

Details.—The revolving white light will be replaced by a group flashing white light, having the undermentioned characteristics:—

Character.—Group flashing white light showing three flashes in quick succession every nine seconds, thus—flash $\frac{1}{4}$ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash $\frac{1}{4}$ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash $\frac{1}{4}$ sec., eclipse 6 secs.

Power.—3,000 candles.

Visibility.—17 miles.

Caution.—The light will not be visible within a radius of about 4 miles of Deal Island.

Remarks.—The light will be unwatched. The signal-station will be discontinued. The other details of the light will remain unchanged.

Note.—Further notice will be issued when the alterations have been effected.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 63 of 1920.

WAIKATO BAR.—BEACONS ALTERED.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that the bar at the entrance of the Waikato River has again shifted a little to the northward. The beacons have been shifted, and now bear, when in line, 70° 45' (N. 55° 45' E. mag.). Notice to Mariners No. 52 of 1919 is hereby cancelled.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Chart No. 2535; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, page 220; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, pages 75 and 76; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1920, pages 427 and 428.

ROBERT DUNCAN, Secretary.

Officiating Ministers for 1920.—Notice No. 33.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 2nd November, 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 George Gordon Bell, M.A.

Congregational Independents.

Mr. John Harrison.

The Reverend Henry Joseph Huffadine.

Brethren.

Mr. Frank Bickerton.

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Public Trust Office.—Appointment of District Manager, Rangiora.

IT is notified for public information that a branch of the Public Trust Office, under the control of Mr. W. J. Turnpenny will be opened at Rangiora, as from the 1st proximo.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of October, 1920.

ROBERT TRIGGS, Public Trustee.

Public Trust Office.—Appointment of District Manager, Waipukurau, and Closing of Agency at Waipawa.

IT is notified for public information that a branch of the Public Trust Office, under the control of Mr. A. O. Williams, will be opened at Waipukurau, as from the 1st proximo.

The agency now existing at Waipawa will be terminated on the 31st instant.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of October, 1920.

ROBERT TRIGGS, Public Trustee.

Estimated Areas under Wheat and Oats, Season 1920-21.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 3rd November, 1920.

AS in previous years, cards were sent out by post to grain-growers throughout the Dominion, asking them to state what areas they had sown or proposed to sow in wheat and oats this season.

The subjoined estimates are based on the figures obtained by a tabulation of the cards returned.

WHEAT AND OATS.—APPROXIMATE AREAS 1919-20, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN 1920-21.

	Wheat. Acres.	Oats. Acres.
Areas, 1919-20: For threshing ..	139,601	179,734
For chaffing ..	2,049	321,461
Total harvested ..	141,650	501,195
Not harvested ..	737	14,810
Grand totals ..	142,387	516,005
Areas, 1920-21 (estimated):—		
North Island ..	5,600	60,500
South Island ..	208,300	408,200
Totals ..	213,900	468,700

Particulars as to varieties sown or intended to be sown were again asked for. The following table gives a summary of results in cases where varieties were specified:—

	Tuscan or Long- berry.	Hunter's (Varieties).	Velvet or Pearl.	Total Specified Varieties.
North Island ..	Acres. 3,334	Acres. 980	Acres. 226	Acres. 4,540
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland ..	1,777	573	218	2,568
Canterbury ..	92,543	45,493	10,987	149,023
Otago and Southland ..	18,355	10,379	7,799	36,533
Dominion totals	116,009	57,425	19,230	192,664

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

Population of the Dominion.

RETURN of the Estimated Population of the Dominion of New Zealand on the 30th September, 1920.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris and residents of Cook and other Pacific Islands) on 30th June, 1920	597,063	581,659	1,178,722
Increase during September quarter, 1920—			
By excess of births over deaths ..	2,009	2,087	4,096
By excess of immigration over emigration ..	2,155	2,013	4,168
Estimated population (exclusive of Maoris and residents of Cook and other Pacific Islands) on 30th September, 1920	601,227	585,759	1,186,986
Maori population, Census, 1916 ..	25,933	23,843	49,776
Population of Cook and other Pacific Islands, Census, 1916 ..	6,552	6,245	12,797
Total estimated population of the Dominion on 30th September, 1920 ..	633,712	615,847	1,249,559

BIRTHS.

The births registered during September quarter numbered 7,698, an increase of 286 on the number for the preceding quarter, and of 1,866 when compared with September quarter, 1919. The birth-rate for the nine months ended 30th September is equal to an annual rate of 25·68 per 1,000 of mean population, as compared with a rate of only 21·55 for the year, 1919.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 2nd November, 1920.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.