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*Regulations as to Compulsory Registration of Electors, Voting by Absent Voters, Voting on Declaration, Postal Voting, and Voting at Chatham Islands.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 24th day of April, 1928.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. G. COATES, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Electoral Act, 1927 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby make the regulations hereinafter set forth, and doth revoke, as from the coming into force of the regulations hereby made, the regulations next hereinafter referred to.

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REGULATIONS.

REGULATION 1.—PRELIMINARY.

(1) THESE regulations may be cited as the Electoral Regulations, 1928.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the date of publication hereof in the *Gazette*.

REGULATION 2.—REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

(1) Applications for registration under section 37 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 1 or the form numbered 2 in the Schedule hereto, as the case may require.

(2) (a) Every Registrar of Electors who enters the name of any person on the roll of his district shall forthwith transmit notice thereof to the Registrar of the district (if any) for which the applicant has stated in his application for registration that he was previously registered, and such last-mentioned Registrar shall forthwith remove the name of that person from the roll of such last-mentioned district, and, having endorsed the notice with a note of such removal, shall file it in his office.

(b) If the Registrar to whom the notice is transmitted finds that the name of the elector is not upon the roll of his district, he shall inform the Registrar who transmitted the notice of that fact.

(c) Every notice of transfer given pursuant to this regulation shall be in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto.

(d) Any notice or information to be given under sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause shall be given by telegraph if the Registrar giving the same thinks it desirable so to do.

(3) (a) Notice of the death of an adult person, required to be given pursuant to section 42 of the said Act, shall be in the form numbered 4 in the Schedule hereto.

(b) On receipt of any such notice the Registrar of Electors shall remove from the roll the name of the person to whom the notice relates, and shall, opposite his name, write the word "Dead," and the date of death.

(4) (a) Notice of the intended marriage of any woman registered as an elector, required to be given pursuant to section 43 of the said Act, shall be in the form numbered 5 in the Schedule hereto.

(b) On receipt of any such notice the Registrar of Electors shall forthwith send the elector a notice requesting her to state whether the marriage has been solemnized and (if so) whether she is still residing within the electoral district; and, on receipt of a statement by the elector that the marriage has been solemnized, the Registrar shall remove the former name of the elector from the roll, and, if she is still possessed of the necessary residential qualification, shall insert her married name in its alphabetical order, together with the correct address and description.

#### REGULATION 3.—VOTING BY ABSENT VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS.

(1) A registered elector desiring to vote at a general election at a polling-place outside the district for which he is registered must make personal application at such polling-place during the hours of polling, and establish to the satisfaction of the Deputy Returning Officer that he is unable to record his vote as an ordinary elector in the electoral district for which he is registered.

(2) Every such elector shall, on applying to vote, state to the Deputy Returning Officer his full name, his place of residence, and occupation, as appearing on the electoral roll of the district for which he is registered.

(3) The Deputy Returning Officer may, and if so required by a scrutineer shall, before allowing an elector to vote as an absent voter, put to him the questions specified in section 133 of the said Act.

(4) If the Deputy Returning Officer is satisfied that the claimant is entitled to vote as an absent voter he shall require him to make an application in the form numbered 6 in the Schedule hereto.

(5) If the claimant signs by making his mark or with an illiterate signature, or if for any other reason the Deputy Returning Officer thinks fit to do so, he shall accept any evidence of identity that the claimant may tender, and make on the application form a note of such evidence.

(6) On application being so made the Deputy Returning Officer shall fill up a blank ballot-paper with the names of the candidates for the district for which the elector is entitled to vote, and shall enter on the application form and the counterfoil and the top right-hand corner of the back of the ballot-paper the proper consecutive number; he shall then fold over the corner of the ballot-paper so as to conceal the consecutive number, and shall secure the corner by gum or other effective means; on the counterfoil of the ballot-paper he shall also write his initials and the name of the electoral district in respect of which the ballot-paper is given, and shall then, on both the counterfoil and the back of the ballot-paper, place his official mark, and shall give the ballot-paper to the voter. The voter shall mark the ballot-paper in the manner prescribed by section 136 of the said Act, and shall return the same to the Deputy Returning Officer, who shall, in the presence of the voter, enclose it in an envelope marked so as to indicate that it contains a ballot-paper and, having fastened up the envelope, shall enclose it, together with the application for a ballot-paper, in a second envelope addressed to the Returning Officer of the district for which the vote is exercised, and shall forthwith post it to that Returning Officer.

(7) The Returning Officer, on receiving a ballot-paper transmitted to him as aforesaid, shall open the outer envelope only and extract therefrom the application for a ballot-paper, which he shall forthwith refer to the Registrar of Electors, who shall, on receipt of the same, compare the signature of the voter on his application for a ballot-paper with that of the voter on his application for registration as an elector.

(8) If the Registrar of Electors is satisfied as to the identity of the voter, he shall certify to that effect by writing on the application for a ballot-paper, and return such application forthwith to the Returning Officer, who shall allow the vote if it is otherwise in order.

