

proposal of the Waitemata County Council to borrow the sum of £20,000 for the purpose of constructing and metalling roads in the Birkenhead Riding of the County of Waitemata.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 180; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 6; the number of informal votes recorded was 3.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal being the necessary three-fifths required by statute, I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

FRANK W. GRIGG, Chairman.

2nd December, 1925.

Results of Polls for Proposed Loans.

Wellington, 16th December, 1925.

THE following notices, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Lower Hutt, are published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

W. NOSWORTHY, Minister of Finance.

LOWER HUTT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Lower Hutt was taken on the 3rd day of December, 1925, on the proposal of Lower Hutt Borough Council to borrow the sum of £30,000 for town hall buildings and furnishings.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 404; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 744. I therefore declare that the proposal was lost.

Pursuant to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Lower Hutt was taken on the 3rd day of December, 1925, on the proposal of Lower Hutt Borough Council to borrow the sum of £6,000 for water-supply, sewerage, and surface-drainage.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 873; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 290. I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

Pursuant to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Lower Hutt was taken on the 3rd day of December, 1925, on the proposal of Lower Hutt Borough Council to borrow the sum of £26,000 for roads-improvement loan.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 591; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 563. I therefore declare that the proposal was carried.

Pursuant to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Lower Hutt was taken on the 3rd day of December, 1925, on the proposal of Lower Hutt Borough Council to borrow the sum of £7,500 for pavilion and recreation-ground improvement.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 457; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 686. I therefore declare that the proposal was lost.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1925.

W. T. STRAND, Mayor.

Special Order made by the Lake County Council declaring that Broom (Cytisus scoparius) and Gorse (Ulex europæus) shall be deemed to be Noxious Weeds.—Notice No. Ag. 2543.

Department of Agriculture,

Wellington, 9th December, 1925.

THE following special order made by the Lake County Council is published in accordance with the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act.

W. NOSWORTHY, Minister of Agriculture.

SPECIAL ORDER.

THAT in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, the Lake County Council hereby resolves and declares by way of special order that the plants mentioned in the Schedule hereto (being plants mentioned in the Third Schedule to the said Act, as extended from time to time by the Governor-General in Council) are noxious weeds within the County of Lake.

SCHEDULE.

Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*).

Gorse (*Ulex europæus*).

The above special order was passed at a special meeting of the Lake County Council on 23rd September, 1925, and confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Council on the 18th November, 1925.

Special Order made by the Whakatane County Council altering Riding Boundaries.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 10th December, 1925.

THE following special order, made by the Whakatane County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Counties Act, 1920.

Pursuant to section 100 of that Act, as amended by section 3 of the Counties Amendment Act, 1921-22, I hereby fix the 31st day of March, 1926, as the date from which the special order shall take effect.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

WHAKATANE COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL ORDER.—NEW RIDING BOUNDARIES OF WHOLE COUNTY.

Resolution.

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 23 of the Counties Act, 1920, the Whakatane County Council resolves by way of special order, as follows:—

1. That the present division of the County of Whakatane into eight ridings is revoked, and in lieu thereof the said county shall be divided into nine ridings, to be called respectively Matata Riding, Tarawera Riding, Rangitaiki Riding, Omataroa Riding, Taneatua Riding, Opouriao Riding, Nukuhou Riding, Waimana Riding, and Galatea Riding, which said ridings are respectively described in the Schedule hereto.

H. R. ROBINSON, County Clerk.

SCHEDULE.

Matata Riding.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, Whakatane County, bounded, commencing at the north-west corner of the Whakatane County, being the north-west corner of Section 1, Block IV, Waihi South Survey District, thence easterly along the county boundary (high-water mark of the Bay of Plenty) to the left bank of the Tarawera River diversion, Block VI, Awa-o-te-Atua Survey District; thence southerly along the left bank of the Tarawera River to its intersection with the Confiscation Boundary-line to its intersection in Block XV, Rotoma Survey District, with the western boundary of the Whakatane County; thence northerly along said county boundary to the point of commencement.

Tarawera Riding.

All that area in the Auckland Land District, Whakatane County, bounded, commencing at a point on the left bank of the mouth of the Tarawera River diversion, Block VI (high-water mark of the Bay of Plenty, northern boundary of the Whakatane County), to the left bank of the mouth of the Rangitaiki River diversion, Block V, Awa-o-te-Atua Survey District: thence along the left bank of the Rangitaiki River in a southerly direction to its intersection with the Confiscation Boundary-line; thence westward along the Confiscation Boundary-line to its intersection with the left bank of the Tarawera River; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of the Matata Riding afore described to the point of commencement.

Rangitaiki Riding.

All that area in the Auckland Land District, Whakatane County, bounded commencing at a point on the left bank of the mouth of the Rangitaiki River diversion, Block V, Awa-o-te-Atua Survey District; thence in an easterly direction along the high-water mark of the Bay of Plenty to the north-west corner of Allotment 28, Parish of Rangitaiki; thence southerly along the western boundaries of Allotment 28 aforesaid and Allotments 29, 30, 38, 31, 32, 33, and 41, Rangitaiki Parish, to the Confiscation Boundary-line at the south-western corner of Allotment 41 aforesaid; thence westerly along the Confiscation Boundary-line to its intersection with the left bank of the Rangitaiki River; thence northerly generally along the eastern boundary of the Tarawera Riding afore described to the point of commencement.

Omataroa Riding.

All that area in the Auckland Land District, Whakatane County, bounded towards the north generally by the high-water mark of the Bay of Plenty, commencing at the north-west corner of Allotment 28, Parish of Rangitaiki; thence in an easterly direction along said high-water mark to a point on the left bank at the mouth of the Whakatane River; thence generally in a southerly direction along the left bank of the Whakatane River to the south-east corner of Allotment 31, Rangitaiki Parish; thence westerly along the southern boundary of Allotment 31 aforesaid to its south-west corner; thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of Rangitaiki Riding as afore described to the point of commencement. Also all that portion of land