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Requisition of New Zealand Wool.

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LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by reason of the exigencies of the present war and by reason of the conditions created thereby it is necessary that further supplies of wool should be obtained by His Majesty: And whereas by Order in Council of the eighteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the export of wool from New Zealand to any destination is prohibited, save with the consent of the Minister of Customs: And whereas by an Order in Council made on the eighth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, under the War Regulations Act, 1914, the sale of New Zealand wool otherwise than to His Majesty has been prohibited: And whereas by a Proclamation made on the fifteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, all New Zealand wool of the then present season's clip was requisitioned for the use of His Majesty on the terms and conditions set out in that Proclamation: And whereas His Majesty's necessities require that all New Zealand wool of the now continuing season's clip, and also all other wool hereafter clipped in New Zealand during the period hereinafter specified, be also requisitioned on similar terms and conditions:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, do hereby proclaim that all wool of the now continuing season's clip in New Zealand, and also all other wool hereafter clipped in New Zealand during the continuance of the war, or thereafter clipped in New Zealand at any time not later than one year after the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, is hereby requisitioned by and on behalf of His Majesty in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Schedule hereto; and do hereby further proclaim that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the requisition of the wool of last season's clip in accordance with the aforesaid Proclamation of the fifteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, which requisition shall proceed and be completed in pursuance of that Proclamation accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.

1. THE persons, firms, and companies mentioned in Appendix I hereto, together with such other persons, firms, or companies as the Government of New Zealand may from

time to time appoint, hereinafter referred to as Government wool-brokers, will, during the pleasure of the Government, act as the agents of the Government in respect of the aforesaid requisition of wool.

2. All owners of wool shall, as soon as practicable, deliver their wool at the wool-store of a Government wool-broker at one of the following ports—namely, Auckland, Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru Bay, Gisborne, Napier, Waitara, Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

3. Each bale of the wool shall bear on one end and on one flat side only the sheep-farmers' or country brand, the letters and figures of such brand being not less than 3 inches in height. If the branding has not been properly effected by the owner it shall be carried out by the broker, who shall be at liberty to charge the owner a reasonable sum for the services so rendered.

4. All wool so delivered shall be examined, classified, and valued before shipment by two expert valuers, one of whom will be appointed by the Government, and the other of whom will be employed by the Government wool-broker in whose possession the wool is held.

5. If the two valuers are unable to agree as to the classification and valuation of any wool, it will be examined, classified, and valued by a supervising valuer to be appointed by the Government.

6. If the owner of the wool is dissatisfied with the value assigned by the supervising valuer he may, at any time within forty-eight hours after the date of valuation, give to the Government a written notice of appeal from that valuation, and such appeal shall, on payment by the appellant of such fee as the Government shall fix, be determined by an umpire appointed by the Government; provided that in cases where reasonable cause for the delay is shown an appeal may be lodged at any time up to seventy-two hours after valuation. The decision of such umpire shall be final. The broker shall be at liberty to charge the owner of the wool a reasonable sum, not exceeding 2s. per bale, for the services rendered in submitting wool to an umpire for adjudication in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

7. All such wool shall be classified and valued in accordance with the scale set forth in Appendix II hereto, which shall be taken as representing the average prices of the various classes of wool as sold by auction in New Zealand in the month of January, 1914.

8. The Government will pay for all wool so valued a sum equal to the value so placed upon it, with the addition of 55 per cent. thereof.

9. Such payment will be made, free from exchange, on the fourteenth day after the date of valuation, to the wool-broker in whose possession the wool is held, and such wool-broker shall receive and account for the same as the agent and on behalf of the wool-owner.

10. At two o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day after the date of valuation the wool so valued shall become the property of His Majesty, and the wool-broker shall thereupon take and hold possession thereof on account of His Majesty accordingly. Until the said hour on the said fourteenth day the wool shall remain the property of and at the risk of the wool-owner, but shall be kept insured against fire in its full insurable value by the wool-broker on behalf of the wool-owner at all times while in the possession of the wool-broker until payment as aforesaid.

11. The wool-broker shall provide storage free of charge for the wool for a period of twenty-eight days after the date of valuation. After the expiration of that period the Government will pay storage at a rate to be arranged between the Government and the wool-broker.

12. Any wool may before payment therefor be rejected by the valuers, or, in case of their disagreement, by the supervising valuer, as being unmerchantable or not of the nature or quality required by the Government. Wool so rejected will not be taken by the Government. The broker shall be at liberty to charge the owner a reasonable sum for services rendered in respect of any wool so rejected, and also in respect of all wool which for any other reason does not become the property of His Majesty pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Proclamation.

13. In the case of all bales or packages of wool delivered in a wool-broker's store otherwise than in good condition for shipment, and in the case of bales or packages of mixed description requiring repacking, the broker shall be at liberty to charge the owner a sum not exceeding one farthing per pound for the additional work so involved, in addition to the cost of new packs, if supplied.

