

*League of Nations.—Mandate for German Samoa.*

Department of External Affairs,  
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THE following is published for general information.

F. H. D. BELL,  
For Minister of External Affairs.

Societe des Nations. League of Nations,  
Geneva, 11th February, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith a certified true copy of the mandate for German Samoa conferred upon His Britannic Majesty, to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.

The terms of the mandate were defined by the Council of the League of Nations at its meeting of December 17th, 1920.

Certified printed copies of the said mandate, together with the other mandates which were defined by the Council on the same date, have, in accordance with the final provisions of each mandate, been forwarded to the Government of New Zealand, and to all other signatories of the Treaty of Versailles.

I have, &c.,

JEAN MOUNET,  
Acting Secretary-General.

To the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

**LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—MANDATE FOR GERMAN SAMOA.**

THE Council of the League of Nations :

Whereas by Article 119 of the Treaty of Peace with Germany, signed at Versailles on June 28th, 1919, Germany renounced in favour of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers all her rights over her overseas possessions, including therein German Samoa :

And whereas the principal Allied and Associated Powers agreed that, in accordance with Article 22, Part I (Covenant of the League of Nations), of the said treaty, a mandate should be conferred upon His Britannic Majesty, to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, to administer German Samoa, and have proposed that the mandate should be formulated in the following terms :

And whereas His Britannic Majesty, for and on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, has agreed to accept the mandate in respect of the said territory, and has undertaken to exercise it on behalf of the League of Nations in accordance with the following provisions :

And whereas by the aforementioned Article 22, paragraph (8), it is provided that the degree of authority, control, or administration to be exercised by the Mandatory, not having been previously agreed upon by the members of the League, shall be explicitly defined by the Council of the League of Nations :

Confirming the said mandate, defines its terms as follows :—

**Article 1.**

The territory over which a mandate is conferred upon His Britannic Majesty for and on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand (hereinafter called the Mandatory) is the former German Colony of Samoa.

**Article 2.**

The Mandatory shall have full power of administration and legislation over the territory, subject to the present mandate, as an integral portion of the Dominion of New Zealand, and may apply the laws of the Dominion of New Zealand to the territory, subject to such local modifications as circumstances may require.

The Mandatory shall promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and the social progress of the inhabitants of the territory subject to the present mandate.

**Article 3.**

The Mandatory shall see that the slave trade is prohibited, and that no forced labour is permitted, except for essential public works and services, and then only for adequate remuneration.

The Mandatory shall also see that the traffic in arms and ammunition is controlled in accordance with principles analogous to those laid down in the Convention relating to the control of the arms traffic, signed on September 10th, 1919, or in any convention amending the same.

The supply of intoxicating spirits and beverages to the Natives shall be prohibited.

**Article 4.**

The military training of the Natives, otherwise than for purposes of internal police and the local defence of the territory, shall be prohibited.

Furthermore, no military or naval bases shall be established or fortifications erected in the territory.

**Article 5.**

Subject to the provisions of any local law for the maintenance of public order and public morals, the Mandatory

shall ensure in the territory freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship, and shall allow all missionaries, nationals of any State member of the League of Nations, to enter into, travel, and reside in the territory for the purpose of prosecuting their calling.

**Article 6.**

The Mandatory shall make to the Council of the League of Nations an annual report to the satisfaction of the Council, containing full information with regard to the territory, and indicating the measures taken to carry out the obligations assumed under Articles 2, 3, 4, and 5.

**Article 7.**

The consent of the Council of the League of Nations is required for any modification of the terms of the present mandate.

The Mandatory agrees that if any dispute whatever should arise between the Mandatory and another member of the League of Nations relating to the interpretation or the application of the provisions of the mandate, such dispute, if it cannot be settled by negotiation, shall be submitted to the Permanent Court of International Justice provided for by Article 14 of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

The present declaration shall be deposited in the archives of the League of Nations. Certified copies shall be forwarded by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations to all Powers signatories of the Treaty of Peace with Germany.

Made at Geneva the 17th day of December, 1920.

(Certified true copy.)

JEAN MOUNET,  
Deputy Secretary-General.

*Notice respecting Proposed Alteration of Boundaries of the Borough of Ashburton.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 18th May, 1921.

PURSUANT to section 132 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, it is hereby notified that petitions in accordance with regulations, signed by not less than one-fourth of the electors of the area described in the Schedule hereto, being part of the Borough of Ashburton, have been presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that the said area may be excluded from the said borough and included in Wakanui Road District. All persons affected are hereby called upon to lodge any written objections or petitions against the proposed alteration within one month from the first publication of this notice. Such objections or petitions are to be addressed and forwarded to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

**SCHEDULE.****AREA PROPOSED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE BOROUGH OF ASHBURTON.**

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District bounded by a line commencing at the north-western corner of Reserve 2471, and proceeding thence north-easterly, south-easterly, south-westerly, and north-westerly along the boundary of Borough of Ashburton as described in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 1921, page 986, to the southernmost corner of Section 13757; thence north-westerly along the north-eastern side of a road forming the north-western boundary of that section and Sections 14380 and 4904 to the North-east Town Belt; thence along the south-eastern side of Bridge Street, the north-eastern side of Kitchener Street, and the south-eastern side of Brucefield Avenue to Reserve 2644; and thence north-westerly along the south-western boundaries of Reserves 2644 and 2471 to the point of commencement.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*By-laws made by Kaitangata Fire Board.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 23rd May, 1921.

THE following by-laws, made by the Kaitangata Fire Board, are published in accordance with the Fire Brigades Act, 1908.

**KAITANGATA FIRE BRIGADE BY-LAWS.**

BY-LAWS made by the Kaitangata Fire Board under authority of section 43 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, for the enrolment of persons as a volunteer fire brigade, and the maintenance of discipline and the ensuring of good conduct on the part of the officers and members thereof.

*Interpretation.*

The word "Board" in this by-law means the Kaitangata Fire Board.

The word "brigade" in this by-law means the Kaitangata Volunteer Fire Brigade.