

time and place fixed for the confirmation of the said special order was given four times, but such notification did not comply with the provisions of section sixty-two of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920:

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the said irregularity, and it is expedient to validate the same:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the proceedings taken to raise the said loan shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though public notification of the special order had been correctly given, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

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

Validating the Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £30,000 for the Hicks Bay Harbour Board.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 8th day of May, 1922.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Matakaoa County Council, by Order in Council dated the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, was declared to have all the powers of a Harbour Board within the Hicks Bay Harbour:

And whereas the Matakaoa County Council, acting under and in pursuance of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, proposes to raise a loan of thirty thousand pounds for the purpose of carrying out harbour-works (wharf, shed, &c.) at Hicks Bay, and taking over works already completed and in progress:

And whereas the advertisements giving notice of the intention to take a poll and giving notice of the result of the poll, and also the polling-papers, have all been issued in the name of the Hicks Bay Harbour Board instead of in the name of the Matakaoa County Council:

And whereas all the resolutions of the Matakaoa County Council in connection with the said loan purport to be resolutions of the Hicks Bay Harbour Board:

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the irregularity, and it is expedient to validate the same:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the said advertisements and polling-papers be deemed to be advertisements and polling-papers duly issued by the Matakaoa County Council, and that the said resolutions be deemed to be resolutions of the Matakaoa County Council, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called in question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

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

Declaring the Mount Eden Domain to be a Sanctuary under the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the area described in the Schedule hereto shall be a sanctuary for the purposes of the said Act, and that no imported or native game shall be taken or killed within the said area except pursuant to an authority granted under section thirty-one or section thirty-two of the said Act; nor shall any person, except under such conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Minister, take any dog or firearm into such

area, or discharge any firearm or explosive in such area, or do anything likely to cause any imported game or native game to leave such area.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area comprised within the Mount Eden Domain, being all that area in the North Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 65 acres 2 roods 20 perches, more or less, being Lot 1A of Section 6, Suburbs of Auckland, and Allotment 68A of Section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, and known as the Mount Eden Domain.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 13th day of May, 1922.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,
Minister of Internal Affairs

Commission.—Construction of a Railway between Rotorua and Taupo.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to HERBERT BUXTON, Esquire, of Wellington; GEORGE THOMAS MURRAY, Esquire, of Wellington; LEON MACINTOSH ELLIS, Esquire, of Wellington; JOHN DOUGLAS RITCHIE, Esquire, of Wellington; and to HUGH MUNRO, Esquire, of Auckland: Greeting.

WHEREAS request has been made to the Government that a Government railway should be constructed and worked between Rotorua and Taupo (or the vicinity thereof) connecting with the present Government railway at Rotorua: And whereas the Government is desirous of obtaining the fullest available information on the matters hereinafter mentioned, the better to enable it to consider and decide regarding such request:

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

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to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the following matters:—

1. The extent of the traffic which may reasonably be expected to be conveyed over a railway between Rotorua and Taupo or the vicinity thereof (connecting with the present Government railway at Rotorua) if such first-mentioned railway be constructed.

2. The probability of such railway (if constructed) returning sufficient revenue from the working thereof to meet the expenditure incurred in and by such working, together with interest on the cost of the construction of such railway, assuming such interest to be charged on such cost at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

3. The extent of the country which would be served by such a railway (if constructed), and the suitability of such country for purposes of settlement.

4. The route (generally) which should be adopted for the construction of such a railway (if such construction should be decided upon).

5. Generally upon such matters as are in your opinion relevant to the question as to whether it is desirable and warranted in and by the public interest that a railway should be constructed between Rotorua and Taupo as aforesaid.

And, with the like advice and consent, I do further appoint you, the said HERBERT BUXTON, to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And, for the purpose of better enabling you the said Commission to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents, at such times and places in the said Dominion as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine, on oath or otherwise as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises. And you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine such books, papers, plans, writings, documents, or records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to