

road to the left bank of the Manawatu River; thence up the left bank of that river to a point in line with the road forming the eastern boundary of the Aratangata Block; thence south-westerly along that road to the Kereru-Foxton Road; thence south-easterly along that road to the road forming the western boundary of Lot 6 on plan 4440 aforesaid; thence north-easterly along that road to the north-western corner of the said Lot 6; thence easterly along the northern boundaries of Lots 6, 5, and 4 on plan 4440 aforesaid to the north-western corner of Lot 2 on the said plan 4440, the place of commencement.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Notice respecting Proposed Constitution of Wiri Drainage District, County of Manukau.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 29th April, 1927.

IT is hereby notified that a petition has been presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, under the Land Drainage Act, 1908, and its amendments, praying that the area described in the Schedule hereto may be constituted a drainage district under Part I of the said Act by name of the Wiri Drainage District. All persons affected are hereby called upon to lodge any written objections to or petitions against the proposed constitution of the said drainage district which they desire to lodge within one month from the first publication of this notice, such objections or petitions to be addressed to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES OF PROPOSED WIRI DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the North Auckland Land District bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the North Island Main Trunk Railway and the northern boundary of the Manurewa Town District; thence by the said North Island Main Trunk Railway to a point at the north-eastern extremity of the Wiri Railway-station Reserve; thence across the said railway to a point at the north-western extremity of the said Wiri Railway-station Reserve; thence by a right line across Lot 1 of a subdivision of part of Clendon's Grant on plan 9075, deposited in the office of the District Land Registrar at Auckland, to an angle in the eastern side of Roscommon Road, approximately 2300 links south of the crossing of that road by the Puhinui Stream; thence by the said Roscommon Road to a point approximately 950 links north of its crossing by the said Puhinui Stream; thence by a right line through Allotment 3 of a subdivision of part of Clendon's Grant on plan 9075 aforesaid, to and across the said North Island Main Trunk Railway to the north-western corner of Lot 315 of a subdivision of Clendon's Grant on plan 18037, deposited as aforesaid; thence by the western boundaries of Lots 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the said subdivision on plan 18037 aforesaid, to the south-western corner of the said Lot 318; thence along the south-eastern boundary of said Lot 318 and its production across Onslow Avenue to the eastern side of Glasgow Avenue; thence by the said Glasgow Avenue to its intersection with Liverpool Avenue; thence by the said Liverpool Avenue to and across Plunket Avenue; thence by the said Plunket Avenue to and across Puhinui Road; thence by the western boundary of Lot 100 of Allotment 42, Parish of Manurewa; thence by the northern boundaries of Lots 100 and 99 of Allotment 42, Parish of Manurewa, and the southern boundary of Lot 15 on plan 18610, deposited as aforesaid, to York Road; thence towards the south-east by York Road to the north-eastern corner of Lot 24 on plan 18610 aforesaid; thence across the said York Road and along Fitzroy Street to the north-eastern corner of Lot 100 on plan 18610 aforesaid; thence by the eastern boundaries of Lots 100 and 121 on plan 18610; thence by the southern boundaries of Lots 122, 123, 124, 125, and 126 on plan 18610 aforesaid, to and across Tavistock Street, and by the southern boundaries of Lots 127, 128, 129, and 130, on plan 18610 aforesaid, to the south-eastern corner of Lot 130; thence across Puhinui Road and by a right line through Lots 2, 11, and 8, being subdivisions of Clendon's Grant, to an angle in the Wiri Station Road at its intersection with the road known locally as Druce's Road; across the said Wiri Station Road and by the eastern side of the said Druce's Road and the extension of the said eastern side of that road to its intersection with the northern boundary of the Manurewa Town District; thence by the northern boundary of the Manurewa Town District to the point of commencement.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Empire Day to be observed as a Holiday on King's Birthday.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 2nd May, 1927.

EMPIRE Day will be celebrated on Friday, the 3rd June, 1927, in conjunction with the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the King, and that day will be observed as a public holiday in the Government offices throughout the Dominion.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 29th April, 1927.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Major J. G. Jeffery, M.C., Regiment of N.Z. Artillery.

F. J. ROLLESTON,
Minister of Defence.

Load-line Certificates issued by Belgian Authorities to Belgian Ships.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 28th April, 1927.

THE following despatch and its enclosure, received by the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, are published for general information.

W. NOSWORTHY,
For the Minister of Marine.

NEW ZEALAND. Downing Street,
Dominions No. 525. 19th November, 1926.

SIR,—With reference to my Despatch Dominions No. 65 of the 17th February, 1925, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of an extract from the *London Gazette* of the 9th November containing an Order in Council of the 5th November, regarding the recognition of Belgian load-line certificates.

I have, &c.,
L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General, His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

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

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section four hundred and forty-five of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that where the Board of Trade certify that the laws and regulations for the time being in force in any foreign country and relating to over-loading and improper loading are equally effective with the provisions of that Act relating thereto, His Majesty in Council may direct that on proof of a ship of that country having complied with those laws and regulations, she shall not, when in a port of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the said provisions of that Act, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions :

And whereas by section one of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, provision, as is more particularly therein mentioned, is made for applying to foreign ships when in ports in the United Kingdom certain sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, which relate to loading, without prejudice to any direction of His Majesty in Council given under the said section four hundred and forty-five of the last-mentioned Act :

And whereas the Board of Trade have certified that certain statutory regulations which have been approved by the Belgian Government relating to over-loading, so far as regards the assignment of load-lines to Belgian ships are equally effective with the corresponding regulations in force in this country respecting the assignment of load-lines to British merchant-ships :

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council doth direct that on proof that Belgian ships have complied with the aforesaid Belgian regulations, such ships shall not, when in ports of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to overloading, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions.

M. P. A. HANKEY.