

Deputy Registrars of Marriages, &c., appointed.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 11th February, 1919.

IT is hereby notified that the undermentioned persons have been appointed to be the Deputies of the Registrars of Marriages and of Births and Deaths for the districts set respectively opposite their names, viz. :-

Name.	District.
ADAM HOPE	Tauranga.
FREDERICK JOHN RENDLE	Foxton.
WALTER ROBERTSON	Mauriceville.
WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE	Wellington.
JAMES PETER LARSEN	Tokomaru Bay.
WILLIAM FREDERICK BENNETTS	Port Chalmers.
ARTHUR WOLLESTON PYM HEWITT	Mangonui
DAVID POLLOCK PORTEOUS	Levin.
ROBERT MARTIN	Awitu.

W. W. COOK,
Registrar-General.

Appointments and Grant of Temporary Ranks to Officers of the N.Z. Staff Corps, N.Z. Permanent Staff, and Territorial Force.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 11th February, 1919.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the appointments and grant of temporary ranks to the undermentioned officers of the N.Z. Staff Corps, N.Z. Permanent Staff, and Territorial Force.

Major (temp. Lieutenant-Colonel) Murray Menzies Gardner, D.S.O., *p.s.c. g.*, Royal N.Z. Artillery, is temporarily appointed Director of Artillery (Field). Dated 1st January, 1919.

Captain (temp. Lieutenant-Colonel) Alexander Fowler Roberts, O.B.E., N.Z. Field Artillery, relinquishes the appointment of Director of Artillery (Field). Dated 31st December, 1918.

Major Charles Eric Andrews, N.Z. Staff Corps, Assistant Adjutant-General, is temporarily authorized to exercise the powers of Adjutant-General in the absence of Colonel Robert Ward Tate, C.B.E., on duty in Samoa. Dated 10th January, 1919.

Hon. Captain and Quartermaster (temp.) George Albert Gibbs (R.A.M.C.), attached N.Z. Staff Corps, is granted the temporary rank of Major whilst holding the appointment of Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services. Dated 1st December, 1918.

Hon. Lieutenant (temp.) Ernest James Browning, N.Z. Permanent Staff, is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst holding the appointment of Assistant Adjutant-General, Auckland Military District. Dated 1st April, 1918.

Lieutenant (temp.) John Edward Packman, N.Z. Permanent Staff, is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst holding the appointment of A.D.S. and T., Wellington Military District. Dated 1st April, 1918.

Lieutenant (temp.) Henry William Johnson, U.L. (b), General List, is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst employed as Sanitary Inspector, Featherston Camp. Dated 1st December, 1918.

Lieutenant (temp.) Henry William Johnson, U.L. (b), General List, relinquishes his appointment as Sanitary Inspector, Featherston Camp, on 13th January, 1919, and is attached to the branch of the A.D.M.S. (San.), General Headquarters, retaining the temporary rank of Captain whilst so employed.

2nd Lieutenant John Spearman D'Hauteville Birkby, N.Z.R.B., Territorial Unit, was appointed Adjutant, Narrow Neck Camp, on the 16th September, 1918, and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant whilst so employed. Dated 16th September, 1918.

Lieutenant Ernest John Brammall, U.L. (b), was appointed Officer in Charge, Sick and Wounded Records, Canterbury Military District, on 4th May, 1918, and is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst so employed. Dated 1st December, 1918.

Lieutenant (temp.) Claude Charles Brinsley, U.L. (b), General List, is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst holding the appointment of Officer in Charge, Sick and Wounded Records, Wellington Military District. Dated 1st December, 1918.

Hon. Lieutenant (temp.) Joseph Hadfield Westley Sheppard, U.L. (b), General List (attached N.Z.A.P.D.), is granted the honorary rank of Captain temporarily whilst employed in the War Expenses Branch, General Headquarters. Dated 1st January, 1919.

2nd Lieutenant (temp.) Robert Norbury, U.L. (b), General List, is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant whilst holding the appointment of Electrician in Charge in the branch of the Director of Railways and Works. Dated 1st January, 1919.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain (temp.) Ernest Harry Williams, M.B., was appointed a member of a Special District Medical Board. Dated 21st May, 1918.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Defence.

Fixing Dates on which certain Returns under the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, are to be furnished.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 4th February, 1919.

PURSUANT to section 22 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, it is hereby notified that the returns showing the total gross amount of the premiums received by or due to fire-insurance companies during the year ended 31st December, 1918, shall be transmitted to the Fire Boards concerned, in the manner prescribed by the said section, on or before the 31st May, 1919.

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Grocers' Shops in the Borough of Napier, under the Shops and Offices Act, 1908.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the grocers' shops in the Borough of Napier, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 6 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) the Saturday following Good Friday and the Saturdays in the period from the 15th day of December to the 8th day of January (both days inclusive), when the closing-hour shall be 9 p.m.; (2) the working-day immediately preceding Christmas Day and the working-day immediately preceding New Year's Day, when there shall be no fixed closing-hour; (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 therein mentioned other than Wednesday as the statutory closing-day in any week, then and in such case the closing-hour on Wednesday for any such shop in that week shall be 6 p.m.; (4) 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 Wednesday for any such shop shall be 6 p.m.:

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

Now, therefore, I, William Herbert Herries, Acting Minister of Labour, in pursuance of section 25 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, do hereby direct that on and after the 20th day of February, 1919, all the grocers' shops in the Borough of Napier shall be closed accordingly.

Dated at Wellington this 13th day of February, 1919.

W. H. HERRIES,
Acting Minister of Labour.

Notice fixing the Closing-hours of Grocers' Shops in the Howick Township Road District, under the Shops and Offices Act, 1908.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the grocers' shops in the Howick Township Road District, has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the district shall be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7 p.m., and on Saturdays at 9 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) the working-day immediately preceding Christmas Day and the working-day immediately preceding New Year's Day, when 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 7 p.m. and 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 therein mentioned other than