

MINISTER'S DECISIONS UNDER CUSTOMS ACTS—*continued.*

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, and Item No.	Rate of Duty.		
			British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
2/74	Machinery, &c., peculiar to metalworking, viz. :— Can-tester, for testing cans by means of compressed air (NOTE.—The air-compressor is to be separately classified under Tariff item 425.)	As machines, &c., peculiar to metalworking (481) (1)	Free ..	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
16/78	Scientific apparatus, viz. :— George's "New Atwood's Machine," an appliance for demonstrating certain physical laws	As scientific apparatus (169)	Free ..	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
8/49/2	Textiles, viz. :— Felted textiles for the manufacture of horse-boots	As felted textiles in the piece (on declaration) (200)	Free ..	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
13/17/7	Felted textiles for the manufacture or repair of pianos				
8/49/7	Felted textiles for use with door-sanding machines				
8/13	Felted textiles for use with laundry-machines				
8/49/6	Felted textiles for use with leather-ironing machines				
8/49	Felted woollen webbing for use in biscuitmaking				
15/16/2	Woodenware n.e.i., viz. :— Plywood cut to shape, being end-pieces for the manufacture of cabin-trunks	As woodenware n.e.i. (609)	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

Minister's Order No. 31.]

GEO. CRAIG, Comptroller of Customs.

*Notice to Mariners No. 73 of 1924.*

COOK STRAIT.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 28th November, 1924.*Existence of Shoals.*

ADVERTING to Notice to Mariners No. 41 issued at Wellington on the 14th July, 1924, relating to the reported existence of shoals to the northward and to the north-westward of Jackson's Head at the entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound, Cook Strait: Further information is hereby given that an examination of this locality recently performed by the Government steamer "Tutanekai" shows the existence of a shoal to the north-westward of Jackson's Head in the following position: Latitude 40° 56' 4" south, longitude 174° 19' 3" east, Jackson's Head Beacon bearing 168°, distant 3½ miles; Walker Rock and Cape Koamaru extreme in transit bearing 157°; Lambert Point and the high part of overhanging cliff in transit bearing 231°.

The least water discovered by the "Tutanekai" when anchored on the shoal was 28 ft. at M.L.W.S. The shoal is rocky and of small area, having soundings of 10, 15, and 20 fathoms rocky bottom close to.

Vessels of moderate or deep draught should keep at least two miles to the north-eastward of a straight line drawn between Cook Rock and Stephens Island as other shoal rocky patches, having depths between 8 and 10 fathoms over them, and which have not yet been examined, are reported to exist between Stephens Island and the 28 ft. shoal to which this notice mainly relates.

This notice cancels Notice to Mariners No. 41 of 14th July, 1924.

Publications affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 695, 2054, 3629, 1212, 2684, and 2685; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, pages 108 and 309 and succeeding pages; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1924, pages 110 to 162; "Courses and Distances," in cases in which the localities referred to become involved.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

*Notice to Mariners No. 74 of 1924.*

NEW ZEALAND.—SOUTH ISLAND.—WEST COAST.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 1st December, 1924.*Hokitika Light discontinued.*

INFORMATION is hereby given that the fixed white light formerly exhibited from a white tower on Gaol Hill, one mile north of the flagstaff at the entrance to Hokitika River, in latitude 42° 42' south, longitude 170° 59' east, has been permanently discontinued.

Publications affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2591, 3629, and 1212; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, page 391; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1924, pages 167 and 287; "Admiralty List of Lights," Part VI, 1924, page 415, No. 3076.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

*Notice to Mariners No. 75 of 1924.*

NEW ZEALAND.—NORTH ISLAND.—WEST COAST.—WANGANUI HARBOUR.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, N.Z., 1st December, 1924.*Dredger operating.*

THE Wanganui Harbour Board notify a bucket dredger is now operating in that part of the river locally known as Mitchell's Reach, commencing operations on No. 2 Pile, the dredger's moorings being laid well clear of the line of leading beacons in this channel.

Between sunrise and sunset the dredger will exhibit two black spherical shapes and between sunset and sunrise two all-round red lights, all vertically disposed on the side on which vessels must pass.

Vessels must slacken speed when in the vicinity of the dredger.

Publications affected: Admiralty chart No. 2054; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, pages 102 and 103; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1924, page 227 and plan facing.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.