

NOTES ON THE WEATHER DURING APRIL, 1943

General Notes.—April, like March, was a dry, sunny month in which several anti-cyclonic systems crossed directly over the New Zealand area, giving fine, clear conditions. Pasture grass is very short between Gisborne and Canterbury, with some very bare areas about the Wairarapa. The soil in several cases has been too hard for deep cultivation. In other areas there was sufficient rain to stimulate growth, and in gardens supplied with adequate moisture the season has been prolonged a month later than usual.

Rainfall.—There was a marked deficiency of rainfall, especially over the southern half of the North Island and in eastern districts of the South. Compared with average values the totals were lowest between Masterton and Timaru. In the Wairarapa this follows an exceptionally low March rainfall and a fairly dry regime previously. North of Whangarei and, largely as the result of one day's heavy rain, in a region Taupo, Opotiki, East Cape, and Gisborne falls exceeded the average. Slight surpluses occurred also in parts of Nelson, Northern Otago, and the extreme south-west.

Temperatures.—East of the ranges temperatures were about normal, but elsewhere they tended to be rather below. Most days were mild, but calm nights gave low minimum temperatures, and while frosts were numerous these were less severe than usual. Very little snow fell on the ranges, the chief occasion being on the 25th and 26th.

Sunshine.—Sunshine exceeded the average almost generally and approached or passed record values at a number of stations, with totals of forty to sixty hours above the average. It was probably the sunniest April for the whole country for several decades. Wanganui had an exceptionally high duration of 230 hours.

Weather sequence.—On the 1st and 2nd a tropical cyclone moved southward, passing west of Cape Reinga and decreasing in activity as it crossed the North Island. Near the centre north-easterlies reached gale force, and considerable rain fell in the Auckland Province and moderate falls extended to beyond Cook Strait. On the 3rd south-westerlies followed a cold front, and after a few showers conditions improved as an anticyclone extended over New Zealand. The weather became less settled on the 8th with cloud increasing. A trough passed on the 9th and 10th, north-westerly winds freshening before changing to south-westerlies. Moderate to heavy rain fell in south-western districts, but elsewhere falls were lighter and more scattered.

A new anticyclone was over New Zealand on the 11th, with mainly fine weather. Behind a rapidly weakening disturbance another anticyclone was built up, and settled conditions continued till the 14th, when a deepening depression from the Kermadec Island region gave heavy rain in the Gisborne - East Cape area, but mainly clear weather persisted elsewhere. The depression moved to the north of Chatham Islands, while an intense anticyclone previously over New Zealand was to the south-east.

On the 15th a low-pressure trough advanced from the west, and until the 18th a complex but fairly weak disturbance affected the country. Winds were mainly light with cloudy skies and, on the 17th, foggy conditions. The rain was very scattered and mostly light.

On the 20th a passing disturbance gave a few showers, especially in the west of the South Island. From the 21st to the 24th there was a very deep low in the far southern Tasman Sea with westerly winds freshening at times. While the weather was fine and mild in the east there were occasional showers in the west, these being heaviest south of Greymouth. The centre of a depression advancing from the north-west crossed the South Island on the 25th and moved to the south of the Chatham Islands. There were north-westerly gales which changed to strong south-westerlies. Rain became fairly general and temperatures cooler, some snow falling in the southern ranges.

Conditions were improving on the 26th, and on the next day an anticyclone was over New Zealand. Fine weather with little wind prevailed therefore, and nights were cool. A depression to the north, however, gave cloudy conditions over the Auckland Peninsula, and on the 30th, with the anticyclone moving eastward and the depression approaching, easterlies became strong and rain occurred north of Auckland. Morning fogs were prevalent on the east coast of the South Island, but later a cold front advanced from the south-west and brought a few showers.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

Price Order No. 139 ("Texaco Texwax")

PURSUANT to the powers conferred on it by the Control of Prices Emergency Regulations 1939,* the Price Tribunal, acting with the authority of the Minister of Industries and Commerce, doth hereby make the following Price Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as Price Order No. 139, and shall come into force on the 31st day of May, 1943.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

2. This Order applies with respect to "Texaco Texwax" manufactured by Caltex Limited, and packed in cartons containing, or reputed to contain, 1 lb.

