

Vessels leaving for sea and bound through the South Channel after passing the flashing light on No. 15 Gas Buoy should steer on a S.S.W. course to get into the white sector shown from the Pile Light and keep within the same until nearing the occulting green light on No. 12 Gas Buoy.

#### CENTRAL AMERICA.

CARIBBEAN COAST.—PANAMA.—COLON HARBOUR ENTRANCE.—  
—WRECK REMOVED AND LIGHT-BUOY WITHDRAWN.

(a.) Wreck removed:—

*Position.*—At a distance of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cables, northward, of the outer end of the west breakwater.

Lat.  $9^{\circ} 23\frac{1}{4}'$  N., long.  $79^{\circ} 55\frac{1}{2}'$  W.

*Details.*—The wreck of the tug "Reliance" has been removed.

(b.) Light-buoy withdrawn:—

*Position.*—Marking the above wreck.

*Description.*—A light-buoy formerly exhibiting an occulting red light.

*Notice to Mariners.*—No. 101 of 1917.

EXAMINATION OF MASTERS AND MATES.—NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 19th December, 1917.

WITH reference to Notice No. 40 of 1917, notifying certain proposed changes in the examination of masters and mates, to take effect on 1st January, 1918, it is hereby notified that the date for bringing in the proposed changes has been postponed until further notice.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

*Notice to Mariners.*—No. 102 of 1917.

WELLINGTON HARBOUR.—WHARF LIGHTS.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 20th December, 1917.

THE Wellington Harbour Board have notified that on and after Monday, the 24th December, the respective red and green lights on Seatoun and Karaka Bay Wharves will be removed, and that in future no navigational lights will be shown from these wharves.

*Charts, &c., affected.*—Admiralty Chart No. 1423, "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chap. v, page 143; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1918, page 294, and plan facing page 282.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

#### CROWN LANDS NOTICE.

*Pastoral Land in Hauraki Mining District, Auckland Land District, for License by Discharged Soldiers.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Auckland, 10th December, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned land is open for license by discharged soldiers under the regulations for the occupation of pastoral land in the Hauraki Mining District, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 28th January, 1918.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1918, at 10 o'clock a.m.; but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of any other district.

The ballot will be held on the same day as the examination at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

#### SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—THAMES COUNTY.—OHINEMURI SURVEY DISTRICT.

##### Second-class Land.

SECTION 4, Block II: Area, 953 acres; capital value, £596; half-yearly rent, £14 18s.

Altitude, 1,000 ft. to 1,500 ft. above sea-level. Rough hilly and broken land; about 200 acres old kauri-workings, in fern and second growth; balance mixed forest comprising tawa, towai, birch, miro, hinau, rata, kohekohe, &c., with dense undergrowth of supplejack, punga, kiekie, rangiora, &c. Clay soil, of rather poor quality. Distant about ten miles from Hikutaia Railway-station, about four miles of which is by metalled road, about five miles by bridle-track, the balance being unformed.

#### ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENSE.

1. Term of license, twenty-one years, with a conditional right of renewal and right to acquire the freehold of the surface only, with no right to acquire possession of minerals, metals, or valuable stone existing under the area.
2. Rent payable in advance on 1st March and 1st September in each year.
3. Applicants to be seventeen years of age and upwards.
4. Applicants to furnish statutory declaration with applications, and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 1s. license fee and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period between date of lease and 1st March or 1st September following is also payable.
5. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.
6. Successful applicants to execute license within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.
7. Residence is to commence within four years in bush land or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, and to be continuous for a period of ten years.
8. Improvements.—Licensee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land, and 10s. for every acre of second-class land.
9. Licensee to pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.
10. Licensee may not transfer within ten years from date of license, except with consent.
11. Licensee has no right to dispose of sawmilling timber.
12. The right is reserved to the Crown to grant licenses to cut timber and other rights appurtenant thereto, and free right of access must be allowed to the holders of such licenses and their employees.
13. Holders of miners' rights have right to prospect.
14. The Warden may grant mining privileges subject to compensation for improvements only.
15. The licensee has no claim to compensation on account of any injury to stock resulting from sawmilling or mining operations.
16. License is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

Application forms and plans containing full particulars, and copies of the regulations for the occupation of pastoral land within the Hauraki Mining District, can be obtained from the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland.

H. M. SKEET,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.