



SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE

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General Regulations under Part III of the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, respecting Opossums.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 10th day of May, 1923.

Present :

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

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-1922 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke all previous regulations respecting opossums made under Part III of the said Act, and doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act; and doth hereby declare that the regulations hereby made shall have force and effect throughout New Zealand, subject to the said Act and to any special regulations made thereunder in force in any acclimatization district.

REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—
"Authorized officer" means any person appointed by the Under-Secretary, Department of Internal Affairs, to be an authorized officer for any specified purpose under these regulations;
"Official mark" means any mark mentioned in these regulations or in any former regulations respecting opossums made under Part III of the said Act or under the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1920;

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"Skins" includes tanned skins, but does not include tanned or prepared skins *bona fide* used as a rug, coat, muff, or article of personal or domestic or household use or ornament.

2. (1.) Opossums may be taken or killed only in the following manner:—

(a.) By means of a running noose fixed in such manner that the head of the animal will pass through the noose.

(b.) By shooting with a pea-rifle, except in scenic reserves.

(c.) By means of the trap known as the American jump-trap with or without teeth, or by the box trap, or by the ordinary rabbit-trap.

(d.) All such traps for the taking of opossums must be placed on the ground while in use.

(2.) Any ranger of any acclimatization society or any Forest Officer is hereby empowered to seize any traps that are illegal for the taking of opossums, if being used or found in use by any trapper.

3. All traps or other contrivances used for the purpose of taking opossums must be visited by the licensee at least once daily.

4. (1.) A license to take or kill opossums may be issued to any person on payment of the prescribed fee, in the form No. 1 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be issued by the officers appointed in the special regulations issued in respect of each district; provided that no such license shall authorize the taking or killing of opossums in any sanctuary or public domain.

Except as provided in these regulations, or in any special regulations made in respect of any district, no person shall take or kill opossums without previously taking out such a license.

(2.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, any person in *bona fide* occupation of any land, and any one son or daughter of such person, may take or kill opossums on that land without a license (but subject to all other restrictions and conditions imposed by or under the said Act or these regulations) during any open season in which opossums