

Nelson State of Surveys Reports August 1841 to July 1843

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[1] Report on the State of the Surveys in the Nelson Settlement & Employment of the Surveyors & Labourers engaged thereon ending 31 Aug 1844.

Motueka District – Lower Division – Mr Thomas Brunner Assistant Surveyor 16 July to 31 August 1844 - Labourers employed:

<u>Labourer</u>	<u>Time due for actual labour</u>	<u>Time lost from Rain or other causes</u>	
David White	5 weeks	5 days	3 days
James Painter	5 weeks	4 days	4 days
William Lodder	5 weeks	2 days	4 days
Henry Lunn		1 day	

Quantity of lines cut: 964

Quantity of lines surveyed: 964

Number of Sections completed: 8

The employment of the Surveyor and men has been in cutting traverse lines along the banks of the Motueka River mostly through thick bush and large timber, and in cutting the Division Lines and staking Rural Sections. This portion of the survey was within a week or ten days of completion, but its progress has been stopped on account of the late intelligence respecting the Company's affairs in England. Mr Brunner's appointment as Assistant Surveyor will terminate on the 30th September of this year. He has been directed to return all instruments tools &c to me.

Signed Samuel Stephens, Chief Surveyor, Nelson Settlement. Dated Nelson 10th September 1844.

[2] Moutere Rural Survey – report 14 Nov 1843 to 06 Jan 1844

Surveyor: Thomas Brunner

Labourers: Henry Lunn, William Heaphy, Epotahi, Henry Fowler

[3] Massacre Bay District – Takaka Division – report 11 Mar 1844 to 04 Jun 1844
Superintending Surveyor: C. F. Watts
Improver: Mr Torlesse
Labourers: Marsh, John Mahers, John Gay, Hovenden

Observations: From the detailed reports of the employment of the men on this portion of survey furnished by Mr Watts, great delay appears to have been caused by the frequent and heavy rains that have fallen during its progress and the flooded state of the rivers thereby. Mr Watts reports also that Mr Torlesse and some of the men have been incapacitated from work by illness – which appears to have been caused by the wetness of the season and the discomforts of their residence during the floods. From these causes the completion of the work, originally required, has been protracted at least a month beyond the period anticipated. Mr Watt's statement however shows that the work left incomplete by Mr Duffey is now finished generally in such a manner as to be fit for inspection by parties interested in the selection of the sections, and that he has added some additional sections to the previous survey. He has also made a Traverse of the River Takaka several miles above the block laid out – by which it appears there may be 30 additional sections obtained desirable to be surveyed. From the details contained in Mr Watt's report, which I have reason to believe is a fair one, the men do not appear to have lost more time than could have been avoided owing to the nature of the river, which being always greatly flooded after rain – rendering the crossing it, not only difficult, but dangerous. Mr Torlesse having been laid up by illness the greater portion of the time has not afforded much assistance on the survey. Mr Watts in his Report has returned Marsh's wife as being employed as Cook. This was not sanctioned in the first instance by me, nor can I, with reference to other surveys, recommend any allowance on that account. By agreement, Mr Watts is entitled to one quarter's salary at the rate of payment of an Improver in the surveying staff. Signed Samuel Stephens, Chief Surveyor 18 Jun 1844.

[4] Upper Motueka District – report 25 Feb 1844 to 27 Apr 1844
Mr J. C. Boys, Improver, Superintendent
Labourers: J. S. McDonald, William Pinnock, F. McDonald, Henry Carr, William Neale, William Bryden, R. Burnett, W. Fairall, G. Biggs

Observations: William Pinnock and F. McDonald left the survey on the 28th of February. W. Neale, W. Bryden, R. Burnett, W. Fairall joined the survey on March 11th. G. Biggs joined the survey on March 11th – lost two days by illness which were deducted in the summary of time due. W. Neale has lost five days and the rest of the men 6 days each, owing to the heavy rains and the impracticability of reaching their work owing to the swollen state of the Rivers. This time has also been deducted from the summary but as the men under such circumstances have no means of employing themselves on their own account, being so distant from their Homes, it is suggested that they should be paid for part or all the time so lost. Mr Boys has had the sole conduct of the surveys herein reported on since the retirement of Mr Davison in March last, and as I consider he is competent to the duties of Surveyor and has discharged his duties thereon in a satisfactory manner, I beg to recommend that he should receive an increase on the amount of his present salary as an Improver, and that it should commence from the beginning of this quarter. Signed Samuel Stephens, Chief Surveyor 02 May 1844.

