

Arrangements for First Election, &c., Wakapuaka Drainage District.

Department of Internal Affairs.
Wellington, 16th April, 1921.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

WILLIAM HENRY ALBOROUGH, Esq., of Wakapuaka,

to be Returning Officer and person to prepare the roll of electors in connection with the first election of the Board of the Wakapuaka Drainage District; also to appoint Wednesday, the 11th day of May to be the day, and the Forrester's Hall, Wakapuaka, to be the place, for holding such election; also to appoint Wednesday, the 18th day of May, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to be the day and the hour, and the Forrester's Hall, Wakapuaka, to be the place, for holding the first meeting of the Board so elected.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Special Order made by the Te Puke Road Board making By-laws.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 15th April, 1921.

THE following special order, made by the Te Puke Road Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Road Boards Act, 1908.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

TE PUKE ROAD BOARD.—WHEEL-TIRE AND HEAVY-TRAFFIC BY-LAWS.

THE Te Puke Road Board, by way of special order, hereby makes the following by-laws under the Road Boards Act, 1908, and the Public Works Act, 1908, and the several Acts amending the same respectively, and all other powers in that behalf enabling it, to come into force on the date of gazetting of the same special order.

INTERPRETATION.

- In these by-laws, if not inconsistent with the context,—
- “Board” means the Board of the Te Puke Road District;
- “Bridge” includes any culvert, and means any bridge connected with any road as hereinafter defined;
- “Engine” or “traction-engine” means and includes a locomotive engine propelled by steam, not being used on a railway or tramway;
- “Heavy traffic” means—
 - (a.) The transportation of any vehicle, engine, or machine which shall itself, or together with any thing or things being transported thereon, weigh more than one and a half tons avoirdupois to each pair of wheels;
 - (b.) Any traffic which may from time to time be declared “heavy traffic” by Order in Council, or in such other manner as any amendment to the Public Works Act, 1908, shall declare;
- “Large cattle” includes any bull, ox, steer, cow, heifer, or calf;
- “Owner” of any vehicle or engine shall include a bailee entitled to the possession and use or profit thereof; words importing the singular number include the plural number and *vice versa*, and words importing the masculine gender include females;
- “Person” includes corporation;
- “Road” includes all bridges, culverts, drains, ferries, fords, gates, buildings, and other things thereto belonging upon the line and within the limits of the road, and means roads under the care, control, or management of the Board, and any other roads to which these by-laws are capable of operating;
- “Road district” means the Te Puke Road District.

OBSTRUCTING OFFICIALS.

1. No person shall obstruct, or attempt to obstruct, any official of the Board in or about the execution or exercise of any duty, power, or authority given to him by any provision of any by-law herein contained.

DAMAGE NOT TO BE OCCASIONED TO ROAD OR BRIDGE.

2. No person in charge of or accompanying any vehicle or machine or traction-engine while travelling or being upon any road or bridge shall negligently do or cause or permit to be done any act with or upon or in connection with such vehicle or machine, or such traction-engine, or any carriage of any description drawn or propelled by any such traction-engine, whereby or by means whereof any damage shall be done to such road or bridge.

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SAVING OF REMEDIES OR INJURIES FROM EXCESSIVE WEIGHT.

3. Nothing contained in these by-laws or any of them shall be held to relieve any person from any liability to which he may otherwise be subject by law in respect of injury done or damage caused by excessive weight passing along or extraordinary traffic on any road.

REGULATING WIDTH OF TIRES.

4. The width of tires of all vehicles upon the said roads, whether plying for hire or not, shall bear the following proportion to the number of animals employed to draw the same, that is to say:—

If the Number of Animals used to draw a Vehicle has Two Wheels be—	Then the Minimum Width of Tire of any such Vehicle shall be—		If the Number of Animals used to draw a Vehicle has Four Wheels be—	Then the Minimum Width of Tire of any such Vehicle shall be—	
	If with Springs.	If without Springs.		If without Springs.	If with Springs.
1 horse	1½	2½	2 horses	2½	1½
2 horses	2½	3	3 „	3	2½
3 „	3	4	4 „	3½	2½
4 „	3½	5	5 „	4	3
6 „	4	6	7 „	5	3½
			10 „	6	4

and the felloes of every wheel shall be built out the full width of tire.

5. No bullocks shall be used at any time as traction animals to any vehicle.

6. No two-wheeled vehicle shall carry a load exceeding one and a half tons, and no four-wheeled vehicle shall carry a load exceeding three tons, such weight in each case to include the weight of the vehicle.

7. No person shall use, cause, or permit to be used upon any road any vehicle having tires of less width or carrying any load of greater weight than are respectively hereinbefore prescribed.

8. It shall be lawful for any official employed by the Road Board and for any constable to measure the width of any tire of any vehicle when proceeding or being upon any road, and to weigh or measure or compute any load thereon, and to measure the carrying-capacity of any vehicle. It shall be the duty of the driver of any vehicle to forthwith stop the same at the request of any official or constable, and to keep the vehicle standing for such time as such official or constable shall reasonably require for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them.

9. The driver of any vehicle or machine shall give such information as to the load or contents thereof, and the quantity, weight, size, or measurement of the same, or do such acts for the purpose of enabling the same to be ascertained by any such official or constable, as referred to in By-law No. 8. The weight or measurement of any load shall be computed according to the scale in Schedule A hereto.

REGULATING TRAFFIC GENERALLY.

10. The driver of any vehicle which shall be on any road between the hours of sunset and sunrise shall keep a light attached to or suspended from such vehicle so as to be plainly visible to the driver of any vehicle proceeding along such road in a contrary direction to that in which such first-mentioned vehicle shall be going.

11. No person shall drive any vehicle at a faster pace than a walk whilst crossing any bridge exceeding 30 ft. in length.

12. No person shall damage any watertable on any road, or drive with a wheel in such watertable; throw or leave any dead animal, or part thereof, on any road or public place, nor throw or leave the same on any private property within 50 ft. of any road or public place whereby an offensive smell is created.

13. No person shall act as driver or have the sole charge of more than one vehicle proceeding or being upon any road, unless in cases where two of such vehicles and no more are drawn each by one horse only, and the horse of the hinder of such vehicles shall be attached by a sufficient rein to the back of the foremost of such vehicles.

14. No person shall ride or lead any horse or other animal, or drive or lead any vehicle, or cause any horse or other animal or vehicle to stand upon or along any footpath or any kerb thereof, or upon, along, or across any constructed water-channel.

15. No person shall drive any vehicle on a road laden with any goods or material which shall project on either side more than 2 ft. from the sides or wheels of such vehicle.

16. No person shall drive any number of large cattle or horses exceeding fifty in number over any bridge at any one time.

17. Heavy traffic of all kinds shall cease during the whole of the months of May, June, July, August, and September on or along any roads as hereinbefore defined, and the use