



THE
NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE
EXTRAORDINARY.

Published by Authority.

WELLINGTON, FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1918.

Additional Regulations under the War Regulations Act, 1914.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this twenty-third day of July, 1918.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

FOR better securing the public safety during the present war, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the authority conferred upon him by the War Regulations Act, 1914, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations under the said Act.

REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as the Censorship Regulations.
2. When the Attorney-General is satisfied that the exercise of the authority hereby conferred upon him is advisable for the purpose of securing the public safety during the present war, he may give or cause to be given to the proprietor, publisher, editor, or printer of any periodical publication a notice—
 - (a.) That no issue of that publication is to be published until it has been submitted to censorship under these regulations, and the publication thereof has been authorized by a Censor; or
 - (b.) That any matter or kind of matter specified in the notice is not to be published in any issue of that publication until the matter so to be published has been submitted to censorship under these regulations, and the publication thereof has been authorized by a Censor.
3. When the Attorney-General is satisfied that the exercise of the authority hereby conferred upon him is advisable for the purpose of

securing the public safety during the present war, he may give or cause to be given to the proprietor or manager of any printing-press a notice—

- (a.) That no matter is to be printed on that printing-press until such matter has been submitted to censorship under these regulations, and the publication thereof has been authorized by a Censor; or
- (b.) That any matter or kind of matter specified in the notice is not to be printed on that printing-press until the matter so to be printed has been submitted to censorship under these regulations, and the publication thereof has been authorized by a Censor.

4. Every notice given under the preceding regulations shall remain in force until revoked by the Attorney-General.

5. (1.) The Attorney-General may appoint such persons as he thinks fit as Censors for the purpose of these regulations, and may at any time cancel any such appointment.

(2.) All matter submitted for censorship under these regulations shall be examined by a Censor so appointed, who if satisfied that its publication is not prejudicial to the public safety shall approve the same for publication, but if not so satisfied shall refuse such approval.

6. Except where other provision is made in that behalf by any such notice as aforesaid, all matter required by any such notice to be submitted to censorship shall for that purpose be transmitted to the Chief of the General Staff of the Defence Forces at Wellington.

7. If any issue of a periodical publication which is required to be submitted to censorship under these regulations is published without being so submitted or without the approval of a Censor appointed under these regulations, or if any matter required to be submitted to censorship under these regulations is published in any issue of a periodical publication without having been so submitted or without the approval of a Censor so appointed, the publisher, editor, and printer of that publication, and every person knowingly concerned in the publishing of such issue, shall be severally guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable under the War Regulations Act, 1914, accordingly.

8. (1.) If any matter which is required to be submitted to censorship under these regulations before being printed on any printing-press is printed on that press without having been so submitted, or without the approval of a Censor appointed under these regulations, the printer and every person knowingly concerned in the printing thereof shall be severally guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable under the War Regulations Act, 1914, accordingly.

(2.) The printing of a proof for revision or for submission to censorship shall not be an offence against these regulations.

9. (1.) For the purposes of these regulations a periodical publication shall be deemed to be identical with any periodical publication which is published in succession thereto or in substitution therefor, and which has the same proprietor, publisher, editor, or printer, and every notice given under these regulations in respect of the former publication shall continue in force with respect to any such succeeding or substituted publication.

(2.) For the purposes of these regulations a printing-press shall be deemed to preserve its identity notwithstanding any change of name or otherwise, if the proprietor, manager, premises, or plant remains the same; and every notice given under these regulations shall remain in force accordingly.

10. For the purposes of these regulations every issue of a periodical publication shall be deemed to include as part thereof every document which is printed or published for sale or distribution along with copies of that publication.

11. Every person who commits an offence against the Printers and Newspapers Registration Act, 1908, shall also be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable under the War Regulations Act, 1914, accordingly.

12. Every notice authorized by these regulations to be given to the proprietor, publisher, editor, or printer of a periodical publication or to the proprietor or manager of a printing-press may (without excluding any other mode of delivery) be given by leaving the same on the premises at which the periodical publication is published, printed, or managed, or on the premises on which the printing-press is situated, as the case may be, and may be addressed to such proprietor, publisher, editor, printer, or manager by description as such, and without naming him.

13. The term "public safety" as used in these regulations shall be deemed to include (without in any manner limiting the scope of the

term) the effective conduct of the military or naval operations of His Majesty during the present war, and also the maintenance of industries essential for the public welfare, and also the prevention of seditious utterances as defined by the War Regulations of the 4th December, 1916.

14. (1.) Clause 2 of the regulations made under the War Regulations Act, 1914, on the 11th of October, 1915, and relating to prohibited publications, is hereby amended by revoking paragraph (d) thereof and by adding to that clause the following paragraphs:—

“(e.) No person shall print a prohibited publication.

“(f.) No person shall deliver a prohibited publication to any other person, or have in his possession a prohibited publication for the purpose of such delivery.

“(g.) No act done in good faith by an officer of police or other servant of the Crown in the execution of his office shall constitute an offence against this regulation.

“(h.) Every abridgment or extract from or abstract of a prohibited publication shall be itself a prohibited publication.

“(i.) Every periodical publication which is published in succession to or in substitution for a prohibited periodical publication, and which has the same proprietor, publisher, editor, or printer, shall be itself a prohibited publication.”

(2.) Clause 2 of the aforesaid regulations of the 11th October, 1915, as amended by these present regulations, shall apply to all prohibited publications, whether the sale thereof has been prohibited before or after the making of these present regulations.

15. (1.) Save in a newspaper duly registered under the Printers and Newspapers Registration Act, 1908, no person shall print any matter relating to or referring to the present war unless such matter has been submitted to censorship, and approved for publication by a Censor appointed under these regulations.

(2.) No person shall do any act with intent to procure the printing elsewhere than in New Zealand, but for sale, publication, or distribution in New Zealand, of any matter relating or referring to the present war, unless such matter has been submitted to censorship, and approved for publication by a Censor appointed under these regulations.

(3.) The printing of a proof for revision or for submission to censorship shall not be an offence against this regulation.

(4.) No person shall sell or distribute, or have in his possession for sale or distribution, any printed matter which has been printed or the printing of which has been procured in breach of this regulation.

(5.) For the purposes of this regulation printing shall be deemed to include all mechanical methods of multiplying a document.

16. No person shall print or publish in any periodical publication, or in any other printed document,—

(a.) Any matter or statement which in any manner indicates, or may be reasonably supposed to indicate, the existence in that document of any omission, alteration, or addition due to the exercise of the powers of censorship conferred by these regulations; or

(b.) Any statement or indication that any matter or kind of matter has been required to be submitted to censorship under these regulations, or that a Censor has refused his authority for the printing or publication of any matter or kind of matter.

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