

Regulations under the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 22nd day of December, 1923.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR FRANCIS BELL PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section three of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1923, it is enacted that for the purposes of the rate to be made and levied pursuant to section six of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), the land rateable thereunder may be reclassified from time to time in the manner specified in that section, and that the rates levied thereon may from time to time be adjusted in accordance with such reclassification: And whereas by section six of the said Act it is enacted that the Governor-General, by Order in Council gazetted, may from time to time make regulations prescribing the manner and the time of election of the arbitrator to be elected by the occupiers of the said land for the purpose of classifying the said land and for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the said section six:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations:—

REGULATIONS.

1. IN these regulations—

"Minister" means the Minister of Lands:

"Occupier" means the person by whom or on whose behalf any property which is liable to be rated under the said Act is actually occupied, if that person is in occupation by virtue of a tenancy which was for not less than six months certain; and as to property so rateable and occupied by virtue of a tenancy not coming within the above description, and also in the case of unoccupied property so rateable, means the owner of the same; and as to Crown lands, whatever may be the term of the tenancy thereof, means the lessee or licensee thereof, or, where there is no such lessee or licensee, means the Minister of Lands.

2. The Minister may from time to time, when he deems it expedient so to do, by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the district comprising the land referred to herein, call upon the occupiers to hold a public meeting, at such time and place as he therein appoints, being not less than thirty days after the date on which the said advertisement first appears in the said newspaper, for the purpose of electing an arbitrator.

3. At such meeting the occupiers present, whose names appear on the rate-book for the time being of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage District, shall elect from among themselves a chairman and two scrutineers.

4. The said occupiers present at such meeting shall then elect an arbitrator to act under section 6 of the said Act, the mode of election to be by nomination and subsequent ballot, the voting to be conducted by the chairman and scrutineers aforesaid.

5. The chairman of a meeting held as aforesaid shall forthwith notify the Minister of the name of the arbitrator elected at such meeting.

6. If the arbitrator so elected refuses to act, or if he dies, or resigns his position at any time, or for any reason becomes incapable of acting as required by the said Act, a fresh arbitrator shall be elected in his place in the manner aforesaid, save that the public meeting of occupiers at which he is to be elected may be held at any time after fourteen days from the publication of the advertisement calling for such meeting.

7. The Minister shall have full power to decide whether or not an arbitrator so elected has become incapable of acting as required by the said Act, and his decision shall be final: Provided that he shall not have power to decide until he has been previously requested so to do by at least six occupiers.

8. Any arbitrator elected as aforesaid shall hold office for one year, after which time a fresh election shall be held if an arbitrator is required.

9. The remuneration of the arbitrators and umpire elected or appointed under these regulations and the said Act shall be at a rate not exceeding three guineas a day, exclusive of travelling-expenses.

10. The remuneration and expenses of the said arbitrators and umpire shall be paid out of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Account.

11. The regulations made pursuant to the said Act on the ninth day of October, 1916, are hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By omitting from paragraph (c) of clause five thereof the words "Lands and Survey Department, Government Buildings, at Wellington," and substituting the words "office of the Collector of Rates at Auckland, appointed hereunder":

(b.) By omitting from clause eight thereof the words "Lands and Survey Department, Government Buildings, at Wellington," and substituting the words "office of the said Collector of Rates":

(c.) By omitting from clause eleven thereof the words "Under-Secretary for Lands," and substituting the words "Chief Drainage Engineer":

(d.) By omitting the First and Second Schedules thereto, and substituting the following as First, Second, and Third Schedules:—

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT.—RATE-BOOK FOR YEAR 19 -19 .

THE amount of the expenditure under the provisions of the Rangitaiki Land Drainage Act, 1910, and the amendments thereof, as at 31st March, 19 , is £ : : , which is the amount in respect of which the rate is levied.

The rate is for the period commencing on the day of , 19 , and ending on the day of , 19 , and is payable in one sum on the day of , 19 .

- Class A: Rate in the pound is .
- Class B: Rate in the pound is .
- Class C: Rate in the pound is .
- Class D: Rate in the pound is .

RANGITAIKI LAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT.—RATE ROLL.

Occupier.	Description of Property.	Class.	Area.	Rateable Value.	Rate in £.	Rates due.	Arrears.		Total Amount due.	Date paid.
							Period.	Amount.		
Owner.										
A/c. No.	Valuation No.									

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ as Minister of Lands, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 . \_\_\_\_\_ Minister of Lands.