[5] District Motueka Grass Plain – report 31 Oct 1843 to 25 Dec 1843

Assistant Surveyor 2nd Class: William Davison

Improver: Mr Boys

Labourers: C. Jennings, J. S. MacDonald, F. MacDonald, C. Gauckroger, J. Spittal, R. Panter, Henry Carr

[6] District Motueka Grass Plain – report 01 Jan 1844 to 24 Feb 1844

Assistant Surveyor 2nd Class: William Davison

Improvers: Mr Boys and Mr Torlesse

Labourers: Charles Jennings, J. S. McDonald, F. McDonald, James Spittal, Richard Panter, Henry Carr, Charles Gauckroger, William Pinnock

[7] Weekly reports Nos 8, 9, 10 & 11 Upper Motueka District 01 Jan 1844 to 29 Jan 1844

Labourers: Charles Jennings, J. S. McDonald, James Spittal, Richard Panter, F. McDonald, Henry Carr, Charles Gauckroger

[8] Massacre Bay District – Takaka Division – report 11 Mar 1844 to 04 Jun 1844

Superintending Surveyor: Mr C. F. Watts

Improver: Mr C. O. Torlesse

Labourers: Marsh, John Mahers, John Gay, Hovenden

Observations: From the detailed reports of the employment of the men on this portion of survey, furnished by Mr Watts, great delay appears to have been caused by the frequent and heavy rains that have fallen during its progress and the flooded state of the rivers thereby. Mr Watts also states that Mr Torlesse and some of the men have been incapacitated from work by illness which has probably been caused by the wetness of the season and the discomfort of their Residence during the floods it having been several times filled to the depth of several feet with water. From these causes the completion of the work, originally required, has been protracted at least a month beyond the period anticipated. Mr Watt's statement however shews that the portion of the Takaka Survey left incomplete by Mr Duffey is now finished in such a manner as to enable parties interested in the selection of sections to inspect the District generally, and that he has added some additional sections to it. He has also made a traverse survey of the River Takaka, several miles above the block laid out, by which it appears there may be about 30 additional Rural sections in addition surveyed that are desirable for selection. From the details contained in Mr Watt's report, the men under his charge do not appear to have lost more time than could have been avoided owing to the rivers being so much flooded from the rains, that crossing them was not only difficult but dangerous. Under these circumstances it would appear that some allowance for their lost time from the Company would be but reasonable. Mr Torlesse having been laid up by illness has not afforded much assistance to the survey. Mr Watts in his Report has returned Marsh's wife as being employed as Cook. This was not sanctioned in the first instance by me, nor can I with reference to other surveys, recommend any allowance on that account. By agreement, Mr Watts is entitled to one quarter's salary at the rate of payment of an Improver in the surveying staff. Signed Samuel Stephens, Chief Surveyor 18 Jun 1844.

[9] Takaka District – Weekly Reports 05 Aug 1843 to 02 Sep 1843 by Thomas Duffy

05 Aug to 12 Aug Labourers: Bradley, Hughes, Morgan, Robertson; Monday wet. Remainder of week Ranging & Cutting Lines for Survey of River Takaka & Hills. Chaining lines and taking angles.

12 Aug to 19 Aug Labourers: Bradley, Hughes, Morgan, Robertson, Ovenden; Robertson left here for Nelson. Morgan went to Nelson by order of Police Magistrate. Monday wet. Tuesday partly and Friday wet. River so much swollen as to prevent our crossing up to Friday morning. Men employed cutting stakes.

19 Aug to 26 Aug Labourers: Bradley, Hughes, Ovenden, Jh. Morgan, George Morgan; Cutting & Ranging Lines chaining staking... Jh. Morgan at Nelson

26 Aug to 02 Sep Labourers: Bradley, Hughes, Ovenden, Jh. Morgan, George Morgan; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday wet. Monday, Tuesday & part of Wednesday cutting & ranging lines taking angles and chaining distances. Jh. Morgan at Nelson.

[10] No indication of district or year – Weekly reports by Thomas Duffy

April 1st to 7th Surveyor and Improvers: Thomas Musgrave, Aldous Arnold, W. E. Wilkinson, C. O. Torlesse; Labourers: Wells, Bryant, Bradley, Spittle, Roach, Teary, Flanigan, Mahars, Bryden, Mrs Bryden

9th to 15th Surveyor and Improvers: Thomas Musgrave, Aldous Arnold, W. E. Wilkinson, C. O. Torlesse – rain four hours on Thursday; Labourers: Wells, Bryant, Bradley, Spittle, Roach, Feary, Flanigan, Mahars, Bryden, Mrs Bryden

