

the following days—Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, and any other day which, pursuant to a Proclamation by the Governor-General or declaration by the Government, or on the request of the Mayor or Chairman of the local authority, is generally observed as a public holiday or half-holiday, when the closing-hour shall be 9 p.m.; and (b) the evening of the working-day immediately preceding Christmas Day and the evening of the working-day immediately preceding New Year's Day, when the closing-hour shall be 11 p.m.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of October, 1917.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Watchmakers', Jewellers', Goldsmiths', and Silversmiths' Shops in the City of Wellington, under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the watchmakers', jewellers', goldsmiths', and silversmiths' shops in the City of Wellington, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the city shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: (1) On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6 p.m., and on Fridays at 10 p.m.; (2) when any day is generally observed as a holiday in the district any shop that is closed at not later than 1 o'clock on that day and that is usually closed for the statutory half-holiday on another day of the week may remain open on the latter day until the hour fixed by this notice for the day on which the holiday is observed; (3) except that the closing-hour for Thursday before Good Friday shall be 10 p.m.; (4) except also that in December up till the 14th the closing-hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays shall be 9 p.m., and thereafter on all nights 11 p.m.:

And whereas the Wellington City Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the watchmakers', jewellers', goldsmiths', and silversmiths' shops within the City of Wellington:

Now, therefore, I, William Ferguson Massey, Minister of Labour, in pursuance of section 25 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, do hereby direct that on and after the 5th day of November, 1917, all watchmakers', jewellers', goldsmiths', and silversmiths' shops in the City of Wellington shall be closed as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6 p.m., and on Fridays at 10 p.m., with the following exceptions: (a) The working-day immediately preceding Good Friday, when the closing-hour shall be 10 p.m.; (b) the period from the 1st day of December to the 14th day of December, both days inclusive, when the closing-hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays shall be 9 p.m., and on Fridays 10 p.m.; (c) the period from the 15th day of December to the 31st day of December, both days inclusive, when the closing-hour on every working-day (other than the statutory closing-day) shall be 11 p.m.; (d) when any day is generally observed as a holiday in the City of Wellington, any shop that is closed at not later than 1 o'clock on that day, and that is usually closed for the statutory half-holiday on another day of the week, may remain open on the latter day until the hour fixed by this notice for the day on which the holiday is observed.

The notices gazetted on the 4th day of April, 1907, and the 13th day of June, 1907, are hereby cancelled.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of October, 1917.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

Notifying Land in the Canterbury Land District subject to the Land for Settlements Act, 1908.

Office of Board of Land Purchase Commissioners,
Wellington, 31st October, 1917.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and its amendments, I hereby notify that the undermentioned Crown land, being the land known as the Seafield Settlement, which has been acquired under the said Acts, is subject to the said Acts as from 29th March, 1917.

SCHEDULE.

SEAFIELD SETTLEMENT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 1,327 acres 1 rood, more or less, situate in Blocks XV, XVI, Ashburton Survey District, and III and IV, Wakanui Survey District, comprising Rural Sections 25219, 25228, 26571, 26608, 26623, 28253, and part of Rural Section 25234, being the whole of the land in certificates of title, Vol. 31, folio 119, Vol. 31, folio 180, Vol. 53, folio 90,

Vol. 44, folio 54, Vol. 228, folio 169, Vol. 199, folio 294, Vol. 208, folio 292, and Vol. 208, folio 293. As the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 21/45, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured with a red margin.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Estimated Areas under Wheat and Oats, Season 1917-18.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 31st October, 1917.

FOLLOWING the procedure adopted last year cards have again been sent out by post to grain-growers in the Dominion asking them to state the areas they had sown or proposed to sow in wheat and oats for the present season. The cards returned have been tabulated, and on the results obtained an estimate has been based of the total areas sown or to be sown.

The estimates are subjoined.

WHEAT AND OATS.—APPROXIMATE AREAS 1916-17, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN 1917-18.

	Wheat. Acres.	Oats. Acres.
Areas, 1916-17: For threshing ..	217,700	177,494
For chaffing, &c. ..	3,720	354,496
Total harvested ..	221,420	531,990
Not harvested ..	2,871	32,736
Grand total ..	224,291	564,726
Areas, 1917-18 (estimated):—		
North Island ..	9,962	49,155
South Island ..	284,013	435,082
Total ..	293,945	484,237

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

Officiating Ministers for 1917.—Notice No. 35.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 30th October, 1917.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

MR. GEORGE HENRY RALPH.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

ELDER J. DELOS LAURITZEN.

W. W. COOK,
Registrar-General.

[ERRATUM.—In Notice No. 1, page 305, of *Gazette* of 25th January, 1917, under Roman Catholic Church, for "the Reverend McDonald, John," read "the Reverend McDonald, Arthur."]

Officiating Ministers for 1917.—Notice No. 36.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 30th October, 1917.

IT is hereby notified that the undermentioned name has been withdrawn from the list of Officiating Ministers by request:—

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER McDONALD.

W. W. COOK,
Registrar-General.

The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.—Notice of Cancellation of Registration.

Department of Labour,
Wellington, 29th October, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the registration of the Mataura Paper-mill Workers' Industrial Union of Workers, registered number 304, situated at Mataura, is hereby cancelled as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

W. NEWTON,
Deputy Registrar of Industrial Unions.