

revoked in so far as they are not in agreement with the regulations made in the said Schedule, but that otherwise any such other regulations shall remain in full force and virtue, and shall be read and applied together with the regulations hereby made; and doth further order and declare that such revocation and the regulations hereby made shall have effect from the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

1. THE first payment in respect of the hire of any telephone instrument shall be payable on the date on which the connection with the telephone exchange is completed, and shall be in respect of the period (if it exceeds two months) elapsing between that date and the first day of the following half-yearly period for which the subscription falls due. If the period is not greater than two months, the first payment shall also include the hire payable for the half-year next ensuing. In the event of the authorized charges being increased during the currency of the hiring, the additional amount due up to the end of the half-yearly period shall be payable within seven days after a written demand therefor has been delivered to the subscriber. All subsequent payments shall be made payable in advance on the first day of the half-yearly periods of each and every year as set out hereunder:—

For connections to all exchanges in the postal districts of Blenheim, Greymouth, Hokitika, Nelson, Wanganui, and Westport: Half-year commencing 1st day of January and 1st day of July.

For connections to all exchanges in the postal districts of Dunedin and Invercargill: Half-year commencing 1st day of February and 1st day of August.

For connections to all exchanges in the postal districts of Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, and Thames: Half-year commencing 1st day of March and 1st day of September.

For connections to all exchanges in the postal district of Wellington: Half-year commencing 1st day of April and 1st day of October.

For connections to all exchanges in the postal districts of Auckland and Hamilton: Half-year commencing 1st day of May and 1st day of November.

For connections to all exchanges in the postal districts of Christchurch, Oamaru, and Timaru: Half-year commencing 1st day of June and 1st day of December.

2. Temporary connections (for a period less than one year) shall be granted, provided the applicant pays the net cost of giving the connection and a charge *pro rata* equal to 50 per cent. greater than for a permanent connection, with a minimum charge of 10s. for the first fortnight or fraction thereof and 5s. for every subsequent week. The minimum charge shall be payable at the time of application, and after the first fortnight rental shall be payable weekly in advance. In the event of the temporary subscriber ultimately deciding to have the temporary connection converted to an ordinary permanent one the usual bond must be given, and the regular charges will take effect from the date of the completion of the bond. In such a case the cost of making the connection will be refunded, but the usual entrance fee must be paid.

Party Lines.

3. A subscriber on a party line may not relinquish his connection while under bond except with the consent in writing of each of the remaining parties. The consent must embody a joint and several undertaking on the part of the remaining subscriber or subscribers to pay the charges for the remainder of the term at the full rate assessed when the bond was entered into.

Toll Communications.

4. When a communication requiring the use of a toll line cannot be had, owing to absence, inattention, or other failure on the part of the subscriber with whom it is desired to communicate, or owing to the person with whom it is desired to communicate not being a subscriber and provided the line has been used to obtain that information, or when after a request for a toll line has been made the subscriber making such request fails to make use of the line or to cancel his request before the line becomes available, or when, after a subscriber has been informed that a telephone bureau or telephone exchange is closed, he makes a request, either before or after the hours fixed for business at that office, that an attempt be made to secure its attention, and such attempt proves abortive, a charge must be made for the service rendered. The fee payable is one-third of the initial rate for the length of line engaged, with a minimum charge of 3d. for every ordinary connection and 6d. for every urgent connection.

5. Any communication from a telephone bureau or post-office over a private line connected with such office shall be charged for as a toll communication.

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Coin-in-Slot Telephones.

6. At the type of machine in which the coin is deposited before the exchange is called the wanted line will be tested, and if the line is found to be engaged or faulty the coin will be returned by means of the reject apparatus. No refund will be made if through absence, inattention, or other fault on the part of the wanted subscriber the necessary communication cannot be obtained.

At the type of machine where the exchange is called, and the coin is afterwards deposited at the request of the attendant, the wanted line will first be tested, and if the line is disengaged and in working-order the attendant will then request the user of the slot telephone to insert the coin or coins. The attendant will then call on the required subscriber's line, but if through absence, inattention, or other fault on the part of the wanted subscriber the necessary communication cannot be obtained, the money will not be returned. If the wanted line is found to be engaged or faulty, the attendant will advise the user of the slot telephone accordingly, but no charge will be made.

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

Manawatu-Oroua Electric-power Board.—First Election.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 12th day of December, 1921.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby appoint Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, as the day on which shall be held the first election of the representatives of the constituent districts in the Manawatu-Oroua Electric-power District, being an electric-power district duly constituted by Proclamation dated the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 100, of the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

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

Prescribing the Rate of Interest that may be paid by the New Lynn Town Board in respect of a Loan of £15,500 for Water-reticulation.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 12th day of December, 1921.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS section eleven of the Finance Act, 1921, as amended by section six of the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Act, 1921, provides that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or in any rule of law, where a local authority or public body has been authorized before the passing of the said Act, or is thereafter authorized, to borrow money, whether pursuant to a poll of ratepayers or otherwise howsoever, whether the rate of interest or the term of years of the loan was or was not specified or determined, and such money or any part thereof has not been borrowed, the local authority may, with the precedent consent of the Minister of Finance, borrow such money, or such amount thereof as has not been borrowed, at such rate of interest, or for such term not less than ten years as may be prescribed by the Governor-General by Order in Council:

And whereas the New Lynn Town Board has been authorized to borrow the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred pounds for water-reticulation, and is unable to obtain the money:

And whereas the Minister of Finance has given his precedent consent as required by the above-recited section eleven, and it is desired that the rate of interest at which the money may be borrowed be increased to not exceeding six per centum per annum:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby prescribe that the rate of interest that may be paid by the New Lynn Town Board in respect of the said loan of fifteen thousand five hundred pounds shall be a rate