

## SUMATRA.

WEST COAST.—BENKULEN.—REEF REPORTED NORTH-WESTWARD OF.

*Position (approximate).*—At a distance of about 38 miles north-westward from Benkulen. Lat. 3° 29' S., long. 101° 42' 30" E.

*Depth.*—Not ascertained.

*Remarks.*—The symbol for a rock with a depth of less than 6 ft. is to be inserted on the charts in the above position and marked "Reported 1918 (posn. approx.)."

## KOREA.

SOUTH-EAST COAST.—DOUGLAS INLET.—RED ROCKS.—ROCK NORTH-WESTWARD OF.

*Position.*—At a distance of 12½ cables, 306° (N. 49° W. mag.), from the 52 ft. high rock of Red Rocks. Lat. 34° 59½' N., long. 128° 43¾' E.

*Depth.*—3½ fathoms.

*Variation.*—5° W.

*Notice to Mariners.*—No. 77 of 1918.

## AUCKLAND HARBOUR.—DREDGING.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 10th December, 1918.

THE Auckland Harbour Board have notified that the dredger "Hapai" and suction dredger "No. 2" have been recommissioned, and are now working as follows:—

The "Hapai" is working approximately 900 ft. E.S.E. magnetic of the northern end of the western tide-deflector, and six moorings laid out in N., S., E., and W. directions. At night-time she will exhibit the two regulation riding-lights, and also a red light on the eastern side.

Suction dredger "No. 2" is working approximately 300 ft. north of the centre of the new reclamation to the eastward of the King's Wharf, and has six moorings laid out in N., S., E., and W. directions, and is connected to the reclamation by a line of pipes on small punts.

*Chart, &c., affected.*—Admiralty Chart No. 1970; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter ii, page 39; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1918 and 1919, page 260.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

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## OAMARU HARBOUR.—DREDGING.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 10th December, 1918.

THE Oamaru Harbour Board have notified that from 13th December, 1918, the Dunedin dredge "222" will be working in the vicinity of the entrance to Oamaru Harbour. The dredge will have six mooring-chains laid out in different directions, and mariners are warned to proceed with great caution when nearing the dredge. By day the dredge will show one black ball; by night, in addition to the usual anchor-lights, one red light will be shown on the side that vessels should pass the dredge.

*Charts, &c., affected.*—Admiralty Charts Nos. 2532 and 3629; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter viii, page 248.

GEORGE ALLPORT,  
Secretary.

## Exportation of Tinned Meats to British Possessions and the United States of America.

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 6th December, 1918.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Minister of Customs has granted general permission for the exportation of tinned meats to British possessions and the United States of America.

No application or permit will in future be required. It should be understood that this general permit may at any time be withdrawn.

Applications to export tinned meats to other destinations should be sent to this office.

W. B. MONTGOMERY,  
Comptroller of Customs.

[NOTE.—This general permit does not obviate the necessity of obtaining any license for importation that may be required at destination.]

## Exportation of Hides and Calfskins to the United Kingdom and British Possessions.

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 6th December, 1918.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Minister of Customs has granted general permission for the exportation of hides and calfskins to the United Kingdom and British possessions.

No application or permit will in future be required. It should be understood that this general permit may at any time be withdrawn.

Applications to export hides or calfskins to foreign destinations should be sent to this office.

W. B. MONTGOMERY,  
Comptroller of Customs.

[NOTE.—This general permit does not obviate the necessity of obtaining any license for importation that may be required at destination.]

## Exportation of Tallow to British Possessions and the United States of America.

Customs Department,  
Wellington, 6th December, 1918.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Minister of Customs has granted general permission for the exportation of tallow to British possessions and the United States of America.

No application or permit will in future be required. It should be understood that this general permit may at any time be withdrawn.

Applications to export tallow to other destinations should be sent to this office.

W. B. MONTGOMERY,  
Comptroller of Customs.

[NOTE.—This general permit does not obviate the necessity of obtaining any license for importation that may be required at destination.]

## Subsidies to Public Libraries in Country Districts.

Education Department,  
Wellington, 11th December, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £3,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries in country districts.

The distribution will take place about the 1st March, 1919, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary, Education Department, Wellington, on or before the 25th January, 1919.

1. A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; and if it is within a borough a reading-room where the books may be read, and containing newspapers and periodicals, must be provided for the public free of charge; *in addition, it must not be situated in a borough, town, or town district the population of which exceeds fifteen hundred. The receipts for the year from subscriptions, donations, and voluntary contributions must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.*

2. In the distribution of the vote a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; *but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £25—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £50.*

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. *It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value—that is, on books of more than merely passing interest.*

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is