

Commission to inquire into and report as to Matters affecting the New Zealand Government Railways.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to SIR SAM FAY, Kt., Justice of the Peace; and SIR VINCENT RAVEN, Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is desirable that inquiry should be made into the matters hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

Sir Sam Fay and
Sir Vincent Raven

to be a Commission to inquire into and report as to the financial arrangements, management, equipment, and general working, including the administration, control, and economy, of the railway service in New Zealand, and more particularly—

- (1.) The organization and running of the passenger and goods traffic, the services rendered, the scales of fares and freights operating, the finance and financial returns.
- (2.) Matters appertaining to the organization and conduct of the mechanical section of the system in relation to the respective types of locomotives and rolling-stock adopted, cost, economy of life and use, equipment, renewal, and maintenance charges.
- (3.) Matters relating to the construction, renewal, and maintenance of permanent way, including station equipment and the systems of signalling and interlocking adopted.
- (4.) Improvements and new works that may be deemed to be essential to cope more economically with present and prospective traffic, including new station buildings, yards, deviations, &c., and the order in which such works should be carried out.
- (5.) Whether the present discretionary powers held by District Traffic Managers are sufficient under existing conditions, having regard to the increasing competition by road and sea.
Whether more satisfactory and expeditious handling of traffic could be brought about by decentralization.
- (6.) Delegating power to District Managers to enable them to make reduced quotations for traffic in exceptional cases to counteract competition or secure business.
- (7.) The general viewpoint of the staff in dealing with Department's business.
- (8.) Whether the steps at present taken to secure excursion traffic in connection with big events are sufficient.
- (9.) Whether the present statistical data compiled by the Department is sufficient to enable transportation officers to accurately gauge the cost of services in dealing with general transportation matters.
- (10.) The policy of the Government in connection with the leasing and construction of private sidings.
- (11.) The use of rail motor-cars and the type suggested for New Zealand conditions.
- (12.) The construction of special rolling-stock, heavier or lighter, to meet special conditions in various districts.
- (13.) The costing and statistical methods in the Maintenance, Workshops, and other Branches.

And, for the purpose of better enabling you, the said Commission, to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents, at such times and places in the said Dominion as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit and to call before you and examine, on oath or otherwise, as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises. And you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine such books, papers, plans, writings, documents, or records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matter of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.

And, using all diligence, you are required to report to me under your hands and seals not later than the thirty-first

day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, your opinion as to the aforesaid matters.

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you.

And it is hereby declared that these presents shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry is not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 18th day of October, 1924.

J. G. COATES, Minister of Railways.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand amended.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred on me by the Defence Act, 1909, and its amendments, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby amend in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Schedule hereto the regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand made on the twenty-second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the twenty-third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen (hereinafter termed "the general regulations"), and I do hereby declare that the amendment hereby made shall come into force as from the date of publication thereof in the *Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS FOR THE MILITARY FORCES OF NEW ZEALAND, 1913.

Section V.—Registration, Enrolment, and Posting.

PARAGRAPH 188 of the general regulations as published in the *New Zealand Gazette* dated 1st June, 1922, is hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—

"188. (1.) When any person liable for military training changes his place of residence, he shall notify his change of place of residence as follows:—

"(a.) If serving in a Territorial or Senior Cadet unit, by informing his Commanding Officer within fourteen days of such change.

"(b.) If posted to the Non-effective List, by notifying the nearest Defence Office within fourteen days, if by reason of such change his place of residence is within five miles of an established training centre.

"(2.) Every such person who fails to notify his change of place of residence as herein required is liable, on summary conviction by a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding £10."

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 14th day of October, 1924.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Ranger under the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, appointed.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 14th October, 1924.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, I, Richard Francis Bollard, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby appoint

Errol Thomas Cupples, of Tokaanu,

to be a Ranger under the said Act for the Rotorua Acclimatization District.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 14th day of October, 1924.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.