

New Zealand. In Canterbury, Hawke's Bay and Poverty Bay by more than 6°C. By the 4th the anticyclone in the Tasman Sea had moved onto the country, but disturbances in the southwest air-stream ahead of this system brought showers to some areas in both islands.

The anticyclone persisted until the morning of the 8th, when a cold front associated with a depression to the south of New Zealand moved onto the South Island. Moderate rain was reported in Fiordland, but as the front crossed the country it weakened, and only isolated showers were recorded in most districts. A warm front was moving towards the South Island during the afternoon of the 9th and this was followed by a cold front early on the 10th. As these fronts crossed the country, exceptionally heavy rain was recorded in Fiordland, Westland and parts of Southland. At Milford Sound more than 350 mm was measured in the 48 hours up to 9 a.m. on the 11th. Isolated showers were reported in parts of Wellington and Taranaki. Temperatures were very warm along the east coasts of both the North and South Islands on the 8th.

On the 12th the cold front had weakened and moved onto the North Island, and a further cold front had crossed onto the South Island. As this front moved northwards moderate falls were recorded throughout most of the country. Temperatures were very warm in Poverty Bay and Hawke's Bay on the 11th. Some stations in both districts recorded their highest ever maximum temperatures. Pressures were high over the North Island on the 14th, and low to the south of the country as a depression moved towards the South Island. Further heavy rain was recorded on the West Coast as the depression moved across Southland early on the 15th, and a cold front crossed the South Island. Light to moderate rain was reported throughout the southern half of the North Island.

An anticyclone had moved onto New Zealand by the afternoon of the 16th and covered the country until the morning of the 18th. Pressures were low to the north of New Zealand as a depression of tropical origin moved southwards towards the country.

A cold front moved across the South Island later on the 18th, rain being reported in Westland, Fiordland and parts of Southland. The depression north of the North Island weakened and moved west into the north Tasman Sea. A front associated with this depression did bring some moderate to heavy rain to Northland. By the 20th an anticyclone had moved onto New Zealand, and this brought fine weather to most of the country until early on the 26th. A few showers were reported on the West Coast and in parts of the North Island during this period.

Early on the 26th a cold front associated with a depression moving to the south of New Zealand passed onto the South Island. This was followed by another active cold front late on the 27th. Heavy rain was measured in Fiordland in the 48 hours up to 9 a.m. on the 28th. In parts of Southland flooding occurred when rivers overflowed their banks. Most of the South Island had moderate falls and in the North Island lighter falls were recorded west of the main ranges. Temperatures were very warm in Poverty Bay, Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa and Canterbury on the 27th and 28th.

On the 29th an anticyclone moved onto the country from the Tasman Sea, and this remained over New Zealand until the end of the month, most of the country having fine weather. On the 31st a weak cold front crossed the South Island, and some light rain was reported in Fiordland and Southland.

J. S. HICKMAN, Director.

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*Applications for Plant Selectors' Rights (Notice No. 2119 Ag. PV 3/6)*

PURSUANT to section 11 of the Plant Varieties Act 1973, notice is hereby given that applications for grants of protective directions and applications for grants of plant selectors' rights, as specified in the Schedule hereto, have been received by the Registrar of Plant Varieties. If any interested person considers that he is likely to be unfairly affected by any application for a grant of plant selectors' rights, he may lodge an objection with the Registrar within 2 months from the date of this *Gazette*. Objections must comply with section 19 of the Plant Varieties Act 1973.

SCHEDULE

SPECIES: PEAS (*Pisum sativum*)

*Applications for Protective Directions*

| Name and Address of Applicant  | Date Application Received | Breeders' Reference | Proposed Denomination |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Royal Sluis, Koninklijke Zaaizaadbedrijven Gebroeders Sluis B.V., P.O. Box 22, Enkhuizen—The Netherlands | 23/1/79                   | ..                  | FRILA                 |
| Pyne, Gould, Guinness Ltd., P.O. Box 112, Christchurch .. .. .   | 1/2/79                    | Partridge No. 29    | ..                    |

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Dated at Wellington this 1st day of March 1979.

T. E. NORRIS, Registrar of Plant Varieties.

*New Zealand Forest Service—Schedule of Works and Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value*

| Name of Works  | Successful Tenderer                                  | Amount of Tender Accepted \$ |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| Supply, deliver, and spread 4800 m <sup>3</sup> road metal—Aupouri State Forest .. | Bellingham Quarries Ltd., 14 Rongopai Place, Kaitaia | 52,191.00                    |
| Metalling and culverting 4 km Flowery Creek Road, Waimea State Forest ..           | Cameron Bros. .. .. .                                | 22,193.31                    |
| Oroko Creek Bridge .. .. .   | Ferguson Earthmoving Co. Ltd. ..                     | 34,630.00                    |

*New Zealand Post Office—Schedule of Building Contract of \$20,000 or More in Value*

| Name of Work  | Successful Tenderer  | Amount of Tender Accepted \$ |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| Hokowhitu (Palmerston North) Post Office building .. .. . | Leader Construction Ltd., building contractors, Palmerston North | 136,820.52                   |

G. M. PETERS, Director-General.