

or by any vehicle attached thereto, shall forthwith thereafter be repaired and made good by or at the expense of the owner of any such engine, wagon, or other vehicle.

22. Nothing herein contained shall be held to relieve owners or employers of traction-engines or motor-lorries engaged in heavy traffic from liability in respect of injury done or damage sustained by the traction of weight in excess of that prescribed over or along the said road or any bridge or culvert thereon.

23. Any person authorized by the Minister of Public Works may stop and detain any vehicle, traction-engine, motor-lorry, or machine which in his opinion infringes these by-laws, until the width of tires or the weight of such vehicle, traction-engine, motor-lorry, or machine, and the load thereon, or the weight or measurement of the contents thereof, can be ascertained.

24. The driver of any such vehicle, traction-engine, motor-lorry, or machine shall give full and true information as to the load or contents thereof, and the quantity, weight, size, or measurement of the same, and shall do such acts for the purpose of enabling the same to be ascertained as such authorized person requests.

25. The manner of ascertaining the weight of loading or contents of any vehicle shall be by computing the weight or measurement from the cubical or superficial measurement of such loading or contents, and for this purpose the quantities hereunder set out shall, so far as regards the material or articles mentioned respectively, represent one ton, and so on in the same rates:—

New Zealand timber, 400 superficial feet.  
 Australian timber, 350 superficial feet.  
 Firewood, half a cord or 64 cubic feet.  
 Sand, 21 cubic feet.  
 Clay, 19 cubic feet.  
 Cement, 5 barrels (or bags equal to same).  
 Broken stone, 21 cubic feet.  
 Lime, 38 cubic feet.  
 Bricks, 320.  
 Coal, 45 cubic feet.  
 Chaff, 25 bags.  
 Oats (4-bushel bags), 10 bags.  
 Wool, 5 bales.  
 Iron and steel, 4½ cubic feet.

26. The gross weight of any one vehicle which shall be permitted to cross any bridge or culvert situated on the said road shall not exceed seven (7) tons, and not more than one such vehicle shall be permitted to be on any bridge at one time.

27. No person or persons shall stretch ropes across any part of the said road, whether for log-hauling or any other purpose, to the danger of the travelling public.

#### RELATING TO SLEDGING.

28. No person shall draw or trail any sledge, timber, or other material in or upon the said road, whether such road is or is not or may be injured or damaged thereby.

29. Any person damaging the said road by sleighing shall make such damage good to the satisfaction of the Public Works Engineer.

#### PENALTIES.

30. Every person who shall do or cause or procure to be done anything contrary to or otherwise than is provided by these by-laws, or who shall omit to do anything therein required to be done by him, shall be guilty of an offence.

31. Every person guilty of an offence against these by-laws shall be liable for each such offence to a fine not exceeding £5.

Dated at Wellington this 12th day of November, 1923

J. G. COATES, Minister of Public Works

#### Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence,  
 Wellington, 6th November, 1923.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Lieut.-Colonel A. G. McKenzie, D.S.O., 3rd New Zealand Mounted Rifles (Auckland).

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

#### Defence Rifle Club disbanded.

Department of Defence,  
 Wellington, 12th November, 1923.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the disbandment, under section 43, Defence Act, 1909, of the undermentioned defence rifle club:—

Wakapuaka Defence Rifle Club, with headquarters at Wakapuaka.

Dated 25th September, 1923.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, for Minister of Defence.

*Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, fixing the Closing-hours of (1) Butchers', (2) Fancy-goods Dealers', (3) Mercers', (4) Plumbers', (5) Saddlers and Harness and Collar Makers', and (6) Watchmakers' Shops in the Borough of Balclutha.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (1) butcher, (2) fancy-goods dealer, (3) mercer, (4) plumber, (5) saddler and harness and collar maker, and (6) watchmaker in the Borough of Balclutha has been forwarded to me desiring that all such shops in the borough be closed in the evening of working-days as follows—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.; Friday, 9 p.m.:

And whereas I, George James Anderson, Minister of Labour, am satisfied that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (1) butcher, (2) fancy-goods dealer, (3) mercer, (4) plumber, (5) saddler and harness and collar maker, and (6) watchmaker in the Borough of Balclutha:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 32 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, I do hereby direct that on and after the 26th day of November, 1923, all the shops in each of the trades of (1) butcher, (2) fancy-goods dealer, (3) mercer, (4) plumber, (5) saddler and harness and collar maker, and (6) watchmaker in the Borough of Balclutha shall be closed accordingly.

The notices published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 24th June, 1909, and the 9th May, 1912, fixing the closing-hours of all shops and of fancy-goods dealers' and booksellers' shops respectively in the Borough of Balclutha is hereby superseded insofar as it relates to the shops affected by this notice, as from the date of the coming into operation of this notice.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of November, 1923.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Labour.

*Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, fixing the Closing-hours of (1) Drapers', (2) Ironmongers', and (3) Grocers' Shops in the Borough of Balclutha.*

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (1) draper, (2) ironmonger, and (3) grocer in the Borough of Balclutha has been forwarded to me desiring that all such shops in the borough be closed in the evening of working-days as follows—On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5.30 p.m.; Friday, 9 p.m.:

And whereas I, George James Anderson, Minister of Labour, am satisfied that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (1) draper, (2) ironmonger, and (3) grocer within the Borough of Balclutha:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 32 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, I do hereby direct that on and after the 26th day of November, 1923, all the shops in each of the trades of (1) draper, (2) ironmonger, and (3) grocer within the Borough of Balclutha shall be closed accordingly.

The notice gazetted on the 24th June, 1909, fixing the closing-hours of all shops in the Borough of Balclutha is hereby superseded insofar as it relates to the shops affected by this notice as from the date of the coming into operation of this notice.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of November, 1923.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Labour.

*Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, prohibiting the Sale in the City of Dunedin of certain Goods comprised in the Trade of a Tobacconist.*

WHEREAS a petition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the tobacconists' shops within the City of Dunedin, has been forwarded to me desiring that the sale of certain goods comprised in the trade of a tobacconist—namely, smoking-requisites—be prohibited during such times as the said shops are required to be closed in pursuance of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22:

And whereas I, George James Anderson, Minister of Labour, am satisfied that the sale of the said goods is comprised in the trade of a tobacconist in the said district, and that the signatures to such petition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the said shops in the said district:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 33 of the said Act, I do hereby direct that on and after the 19th day of November, 1923, the sale of the said goods in the City of Dunedin shall be and is hereby prohibited as follows: On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after the hour of 6.15 p.m., and on Wednesday after the hour of 9.15 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) On the working-day immediately preceding and the day of any race meeting held at Wingatui or Forbury Park, after