

*Disbandment of Defence Rifle Club.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 17th December, 1916.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the disbandment, under section 43 (1) and (2) and section 44 of the Defence Act, 1909, of the under-mentioned Defence Rifle Club:—

THE HURLEYVILLE DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB,  
with headquarters at Hurleyville (Wellington Military District). Date of disbandment, 19th December, 1916.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

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Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 17th December, 1916.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the disbandment, under section 43 (1) and (2) and section 44 of the Defence Act, 1909, of the under-mentioned Defence Rifle Club:—

THE WAREA DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB,  
with headquarters at Warea (Wellington Military District). Date of disbandment, 19th December, 1916.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

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Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 19th December, 1916.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the disbandment, under section 43 (1) and (2) and section 44 of the Defence Act, 1909, of the under-mentioned Defence Rifle Club:—

THE KAITAKI DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB,  
with headquarters at Oakura (Wellington Military District). Date of disbandment, 21st December, 1916.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

*Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 30th December, 1916.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the award of a Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal to

Lieutenant STEPHEN WILLIAM BONE BROOKER, Corps of New Zealand Engineers,  
he having a total service to 12th December, 1916, entitling him thereto of twenty years and thirty-six days.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

*Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 3rd January, 1917.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the award of a Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal to

No. 22, Company Sergeant-major WILLIAM MIDDLEDITCH,  
New Zealand Garrison Artillery,  
he having a total service to the 30th November, 1916, entitling him thereto of twenty years two hundred and twenty-eight days.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

*Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal.*

Department of Defence,  
Wellington, 4th January, 1917.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the award of a Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal to

17/2034, Company Sergeant-major BENJAMIN OLOF JOHNSON, New Zealand Garrison Artillery,  
he having a total service to the 28th November, 1916, entitling him thereto of twenty years and forty-one days.

J. ALLEN,  
Minister of Defence.

*By-law of the Akaroa County Council confirmed under the By-laws Act, 1910.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1916.

THE following certificate has been executed on the sealed copy of the by-law made by the Akaroa County Council on the 28th October, 1916.

G. W. RUSSELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

## CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION.

In pursuance of the By-laws Act, 1910, I hereby confirm the above-written by-law, and declare that the same came into force on the 29th day of November, 1916.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

G. W. RUSSELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Result of Election of a Member of the Hamilton Fire Board by Fire-insurance Companies.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 22nd December, 1916.

THE following result of the election of a member of the Hamilton Fire Board by fire-insurance companies has been reported to the Minister of Internal Affairs, and is notified in accordance with the rules made under the Fire Brigades Act, 1908.

G. W. RUSSELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

## Hamilton Fire Board

Walter Robert Saunders, *vice* Norman Robert Mackintosh, resigned.

*Despatch.—Nobel Peace Prize, 1917.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 8th January, 1917.

THE following despatch, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

G. W. RUSSELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

(New Zealand.—No. 855.)

Downing Street, 28th October, 1916.

MY LORD,—With reference to my predecessor's despatch No. 581, of the 26th October, 1915, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a notice issued by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, regarding nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize for 1917.

2. I should be glad if your Ministers would cause the conditions of the prize to be made known to those bodies and persons who are qualified to nominate candidates.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

Governor His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Liverpool, G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

## NOBEL COMMITTEE OF THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT.

*Nobel Peace Prize.*

ALL proposals of candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize, which is to be distributed December 10th, 1917, must, in order to be taken into consideration, be laid before the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament by a duly qualified person *before the 1st of February of the same year.*

Any one of the following persons is held to be duly qualified: (a) Members and late members of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, as well as the advisers appointed at the Norwegian Nobel Institute; (b) members of Parliament and members of Government of the different States, as well as members of the Interparliamentary Union; (c) members of the International Arbitration Court at the Hague; (d) members of the Commission of the Permanent International Peace Bureau; (e) members and associates of the Institute of International Law; (f) university professors of political science and of law, of history, and of philosophy; and (g) persons who have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Nobel Peace Prize may also be accorded to institutions or associations.

According to the Code of Statutes, § 8, the grounds upon which any proposal is made must be stated, and handed in along with such papers and other documents as may therein be referred to.