

Status of High Commissioners in New Zealand

Ministry of External Affairs,
Wellington, New Zealand, 13th January, 1949.

IT is hereby notified for public information that, following consultation with the Governments of other countries of the British Commonwealth, certain changes affecting the status of High Commissioners of countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations have been made. These changes have received the approval of His Majesty the King and will come into effect in New Zealand from the date of this notification.

The following are details of the new arrangements:—

1. Ambassadors, and High Commissioners in New Zealand for His Majesty's Governments elsewhere, will be granted precedence (according to date of presentation of Letters of Credence in the case of Ambassadors, or date of arrival at the Capital in the case of Commonwealth High Commissioners) immediately after the Prime Minister and Members of the Executive Council. The position of Dean of the Diplomatic Corps will, however, be held by the senior Foreign Ambassador.

2. Foreign Ministers and Envoys in New Zealand will enjoy precedence immediately after Ambassadors and High Commissioners.

3. Commonwealth High Commissioners in New Zealand shall be entitled to the style of "Excellency" should their Governments so desire.

W. NASH,
Acting Minister of External Affairs.

Hauraki Plains Drainage District.—Penalty on Overdue Rates

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 29th December, 1948.

IN pursuance of section 76 of the Rating Act, 1925, and the Hauraki Plains Act, 1926, the ratepayers within the district constituted by the last-mentioned Act are hereby notified that 10 per cent. additional will be added to all rates for the year ending 31st March, 1949, unpaid on 9th February, 1949.

Rates may be paid at any money-order office or to the Collector of Rates, Lands and Survey Department, P.O. Box 2205, Auckland C.I.

C. F. SKINNER, Minister of Lands.
(L. and S. 15/13/154.)

The Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943.—Revocation of Notice of Intention to Take Land

WHEREAS pursuant to section 24 of the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, notice was given of the intention of the Minister of Lands to take under Part II of the said Act the land described in the Schedule hereto, and a copy of the said notice was published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 35 on the 26th day of June, 1947, at page 794:

And whereas objections were made by the owners of the said land and by the occupier of part of the said land, objecting to the taking of the said land:

And whereas the Minister of Lands has decided not to proceed with action to take the said land:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Lands, acting in pursuance of subsection (4) of section 25 of the said Act, doth hereby revoke the notice of intention to take the said land.

SCHEDULE

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT

ALL that area situate in Blocks VI and X, Wairoa Survey District, containing by admeasurement six hundred and fifty (650) acres three (3) roods fourteen (14) perches, more or less, being Sections 63, 143, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 351, 359, and 360, Okotuku District, as shown on Deposited Plan 976, and being also all the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Vol. 100, folio 24 (Wellington Registry).

As witness my hand, this 29th day of December, 1948.

C. F. SKINNER, Minister of Lands.
(L. and S. H.O. 36/1699; D.O. 4/558.)

The Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943.—Notice of Intention to Take Land

THE Minister of Lands, acting in pursuance of section 24 of the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, hereby gives notice of his intention to take the land described in the Schedule hereto under Part II of the said Act, and specifies the 30th day of March, 1949, as the date on which possession of the land is required, and the 11th day of February, 1949, as the date on or before which objections may be made under section 25 of the said Act.

SCHEDULE

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT

ALL that area containing one thousand four hundred and thirty-four (1,434) acres one (1) rood and thirty-five (35) perches more or less, being Allotment 5, D.P. 1864, and being parts of Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Block II, and part of Section 1, Block VI, Benger Survey District, and being also all the land contained in Certificate of Title, Vol. 152, folio 211 (Otago Registry).

As witness my hand, this 7th day of January, 1949.

C. F. SKINNER, Minister of Lands.
(L. and S. H.O. 36/1805; D.O. 1/26/210.)

The Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and its Amendments.—Fixing the Closing-hours of Ladies' Hairdressing Shops Within the Combined District of Nelson

WHEREAS a requisition in writing has been forwarded to the Minister of Labour from the occupiers of ladies' hairdressing shops within the Combined District of Nelson, comprising the City of Nelson and the Town District of Tahunanui, pursuant to section 32 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22:

And whereas he is satisfied that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the said shops within the said combined district:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 32, the Minister of Labour doth hereby direct that on and after the 17th day of January, 1949, all the said shops within the said combined district shall be closed on the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5.30 p.m., and on Thursdays at 9 p.m.

Dated at Wellington, this 22nd day of December, 1948.

A. McLAGAN, Minister of Labour.

Members of the Taieri Ridge Rabbit Board Elected.—(Notice No. Ag. 4586)

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 21st December, 1948.

NOTICE has been received, under the hand of the Returning Officer for the first election of the Taieri Ridge Rabbit Board, that—

John Kidd Allan,
Stewart Sackville Hamilton Berkeley,
Harrie Selwyn Steenson,
Ronald Clyne Sutherland, and
Thomas Allan Thompson

have been duly elected as members of the said Board.

EDWARD CULLEN, Minister of Agriculture.

Plants Declared to be Noxious Weeds in the County of Waimairi.—(Notice No. Ag. 4589)

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 29th December, 1948.

THE following special order made by the Waimairi County Council on the 16th day of December, 1948, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1928.

SPECIAL ORDER

"THAT, under the provisions of section 5 of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1928, *Convolvulus* (*Convolvulus arvensis* and *Convolvulus calystegia sepium*, both species) be declared noxious weeds within the County of Waimairi."

EDWARD CULLEN, Minister of Agriculture.

Exemption Order Under the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940

PURSUANT to the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940,* the Minister of Transport doth hereby order and declare that the provisions of clause (1) of Regulation 7 of the said regulations, so far as they relate to the driving of heavy trade motors, shall not apply to the person hereinafter mentioned, but in lieu thereof the following provisions shall apply:—

A motor-driver's licence issued under the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940 to the person described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder may authorize him to drive a heavy trade motor in the course of his employment on a farm or market-garden of the employer described in Column 2 of the said Schedule, but shall not authorize him, while he is under the age of eighteen years, to drive a heavy trade motor for any other purpose.

SCHEDULE

Column 1 (Driver).	Column 2 (Employer).
Tihitu Dick Nathan	Father.

Dated at Wellington, this 24th day of December, 1948.

F. HACKETT, Minister of Transport.

* Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/73, page 211.
Amendment No. 1: Statutory Regulations 1943, Serial number 1943/101, page 199.
Amendment No. 2: Statutory Regulations 1945, Serial number 1945/199, page 527.
Amendment No. 3: Statutory Regulations 1947, Serial number 1947/112, page 440.
Amendment No. 4: Statutory Regulations 1947, Serial number 1947/182, page 619.

Transmitting and Receiving Officers for the Service of Notices by Telegraph

General Post Office,
Wellington, 16th December, 1948.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928 (hereinafter termed the said Act), and by the regulations made on the 12th May, 1914, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 21st May, 1914, the following officers, at the addresses set against their names, are hereby appointed transmitting and receiving officers for the purpose of dealing with all notices by telegraph sent under the said Act or regulations, and of signing such certificates in relation to the service of any such notices as are required or authorized to be signed or given under the said Act or the regulations aforesaid:—

Henry Abiel Colvin, Chief Postmaster, Invercargill.
Henry Roberts Pool, Chief Postmaster, Greymouth.
Harold Cyril Rowe, Chief Postmaster, Whangarei.

F. HACKETT, Minister of Telegraphs.