

take a poll of the ratepayers within that portion of the Kutarere Wharf Special-rating District which is within the Whakatane County, on the proposal of the said Council to raise, together with the Opotiki County Council, a joint loan of three thousand pounds (£3,000) for the purpose of the construction of a wharf and shed at Kutarere, and providing for the cost of raising the said loan, together with payment of interest and sinking fund for the first year thereon:

And whereas the said poll was duly carried and the said Council is desirous of borrowing with the Opotiki County Council the sum of three thousand pounds (£3,000) so authorized by the poll of ratepayers as aforesaid:

And whereas a certain irregularity or defect occurred, in that the notice setting forth the particulars required by section nine of the said Act was not published once in each week for four successive weeks as required by the said section:

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers as aforesaid have not been misled by such irregularity or defect, and it is expedient to validate such proceedings:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon 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 declare that all proceedings in connection with the said poll shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the said notice had been published once in each week for four successive weeks, and that the said proceedings shall not be called into question by reason only of the said irregularity or defect.

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

Removing Protection from certain Imported Birds.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the imported birds mentioned in the Schedule hereto, not being game of any kind under the said Act, may be taken or killed within the Hawke's Bay Acclimatization District for the period ending on 31st March, 1918.

SCHEDULE.

ROOKS.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Appointing Commissioners to classify Pastoral Runs in Canterbury Land District.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the two-hundred-and-twenty-fifth section of the Land Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

WILLIAM HENRY SKINNER,
THOMAS GEORGE GEE, and
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM

Commissioners to classify and report to me upon the rural lands in the Canterbury Land District known as Pastoral Runs Nos. 13, 235, O.L. 773, Runs 14 and 302, as provided by the said section two hundred and twenty-five.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Trustee for the Martinborough Public Cemetery appointed.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by section four of the Cemeteries Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liver-

pool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

JOHN WILLIAM KERSHAW

to be a trustee, in the place of Thomas Kennedy, who has resigned, to provide for the maintenance and care of the Martinborough Public Cemetery, in conjunction with Andrew O'Loughlin Considine, John Martin, William James Martin, and Alexander McLeod, previously appointed.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this eleventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Portion of a Primary-education Endowment in Suburbs of Auckland, Auckland Land District, set apart for a Site for a Public School.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

WHEREAS by section five of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1911, it is enacted that the Governor may, on the recommendation of the Land Board of the district in which are situated any reserves or endowments vested in the Crown by or in pursuance of section two of the Education Reserves Amendment Act, 1910, set apart as sites for public schools, secondary schools, or technical schools any part of such reserves or endowments:

And whereas the Land Board of the Auckland Land District has duly passed a resolution recommending that the portion of the primary-education endowment described in the Schedule hereto should be set apart for a site for a public school, and it is expedient to give effect to such recommendation:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Acts aforesaid, do hereby set apart the portion of the primary-education endowment described in the Schedule hereto for a site for a public school.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 acre 2 roods 18 perches, more or less, being Lots 22 and 23 of Allotment 7A, Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland. Bounded towards the north-east by Lot 20 of Allotment 7A, Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland, 462.8 links; towards the south-east by Lot 24 of the aforesaid Allotment 7A, 401.2 links; towards the south-west by part of Allotment 17, Section 12 aforesaid, 391.4 links; and towards the north-west by part of Allotment 7A aforesaid, reserved, and by a road, 382.1 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. As the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 6/6/123, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red. (Auckland Plan 19181.)

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this tenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Notifying the Proposed Exchange of Crown Land in the Hawke's Bay Land District for other Land.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and forty-two of the Land Act, 1908, as amended by section seventeen of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor-General, whenever he deems it expedient in the public interest, to grant in fee-simple any area of Crown land which is subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, in exchange for the fee-simple of any other land, and on any such exchange to pay or receive by way of equality of exchange any sum not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the estimated value of the Crown land so granted:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor-General, it is expedient to exchange the Crown land described in the First Schedule hereto for the land described in the Second Schedule hereto, and the owner of the land described in the Second Schedule has agreed to such exchange, and has agreed to pay to the Crown a sum of money by way of equality of exchange, and such sum does not exceed twenty-five per centum of the estimated value of the Crown land hereinbefore mentioned: