

they were grown in New Zealand and that they have been inspected and show no signs of the following diseases:—

- Phytophthora infestans* : Potato blight.
- Synchytrium endobioticum* : Potato canker, black scab, warty disease, and cauliflower disease in potatoes.
- Lila solanella* : Potato moth.
- Oospora scabies* (*Thaxter*) : Potato scab.
- Anquillulidæ* : Gall or eel worm.

- (b.) That they are packed in clean new bags.
- (c.) That the bags, crates, or other packages are marked with the name of the country of origin.
- (d.) That upon inspection at the port of discharge in Australia the potatoes are found free from disease, and are so certified by a Plant Quarantine Officer.
- (e.) That no importation shall take place without the permission of the Minister given prior to the shipment of the potatoes from New Zealand.

Application for the Minister's authority should be made to the Chief Quarantine Officer for Plants, Department of Agriculture, of the State into which it is desired to import the potatoes.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Agriculture and of Industries
and Commerce.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of certain Shops in the Borough of Petone, under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the house, sign and decorative painters', paperhangers', and picture-framers' shops in the Borough of Petone, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 6 p.m.; Friday, at 9 p.m.; Saturday, at 1 p.m.; also the night before Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Labour Day, and the King's Birthday, when the closing-hour shall be 9 p.m.:

And whereas the Petone Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of all such shops in the Borough of Petone:

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 12th day of May, 1913, all such shops in the Borough of Petone shall be closed as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 6 p.m., and Friday at 9 p.m.; except that on the night (other than Sunday) before Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Labour Day, and the Sovereign's birthday, when the closing-hour shall be 9 p.m.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of May, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

Demonetization of Stamps.

Head Office, Stamp Department,
Wellington, 2nd May, 1913.

WHEREAS by section 10 of the Stamp Duties Act, 1908, it is provided that where the Minister determines to discontinue the use of any die and to provide a new die in lieu thereof, and gives public notice thereof in the *Gazette*, then, from and after a day to be fixed in the notice (not being within three months after the same is so published), the new die shall be the only lawful die for denoting the duty chargeable in any case in which the discontinued die would have been used; and every instrument bearing date after the day so named, and every postal packet posted after that day and stamped with the discontinued die, shall be deemed to be not duly stamped:

Now, therefore, I, Alexander Lawrence Herdman, the Minister of Stamp Duties, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, hereby give notice that the use of the dies from which the adhesive stamps used for denoting duties of postage and revenue have heretofore been printed, and referred to in the Schedule hereunder written, has been discontinued; and that on and after the 31st day of December, 1913, those dies will not be lawful dies for denoting the payment of any duty; and that the duties of postage and revenue for which those dies have hitherto been available may and shall, on and after that day, be expressed and denoted only by the dies provided in lieu thereof, which are now in general use for denoting the said duties by adhesive stamps.

Any person who has in his possession any stamps or materia stamped with the discontinued die, and which by reason of the providing of such new die have been rendered useless, may, at any time within twelve months after the day stated in the notice, send the same to any post-office for cancellation, and stamps or stamped material stamped with the new die, to an equal value, will be exchanged for the stamps so cancelled.

SCHEDULE.

Duty.	Description of Die discontinued.
(1.) One halfpenny to two shillings inclusive, and five shillings	All postage and revenue stamps bearing a portrait of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.
(2.) One penny and twopence	All envelopes embossed with postage duty of 1d. and 2d. and bearing Her late Majesty's portrait.
(3.) Threepence	All registered-letter envelopes, excepting the small size, imprinted with registration duty of 3d. and bearing Her late Majesty's portrait.
(4.) Post-cards, letter-cards, and newspaper-wrappers	All post-cards, letter-cards, and newspaper-wrappers bearing Her late Majesty's portrait.
(5.) Exhibition stamps, one halfpenny, one penny, threepence, and sixpence	All stamps of the Christchurch Exhibition commemorative series.
(6.) Postage-due stamps, one halfpenny, one penny, and twopence	All the first issue of postage-due stamps, ½d., 1d., and 2d., having only the denomination printed in red.
(7.) Law Court fee stamps ..	All Law Court fee stamps of whatever denomination bearing the words "Law Courts, New Zealand."
(8.) Land and Deeds fee stamps	All Land and Deeds fee stamps of whatever denomination bearing the words "Land and Deeds Stamp, New Zealand."

A. L. HERDMAN,
Minister of Stamp Duties.

Tenders.

Mines Department,
Wellington, 5th May, 1913.

THE following list of successful and unsuccessful tenders is published for general information.

W. FRASER,
Minister of Mines.

CARTAGE OF STATE COAL IN WELLINGTON FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Accepted.	Declined.
D. Andrews	Schedule charges.
Munt, Cottrell, and Co. (Limited) ..	Schedule charges.

Tenders.

Public Works Department,
Wellington, 7th May, 1913.

THE following list of successful and unsuccessful tenders is published for general information.

W. FRASER,
Minister of Public Works.

ERECTION OF MANGAKAHIA RIVER ROAD BRIDGE.

Accepted.	Declined.
Webster, W. A., Rawene	£ s. d. 1,651 0 0
Brookes Bros., Mount Albert	1,917 5 0
McLeod, R. A., Auckland	2,157 13 9
Fraser, G. M., Huntly	2,436 0 0