

The number of informal votes recorded in any of the ridings was nil.

The number of valid votes recorded in favour of each of the proposals being more than three-fifths of the total number of valid votes recorded for each proposal, I declare all the proposals to be carried.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1922.

H. W. SMART, Chairman.

*Result of Polls for Proposed Loans.*

Wellington, 8th January, 1923.

THE following notices, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Blenheim, are published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY, Minister of Finance.

**BLENHAIM BOROUGH.**  
*Gasworks Loan Poll.*

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1915, and amendments, I hereby give notice that at a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Blenheim taken on the 13th day of December, 1922, on the proposal of the Blenheim Borough Council to borrow the sum of £5,000 for gasworks mains extension, the number of votes recorded for the proposal was 321, and the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 61.

I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

*Bridge Loan Poll.*

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1915, and amendments, I hereby give notice that at a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Blenheim taken on the 13th day of December, 1922, on the proposal of the Blenheim Borough Council to borrow the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of erecting a footbridge over the Omaka River from Henry Street to Rothwell Street, the number of votes recorded for the proposal was 238, and the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 143.

I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1922.

E. S. PARKER, Mayor.

*Approval of Fees for Licensing of Vehicles fixed by By-law.—Rodney County Council.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 19th December, 1922.

IT is hereby notified, in accordance with section 109 of the Counties Act, 1920, that so much of the by-laws made by the Rodney County Council and sealed on the 21st day of November, 1922, as appoints the several sums to be paid to the Rodney County funds for the licensing of vehicles plying for hire has this day been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Approval of Fees for Licensing of Vehicles fixed by By-law.—Otamatea County Council.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 19th December, 1922.

IT is hereby notified, in accordance with section 109 of the Counties Act, 1920, that so much of the by-laws made by the Otamatea County Council and sealed on the 23rd day of November, 1922, as appoints the several sums to be paid to the Otamatea County funds for the licensing of vehicles plying for hire has this day been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Approval of Fees for Licensing of Vehicles fixed by By-laws.—Bay of Islands County.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1922.

IT is hereby notified, in accordance with section 109 of the Counties Act, 1920, that so much of the by-laws made by the Bay of Islands County Council and sealed on the 14th day of December, 1922, as appoints the several sums to be paid to the Bay of Islands County funds for the licensing of vehicles plying for hire has this day been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Approval of Fees for Licensing of Vehicles fixed by By-laws.—Whangarei County Council.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1922.

IT is hereby notified, in accordance with section 109 of the Counties Act, 1920, that so much of the by-laws made by the Whangarei County Council and sealed on the 15th day of December, 1922, as appoints the several sums to be paid to the Whangarei County funds for the licensing of vehicles plying for hire has this day been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Approval of Fees for Licensing of Vehicles fixed by By-law.—Hobson County Council.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 6th January, 1923.

IT is hereby notified, in accordance with section 109 of the Counties Act, 1920, that so much of the by-law made by the Hobson County Council, and sealed on the 14th day of December, 1922, as appoints the several sums to be paid to the Hobson County funds for the licensing of vehicles plying for hire has this day been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General.

W. FRASER,  
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

*Despatch.—Nobel Peace Prize, 1923.*

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 22nd December, 1922.

THE following despatch, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

F. H. D. BELL,  
for the Minister of Internal Affairs.

(New Zealand.—Dominions No. 390.)

Downing Street, 1st November, 1922.

MY LORD,—With reference to my predecessor's despatch, Dominions No 423, of the 13th October, 1921, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a circular issued by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, regarding nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize for 1923.

2. I should be glad if your Ministers would cause the conditions of the prize to be made known to those bodies and persons who are qualified to nominate candidates.

I have, &c.,  
DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Honourable Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., C.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

ALL proposals of candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize, which is to be distributed December 10th, 1923, must, in order to be taken into consideration, be laid before the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament by a duly qualified person before the 1st of February, 1923.

Any one of the following persons is held to be duly qualified: (a) Members and late members of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, as well as the advisers appointed at the Norwegian Nobel Institute; (b) members of Parliament and members of Government of the different States, as well as members of the Interparliamentary Union; (c) members of the International Arbitration Court at the Hague; (d) members of the Commission of the Permanent International Peace Bureau; (e) members and associates of the Institute of International Law; (f) university professors of political science and of law, of history, and of philosophy; and (g) persons who have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Nobel Peace Prize may also be accorded to institutions or associations.

According to the Code of Statutes, par. 8, the grounds upon which any proposal is made must be stated, and handed in along with such papers and other documents as may therein be referred to.

According to par. 3, every written work, to qualify for a prize, must have appeared in print.

For particulars, *qualified persons* are requested to apply to the office of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, Drammensvei 19, Kristiania.

[NOTE.—See page 1278 of *New Zealand Gazette* No. 57, of 1901, for first notice respecting this bequest.]