

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.

Wellington, 10th February, 1920.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Council of the Borough of Waihi, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Finance.

WAIHI BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Notice of Result of Poll on Proposal to raise a Loan.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Waihi, taken on the 28th day of January, 1920, on the proposal of the Waihi Borough Council to borrow the sum of £4,000 for paying compensation or the purchase-price of an area of land at the Waihi Beach, containing approximately 76 acres, and being part of Blocks 2, 3, and 5 of Block III, Waihi North Survey District, and in respect of which steps are now being taken to acquire the same under the Public Works Act, 1903, for the purposes of a public recreation and pleasure ground, and also for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the road known as the Waihi Beach Road leading to such area.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 549.
The number of votes recorded against the proposal was 230. Informal, 0.

I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.
Dated this 2nd day of February, 1920.

DAWSON DONALDSON, Mayor.

Retention of Title of "Honourable."

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 9th February, 1920.

THE following despatch, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

W. H. HERRIES,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

(New Zealand.—Miscellaneous.)

Downing Street, 8th November, 1919.

MY LORD.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 167, of the 6th September, and to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Mr. George Warren Russell, Mr. Arthur Mielzner Myers, Mr. William Donald Stuart MacDonald, and Mr. Josiah Alfred Hanan, who have served for more than three years continuously as Members of the Executive Council of the Dominion of New Zealand.

2. A notification to this effect will be published in the *London Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Liverpool, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O., &c.

Rangers under Animals Protection Act, Rotorua, North Canterbury, and Hawke's Bay Districts, appointed.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 6th February, 1920.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned persons to be Rangers under the Animals Protection Act, 1908, for the districts set opposite their names respectively, viz. :—

	District.
NORMAN MCKINNON, of Waihua ..	Rotorua.
JOHN FREDERICK COUPER, of Riverslea ..	"
OSWALD JAMES, of Taheke ..	"
GEORGE KIRK, of Opouiti ..	"
WILLIAM HAYWARD COOK, of Waihi ..	"
JAMES SIMON JESSOP, of Parkhurst ..	"
WILLIAM MCKENZIE, of Tapui ..	"
THOMAS HENRY STEWART, of Wairoa ..	"
CHARLES CECIL POYZER, of Wairoa ..	"
GEORGE EDWARD JANE, of Wairoa ..	"
JOHN NILSSEN, of Ardkeen ..	"
JAMES FLEMING, of Mohaka ..	"
HAROLD DEVERBEAUX DAVENPORT, of Coalgate ..	North Canterbury.
FRANK DONALD ROBSON, of Taradale ..	Hawke's Bay.

W. H. HERRIES,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

Fixing Dates for the Election and First Meeting of the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 5th February, 1920.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased, in exercise of the power conferred upon him by section 6 of the Tolaga Bay Harbour Act, 1919, to appoint Wednesday, the 3rd day of March, 1920, to be the date for the election of the first members of the Tolaga Bay Harbour Board, and Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1920, at 11 a.m., to be the time, and the office of the Uawa County Council in Tolaga Bay to be the place, for the first meeting of the said Board; and has also, in pursuance of the herein-before-recited power and authority, appointed Frederick Thomas Robinson, the Clerk of the Uawa County Council, to be the Returning Officer for the purposes of the said election.

W. H. HERRIES,
Minister of Marine.

Officiating Ministers for 1920.—Notice No. 4.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 10th February, 1920.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information :—

Church of the Province of New Zealand commonly called the Church of England.

The Reverend E. Chitty.
" W. H. Wilson.
" P. J. Cocks.

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Mr. Andrew H. Lennox.

The New Church (Swedenborgian).

Mr. Robert James Strong.

Christadelphians.

Mr. Albert Taylor.

W. W. COOK,
Registrar-General.

ERRATUM.—In Notice No. 1, published in *New Zealand Gazette* of 29th January, 1920, under "Presbyterian Church of New Zealand," for "The Reverend Davies, A. J.," read "The Reverend Davis, A. J."

The Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 10th February, 1920.

THE following estimated average yields per acre of wheat and oats for the season 1919-20 have been compiled from reports furnished by Stock Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture throughout the Dominion, and are now published for general information :—

District.	Wheat. Bushels per Acre.	Oats. Bushels per Acre.
North Island	30.31	35.25
Nelson	19.97	25.00
Marlborough	28.47	43.89
Canterbury	29.16	38.45
Otago	28.89	38.49
Southland	31.76	38.60
Average (estimated) for the Dominion, season 1919-20	29.10	38.35
Average (actual) for the Dominion, season 1918-19	31.57	39.87

In accordance with the above estimates, the total yield of wheat for the Dominion should be approximately 4,100,000 bushels, as against an actual yield of 6,567,629 bushels for the season 1918-19.

The percentage of oat crop threshed in 1918-19 was 35.44 of the total area under that crop. Assuming that a similar proportion is threshed this year, the total yield of grain should be 5,575,000 bushels. The oats threshed in the previous season yielded 6,884,609 bushels.

The reports of the Inspectors of Stock may be briefly summarized as follows :—

North Island.—Crops in the Rangitikei district (the principal grain-growing district of the North Island) are, generally,