

prohibit in manner and to the extent hereinafter appearing all private purchases of wheat :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, and in pursuance of the authority conferred upon him by the War Regulations Act, 1914, and the Acts amending the same, doth hereby make the following regulations under those Acts.

REGULATIONS.

1. SAVE in pursuance of a permit issued by the Board of Trade, it shall not be lawful for any person in New Zealand at any time while this Order in Council remains in force to purchase or agree or offer to purchase, whether as principal, agent, or otherwise, any wheat of the now next ensuing harvest in New Zealand, or to be concerned in New Zealand in the making of any such purchase, agreement, or offer by any other person whether in New Zealand or elsewhere, or to be concerned in New Zealand in the fulfilment or performance of any agreement for the purchase of any such wheat, whether such agreement has been made in New Zealand or elsewhere, and whether it has been made before or after the making of this Order in Council.

2. In these regulations the term "purchase" includes any mode of acquisition by agreement, save that acquisition by way of security only shall not be deemed to be a purchase.

3. For the purpose of these regulations an option or right of purchase shall be deemed to be an agreement to purchase.

4. For the purpose of these regulations every agreement for the purchase of wheat shall be deemed to be an agreement for the purchase of wheat of the now next ensuing harvest in New Zealand, if in accordance with the terms thereof any wheat of that description could be delivered in due fulfilment of the agreement. The provisions of these regulations as to offers, options, or rights of purchase shall be construed in like manner.

5. Nothing in these regulations shall apply to any retail purchase or agreement of retail purchase of wheat in a quantity not exceeding 50 bushels, but for the purpose of these regulations two or more purchases or agreements made by the same purchaser at the same or substantially the same time shall be deemed to be a single purchase or agreement.

6. In granting a permit under these regulations the Board of Trade may impose such terms and conditions as to the purchase and as to the disposition or use of the wheat so purchased as the Board thinks advisable for the due regulation and maintenance of industries essential for the public welfare.

7. Any such permit may be granted or refused in the absolute discretion of the Board of Trade, and shall be revocable at the will of the Board.

8. When any wheat has been purchased under any such permit it shall not be lawful for the purchaser to deal with it otherwise than in accordance with the terms and conditions on which the permit was granted.

9. Any person who makes any false representation with intent thereby to obtain any such permit under these regulations either for himself or for any other person, or who in any manner deceives or attempts to deceive the Board of Trade in the exercise of the powers conferred by these regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable accordingly.

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

Purchase of Wheat by the New Zealand Government.

NOTICE is hereby given that the New Zealand Government is prepared to purchase in any quantities wheat grown in New Zealand during the season 1917-18 at the price of five shillings and tenpence delivered free on board in sacks at the nearest port, or where delivery is made with the consent or by direction of the Government otherwise than free on board at the nearest port, then at a price equivalent as regards the seller to five shillings and tenpence free on board at the nearest port.

"Nearest port" means the port of entry under the Customs Act, 1913, nearest to the place at which the wheat is grown.

No wheat will be so purchased by the Government unless it is good milling-wheat in good and merchantable order and condition.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1917.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,
Minister of Agriculture.