

(1) booksellers and stationers and (2) fancy-goods dealers, both separately and combined, within the borough:

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 15th day of December, 1913, all shops in each of the trades as enumerated above in the Borough of Timaru shall be closed in accordance with such requisition.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of December, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Labour.

*Subsidies to Public Libraries.*

Education Department,  
Wellington, 18th November, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £4,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries.

The distribution will take place on the 9th February, 1914, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in due form and received by the Secretary for Education, Wellington, on or before the 26th January, 1914.

1. A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough it must be open to the public free of charge. The receipts for the year from subscriptions and donations must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.

2. In the division of the vote a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £75—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £100.

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value; that is on books of more than merely passing interest.

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913; and such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under Part I of the Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act, 1908, or the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; and from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence; that the library is public in the sense of belonging to the public, and is not under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year herein specified; that the whole of the subsidy received during the year was expended in the purchase of books for the library; [and that by the rules of the library it is open to the public free of charge].

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

[Signature.]

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, before me— \_\_\_\_\_, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 2s. 6d.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to last year's subsidy and to free admission may be struck out if they are not applicable. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

6. Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Education.

*By-law No. 72, New Zealand Government Railways.—By-law forbidding the Throwing of Missiles, &c., on the Railways.*

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers conferred by the Government Railways Act, 1908, and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I, William Herbert Herries, Minister of Railways, do hereby make the by-law set forth in the Schedule hereto forbidding the throwing of missiles, rubbish, &c., on the railway or any part thereof; and I do hereby declare that such by-law shall come into force from the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

BY-LAW.

72. (a.) No person shall throw or cause to be thrown at or from any carriage or other vehicle upon any railway or on to any railway or any part thereof any glass, stone, or other missile, or any filth, dirt, rubbish, or any matter of a similar nature.

(b.) Any person who shall commit a breach of the foregoing by-law, or shall do any act which by such by-law is directed not to be done by him, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10 for each such breach or the doing of each such act as aforesaid respectively; but if any such person is employed on or about the railway, and the by-law relates to his conduct, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £1 for each breach or act respectively.

Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1913.

W. H. HERRIES,  
Minister of Railways.

*Permit to import Opium.*

Department of Trade and Customs,  
Wellington, 6th December, 1913.

IT is hereby notified for public information that a permit to import opium in forms which though not suitable for smoking may be made suitable has been granted to the undermentioned firm, subject to the provisions of the Opium Act, 1908, the Opium Amendment Act, 1910, and the regulations made thereunder:—

Name.	District.
Doctors Andrew, Lucas, Bett, and Johnston ..	Nelson.

F. M. B. FISHER,  
Minister of Customs

*Fixing Sittings of the Supreme Court in the Northern Judicial District.*

WE, the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the Judicature Act, 1908, hereby make the following rules respecting the places and times for holding sittings of the Supreme Court and sittings in Chambers, in the Northern Judicial District, for the year 1914:—

Sittings for the trial of civil actions will be held at the Supreme Court House, AUCKLAND, to commence on the following days, at 11 a.m.:—

- Monday, 2nd February.
- Monday, 11th May.
- Monday, 10th August.
- Monday, 9th November.