

a mineral lease granted under the Mining Act, 1908, or, in the case of any lands other than Crown lands, to the owner or owners of the land to which the license shall relate (the word "owner" includes any person or body corporate to whom such owner shall have granted a lease or license to prospect or bore for petroleum or other mineral oils or natural gas.)"

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 12th day of January, 1925.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, Minister of Mines.
(Mines N. 3/12.)

Regulations for the Election of a Member of the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Board of Control by Payers of Fees under Section 9 of the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section three of the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1924, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the election of a member of the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Board of Control by the payers of fees under section nine of the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917.

REGULATIONS.

1. IN these regulations—
 "The Board" means the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Board of Control;
 "The Town Clerk" means the Town Clerk of the City of Wellington;
 "The said Act" means the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1924;
 "The Amendment Act" means the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917.

FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBER OF BOARD BY PAYERS OF HUTT ROAD FEES.

2. For the purposes of the first election of a member of the Board, pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection two of section three of the said Act, the Town Clerk shall, on or before the 12th day of January, 1925, cause to be compiled a list containing the name and address and the vehicle registration number of every person, firm, or corporate body who for the year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1924, has in respect of any motor-vehicle paid the fee prescribed by section 9 of the Amendment Act.

3. (1.) The list prepared pursuant to the last preceding clause shall be open for inspection at the offices of the Wellington City Council during office hours on each day from the 12th day of January, 1925, until the 17th day of the same month, and public notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in some daily newspaper published in the City of Wellington.

(2.) During the aforesaid period the Town Clerk shall, on application in that behalf, add to the list the name of every person, firm, or corporate body who, by the production of receipts or otherwise, satisfies him that the said person, firm, or corporate body has, for the year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1924, paid in respect of any motor-vehicle the fee prescribed by section 9 of the Amendment Act.

(3.) The decision of the Town Clerk upon every such application shall be final, and the list so settled by the Town Clerk shall be the roll of electors.

4. For the purpose of the election the Town Clerk shall be the Returning Officer, and his office shall be at the Town Hall, Cuba Street, Wellington.

5. (1.) The Returning Officer shall by advertisement publicly notify in respect of the election—

- (a.) The day on which the election will be held and the hour on which the poll will be closed;
 (b.) The day and hour when the roll relating to the election will be closed;
 (c.) The day and hour when nominations will close.

(2.) Such notice shall be published in not less than three issues of one of the daily newspapers published in the City of Wellington.

6. Every candidate for election shall be nominated in writing in the Form No. (1) in the Schedule hereto or to the effect thereof. The nomination shall be signed by two persons qualified to vote at the election, and shall be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated.

7. In the event of only one person being nominated the Returning Officer shall by advertisement in one of the daily

newspapers published in the City of Wellington declare such person to be duly elected, and such person shall be deemed to be duly elected accordingly.

8. In the event of more than one person being nominated the Returning Officer shall prepare and post to each elector at his address as appearing on the roll of electors a printed voting-paper in the Form No. (2) in the Schedule hereto.

9. (1.) No elector shall have more than one vote.

(2.) Where the elector is a firm or body corporate the vote may be exercised by any member of the firm or by any person appointed under the seal of the body corporate to exercise such vote.

(3.) No person who exercises a vote on behalf of any firm or body corporate shall be debarred from voting on his own behalf if he himself is qualified to vote as an elector.

10. (1.) The elector shall exercise his vote by drawing a line through the name of every candidate for whom he does not intend to vote, and shall thereupon sign the voting-paper.

(2.) The voting-paper shall be placed in a sealed envelope and shall either be delivered or posted to the Returning Officer.

11. (1.) If delivered to the Returning Officer the voting-paper must be so delivered before the day of the election or not later than 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and if posted to him, must be posted on or before that day.

(2.) The envelope containing any voting-paper as aforesaid, whether posted or delivered to the Returning Officer, shall be addressed:—

"The Returning Officer for the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Board of Control Election, Town Hall, Wellington."

12. The poll shall close at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of the election. All voting-papers posted to the Returning Officer within the time prescribed by the last preceding clause shall be included and counted if received by him in due course of post before the close of the third day after the day of the election, but not otherwise.

13. A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases, that is to say—

- (a.) If it is not duly signed by the elector or if the number of voting-papers signed by him exceeds one; or
 (b.) If the elector leaves the name of more than one candidate uncancelled; or
 (c.) If, being personally delivered to the Returning Officer, it is not delivered at his office before the close of the poll; or
 (d.) If, having been forwarded by post, it is not received at the office if the Returning Officer before the fourth day after the day of the election, or if, from the post-mark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.

14. On the fourth day after the day of the election the Returning Officer shall open and examine all voting-papers duly delivered to him or received by him through the post as aforesaid, and, after rejecting all informal voting-papers, shall ascertain the candidate who has received the greatest number of votes, and shall declare such candidate to be elected.

15. Forthwith after the completion of the election the Returning Officer shall notify in a newspaper published in the City of Wellington and in the *New Zealand Gazette* the name of the person elected and the date of his taking office as a member of the Board.

SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.

16. (1.) Not less than fourteen clear days before any election after the first, to be held for the purposes of paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Act, the Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in a newspaper published in the City of Wellington, publicly notify the day of the election, and shall in such notice call for the nomination of candidates on or before a date to be named therein, but not earlier than ten days after the date of the first such advertisement.

(2.) The foregoing provisions of these regulations, as to the compilation of the roll and the conduct of the election, shall, so far as applicable, apply to every such election.

SCHEDULE.

[Form No. (1).]

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS MEMBER OF WELLINGTON CITY AND SUBURBAN HIGHWAYS BOARD OF CONTROL.

We, _____, of _____, and _____, of _____, being persons qualified to vote in respect of the payment of fees under section 9 of the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917, for the election of a member of the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Board of Control, do hereby nominate [Insert