14. No Government wool-broker shall, in respect of any services rendered or charges incurred in pursuance of his employment by the Government as aforesaid, charge the owner of any wool with any brokerage commission or other remuneration or reimbursement, save so far as hereinbefore expressly authorized in respect of repacking, or

of correcting faulty branding, or in respect of wool which becomes the subject of an appeal, or in respect of wool that has been rejected by valuers or the supervising valuer, or in respect of wool that does not become the property of His Majesty pursuant to this Proclamation, the intention being that the amount payable by the Government in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall constitute the net return to the owner for the wool as delivered into the broker's store.

15. In all of the matters herein set forth the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies will act on behalf of the Government.

16. Slipe wool produced at freezing-works and any other quality of wool notified from time to time by the Government to the wool-brokers will not be subject to requisition under the provisions herein contained.

17. The delivery of wool by the owner to a Government wool-broker at his wool-store at any of the ports aforesaid shall constitute a contract between the owner and the Crown for the sale and purchase of the wool on the terms herein set forth, subject, however, to the right of rejection hereinbefore provided.

18. The term "date of valuation" means the day of the date of a certificate of valuation signed by the valuers or in the event of their disagreement by the supervising valuer.

19. If any owner of wool fails or refuses to deliver such wool to a wool-broker in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the wool will be subject to seizure in the exercise of His Majesty's authority in that behalf, and will be disposed of in such manner as the necessities of His Majesty may require.

20. In addition to the purchase-money hereinbefore specified a bonus in accordance with the following provisions will, on the termination of this scheme of requisition and purchase, be distributable among all persons who have sold wool to the Government under such scheme and shall be divided between them in proportion to the aggregate amounts paid to each of them by way of purchase-money under the scheme. The amount of such bonus shall be determined by His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom, and the determination of that Government will be final and conclusive. The intent of this provision, however, is that the bonus shall be equivalent to one-half of the net profits derived by His Majesty's Government from the resale of any wool that is not required for the uses of that Government, and His Majesty's Government will in determining the amount of the bonus compute the same in such manner as to give effect to this intent as nearly as may be deemed practicable by that Government.

APPENDIX I.

WOOL-BROKERS.

Abraham and Williams (Limited).	L. A. Nolan and Co.
A. Buckland and Sons.	Levin and Co. (Limited).
A. Moritzson and Co.	Murray, Roberts, and Co. (Limited).
Bennett and Sherratt.	National Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).
Bisley Bros. and Co.	Newton King.
Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).	New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Association of Canterbury (Limited).
Common, Shelton, and Co. (Limited).	New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Distributing Company (Limited).
Corry and Co.	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).
Dalgety and Co. (Limited).	North Auckland Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Darling and McDowell.	North Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
David Friedlander.	Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association of New Zealand (Limited).
De Pelichet, McLeod, and Co. (Limited).	Pyne and Co.
Donald Reid and Co. (Limited).	Southland Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
E. Buxton and Co. (Limited).	Stronach, Morris, and Co. (Limited).
Farmers' Co-operative Organization Society of New Zealand (Limited).	Tokomaru Farmers' Co-operative Company (Limited).
Freeman R. Jackson and Co. (Limited).	Tolaga Bay Trading Company (Limited).
Gisborne Farmers' Co-operative Company (Limited).	United Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Gisborne Sheep-farmers' Frozen Meat Company (Limited).	Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Guinness and LeCren (Limited).	Waters, Ritchie, and Co.
G. W. Binney and Sons.	W. E. Clouston and Co.
Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).	Williams and Kettle (Limited).
Henderson and Co. (Limited).	Wright, Stephenson, and Co. (Limited).
H. Matson and Co.	
Hugh Roberts.	
J. E. Watson and Co. (Limited).	
J. G. Ward and Co. (Limited).	
Johnston and Co. (Limited).	
J. R. Mills and Son.	

APPENDIX II.

SCALE OF QUALITIES AND VALUES REPRESENTING THE AVERAGE RETURNS FOR NEW ZEALAND WOOL SOLD DURING THE SEASON 1913-1914.

Description of Wool.	Range of Values per Pound according to Quality.		Description of Wool.	Range of Values per Pound according to Quality.	
	d.	d.		d.	d.
Superior merino combings	From 12	to 14½	Superior crossbred ..	From 10½	to 12
Medium to good merino	„ 9¾	„ 11½	Medium to good crossbred	„ 9	„ 11
Inferior merino ..	„ 8½	„ 9½	Inferior crossbred ..	„ 7½	„ 9
Superior half-bred ..	„ 12	„ 14	Lincoln and Leicester ..	„ 8¾	„ 10½
Medium to good half-bred	„ 9¾	„ 12	Lambs, good ..	„ 11	„ 13
Inferior half-bred ..	„ 9	„ 10	Lambs, medium ..	„ 9	„ 10½

NOTE.—All inferior classes of wool such as inferior lambs' wool, black wool, dead wool, pieces, bellies, locks, crutchings, seedy or other faulty wool, shall be valued at prices proportionate to those shown above.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.

Approved in Council.

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

GOD SAVE THE KING!