

January, 1913, on the proposals to borrow £17,150 for the following purposes: Drainage, £12,000; main road improvements, £2,500; water-main extensions, £2,000; recreation-ground, £500; lighting, £150.

The number of votes recorded for the drainage loan of £12,000 was: For the proposal, 77; against the proposal, 60; informal, 4.

The number of votes recorded for the road-improvements loan of £2,500 was: For the proposal, 70; against the proposal, 69; informal, 2.

The number of votes recorded for the water-main extensions loan of £2,000 was: For the proposal, 90; against the proposal, 45; informal, 6.

The number of votes recorded for the recreation-ground loan of £500 was: For the proposal, 85; against the proposal, 52; informal, 4.

The number of votes recorded for the lighting loan of £150 was: For the proposal, 96; against the proposal, 39; informal, 6.

I therefore declare that the whole of the five proposals were carried.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1913.

GEORGE WILKINSON,
Chairman.

Varied Notice fixing Closing-hours of all Shops, excepting Tobacconists' and Hairdressers', in the Borough of Stratford, under the Shops and Offices Act, 1908.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in the Borough of Stratford, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all shops, excepting tobacconists' and hairdressers', within the borough shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 5.30 p.m.; on Thursday, 12.30 p.m.; on Saturday, 9 p.m., with the exception of the week preceding Christmas Eve, when fancy-goods shops may close at their own option:

And whereas the Stratford Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all shops within the Borough of Stratford:

Now, therefore, I, William Ferguson Massey, Minister of Labour, in pursuance of section 25 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, do hereby direct that, from and after the 17th day of February, 1913, all shops, excepting tobacconists' and hairdressers', in the Borough of Stratford shall be closed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5.30 p.m., and on Saturday at 9 p.m., excepting that during the week preceding Christmas Eve fancy-goods shops may close at their own option. The weekly half-holiday for shops in the borough is at present on Thursday from 1 o'clock.

The notice gazetted on 30th March, 1905, fixing the closing hours of all shops is hereby cancelled.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of February, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

Bonus for the Production of Quicksilver.

Mines Department,
Wellington, 18th April, 1912.

NOTICE is hereby given that a bonus of fourpence (4d.) per pound will be paid on the production of the first one hundred thousand pounds weight (100,000 lb.) of good marketable retorted quicksilver, free from all impurities, from any mine in New Zealand, on the following conditions, that is to say:—

1. That at least one-third of the quantity is produced on or before the 31st March, 1914, and the remaining two-thirds on or before the 31st March, 1915.

2. No bonus will be payable until the whole of the one hundred thousand pounds (100,000 lb.) of quicksilver has been produced as stipulated to the satisfaction of an officer to be appointed by the Minister of Mines, and on whose certificate alone the bonus will be paid.

3. In the event of more than one person producing the required quantities of quicksilver before the dates named, inquiry will be made by the officer above referred to, when, if it is found that each applicant is equally entitled to a bonus, the amount will be divided in proportion to the quantities produced by each applicant, but in no case shall any bonus be paid until at least one hundred thousand pounds (100,000 lb.) of quicksilver has been produced in the aggregate.

JAMES COLVIN,
Minister of Mines.

Government Insurance Department Agency opened at Midhurst.

Government Insurance Department,
Wellington, 11th February, 1913.

AN Agency for the above Department (Life and Accident Branches) will be opened at

THE POST-OFFICE, MIDHURST,
as from the 24th February, 1913.

J. H. RICHARDSON,
Commissioner.

Government Insurance Department Agency opened at Mount Somers.

Government Insurance Department,
Wellington, 6th February, 1913.

AN agency of the above Department (Life and Accident Branches) will be opened at

THE POST-OFFICE, MOUNT SOMERS,
as from the 16th February, 1913.

J. H. RICHARDSON,
Commissioner.

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 8th February, 1913.

IT is hereby notified that the undermentioned persons have been appointed to be the Deputies of the Registrars of Marriages and of Births and Deaths for the districts set respectively opposite their names, viz:—

Name.	District.
Edward Nathan Falck	Manuhurikia.
John Caird	Ohakune.
John Davies	Ohaeawai.
Robert Barbour McKay	Invercargill.

W. W. COOK,
Deputy Registrar-General.

Officiating Ministers for 1913.—Notice No. 5.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 11th February, 1913.

PURSUANT to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand passed in the eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward VII, and intitled the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Reverend ERIC DUDLEY RICE.
The Reverend THOMAS FISHER.

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Mr. ROBERT ASHTON,
The Reverend SAMUEL BUCHANAN,
The Reverend JAMES LEBURN PATULLO.

Lutheran Church.

The Reverend HAMUERA TE PUNGA.

Seventh-day Adventists.

Mr. CECIL KENNETH MEYERS,
Mr. WILLIAM HENRY PASCOE,
Mr. WALTER JOHN WESTERMAN.

W. W. COOK,
Deputy Registrar-General.

Conscience-money received.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 10th February, 1913.

THE Minister of Finance directs me to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of 8s. 5d., forwarded to the Railway Department as "conscience-money" to the New Zealand Government.

G. F. C. CAMPBELL,
Secretary to the Treasury.