincial Council, on Friday, the  
Fifteenth day of December, 1854.

DONALD SINCLAIR, *Speaker.*

GEORGE WHITE, *Clerk of the Council.*

I assent to this Ordinance on behalf of the Governor of New Zealand, this Thirtieth day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

E. W. STAFFORD,

*Superintendent.*

\* Although not repealed, yet this Act is virtually annulled by the "Census Act, 1858."