

"Fodder" means hay or other substance commonly used for food of horses, asses, or mules:

"Litter" means straw or other substance commonly used for bedding or otherwise for or about horses, asses, or mules:

"The Act of 1894" means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894:

"Master" includes a person having the charge or command of a vessel:

Other terms have the same meaning as in the Act of 1894.

*Commencement.*

25. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

*Plant declared to be a Noxious Weed by the Point Chevalier Road Board.—Notice No. 1726.*

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,  
Wellington, 17th December, 1913.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Point Chevalier Road Board has, by special order, declared gorse to be noxious weeds 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 No. 2 fixing Closing-hours of Chemists' Shops in the City of Auckland under the Shops and Offices Act.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops in the City of Auckland, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the city shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: At 9 p.m. during Christmas week—i.e., from 14th December to 31st December, 1913:

And whereas the Auckland City Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the chemists in business in the City of Auckland:

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 18th day of December, 1913, all chemists' shops in the City of Auckland shall be closed in accordance with such requisition.

The notice gazetted on the 1st day of February, 1906, fixing the closing-hours of all such shops, is hereby varied accordingly.

Note.—The statutory half-holiday is on Saturday.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of December, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Labour.

*Varied Notice fixing Closing-hours of Chemists' Shops in the City of Wellington under the Shops and Offices Act.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops in the City of Wellington, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the city shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: In the case of shops observing Wednesday as the weekly half-holiday, at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and at 9.30 p.m. on Saturdays; and in the case of shops observing Saturday as the weekly half-holiday, at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; excepting that on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve the hour of closing shall be 11 p.m., and that on the last six days immediately preceding Christmas Eve the shops ordinarily closing at 8 p.m. shall close at 9 p.m.:

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

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 18th day of December, 1913, all chemists' shops in the City of Wellington shall be closed in accordance with such requisition.

The notice gazetted on the 23rd day of November, 1905, fixing the closing-hours of chemists' and druggists' shops is hereby varied accordingly.

Note.—The statutory half-holiday is on Wednesday.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of December, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Labour.

*Varied Notice fixing Closing-hours of Cycle and Motor-dealers' Shops in the Borough of Mount Eden under the Shops and Offices Act.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the cycle and motor-dealers' shops in the Borough of Mount Eden, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10.30 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 p.m.:

And whereas the Mount Eden Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the cycle and motor-dealers' shops 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 22nd day of December, 1913, all cycle and motor-dealers' shops in the Borough of Mount Eden shall be closed in accordance with such requisition.

The notice gazetted on the 11th day of January, 1912, fixing the closing-hours of retail bicycle dealers' and repairers' shops is hereby varied accordingly.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of December, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Labour.

*Certificate and Declaration of Execution of Criminal.*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 16th December, 1913.

THE following certificate and declaration are published in conformity with the provisions of the Crimes Act, 1908.

A. L. HERDMAN,  
Minister of Justice.

*CERTIFICATE.*

I, JOHN ALEXANDER NEWELL, the Medical Officer in attendance at the execution of Alfred Mortram Biddle at the Prison of Lyttelton, do hereby certify and declare that I have this day witnessed the execution of the said Alfred Mortram Biddle at the said prison, and I do further certify and declare that the said Alfred Mortram Biddle was, in pursuance of the sentence of the Supreme Court, hanged by the neck until his body was dead.

Given under my hand this 13th day of December, 1913, at the Prison of Lyttelton.

J. A. NEWELL.

*DECLARATION.*

We do hereby testify and declare that we have this day been present when the extreme penalty of the law was carried into execution on the body of Alfred Mortram Biddle, convicted at the criminal sittings of the Supreme Court held at Christchurch on the 17th day of November last, and sentenced to death; and that the said Alfred Mortram Biddle was, in pursuance of the said sentence, hanged by the neck until his body was dead.

Dated this 13th day of December, in the year 1913, at the Prison of Lyttelton.

W. A. HAWKINS,  
Sheriff.

T. R. POINTON,  
Gaoler.

D. KEARNEY,  
Chief Warder.

J. A. H. MARCIEL, J.P.  
ANDREW BURNS.

SYDNEY WATERS.

FRANK RULE,  
Presbyterian Minister.

*Defining Extended-river Limits for Otago Harbour for Pilot vessels.*

IN pursuance and exercise of the authority vested in me by section 189 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, I, Francis Marion Bates Fisher, Minister of Marine, do hereby define the Otago Harbour limits within which restricted-limit pilot steamships and ships propelled by gas, oil, fluid, electricity, or any mechanical power other