

established 360 yards 101° from the centre of the 2½ fathom head.

Approx. position: 22° 12' 45" N., 114° 16' 30" E.

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WEST COAST.—SUNDA STRAIT.—TOPPERS ISLAND.—LIGHT ESTABLISHED.

A flashing white light every 3 seconds (flash 1 second, eclipse 2 seconds), visible 22 miles, has been established on Toppers (Button) Island, in Sunda Strait.

Approx. position: 5° 54' S., 105° 56' E.

BAY OF BENGAL.

ARAKAN COAST.—CHEDUBA STRAIT.—NORTHERN APPROACH.—ISLANDS DISAPPEARED.

The two volcanic islets reported in Notice to Mariners No. 8 (534) of 1919 have been washed away leaving shoals only, over which the sea breaks heavily in the south-west monsoon.

Approx. positions: 19° 2' 35" N., 93° 22' 55" E.; and 19° N., 93° 24' 35" E.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 84 of 1919.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 4th November, 1919.

THE Auckland Harbour Board reports that the beacon which marks Ilymana Rock has been knocked down by some unknown vessel.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 1896; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter ii, page 43; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1919, page 425.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 85 of 1919.

KAWHIA BAR BEACONS.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 5th November, 1919.

NOTICE has been received from the Kawhia Harbour authorities that the Kawhia Bar has shifted to the north, and now occupies the same position as prior to September, 1917 (see N.M. No. 118, October, 1910).

The leading-beacons for entering the harbour have been altered as follows:—

The beacon on the sandbank to seaward of Te Motu Island has been re-established and painted white, and the front beacon on the rock off South Head has been painted brown, and is not to be used.

The beacon on the sandbank and that on the western extreme of Te Motu in line bear 125° (S. 71° E. magnetic), and lead over the bar in 13 ft. mean low-water springs, and well clear of the South Bank.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Charts Nos. 2524 and 2535; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter vii, page 224.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Tenders for the Supply of Uniforms, &c.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 29th October, 1919.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th November, 1919, for the supply and delivery of uniforms, cloth and waterproof, and leggings (leather), during the year ending 31st December, 1920.

Forms and conditions of tender may be obtained at the office of the Controller of Stores, Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington, and at the offices of the District Engineers, Post and Telegraph Department, Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

W. R. MORRIS,
Secretary.

Meetings of Southland Land Board.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1919.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has, in pursuance of section 48 of the Land Act, 1908, approved of meetings of the Southland Land Board being held at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, at 10.45 a.m.

on Wednesday, 21st January, Wednesday, 18th February, Thursday, 18th March, Wednesday, 21st April, Wednesday, 19th May, Wednesday, 16th June, Wednesday, 21st July, Wednesday, 18th August, Wednesday, 15th September, Wednesday, 20th October, Wednesday, 17th November, and Wednesday, 15th December.

D. H. GUTHRIE,
Minister of Lands.

Estimated Areas under Wheat and Oats, Season 1919-20.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 5th November, 1919.

AS in previous years, cards were sent out by post to grain-growers throughout the Dominion, asking them to state what areas they had sown or proposed to sow in wheat and oats this season.

The subjoined estimates are based on the figures obtained by a tabulation of the cards returned.

WHEAT AND OATS.—ACTUAL AREAS 1918-19, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN 1919-20.

	Wheat. Acres.	Oats Acres.
Areas, 1918-19: For threshing	208,030	172,686
For chaffing	1,646	301,724
Total harvested	209,676	474,410
Not harvested	1,099	12,927
Grand totals	210,775	487,337
Areas, 1919-20 (estimated):—		
North Island	3,460	48,750
South Island	139,500	361,500
Totals	142,960	410,250

Particulars as to varieties of wheat sown or intended to be sown were again asked for. The following table gives a summary of results in cases where varieties were specified:—

	Tuscan or Longberry.	Hunter's (Varieties).	Velvet or Pearl.	Total Specified Varieties.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Island	1,928	567	215	2,710
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland	1,152	290	90	1,532
Canterbury	65,942	28,364	11,527	105,833
Otago and Southland	9,501	5,166	5,985	20,652
Dominion totals	78,523	34,387	17,817	130,727

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Chemists' Shops in the Borough of New Plymouth, 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 New Plymouth, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough, save and except that shop established at King Street, in the Borough of New Plymouth, 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, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) on the two working-days immediately preceding Christmas Day and on the two working-days immediately preceding New Year's Day, the closing-hour shall be 10 p.m.; (2) should the occupier of any shop affected by this requisition observe (pursuant to section 11 (2) of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908) Saturday as the statutory closing-day, then and in such case the closing-hour on Thursday for any such shop shall be 6 p.m., and the closing-hour on Friday shall be 9 p.m.; (3) should the occupier of any shop affected by this requisition observe (pursuant to section 19 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908) any of the special days mentioned therein other than Thursday as the statutory closing-day in any week, then and in such case the closing-hour on Thursday for any such shop in that week shall be 6 p.m., and should such special day fall on Saturday the closing-hour on Friday for any such shop in that week shall be 9 p.m.:

And whereas the New Plymouth Borough Council has certified that the signatures to such requisition represent a