

writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Minister of Public Works at Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

APPROXIMATE area of the piece of land required to be taken :
24 acres 0 roods 22 perches.

Portion of Porangahau 1B No. 4 Block, Blocks XV and XVI,
County of Patangata and Porangahau Survey District.

In the Hawke's Bay Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 43930, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured red.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 2nd day of April, 1918.

W. FRASER,
Minister of Public Works.

Plants declared to be Noxious Weeds by the Whangamarino Road Board.—Notice No. 2922.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 27th March, 1918.

IT is hereby notified, for public information, that the Whangamarino Road Board has, by special order, declared the following plants to be noxious weeds within the meaning of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, in the district under its jurisdiction :—

African boxthorn (*Lycium horridum*).
Bathurst burr (*Xanthium spinosum*).
Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*).
Burdock (*Arcti m*, any species).
Dock (*Rumex*, any species).
Elderberry (*Sambucus niger*).
Fennel (*Feniculum vulgare*).
Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*).
Giant burdock (*Arctium majus*).
Gorse (*Ulex europæus*).
Hakea (*Hakea acicularis*).
Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*).
Kangaroo acacia (*Acacia armata*).
Lupin (*Lupinus luteus*).
Ox-eye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*).
Pennyroyal (*Mentha pulegium*).
Periwinkle (*Vinca major*).
St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum* or *H. humifusum*).
Tauhinu (*Cassinia leptophylla*).
Thistles: Any species of *Carlina* (stemless thistle), *Carduus* (common plume or Scotch thistle), *Cnicus* (woolly-headed thistle), *Centaurea* (star thistle), *Silybum* (milk thistle).
Tutsan (*Hypericum androsæmum*).
Viper's bugloss (*Echium vulgare*).
Wild borage (*Echium violaceum*).
Wild turnip (*Brassica campestris*).
Winged thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*).

W. D. S. MACDONALD,
Minister of Agriculture.

Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 28th March, 1918.

THE Blackball Sick Fund Benefit Society, situated at Blackball, is registered as a friendly society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 28th day of March, 1918.

R. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Officiating Ministers for 1918.—Notice No. 11.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 3rd April, 1918.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information :—

Roman Catholic Church.

The Reverend MICHAEL JOHN LEWIS.

Church of the Seven Rules of Jehovah.

The Reverend WHARETAUIRA RANGITAKAIWAHO.

W. W. COOK,
Registrar-General.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 20 of 1918.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 26th March, 1918.

THE following Notices to Mariners, which have been received from the Hydrographic Office, London; the Hydrographic Office, Washington; and the Department of Navigation, Sydney, are published for general information.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING BRITISH PORTS.

PART I.—CLOSING OF PORTS.

FORMER notice cancelled.

(1.) My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having taken into consideration the fact that it may be necessary to forbid all entrance to certain ports of the Empire, this is to give notice that on approaching the shores of the United Kingdom, or any of the ports or localities of the British Empire, referred to in Part III of this notice, a sharp look-out should be kept for the signals described in the following paragraph, and for the vessels mentioned in paragraph (5), Part II, of this notice, and the distinguishing and other signals made by them. In the event of such signals being displayed, the port or locality should be approached with great caution, as it may be apprehended that obstructions may exist.

(2.) If entrance to a port is prohibited, three red vertical lights by night, or three red vertical balls by day, will be exhibited in some conspicuous position in or near to its approach, which signals will also be shown by the vessels indicated in paragraph (5), Part II, of this notice.

If these signals are displayed, vessels must approach the port with the greatest caution, and implicitly obey all orders or signals given them by the examination vessel or signal-station.

(3.) At all the ports or localities at home or abroad referred to in Part III of this notice, search-lights are occasionally exhibited for exercise.

Instructions have been given to avoid directing moveable search-lights during practice on to vessels under way, but mariners are warned that great care should be taken to keep a sharp look-out for the signals indicated in paragraph (2) above, when search-lights are observed to be working.

PART II.—EXAMINATION SERVICE.

(4.) In certain circumstances it is also necessary to take special measures to examine vessels desiring to enter the ports or localities at home or abroad, referred to in Part III of this notice.

(5.) In such case, vessels carrying the distinguishing flags or lights mentioned in paragraph (7) will be charged with the duty of examining ships which desire to enter the ports, and of allotting positions in which they shall anchor. If Government vessels, or vessels belonging to the local port authority, are found patrolling in the offing, merchant vessels are advised to communicate with such vessels with a view to obtaining information as to the course on which they should approach the port. Such communication will not be necessary in cases where the pilot on board has already received this information from the local authorities.

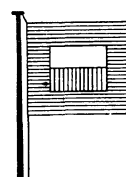
(6.) As the institution of the Examination Service at any port will never be publicly advertised, especial care should be taken in approaching the ports, by day or night, to keep a sharp look-out for any vessel carrying the flags or lights mentioned in paragraph (7), and to be ready to "bring to" at once when hailed by her or warned by the firing of a gun or sound rocket.

In entering by night any of the ports mentioned in Part III, serious delay and risk will be avoided if four efficient all-round lamps, two red and two white, are kept available for use.

(7.) By day the distinguishing flags of the examination steamer will be a special flag (white and red horizontal surrounded by a blue border) and a blue ensign.

Also, three red vertical balls if the port is closed.

SPECIAL FLAG



THREE RED BALLS

RED
BLUE

