France at Auckland or the French Consular Agents at Wel-France at Auckiand of the French Consular Agents at Wel-lington or Dunedin. In this connection it is necessary that the name of the port of disembarkation in France should be declared, in order that such information may be stated in the consular endorsement.

It should further be noted that persons proposing to travel to France via England must, in addition to the above, have them vised at the Passport Bureau of the Consul-General for France at London or of the French Consulates at Liver-pool, Southampton, or Folkstone. Persons failing to com-ply with these requirements will not be admitted into France.

G. W. RUSSELL, Minister of Internal Affairs.

Awards of the Meritorious-service Medal.

Department of Defence, Wellington, 23rd August, 1916. IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve, in accordance with paragraph 12, Appendix IX, of the Regulations for the New Zealand Military Forces, 1913, of the awards of the Meritorious-service Medal to the under-mentioned. mentioned :-

Royal New Zealand Artillery.

No. 373, Sergeant Francois Henri Porter. No. 473, Sergeant-Coxswain Samuel Wheatley McCallum.

J. ALLEN, Minister of Defence

Awards of the Long-service and Good-conduct Medal.

Department of Defence,

Wellington, 23rd August, 1916. H IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve, in accordance with paragraph 14, Appendix IX, of the Regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand, 1913, of the following awards of the Long-service and Good-conduct Medal :-

Royal New Zealand Artillery.

- No. 820, Sergeant Samuel James Smith.
 No. 828, Sergeant Christopher Henry Gallagher.
 No. 836, Quartermaster-Sergeant Hugh James Mulholland.
 No. 839, Corporal William Sawyer Joyce.
 No. 845, Sergeant-Coxswain Laurence Inkster.
- No. 849, Gunner Albert Williamson. No. 850, Corporal Surtees John White.

J. ALLEN, Minister of Defence.

Notice of Intention to take Land for Scenic Purposes in Block III, Kiri Survey District.

N OTICE 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 Amend-ment 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 publica-tion of this notice, to the Minister of Public Works at Wellington.

SCHEDULE

APPROXIMATE area of the piece of land required to be taken :

478 acres. Portion of Subdivision 14 of Taumatamahoe 2B No. 2B (Taranaki R.D.), Block III, Kiri Survey District.

In the Taranaki Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 40573, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Provincial District, and thereon edged pink.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 26th day of August, 1916.

W. FRASER Minister of Public Works. Notice of Intention to take Land for Scenic Purposes in Blocks XVI, Rotorua, and IV, Horohoro Survey Districts.

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 Amcadment 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 Rotorua, 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:

- 280 acres, portion of Rotohokahoka "D" North No. 6; Blocks XVI, Rotorua, and IV, Horohoro Survey Districts. Edged pink on plan.
- 2 acres 2 roods, portion of Rotohokahoka "F" Block; Block XVI, Rotorua Survey District. Edged blue on plan.

In the Auckland Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 40144, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Provincial District, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 26th day of August, 1916.

W. FRASER, Minister of Public Works.

War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916—Modification of Fifth Schedule to Education Act, 1914 (Staffs of Public Schools).

Education Department, Wellington, 25th August, 1916. In pursuance of the provisions of section 15 of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, I, Josiah Alfred Hanan, Minister of Education, do hereby make the following modifications of the provisions of the Fifth Schedule to the Education Act, 1914, such modifications to come into force from the date hereof, and to remain in force for the duration of the present war with Germany and for six months there-after, unless previously revoked :--after, unless previously revoked :-

The reduction in staff provided for by clause 2 of the regulations relating to grading of schools, staffs, and salaries of teachers in the Order in Council of the 21st December, 1914, shall be made if any one of the conditions in columns 2, 3, or 4 of Table C for the particular grade or subgrade of school is fulfilled. The figures in columns 2, 3, and 4 of Table C shall be as follows :

Average Attendance for Year immediately preceding.	Average Attendance has fallen			Staff to be as for a
	For Three Quarters to	For Two Quarters to	For One Quarter to	School with Average Attendance.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
36-80	35	33	30	21-35
81-120	80	75	70	36-80
121 - 160	120	115	120	81-120
161 - 200	160	155	150	121-160
201 - 240	200	195	190	161-200
241 - 280	237	230	220	201 - 240
281 - 320	277	270	260	241 - 280
321-360	317	310	300 ·	281 - 320
361 - 400	357	350	340	321 - 360
401-450	397	390	380	361-400
451 - 500	445	440	430	401-450
501 - 550	495	490	480	451 - 500
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And so on, adding 50 for each subgrade above Subgrade VIIA

J. A. HANAN, Minister of Education.