

Approximate position of observation spot: Lat. 16° 54' 45" S., long. 145° 47' 15" E.

H.O. Charts Nos. 826A and 2942.

B.A. Charts Nos. 2924, 2350, and 3133.

H.O. Light List, Vol. II, 1914, No. 1491.

Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1907, page 338.

FITZROY RIVER.—ROCKY POINT BAR.—LIGHTED BEACONS ERECTED.—The Government of Queensland has given notice that on 24th November, 1915, two leading-beacons, carrying fixed white lights, and a "turn-off" beacon, carrying a fixed red light, would be established as guides to the new cutting through Rocky Point Bar, Fitzroy River.

Directions.—Vessels entering the river, after passing Rocky Point, should bring two white triangular beacons (white lights at night), which will open out on the port bow, into line ahead, and proceed with these in line until a square mark (red light at night), erected on the stone wall on the port hand, is abeam; the range line should then be left and the usual course steered for Thompson's Point.

H.O. Charts Nos. 826A and 2941.

B.A. Charts Nos. 345 and 363.

H.O. Light List, Vol. II, 1914, No. 1535 (remarks).

Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1907, page 201.

JAPAN.

ENTRANCE TO NAGASAKI HARBOUR.—Notice is hereby given that Tategami buoy, immediately to E. of the sunken rock which lies E. of Tategami-bana near Mitsubishi Co.'s Dock, Nagasaki Harbour, has been permanently withdrawn.

INLAND SEA.—Notice is hereby given that the character and candle-power of the light of Tsuru-shima Lighthouse W. of Gogo-shima, Province of Iyo, have been changed since the 6th of December, 1915.

GULF OF TOKYO.—Notice is hereby given that Ara-su lighted buoy on the east extreme of Ara-su off Hommoku-bana will be permanently withdrawn in the middle of December, 1915, and at the same time the following Lighted Submarine Signal-buoy will be moored in the same position.

Ara-su Lighted Submarine Signal-buoy.

Description.—Iron, conical in shape, painted black, surmounted by a lattice-work supporting a lantern and a bell, while a submarine bell hung into the water under the 18 shaku from the sea-level.

Height of light.—12 shaku above the sea-level.

Character.—Acetylene-gas flashing green light, showing a flash in every 3 seconds.

Illuminated arc.—The whole horizon.

Power.—16 candles.

Distance visible.—5 nautical miles in clear night.

Notice is hereby given that Kawasaki buoy, S. end of Haneda Spit, Gulf of Tokyo, will be permanently withdrawn in the middle of December, 1915, and at the same time Kawasaki lighted buoy will be moored in the same position.

Kawasaki Lighted Buoy.

Description.—Iron frustum of cone, painted black, surmounted by a lattice-work supporting a lantern.

Height of light.—10 shaku above the sea-level.

Character.—Pintsch-gas flashing white light, showing a flash in every 4 seconds.

Illuminated arc.—The whole horizon.

Power.—60 candles.

Distance visible.—8 nautical miles in clear night.

Further notices will be given after the above changes have been effected.

Notice to Mariners No. 7 of 1916.

OTAGO LOWER HARBOUR.—DREDGING OPERATIONS AT THE BEND, SOUTH OF HARRINGTON POINT.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 26th January, 1916.

THE Otago Harbour Board notifies that dredging operations have been commenced in the Bend, South of Harrington Point, in the vicinity of red beacons Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Mariners are warned to navigate the channel on the port-hand side or black-pile side of the channel, in order to steer clear of the moorings of the dredge.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2411, 2532, and 2533; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter viii, page 252; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1916, pages 356 and 357, and plan facing page 354.

J. A. MUNRO,
For Secretary.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Land in Taranaki Land District for Disposal under Section 131 of the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 11th January, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that the undermentioned land will be disposed of under section 131 of that Act on or after Monday, the 17th day of April, 1916.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

Block I, Mahoe Survey District.

PORTION of original railway reserve adjoining Sections 45 and 47: Area, 8 acres 3 roods 13 perches.

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Auckland Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 26th October, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that Section 40, Block V, Hukerenui Survey District, Auckland Land District, containing 10 acres, will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Monday, the 31st January, 1916.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Auckland Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 22nd November, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that the undermentioned lands will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Monday, the 28th day of February, 1916.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

SECTION 484A, Taupiri Parish, Waikato County: Area, 9 acres.

Lot 106 of Subsection 1, Opaheke Parish, Franklin County: Area, 1 acre 3 roods 10 perches.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Taranaki Land District for Disposal under Section 14 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 16th December 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that Section 1, Block XIII, Mimi Survey District, containing 10 acres, will be disposed of under section 14 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, on or after Friday, the 24th day of March, 1916.

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in the Marlborough Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 26th October, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that Section 10B, Block VI, Gore Survey District, Marlborough Land District, containing 336 acres 2 roods, will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Monday, the 31st day of January, 1916.

H. G. PRICE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.