

Copy of Register of Vendors of Poison for the Provincial District of Westland.

Frederick James Parkinson, trading as Parkinson and Co., Tainui Street, Greymouth.
 Charles Phillip Williams, trading as Hanwell Williams, Mawhera Quay, Greymouth.
 John Henderson Keddie, Tainui Street, Greymouth.
 William Edward Williams, Revell Street, Hokitika.
 James Neil Irvine, Broadway, Reefton.
 The Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce, Union Chambers, Customhouse Quay, Wellington.

J. N. NALDER,
 Registrar of Poisons.

Magistrate's Office, Hokitika, 5th February, 1918.

Conscience-money received.

The Treasury,
 Wellington, 12th February, 1918.

THE Minister of Finance directs me to acknowledge receipt of 5s. (postal note), forwarded to the Colonial Treasurer by some person unknown, as conscience-money to the New Zealand Government "in payment for unintentional mistake."

G. F. C. CAMPBELL,
 Secretary to the Treasury.

Southern Maori Electoral District.—Notice of Polling-day.

IN pursuance of the Legislature Act, 1908, and its amendments, I, Helyar Wedderburn Bishop, Returning Officer for the Southern Maori Electoral District, do hereby give notice that, more than one candidate having been duly nominated for election as member of Parliament for the said district, the poll will be taken at the several polling-places of the said district on the 21st day of February, 1918, being the date fixed by the writ.

Hours of polling are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Dated this 8th day of February, 1918.

H. W. BISHOP,
 Returning Officer.

The Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

Census and Statistics Office,
 Wellington, 13th February, 1918.

THE following estimated average yields per acre of wheat and oats for the season 1917-18 have been compiled from reports furnished by the Fields Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture throughout the Dominion, and are now published for general information.

District.	Wheat. Bushels per Acre.	Oats. Bushels per Acre.
Auckland	27-26	31-40
Hawke's Bay	25-47	30-17
Taranaki	21-58	30-23
Wellington	24-59	30-59
Nelson	22-90	31-99
Marlborough	22-05	35-64
Canterbury	27-04	0-31
Otago	29-92	39-57
Southland	30-00	42-38

Average (estimated) for the Dominion, season 1917-18 27-35 35-26
 Average (actual) for the Dominion, season 1916-17 23-19 30-26

According to the above estimates, the total yield of wheat for the Dominion should be approximately 7,800,000 bushels, as against an actual yield of 5,051,227 bushels in 1917. The yield of oats is much harder to estimate, as the proportions of the harvest respectively threshed and chaffed depend to a great extent on market conditions. In 1916-17, 31-44 per cent. of the oat crop was threshed, and if the same percentage obtains this year the yield of grain should be approximately 5,368,000 bushels. The oats threshed last season yielded 5,371,436 bushels.

The reports of the Fields Inspectors as to the condition of the crops in the various districts may be briefly summarized as under:—

Auckland.—Comparatively little grain is grown for threshing in this district. Owing to the wet autumn, winter, and early spring, sowing was in many cases delayed, and harvest will be late.

Hawke's Bay.—A good deal of rain and heavy winds have done considerable damage to crops. Some of the grain will be discoloured owing to rain during harvest.

Taranaki.—In most cases the crops have made good growth, but grain has not filled out as it should. Late frosts did some harm.

Wellington.—Crops generally promise well, although grub and rust have appeared in places.

Nelson.—Growth and condition of crops in this district are much better than last year.

Marlborough.—Dry weather has prevented crops from maturing properly.

Canterbury.—Crops generally promised very well, but yields will in many cases be disappointing. Caterpillar, smut, and rust have caused material damage. Recent rains have laid some growing grain, and, where harvest has commenced, have caused mildew and discoloration.

Otago.—Conditions generally have been very favourable. Blight and rust are in evidence in places, and some record crops have been spoilt in this way. Rain also badly laid some heavy crops.

Southland.—Crops generally are looking well, and the yield should be good. In this district also heavy rains have done some damage.

MALCOLM FRASER,
 Government Statistician.

Mining Privilege struck off the Register.

Office of the Mining Registrar,
 Blenheim, 11th February, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned mining privilege has this day been struck off the Mining Register, under section 30 of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914.

SCHEDULE.

RESIDENCE-SITE No. 100/14: F. G. Stott; situated at Deep Creek.

A. F. BENT,
 Mining Registrar for Havelock.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Pastoral Lands classified in Westland Land District.

Department of Lands and Survey,
 Wellington, 19th January, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners appointed to classify and report upon lands in Westland Land District have classified the pastoral runs in the Schedule hereto as therein noted, and the classification has been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General under section 225 of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Class A.—Pastoral Land.

Being Lands suitable exclusively for Pasturage and not capable of being used with Profit in Areas of a Carrying-capacity of less than 5,000 Sheep.

RUN 446, Karangarua River: Area, 15,100 acres.

Class B.—Pastoral-Agricultural Lands.

Being Lands adapted in Part for Pasturage and in Part for Agricultural Purposes, but suitable for Subdivision in Areas not exceeding 5,000 Acres.

	Acres.
Run 20, Paringa River	16,000
Run 47, Okuru River	29,000
Run 69, Cascade River	17,000
Run 72, Mataketake and Clarke	12,000
Run 87, Upper Haast	7,000
Run 60, Oinetamatea	16,000
Run 65, Moeraki River	15,000
Run 117, Karangarua Range and Cassell's Flat	11,400

W. F. MASSEY,
 Minister of Lands.