

interest in the majority of the Oversea Dominions, have been embodied in a new statute of the Order dated 1st June, 1917.

3. I think it may be useful to explain certain points arising out of His Majesty's recent decision, for the guidance of those who hold the dignities affected by it:—

(a.) The new rule will apply to all Companions of the Orders, and a period of grace will enable Companions residing in distant parts of the Empire to have the necessary alterations of their badges made. The length of the period will not be prescribed.

(b.) The new riband to be worn will be of the breadth prescribed by the existing statutes of the Order (one inch and a half).

(c.) (i.) The Knight Commander of an Order who is also a Companion of a senior Order will, of course, treat the badge of the Order of which he is a Knight Commander as senior for all purposes.

(ii.) A Companion or Commander of more than one of the Orders affected will wear the badge of the senior Order just below the collar of the tunic or uniform coat, the other badges being worn one below the other, suspended on riband which emerges from between the buttons of the coat.

(iii.) With evening dress the badge of the senior Order will be worn under the white tie, the others, in miniature, on the lapel of the coat.

(d.) When a Companion is in service dress the riband of the Order will be worn on the left breast as heretofore

I have, &c.,

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

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Government House, New Zealand.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,

St. James's Palace, S.W., 1st June, 1917.

By the King's Commands, the badge of the Third Class or Companions of the Orders of the Bath, the Star of India, Saint Michael and Saint George, and the Indian Empire will in future be worn suspended on a ribbon round the neck. Members of this class of these four Orders will, while retaining the title of Companion, be given precedence as Commanders, according to the seniority of the Order.

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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,

St. James's Palace, S.W., 10th August, 1917.

WITH reference to the notification in the *London Gazette* of the 1st June last that the badge of the Third Class or Companions of the Orders of the Bath, the Star of India, Saint Michael and Saint George, and the Indian Empire will in future be worn suspended on a ribbon round the neck, the Registrar and Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood hereby notifies members of this class of these four Orders as follows:—

The cost of these alterations will be met free of charge to the following extent:—

	£	s.	d.
C.B.	0 12 6
C.S.I.	0 7 0
C.M.G.	0 12 6
C.I.E.	1 5 0

The Registrar and Secretary is prepared to receive bills from jewellers, up to the above amounts, for alterations they have made. These bills must bear the signed authority of the member of the Order for whom the alteration has been made.

Bills for alterations to the C.B. and C.M.G. should be rendered separately to those for alterations to the C.S.I. and C.I.E.

(Extract from the *London Gazette* No. 30224, 10th August, 1917.)

Notice respecting Proposed Alteration of Boundaries of City of Auckland.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 29th January, 1918.

PURSUANT to section 14 of the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act, 1913, it is hereby notified that a petition in accordance with regulations, signed by not less than one-fourth of the electors of the area described in the

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Schedule hereto, being a portion of the Tamaki West Road District in the County of Eden, has been presented to His Excellency the Governor-General praying that the said area may be excluded from the said road district and included in the City of Auckland. All persons affected are hereby called upon to lodge any written objection to or petitions against the proposed alteration within one month from the first publication of this notice. Such objections or petitions are to be addressed and forwarded to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

AREA PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY OF AUCKLAND.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District bounded by a line commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of Allotment 34 of Section 12, Suburbs of Auckland, distant 300 links from the south-eastern corner of that allotment; thence along the eastern boundary of the said allotment bearing 1° 1' distance 1017-23 links, and bearing 3° 24' 30" distance 911-97 links; thence bearing 48° 21' distance 140-73 links, bearing 88° 15' 20" distance 145-19 links, bearing 31° 44' 20" distance 13-41 links, bearing 343° 8' 20" distance 17-81 links, bearing 319° 59' distance 236-48 links, bearing 33° 54' 50" distance 288-85 links, bearing 86° 45' distance 259-73 links, bearing 52° 41' 30" distance 38-46 links, bearing 346° 43' distance 242 links, bearing 24° 1' 30" distance 304-69 links, bearing 78° 29' 40" distance 209-16 links, bearing 143° 44' 30" distance 177-7 links, bearing 61° 23' 30" distance 50-19 links, bearing 10° 34' distance 173-73 links, bearing 18° 41' distance 259-46 links, bearing 62° 35' distance 397-38 links, bearing 109° 40' 40" distance 516-84 links, bearing 84° 55' 30" distance 71-83 links, bearing 22° 34' distance 313-83 links, bearing 321° 21' 10" distance 157-67 links, bearing 347° 24' 30" distance 369-39 links, bearing 67° 15' 20" distance 251-49 links, bearing 113° 16' distance 156-97 links, bearing 47° 49' distance 35-7 links, bearing 6° 50' 20" distance 346-13 links, bearing 70° 52' 50" distance 222-7 links, bearing 121° 27' 40" distance 139-39 links, bearing 66° 13' 30" distance 233-61 links, bearing 32° 36' 30" distance 161-74 links, bearing 4° 14' 20" distance 212-32 links, bearing 63° 40' distance 287-81 links, bearing 92° 38' 40" distance 406-56 links, bearing 61° 46' distance 515-33 links, bearing 16° 32' distance 500-69 links, bearing 95° 26' distance 424-86 links, bearing 133° 25' distance 264-41 links, bearing 73° 7' 40" distance 520-85 links, bearing 135° 4' distance 582-3 links, bearing 204° 25' 30" distance 322-06 links, bearing 175° 13' 20" distance 424-95 links, bearing 150° 21' distance 89-24 links, bearing 109° 20' 30" distance 288-77 links, bearing 146° 42' distance 233-22 links, bearing 199° 9' distance 480-94 links, bearing 274° 51' distance 1112-88 links, bearing 256° 53' distance 130-47 links, bearing 210° 48' distance 87-09 links, bearing 146° 58' 10" distance 171-83 links, bearing 198° 44' 30" distance 297-23 links, bearing 237° 35' 40" distance 368-25 links, bearing 268° 4' distance 165-86 links, bearing 201° 25' distance 106-43 links, bearing 178° 1' distance 1042-72 links, bearing 220° 41' distance 298-1 links, bearing 203° 48' distance 862-89 links, bearing 167° 45' distance 485-82 links, bearing 250° 54' 10" distance 1158-22 links, and bearing 265° 2' 50" distance 2811-5 links to the place of commencement.

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Despatch.—Nobel Peace Prize, 1918.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 30th January, 1918.

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.—Dominions, No. 766.)

Downing Street, 29th November, 1917.

MY LORD,—With reference to my predecessor's despatch No. 855 of the 28th October, 1916, 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 1918.

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.,

WALTER H. LONG.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Liverpool,
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