

Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 28th October, 1924.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. Hulbert, D.S.O., 6th New Zealand Mounted Rifles (Manawatu).

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Defence Rifle Club disbanded.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 14th October, 1924.

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

Carterton Defence Rifle Club,
with headquarters at Carterton.

Dated 20th September, 1924.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Dismissal from the Defence Forces.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 14th October, 1924.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the dismissal of the undermentioned from the New Zealand Defence Forces under section 6 (b), Defence Act, 1909, he having been convicted by the Civil power. Dated 1st October, 1924:—

No. 5A/1260. Private L. H. Perry, New Zealand Medical Corps.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Officiating Ministers for 1924.—Notice No. 36.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 4th November, 1924.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Reverend David Jones Davies.
The Reverend Thomas Wallace Edwards.

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

The Reverend Theodore Paterson.

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Result of Election of Member of River Board.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 31st October, 1924.

THE following result of election of a member of a River Board has been received from the Returning Officer, and is published in accordance with the provisions of the River Boards Amendment Act, 1913.

G. P. NEWTON, For Under-Secretary.

Otautau River Board, County of Wallace—

John Seatter.

Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.—Declaration of the Assistant Registrar dissolving a Society.

I, WALTER HAROLD FLETCHER, Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies, do hereby declare that, as it has been made to appear to me that the Tiriraukawa Rabbit Association (Incorporated) is no longer carrying on operations and has no assets, the aforesaid society is hereby dissolved in pursuance of section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908.

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of October, 1924.

W. H. FLETCHER,
Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Estimated Areas under Wheat, Oats, and Potatoes (Season 1924-25).

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 30th October, 1924.

AS in previous years cards were sent out by post to grain-growers, and to potato-growers throughout the Dominion, asking them to state what areas they had sown or planted or intended to sow or plant in wheat, oats, and potatoes this season.

WHEAT AND OATS.—FINAL AREAS, 1923-24, AND AREAS ESTIMATED AS SOWN OR TO BE SOWN IN 1924-25.

	Wheat. Acres.	Oats. Acres.
Areas, 1923-24: For threshing	173,864	63,842
For chaffing	1,629	326,652
Total harvested	175,493	390,494
Not harvested	3,159	26,883
Grand totals	178,652	417,377
Areas, 1924-25 (estimated):—		
North Island	3,000	55,000
South Island	167,000	425,000
Totals	170,000	480,000

Particulars as to varieties of wheat sown or intended to be sown were again asked for. The following table gives a summary of results in cases where varieties were specified:—

	Tuscan or Longberry.	Hunter's (Varieties).	Velvet or Pearl.	Total Specified Varieties.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
North Island	2,115	427	92	2,634
Nelson, Marlborough, and Westland	1,898	575	209	2,682
Canterbury	95,793	24,994	9,964	130,751
Otago and Southland	15,388	6,214	3,603	25,205
Dominion totals	115,194	32,210	13,868	161,272

Tabulation of statistics for potatoes gives the following results—

POTATOES.—FINAL AREA, 1923-24, AND AREA ESTIMATED AS PLANTED OR TO BE PLANTED, 1924-25.

	Final. Area, 1923-24. Acres.	Estimated. Area, 1924-25. Acres.
North Island	5,630	6,000
South Island	15,363	18,000
Totals for Dominion	20,993	24,000*

* On the average of the last five seasons (viz., 5.58 tons per acre) the total estimated yield from this area should approximate 133,920 tons, as against 105,552 tons last season.

It may be well to note that only holdings of 1 acre and over outside borough boundaries are covered by these figures. In the case of potatoes a fair amount is undoubtedly grown on the smaller holdings and on holdings situated within boroughs.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.*Land in Nelson Land District forfeited.*

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 1st November, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned land having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Nelson Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.**NELSON LAND DISTRICT.**

LEASE No. P.L. 76, Section 79, Block VII. District: Reefton Survey District. Formerly held by J. Howell (deceased). Reason for forfeiture: Non-payment of rent.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.