

Temperatures—Temperatures were above normal by $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ C, with highest departures in Canterbury and Marlborough. Blenheim had its warmest September in 40 years of observation. Snow was reported in parts of Southland and Otago and in a few areas of inland Canterbury from the 7th to the 9th and from the 27th to the 29th.

Sunshine—Eastern districts north of Timaru together with Bay of Plenty and Northland were favoured with 30–55 hours more sun than normal. Western districts of both islands received 30–40 hours below normal.

Weather Sequence—During the first three days of September a depression from the North Tasman Sea crossed the North Island and moved away to the east. Rain was reported over the North Island and the greater part of the South Island with some considerable falls in Bay of Plenty, Auckland, and Northland on the 1st and 2nd. For the next three days a ridge of high pressure extended on to the country from an anticyclone passing east to the north, and the weather was mainly fine. However, showers were reported in a few coastal districts. A southerly gale buffeted Wellington on the 4th.

A slow-moving trough of low pressure, orientated west to east, moved on to Southland on the 7th with rain there and on the West Coast. A depression formed on this trough over the South Island and as the whole system moved eastward during the 8th and 9th rain became general. Some heavy falls were reported in Westland and the Alps and in Southland and Otago; and serious flooding occurred in the Mataura and Clutha rivers. Gales affected Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, and Wellington. As the depression moved away to the east of the South Island on the 10th showers were fairly general in the south-westerlies.

The period from the 11th to the 18th was one of strong westerlies. Three depressions passed far to the south-west during this period, those on the 12th and 17th being particularly intense. This was a

period of almost continuously unsettled weather on the West Coast and in parts of Southland, and rain became general over the South Island on the 13th, and over both Islands on the 14th and 16th. These periods of general rain were associated with the passage of troughs of low pressure. Some particularly strong gales were reported in eastern and inland districts of the South Island on the 13th.

On the 19th a trough of low pressure which was crossing the country developed a small wave on it. Rain was reported in western districts of both Islands with light falls also in the east and north of the North Island. On the following day the depression was centered just east of Cook Strait and very strong south-westerlies covered the country with some gales, particularly in Auckland. Rain was fairly general. On the 21st, with the depression to the east, light rain still covered the North Island.

The period from the 22nd to the 26th was another one of westerlies, with pressures high to the north and low to the south. Rain, again affected the West Coast, extending also at times to Southland, the Canterbury high country, and parts of Otago.

On the 27th and 28th a trough of low pressure associated with a deep depression to the south moved north-eastward over the country forming a small wave near Cook Strait. General rain was reported, but it was quite light in many districts. On the following day another weak trough of low pressure brought a change to south-westerlies with further rain on the West Coast, besides Southland and parts of Otago. On the last day of the month an anticyclone was centred over the South Tasman Sea with a ridge extending on to New Zealand, and the weather was fine.

J. F. GABITES, Director.

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Manufacturing Retailers' Licences Under the Sales Tax Act—Notice No. 1972/10

PURSUANT to the Sales Tax Act 1932–33, licences to act as manufacturing retailers have been granted as set out in Schedule I hereto, and licences to act as manufacturing retailers have been surrendered or revoked as set out in Schedule II hereto:

SCHEDULE I
LICENCES GRANTED

Name of Licensee	Licence Operative From	Place at Which Business is Carried on	Place at Which Tax is Payable
Domett Truehauf Trailers Ltd.	30/9/72	Feilding Manurewa Mount Maunganui	PN PN PN
Domett Truck and Trailer Co. Ltd.	1/1/69	Feilding Manurewa Mount Maunganui	PN PN PN
Everson's Welding Works Ltd.	16/5/72	Mount Roskill	AK
Mills General Engineering Ltd.	1/8/72	Rotorua	TG
Motorspecs Investments Ltd.	1/9/71	Auckland	
Papesch, A. B. and Son Ltd.	21/8/72	Manukau	AK
Pronto Print and Copy Services Ltd. (including Sprint Print)	1/6/72	Auckland	
Waitemata Press Ltd.	1/9/72	East Coast Bays	AK

SCHEDULE II
LICENCES SURRENDERED OR REVOKED

Name of Licensee	Licence Cancelled From	Place at Which Business was Carried On
Camrick Boats Ltd.	31/8/72	Kaeo
Domett Truck and Trailer Co. Ltd.	29/9/72	Feilding Manurewa Mount Maunganui
Everson's Welding Works Ltd.	31/5/72	Mount Roskill
Hamill, Bill, Ltd.	31/5/72	Rotorua
Pronto Print and Copy Services Ltd.	31/5/72	Auckland
Shannon Joinery (Sayer, Graham Allan, trading as)	30/11/71	Shannon

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of November 1972.

J. A. KEAN, Comptroller of Customs.