

TO THE ELECTORS OF DUNEDIN.

**G**ENTLEMEN,—I solicit your suffrages as a CANDIDATE to represent your interests in the next Parliament of New Zealand. I had previously thought of doing this, but refrained from moving, in the anticipation that sufficient candidates, possessing greater intelligence and influence than myself, might come forward to do battle for you at the present crisis. Seeing, however, no sign in this direction, although the "eleventh hour" has come, I, without longer hesitating, offer you my services. My political views are already known to many of you, but for the information of those who are not so well informed, I beg to say—

1st. That I am in favor of modified Provincialism, with two Provinces for each island. I would approve of and vote for one but, believing there would be difficulties in obtaining such an arrangement, I would rather favor the two Provinces scheme, as I think this would more generally commend itself to the electorates. Failing this, I would be content to retain the control of our own richly endowed and pre-eminent Province, and would assist the other Provinces to amalgamate in a manner most agreeable to themselves.

2nd. I would reduce the control of the General Government to matters purely federal, such as fiscal, postal, telegraphic, judicial, and general defence.

3rd. I would approve of a gradual change in the constitution of the Upper House, allow the present members to retain their seats, and provide for vacancies by election instead of by nomination, making provision for the retirement of one-third of the members (who should be eligible for re-election) every five or seven years. The qualification for a seat in this branch of the Legislature should be previous occupancy of a seat in the lower House, as well as the possession of property.

4th. I am in favor of an income and land tax, and of taking off all imposts from necessary articles of general consumption.

5th. I am in favor of compulsory education, but would make it free for the children of poor workmen earning not more than £100 per annum.

6th. Would favor the sale of land in small blocks on deferred payments, or of agricultural and pastoral leases of limited extent, with improvement clause.

7th. Would seek to repeal the postage on newspapers, believing it to be a tax on education.

8th. Would ask to repeal the present stamp duties, believing them to be incommodious to trade, and vexatious in their operations.

9th. Would give every encouragement to private enterprise, whether in the construction of railways, the initiation of new industries, or in the social settlement of distant and unoccupied lands; in short, I would give my best attention to and exercise all the influence I could command in building up in material and social greatness this our adopted and nobly-destined country.

10th. Should the next Parliament fail to repeal the Abolition Bill, I would strongly support local Boards of Works, would insist on cutting down the cost of governing the Colony, would at once greatly reduce the cost of the Native and Defence Departments, and shortly abolish them altogether, recall Dr. Featherston and abolish his costly staff, and greatly simplify the Immigration Department, and for a time reduce the number of immigrants; would oppose the construction of any new lines of railway until those already in hand are finished, and the debt on their construction greatly reduced; and would insist on a strict adherence to the conditions of the Railway Act of 1871.

Gentlemen, these are my sentiments, and if elected, you can depend I shall prove true to them.

I am, your obedient servant,

W. HOOPER,

Dunedin, December 11, 1875.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN.

**G**ENTLEMEN,—I beg to announce that I am a CANDIDATE for your SUFFRAGES at the ensuing ELECTION for this CITY.

I shall take an early opportunity of ADDRESSING you upon the VARIOUS QUESTIONS which the next PARLIAMENT may be expected to deal with.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MACASSEY.

Dunedin, December 13, 1875.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN

**G**ENTLEMEN,—I beg to announce that I am a CANDIDATE for your SUFFRAGES as a REPRESENTATIVE to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I shall take every opportunity which the limited time at disposal before the POLLING-DAY will permit of ADDRESSING you in different parts of the CITY.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

J. P. ARMSTRONG.