

And whereas Tutehoro Paki Bishop, of Rahotu, being a Native within the meaning of the Native Land Act, 1909, applied in the prescribed form for a recommendation of the Court that he might be declared a European: And whereas the said Court, having duly inquired into the said application, has recommended that an Order in Council be issued declaring the said Tutehoro Paki Bishop to be a European: And whereas it is expedient that such declaration should be made:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred on him by section seventeen of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1912, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby declare the said TUTEHORO PAKI BISHOP, of Rahotu, to be a European.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Validating the Public Notifications in connection with Proceedings taken for the Raising of a Loan of £1,000 to metal a Portion of the Kaitawa Ridge Road, proposed to be raised by the Council of the County of Pahiatua.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this second day of August, 1915.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Pahiatua County Council lately proposed to raise a loan of one thousand pounds, under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the purpose of metalling a portion of the Kaitawa Ridge Road:

And whereas the public notifications of the special order authorizing the raising of the above loan, although published four times, were not published once in each of the four weeks immediately preceding the day on which the subsequent meeting was to be held, inasmuch as no public notice was given in the third week immediately preceding the date of confirmation of the special order, as required by the provisions of section ninety-seven of the Counties Act, 1908:

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by such irregularity, and it is expedient to validate the said proceedings:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby validate the said proceedings; and doth hereby order and declare that the said public notifications of the special order authorizing the loan shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the same had been published in the proper manner, and that the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Validating the Public Notifications in connection with Proceedings taken for the Raising of a Loan of £250 to form and metal Portion of Hukanui Road, proposed to be raised by the Council of the County of Pahiatua.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this second day of August, 1915.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Pahiatua County Council lately proposed to raise a loan of two hundred and fifty pounds, under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the purpose of forming and metalling portion of Hukanui Road:

And whereas the public notifications of the special order authorizing the raising of the above loan, although published four times, were not published once in each of the four weeks immediately preceding the day on which the subsequent meeting was to be held, inasmuch as no public notice was given in the third week immediately preceding the date of

confirmation of the special order, as required by the provisions of section ninety-seven of the Counties Act, 1908:

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by such irregularity, and it is expedient to validate the said proceedings:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby validate the said proceedings; and doth hereby order and declare that the said public notifications of the special order authorizing the loan shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the same had been published in the proper manner, and that the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Opening Lands in Nelson Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare and provide as follows, that is to say:—

The rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto are hereby set apart for selection on renewable lease on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, at the respective rentals specified in the said Schedule, and shall be deemed to be "heavy-bush land."

After the first half-year's rent has been paid by the selector the further instalments of rent payable by him for a period of four years shall not be demanded; provided that if at any time during the first five years of his occupancy the selector disposes of his interest in the land the rent so conceded shall be paid by him in full, and thereupon the Land Board may remit such instalments of rent payable by the incoming tenant, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of rent previously conceded to the selector, as the Board shall think fit.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—BAKER'S CREEK BLOCK.—SECOND-CLASS HEAVY-BUSH LAND.—KARAMEA MINING DISTRICT.

Buller County.—Oparara Survey District.

(Exempt from Rent for Four Years.)

SECTION 86, Block IX: Area, 388 acres; capital value, £370; half-yearly rent, £7 8s.

Situated about a mile and three-quarters from Karamea Post-office, about three-quarters of a mile from butter-factory, and about half a mile from the Karamea-Oparara main road. Altitude, from about 50 ft. to 850 ft. The eastern portion is broken and lies badly to the sun; the western portion varies from sloping to steep, and lies well to the sun; and the south-east portion varies from sloping to broken; well watered. The forest growth on the lower slopes is rimu and mixed birches, on spurs and terrace tops it is chiefly birch with little undergrowth, and on the slopes it is supplejack, kiekie, punga, horopito, fuchsia, and karaka. The soil is generally good.

Section 87, Block IX: Area, 602 acres; capital value, £480; half-yearly rent, £9 12s.

Situated about three miles and three-quarters from Karamea Post-office, and two miles and three-quarters from the butter-factory. Altitude, from 60 ft. to 870 ft. above sea-level. The area varies from broken and steep to gentle slopes. There is a small flat along Baker's Creek. The forest comprises rimu, mixed birch, supplejack, kiekie, punga, horopito, fuchsia, and broadleaf. The soil is fair. The south-west portion lies rather badly to the sun. The formation is papa and limestone.

Section 71, Block XIV: Area, 77 acres; capital value, £130; half-yearly rent, £2 12s.

The forest consists of rimu, mixed birch, a few white-pine, supplejack, kiekie, horopito, punga, and karaka. The area has been partly worked for sawmilling purposes, the timber of any value being cut out; lies well to the sun, and varies from flat to sloping. Soil fair, resting on gravel and papa; watered from the hillside by small creeks, and has a frontage to Baker's Creek.