

CONDITIONS.

1. Provided that the explosive shall be used only when contained in a case of waxed paper thoroughly waterproofed with paraffin wax.

2. That the explosive shall be used only with a detonator or electric detonator of not less strength than that known as No. 6 (i.e., the detonator or electric detonator to be used shall possess an effective detonative strength as great as, or greater than, that of one containing 15 grains of a composition consisting in every 100 parts by weight of 80 parts of fulminate of mercury and 20 parts of chlorate of potassium).

3. That the explosive has been made at the works of the Cape Explosives Works (Limited), at Somerset West, Cape Province, South Africa.

4. That the explosive is in all respects similar to the sample submitted to test at the Home Office Testing-station at Rotherham, in the County of York, England, on the 11th day of August, 1916, and at the office of the Chief Inspector of Explosives, Wellington, on the day of , 1918.

5. That, in addition to the marking on the outer package required by regulations made under the Explosives Act, 1905, and in force for the time being, such outer package shall bear the words "As defined in the List of Permitted Explosives"; and, further, each inner package shall be clearly marked with the words "Permitted Explosive. To be used only with not less than No. 6 Detonator," and also with the name of the explosive, the name of the manufacturer, the date and place of manufacture, and the nature and proportion of the ingredients.

6. That the quantity of the explosive to be used in any single shot-hole shall not exceed 18 oz.

7. That each cartridge shall be clearly marked with the words "not more than 18 oz. in any one shot-hole."

8. Provided further that, as regards the composition, quality, or character of the explosive defined in this Schedule, any article alleged to be such explosive which differs therefrom in composition, quality, or character, whether by reason of deterioration or otherwise, shall be deemed to be the explosive so defined; but an owner, agent, or manager of a mine shall not be responsible for the composition, quality, or character of an explosive if he shows that he has in good faith obtained a written certificate from the maker of the explosive that it complies with the terms of this Schedule, and that he has taken all reasonable means to prevent deterioration of the explosive while stored.

Plant declared to be a Noxious Weed by the Kairanga County Council.—Notice No. 1930.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,
Wellington, 19th June, 1918.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Kairanga County Council has, by special order, declared goat's rue (*Galega officinalis*) to be a noxious weed within the meaning of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, in the district under its jurisdiction.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,
Minister of Agriculture and of Industries
and Commerce.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Act, 1908.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, 19th June, 1918.

IN pursuance of section 58 of the Mutual Fire Insurance Act, 1908, a synopsis of the business of the Wellington Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Association as on the 31st March, 1918, based on statement deposited by that association in the office of the Public Trustee, is hereby published in the Gazette:—

Assets—		£	s.	d.
Amount of cash in hand and in bank	..	2,290	19	0
Amount outstanding on premium notes	..	25,543	12	8
Other payments due to the association	..	105	11	4
Liabilities—				
Amount of losses incurred during year	..	1,220	9	7
Amount of policies in force	..	426,799	0	0
Income—				
Amount received in premium notes	..	2,235	19	9
Amount of interest received	..	24	0	0
Amount of income from other sources	..	72	4	2
Expenditure—				
Amount of losses paid	..	1,380	0	0
Amount of expenses	..	616	14	5
Amount paid for reinsurance	..	295	13	11

R. TRIGGS,
Public Trustee.

Interim Return of Sheep in the Dominion on the 30th April, 1918.

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce, Wellington, 20th June, 1918.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION ON THE 30TH APRIL, 1918.

District.	Number of Sheep.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1917.*	1918.		
Auckland	1,983,510	1,968,960	..	14,550
Napier-Gisborne	6,732,883	6,804,435	71,552	..
Wellington - West Coast	5,850,735	5,900,776	50,041	..
Marlborough-Nelson-Westland	1,364,469	1,402,000	37,531	..
Canterbury-Kaikoura	4,718,026	5,330,139	612,113	..
Otago	4,620,763	4,948,284	327,521	..
Totals	25,270,386	26,354,594	1,098,758	14,550
Increase, North Island	107,043	..
Increase, South Island	977,165	..
Net increase for Dominion	1,084,208	..

* Complete returns.

NUMBER OF SHEEP IN THE DOMINION AND EXPORT OF MUTTON AND LAMB FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS AT 30TH APRIL.

Year ending 30th April.	Number of Sheep in Dominion.	Mutton Carcases exported.	Legs and Pieces exported.	Lamb Carcases exported.
1909	23,480,707	1,899,446	Cwt. 41,681	2,910,358
1910	24,269,620	1,711,839	52,873	3,423,918
1911	23,996,126	1,979,534	42,624	3,708,468
1912	23,750,153	1,918,119	34,667	3,035,783
1913	24,191,810	2,133,226	20,133	3,181,991
1914	24,798,763	2,630,962	22,696	3,808,006
1915	24,901,421	2,392,213	15,274	3,456,597
1916	24,788,150	2,713,247	33,274	3,488,951
1917	25,270,386	2,613,259	7,920	2,883,350
1918	26,354,594*	2,038,304	8,617	1,945,305

* Approximate.

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