

Exportation and Importation of Unset Diamonds.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 8th December, 1915.

IT is notified for general information that the Minister of Customs has granted general permission to export or import unset diamonds from or into New Zealand (such exportation or importation without the consent of the Minister of Customs being prohibited by Order in Council dated the 22nd day of November, 1915—see *New Zealand Gazette* of same date) subject to the following conditions:—

1. Unset diamonds shall not be imported or exported otherwise than through the registered post.
2. Unset diamonds shall not, unless with the special consent of the Minister, be imported from or exported to any other countries than the United Kingdom or the Commonwealth of Australia.
3. No unset diamonds shall be exported from New Zealand unless application in writing is made to the Collector at least three days prior to the intended date of delivery of the parcel containing such diamonds at the post-office.

W. B. MONTGOMERY,
Comptroller of Customs.

Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 3rd December, 1915.

THE Court Enterprise, No. 3990, Ancient Order of Foresters, situated at Dunedin, is registered as a friendly society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 1st day of December, 1915.

ROBT. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Notice to make Returns of Income derived from Land under the Land and Income Assessment Act, 1908.

Land and Income Tax Department,
Wellington, 30th November, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the time for making returns of income derived from land is extended from the 4th December to the 18th December, 1915.

D. G. CLARK,
Commissioner of Taxes.

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 7th December, 1915.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Minister of Customs has decided to interpret the Customs Duties Act in relation to the undermentioned articles as follows:—

NOTE.—“Not otherwise enumerated” appears as n.o.e.; “other kinds” as o.k.; “articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Dominion” as a. & m.s. Articles marked thus † are revised decisions.

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	Rate of Duty.	
			General Tariff.	Preferential Surtax on Foreign Goods.
5/55	A. & m.s., viz.:— Cork bodies for making uniform helmets	As a. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
6/61	Sunday-school exercise-books, having printed questions with spaces for the answers	As manufactured stationery (153)	25 per cent	12½ per cent.
3/97/2	Wire grips, “Buffalo,” for use in tightening wires	As manufactured articles of metal n.o.e. (183)	20 per cent.	10 per cent.

NOTE.—The following decision is cancelled: “Pinions for electric motor, imported separately, as manufactured articles of metal n.o.e.” (see page 267, 1914 edition).

Minister's Order D. 14.] W. B. MONTGOMERY,
Comptroller of Customs.

The Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

Wellington, 7th December, 1915.

IN past years returns of areas under the principal crops have been collected for the whole Dominion as for 20th October. This year, however, owing to representations made by the Southland Provincial Conference of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, an alteration of dates has been made, and the returns have been collected for the following dates in the districts shown: North Island, 20th October; Marlborough, Nelson, and Canterbury, 10th November; Otago and Southland, 30th November. The preliminary figures for the North Island are here published, together with the corresponding totals for 1914. The South Island figures will be gazetted as soon as they are available.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

GRAIN, ROOT, AND OTHER CROPS SOWN OR INTENDED TO BE SOWN THIS SEASON, 1915-16.—SUMMARY OF PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS IN NORTH ISLAND.—RETURNS COLLECTED FOR 20TH OCTOBER, 1915.

District.	For Threshing only.					Intended to be cut for Seed.						Sown or intended to be sown this Season.			
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	Rye-grass.	Cocks-foot.	Red Clover.	White Clover.	Other Clover.	Chewings Fescue.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Mangolds.	Rape.
Auckland	2,776	13,389	1,969	5,817	351	6,710	4,841	324	286	490	123	5,081	94,925	1,899	19,441
Taranaki	1,226	3,286	679	34	51	197	255	671	28,481	1,520	5,666
Hawke's Bay	1,428	6,924	2,541	628	62	5,930	496	5	63	3	..	456	17,542	418	19,928
Wellington	10,938	17,710	1,546	65	430	3,010	1,283	184	39	10	..	2,155	35,435	1,093	28,199
Preliminary Totals 1915-16	16,368	41,309	6,735	6,544	894	15,847	6,875	513	388	503	123	8,363	176,383	4,430	73,234
1914-15	9,992	28,827	4,136	5,388	807	11,667	5,440	463	193	188	1,423	6,726	152,232	4,399	68,687