

Notice to Mariners No. 101 of 1915.

THE NEW ZEALAND NAUTICAL ALMANAC AND TIDE-TABLES FOR 1916, AND SUPPLEMENT TO THE NEW ZEALAND PILOT, EIGHTH EDITION, 1908.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 1st December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Marine Department has now published the New Zealand Nautical Almanac and Tide-tables for 1916, with supplementary information to date relating to the New Zealand Pilot, eighth edition, 1908.

The work contains about 530 pages, and over thirty folded maps and plans of harbours, wharves, &c., with latest alterations, and much information relating to the principal ports and harbours of New Zealand and of value to mariners.

Courses and distances between all the principal ports in New Zealand, also between New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, South Africa, San Francisco, Vancouver, Valparaiso, Panama, New York, and to England, via Cape Horn, and Panama, with the return via Capetown, are given in the work.

Some very valuable nautical tables and examples of problems worked by their aid are published in the Almanac, which it is hoped will greatly encourage masters and officers generally to make a practice of determining the ship's position from two stars at twilight, as these tables make the problems very easy, and also enable the observer to make sure that he is taking the right star by the easy calculation of the approximate altitude, and the bearing of the stars is given at sight.

The Almanac now finds its way not only to England and Australia, but has been sent for from North America and Jamaica. Mr. G. H. Halligan, Inspecting Engineer and Hydrographer in New South Wales, wrote of a previous year's edition, "This most valuable publication is now almost indispensable in Australia, and I find it of the utmost value in my hydrographic investigations."

The publication may be obtained at the Government Shipping Offices at Wellington, Auckland, Lyttelton, and Dunedin, at the Customhouses at other ports, and from the booksellers who stock it. Price 3s.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Applications invited for the Position of Ranger, Public Trust Department, Hawera.

Office of Public Service Commissioner,
Wellington, 1st December, 1915.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned up till noon on the 24th December, 1915, for the position of Ranger, Public Trust Department, Hawera.

2. Applications (to be made on P.S.C. Form 17A, obtainable at principal post-offices) must be addressed to the Secretary to the Public Service Commissioner, Wellington, and must embrace a statement of education and experience, particulars of age, &c.

3. Applicants must not be more than forty-five years of age, and must have had farming experience and a knowledge of—

- (a.) The business and methods of agriculture.
- (b.) The market prices of the main staple items of agricultural produce.
- (c.) The raising, feeding, and value of live-stock.
- (d.) Noxious weeds and the effect of their growth as upon the land.
- (e.) Farm draining, roading, fencing; and of the suitability and condition of farm buildings.
- (f.) The value of farming improvements generally.
- (g.) The value of country lands, and of the prospect of their increasing in value with improved management, or their liability to deteriorate from neglect or bad farming, or from other local drawbacks.

4. Applicants must be judges of—

- (a.) The carrying-capacity of land and its suitability for sheep-farming, dairying, or cropping;
 - (b.) The rental values of farm lands;
- and must have some aptitude for clerical work and correspondence.

Subject to such changes as the Public Trustee from time to time directs, the Ranger's district will comprise the following counties: Clifton, Taranaki, Egmont, Stratford, Whangamomona, Waimate West, Eltham, Hawera, Patea, Waitotara, Wangaeu, Rangitikei, Waimarino, and Kaitieke, with headquarters at Hawera.

The appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1912.

The position will be graded in the General Division. Salary, £300 per annum.

P. VERSCHAFFELT,
Secretary.

Applications invited for the Position of Launch Engineer, Marine Department, Wellington.

Office of Public Service Commissioner,
Wellington, 6th December, 1915.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned up till noon on the 22nd December, 1915, for the position of Launch Engineer, Marine Department, Wellington.

2. Applications (to be made on P.S.C. Form 17A, obtainable at principal post-offices) must be addressed to the Secretary to the Public Service Commissioner, Wellington, and must embrace a statement of education and experience, particulars of age, &c.

3. Applicants should hold a certificate either as engineer of a river steamer or as engineer of an oil-engine vessel plying within restricted limits, and should produce testimonials of good character, and a Fourth Standard certificate of education.

The appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1912.

The position will be graded in the General Division. Salary £156, maximum £175, per annum.

P. VERSCHAFFELT,
Secretary.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in Nelson Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 8th December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases and licenses of the undermentioned lands having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Nelson Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

Section 4, Block VI, Kongahu Survey District.

Tenure: R.L. Lease No. 135. Formerly held by Edward Jenkins.

Section 16, Block V, Kawatiri Survey District.

Tenure: R.L. Lease No. 223. Formerly held by Michael Lally.

Sections 5 and 9 of 10, Block I, Steeples Survey District.

Tenure: R.L. Lease No. 326. Formerly held by Jeremiah Duggan.

Section 5, Block I, Waitakere Survey District.

Tenure: P.L. Lease No. 115. Formerly held by Thomas Costello.

Section 20, Block X, Reefton Survey District.

Tenure: P.L. Lease No. 195. Formerly held by Jeremiah O'Donnell.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Education Reserves in Taranaki Land District for Lease by Public Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 6th December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for a lease of the undermentioned reserve will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 12th January, 1916, under the provisions of the Education Reserves Act, 1908, and amendments, and the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—EDUCATION RESERVE.—
SUBURBS OF PATEA.

SUBDIVISIONS 10 to 18 of Section 42: Area, 1 acre 0 roods 32 perches; minimum annual rent, £4; term, seven years. Comprises flat land in grass.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £2 2s. lease fee, must accompany each tender.
2. Possession will be given on the date of acceptance of tender.
3. Term of lease is seven years, with no right of renewal, under section 5 (c) of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.