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G. W. RUSSELL,
 Minister of Internal Affairs

Notice respecting Proposed Alteration of Boundaries, Castlecliff Town District, County of Waitotara.

Department of Internal Affairs,
 Wellington, 18th May, 1918.

IT is hereby notified that a petition has been presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, under the Town Boards Act, 1908, praying that the area described in the Schedule hereto may be excluded from the County of Waitotara and included in the Castlecliff Town District. All persons affected are hereby called upon to lodge any written objections to or petitions against the proposed alteration, which they desire to lodge, within one month from the first publication of this notice, such objections or petitions to be addressed to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

AREA PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN CASTLECLIFF TOWN DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, being part of Section 227, Block V, Westmere Survey District, commencing at old peg IV shown on deposited plan No. 3394. Bounded towards the north-east by lines bearing 202° 44', distance 106.75 links, bearing 325° 23', distance 2100 links, bearing 325° 19', distance 1550 links, bearing 325° 23' to the intersection of the present boundary of the Castlecliff Town District; thence towards the south-west by the Castlecliff Town District to old peg IV aforesaid, the place of commencement.

G. W. RUSSELL,
 Minister of Internal Affairs.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.

Wellington, 16th May, 1918.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Waitoa Drainage Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

ARTHUR M. MYERS,
 Acting Minister of Finance.

WAITOA DRAINAGE BOARD.

Result of Poll on Proposal to raise Special Loan of £5,000 for improving Drainage-works in the Waitoa No. 2 Special Rating Area.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Waitoa No. 2 Special Rating Area was taken on the 30th day of April, 1918, on the proposal of the Waitoa Drainage Board to borrow the sum of £5,000 for widening, deepening, and improving present watercourses and drains and constructing new watercourses and drains, and contingencies and engineering charges in connection therewith, within the Waitoa No. 2 Special Rating Area.

The number of valid votes recorded for the proposal was 94, and the number of valid votes recorded against the proposal was 18.

I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.
 Dated this 1st day of May, 1918.

F. W. WALTERS,
 Chairman, Waitoa Drainage Board.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.

Wellington, 22nd May, 1918.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Te Rapa Drainage Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

ARTHUR M. MYERS,
 Acting Minister of Finance.

TE RAPA DRAINAGE BOARD.

Notice of Result of Poll on Proposal to raise a Loan.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Te Rapa Drainage District's No. 3 Special Rating Area was taken on the 9th day of May, 1918, on the proposal of the Te Rapa Drainage Board to borrow the sum of £500 for the purpose of improving existing drains, and making new ones, in the Board's No. 3 Special Rating Area.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 15, and the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 4.

I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

Dated at Hamilton this 10th day of May, 1918.

J. A. CLARK,
 Chairman, Te Rapa Drainage Board.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Chemists' Shops in the Borough of Palmerston North, under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops in the Borough of Palmerston North, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough, save and except that shop established at 173 Church Street, in the Borough of Palmerston North, for the purpose of the sale of medicines and surgical appliances that are urgently needed, be closed in the evenings of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 6 p.m., and on Saturdays at 10 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1.) (a.) The working-day immediately preceding each of the following days, Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, and any day which, pursuant to a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or declaration by the Government, or on the request of the Mayor or Chairman of the local authority, is generally observed as a public holiday or half-holiday, when the closing-hour shall be 6 p.m.; and (b.) the working-day immediately preceding Christmas Day and the working-day immediately preceding New Year's Day, when the closing hour shall be 11 p.m. (2.) Should the occupier of any shop bound by the provisions of this requisition observe, pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, any day therein mentioned and referred to in exception (1) above, other than Wednesday as the statutory closing-day, then and in such case the closing-hour for any such shop on Wednesday shall be 6 p.m.:

And whereas the Palmerston North Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops within the Borough of Palmerston North:

And whereas I, William Herbert Herries, Acting Minister of Labour, am satisfied that all the occupiers of chemists' shops in the Borough of Palmerston North affected by section 3 of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1915, as amended by section 3 of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1917, have been afforded an equal right to share in the profits of the business carried on by such specified shop:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 25 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, and of section 3 of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1915, I do hereby direct that on and after the 27th day of May, 1918, all chemists' shops in the Borough of Palmerston North, except such specified shop, shall be closed accordingly.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of May, 1918.

W. H. HERRIES,
 Acting Minister of Labour.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Chemists' Shops in the City of Dunedin, under the Shops and Offices Act.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the chemists' shops in the City of Dunedin, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the city, save and except that shop known as the Associated Chemists (Limited), established at 145 High