

Safe Deposit System.—Regulations.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this twentieth day of December, 1919.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section eleven of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, as amended by section eighteen of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1919 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Acts"), the Governor-General in Council is empowered to make regulations authorizing the Postmaster-General to accept for safe custody any documents or articles of value of a prescribed kind or kinds, and prescribing the conditions of such acceptance and the charges to be paid in respect thereof :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred upon him by the said Acts, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto ; and doth order that such regulations shall come into force from the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

SEALED packets containing securities, insurance policies, deeds, wills, or other paper or parchment documents may be accepted for safe custody at all money-order offices in charge of a permanent official, under the following regulations :—

1. *Charges*.—The charges for each calendar year ending 31st December, or any less period, shall be as stated hereunder, and shall be payable in advance.

Sealed packets—	£	s.	d.
(a.) Not exceeding 11 in. in length, 4½ in. in width, ½ in. in thickness, and 4 oz. in weight	0	5	0
(b.) Not exceeding 11 in. in length, 4½ in. in width, 1 in. in thickness, and 8 oz. in weight	0	7	6
(c.) Not exceeding 11 in. in length, 4½ in. in width, 2 in. in thickness, and 16 oz. in weight	0	10	0
(d.) Not exceeding 11 in. in length, 4½ in. in width, 4 in. in thickness, and 32 oz. in weight	1	0	0

2. *Custody*.—Packets are to be kept in the safes provided. The sole key supplied is to be kept in custody of the Postmaster or District Accountant. The officer authorized to hold the key may on no account delegate his duties to any other officer. Only the officer holding the key is to attend to the depositors making use of this system.

3. *Hours*.—The hours during which packets will be received, or may be inspected or withdrawn from custody, shall be between 11 a.m. and 12 noon (Saturdays and holidays excepted), but if it can be arranged without undue interference with his other duties the Postmaster may at his discretion receive packets, or may permit them to be inspected or withdrawn from custody, during other Savings-bank hours.

4. *Contents of Packets*.—Only sealed packets containing securities, insurance policies, deeds, wills, or other paper or parchment documents will be accepted for safe custody. The Department will not accept the custody of any coin, bank-notes, jewellery, or precious stones, and reserves the option of refusing to accept for custody any packet if it sees fit to do so.

5. A receipt, hereinafter called a safe-deposit certificate, shall be given for each packet accepted from a depositor for safe custody.

6. A depositor may inspect his packet free of inspection charge four times during each calendar year. Additional inspections may also be made on payment of a fee of 6d. for each inspection.

7. A depositor desiring to inspect or withdraw his packet must produce his safe-deposit certificate.

8. A depositor desiring to inspect or withdraw his packet and who is unable to attend personally may authorize an agent to act in his stead by means of an order in writing on form Acct. 689. The specimen signature of the agent and the "reference word" in the depositor's own handwriting must appear thereon, and such order shall be accompanied by the depositor's safe-deposit certificate. A depositor who is unable to write his name must attend in person at a post-office and furnish the Postmaster with satisfactory proof of his identity.

9. When a deposit of a packet has been made in the name of one person only, then upon the death of such person the packet may, on production of the safe-deposit certificate, be delivered to his executors or administrators, after probate or letters of administration have been submitted to the Controller of Savings-banks and Accounts, and the executors or administrators have been identified beyond any doubt ; or, if there is no intention to prove a will or take out letters of administration, the packet may be delivered to the persons authorized by the Controller of Savings-banks and Accounts to receive the same.

10. When a deposit of a packet has been made in the name of two or more persons, then on the death of any one of such persons the Controller of Savings-banks and Accounts may direct that such packet be delivered to the surviving person or persons ; or, on the death of all such persons, to the executors or administrators of the last survivor ; or to the person who in his opinion is entitled to its possession.

11. If after the death of a depositor access to a packet is required to search for the depositor's will, such packet is to be opened by the Postmaster or District Accountant only, and in the presence of the next-of-kin or his solicitor, or of an agent of the next-of-kin duly appointed in writing, on presentation of the safe-deposit certificate. Search is then to be made by the Postmaster in the continuous presence of the inquirer, and if the will is found the Postmaster is to read the names of the executors, note them on form Acct. 687, and inform the inquirer that the will can only be delivered to such executors personally, or to a person who bears their authority. If the will has been prepared by a solicitor, delivery of the packet should be made in his presence, if practicable. If a person intending to apply for letters of administration desires to see the contents of a packet for the purpose of arriving at the value of the estate, he may do so in the continuous presence of the Postmaster, and if a solicitor acted for deceased, or is arranging for an application for probate, &c., he should also be present, but they may not withdraw any of the contents from custody at that stage.

12. Upon notice of the decease of a depositor who has lodged a packet for safe custody, the packet is to be marked in red ink "Deceased" in the space immediately above the number on the packet, and also in the Safe-deposit Record.

F. D. THOMSON,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

The Northern Side of Portion of Donald McLean Street in the City of Wellington, exempted from the Provisions of Section 117 of the Public Works Act, 1908, subject to a Condition as to the Building-line.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-third day of December, 1919.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by subsection one of section one hundred and seventeen of the Public Works Act, 1908, it is, *inter alia*, provided that the said section shall not apply in any case where the local authority having control of a road or street by resolution declares that the provisions thereof shall not apply to any specified road or street, or any specified part thereof, and such resolution is approved by the Governor-General in Council :

And whereas by subsection two of section one hundred and seventeen of the Public Works Act, 1908, and clause (b) of subsection one of section thirteen of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, it is provided that such approval may be either absolute or subject to such conditions with respect to the building-line as the Governor-General by Order in Council thinks fit to impose, and may refer to one or both sides of the road or street :

And whereas the Wellington City Council, the local authority having control of the portion of street described in the Schedule hereto, hereinafter referred to as the said portion of street, has passed the following resolution—*viz.*, "The Wellington City Council, being the local authority having control of the streets in the City of Wellington, hereby declares that the provisions of section one hundred and seventeen of the Public Works Act, 1908, shall not apply to that portion of Donald McLean Street, in the said city, to which Lots 92 and 93, D.P. 24, part Section 828, City of Wellington, have a frontage" :

And whereas it is deemed expedient that such resolution should be approved in so far as it refers to the northern side of the said portion of street subject to the condition herein-after mentioned :