

*Temporary Rank granted Staff Officer while employed with New Zealand Expeditionary Force.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 25th November, 1914.  
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that the temporary rank of Major be granted to  
Captain ATHELSTANE MOORE, D.S.O.,  
while employed with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. 1914 (Europe).

H. D. BELL,  
For Minister of Defence.

*Acceptance of Services of a Defence Rifle Club.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 27th November, 1914.  
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept, under section 43 (1) and (2) of the Defence Act, 1909, the services of the

*Matamata Defence Rifle Club,*

with headquarters at Matamata, Auckland Military District. Date of acceptance, 27th November, 1914.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

*Acceptance of Services of a Defence Rifle Club.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 27th November, 1914.  
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept, under section 43 (1) and (2) of the Defence Act, 1909, the services of the

*Mount Nessing Defence Rifle Club,*

with headquarters at Mount Nessing, Canterbury Military District. Date of acceptance, 27th November, 1914.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

*Award of the Long-service and Good-conduct Medal.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 25th November, 1914.  
HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve, in accordance with paragraph 14, Appendix IX, of the Regulations for the New Zealand Military Forces, 1913, of the award of a Long-service and Good-conduct Medal to

Regimental Sergeant-major (Warrant Officer) WILLIAM ORTON BRADLEY, Royal New Zealand Artillery.

H. D. BELL,  
For Minister of Defence.

*Applications for Licenses to use the Totalizator.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 22nd October, 1914.  
IT is hereby notified for general information that the Gaming Amendment Act, 1914 (known as Mr. Hunter's Act), having received His Excellency's assent, there are now available for issue to clubs that do not already hold a license to use the totalizator, thirty-one licenses to be distributed as follows: Fifteen to racing clubs, eight to hunt clubs, and eight to trotting clubs.

A license is available for one day only in each racing year. The Minister of Internal Affairs invites written applications from those clubs not holding totalizator licenses, and every application must be accompanied by—

1. Statement giving date of first formation of club, whether registered or not, and date of last meeting held.
2. A list of the present members of the club, and a copy of the club's latest balance-sheet.
3. Particulars of racecourse, circumference in furlongs, tenure thereof, and accommodation thereon, and also whether course is fenced or not on the inside of the course.
4. Distance from nearest places at which race meetings are held by—

- (a.) Clubs using the totalizator;
- (b.) Clubs not using the totalizator.

5. Any particulars which club considers give it a special claim for consideration.

Applications are to be addressed to the Under-Secretary, Internal Affairs Department, and must reach him on or before the 10th December next.

H. D. BELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Notice fixing Closing-hours of Grocers' Shops in the Heathcote County, under the Shops and Offices Act.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the grocers' shops in the Heathcote County, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the county shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On four days of the week, 8 p.m.; on one day of the week, 9.30 p.m.; and on one day of the week, 1 p.m.:

And whereas the Heathcote County Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the grocers' shops within the county:

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 7th day of December, 1914, all the grocers' shops in the Heathcote County shall be closed on four days of the week at 8 p.m., and on one day of the week at 9.30 p.m., which shall be Saturday in the case of those observing Thursday as the statutory half-holiday, and Friday in the case of those observing Saturday as the statutory half-holiday.

NOTE.—The statutory half-holiday is on Thursday from 1 p.m.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of December, 1914.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Labour.

*Notice that Land is required for the Purposes of Settlement.*

To the Hon. E. C. J. Stevens, M.L.C., Christchurch; and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour (by his agent, Hon. E. C. J. Stevens, M.L.C., Christchurch).

IN pursuance of the provisions of section 64 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, I, William Ferguson Massey, the Minister of Lands for the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby give you notice that the land owned by you as tenants in common in equal shares, known as the Balfour Estate, situated in Blocks XI and XII, Mangahao Survey District, Pahiatua County, and containing 3,354 acres, more or less, is required for the purposes of settlement.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of November, 1914.

W. F. MASSEY,  
Minister of Lands.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 2nd December, 1914.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Council of the County of Rotorua, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Finance.

ROTORUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

In the matter of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913; and in the matter of the proposal to raise a special loan of £2,000 for the hard metalling of certain roads in the Mamaku Special-rating Area.

PURSUANT to section 13 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that at a poll of the ratepayers of the Mamaku Special-rating Area of the Rotorua County taken on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1914, on the above proposal, the number of votes recorded for the proposal was 12; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 35; the number of informal votes, 1.

I therefore declare that the proposal was rejected.  
Dated this 19th day of November, 1914.

HORACE S. W. KING,  
Chairman of the County.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 27th November, 1914.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Council of the County of Wanganui, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Finance.