

*Notice to make Returns of Land under the Land and Income Assessment Act, 1908, and its Amendments.*

Land and Income Tax Department,  
Wellington, 12th April, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the above Acts and the regulations made thereunder, every person and company being the owner of land in New Zealand, or being the holder or owner of any mortgage or mortgages of land in New Zealand, within the meaning of the said Acts, is hereby required to duly make and furnish to me, in the prescribed form, returns of such land and mortgages on or before the 1st day of May, 1915.

And, further, notice is hereby given that such returns shall in all cases be delivered at or forwarded to the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, in the Government Buildings at Wellington.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1915.

D. G. CLARK,  
Commissioner of Taxes.

*Conscience-money.*

The Treasury,  
Wellington, 12th April, 1915.

THE Minister of Finance directs me to acknowledge receipt of the sum of twenty pounds (£20) in notes, forwarded to the Paymaster-General, the Treasury, Wellington, by some person unknown, as conscience-money to the New Zealand Government.

G. F. C. CAMPBELL,  
Secretary to the Treasury.

*Applications invited for the Position of Inspector of Fisheries, &c., Marine Department, Russell.*

Office of Public Service Commissioner,  
Wellington, 24th March, 1915.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned up till noon on the 30th April, 1915, for the position of Inspector of Fisheries, Russell.

2. Applications 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 are required to possess the following special qualifications:—

- (1.) A good knowledge of the New Zealand market fishes, and the methods of catching and marketing.
- (2.) A knowledge of the laws and regulations governing the catching and marketing of fish.
- (3.) A special knowledge and experience of the best methods of conserving the oyster-beds.
- (4.) A special knowledge and experience in picking and marketing oysters.
- (5.) A practical experience in planting and improving oyster-beds.

4. In addition to holding the position of Inspector of Fisheries, the successful applicant would also be required to act as Harbormaster, the duties of which comprise a general supervision of shipping and of the harbour, and attending when necessary to the buoys in the Bay of Islands.

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

The position will be graded in the General Division. Salary, £180 (minimum), £200 (maximum), per annum.

P. VERSCHAFFELT,  
Secretary.

*Bank Statements.*

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1915.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. .. .	..	1,480,150	14	3
Bills in circulation .. .. .	..	57,699	6	11
Balances due to other Banks .. .. .	..	27,394	4	10
Government deposits .. .. .	..	3,256,709	12	9
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. .. .	..	7,415,520	14	3
Bearing interest .. .. .	..	5,479,888	5	8
Total average liabilities		£17,717,362	18	8

ASSETS.

Coined gold and silver and other coined metals .. .. .	£	2,908,788	14	5
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. .. .	..	188,169	13	6
Notes and bills of other Banks .. .. .	..	144,787	4	1
Balances due from other Banks .. .. .	..	7,834	13	7
Landed property .. .. .	..	146,859	15	4
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. .. .	..	940,929	19	0
2. Colonial Government securities .. .. .	..	718,681	0	0
3. Other funded securities .. .. .	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. .. .	..	9,243,083	18	4
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. .. .	..	507,763	13	3
Total average assets		£14,806,898	11	6

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st March, 1915:—

4-per-cent. guaranteed stock, £528,988.

“A” Preference shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1903, £500,000.

“B” Preference shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1913, £250,000.

Ordinary shares, £974,127.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on “A” preference shares, 10 per cent. per annum.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on ordinary shares (12 per cent. per annum, and bonus 3 per cent. per annum), 15 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on preference shares, £50,000.

Amount of the last dividend declared on ordinary shares, £75,000.

(On the Guaranteed Stock £10,608, interest for six months, was paid on 1st November, 1914.)

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £1,601,608.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of April, 1915.

W. CALLENDER, General Manager.  
A. MCLENNAN, Accountant.

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, within the Dominion of New Zealand, taken from the several weekly statements, during the Quarter from the 1st January to 31st March, 1915.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation .. .. .	..	206,905	14	8
Bills in circulation .. .. .	..	15,384	14	6
Balances due to other Banks .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Government deposits .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest .. .. .	..	1,666,715	11	4
Bearing interest .. .. .	..	676,897	10	11
Total average liabilities		£2,565,903	11	5

ASSETS.

Coined gold and silver and other coined metals .. .. .	£	778,533	0	1
Gold and silver in bullion or bars .. .. .	..	529	3	0
Notes and bills of other Banks .. .. .	..	37,426	9	1
Balances due from other Banks .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Landed property .. .. .	..	21,690	17	7
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted .. .. .	..	161,611	18	7
2. Colonial Government securities .. .. .	..	..	..	..
3. Other funded securities .. .. .	..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad) .. .. .	..	2,770,994	6	9
5. Securities not included under the above heads .. .. .	..	5,678	3	7
Total average assets		£3,776,463	18	8

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £2,000,000.

Rate of the last dividend and bonus declared to the shareholders, 14 per cent. dividend and bonus 12s. per share, equal to 17 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend and bonus declared, £170,000.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,824,500.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of April, 1915.

ROBT. B. SMITH, Inspector.  
R. SWANSTON, Accountant.