

Flooding was reported from about the 7th, during the southerly storm, in Wanganui, Manawatu, and Wairarapa. Many stations in these areas received 5-7 in. of rain over the period 4th to 9th; Orongorongo, in the ranges between Wellington and southern Wairarapa, received nearly 19 in.

*Temperatures:* For most of the country temperatures were below normal by about a degree. However, on the West Coast it was warmer than usual by a degree; and in Canterbury, Nelson, and Taranaki temperatures were about average.

Most of the snow reported in the South Island high country fell at about the same time or earlier than that over the central North Island, that is, from about the 1st to the 8th.

*Sunshine:* Sunshine showed extreme variations. It was above average over the greater part of the country, mainly by about 20 hours. For the West Coast it was the sunniest August on record, and Hokitika's 210 hours was nearly double Napier's total of 111 hours.

Eastern districts from Gisborne to Wairarapa received 30-70 hours less sunshine than average. Sunshine was also somewhat below normal in Manawatu, about Wellington city, and in coastal Otago.

*Weather Sequence:* On the 1st a depression was moving off the North Island to the east, with some rain over the greater part of the Island. However, during the next two days a cold front crossed the South Island, with rain spreading over it from the west and south.

On the 4th an active depression formed on the cold front over Taranaki. As this depression crossed the country and moved slowly away to the east, deepening at first, an unusually severe and persistent southerly storm affected the southern half of the North Island until about the 10th. Gale force winds disrupted telephone communications and air transport. In the central North Island, road and rail transport were brought almost to a standstill by heavy snow and slips. Flooding was reported in Manawatu and Wairarapa. There was widespread heavy rain on the 4th, and

heavy falls were also reported on 5th and 6th, mainly throughout southern Hawke's Bay and Wellington. Further heavy falls occurred in Hawke's Bay on the 9th. Fine weather predominated after the 4th in Nelson, West Coast, and from Taupo to Bay of Plenty.

By contrast, the period from the 11th to the 21st was one of settled weather in many districts. For the first five days an anticyclone covered the Tasman Sea, with a ridge of high pressure extending on to New Zealand. During this period a depression was passing to the north, and easterly winds brought showers or rain at times to eastern districts from Cape Palliser to East Cape; showers were also reported on the Southland coast. From the 16th to the 18th a weak trough crossed the country, with light rain in some districts, mainly near the coast. From the 19th to the 21st an anticyclone was centred to the east, while depressions were situated over the north Tasman Sea and to the north of Northland. In the north-easterlies showery weather persisted in Northland and Gisborne and at times extended to parts of Auckland and Bay of Plenty.

From the 22nd to the 24th the depression which had been over the north Tasman Sea moved south-eastward to cross Southland. Rain spread over most of the country; however, Wairarapa and inland areas of the South Island were not affected. Some considerable falls were reported in Bay of Plenty and Northland on the 24th. During the next three days an anticyclone was centred over the South Island, while a complex depression passed close to North Cape; rain was restricted mainly to eastern and northern districts of the North Island. The weather improved in these districts during the 28th and the 29th as the anticyclone spread over the whole country, but showers persisted at first in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay. On the last two days of the month another complex depression covered the north Tasman Sea and the North Island. Rain spread southwards, extending as far as the Kaikoura coast and north Canterbury.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

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*Declaring Land to be Subject to the Provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (Hokianga Development Scheme)*

PURSUANT to section 330 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the Board of Maori Affairs hereby declares that, on and from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*, the land described in the Schedule hereto shall be subject to the provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953.

SCHEDULE

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

Land	Block and Survey District	Area		
		A.	R.	P.
Omanaia 17	VII, Waoku	65	0	4
Omanaia 19	VII, Waoku	27	1	39
Omanaia 21	VI and VII, Waoku	71	3	4
Omanaia 23	VI and VII, Waoku	91	1	8

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of September 1961.

For and on behalf of the Board of Maori Affairs—

E. A. McKAY,  
Assistant Secretary for Maori Affairs.

(M.A. 15/1/275, 61/3, 61/3A; D.O. 19/B/1, 19/B/26)

*Declaring Land to be Subject to the Provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (Te Kaha Development Scheme)*

PURSUANT to section 330 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the Board of Maori Affairs hereby declares that, on and from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*, the land described in the Schedule hereto shall be subject to the provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953.

SCHEDULE

GISBORNE LAND DISTRICT

Land	Block and Survey District	Area		
		A.	R.	P.
Te Kaha No. 33A No. 2	V, Te Kaha	17	1	34
Te Kaha 31	V, Te Kaha	6	3	30
Te Koau No. 1	V, Te Kaha	2	2	20
Te Koau No. 2	V, Te Kaha	3	0	14
Karikarirau	V, Te Kaha	1	3	27
Huruauate	V, Te Kaha	1	3	27

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 1961.

For and on behalf of the Board of Maori Affairs—

E. A. McKAY,  
Assistant Secretary for Maori Affairs.

(M.A. 15/3/401, 63/9, 63/9A; D.O. M.A. 6403)

*Releasing Land from the Provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (Bay of Islands Development Scheme)*

PURSUANT to section 332 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the Board of Maori Affairs hereby declares that, on the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*, the land described in the Schedule hereto shall cease to be subject to the provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the said land being so subject by virtue of a notice dated 12 June 1930 and published in the *Gazette*, 26 June 1930, Volume II, page 2054.

SCHEDULE

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

Land	Block and Survey District	Area		
		A.	R.	P.
Tahunga-o-Puoro A (formerly part Tahungaopuoro)	XII, Omapere	3	1	0

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of September 1961.

For and on behalf of the Board of Maori Affairs—

E. A. McKAY,  
Assistant Secretary for Maori Affairs.

(M.A. 61/7, 61/7A; D.O. 11/34/1056)

*Releasing Land from the Provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (Ruatoiki Development Scheme)*

PURSUANT to section 332 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the Board of Maori Affairs hereby declares that, on the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*, the land described in the Schedule hereto shall cease to be subject to the provisions of Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the said land being so subject by virtue of a notice dated 7 May 1940 and published in the *Gazette*, 9 May 1940, Volume II, page 1036.

SCHEDULE

SOUTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

Land	Block and Survey District	Area		
		A.	R.	P.
Ruatoki B Section 13A No. 2A	II, Waimana	0	1	0
Ruatoki B Section 13A No. 2B (part)	II, Waimana	2	0	0

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 1961.

For and on behalf of the Board of Maori Affairs—

E. A. McKAY,  
Assistant Secretary for Maori Affairs.

(M.A. 15/3/198, 63/56, 63/56A; D.O. M.A. 6267)