

of the trades of (1) grocer and (2) draper in the Borough of Sumner shall be closed accordingly.

The notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 21st May, 1908, fixing the closing-hours of grocers and general storekeepers' shops in the Borough of Sumner is hereby cancelled as from the date of the coming into operation of this notice.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of December, 1922.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Labour.

The Shops and Offices Act, 1908.—Amended Notice specifying the Combined District of Auckland.

PURSUANT to the provisions of section 13 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, I, George James Anderson, Minister of Labour, do hereby specify that the Combined District of Auckland comprises the City of Auckland, the boroughs of Birkenhead, Devonport, Mount Albert, Mount Eden, Newmarket, Northcote, Onehunga, Takapuna, and Avondale, and the town districts of Ellerslie, Glen Eden, New Lynn, and Henderson.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of December, 1922.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Labour.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 14th December, 1922.

THE Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, situated at Brooklyn, is registered as a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 13th day of December, 1922.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Office of Public Service Commissioner,
Wellington, 20th December, 1922.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that on Saturday, 23rd December, Monday, 25th December, and Tuesday, 26th December, and Saturday, 30th December, 1922, and Monday, 1st January, and Tuesday, 2nd January, 1923, the Government Offices throughout New Zealand will be closed.

W. R. MORRIS,
Public Service Commissioner.

Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.—Declaration by the Registrar dissolving a Society.

I, DONALD GEORGE CLARK, Registrar of Incorporated Societies, do hereby declare that, as it has been made to appear to me that The Southern West Taupo Settlers Association (Incorporated) is no longer carrying on operations and has no assets, the aforesaid society is hereby dissolved, in pursuance of section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of December, 1922.

D. G. CLARK,
Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 63 of 1922.

THE NEW ZEALAND NAUTICAL ALMANAC AND TIDE-TABLES FOR 1923.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 5th December, 1922.

THE New Zealand Nautical Almanac and Tide-tables for the year 1923 has been published, and is on sale at the Government Shipping Offices at Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Dunedin, at the Customhouses at other ports, and at some booksellers who stock it within the Dominion.

The publication contains all the usually required astronomical data for navigation purposes; tide predictions for the main ports of New Zealand, and tidal differences relating to ports for which daily predictions have not been provided. Also daily tidal-stream predictions for French Pass and Tory Channel. Latest information (with harbour plans) concerning recent changes in "aids" to navigation for the Dominion harbours and coasts; and supplementary information relating to the "New Zealand Pilot" is given.

The publication also contains the latest and most important General Notice to Mariners issued by the Imperial Board of

Trade; many tables useful to mariners and others; standard times of the world; principal articles of the calendar, holi days, &c.; instructions re drowning accidents, and the use of the rocket apparatus; flags of the International Code; Morse code; courses and distances within New Zealand and overseas; storm signals; phases of the moon; daily sunrise and sunset tables for Auckland, Wellington, and Nelson; planets and stars visible during each month; problems in coastal navigation; bar harbour signals; chronometer-rating time service; Dominion lighthouses; precise magnetic variation; latest corrected charts; and much information of use to navigators and to the general public of the Dominion collated to October, 1922.

Published by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Marine.

Price: Ten shillings.

Early application is advisable owing to a limited number only being available.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 64 of 1922.

EAST CAPE.—ALTERATION IN LIGHT.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 8th December, 1922.

MARINERS are hereby notified that on and after the evening of Friday, 15th December, 1922, the temporary light which recently has been exhibited at East Cape will be discontinued, and in lieu of which will be exhibited a light having the following characteristics: Light, flashing, 10 seconds, 505 ft. (154 m.), visible 30 miles.

The light, which will be shown from a white-painted circular iron tower 34·7 ft. (10·6 m.) in height, is situated 627 ft. inshore from M.H.W.S. on the seaward side of the hill overlooking the northern side of East Cape (Otiki), and marked 476 on Admiralty Chart No. 3500; and is situated 276·5°, distant 1·42 miles from its former position on East Cape Island.

The arc of visibility is uninterrupted between 153·5° and 026·5° other than vessels rounding East Cape Island within a radius of 7 miles, to which vessels the light will be eclipsed by a portion of East Cape Island varying with the tide, the observer's height, and the distance between the island and such vessels.

Also, an arc of 5·5° (approx.) will be visible to the north-westward of the light through a gap, the centre of which bears 143°. The amount of arc to be seen through the gap varying slightly with the tide and the observer's height and his distance from the light.

The signal-station and exhibition of storm signals have been discontinued.

Publications affected.—Admiralty Charts Nos. 3500, 2527, and 1212; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, page 251; Admiralty Light List 2908; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1922, pages 156 and 286, and 1923, page 161, par. 14, and page 301.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 67 of 1922.

NAUTICAL ALMANAC.—ERRATA.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 20th December, 1922.

INFORMATION is hereby given that the sector of Tairaroa Heads light, shown on the plan of Otago Harbour facing page 270 of the Nautical Almanac, 1923, has been printed red; whereas by perusal of the printed characteristics superimposed it will be seen that the light is white, flashing, 2 flashes every 10 seconds.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 68 of 1922.

GISBORNE ROADSTEAD.—BUOY ON TEMOANA ROCK.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 20th December, 1922.

MARINERS are hereby warned that the buoy exhibiting a red flashing light which marks Temoana Rock in Gisborne Roadstead will be removed for overhaul on or about the 22nd January, 1923.

A substitute buoy, being black and unlighted, will mark the rock temporarily.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Charts Nos. 3321, 3345; "New Zealand Pilot," 8th edition, page 125, 9th edition, page 261; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1923, page 215.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.