

Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.—Prescribing the Manner in which the Account under the Census and Statistics Act, 1910, shall be taken.—Notice No. 1794.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 1st September, 1915.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Census and Statistics Act, 1910, I, William Donald Stuart MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture, hereby direct that the account referred to in section 28 of the said Act shall be taken in respect of the following subjects:—

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| Extent of land in wheat. | |
| „ | barley. |
| „ | oats. |
| „ | maize. |
| „ | peas. |
| „ | sown grasses. |
| „ | turnips and rape. |
| „ | mangold. |
| „ | potatoes. |

And, in further exercise of the said powers and authorities, I do hereby prescribe and direct that the collection of returns in connection with the said account shall be carried out through the post or by Sub-Enumerators in accordance with the instructions contained on the forms issued for the purposes of the collection, and that the forms (duly filled up) shall be delivered to the person designated thereon not later than ten days after the date fixed by Order in Council for the taking of the said account.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,
Minister of Agriculture.

Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.—Appointing Enumerators under the Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Notice No. 1796.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 1st September, 1915.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Census and Statistics Act, 1910, I, William Donald Stuart MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture, do hereby divide New Zealand for the purposes of the account referred to in section 28 of the said Act into the districts specified below, and do hereby appoint the officers of the Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce whose names appear below the said districts to be the Enumerators for the said districts.

Auckland District, comprising the counties of Mangonui, Whangaroa, Bay of Islands, Hokianga, Whangarei, Otamatea, Hobson, Rodney, Great Barrier Island, Waitemata, Eden, Manukau, Franklin, Coromandel, Thames, Ohinemuri, Waikato, Raglan, Waipa, Piako, Matamata, West Taupo, Kawhia, Awakino, Waitomo, Ohura, Rotorua, East Taupo, Tauranga, Whakatane, and Opotiki:
SPICER, JOHN EDWARD DIGGLE.

Hawke's Bay District, comprising the counties of Waiapu, Cook, Waikohu, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Patangata, Weber, Dannevirke, Woodville, and Pahiatua:
KEENAN, RICHARD ALPHONSUS.

Wanganui District, comprising the counties of Clifton, Taranaki, Egmont, Stratford, Whangamomona, Eltham, Hawera, Waimate West, Patea, Waitotara, Waimarino, Kaitieke, Wanganui, Rangitikei, Oroua, Kairanga, Kiwitea, Pohangina, and Manawatu:
PHILPOTT, ARTHUR COLIN.

Wellington District, comprising the counties of Horowhenua, Hutt, Makara, Featherston, South Wairarapa, Masterton, Castlepoint, Akitio, Eketahuna, Mauriceville, Waimea, Takaka, Collingwood, Sounds, Marlborough, Awatere, Kaikoura:
WYNYARD, WILLIAM THOMAS.

Canterbury District, comprising the counties of Buller, Inangahua, Murchison, Grey, Westland, Amuri, Cheviot, Waipara, Ashley, Kowai, Oxford, Rangiora, Eyre, Tawera, Malvern, Paparua, Waimairi, Heathcote, Akaroa, Wairewa, Mount Herbert, Halswell, Springs, Ellesmere, Selwyn, Ashburton, Geraldine, Levels, Mackenzie, Waimate:
ANDREWS, JAMES.

Otago District, comprising the counties of Waitaki, Maniototo, Vincent, Waihemo, Waikouaiti, Peninsula, Taieri, Bruce, Clutha, Tuapeka:
ROWDEN, ARTHUR EDWARD.

Southland District, comprising the counties of Southland, Lake, and Wallace:
MILLER, WALTER MCNAIR.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,
Minister of Agriculture.

New Zealand School of Mines.—Further Amended Scholarship Regulations.

Mines Department,

Wellington, New Zealand, 4th September, 1915.

1. SIX Scholarships are offered annually for competition by Students attending Schools of Mines within the Dominion—one for Otago, two for the West Coast of the Middle Island, and three for the North Island. Of these, four will be for Students in gold-mining subjects, and two for coal-mining subjects.

2. The Scholarships will be granted to those candidates who comply with the conditions and obtain the highest percentage of marks, which must not be less than specified in Reg. 9.

3. Holders of Scholarships are to attend at the University of Otago, and no class fees will be charged on subjects pertaining to the session of the School of Mines.

4. The Scholarships will be of the annual value of £50 each to successful candidates who may reside three miles or more beyond the boundaries of the Borough of Dunedin or of the borough in which the affiliated institution is situated, and of £30 to successful candidates who reside within the boundaries of any such borough, or within three miles thereof.

5. The Scholarships will be tenable for three years, or for such other period less than three years as may at the discretion of the Minister appear to be necessary.

6. The Scholarships will be open to all Students as aforesaid who are not less than eighteen years of age on the day appointed for receiving applications, and who shall have attended regularly at any School of Mines within the Dominion for not less than two years at least 80 per cent. of the lectures in each subject of the examination course.

7. The examinations will be held in the month of December in each year, on days which will be duly announced.

8. The examination will be conducted in writing, and embrace six of the following subjects:—

- Theoretical Chemistry.
- Practical Chemistry.
- Metallurgy of Gold and Silver; or Drainage, Haulage, and Winding; or Electricity.
- Mining "Coal" or "Metal."
- Ventilation.
- General and Mining Geology.
- Land and Mine Surveying.
- Mathematics.

The branches of subjects (c) and (d) shall be at the option of the candidates, who must state in their applications the branch of each subject they intend to take up.

9. No Scholarship shall be awarded to any candidate who does not obtain 60 per cent. of the marks in each of the six subjects.

10. The examination may be passed as a whole or in sections. In the latter case the first section must consist of not less than two subjects, and the whole examination must be concluded within three years from the date of the first application.

11. No payment on account of the Scholarship will be made until the whole examination is passed.

12. Applications from candidates, accompanied by a fee of 10s., must reach the Mines Department at Wellington not later than the 1st November in each year, accompanied by the certificate of the Director that the Student has attended the necessary number of lectures in each subject at the school for two years.

13. Candidates must present themselves for examination on the day fixed, as provided in Regulation No. 7.

14. The Minister of Mines retains to himself the right of cancelling any Scholarship should the holder attend irregularly or be reported for idleness or bad conduct.

15. Holders of Scholarships having to pay more than £5 for their return railway or steamer fare to Dunedin will be paid by the Mines Department any excess over the sum of £5, but such payment will only be paid once in each year.

16. These regulations supersede the further amended regulations published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 68, of the 4th September, 1913.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,
Minister of Mines.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,

Wellington, 7th September, 1915.

THE Star of Oponake Lodge No. 31, situated at Oponake, is registered as a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 3rd day of September, 1915.

ROBT. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.