

Authorizing the Laying-off of Hillside Road, in the Town of Papatoetoe Extension No. 16, of a Width of not less than 66 ft.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 15th January, 1917.

IN pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 15 of the Land Act, 1908, I hereby authorize the laying-off of Hillside Road, in the Town of Papatoetoe Extension No. 16, Auckland Land District, of a width of not less than 66 ft. instead of 99 ft.

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

Authorizing the Laying-off of Roy, Ivy, Lex, Violet, and Irwin Streets, in the Town of The Rocks Extension No. 3, of a Width of not less than 66 ft.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 15th January, 1917.

IN pursuance of the power and authority conferred upon me by section 15 of the Land Act, 1908, I hereby authorize the laying-off of Roy, Ivy, Lex, Violet, and Irwin Streets, in the Town of The Rocks Extension No. 3, Southland Land District, of a width of not less than 66 ft. instead of 99 ft.

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

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Chemists' Shops in the Borough of Greymouth, under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops within the Borough of Greymouth, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough should be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays, 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 p.m., re-open 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 p.m.; Sundays, 7 to 8 p.m.; in the event of any day which is generally observed as a close holiday, the hour of closing of the working-day preceding such holiday shall be 9 p.m.:

And whereas the Greymouth Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops within the Borough of Greymouth:

Now, therefore, I, William Herbert Herries, Minister of Labour, in pursuance of section 25 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, do hereby direct that on and after the 22nd day of January, 1917, all chemists' shops in the Borough of Greymouth shall be closed as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 6 p.m., and on Saturdays at 9 p.m.

Pursuant to subsection (4) of the said section and to subsection (c) of section 18 of the said Act, nothing in this notice shall permit any such shop to remain open after the hour of 1 p.m. on the day observed as the weekly half-holiday, except for the sale of medicines and surgical appliances that are urgently required; provided that such shops may, pursuant to subsection (d) of section 18 of the said Act, re-open on the day observed as the weekly half-holiday at 7 p.m. only for the sale of medicines and surgical appliances, and in such case the closing-hour shall be 8 p.m.

Provided that the closing-hour in the evening preceding any day generally observed as a public holiday in the Borough of Greymouth shall be 9 p.m.

The notice gazetted on the 4th May, 1911, is hereby cancelled.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of January, 1917.

W. H. HERRIES,
Minister of Labour.

Bank Statements.

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of New Zealand, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1916.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	2,912,696	11	7
Bills in circulation	.. ..	44,685	0	4
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	36,824	16	5
Government deposits	.. ..	5,193,434	9	11
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	8,847,656	6	4
Bearing interest	.. ..	6,612,071	12	8
Total average liabilities		£23,647,368	17	3

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals	.. ..	3,365,058	14	2
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	95,410	2	7
Legal tender notes of other Banks	.. ..	51,709	0	9
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	90,834	2	8
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	14,169	8	6
Landed property	.. ..	172,968	6	1
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	1,026,691	12	1
2. Government securities (New Zealand or otherwise)	.. ..	2,053,489	13	0
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	10,898,360	2	4
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	647,999	6	3
Total average assets		£18,416,690	8	5

Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 31st December, 1916:—

4-per-cent. guaranteed stock, £529,988.
"A" preference shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1903, £500,000.
"B" Preference shares issued to the Crown under Bank of New Zealand Act, 1913, £250,000.
Ordinary shares, £1,000,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders on—
"A" preference shares, 10 per cent. per annum.
"B" preference shares and ordinary shares (dividend 12 per cent. per annum, and bonus 3 per cent. per annum), 15 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared on—

"A" preference shares, £50,000.
"B" " " " £37,500.
Ordinary shares, £149,007.

(On the Guaranteed Stock £10,599, interest for six months, was paid on 1st November, 1916.)

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,118,605.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of January, 1917.

W. CALLENDER, General Manager.
A. H. CAREY, pro Accountant.

[NOTE.—The above are the figures for New Zealand only.]

STATEMENT of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of Australasia, in New Zealand, during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1916.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Notes in circulation	.. ..	355,911	9	4
Bills in circulation	.. ..	13,396	4	9
Balances due to other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Government deposits	.. ..	221,547	6	2
Other deposits—				
Not bearing interest	.. ..	1,915,993	17	9
Bearing interest	.. ..	886,346	17	1
Total average liabilities		£3,393,195	15	1

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Coined gold and silver and other coined metals	.. ..	973,084	8	6
Legal tender notes of other Banks	.. ..	2,324	15	4
Gold and silver in bullion or bars	.. ..	85	15	8
Notes and bills of other Banks	.. ..	29,378	17	7
Balances due from other Banks	.. ..	..	..	..
Landed property	.. ..	13,712	10	10
Amount of all other securities—				
1. Notes and bills discounted	.. ..	190,742	0	0
2. Colonial Government securities	.. ..	221,538	9	3
3. Other funded securities	.. ..	..	..	..
4. Debts due to the Bank (exclusive of debts abandoned as bad)	.. ..	3,021,695	18	2
5. Securities not included under the above heads	.. ..	10,054	1	0
Total average assets		£4,462,616	16	4

Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £2,000,000.

Rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 14 per cent., and bonus 12s. per share, equal to 17 per cent. per annum.

Amount of the last dividend declared, £170,000.

Amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £2,931,750.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of January, 1917.

A. W. BUTT, Manager.
B. SWANSTON, Accountant.