In pursuance of the provisions of section 16 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, as modified by section 58 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1925, His Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the formation of the undermentioned Defence Rifle Clubs:


T. L. MACDONALD, Minister of Defence.

New Year Honours Conferred on Members of Royal New Zealand Air Force


British Empire Medal—Flight Sergeant Hilton Bravner Fowler, 70469; Flight Sergeant James Ernest Charles Price, 70564; Flight Sergeant Leslie Franklin Gibbs, 70927; Sergeant (W) Joan Mary Murray.

Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air—Flying Officer Arthur Cyril Hillman, Master Signals Horace James Haberfield.

T. L. MACDONALD, Minister of Defence.

Approval of Testing Officers Under the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940

In terms of Regulation 5 of the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940, the Minister of Transport doth hereby approve of the persons named in column 3 of the Schedule hereunder, being Testing Officers under the said regulations, for the authority specified in Column 1 of the said Schedule.

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Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of February, 1950.

W. S. GOOSMAN, Minister of Transport.

Department of Justice, Wellington, 21st February, 1950.

In pursuance of the provisions of section 76 of the Rating Act, 1925, and the Swamp Drainage Act, 1918, I, Thomas Clifton Webb, Minister of Justice, do hereby notify that the total number of valid votes recorded at the poll throughout New Zealand, taken in accordance with Part II of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, was 1,065,122. And I do further notify that the total number of valid votes recorded throughout New Zealand in respect of the propositions submitted under section 56 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1916, was as under, viz.:

- For National Continuance: 660,573
- For State Purchase and Control: 135,982
- For National Prohibition: 268,567

As the total number of valid votes recorded in favour of either of the proposals for State purchase and control and for national prohibition without compensation does not amount to more than one-half of all the valid votes recorded at the poll, I hereby notify, under section 20 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, that the result of the poll is that national continuance is deemed to have been carried.

T. CLIFTON WEBB, Minister of Justice.

Waith Swamp Drainage Area.—Penalty on Overdue Rates

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 7th February 1950.

In pursuance of section 76 of the Rating Act, 1925, and the Swamp Drainage Act, 1915, and its amendments, the ratespayers within the Waith Rating Area are hereby notified that 10 per cent. additional will be added to all rates for the year ending 31st March, 1950, unpaid on 14th March, 1950.

Rates may be paid at any money-order office, or to the Collector of Rates, Lands and Survey Department, P.O. Box 2200, Auckland C. 1.

E. B. CORBETT, Minister of Lands.
(L. and S. 15/24/1.)

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 hereunder mentioned, but in lieu thereof the following provision 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 authorise 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 authorise 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)
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Bertina Bertacco   | Father, T. Miles Road, Runanga.

Dated at Wellington, this 16th day of February, 1950.

W. S. GOOSMAN, Minister of Transport.