

along the western boundaries of Sections 258, 257, and 256, Block X, Wairoa Survey District; and continuing in a right line across Small Grazing-run No. 3 to the sea-coast.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a special resolution passed as a special order at a special meeting of the Patea County Council held on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1926, and duly confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 9th November, 1926.

I hereby certify that the above special order has been duly made.

W. F. SHEILD, County Clerk.

I hereby certify that the above description is capable of identification on the plans of this office.

H. W. WATERS, Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

Fixing Date on which certain Returns under the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, are to be furnished.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 7th January, 1927.

PURSUANT to section 28 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, it is hereby notified that the returns showing the total gross amount of the premiums received by or due to fire-insurance companies during the year ended 31st December, 1926, shall be transmitted to the Fire Boards concerned, in the manner prescribed by the said section, on or before the 28th February, 1927.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 7th January, 1927.

THE following notification that the Right Honourable Joseph Gordon Coates, M.C., has been sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council is published for general information.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 5th day of November, 1926.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.
THIS day the Right Honourable Joseph Gordon Coates, M.C. (Prime Minister of New Zealand), having been appointed a member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the 1st day of February, 1926, was, by His Majesty's command, sworn, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

Meetings of Otago Land Board.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 22nd December, 1926.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor-General has, in pursuance of section 54 of the Land Act, 1924, approved of meetings of the Otago Land Board being held at the District Lands and Survey Office, Dunedin, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December, during the year 1927.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Members of Switzers Commonage Committee appointed.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 27th December, 1926.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of

David Rowe,
Thomas Cockburn, and
Joseph Ferris

being members of the committee appointed to provide for the care and management of Switzers Commonage in accordance with the rules and regulations of the 7th day of September, 1925, in the place of James Allen, John Milne, and Fred Cavanagh, who have resigned, to act in conjunction with James Mutch, Michael Moffit, Walter Thompson, and William Varley previously appointed.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 23rd December, 1926.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to the undermentioned officers :-

Lieut.-Colonel E. G. Fraser, the Auckland Regiment
(Countess of Ranfurly's Own).
Captain L. S. Cimino, Reserve of Officers.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Special Order passed by the Waitaki County Council declaring Gorse and Broom not to be Noxious Weeds in the Ahuriri Riding of the Waitaki County.—Notice No. Ag. 2628.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 11th January, 1927.

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

O. HAWKEN, Minister of Agriculture.

SPECIAL ORDER.

THAT, in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, and the Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1923, and all other Acts and powers thereunto in that behalf it enabling, the Council of the County of Waitaki hereby declare that gorse and broom shall be deemed not to be noxious weeds within the Ahuriri Riding of the County of Waitaki, except as to the county roads, in respect of which the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, shall apply as if such riding were not so exempted in respect of gorse and broom.

Special Order passed by the Waikato County Council declaring certain Plants to be Noxious Weeds.—Notice No. Ag. 2927.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 11th January, 1927.

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

O. HAWKEN, Minister of Agriculture.

SPECIAL ORDER.

THAT, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Noxious Weeds Act, 1908, the Waikato County Council hereby resolves and declares, by way of special order, that foxglove (*digitalis purpurea*), gorse (*ulex europæus*), hakea (*hakea acicularis*), broom (*cytissus scoparius*), and winged thistle (*carduus pycnocephalus*) are noxious weeds within the County of Waikato.

Trustee of the Mount Benger Rabbit Board elected.—Notice No. Ag. 2625.

Department of Agriculture,
Wellington, 5th January, 1927.

NOTICE has been received under the hand of the Returning Officer of the Mount Benger Rabbit District, constituted under Part III of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1908, that

Harry Begg Miller

has been duly elected a trustee of the said district, *vice* Henry Bayley, resigned.

O. HAWKEN, Minister of Agriculture.

Regulations as to Drainage and Plumbing under the Health Act, 1920, applied to the Counties of Ashburton and Waimairi and the Boroughs of Geraldine, Greymouth, and Rotorua. (H. 2/48.)

Department of Health,
Wellington, 6th January, 1927.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council made on the 3rd day of September, 1923, and gazetted on the 6th day of the same month, regulations (to be cited as "the Drainage and Plumbing Regulations") were made under the Health Act, 1920, prescribing the conditions to be observed in the construction of approved drains, septic tanks, sanitary conveniences, and sanitary appliances :

And whereas by the said regulations it was provided that the same were suspended as provided in the said Act :