

same had been properly witnessed, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

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

Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £2,500 proposed to be raised by the Kakepuku Road Board.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this third day of December, 1917.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Kakepuku Road Board, acting under and in pursuance of paragraph (e) of section sixteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, lately proposed to raise a loan of two thousand five hundred pounds for the purpose of forming and metalling certain portions of the roads in the Kakepuku Road District :

And whereas the resolution making and levying the special rate as security for the said loan is irregular, in that such resolution was passed before the special order authorizing the raising of the loan was gazetted as required by section seventy-three of the Road Boards Act, 1908 :

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the said irregularity, and it is expedient to validate the same :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the resolution making and levying the special rate as security for the said loan shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the said resolution had been passed at the proper time, and that the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

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

Authorizing an Alienation of Native Land notwithstanding the Provisions of Part XII of the Native Land Act, 1909.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this third day of December, 1917.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section two hundred and three of the Native Land Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor-General may by Order in Council, in any case in which he deems it expedient so to do, authorize any acquisition, alienation, or disposition of Native land or of any interest therein, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Part XII (relating to limitation of area) of the said Act :

And whereas it is expedient in the public interest that authority be granted for the alienation to the New Zealand Refrigerating Company (Limited), by way of lease, of the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Part XII of the said Act :

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 the said Dominion, doth hereby authorize the alienation by way of lease to the New Zealand Refrigerating Company (Limited) of the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Part XII of the Native Land Act, 1909.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL DISTRICT.

Block.	Approximate Area.		
	A.	R.	P.
WHAKAPAKI No. 1 (part)	0	1	13
Paranui mata No. 3 (part)	9	3	20
„ No. 2B 2 (part)	4	0	0

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

Amending Regulation under the National Provident Fund Act, 1910.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this nineteenth day of November, 1917.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the National Provident Fund Act, 1910 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby amend in the manner hereinafter set forth the regulations made under the said Act on the ninth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and published in the *Gazette* of the nineteenth day of the same month.

REGULATION.

REGULATION 24 of the said regulations is hereby revoked, and the following is substituted therefor :—

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND CLAIMS.

24. Contributions to the fund may be paid at any postal money-order office or at the district offices of the Superintendent at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

(a.) Accounts of all moneys received by Postmasters shall be rendered periodically to the Superintendent by the General Post Office. Contributions received at any district office of the Superintendent shall be accounted for as hereunder.

(b.) The receiver of contributions attached to any such district office must in all cases give a receipt for moneys received,—

- (1.) In the contributor's book ; or
- (2.) In the special receipt-book, in case contributor does not produce his own book.

Under (1), when the pay-in slip and the butt have been filled in, signed, and date-stamped, the pay-in slip is to be detached by the receiving officer and kept by him for use in accounting to the accounting officer for the sum, and the contributor's book handed back to the contributor. Each contribution received direct from a contributor at the district office must be entered by the accounting officer in the cash-book.

Under (2), after the receipt has been filled in with carbon copy, the original receipt is to be detached from the book and handed to the contributor. The receiving officer will thereupon detach the pay-in slip of the same number, which must accompany the amount when accounted for. The butt will remain in the special receipt-book to show the transaction.

(c.) Officers or employees receiving any contribution must account for it to the accounting officer not later than the day following the date of receipt, except where a Sunday or a holiday intervenes. The "accounting officer" is the permanent officer employed on clerical work in the Superintendent's district office.

(d.) A pay-in book is to be issued to each collecting officer. The particulars of the contributions received are to be entered on the back of the pay-in slip in this book (or on schedule form N.P.F. 75 where necessary) by the person holding the book. The accounting officer must check the particulars on the slips from each collector's pay-in book against the individual slips from contributors' or special receipt-books in support thereof, then check the cash, duly stamp and initial the book, and retain the collector's pay-in slip (and schedule if used) for the local office record.

(e.) The accounting officer shall on receipt of these moneys immediately enter the amounts in the cash-book provided for the purpose. An amount not exceeding £20 may be held to pay such claims as are authorized under subsection (i) of this regulation. All moneys in excess of this amount must be at once paid in at a postal money-order office.

(f.) All white pay-in slips or group slips which go to make up the gross daily total received by the accounting officer must be sent direct to the Superintendent each day.

(g.) The Supervisor shall daily check the pay-in slips relating to contributions received at the counter against the entries in the cash-book before sending the slips to Wellington, and each week check the office cash-book entries against the collector's pay-in book, and against the accounting officer's pay-in book, and initial the latter. He shall forward a certified copy of the cash-book to the Superintendent every week.

(h.) The Supervisor shall from time to time examine the receipt-book used where contributors' books are not presented, in order to ascertain that the sequence of numbers has been duly observed in issuing receipts, and that the amounts shown therein have been duly accounted for.