

First Meeting of the Timaru Fire Board.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 2nd July, 1913.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, I, Francis Henry Dillon Bell, Minister of Internal Affairs, hereby appoint the office of the Chamber of Commerce, Stafford Street, Timaru, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1913, to be the place and date for holding the first meeting of the Timaru Fire Board.

H. D. BELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs

Letters of Naturalization issued.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 2nd July, 1913.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalization, under the Aliens Act, 1908, in favour of the undermentioned persons:—

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Babich Lovre ..	Gum-digger ..	Awanui.
Moller Jens Arnold ..	Carpenter ..	Wellington.
Nielsen, HansValdemar ..	Engineer ..	Paeroa.
Peterson, Otto ..	" ..	Kilbirnie.

H. D. BELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Letters of Naturalization issued.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 7th July, 1913.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalization, under the Aliens Act, 1908, in favour of the undermentioned persons:—

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
Assad, Noon ..	Cook ..	Martinborough.
Boisen, John Christian ..	Labourer ..	Maungaturoto.
Danielsen, Arnd ..	Farm hand ..	Awariki.
Lettman, Paul Anton ..	Cabinetmaker ..	Auckland.
Suvaljko, Mate ..	Labourer ..	Lower Rukaka.

H. D. BELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Plant declared to be a Noxious Weed by the Gonville Town Board.—Notice No. 1712.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 5th July, 1913.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Gonville Town Board has by special order declared gorse to be a noxious weed within the meaning of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, in the district under its jurisdiction.

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

Varied Notice fixing Closing-hours of Retail and General Storekeepers' Shops in the Borough of Riccarton under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the retail and general storekeepers' shops in the Borough of Riccarton, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: At 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; at 10 p.m. on Friday; at 1 p.m. on Saturday (except in any week when Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, and any day which pursuant to Proclamation by the Governor, or declaration by the Government, or at the request of the Mayor of the Riccarton Borough Council is generally observed as a public holiday or half-holiday, shall fall in such week, when the closing-time on Saturday shall be 8 p.m.):

And whereas the Riccarton Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all retail and general storekeepers' shops within the Borough of Riccarton:

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 14th day of July, 1913, all such shops in the Borough of Riccarton shall be closed in accordance with such requisition.

The statutory half-holiday is on Saturdays from 1 p.m.

The notice gazetted on 8th October, 1908, fixing the closing-hours of all general storekeepers' shops is hereby varied accordingly.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of July, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

Varied Notice fixing Closing-hours of Hairdressers', Tobacconists', and Hairdressers and Tobacconists' Shops in the City of Christchurch under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the hairdressers', tobacconists', and hairdressers and tobacconists' shops in the City of Christchurch, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the city shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, at 8 p.m.; on Thursdays, at 1 p.m.; and on Saturdays, at 10.30 p.m.; with the following exceptions—that during the Christchurch Carnival and Show Week, in November, the hours shall be 9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; 10.30 p.m. on Saturday; 1 p.m. on the day observed as the half-holiday; and 10 p.m. on the other working-day. In the event of any hairdresser or tobacconist electing to observe Saturday as the half-holiday, he shall be entitled to keep his shop open on the Thursday till 8 p.m., and on the Friday till 10.30 p.m.; Christmas Eve, at 12 midnight; New Year's Eve, at 12 midnight; and 9 p.m. on any night previous to a full holiday awarded by the Arbitration Court:

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

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 14th day of July, 1913, all such shops in the City of Christchurch shall be closed in accordance with such requisition, except on Christmas and New Year's Eves.

The provisions *re* closing on the half-holiday (Saturday is the statutory closing-day) are subject to the requisite notice being given to the Inspector, as provided for by section 18 (b).

The notice gazetted on 30th day of June, 1910, fixing the closing-hours of all hairdressers' and tobacconists' shops is hereby varied accordingly.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of July, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

Tenders.

Public Works Department,
Wellington, 3rd July, 1913.

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

W. FRASER,
Minister of Public Works.

TARAMAKAU ROAD BRIDGES RESTORATION.

	Accepted.	£	s.	d.
Bignell, H., Greymouth	2,886	8	6
<i>Declined.</i>				
Sykes and Shaw, Wellington	3,955	0	0
Jones, W.	5,349	16	0

Tenders.

Public Works Department,
Wellington, 8th July, 1913.

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

W. FRASER,
Minister of Public Works.

ERECTION OF COURTHOUSE AT MARTINBOROUGH.

	Accepted.	£	s.	d.
Humphries, H., Greytown	764	9	0
<i>Declined.</i>				
Wallis, A. R., Carterton	910	0	0
Wakelin, G. L., Wellington	975	0	0