

communicate to any person any information likely to defeat the secrecy of the ballot.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of September, 1916.

J. A. HANAN,
Minister of Education.

SCHEDULE.

ASHBURTON High Schools.
Auckland Grammar School and Auckland Girls' Grammar School.
Dannevirke High School.
Gisborne High School.
Gore High School.
Hamilton High School.
Marlborough High School.
Napier High Schools.
Nelson College and Nelson Girls' College.
New Plymouth High Schools.
Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools.
Palmerston North High School.
Rangiora High School.
Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools.
Thames High School.
Timaru High Schools.
Waitaki High Schools.
Wanganui Girls' College.
Whangarei High School.

Public Service Stores Tender Board.—Supply and Delivery of Stores.

Wellington, 9th October, 1916.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Chairman, General Post Office, Wellington, not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th January, 1917, for the supply and delivery, C.I.F. and E., Wellington, of 1,000,000 envelopes.

Particulars and conditions of tendering may be obtained at the office of the Controller of Stores, Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington; the District Storekeeper, Post and Telegraph Department, Christchurch; or at the offices of the Telegraph Engineers at Auckland and Dunedin.

J. ORCHISTON,
Chairman.

Notice to Mariners No. 83 of 1916.

KAIPARA HARBOUR.—LIGHTED BUOY IN WAIROA RIVER.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 14th October, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that a large iron can buoy, painted red, with a surmount for a lantern, has been moored in the northern Wairoa River, Kaipara Harbour, about two miles east of Dog Point. The buoy is moored about one cable south of the red buoy in the channel, in eight fathoms of water M.L.W.S., in the following bearings:—

North extreme of Dog Point 278° (S. 83° W. magnetic).
South extreme of Island Point 200° (S. 5° W. magnetic).

On or about Wednesday, 25th October, a flashing white light will be exhibited from the buoy, visible about five miles.

The light will be an unwatched Aga acetone acetylene-gas light, showing a flash of $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. and 2 secs. eclipse.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Chart No. 2614; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter vii, page 207; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1916, page 323, and plan facing page 318.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
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 30th September, 1916.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	2,684,040	17	5
Bills in circulation	39,472	5	3
Balances due to other Banks	33,995	8	0
Government deposits	4,964,963	8	6
Other deposits—			
Not bearing interest	9,525,406	18	5
Bearing interest	6,574,259	2	8
Total average liabilities	£23,822,138	0	3

ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other metals	3,184,483	16	8
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	74,543	1	3
Notes and bills of other Banks	90,393	9	2
Legal tender notes of other Banks	88,444	10	9
Balances due from other Banks	9,289	4	10
Landed property	172,722	11	5
Amount of all other securities—			
1. Notes and bills discounted	811,227	3	11
2. Colonial Government securities	1,148,689	13	1
3. Other funded securities			
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	9,970,194	19	10
5. Securities not included under the above heads	617,746	17	0
Total average assets	£16,167,735	7	11

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th September, 1916:—

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, £1,000,000.

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 on—

"A" Preference shares, £50,000.
"B" " " £37,500.

Ordinary shares, £149,007.

(On the Guaranteed Stock £10,599, interest for six months, was paid on 1st May, 1916.)

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,118,605.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of October, 1916.

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

[NOTE.—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 July to 30th September, 1916.

LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	313,308	10	9
Bills in circulation	14,679	8	0
Balances due to other Banks			
Government deposits	36,934	12	4
Other deposits—			
Not bearing interest	2,116,874	18	2
Bearing interest	853,979	18	11
Total average liabilities	£3,335,777	8	2

ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other metals	974,826	9	7
Legal tender notes of other Banks	32,655	14	4
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	43	13	3
Notes and bills of other Banks	33,679	7	6
Balances due from other Banks			
Landed property	14,784	19	0
Amount of all other securities—			
1. Notes and bills discounted	169,430	17	2
2. Colonial Government securities	36,923	1	7
3. Other funded securities			
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	2,698,910	7	6
5. Securities not included under the above heads	10,486	17	1
Total average assets	£3,971,741	7	0

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, £2,931,750.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of October, 1916.

ROBT. B. SMITH, Inspector.
O. K. TENNENT, Accountant.