

have a number corresponding with that on the list of voters. Such number shall be written by the Returning Officer on the left-hand bottom corner of the paper, and shall be covered by the corner being folded and gummed down before the paper is sent to the voter.

11. All ballot-papers shall be transmitted by post to the Returning Officer at Wellington, in envelopes which will be provided for the purpose, and must reach him not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the second day after the day of the election.

12. No officer shall in any case be compelled to record his vote, but the ballot-paper must be sent to the Returning Officer in any case in which a vote is not exercised.

13. Immediately after the last day fixed for the receipt at Wellington of ballot-papers, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the Scrutineers, proceed to ascertain the total number of votes recorded for each candidate, and the Returning Officer shall cause the result to be published in the Post and Telegraph Department's Official Circular, and shall declare as duly elected the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes. The voting-papers shall, after being counted, be enclosed in a sealed packet and be retained by the Returning Officer. They shall not be opened unless a scrutiny be demanded, when such scrutiny shall be conducted by the Returning Officer and the two Scrutineers. The papers will remain in the Returning Officer's custody for two months, and will then be destroyed. If a scrutiny be demanded, application therefor must be made in writing to the Returning Officer within fourteen days after publication of the result aforesaid.

14. Whenever there is an equality of votes at the election and the addition of one vote will entitle any of the candidates to be elected, the Returning Officer shall himself record such additional vote.

15. If the elective member of the Board dies or, by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Department, resigns his office, or ceases to be an officer of the Department, then and in any such case his seat shall become vacant, and a successor shall be elected, who shall hold office for the residue of the period during which his predecessor would have held the same if he had remained a member of the Board.

16. When a vacancy has occurred as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Department shall forthwith direct the Returning Officer to hold an election to elect a successor.

17. The Returning Officer shall, within seven days after receiving such direction, appoint a day for holding the election, and publish notice thereof in the Post and Telegraph Department's Official Circular. Such day of election shall not be earlier than twenty days nor later than thirty days after such notice has appeared.

18. The electoral roll to be used at an extraordinary election shall be the same list as is used at an ordinary election, but the latter shall be revised and corrected so as to include only those officers in the Department one month before the day on which the extraordinary election is to be held. Candidates must be nominated in the same manner as is required for an ordinary election, and nominations must be received by the Returning Officer not later than ten days before the day of election.

19. The election shall be carried out in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary election.

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

Declaring Land to be no longer subject to Part XIV of the Native Land Act, 1909.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this fourteenth day of January, 1919.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section ninety-six of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1913, it is enacted that the Governor-General in Council may from time to time by Order in Council declare that any land subject to Part XIV or XV of the Native Land Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and vested in a Maori Land Board, shall no longer be subject to such Parts of that Act, and shall be re-vested in the Native owners thereof :

And whereas the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto is at present subject to Part XIV of the said Act, and is vested in the Tokerau District Maori Land Board, which Board has recommended that such land be no longer subject as aforesaid and that it be re-vested in the Native owners :

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And whereas the Governor-General is satisfied that the said land is not subject to any lease, license, contract for sale, or other alienation, and that no moneys are charged on the said land or on the revenue thereof in accordance with the said Act or under any other authority :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by section ninety-six of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby declare that the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall no longer be subject to Part XIV of the Native Land Act, 1909, and shall be re-vested in the Native owners thereof.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 23 acres 1 rood 13 perches, more or less, and known as Waima North A No. 2 Block, situate in the Mangamuka Survey District, in the Land District of Auckland.

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

Grading of Teachers Regulation.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this fourteenth day of January, 1919.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the Education Act, 1914, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the amendment set out in the Schedule hereto in the regulations relating to the grading of teachers made on the seventeenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen ; and doth prescribe that this Order shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

CLAUSE 18 of the regulations is hereby deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor :—

" 18. All the appeals from each district shall be sent to an Appeal Board in the district concerned. Such Appeal Board shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the Minister, who shall be Chairman of all Appeal Boards, a representative of the Department not being a grading officer of the district, and a representative selected by the certificated teachers of the district in such manner as the Director may determine."

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

Extending Prohibition of Alienation of certain Native Land other than Alienation in favour of the Crown.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this fourteenth day of January, 1919.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Native Land Purchase Board, referred to in section three hundred and sixty-three of the Native Land Act, 1909, and in exercise of the power in this behalf conferred upon him by that section, and by section one hundred and eleven of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1913 (as amended by section eight of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1916), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby extend for a further period of eighteen months the Order in Council dated the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and gazetted the thirtieth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, prohibiting all alienation of the Native land specified in the Schedule hereto other than alienation in favour of the Crown.