

*Declaration of Result of Poll for the Northern Maori Electoral District.*

I, HEDLEY RUSSELL HULME, Returning Officer for the Northern Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 11th day of December, 1914, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Tau Henare .. .. .	885
Hemi te Paa .. .. .	709
Riapo Timoti Puhipi .. .. .	696
Nau Paraone Kawiti .. .. .	662
Neho Hemi Papakakura .. .. .	382
Heremia te Wake .. .. .	218
Paraone Hoori .. .. .	187
Anaru Ngawaka .. .. .	183

Total number of votes polled .. 3,922

I therefore declare the said TAU HENARE to be elected.  
Dated at Maraeroa this 22nd day of December, 1914.

HEDLEY RUSSELL HULME,  
Returning Officer.

*Declaration of Result of Poll for the Eastern Maori Electoral District.*

I, HAROLD CARR, Returning Officer for the Eastern Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 11th day of December, 1914, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Apirana Turupa Ngata .. .. .	4,934
Hetekia te Kani Pere .. .. .	2,109
Votes disallowed .. .. .	71

Total number of votes polled .. 7,114

I therefore declare the said APIRANA TURUPA NGATA to be elected.  
Dated at Gisborne this 30th day of December, 1914.

H. CARR,  
Returning Officer.

*Declaration of Result of Poll for the Western Maori Electoral District.*

I, JOHN EGERTON WARD, Returning Officer for the Western Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 11th day of December, 1914, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Maui Pomare .. .. .	3,416
Hema Ropata te Ao .. .. .	1,309
Pepene Eketone .. .. .	1,074
Tu Whakaririka Patena .. .. .	125
Rangi Mawhete .. .. .	703
Hori Tiro Paora .. .. .	166

Total number of votes polled .. 6,793

I therefore declare the said MAUI POMARE to be elected.  
Dated at Taumarunui this 18th day of December, 1914.

J. EGERTON WARD,  
Returning Officer.

*Declaration of Result of Poll for the Southern Maori Electoral District.*

I, HELYAR WEDDERBURN BISHOP, Returning Officer for the Southern Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 11th day of December, 1914, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Teone Matapura Erihana .. .. .	196
Taare Parata .. .. .	434
Hapareta Rore .. .. .	162

Total number of votes polled .. 792

I therefore declare the said TAARE PARATA to be elected.  
Dated at Christchurch this 21st day of December, 1914.

H. W. BISHOP,  
Returning Officer.

*Notice to Mariners No. 104 of 1914.*

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS AND MATES FOREIGN-GOING EXAMINATIONS.—BLACKBURNE'S ABC AZIMUTH TABLES.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 26th November, 1914.

IN response to occasional complaints from candidates at different periods of time during the last ten years about the refusal of the New Zealand Marine Department to allow the use of their Azimuth Tables in the Time Azimuth problem in the examination of foreign-going candidates for masters and mates, the London Board of Trade in reply to last correspondence on the subject state that they do not wish to raise any further objection to the use of these tables in the examinations held in New Zealand. Candidates in New Zealand will therefore be allowed to use these tables, should they desire to do so in future, in the Foreign-going as well as the Home-trade Examinations.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

*Notice to Mariners No. 110 of 1914.*

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 16th December, 1914.

THE following Notices to Mariners, received from the Hydrographic Office, London, the Hydrographic Office, Washington, D.C., the Department of Navigation, Sydney, the Marine Board, Melbourne, the Marine Department, Queensland, the Marine Board, Adelaide, and the Marine Board, Brisbane, are published for general information.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

CHINA, EAST COAST.—YANG-TSE-KIANG APPROACH.

AMHERST ROCKS.—OBSTRUCTION REPORTED NORTH-WESTWARD OF.—*Position*: At a distance of about 2 miles north-westward from Amherst Rocks. Lat. 31° 11' 10" N., long. 122° 20' 40" E., on Chart No. 1602. *Details*: The s.s. "Taian Maru" is reported to have struck a submerged obstruction, possibly a wreck, with a depth of about 6 ft. over it. *Note*: A depth of 1 fathom, surrounded by a danger line, has been placed on the charts in the position given above and marked "Obstruction (1914)." *Charts affected*: No. 1602, Approaches to the Yang-tse-kiang; No. 1199, Kue Shan Islands to the Yang-tse-kiang; No. 2412, Amoy to Nagasaki.

CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA.—BEAVER HARBOUR.

BEAVER POINT.—ALTERATION IN CHARACTERISTICS OF LIGHT.—*Position*: Lat. 44° 52½' N., long. 62° 23¼' W. *Details*: The fixed red light has been replaced by a light having the undermentioned characteristics: Character—a fixed white light. Elevation—49 ft. Visibility—12 miles. Order—5th. Structure—red octagonal lantern on white square dwelling, 38 ft. in height.

NORTH SEA.

CAUTION WITH REGARD TO MINED AREAS.—In confirmation of the public notice which has already been issued to the Press, the following information is now promulgated:—

*Caution*.—H.M. Government have authorized a mine-laying policy in certain areas, and a system of mine-fields has been established and is being developed upon a considerable scale. It is dangerous henceforth for ships to cross the area between the parallels of 51° 15' and 51° 40' north latitude and the meridians of 1° 35' and 3° east longitude. The southern limit of the area in the North Sea in which mines have been laid by the enemy is, so far as is known at present, the fifty-second parallel of north latitude.

*Remarks*.—Although these limits are assigned to the danger areas, it must not be supposed that navigation is necessarily safe in any part of the southern waters of the North Sea.

UNITED KINGDOM.

CAUTION WITH REGARD TO EXTINCTION OF LIGHTS AND DISCONTINUANCE OR REMOVAL OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—*Former Notice*: No. 1493 of 1914; hereby cancelled. *Caution*: Mariners are hereby warned that it may be necessary to extinguish certain lights and to discontinue or remove any aids to navigation on the coasts of the United Kingdom without further notice.