

And whereas by subsection four of section ten of the said Act it is provided that the voting-paper shall contain full particulars of the notice mentioned in section nine thereof :

And whereas it is the intention of the Council to pay out of the loan the cost of raising the loan and the interest and sinking fund for the first year :

And whereas the proceedings are irregular, inasmuch as the hereinbefore-mentioned statement was inserted in the notice of the Council's intention to raise the loan, but not in the voting-paper used at the said poll of the ratepayers :

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the said irregularity or defect, and it is expedient to validate the same :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the proceedings taken shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though a statement to the effect that it is the Council's intention to pay out of the loan the cost of raising the loan and the interest and sinking fund for the first year of the said loan had been shown in the voting-paper used at the said poll of ratepayers, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity or defect aforesaid.

F. D. THOMSON,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £6,000 proposed to be raised by the Masterton Borough Council.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 21st day of September, 1925.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Masterton Borough Council, acting under and in pursuance of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, proposes to raise a loan of six thousand pounds (£6,000) authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, for the purpose of—

- (a.) Providing and installing a water-gas plant and equipment :
- (b.) To provide and install a coal-breaker, conveyer, and elevator, with boilers, engines, and all equipment incidental thereto :
- (c.) To enable the Council to make advances on the instalment system to owners and occupiers of premises for the purpose of connecting with gas-mains, to provide service-pipes, cookers, and other appliances for the use of gas and incidental thereto :

And whereas by section nine of the said Act it is provided that there shall be published in any newspaper circulating in the district once in each week for four successive weeks a notice setting forth, *inter alia*, a statement whether or not it is proposed to pay out of the loan the cost of raising the loan or the interest and sinking fund for the first year :

And whereas by subsection four of section ten of the said Act it is provided that the voting-paper shall contain full particulars of the notice mentioned in section nine thereof :

And whereas it is not the intention of the Council to pay out of the loan the cost of raising the loan and the interest and sinking fund for the first year :

And whereas the proceedings are irregular, inasmuch as the hereinbefore-mentioned statement was not inserted in the notice of the Council's intention to raise the loan and in the voting-paper used at the said poll of the ratepayers :

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the said irregularity or defect, and it is expedient to validate the same :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the proceedings taken shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though a statement to the effect that it is not the Council's intention to pay out of the loan the cost of raising the loan and the interest and sinking fund for the first year of the said loan had been shown in the notice of the Council's intention to raise the loan and in the voting-paper used at the said

poll of ratepayers, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity or defect aforesaid.

F. D. THOMSON,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Amending Regulations under the Mining Act, 1908.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Mining Act, 1908, and its amendments, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby make the following additional amendments to the regulations made under the said Act on the third day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the fifth day of August then instant ; and doth hereby order that the amendments to the regulations hereby made shall come into force on the day of the gazetting thereof.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

1. CLAUSE (7) of Regulation No. 33 is amended by inserting after the words "Second Schedule" the words "and the Eleventh Schedule"; and by substituting for the words "that Schedule" the words "the Second Schedule."
2. The said regulations are further amended by adding thereto the following Schedule :—

"ELEVENTH SCHEDULE.

" On every application for the consent or approval of the Minister (where necessary) to a grant by the Warden (or Commissioner of Crown Lands)—	£	s.	d.
" Of a license for a water-race or for a dam . . . . .	1	0	0
" Of a license for a dredging claim of any description . . . . .	1	0	0
" Of a mining township lease under section 43 of the Mining Act, 1908 (in addition to any charges under Regulation No. 52) . . . . .	1	0	0
" Of a mineral lease under section 103 of the Mining Act, 1908 . . . . .	1	0	0
" Of any other license or mining privilege . . . . .	0	5	0

" Provided always that the foregoing fees shall be deemed to be fees payable under the provisions of section 165 (b) of the Mining Act, 1908, and section 2 of the Mining Amendment Act, 1922, and, if the application be not recommended to the Minister by the Warden (or Commissioner of Crown Lands) shall be returned to the person entitled thereto: Provided also that no fee shall be payable under this Schedule in respect of any application under section 117 of the Mining Act, 1908."

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 26th day of September, 1925.

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

*Constituting the Rotongata Rabbit-proof-fencing District. Notice No. Ag. 2518.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

WHEREAS by sections eighty-six and eighty-seven of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is provided that the Governor-General may from time to time, on petition in that behalf from a majority of the ratepayers therein, constitute and declare any part of New Zealand, comprising not less than one thousand acres in area, and containing not less than three ratepayers, to be a rabbit-proof-fencing district for the purposes of the said Act, and prescribe the number of ratepayers of which the Board of Trustees shall consist :

And whereas a petition in accordance with the provisions of the said Act has been received asking that the lands described in the Schedule hereto be constituted and declared a rabbit-proof-fencing district for the purposes of the said Act :

Now, therefore, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby constitute and declare that part of New Zealand described in the Schedule hereto to be a rabbit-proof-fencing district for the purposes of the said Act, by the name of the Rotongata Rabbit-proof-fencing District, and do hereby prescribe that the number of ratepayers of which the Board of Trustees shall consist be three.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Waipa County commencing at the north-eastern corner of Section 1, Blocks XIV and XV,