

By the 15th another trough of low pressure was approaching from the south-west, bringing rain again to the West Coast. The trough crossed most of the country during the next 2 days with pressures rising rapidly behind it. Many districts received some rain, especially those about Cook Strait and also the Bay of Plenty. During the 18th and 19th the trough was almost stationary over the North Island with some rain in many districts there.

By the 20th an anticyclone was centred near the Chatham Islands and a depression passed eastward close to Campbell Island. The associated trough of low pressure became almost stationary for the next 3 days over the southern half of the South Island, while at the same time a depression approached New Zealand from the north. Rain affected the whole of the South Island, with some particularly heavy falls in Fiordland and South Westland on the 23rd. Some rain also affected Northland and Bay of Plenty. Temperatures were

warmer than normal north of the trough and colder than normal south of it. By the 24th an anticyclone was centred to the south-west but the trough was still somewhat active, bringing rain mainly to Westland and Canterbury; while the depression in the north brought further rain to Northland and Bay of Plenty. During the next 2 days, as the anticyclone moved across the South Island and to the east, the depression remained active in the north, with rain especially in eastern districts. Temperatures became cold in the east.

During the last 2 days of the month a deep depression crossed the South Island. Rain was fairly general, and temperatures became very cold in eastern districts of the South Island with a southerly change on the 28th.

J. F. DE LISLE, Director.

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New Zealand Government Railways—Schedule of Civil Engineering and Building Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted \$
Cleaning and painting of Bridge 28: Wairarapa Line	K. P. Symonds, 88 The Esplanade, Paremata	37,781.00
Construction of approaches: Bridge 136, Main South Line	Young Earthmovers, 530 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5	32,160.00
Woburn Stores: reroofing and recladding Iron and Steel Store	J. D. Cantwell, 234 Naenae Road, Lower Hutt	43,232.00

J. W. DEMPSEY, Acting General Manager.

Tariff Notice No. 1975/29—Application for Determination

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been made for determination of rates of duty by the Minister of Customs as follows:

Appn. No.	Tariff Item	Goods	Rates of Duty			Part II Ref.	
			Normal	B.P.	Other Pref.		
23453	39.02.121	Plates, sheets and strip of textile fabrics coated on both sides with P.V.C.	1974	40%*	28%*	Aul 25%*	..
			1975	40%*	31%*	Can 25%*	
			1976	40%*	34%*	CPC 25%*	
			1977	40%*	40%*		
			*or such lower rates of duty as the Minister may in any case direct				

Any person wishing to lodge an objection to the granting of this application should do so in writing on or before 17 April 1975. Submissions should include a reference to the application number, Tariff item and description of goods concerned, be addressed to the Comptroller of Customs, Private Bag, Wellington, and supported by information as to:

- The quality, range, supply, etc., of the above-described goods produced in New Zealand; and
- The landed cost and selling price, including c.d.v., and cost into store in terms of f.o.b., insurance, freight, exchange, other landing charges, duty, etc., of equivalent goods of overseas origin.

Dated at Wellington this 26th day of March 1975.

J. A. KEAN, Comptroller of Customs.