FIXING MAXIMUM PRICES OF "TEXACO TEXWAX" TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

3. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this clause, the maximum price that may be charged or received for "Texaco Texwax" when sold in the quantities specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall be the appropriate price fixed in the second, third, or fourth columns of that Schedule.

(2) Where the quantity of "Texaco Texwax" sold by the manufacturer to a wholesaler in any one transaction is not less than one-case lot of forty 1 lb. cartons, the cost involved in effecting delivery shall be borne by the manufacturer.

(3) Where the quantity of "Texaco Texwax" sold by a wholesaler to a retailer in any one transaction is not less than one-case lot of forty 1 lb. cartons, the cost involved in effecting delivery shall be borne by the wholesaler.

(4) The price fixed in the fourth column of the Schedule hereto for 1 lb. cartons is fixed in respect of supplies of "Texaco Texwax" available to the retailer free of freight charges for delivery at his store from any source whatever.

(5) Where supplies of "Texaco Texwax" are delivered to the retailer otherwise than free of freight charges as aforesaid, the price that may be charged by the retailer shall be the appropriate price fixed as aforesaid, increased by a proportionate part of the freight charges incurred by him in obtaining delivery: Provided that the amount added to the price in respect of freight, pursuant to this subclause, shall not in any case exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per 1 lb. carton.

SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM PRICES OF "TEXACO TEXWAX" PACKED IN 1 LB. CARTONS

Quantity.	Maximum Price that may be charged by the Manufacturer to a Wholesaler.	Maximum Price that may be charged by a Wholesaler to a Retailer.	Maximum Price that may be charged by a Retailer.
Case lots of 40 1 lb. cartons	s. d. 34 3	s. d. 37 10	s. d. 42 10
Less than case lots	..	11 6 per dozen 1 lb. cartons	..
1 lb. cartons	1 2

Dated at Wellington, this 21st day of May, 1943.

The Seal of the Price Tribunal was affixed hereto in the presence of—

[L.S.] W. J. HUNTER (Judge), President.
H. L. WISE, Member.

* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/275, page 1057.

Delegation by the Chief of the Air Staff of Authority for the Convening of General Courts-martial

To Wing Commander (Acting Group Captain) Malcolm Frederick Calder, Commanding Officer, R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Fiji.

WHEREAS I am empowered by Warrant of His Excellency the Governor-General bearing date the 28th day of November, 1938, to direct my Warrant to any officer of the Air Force not under the rank of Squadron Leader, giving him a general authority to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder, and also to exercise (subject to the provisions of the said Warrant) in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial the power of confirming the findings or sentences thereof according to law, or of directing him to reserve for my confirmation the proceedings of all or any such courts-martial:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the said Warrant, I do hereby authorize and empower you from time to time, as occasion may require, to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person for the time being under or within the territorial limits of your command who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder, and who shall be charged with any offence for which such person may be tried by court-martial:

And I do hereby empower you in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial to confirm the findings or sentences thereof according to law:

And for so doing, this shall be to you, as to all others whom it may concern, a sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand at Wellington, this 19th day of May, 1943.

R. V. GODDARD,
Air Vice-Marshal, Chief of the Air Staff,
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.—Proposed Cancellation of Registration of Industrial Union

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 25th May, 1943.

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 23 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, the registration of the Otago and Southland Chain Grocery Stores Industrial Union of Employers, registered No. 1423, situated at Invercargill, will, unless cause to the contrary is shown, be cancelled at the expiration of six weeks from the date of this notice.

E. B. TAYLOR, Registrar of Industrial Unions.

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Department of Labour,
Wellington, 25th May, 1943.

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 22 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, the registration of the Waingawa Freezing-works Labourers' Industrial Union of Workers, registered No. 1391, situated at Masterton, will, unless cause to the contrary is shown, be cancelled at the expiration of six weeks from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*.

E. B. TAYLOR, Registrar of Industrial Unions.