

associated with this depression moved onto the South Island bringing heavy rain to Fiordland and later Westland. The worst flooding for many years occurred in Greymouth on the 13th and 14th when 145 mm fell in 24 hours. As the depression moved south-east towards New Zealand it deepened and became slower moving, the centre lying to the west of the North Island until the 19th. The situation became complex early on the 20th with additional areas of low pressure forming to the west of the country, and the main depression centre moving to the east of New Zealand. The whole system did not move to the east of the country until early on the 23rd. During the period of the main depression's passage down the west coast of the North Island and across the country, heavy rain was reported in most areas of New Zealand. Many areas of the country had at least 7 consecutive days on which rain was recorded. Temperatures were warmer than usual until the 15th, but then cooler east of the main ranges until the 20th.

By the 24th a weak ridge of high pressure extended onto New Zealand from an anticyclone lying south-east of the country. A cold front associated with a depression moving south of the South Island moved onto Fiordland later on the 24th. Rain was recorded over most of the South Island, apart from Canterbury and Marl-

borough, during the passage of this front. Heavy falls were reported in both Fiordland and Westland.

The ridge of high pressure moved slowly east and a trough of low pressure in the Tasman Sea passed onto New Zealand early on the 26th. A depression in the north Tasman Sea had also moved towards New Zealand, and by the 27th was lying just to the west of the North Island. Heavy rain was recorded in Westland, Buller, Taranaki, Auckland, and Northland as the depression crossed the North Island. Most areas west of the main ranges and Poverty Bay experienced moderate falls. Temperatures were considerably higher than normal along the east coast of both Islands.

On the 29th a trough of low pressure had moved onto the South Island, with a ridge of high pressure extending onto the north of the North Island from the Tasman Sea. Pressures were low over the greater part of New Zealand until the end of the month, with the anticyclone to the west becoming almost stationary. Hawke's Bay was the only area in the country that did not record some rain at the end of the month.

J. S. HICKMAN, Director.

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*Notice by Examiner of Commercial Practices of Consent to Merger and Takeover Proposal*

PURSUANT to section 69 of the Commerce Act the Examiner of Commercial Practices hereby gives notice of the following merger and takeover proposal to which he has consented.

Person by or on behalf of whom notice was given in terms of section 68 (1) of the Commerce Act 1975	Proposal	Date of Consent
Fairburn Wright Ltd. Dated at Wellington this 31st day of May 1978.	To sell all of its shares to J. Rattray and Sons Ltd.	31/5/78

A. E. MONAGHAN, Examiner of Commercial Practices.

*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 \$
Construction of the Otaki Ballast Pit/New Workshops .. .. .	Perisco Construction Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 30831, Lower Hutt.	47,633.00
Construction of S. 2 Amenity Building, Addington .. .. .	B. J. Drummond Ltd., 9 Blakehall Place, Christchurch 2.	32,788.00
(10/2100/9)	I. E. TRASK, Acting General Manager.	

*Ministry of Energy, Mines Division—Schedule of Works and Services of \$20,000 or More in Value*

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted \$
Stripping of overburden at No. 3 opencast Ohai .. .. .	Dryden Construction Co. Ltd.	516,800.00
(11/12/11)	F. J. BERRY, for Secretary of Energy (Mines Division).	

*New Zealand Electricity Department (a Division of the Ministry of Energy)—Schedule of Works and Services Contract of \$20,000 or More in Value*

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted \$
Construction of a concrete garage block 10 single bay Lake Waitaki .. .. .	R. E. Piercy, Kurow .. .. .	22,358
(24/43/53 SM)	P. W. BLAKELEY, General-Manager.	