

TWO GROSS SATCHELS, LETTER-CARRIERS'.

Accepted.
W. J. Heape, Auckland £ s. d.
345 12 0

Declined.
W. Wiggins (Limited), Wellington 345 12 0

1,000,000 ENVELOPES, PATENT FOLDING, BLUE.

Accepted.
R. J. Seddon and Co., Wellington 375 0 0

Declined.
Brown and Dureau (Limited), Wellington .. 500 0 0

John Dickinson and Co.'s African and Australian Branch (Limited), Wellington .. 560 8 4
543 15 0

51,140 LB. OF GRASS-SEED FOR LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

Accepted.
Barraud and Abraham, Palmerston North .. 2,052 0 0

Declined.
O'Leary Bros. and Downs, Auckland .. 1,864 9 7

Wright, Stephenson, Christchurch .. 1,988 19 11

Murray, Roberts, Wellington .. 2,030 15 0

F. M. Winstone, Auckland .. 2,068 16 0

6,350 ELECTRIC LAMPS, DRAWN-WIRE, BAYONET COLLAR, CLEAR GLASS.

Accepted.
A. and T. Burt (Limited), Wellington .. 268 17 1*

* With exception of 100 c.p. lamps.

Declined.
Indiarubber, Gutta-percha, and Telegraph Works Company (Limited), Christchurch .. 318 5 10

H. G. Anderson and Co., Wellington .. 402 13 0

Lawrence and Hanson Electrical Company (Limited), Wellington .. 411 6 0

D. Kerr and Co., Sydney .. 416 0 10

British General Electric Company (Limited), Wellington .. 429 6 8

W. C. Wedderspoon, Christchurch .. 454 8 9

New Zealand Time-service Arrangements.—Notice No. 5.

Hector Observatory,
Wellington, N.Z., 8th March, 1917.

THE following notice is published for general information, and will come into operation on 27th March, 1917, when Notice No. 2 of 1st May, 1914, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 7th May, 1914, will be superseded.

C. E. ADAMS,
Government Astronomer.

POSITION OF OBSERVATORY.

THE adopted position of the Transit Instrument at the Hector Observatory is longitude 11 h. 39 m. 4.27 s. (= 174° 46' 4"), east of Greenwich, latitude 41° 17' 3.8" south; height, 418 ft. above 1909 mean sea-level.

TIME SERVICE.

1. Accurate Time-signals.

Time-signals are given by three electric lights mounted vertically on the Observatory flagstaff. The lowest light is green, and is 30 ft. above the ground; the middle light is red, and is 36 ft. above the ground; the highest light is white, and is 42 ft. above the ground.

The green light is switched on at 50 minutes, the red light at 10 minutes, and the white light at 5 minutes to the hour; all three lights are extinguished simultaneously at the hour. The switching-on of the lights must be considered as only approximately correct; the time-signal is given by switching off the lights at the exact hour. This signal is given at 20 h., 21 h., and 22 h. of Greenwich mean time.

The corresponding Greenwich mean time (counted from noon) and New Zealand civil mean time (counted from midnight) of the time-signals are as under:—

	G.M.T.			N.Z.C.M.T.		
	h.	m.	s.	h.	m.	s.
Green light switched on	..	19	10 0*	18	40	0*
Red light switched on	..	19	50 0*	19	20	0*
White light switched on	..	19	55 0*	19	25	0*
All lights switched off	..	20	00 0†	19	30	0†

* Approximate. † Time-signal.

The signal is repeated at 21 h. and 22 h. G.M.T.

2. Approximate Time-signals.

When owing to bad weather or other causes accurate time-signals cannot be given, approximate ones will be given on application being made for them to the Observatory; but in these cases the green light will not be shown. The error of an approximate time-signal can usually be supplied by the Observatory as soon as a satisfactory observation has been obtained.

3. Time-signals by Telephone, by Telegraph, and by Wireless Telegraph.

Arrangements can usually be made to give time-signals by telephone, by telegraph, or by wireless telegraph, on application being made to the Observatory.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Land in Canterbury Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 9th March, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned land having been forfeited by resolution of the Canterbury Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Section 6, Block VII, Orari Survey District, Tripp Settlement.

FORMERLY held by Michael Martin Leonard. Reason for forfeiture: Non-payment of rent and general neglect.

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

Land in Hawke's Bay Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 13th March, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned land having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Hawke's Bay Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and the regulations made thereunder.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.

TENURE: S.T.L. Lease No. 33. Section 8, Block IV, Puketapu Survey District. Area, 550 acres. Formerly held by J. H. Montieth. Reason: At the request of lessee.

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

Education Reserves in Otago Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 13th March, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the education reserves described in the First and Second Schedules hereto will be offered for lease by public auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Dunedin, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 25th April, 1917, under the provisions of the Education Reserves Act, 1908, and its amendments, and the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

CITY OF DUNEDIN.

PART of Sections 81 and 82, Block XIX: Area, 39.77 perches; upset annual rent, £7 10s.

Weighted with £310, valuation for dwellinghouse, drainage, and fencing.

Situated in Cosy Dell, near Regent Road.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN.

Section 9, Block II: Area, 1 rood; upset annual rental, 7s. 6d.

Situated at extreme south end of the town. Poor access. A grazing-section only.