17th to 22nd Surveyor and Improvers: Thomas Musgrave, Aldous Arnold, W. E. Wilkinson, C. O. Torlesse – a day & half on Monday Tuesday & Wednesday rain. On Friday the men occupied in... from tent & carrying provisions. Cutting through thick bush; Labourers: Wells, Bryant, Bradley, Spittle, Roach, Feary, Flanigan, Mahars, Bryden, Mrs Bryden

April 1st to 7th Surveyor and Improvers: W. Budge, C. F. Watts, Pinnock laid up with a bad leg arising from a cut; Labourers: Pinnock, Gay, Hughes, Dodson, Marsh, Gillett, Holdeway, Mrs Holdeway

9th to 15th Surveyor and Improvers: W. Budge, C. F. Watts; Pinnock still laid up, one day wet; Labourers: Pinnock, Gay, Marsh, Holdeway, Dodson, Gillett, Hughes, Mrs Holdeway

17th to 22nd Wet half a day on Wednesday; Holdeway with Rheumatism; Hughes ill; Pinnock returned to work on Wednesday; Labourers: Pinnock, Gay, Marsh, Holdeway, Dodson, Gillett, Hughes, Mrs Holdeway

[11] Nelson Survey Report No.2 – 50 acre sections – from May 27th to June 10th 1842

Surveyors and Improvers: Mr Duffey, Griffiths, Cumberland – Labourers: Biggs, Bradley, Wells, Smith, Armstrong, Bryant, Blanchet, Roach, Mrs Biggs, T. MacGregor, Frazer, Burnet – Tuesday wet; Wells disabled bad hand; Mrs Biggs employed as cook for the whole party; Blanchet & Roche absent four days; Smith absent 1 day; MacGregor, Frazer and Burnet left on the 3rd of June.

Surveyors and Improvers: Mr Musgrave, Mr Boys, Wilkinson – Labourers: G. Macdonald, Spital, R. Newth, Feary, James Gibbs, Isaac Gibbs, Whibby, Ovendon – Mrs Budge – Cook left for the Motuaka; Ovendon absent on Monday

Surveyors and Improvers: Mr Watts, Davison – Labourers: Gay, Cook, G. Dodson, Ching, Marsh, Kerr, Gillett, Pinnock, Hughes, T. Dodson – Ching absent; Gillett not strong enough to work daily; Marsh ill

Chief Surveyor has been ill one week

[12] Nelson Survey Motuaka District 12 Dec 1841 to 07 Jan 1842 by Samuel Stephens

No.33 12 Dec to 17 Dec 1841 Labourers with Stephens: White, Lunn, Cook, Lodder, Flowers; Labourers with Brunner: Graham, Dent – Party under my direction engaged in the Valley of the Malahau, Sandy Bay – cutting lines for sections – White and Lodder occasionally ranging and chaining removing tent and things from Old Pah to Survey Station &c. Cutting all through wood with large trees. Party under Mr Brunner as per his report – completing cuttings and chaining up the Motuaka Valley – 140 chains cut through Manuka and fern. Mr B. returned MacMahon as being employed four days of this week but as I have reason to believe he was not so employed knowing he was at home all the early part of the week and that he merely went to the Station to fetch his things. I have not thought it right to return him as entitled to such payment. He has now left the Company's service entirely.

No.34 19 Dec to 24 Dec 1841

Labourers with Stephens: White, Lunn, Cook, Lodder, Flowers - Party at the Malahan cutting lines through the Wood. On Friday White, Lumm, Cook and Flowers left work in the middle of the day – taking away the boat contrary to orders – by which I was left (being engaged chaining with Lodder) without the means of returning to my station owing to the state of the tide. This not being the first case of the kind. I have thought proper to notice it, to prevent its recurrence.

Labourers with Brunner: Graham, Dent – Mr Brunner reports Graham and Dent as engaged with himself in examining and correcting the staking of sections at the Motuaka according to the altered Plan – cut 32 chains.

Mr Pelichet obtained leave of absence this week on the plea of business with Captain Wakefield – he returned on Friday.

No.35 26 Dec to 31 Dec 1842

Labourers with Stephens: White, Lumm, Cook, Lodder, Flowers – Party at the Malahan cutting lines through Bush and large trees. The men only worked 3 days this week – being Xmas time. Lodder was engaged the whole week. On Monday I directed him to take the Map to the New Pah – that in case of their being no boat for Nelson he was to go overland with it to that place. The remaining time he was cutting in the Malahan and firing the Valleys of the Otuwero. Self went to Nelson on Tuesday evening with Map and returned on Friday.

