

of the Act shall immediately give notice in writing thereof to the Minister.

(2.) Every notice shall contain the following particulars:—

- (a.) The name of such reptile, beast or bird of prey, or other animal, and the number held in possession;
- (b.) The country and locality from which they were obtained;
- (c.) The manner in which they came into the possession of the holder;
- (d.) The purpose or purposes (if any) for which they are being used;
- (e.) Such other particulars as the Minister may require.

(3.) The Minister, before consenting to any such reptile, beast, or bird of prey, or animal being retained in possession, may make such inquiries as he thinks fit, and he may require the production of such evidence or particulars as to the habits or customs thereof as may be deemed necessary.

(4.) The Minister in giving consent may stipulate the period during which any such reptile, beast, bird of prey, or animal may be retained in possession, the purpose or purposes for which it shall be used, the times when and conditions under which it may be liberated, together with any other conditions he may think fit.

(5.) If the Minister is of opinion that any such reptile, beast, bird of prey, or animal should not be retained in possession, he may give orders for its destruction or other disposal, and such orders shall immediately on receipt thereof be carried out by the person or persons to whom they are given.

#### IMPORT AND EXPORT OF SKINS, FEATHERS, AND EGGS OF BIRDS.

17. (1.) No person shall import into New Zealand the skins, feathers, or eggs of any bird:

Provided that the Minister may by writing under his hand authorize an exemption from the provisions of this regulation in such cases as he thinks fit.

(2.) No person shall, without the consent in writing of the Minister, export from New Zealand the skins, feathers, or eggs of any bird included in the Schedules to the Act:

Provided that this prohibition shall not apply in respect of any bird the export of which has been authorized under any of the provisions of the Act.

#### REGISTRATION, FORMATION, AND DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETIES.

18. (1.) Any registered acclimatization society existing on the 1st day of April, 1922 (being the date of the coming into operation of the Act), may apply for a certificate of registration in the form No. 10 in the Schedule hereto.

(2.) The application shall be signed by the president or chairman or other principal officer of the society, and by one other member of the society and by the secretary thereof.

(3.) The two copies of the rules of the society required by the said Act to be sent with the application shall be authenticated by the signature of the president or chairman or other principal officer of the society, and by one other member of the society and by the secretary thereof.

(4.) On receipt of the application and rules the Minister, if satisfied that the application is in order, shall issue a certificate of registration in the form No. 11 in the Schedule hereto.

19. (1.) Any acclimatization society formed after the 1st day of April, 1922 (being the date of the coming into operation of the Act), may apply for registration under the Act in the form No. 12 in the Schedule hereto.

(2.) The application shall be signed by the president or chairman or other principal officer of the society, and by one other member of the society and by the secretary thereof.

(3.) The two copies of the rules of the society required by the said Act to be sent with the application shall be authenticated by the signature of the president or chairman or other principal officer of the society, and by one other member of the society and by the secretary thereof.

(4.) No new society shall be registered as an acclimatization society under the Act unless at the date of application for registration it has at least fifty members.

(5.) The rules of the society shall state or provide for the following matters:—

- (a.) The name of the society.
- (b.) The objects for which the society is established.
- (c.) The modes in which persons may become members of the society, including in all cases other than life-membership provision for a written or printed application for membership signed by the intending member.
- (d.) The modes in which persons cease to be members of the society.
- (e.) The mode in which the rules of the society may be altered or rescinded.

(f.) The mode of summoning and holding general meetings, and of voting thereat.

(g.) The appointment of officers of the society.

(h.) The control and use of the common seal of the society.

(i.) The control and investment of the funds of the society.

(j.) The dissolution or winding-up of the society, and the disposition of the property of the society in such event.

(k.) Such other matters as the Minister may require to be provided for.

(6.) Where the district within which a society proposes to conduct its operations forms part of any existing acclimatization district the society shall, not less than fourteen days before making application for registration, give notice of its intention to apply for registration to the secretary of each acclimatization society affected, and shall state in the application to whom such notice has been sent.

(7.) The certificate of registration shall be in the form No. 11 in the Schedule hereto.

20. If at any time it is made to appear that a registered acclimatization society has ceased to exist, or has failed to carry out the objects for which it was formed, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* cancelling the registration of the society, and thereupon the society shall be dissolved.

#### HOMING-PIGEONS.

21. (1.) Any person, being the owner of any homing-pigeons, may make application, in the form No. 13 in the Schedule hereto, to the Chief Postmaster of the postal district in which he resides to be registered as owner of such pigeons for the year ending 31st December then next following. Every application shall be accompanied by a fee of 1s.

(2.) Each Chief Postmaster shall keep a register for the purposes aforesaid in the form No. 14 in the Schedule hereto.

(3.) Every Chief Postmaster, on receiving an application in proper form, together with the required fee, shall enter or cause to be entered therein all necessary particulars in the register, and shall issue a receipt to the applicant in the form No. 15 in the Schedule hereto.

(4.) All fees payable under this regulation shall be paid into and credited to the Post Office Account.

#### FORFEITURE AND DISPOSAL OF GAME, ETC.

22. (1.) Any imported game or native game, or any absolutely protected animal which has been unlawfully taken or killed and anything lawfully seized as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 36 of the Act are hereby declared to be forfeited to His Majesty.

(2.) It shall be the duty of every ranger or constable who has seized any such game, animals, or other things as aforesaid, or into whose possession they have come, to forward immediate notification thereof to the Minister who, either on the conviction of any person for unlawfully taking or killing any such game or animals or for illegally taking, having in possession, or using such other things contrary to the provisions of the Act, or if no such person can be traced, shall, in order to give effect to such forfeiture as aforesaid, give such orders for the disposal of such game, animals, or other things as aforesaid as he thinks fit, and such orders shall immediately on receipt thereof be carried out by the person to whom they are given.

(3.) All moneys derived from the disposal of anything sold pursuant to this regulation shall be paid into the Public Account, and, after deducting all expenses, shall be paid over to the registered acclimatization society in whose district the seizure was made.

#### PENALTY.

23. If any person commits a breach of any of these regulations he shall, except where a penalty is otherwise provided, be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £20.

#### SCHEDULE.

[Form No. 1.

#### LICENSE TO TAKE OR KILL IMPORTED GAME AND NATIVE GAME.

, of , having this day paid the sum of one pound (£1), is hereby authorized to take or kill within the Acclimatization District of from the day of , 19 , to the day of , 1922 (both days inclusive), subject to the provisions of the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22.

This license does not authorize the holder thereof to take or kill imported game and native game on lands actually and exclusively used by any registered acclimatization society for acclimatization purposes, or on any sanctuary or public domain, or on any land excepted from the operation of the notification declaring an open season for the district.

Dated at this day of , 19 .....