

Resignation of a Trustee of the Patumahoe Hall Site.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 19th July, 1915.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept, under the Patumahoe Hall Site Act, 1878, the resignation of

THOMAS ARTHUR KEMP, Esquire,

as a Trustee of the Patumahoe Hall Site. Date of resignation, 8th May, 1915.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Defence.

Award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 19th July, 1915.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the award of a Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal to No. 47/34 Sergeant-major (Warrant Officer) Joseph Hudson Hanson, No. 2 Field Ambulance, he having a total service to the 16th June, 1915, entitling him thereto, of twenty years one hundred and twenty-nine days.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Defence.

Pheasants turned at large in the Buller Acclimatization Society's District declared to be vested in that Society.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 20th July, 1915.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that the Buller Acclimatization Society has turned at large a number of pheasants in the Buller Acclimatization District, and that the property in such pheasants and their offspring and every bird of a like species in that Acclimatization District is deemed to be vested in the Buller Acclimatization Society for a period of three years from the date hereof, as provided by section 56 of the Animals Protection Act, 1908.

F. H. D. BELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Plants declared to be Noxious Weeds by the Thames Borough Council.—Notice No. 1787.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 13th July, 1915.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Thames Borough Council has, by special order, declared the following plants to be noxious weeds within the meaning of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, in the district under its jurisdiction: Bathurst burr, fennel, gorse, wild turnip.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Agriculture and of Industries and Commerce.

Officiating Ministers for 1915.—Notice No. 24.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 20th July, 1915.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Congregational Church.

The Reverend JAMES CALDERWOOD SUTHERLAND.

Baptists.

The Reverend HAROLD GLADSTONE HERCUS.

F. W. MANSFIELD,
Registrar-General.

Bank Statements.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1915.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	1,531,111	0	5
Bills in circulation	.. ..	53,078	0	4
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	45,526	2	9
Government deposits	.. ..	3,075,251	5	1
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	8,090,557	3	5
Bearing interest	.. ..	5,674,964	6	3
Total average liabilities		£18,530,487	18	3

ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals	.. ..	3,102,590 14 10
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	129,634 4 3
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	127,542 14 5
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	7,488 8 0
Landed property	.. ..	148,369 5 4
Amount of all other securities—		
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	810,022 11 7
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	698,113 6 2
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	.. ..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	9,174,664 18 3
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	464,988 16 9
Total average assets		£14,663,414 19 7

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th June, 1915:—
4 per cent. guaranteed stock, £529,988.
"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, £984,371.
Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on "A" preference shares, 10 per cent. per annum.
"B" preference shares and ordinary shares dividend (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, £87,500.
Amount of the last dividend declared on ordinary shares, £141,959.
(On the Guaranteed Stock £10,599, interest for six months, was paid on 1st May, 1915.)
Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,057,170.
Dated at Wellington this 8th day of July, 1915.

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

(The above are the figures for New Zealand only.)

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 April, to 30th June, 1915.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	218,669	17	0
Bills in circulation	.. ..	16,355	3	10
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	.. ..
Government deposits	.. ..	.. ..
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	1,888,037	6	0
Bearing interest	.. ..	696,354	9	11
Total average liabilities		£2,819,416	16	9

ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals	.. ..	813,527 15 11
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	684 0 0
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	31,547 6 1
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	.. ..
Landed property	.. ..	14,817 11 0
Amount of all other securities—		
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	152,765 13 7
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	.. ..
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	.. ..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	2,737,557 3 1
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	5,542 2 8
Total average assets		£3,756,441 12 4

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. 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, £2,844,500.
Dated at Wellington, this 12th day of July, 1915.

JNO. A. MACLEOD, Accountant
ROBT. B. SMITH, Inspector.