Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £1,000 proposed to be raised by the Otaki Borough Council.

> CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 6th day of October, 1925.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE J. G. COATES PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Otaki Borough Council, acting under and in pursuance of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, proposes to raise a loan of one thousand pounds (£1,000) authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the twentysecond day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, for the purpose of reconstructing bridges and culverts within the borough :

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*, the provision for repayment of the loan :

And whereas by subsection two of section ten of the said Act it is provided, *inter alia*, that the poll of the ratepayers shall be taken not less than one week after the day of the last publication of the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act:

And whereas the proceedings are irregular inasmuch as the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act was published on the twenty-eighth day of November, and the third, fifth, eighth, and nineteenth days of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and not once in each week for four successive weeks; and the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act did not state the provision for repayment of the said loan; and the poll of the ratepayers was taken less than one week after the day of the last publication of the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act—namely, on the twenty-four:

And whereas the provision for repayment of the said loan was shown in the voting-paper used at the poll of the ratepayers :

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the said irregularities or defects, 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 advice and 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 the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act had been published once in each week for four successive weeks, and provision for repayment of the said loan had been shown in the said notice, and the poll had been taken not less than one week after the day of the last publication of the said notice; and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularities or defects a foresaid.

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

Validating Irregular Proceedings in connection with First Election of Chatham Islands County Council.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 6th day of October, 1925.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE J. G. COATES PRESIDING IN COUNCIL. WHEREAS pursuant to a Proclamation dated the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and gazetted on the twenty-eighth day of the same month, made under the Counties Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), an election was held on the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, for the purpose of electing members of the Chatham Islands County Council:

And whereas the proceedings in connection with the said election were irregular in that a copy of the electors roll for the Pitt and Outlying Islands Riding was not kept at some place in the Riding in accordance with section forty-four of the said Act: And whereas it is desirable to validate the said irregular proceedings :

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 two hundred and sixteen of the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the proceedings in connection with the said election shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though a copy of the electors roll for the said Pitt and Outlying Islands Riding had been kept at some place in the said riding of which public notice with section forty-four of the said Act, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said election shall not be called in question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

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

Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £2,500 proposed to be raised by the Otaki Borough Council.

> CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General. ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 6th day of October, 1925.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE J. G. COATES PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

W HEREAS the Otaki Borough Council, acting under and in pursuance of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, proposes to raise a loan of two thousand five hundred pounds (£2,500) authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the twenty-second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, for the purpose of extending the highpressure water-supply within the borough and district :

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*, the sum proposed to be borrowed for each such purpose for which the loan is required and the provision for repayment of the loan :

And whereas by subsection two of section ten of the said Act it is provided, *inter al.a*, that the poll of the ratepayers shall be taken not less than one week after the day of the last publication of the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act :

And whereas the proceedings are irregular inasmuch as the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act was published on the twenty-eighth day of November and the third, fifth, eighth, and nineteenth days of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and not once in each week for four successive weeks; and the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act and published on the twenty-eighth day of November and the third, fifth, and eighth days of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, did not show the sum proposed to be borrowed for such purpose and the provision for repayment of the said loan; and the poll of the ratepayers was taken less than one week after the day of the last publication of the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act—namely, on the twenty-four:

And whereas the amount of the loan was shown in the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act published on the nineteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the voting-paper used at the poll of the ratepayers, and the provision for repayment of the said loan was shown in the voting-paper used at the poll of the ratepayers :

And whereas it appears that the ratepayers have not been misled by the said irregularities or defects, 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 advice and 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 the notice mentioned in section nine of the said Act had been published once in each week for four successive weeks, and the sum proposed to be borrowed had been shown in the said notice published on the twenty-eighth day of November, third, fifth, and eighth days of December, one thousand nine hundred and twentyfour, and the provision for repayment of the said loan had been