MINISTER'S DECISIONS UNDER CUSTOMS ACTS-continued.

| | | | Rate of Duty. | | |
|----------|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Record. | Goods. | Classification under Tariff, and Item No. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
| 3/410/4 | Tinware, and tin manufactures n.e.i., viz.:— Cake-turner, consisting of a perforated tin blade with a handle of wood and wire, for domestic use | As tinware n.e.i. (546) | 25 per cent. | $37\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. | 40 per cent. |
| 11/67 | Traction-engines and tractors, parts of, viz.:— "Trail-it" hitch, for coupling a Fordson tractor to a two-wheel trailer— | | | | |
| | The tractor portion | As parts of traction-engines (429) | Free | 5 per cent. | 10 per cent. |
| | The trailer portion | As parts of carts, &c. (552) | 20 per cent. | 30 per cent. | 35 per cent. |
| | Vehicles, all kinds, and fittings, parts, and materials for, viz. :— | | | | |
| 11/32/58 | Seats (upholstered, and having metal frames) for motor-buses, but not pecu- liar thereto | As upholstery n.e.i. (223) | 25 per cent. | 35 per cent. | 40 per cent. |
| 3/108/13 | Sill-plates, metal, specially suited for attaching to door-sills of motor-vehicle bodies | As metal fittings for car- riages (558) | Free | 5 per cent. | 10 per cent. |
| 11/32/57 | Window-frames of metal and wood speci- ally suited for the cabs of motor- lorries | As parts of motor-vehicles n.e.i. (550) | 10 per cent. | 20 per cent. | 25 per cent. |

Minister's Order No. 45.]

GEO. CRAIG, Comptroller of Customs.

Population of the Dominion.

RETURN of the Estimated Population of the Dominion of New Zealand and Mandated Territory.

| | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|---|---------|----------|-----------|
| Estimated population (including Maoris) of New Zealand proper, 31st December, 1925 | 716,279 | 684,749 | 1,401,028 |
| Estimated population of Cook Islands, Niue, &c., 31st December, 1925 | 7,069 | 6,814 | |
| Estimated population of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa, 30th September, 1925 | 20,307 | 18,522 | 38,829 |
| Estimated total population of the Dominion of New Zealand and Mandated Territory | 743,655 | 710,085 | 1,453,740 |
| New Zealand proper, 31st December, 1925:— | | | |
| (a.) Estimated population (excluding Maoris) | 687,427 | 658,833 | 1,346,260 |
| (b.) Estimated Maori population (30th September, 1925) | 28,852 | 25,916 | 54,768 |
| North Island,— | | | |
| (a.) Estimated population (including Maoris) | 450,703 | 423,910 | 874,613 |
| (b.) , (excluding Maoris) | 422,988 | 399,038 | 822,026 |
| South Island,— | | | , |
| (a.) Estimated population (including Maoris) | 265,576 | 260,839 | 526,415 |
| (b.) , (excluding Maoris) | 264,439 | 259,795 | 524,234 |

NOTE.—The population of Maoris and of Western Samoa is as at 30th September, 1925.

Census and Statistics Office, Wellington, 1st March, 1925.

MALCOLM FRASER, Government Statistician.

Mining Privileges struck off the Registers.—Notice under Mining Amendment Act, 1914.

Mining Registrar's Office, Kumara, 17th February, 1926.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of section 30, subsection (4), of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914, that, no cause having been shown to the contrary, the mining privileges mentioned in the Schedule hereto have this day been struck off the Registers.

L. W. LOUISSON, Mining Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

| No. Date. Nature of Privilege. | | Locality. | Registered Holder. | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 720 | 19/4/1913 | Aerial tramway . | Turiwhate | New Zealand Greenstone (Limited). |
| 749 | 14/6/1913 | Special site | ,, | ., |
| 750 | 14/6/1913 | · ,, ., . | | |
| 751 | 14/6/1913 | | 1 | |
| 752 | 14/6/1913 | | <i>"</i> | |
| 923 | 17/9/1914 | Road | | " |
| 117 | 10/6/1908 | Residence-site . | Lamilring | Annie Ritchie. |