

Subsidies to Public Libraries in Country Districts.

Education Department,
Wellington, 21st October, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £3,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries in country districts.

The distribution will take place about the 1st March, 1920, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary, Education Department, Wellington, on or before the 28th January, 1920.

1. A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; and if it is within a borough a reading-room where the books may be read, and containing newspapers and periodicals, must be provided for the public free of charge; *in addition, it must not be situated in a borough, town, or town district the population of which exceeds fifteen hundred. The receipts for the year from subscriptions, donations, and voluntary contributions must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.*

2. In the distribution of the vote a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; *but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £25—* that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £50.

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. *It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value—that is, on books of more than merely passing interest.*

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and payments of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1919, and *such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—*

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1919, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under Part I of the Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act, 1908, or the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions and from net proceeds of entertainments, pounds shillings and pence; that the library is public in the sense of belonging to the public, and is not under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and payments of the institution for the year herein specified; that the whole of the subsidy received in the year 1919 was expended in the purchase of books for the library; *and that by the rules of the library the reading-room is open to the public free of charge.*

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

[Signature.]

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____, before me— _____, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 3s.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to the 1919 subsidy and to free admission may be struck out if they are not appli-

cable. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

6. Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary, Education Department, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

F. H. D. BELL,
Minister of Education.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 91 of 1919.

“NEW ZEALAND NAUTICAL ALMANAC AND TIDE-TABLES FOR 1920.”

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 9th December, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Marine Department has now published the “New Zealand Nautical Almanac and Tide-tables for 1920,” with supplementary information to date relating to the “New Zealand Pilot.”

The work contains about 470 pages, and about forty maps and plans of harbours, wharves, &c., with latest alterations, and much information relating to the principal ports and harbours of New Zealand and of value to mariners; also the usual nautical almanac data required in the ordinary navigation of ships, tide-tables (calculated by the New Zealand Lands and Survey Department) giving time and heights of high and low water at Wellington and Auckland, as standard ports, and constants to over one hundred other places in the Dominion; also the tidal-stream predictions for Tory Channel and French Pass, where the tidal streams attain a rate of 5 to 7 knots at springs.

Courses and distances between all the principal ports in New Zealand, also between New Zealand and Australia, Fiji, South Africa, San Francisco, Vancouver, Valparaiso, Ceylon, Suez, New York, and to England, via Cape Horn and Panama, with the return via Cape Town, have also been given, the great-circle and composite courses having been worked out to these places.

Some very valuable nautical tables and examples of problems worked by their aid are published in the Almanac, which it is hoped will greatly encourage masters and officers generally to make a practice of determining the ship's position from two stars at twilight, as these tables make the problems very easy, and also enable the observer to make sure that he is taking the right star by the easy calculation of the approximate altitude, as the calculated reductions and azimuths of several bright stars have been tabulated, and can be taken out at sight.

The publication may be obtained at the Government Shipping Offices at Wellington, Auckland, Lyttelton, and Dunedin, at the Customhouses at other ports, and from the booksellers who stock it.

The book can be obtained in United Kingdom from the New Zealand High Commissioner, Strand, London W.C.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.—Declaration by the Registrar dissolving a Society.

I, ROBERT EDWARD HAYES, Registrar of Incorporated Societies, do hereby declare that, as it has been made to appear to me that the Society for the Health of Women and Children, Rotorua (Incorporated), is no longer carrying on its operations and has no assets, the aforesaid society is hereby dissolved, in pursuance of section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of December, 1919.

R. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Maori Elections, 1919.—Eastern Maori Electoral District.—Polling-place abolished.

THE following polling-place, included in list published on 28th November, 1919, is now abolished, for the reason given below:—

The Public School, Motiti Island (as Motiti Island is not included in Eastern Maori Electoral District).

W. E. GOFFE,
Returning Officer.

Gisborne, 8th December, 1919.