

of the said river district which they desire to lodge within one month from the first publication of this notice, such objections or petitions to be addressed to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED MANGAWHARA RIVER DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District bounded by a line commencing at the south-western corner of Lot 5 of Section 465, Taupiri Parish; thence along the western and north-western boundaries of that lot, the western boundary of Lot 7, and across a road to Section 203, Taupiri Parish; along the southern and eastern boundaries of that section and the eastern boundary of Section 202 to the Ohinewai-Tahuna Road; along that road to the north-eastern boundary of Hoe-o-Tainui North No. 5A; along the north-eastern boundary of that block and of Hoe-o-Tainui North No. 5A South, and the northern boundary of Hoe-o-Tainui South No. 4A to the eastern boundary of Waikato County, and along that boundary to Block XVI, Hapuakohe Survey District; thence westerly along the northern boundaries of Blocks XVI, XV, and XIV to the road near the north-eastern corner of the said Block XIV; along that road to and along the road forming the north-eastern boundaries of Sections 5 and 3, Rivi Settlement, to its junction with the Taupiri-Orini Road, and along that road to the Tauhei Stream; along that stream to and across the Mangawhara River, and thence along the right bank of that river to the south-western corner of Lot 5 of Section 465, Taupiri Parish, the place of commencement.

G. W. RUSSELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

#### Meetings of Canterbury Land Board during Year 1917.

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 8th November, 1916.

HIS Excellency the Governor has, in pursuance of section 48 (a) of the Land Act, 1908, approved of meetings of the Canterbury Land Board being held at the principal Land Office, Christchurch, at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 4th January, 1st February, 1st March, 3rd April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, and 6th December during the year 1917.

F. H. D. BELL,  
For Minister of Lands.

#### Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Booksellers' and Stationers' Shops in the Borough of Wanganui, under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (a) bookseller and (b) stationer within the Borough of Wanganui, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough should be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6.15 p.m., and on Saturdays at 9.30 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) the period of six working-days immediately prior to the 24th December in each year, when the hours of closing shall be 9 p.m.; (2) Christmas and New Year's Eve, when the hours of closing shall be 11 p.m.; (3) should any Saturday be generally observed as a holiday in the Borough of Wanganui, the hour of closing on the previous Friday shall be 9.30 p.m.; (4) should any day other than Thursday be generally observed as a holiday in the Borough of Wanganui, the closing-hour for Thursday shall, subject to exceptions (1) and (2), be 6.15 p.m.; (5) the closing-hour on Thursdays for any shop that is closed for the statutory half-holiday on Saturday shall be 9.30 p.m.:

And whereas the Wanganui Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (a) booksellers and (b) stationers within the Borough of Wanganui:

Now, therefore, I, William Herbert Herries, Minister of Labour, in pursuance of section 25 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, do hereby direct that on and after the 20th day of November, 1916, all booksellers' and stationers' shops in the Borough of Wanganui shall be closed accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this notice shall permit any such shop to remain open after the hour of 1 p.m. on the day observed as the weekly half-holiday.

The notice gazetted on the 28th July, 1910, is hereby cancelled.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of November, 1916.

W. H. HERRIES,  
Minister of Labour.

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#### Notice of Intention to take Land for Scenic Purposes in Block VI, Omara Survey District.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, and the Scenery Preservation Amendment Act, 1910, to take the land described in the Schedule hereto for scenic purposes.

And notice is hereby further given that the plan of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the post-office at Pipiriki, and is there open for inspection; and that all persons affected by the taking of the said land should, if they have any well-grounded objections 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:—

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Situated in Block VI, Omara Survey District (Taranaki R.D.).

In the Taranaki Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 41227, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Provincial District, and thereon coloured green.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 14th day of November, 1916.

W. FRASER,  
Minister of Public Works.

#### Notice to Mariners No. 86 of 1916.

##### AUCKLAND HARBOUR.—DREDGING.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 13th November, 1916.

THE Auckland Harbour Board have notified that dredge No. "121" is now working approximately 550 ft. east of the north-east corner of the reclamation near the new City Council Power-station, and working to the westward, and has six moorings laid out in N., S., E., and W. directions. Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Chart No. 1970; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter ii, page 39.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

#### Notice to Mariners No. 87 of 1916.

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

THE following Notices to Mariners, which have been received from the Hydrographic Office, London, and the Hydrographic Office, Washington, U.S.A., are published for general information.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

#### UNITED KINGDOM.

##### REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO VESSELS' LIGHTS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following Order has been made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and is now in force:—

1. *Anchor Lights*.—No electrically lit lanterns are to be employed as anchor lights. The normal brilliancy of all other anchor lanterns is to be reduced by 50 per cent.

All anchor lanterns are to be fitted with overhead screens; so arranged as to cut off the light at an angle of between 20 and 25 degrees above the horizontal.

NOTE.—Specimen screens can be viewed at the Board of Trade Surveyor's Offices at Leith, North Shields, Hull, London, Plymouth, Cardiff, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Dublin.

2. *Bow and Masthead Steaming Lights*.—Vessels in estuaries, harbours, anchorages, and channels where navigation in the dark hours is permitted are not to employ electrically lit lanterns as bow or steaming lights, with the exception of those vessels specially mentioned in paragraph 5.