Labourers with Brunner: Graham, Dent – Dent & Graham engaged with Mr Brunner cutting in Kaiteriteri Valley – cut 140 chains – swamp, bushes and fern

No.36 02 Jan to 07 Jan 1843

Labourers with Stephens: White, Lumm, Cook, Lodder, Flowers – Party as before cutting in the Malahan. Self with White and Lodder, at intermediate times chaining and ... for traverse of Coast from Kaiteriteri to Sandy Bay – the state of the tide rendering the process slow – being unable to pass along the rocks more than 3 or 4 hours of a day.

Labourers with Brunner: Graham, Dent – Mr Brunner reports himself as engaged with Graham and Dent in cutting lines and chaining at Kaiteriteri also in driving stakes on Coast Sections from the Battery Reserve – cut 104 chains. Mr Brunner having made no return of Pelichets own ration – I presume he has been unemployed the most of the time.

Signed 07 Jan 1843 by Samuel Stephens

[13] Motuaka District Survey Nelson Settlement – Nos 45 to 48 Reports from 06 Mar to 01 Apr 1843 signed Samuel Stephens 01 Apr 1843

Labourer's names: D. White, H. Lunn, J. Cook, J. Flowers, W. Lodder, J. Graham, W. Dent, Epoti

Assistant surveyor - Mr Brunner; Improver – Mr Pelichet

No.45 06 Mar to 11 Mar 1843 Mr Brunner reports White, Lunn, Cook, Flowers & Epoti as assisting him in staking the rural sections of the White Cliffs according to the Plan laid out by me last week. Mr Pelichet also was with him. Lodder, Graham & Dent were cutting lines up the Riwaka Valley under my direction. W. Lodder had his discharge from the Company's service at the end of this week.

No.46 13 Mar to 18 Mar 1843 The men were employed in cutting various back lines in the Riwaka Valley &c – Lunn was disabled by a bad abscess in his neck which on seeing him I found incapacitated him from outdoor work without great pain. Self at Nelson on Monday respecting extension of Country Survey – returned on Wednesday. Mr Pelichet chaining partially with Mr Brunner.

No.47 20 Mar to 25 Mar 1843 Mr Brunner not having branded the stakes at the White Cliffs I directed him to complete that business and then to proceed forthwith to continue the traverse of the Motuaka River from the termination of the last survey – the former he effected – having with him Mr Pelichet, White and Epoti. The rest of the men were engaged under my direction in cutting the back and frontage lines and staking Rural Sections 20 to 28 as well as various rural sections in the swamp.

No.48 27 Mar to 01 Apr 1843 On Monday heavy rain delayed the men from working. Self engaged in surveying and cutting lines for Rural Sections up Riwaka Valley Nos 25 to 28 with Graham, Dent and Epoti. Mr Brunner reports that he started on Tuesday with White, Lunn, Cook & Flowers in a canoe to the Moutere, where they erected a shed for the reception of their provisions. They afterwards proceeded to the Motuaka, where they erected a survey station about 3 miles above the end of the last Survey and proceeded with the cuttings the latter part of the week. Mr Pelichet was directed to accompany him but did not do so this week. I have since seen him and he informs me he will join Mr Brunner on Monday next. Epoti accompanied Mr Brunner and returned with the canoe on Wednesday.

[14] Report on the state of the Surveys in the Nelson Settlement and Employment of the Surveyors and Labourers engaged thereon, ending 30 Jun 1844 signed by Samuel Stephens, Chief Surveyor 04 Jul 1844.

Motueka District – Lower Division – Mr T. Brunner, Assistant Surveyor 18 Mar to 29 Jun 1844

Labourers: Henry Lunn, David White, William Heaphy

This Report refers to the Traverse of the Western Bank of the Motueka River from the termination of the survey of the Accommodation Sections in that District. By this survey from 15 to 20 very desirable Rural Sections will be obtained, most of them richly wooded with Pines and very suitable to be selected for the Native Reserves. There appears to have been a deficiency in the amount of work performed in comparison with the Time occupied which may partly arise from the wetness of the season, and the illness for several weeks of the Assistant Surveyor detaining him from the personal inspection of the Men's progress. The Men are not entitled to any allowances for absent time, on account of their being at their own homes during the periods stated in the columns of the Report as being lost from Rain and other causes. William Heaphy left the employment on the survey voluntarily in the week ending June 15th.

