hitherto trading in Tonga Group. The terms of the charter will be that the period is not to exceed six months or until signature of Treaty of Pe.ce, and the charterer to provide crew, coal, provisions, inturances, and all expenses of running. The vessel is to be taken as she lies, and delivered after the conclusion of the charter at Fiji in good condition, fair wear and tear excepted. The vessel may be used only in the trade in which she is at present employed. She is not fitted with wireless telegraphy.

W. H. HERRIES, Minister of Marine.

Notice of Intention to take Land in Blocks VI and X, Otanewainuku Survey District, for Road Purposes.

OTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, to execute a certain public work—to wit, the construction of a road in Blocks VI and X, Otanewainuku Survey District; and for the purposes of such public work the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken. And notice is hereby further given that the plan of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the post-office at Omanawa Falls, and is there open for inspection; and that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land should, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Minister of Public Works at Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

Approximate Areas of the Pieces of Land required to be taken.	Being Portion of Section	Situated in Block	Coloured on Plan
A. R. P. 2 1 11 3 1 35 0 1 8 0 0 39 2 1 31 0 0 6 1 2 37 0 0 0 04 0 3 0 0 2 38 0 2 34 0 2 14·6	511 512 512 293 293 65 66 294 346 68 580 580	VI	Red. Yellow. Sepia. Red. Yellow. Blue. Red. Blue. Yellow. Red.

Situated in Te Papa Parish, Otanewainuku Survey District' (S.O. 17628).

In the Auckland Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 37622, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Provincial District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 17th day of May, 1915.

W. FRASER, Minister of Public Works.

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 19th May, 1915.

T 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 t are revised decisions.

			Rate of Duty.	
Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	General Tariff.	Preferential Surtax on Foreign Goods.
† 5/51	A. & m.s., viz.:— Braid, gold and silver, for trimming military or railway or other uniform caps— viz., 1¼ in. gold Denmark and similar	As s. & m.s. (482)	Free.	
	silver braid in lengths not exceeding 24 in., § in. gold French and similar silver braid in lengths not exceeding 28 in.			
10/6/2	"Biscuits," so called, being miniature loaves made of gluten flour, or pressed cakes of granose	As provisions n.o.e. (28)	20 per cent	10 per cent
6/54	Educational apparatus, viz.:— Imitation coins of gilt, bronzed, coppered, or silvered cardboard	As educational apparatus, &c. (441)	Free.	
3/167	1 — · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	As parts of chemical fire-extinguishers (382)	Free	10 per cent.
†7/30	Gold or silver paint in powder in a packet with tin or bottle of liquid—		_	
	The powder The liquid	As paints and colours n.o.e. (437) As liquid medium for mixing with metallic paints (207)	Free 2s. the gallon	10 per cent. 44d. the gal- lon.
†3/169	Engineers' machine or hand tools, viz.:— Boiler-tube cleaners, power-driven, tools for [Note.—The motive power is to be separately classed according to kind.]	As engineers' machine tools (379)	Free.	
2/80	Machinery n.o.e., viz.:— Counting - machines, "Veeder," "Durant," and similar	As machinery n.o.e. (182)	20 per cent	10 per cent.
5/49	Minor articles, viz.:— Metal springs for supporting the crowns of military caps	As minor articles, &c. (292)	Free.	•
7/57	"Primisize" for use on walls, &c., in conjunction with distemper	As n.o.e. (483)	Free.	
20/55 +3/126	Swimming-collars, "Reafern" or similar Tracing-wheels	As sporting requisites n.o.e. (127) As artificers' tools n.o.e. (359)	20 per cent Free.	10 per cent.

Note.—The following decisions are cancelled: Tube-cleaner for boiler, the "Diamond," as engineers' machine or hand tools (page 217, 1914 edition); turbine tube-cleaner, as machinery n.o.e. (page 225, 1914 edition).

W. B. MONTGOMERY, Comptroller of Customs.