

Rainfall: Rainfall was close to or somewhat above average over most of the country. Double the normal amount fell near Auckland, Tauranga, East Cape, and in Central Hawke's Bay and parts of Central Otago.

It was drier than usual in Manawatu and Wellington, parts of Nelson and Marlborough, and coastal districts of Canterbury and Otago. Some stations in these areas received less than half the normal value.

Considerable flooding occurred in parts of Northland, Auckland, and Bay of Plenty following heavy rain on the 12th and 13th. On the 12th up to 8 in. was recorded near the Bay of Islands, and on the 13th there were reports of two falls exceeding 12 in. near Tauranga. Serious flooding also occurred in Havelock North following falls of up to 8 in. in the hills to the south on the 23rd.

Temperatures: In the Auckland and Hawke's Bay Provinces temperatures were mainly 1-2 degrees above average. Elsewhere they were close to normal, except in some inland areas of North Canterbury, Marlborough, and Nelson, where they were 1-2 degrees colder than normal.

The heaviest snow to low levels fell between about the 27th and the 30th in south-westerly conditions. In parts of Southland and West Otago a foot of snow was reported to have fallen during this period. Dunedin city and the high country of the central North Island were also affected.

Falls of snow occurred on several other occasions, notably from the 5th to the 8th and the 22nd to the 24th.

Sunshine: Eastern districts from Masterton to Dunedin, the far north, and the Cook Strait area were favoured with 15-50 hours more sunshine than normal, the greatest surplus being in the Christchurch-Ashburton area.

Elsewhere sunshine was mainly somewhat below average. The deficiency amounted to 40 hours in parts of the Bay of Plenty and 25-30 hours in Waikato, Rotorua, and North Taranaki.

Weather Sequence: During the first two days of the month an anticyclone was centred over the north Tasman Sea and pressures were low to the south-east of the country. South-westerly winds prevailed, with showers on the West Coast and the Southland coast and in Northland. A trough which crossed New Zealand during the 3rd and 4th brought more general rain, except in Southland and Central Otago and most of the Auckland Province.

From the 5th to the 8th a depression from the north Tasman Sea crossed Northland, while an anticyclone covered the south Tasman Sea. Gales and considerable rain lashed the Auckland Province, while some rain was recorded also in most other parts of the North Island. Snow fell in the high country. By the 9th the depression had moved away to the east, and only Gisborne and Hawke's Bay were affected. For the next two days an anticyclone covered the country, with fine weather.

Pressures remained high over the south Tasman Sea, the South Island, and the area to the east extending to the Chatham Islands. However, from the 12th to the 14th another depression from the north Tasman Sea crossed Northland with heavy rain (especially on the 12th and 13th) and considerable flooding. Most other parts of the North Island again received some rain. A second and shallower depression following the same path gave further rain, mainly in Northland, on the 15th and 16th.

For the next five days conditions were in marked contrast to those prevailing previously during the month. Pressures remained low to the south and south-west, with at first a very deep depression passing close to Campbell Island and later a deep depression passing close to Southland. Winds were from the north-west, strong at times. Rain extended over the greater part of the country, but there was little or none in Northland and on the east coast from Tauranga to Dunedin. Thunderstorms were reported on the West Coast and further snow in the central North Island.

From the 22nd to the 24th a depression from the central Tasman Sea crossed the North Island, while a ridge of high pressure covered part of the South Island. Heaviest rains were reported in Hawke's Bay, with some flooding. The only areas to escape the rain were Nelson, Buller, North Westland, and most of the Alps. Snow was reported to low levels in Canterbury and Marlborough.

For the remaining six days of the month pressures were very low to the south and south-east; and cold south-westerlies prevailed, with showers in many areas but mainly fair weather in eastern districts from North and Central Otago to Gisborne. This period was especially notable for considerable falls of snow, particularly in Southland, West and South Otago, and the high country of the central North Island.

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M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 1961

<i>Liabilities</i>			<i>Assets</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
2. General Reserve Fund	1,500,000	0 0	8. Reserve—		
3. Bank notes	81,834,999	10 0	(a) Gold	315,294	2 6
4. Demand liabilities—			(b) Sterling exchange	11,389,125	2 2
(a) State—			(c) Gold exchange		
(i) Government marketing accounts	854,905	18 10	(d) Other exchange	393,699	18 8
(ii) Other	16,055,649	4 4	9. Subsidiary coin	349,476	17 6
(b) Banks	64,600,365	8 11	10. Discounts—		
(c) Other—			(a) Commercial and agricultural bills		
(i) Marketing organisations	207,509	9 6	(b) Treasury and local body bills		
(ii) Other demand liabilities	2,079,903	6 3	11. Advances—		
5. Time deposits			(a) To the State or State undertakings—		
6. Liabilities in currencies other than New Zealand currency	15,032	16 8	(i) Government marketing accounts		
7. Other liabilities	6,436,807	5 6	(ii) For other purposes	8,509,978	7 2
			(b) To other public authorities		
			(c) Other—		
			(i) Marketing organisations	30,310,327	18 6
			(ii) Other advances	12,555,000	0 0
			12. Investments—		
			(a) Sterling	31,267,241	14 10
			(b) Other	71,311,849	0 4
			13. Bank buildings		
			14. Other assets—		
			(a) Gold	5,848,080	10 11
			(b) Other	1,335,099	7 5
	<u>£173,585,173</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£173,585,173</u>	<u>0 0</u>

R. M. SMITH, Chief Accountant.

Mining Privilege Struck Off the Register

PURSUANT to section 188 of the Mining Act 1926, I hereby give notice that the mining privilege mentioned in the Schedule hereto has been struck off the Register.

Dated at Cromwell this 12th day of July 1961.

W. E. OSMAND, Mining Registrar.

SCHEDULE

CROMWELL REGISTRY

Licence No.	Date	Nature of Mining Privilege	Locality	Licensee
3063/69	3/4/1869	Residence site Licence	Near trig. station on Naseby-Kyeburn road (now included in Naseby Domain)	Robert Paisley.