

deepening, and improving existing watercourses and drains, and constructing new watercourses and drains:

And whereas an irregularity or defect occurred in the proceedings taken in connection with the said loan, inasmuch as the poll of the ratepayers upon the said proposal was not taken not more than three weeks after the day of the last publication of the notice of intention to raise the loan, as required by subsection two of section ten of the above-named Act:

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by such irregularity or defect, and it is expedient to validate the same:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby declare that the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the requirements of subsection two of section ten of the said Act as above mentioned had been strictly complied with, and that the proceedings shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity or defect aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Opening National Endowment Land in Westland Land District for Selection by Discharged Soldiers on Renewable Lease.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the national endowment land described in the Schedule hereto, which has been set apart for selection by discharged soldiers, shall be open for selection by discharged soldiers on renewable lease on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, at the rental mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said land shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Act and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.—
SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Grey County.—Haupiri Survey District.—Westland Mining District.

SECTION 2580, Block VI: Area, 300 acres; capital value, £150; half-yearly rent, £3.

Weighted with £15, valuation for bushfelling.

About 150 acres of this section is flat land, the remainder being rough, rocky sideling. Soil fair on flat, poor elsewhere. Situated on the south side of Haupiri River, and lying between Sections 2579 and 2581. Distant from Ahaura about twenty-seven miles. Access by good dray-road for twenty-three miles, and by river-bed and pack-track for four miles.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

D. H. GUTHRIE,
Minister of Lands.

Amending the Regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Defence Act, 1909, and its amendments, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby amend, in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Schedule hereto, the regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand made on the twenty-second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and I do hereby declare that the amendments hereby made shall take effect as from the date of publication thereof in the *Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

DEFINITIONS.

(1.) DELETE the definition of "Military Forces," and substitute the following:—

"Military Forces" or "Forces" means all officers, non-commissioned officers, and men in the Permanent Force, the Permanent Staff, the Territorial Force, Senior Cadets, General Training Section, and Reserve, and includes any Rifle Club and any Volunteer body enrolled in the Forces under the authority of the Governor-General, for special service within or beyond New Zealand.

SECTION III.—THE STAFF.

Duties of the Staff at Headquarters, N.Z. Military Forces.

(2.) Paragraph 61 is hereby revoked.

(3.) Paragraph 73 is hereby amended by changing the full-stop at the end of the paragraph into a semi-colon, and adding the following words: "provided, however, that temporarily and until otherwise ordered by regulation the A.D.M.S. of a district shall be directly responsible to the O.C. District."

(4.) Paragraph 74 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—

Assistant Director of Medical Services.

"74. The A.D.M.S. of a district will, in addition to the duties indicated in para. 65, be responsible for the attendance of the required number of Medical Officers at all camps of training held within his district, and for the provision of medical stores at such camps. He will visit as many training-camps as possible in each year in order to assure himself that the medical and sanitary provisions are satisfactory. The A.D.M.S. of a district will correspond direct with the Head of the Medical Services at Headquarters on all technical subjects, but on all other matters will communicate with Headquarters through the O.C. District."

SECTION IV.—APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, RETIREMENT, RESIGNATION, AND TRANSFER.

Promotion.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

(5.) Paragraph 116 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—

"116. Subject to having passed the prescribed examination, and being recommended by the A.D.M.S. of his district and the D.G.M.S., a Medical Officer, on completing three years' efficient service as a Lieutenant in the N.Z.M.C., will be recommended for promotion to the rank of Captain, and, after a total of twelve years' service, to the rank of Major, except in the cases of officers holding A and B certificates, who will be promoted to the rank of Captain after two years' service as a Lieutenant, and to the rank of Major after ten years' service. A Veterinary Officer will not be promoted to a rank above that of Captain unless and until he has performed twelve years' commissioned service as a Veterinary Officer and has been recommended for such promotion by the P.V.O. of his district. Promotion to the ranks of Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel will be by selection as required, on the recommendation of the D.G.M.S."

Retirements and Resignations.

AGES FOR RETIREMENT.

(6.) After paragraph 127 add:—

"127. (a.) Chaplains will be retired on attaining the age of fifty-five years irrespective of their classification. In special cases the G.O.C. may grant extensions for a period of one year, but no Chaplain will be retained on the active list beyond the age of sixty years."

(7.) Paragraph 141, as amended by *New Zealand Gazette* dated 25th July, 1918, is hereby further amended by adding the following subparagraph at the end of the paragraph:—

"III. Ex-soldiers of the Regular Forces or of the Royal New Zealand Artillery specially recommended by the O.C. Regiment of R.N.Z.A. may be enrolled though over the age of twenty-five years, but in such cases the applications must first be referred to the Adjutant-General for approval."

SECTION V.—REGISTRATION, ENROLMENT, AND POSTING.

(8.) Paragraph 171 is amended as follows: Delete subparagraphs (2), (4), and (5), and substitute the following:—

"(2.) By persons temporarily absent from the Dominion—within thirty days of their return. Absentees returning and registering, after the annual postings for the year have been completed, will in all cases be provisionally posted to units, and will be liable to undergo the prescribed training from the date of such posting.