

- (10) Whether it is practicable or desirable in any way to vary, by means of a system of differential rating, or by any other means, the incidence of rates and the relative amount of rates (whether general, special, or any other kind) that are or may hereafter be assessable in respect of any lands in the borough, or any lands that have been or will be excluded therefrom.
- (11) What restrictions, if any, should be placed upon the power of the Borough Council to amend under section 23 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, any special rate either in respect of lands within the borough or in respect of lands which have been or may be excluded from the borough but so as to remain liable for any special rate.
- (12) Whether, notwithstanding the provisions of the Rating Act, 1925, as to the adoption of any particular system of rating in any district, it is desirable that any system of rating other than that now in force in the borough, should be in force therein, and, if so, what system and by what means it should be adopted.
- (13) In the event of your reporting under the last preceding paragraph hereof that a system of rating other than that now in force in the borough should be adopted, what provision, if any, should be made for the future altering of the system so to be adopted.
- (14) Such other matters affecting or incidental to the Borough of Otaki, and the administration thereof by the Otaki Borough Council, as may come under your notice in the course of your inquiries and as you may think it necessary and desirable to consider.

And with like advice and consent I do further appoint you, the said

Robert Mackenzie Watson,

to be the Chairman of the said Commission:

And you are hereby authorized to conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath or otherwise such persons as you think capable of affording you information as to the matters aforesaid, and to call for and examine all such books, papers, writings, documents, and records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on any such matters:

And using all due diligence, you are required to report to me, under your hands and seals, not later than the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight:

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you:

And it is hereby declared that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry be not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment:

And lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 5th day of March, 1928.

A. D. McLEOD,
Minister in Charge of Valuation.

Approved in Council.

C. A. JEFFERY,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.
(I.A. 19/1/208.)

Vice-Consul of the Netherlands at Christchurch appointed.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 27th February, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that he has recognized the appointment by the Consul-General of the Netherlands, Sydney, of

Norton Francis, Esquire,

as Vice-Consul of the Netherlands at Christchurch in place of C. J. Cooper, resigned.

M. POMARE,
Acting Minister of Internal Affairs.
(I.A. 13/35/15.)

Appointment of Officers under Part II of the Fisheries Act, 1908.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 22nd February, 1928.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor-General has, in pursuance of the provisions of the Fisheries Act, 1908, appointed

William Campbell, of Pirinoa,
James Blake, of Featherston,
Gordon Oliver Sutherland, of Whakatomoto, and
James Gilbert Sutherland, of Whakatomoto,

to be officers for the purposes of Part II of the said Act for the Wellington Acclimatization District.

O. HAWKEN,
For Acting Minister of Internal Affairs.

(I.A. 25/23/5.)

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Consul of Belgium at Wellington appointed.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 27th February, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that the King's Exequatur empowering

Monsieur A. Nihotte

to act as Consul of Belgium at Wellington has received His Majesty's signature.

M. POMARE,
Acting Minister of Internal Affairs.

(I.A. 13/35/63.)

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Member of Maori Council appointed.

Native Department,
Wellington, 5th March, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Hoani Tatare

to be a member of the Maori Council for the Maori Council District of Tongariro, *vice* Paora Hemopo, deceased.

R. A. WRIGHT, for Native Minister.

Members of Domain Boards appointed.

Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 5th March, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has, in pursuance of section 41 of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, been pleased to make the following appointments:—

James Hooker

to be a member of the Cambridge Domain Board, in place of Richard Reynolds, deceased.

John Chisholm

to be a member of the Fortrose Domain Board, in place of Hugh Chisholm, deceased.

Arthur James Gunnell

to be a member of the Frasertown Domain Board, in place of William Francis David Fox, resigned.

John Dugald Bryce

to be a member of the Waharoa Domain Board, in place of Thomas Thompson, resigned.

Robert Wilson

to be a member of the Katikati Domain Board, in place of Frederick Charles Baines, left the district.

Albert Bourne,
Theodore Montgomery, and
Bernard Morey

to be members of the Mercer Domain Board, in place of Frank Thomas Hollebon, deceased, Michael Gallery, resigned, and Willoughby Henry Oliver, left the district.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.