

Matamata Town District, taken on the 18th day of December, 1923, on the proposal to borrow the sum of £20,000 for carrying out a comprehensive roading scheme.—

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 108; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 32. I therefore declare that the poll was carried.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1923.

W. A. GORDON, Chairman.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.

Wellington, 5th February, 1924.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Board of the Grey Electric-power District, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY, Minister of Finance.

GREY ELECTRIC-POWER BOARD.

Result of Poll on Proposal to raise a Loan.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that at a poll of the ratepayers of the Grey Electric-power District, taken on the 23rd day of January, 1924, on the proposal of the Grey Electric-power Board to borrow the sum of eighty thousand pounds for the development of electric power within the district,—

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 630; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 134. I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1924.

H. F. DOUGAN,
Chairman, Grey Electric-power Board.

Special Order made by the Hauraki Drainage Board fixing the Number of Trustees to be elected for Subdivisions.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 5th January, 1924.

THE following special order, made by the Hauraki Drainage Board, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1920.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

HAURAKI DRAINAGE BOARD.

Special Order.

In the matter of the Land Drainage Act, 1908, and the amendments thereto, and the Counties Act, 1908, and amendments thereto.

The Hauraki Drainage Board hereby adopts as and for a special order the following resolution:—

That, in terms of section 2 of the Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1920, the said Board doth hereby fix the number of trustees to be elected for each legal subdivision of the Hauraki Drainage Board as one trustee for each such subdivision as follows:—

Northern Area, one trustee; Turua Area, one trustee; Central Area, one trustee; Te Kauri Area, one trustee; Monganui Area, one trustee.

Dated at Turua this 29th day of September, 1922.

GEO. GRAY, Chairman.

Fixing Dates on which certain Returns under the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, are to be furnished.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 4th February, 1924.

PURSUANT to section 22 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, it is hereby notified that the returns showing the total gross amount of the premiums received by or due to fire-insurance companies during the year ended 31st December, 1923, shall be transmitted to the Fire Boards concerned, in the manner prescribed by the said section on or before the 31st May, 1924.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, fixing the Closing-hours of Booksellers and Stationers' Shops in the Borough of Te Kuiti.

WHEREAS pursuant to section 32 (5) of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, His Excellency the Governor-General has, by Order in Council dated the 14th day of January, 1924, grouped the trades of (1) bookseller and

(2) stationer, commonly carried on together in the Borough of Te Kuiti, as the trade of bookseller and stationer:

And whereas a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the booksellers and stationers' shops in the said borough has been forwarded to me, desiring that all such shops in the borough be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and on Fridays at 9 p.m.; with the following exceptions—(1) The closing-hour on the five working-days (excluding Fridays) last preceding Christmas Eve or the day observed as such by shops shall be 8 p.m.; (2) the closing-hour on the last working-day preceding Christmas Day and the last working-day preceding New Year's Day shall be 11 p.m.; and (3) when a registered race meeting is held on the Te Kuiti Racecourse on any day other than Saturday the hour of closing on such day shall be 8 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 said shops within the said borough:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 32 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, I do hereby direct that on and after the 11th day of February, 1924, all the booksellers and stationers' shops within the Borough of Te Kuiti shall be closed accordingly.

The notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 13th January, 1916, fixing the closing-hours of hairdressers', tobacconists', booksellers and stationers', newsagents', and fancy-goods dealers' shops in the Borough of Te Kuiti is hereby cancelled, 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 30th day of January, 1924.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Labour.

Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, prohibiting the Sale in the Borough of Te Kuiti of certain Goods comprised in the Trade of a Bookseller and Stationer.

WHEREAS pursuant to section 32 (5) of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, His Excellency the Governor-General has by Order in Council dated the 14th day of January, 1924, grouped the trades of (1) bookseller and (2) stationer, commonly carried on together in the Borough of Te Kuiti, as the trade of bookseller and stationer:

And whereas a petition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the booksellers and stationers' shops within the said borough has been forwarded to me, desiring that the sale of certain goods comprised in the trade of a bookseller and stationer—namely, books and stationery—be prohibited during such time 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 bookseller and stationer in the said borough, and that the signatures to such petition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the said shops in the said borough;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 33 of the said Act, I do hereby direct that on and after the 11th day of February, 1924, the sale of the said goods in the Borough of Te Kuiti shall be and is hereby prohibited as follows—On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after the hour of 6 p.m. and on Fridays after the hour of 9 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) On the five working-days (excluding Fridays) last preceding Christmas Eve, or the day observed as such by shops, the sale of the said goods is prohibited after the hour of 8 p.m.; (2) on the last working-day preceding Christmas Day and the last working-day preceding New Year's Day the sale of the said goods is prohibited after the hour of 11 p.m.; (3) when a registered race meeting is held on the Te Kuiti Racecourse on any day other than Saturday the sale of the said goods is prohibited on that day after the hour of 8 p.m.

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of February, 1924.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Labour.

Conscience-money received.

The Treasury,
Wellington, 5th February, 1924.

I HEREBY acknowledge receipt of the sums of £1 and £2 10s. forwarded to the Treasury Department by persons unknown as conscience-money to the New Zealand Government.

J. J. ESSON, Secretary to the Treasury.