

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Corps of N.Z. Engineers.

2nd Lieutenant J. L. Hardy is transferred from the Southern Depot to the Central Depot (R. of O.), Class I (b), R.D. 5. Dated 9th March, 1928.

The Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own).

Lieutenant W. G. Marks resigns his commission. Dated 10th March, 1928.

The undermentioned are posted to the Retired List, with permission to retain their rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 5th March, 1928.

Major W. H. Gibb.
Captain L. W. Metcalfe, M.C.
Lieutenant F. H. Dodd.
Lieutenant C. H. Adams.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Defence Rifle Club disbanded.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 28th March, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the disbandment of the undermentioned Defence Rifle Club, under section 43, Defence Act, 1909:—

Mauriceville West Defence Rifle Club, with headquarters at Mauriceville West. Dated 9th March, 1928.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Defence Rifle Club accepted.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 31st March, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to accept the services of the undermentioned Defence Rifle Club, under section 43, Defence Act, 1909:—

Rangitaiki Defence Rifle Club, with headquarters at Thornton, Bay of Plenty. Dated 21st February, 1928.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

First Meeting of the Hikurangi Fire Board.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 30th March, 1928.

IN accordance with the provisions of section 53, sub-section (1), of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, it is hereby notified that the first meeting of the Hikurangi Fire Board will be held at the Town Board Office, Hikurangi, at 7 p.m., on Thursday, 12th April, 1928.

M. POMARE,
Acting Minister of Internal Affairs.

(I.A. 11/32/10.)

Open Season for Imported Game and Native Game, North Canterbury Acclimatization District.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, I, Maui Pomare, Acting Minister of Internal Affairs of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that, notwithstanding anything contained in condition number two of the notification dated the 14th day of March, 1928, and gazetted on the same day, made under the said Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, the number of pukeko that may be taken or killed by any one person in any one day shall not exceed five head.

As witness my hand at Wellington, this 31st day of March, 1928.

M. POMARE,
Acting Minister of Internal Affairs.

(I. A. 25/17/29.)

Open Season for Imported Game and Native Game, License Fees, &c., Rotorua Acclimatization District.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, I, Maui Pomare, Acting Minister of Internal Affairs of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare the period from the 1st day of May to the 30th day of June, 1928 (both days inclusive), to be an open season in the Rotorua Acclimatization District, as described in the First Schedule hereto, except in the areas

referred to in condition No. 3 and in the Second Schedule hereto, for the taking or killing of the following imported game or native game—viz., cock pheasants, Californian, Virginian, and Australian quail, grey duck, spoonbill duck, eastern golden plover, turnstone, and black swan; and the period from the 1st day of February to the 30th day of April, 1929 (both days inclusive), to be an open season in the said district for the taking or killing of the following native game—viz., godwits and knots—subject to the following conditions.

CONDITIONS.

1. LICENSES to take or kill such imported game and native game, including godwits and knots, within the said district will be issued to any person on payment of the sum of twenty shillings (20s.) each, and licenses to take or kill the following native game only—viz., godwits and knots—will be issued to any person on payment of ten shillings (10s.) each; and the General Manager of the Tourist and Health Resorts Department, Wellington, or any person authorized by the said General Manager in that behalf, is hereby authorized to sign and issue the said licenses.

2. The number of such imported and native game that may be taken or killed by any one person in any one day shall not exceed ten cock pheasants, and twenty head in all of grey duck, spoonbill duck, eastern golden plover, turnstone, and black swan.

3. Nothing in any license to take or kill imported game and native game, including godwits and knots, or the following native game only—viz., godwits and knots—shall authorize the holder thereof to take or kill imported game and native game, including godwits and knots, or godwits and knots only, on lands actually and exclusively used by any registered acclimatization society for acclimatization purposes, or on any sanctuary or public domain, or any land mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto.

4. No person shall kill or destroy any such imported game or native game, or shoot at or attempt to shoot at any such imported game or native game with any automatic or auto-loading gun, unless it is converted into a gun capable of carrying two cartridges only, or with any rifle or pea-rifle, swivel-gun, punt-gun, or pump-gun, or shall use any gun other than a shoulder-gun; and no gun shall be used for the purpose aforesaid the bore of which is larger than the size known as No. 12 at the muzzle, nor shall any gun be used which exceeds 10 lb. in weight: Provided that no person engaged in shooting from any shelter, mai-mai, mud-hole, boat, louver, or other contrivance shall have or use more than one gun as above described.

5. Shooting may begin not earlier than one hour before sunrise and must cease not later than one hour after sunset.

6. No live birds of any species shall be used as decoys, nor shall more than twenty-five artificial decoys be used at any one time (whether by one or several persons) on any particular water within an area of less than 100 yards square.

7. No person shall use or cause to be used on any lake, pond, lagoon, mere, estuary, or other dead water any power-boat for the purpose of taking or killing, whether by himself or any other person by driving, chasing, frightening, or stalking any imported or native game. For the purposes of this clause "power-boat" means and includes any launch, boat, canoe, or other similar craft propelled either wholly or partly by mechanical power: Provided always that this clause shall not be so construed as to prohibit the use of any power-boat for camping purposes or for the purpose of travelling to or from a rendezvous or generally, or to prohibit shooting from a moored power-boat.

8. It shall be an offence for any person to aid, incite, abet, or procure the commission of any act prohibited under section 7 hereof.

9. Any person committing a breach of any of these conditions is liable, on conviction, to a fine of £20.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

All that area in the Auckland, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington Land Districts bounded by a line commencing at the Puwhenua Trig. Station (situated in Block VII, Tapapa East Survey District), and proceeding north-west along a right line in the direction of Weraiti Trig. Station to a point due west from Otanewainuku Trig. Station in Block XVI, Otanewainuku Survey District; thence due east along a right line to that trig. station and again due east along that line produced to a point due south of Trig. Station J1 in Block IV, Waihi South Survey District; thence along a right line running due north through Trig. J1 aforesaid to high-water mark, Bay of Plenty; thence along high-water mark, Bay of Plenty, in a south-easterly direction to the western side of Maraetotara Road (Block III, Whakatane Survey District); thence along the western side of that road