

NOTES ON THE WEATHER DURING MAY, 1943

General Notes.—May was mainly dry and cold. After the cold spell at the close of the month most growth has ceased. Pasture grass is short and feeding out has commenced in most districts. Conditions have been favourable for agricultural work.

Rainfall.—Except in the Gisborne district and in the extreme south-west, rainfalls everywhere were less than average, there being many large deficiencies. From mid-Canterbury to Oamaru totals were often below a quarter of the normal figures for May. From the 15th to the end of the month no rain whatever fell over most of Westland, but persistent rain in the East Cape area during this period contributed largely to totals approaching double the average between Waikaremoana and Tolaga Bay.

Temperatures.—Mean temperatures were below normal generally and departures exceeding 3° F. occurred at Hastings, Blenheim, and Hokitika, and at the first two places it was the coldest May on record. Persistent southerly winds and many sharp frosts were experienced in most parts of the country. Snow fell in the ranges on several occasions and on the 26th extended to some of the foothills of Wellington and Hawke's Bay.

Sunshine.—Sunshine was appreciably above average in Taranaki and Nelson and was exceptionally good in Westland, Hokitika having a record duration. Near the east coast values were slightly less than normal.

Weather Sequences.—On the 1st a south-westerly change was crossing the North Island. Under the influence of an active depression from the Kermadec Island region, south to south-east winds increased with gales between Castlepoint and East Cape. Intermittent rain fell in and east of the ranges of the North Island, while in the South it was mostly fair. A trough advancing from the south on the 4th and 5th gave brief showers, but a centre developed near Lord Howe Island on the 6th, crossed the South Island, and was beyond Chatham Island by the 8th. Westerly winds became strong at times in many places. Intermittent rain fell in the far south-west and extended to most western districts with some local heavy falls. Some snow fell on the ranges, and a very cold south-westerly wind followed a secondary disturbance on the 9th, with very changeable weather accompanied by scattered hail and thunder showers and further snow in the ranges. The south-westerlies moderated on the 10th, but a weak disturbance gave some steady rain in the far south-west but only scattered showers elsewhere.

With an anticyclone in the north from the 13th-15th, north-westerly prevailed in central New Zealand. The weather was mainly fair but with increasing cloud. As a cold front passed on the 15th a cool south-westerly change followed, but the weather soon cleared from the south and west, showery conditions persisting for a while in the north.

On the 16th an intense anticyclone near Tasmania was the chief controlling factor. South-westerly winds became strong in the south and east coasts of the South Island with isolated showers, while elsewhere it was mostly fair though cool with widespread frosts. By the 20th this anticyclone was nearer New Zealand and losing intensity, and a depression in the North Tasman Sea was deepening. Over the North Island winds became more easterly and gave drizzle in eastern areas. The anticyclone passed to north-east and a complex disturbance crossed New Zealand on the 22nd and 23rd, giving scattered rain, especially in the centre of the North Island.

On the 24th there was an extensive and intensive anticyclone over Tasmania and the centre moved past the South Island on the 29th and 30th. A low-pressure area was located throughout this period to the north-east of New Zealand. As a result south-easterly winds prevailed and were frequently strong about and north of Cook Strait, but to the south winds were mainly moderate. The weather remained clear in the western half of the South Island, but it was cloudy in eastern districts with occasional rain, more especially between Wellington and East Cape and also north of Whangarei. The coldest day was the 26th, when snow showers were experienced on some of the foothills of the North Island. In clear areas sharp frosts occurred on several successive nights. At the close of the month the weather was more generally fair.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

The National Service Emergency Regulations 1940.—Notice under Regulation 19 requiring Men, who have been called up for Service with the Armed Forces, to report

I, ALBERT EDWARD CONWAY, Adjutant-General, New Zealand Military Forces, and an authorized officer for the purpose of the above-mentioned regulations, do hereby give notice, pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 19 of the said regulations, that the men whose names, addresses, and descriptions are given in the Schedule attached (being men who have been called up in accordance with the said regulations for service with the Armed Forces), are required to report at the respective times and places shown in the said Schedule.

Dated at Wellington, this 23rd day of June, 1943.

A. E. CONWAY (Brigadier), Adjutant-General, N.Z. Military Forces,
Authorized Officer for the purpose of the National Service Emergency Regulations 1940.

SCHEDULE

Registration No.	Name.	Occupation.	Address.
The following men are required to report at 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th day of July, 1943, at the Drill Hall, Rutland Street, Auckland:—			
256917	Wilson, Selwyn	Steel-worker	Care of Central Post-office, Auckland.
559422	Marriner, Frederick Leslie	Dairy-farmer	Flat Bush Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland.
619633	Forbes, Joseph Valentine	Butcher	32 Anglesea Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.
632698	Goodwin, Arthur Edward	Labourer	13 Vincent Street, Auckland.
The following man is required to report at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 8th day of July, 1943, at the Winter Show Building, John Street, Wellington:—			
592971	Wilson, Samuel Wilfred Roy	Plumber	7 Hopper Street, Wellington.
The following men are required to report at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 1943, at the Winter Show Building, John Street, Wellington:—			
638416	Webster, Thomas Henry	Labourer	Taita Hotel, Lower Hutt.
433181	Walsh, Thomas	Seaman	17 Hutt Road, Kaiwarra, Wellington.

Notice calling up Reservists for Service with the Armed Forces

National Service Department,
Wellington, 24th June, 1943.

IT is hereby notified for general information that, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by Regulation 44 of the National Service Emergency Regulations 1940, I have, on the 24th June, 1943, issued to—

- Joseph Plamus, Tobacconist, Strand, Whakatane, Registration No. 637352,
- Frank Herbert Smith, Plumber, 9 Witako Street, Lower Hutt, Registration No. 640892, and
- Robert Arthur Stringer, Builder and Contractor, 6 Main Street, Blenheim, Registration No. 638095,

notices calling them up for service with the Armed Forces, such persons having been severally convicted for that, being reservists belonging to a division of the Reserve the enrolment of which has been proclaimed, they did fail to make application in writing for enrolment in that class of the Reserve as required by Regulation 43 (1) of the National Service Emergency Regulations 1940.

J. S. HUNTER, Director of National Service.

Notice to Mariners No. 17 of 1943

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 16th June, 1943.

NEW ZEALAND.—SOUTH ISLAND.—QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND

Prohibited Anchorage

Position: Kempe Point. Lat., 41° 2' 14" S.; long., 174° 19' 00" E. (approx.).

Details: Anchorage is prohibited in Queen Charlotte Sound within the following limits: A line in a 150° direction from the above position to the opposite shore; thence along the shore to Clarke Point; thence by a straight line to the north-eastern point of Pickersgill Island; thence along the northern and western shores to the south-western point of the island; thence by a line in a 270° direction to Blumine or Pig Island; thence along the northern shore to a point from which a line is drawn in a 297° direction to Edgumbe Point; thence by a straight line to Scott Point; thence along the shore to Kempe Point.

Charts affected: Nos. 2685, 695, 2054.

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L. B. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

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