[15] Report on the state of the Surveys in the Nelson Settlement and employment of the Surveyors and Labourers engaged thereon ending 03 Aug 1844 signed by Samuel Stephens, Principal Surveyor, Nelson 23 Aug 1844

Motueka District – Upper Division – Mr J. C. Boys, Assistant Surveyor 06 May to 30 Jun 1844

Labourers: J. S. MacDonald, H. Carr, W. Bryden, W. Neale, W. Fairall, G. Biggs

Two blue shirts and one pair trowsers are to be charged to J. S. MacDonald's account. Two blue shirts and one pair trowsers are to be charged to H. Carr's account. One blue shirt to be charged to W. Bryden's account. W. Neale has one weeks provisions due to him. Two blue shirts and one pair of trowsers to be charged to W. Fairall's account. Two blue shirts and one pair of trowsers to be charged to G. Biggs account. MacDonald, Carr, and Bryden are entitled to a weeks allowance of tea and sugar – the remaining portion of the rations due to them having been supplied from the extra quantity of Provisions charged to Mr Boys account. Fairall and Biggs having been engaged on the survey a week less time than the rest; are not entitled to any extra rations. Mr Boys reports that the whole of the sections in the Motueka Valley are now completed, and but little remains to finish the survey of the Upper Division of the Motueka District, which includes the Motupiko and Wangapeka Valleys up to the commencement of the Wairao Pass. I am happy to state that the assiduity and dispatch used by Mr Boys and his men on this survey fully justifies the recommendation of his appointment as Assistant Surveyor.

[16] Motueka District Survey 16 Jul to 09 Aug 1844 signed by Thomas Brunner

1st week Tuesday 16 July to Saturday 20 July – Labourers: David White, William Lodder, Thomas Painter.

Tuesday – men carrying rations &c to survey station No.3.; Wednesday – men out cutting traverse 30 chains; Thursday – men building survey station No.4; Friday – men removing bedding &c up to station and cutting 20 chains. Self walking up to survey and attending cutting – I had been delayed in the Valley by visitors. Saturday cut with the men cutting traverse 45 chains – cutting all the week through Wood.

2nd week 22 Jul to 27 Jul 1844 – Labourers: David White, William Lodder, Thomas Painter

Monday self with men out cutting river traverse 35 chains; Tuesday self with men out cutting 35 chains; Wednesday self with men out cutting 32 chains; Thursday sent Lodder and Painter home for rations they having their bedding to carry when they first came up. Self with White out chaining; Saturday – Lodder and Painter returned. Self with White chaining. Cutting chiefly Wood with much Briars

3rd week 29 Jul to 03 Aug 1844 – Labourers: David White, William Lodder, Thomas Painter, H. Lunn

Monday self with men cutting 60 chains; Tuesday men building station – self went down to correct angles and connect work with former traverse; Wednesday – men out cutting 50 chains – self with Lunn taking angles on Line No.1; Thursday – men out cutting 40 chains – self writing to Nelson and walking to survey station; Friday – out with the men cutting 50 chains; Saturday – self with Painter chaining, men cutting 63 chains – cutting partly through Fern & Flax, Rest Wood

4th week 05 Aug to 10 Aug 1844 – Labourers: David White, William Lodder, Thomas Painter

Monday – Out chaining with Painter. Men finishing traverse and cutting lines up Branch to Snow Hills; Tuesday – out measuring with Painter then cutting lines to traverse stream 35 chains; Wednesday – self with the men out cutting traverse of stream and chaining the same; Thursday – Cutting 15 chains and moving our things down to Station No.3; Friday – walking to the Riwaka

[17] Weekly Report – From Monday 1st July 1844 to Saturday 24th August 1844 signed by Frank Moline

01 to 06 Jul 1844 – Labourer: Richard Ching; Making a survey of the town to lay the houses down on the plan. Saturday wet – plotted the work on the plan.

08 to 13 Jul 1844 – Labourer: Richard Ching (not present); Monday and Tuesday plotting the work on the plan of the town. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday planning in the Office

15 to 20 Jul 1844 – Labourer: Richard Ching; Monday planning in the Office. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday continuing the Survey of the town

22 to 27 Jul 1844 Planning in the Office the whole week

29 Jul to 03 Aug 1844 – Labourer: John Mahars; Went up the Waimea with Mr Torlesse to survey Section No.92 Waimea South. Paid John Mahars 3s 6d for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day's work, returned to Nelson and plotted the work on Saturday.

05 Aug to 10 Aug 1844 Planning in the Office from Monday to Saturday

12 Aug to 17 Aug 1844 Monday Planning in the Office; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday traversing the Haven Road accompanied by Mr Torlesse; Friday and Saturday plotting the traverse on the plan of the town

19 Aug to 24 Aug 1844 Planning in the Office from Monday to Saturday

Mr Moline is entitled to two months pay up to this date at the rate of £120 per annum inclusive of what he has received on account. Ching 9 days pay at 3s 9d per diem.

Signed Samuel Stephens, Principal Surveyor 27 Aug 1844
