

Situated in Pirongia Survey District.

In the Auckland Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 22/2511, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, under No. 2131, and thereon coloured as above-mentioned.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 12th day of September, 1925.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

rules and Regulations for the Management of Switzers Commonage.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 7th day of September, 1925.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section three of the Land Act, 1924 (hereinafter called "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for the purposes of the said Act providing, among other things, for the care, management, and protection of commonages:

And whereas regulations (herein referred to as "the said regulations") were made on the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, by the Administrator of the Government under the powers conferred by section four of the Land Act, 1892, for the management of Switzers Commonage, and the said regulations were published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the seventeenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, at page 1191:

And whereas the said regulations still enure and are in force under the said Act:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke the said regulations, and to make in lieu thereof the regulations hereinafter contained:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the said Act and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the said regulations, and doth hereby make the following regulations for the care, management, and protection of the Switzers Commonage described in the First Schedule to the following regulations, and doth hereby order that such revocation shall take effect on the coming into force of the following regulations, and that the following regulations shall come into force on the day of the gazetting hereof.

REGULATIONS.

1. For the purpose of carrying out these regulations the following persons are appointed a committee for the care, management, and protection of the said commonage:—

John Milne,
James Allen,
James Mutch,
Michael Moffitt,
Fred Cavanagh,
Walter Thompson, and
William Varley,

who shall be known as the "Switzers Commonage Committee" (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"). The members of such Committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

2. On the first Wednesday in January, 1928, and at a similar date every three years thereafter an election shall take place from among the holders of licenses to depasture cattle or stock upon the said commonage (hereinafter termed "licensed holders") for the purpose of electing seven persons to be members of the Committee. Such election shall be conducted in such manner as the Committee may decide. The names of the persons so elected shall be submitted to His Excellency the Governor-General for approval, and, if so approved, they shall take the place of the Committee hereby or theretofore appointed. The members of the Committee herein appointed shall hold office until such approval.

3. The Committee shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Wednesday in each month, at 7 o'clock p.m., at Waikāia, or at such other time or place as may from time to

time be fixed by the Committee. The first meeting shall be held on Wednesday, the 7th day of October, 1925.

4. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman or by any two members of the Committee: Provided that two days' notice of such meeting be given to each member, specifying the business to be transacted at such special meeting, and no other business than that so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

5. Any three of the said Committee shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.

6. The members of the Committee shall, at their first meeting and thereafter at the first Committee meeting to be held after the approval of any new Committee under clause 2 hereof, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting-vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor. At such meeting a Secretary shall also be appointed by the Committee.

7. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.

8. If, by retirement, resignation, death, or incapacity, or otherwise, the office of the Chairman shall be or become vacant, the members may at any monthly or special meeting appoint a Chairman.

9. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members of the Committee present at a meeting.

10. Any member may resign by writing under his hand delivered to the Chairman or Secretary; and in such case, or in the case of his death, incapacity, or absence without the leave of the Committee from three consecutive ordinary meetings, his office shall become vacant. The Committee may, by writing under the hands of the Chairman and Secretary, notify His Excellency the Governor-General of any vacancy, and submit the name of a person to fill the vacancy; and, if approved by the Governor-General, such person shall thereupon become a member of the Committee.

11. License-holders may run cattle upon the lands described in the First Schedule upon the conditions mentioned in the depasturing license to be obtained as hereinafter provided.

12. Persons desirous of obtaining a depasturing license must lodge with the Secretary to the Committee at Waikāia an application in writing in the form or to the effect contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and deposit therewith the license fee payable hereunder. If such application be refused the fee shall be refunded to the applicant.

13. The Committee shall have power to refuse to grant any license, also to limit the number of cattle which may be depastured under any license. They shall also have power to specify the kind of cattle which may be depastured under any license.

14. The number of cattle to be depastured shall be mentioned in the license, and the rent to be paid in respect of such license shall be at the rate of 5s. per annum for each head of cattle. Every such license shall be in the form or to the effect contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and shall expire on the 31st day of December in every year, when such license may be renewed in accordance with the foregoing provisions. Every license shall be granted subject to the conditions herein set forth and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

15. The revenue derived from license fees, or otherwise from the said commonage shall stand first charged with the cost of the destruction and prevention of the spreading of rabbits and gorse, broom, sweetbrier, and other noxious weeds, upon such commonage: such cost to be ascertained in such manner as may be fixed and determined by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

16. All cattle depastured must be branded or earmarked, and the brand or earmark and a description of the cattle must be registered with a ranger to be appointed by the Committee from one of their members. The ranger shall issue a certificate of registration in such form as he thinks fit. There shall be no fee for registration, but the fee for every such certificate shall be 2s. If the brand or earmark is registered with the application no further registration shall be necessary.

17. No cattle suffering from any disease shall be depastured upon, nor shall any pigs or goats be allowed to trespass or be at large upon or within the lands described in the First Schedule. No bull, ram, or stallion shall be depastured without the express permission in writing of the Chairman of the Committee. Any person or persons committing a breach of this provision shall be liable on the information of such Chairman, as for trespass of cattle on Crown lands; and the Chairman of the Committee for the time being is hereby empowered to lay any such information.

18. If any licensee shall at any time commit a breach of the conditions or terms upon which the license is granted, as the same are herein set forth, the Chairman of the Committee may, on such evidence as he thinks fit, cancel and determine