(9) If the Registrar of Electors is not satisfied as to the identity of the voter, he shall certify to that effect, by writing as aforesaid, and shall give his reasons for so doing; or, if the voter's name is not on the roll, a certificate to that effect shall be given; and the Registrar shall return the application forthwith to the Returning Officer, who shall disallow the vote and set aside, unopened, the envelope containing the ballot-paper, after having written across it the words "Disallowed, identity not certified," or "Disallowed, name not on roll," as the case may require.

(10) The envelopes containing the ballot-papers of absent voters shall be placed in a ballot-box specially set aside for the purpose, and shall not be opened until the official count, and then only in the presence of such of the scrutineers as choose to be present. The envelopes marked "Disallowed" shall not be opened at all.

(11) In the case of a vote disallowed for the reason that identity has not been proved the scrutineers shall, if they so desire, be given an opportunity to compare the signatures of the voter as appearing on the application for a ballot-paper and on the application for registration as an elector.

#### REGULATION 4.—VOTING BY ABSENT VOTERS AT LICENSING POLL.

(1) Every elector voting as an absent voter at a general election shall be given a licensing voting-paper in the form No. 2 in the Schedule to the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, and in the case of an elector registered in a "No License" electoral district shall, in addition, be given a voting-paper in the form of the Second Schedule to the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910.

(2) The elector shall mark such voting-papers by striking out the proposals for which he does not wish to vote.

(3) The Deputy Returning Officer shall prepare the licensing voting-papers in a manner similar to that provided in clause (6) of Regulation 3 hereof, and shall enclose such voting-papers in the envelope containing the electoral ballot-paper of the elector concerned, and such voting-papers shall be dealt with in like manner to ballot-papers under Regulation 3 hereof, *mutatis mutandis*.

#### REGULATION 5.—VOTING BY ABSENT VOTERS AT BY-ELECTIONS.

For the purpose of exercising his vote as an absent voter for a district in which a by-election is being held, the elector shall apply in person during the hours of polling and during the time prescribed by section 139 of the said Act to any Postmaster to have a ballot-paper issued to him, and shall make application in the form numbered 6 in the Schedule hereto, and thereupon the provisions of Regulation 3 hereof relating to voting by absent voters at general elections shall, with the necessary modifications, apply.

#### REGULATION 6.—VOTING ON DECLARATION.

Declarations under section 141 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 7 or the form numbered 8 in the Schedule hereto, as the case may require.

#### REGULATION 7.—POSTAL VOTING.

(1) In this regulation "authorized witness" includes any person who is a permanent officer in the service of the Government, a registered medical practitioner, a registered nurse, a registered midwife, a registered maternity nurse, an officiating minister under the Marriage Act, 1908, a solicitor, a Justice of the Peace, or a person appointed in that behalf either generally or for a particular case or cases by the Returning Officer, and who is not disqualified under the next succeeding clause of this regulation.

(2) No candidate at an election or person employed for hire or reward by a candidate or political party or organization interested in a poll under the Licensing Act, 1908, as a secretary, scrutineer, clerk, messenger, canvasser, or in any other capacity in connection with the election or poll shall witness the signature of any person applying for a postal vote-certificate and a postal ballot-paper, or the signature of any elector voting under these regulations.

(3) For the purpose of section 140 of the said Act postal vote-certificates and postal ballot-papers may be issued by Returning Officers at any time during ordinary office hours after the issue of the writ and before the time prescribed for the close of the poll.

(4) Before the issue of a postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper an elector shall make written application in the form numbered 9 in the Schedule hereto, and shall sign the same with his own hand in the presence of an authorized witness, and such application must be delivered or posted to the Returning Officer for the district of which the applicant is registered as an elector or, if the elector has reason to believe that the application may not in the ordinary course of post reach the Returning Officer for the district of which he is registered as an elector so as to enable him to receive a postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper from that officer in time to permit of the elector voting at the election, then to some other Returning Officer. If the applicant signs by making his mark or with an illiterate signature, he may on his application, for the purpose of identification, add, following his signature, any three numerals arbitrarily selected which he intends shall be added to his signature on the postal vote-certificate, so as to connect the signature on the application with the signature on the postal vote-certificate to be subsequently signed by him.

(5) No person shall sign his name as witness to any signature upon any form of application for a postal vote-certificate—

- (a) Without having first satisfied himself as to the identity of the applicant, or
- (b) Without having seen such signature written, or hearing the person signing declare that the signature is in his own handwriting and that the name so signed is his own proper name, or
- (c) Without first satisfying himself by inquiry from the applicant that the statements contained in the application are true, or
- (d) Unless before he so signs his name such application is completed by the insertion of all necessary particulars and by all proper deletions, or
- (e) If he is disqualified from acting as an authorized witness by reason of the provisions of clause (2) of this regulation.

(6) Every person who makes a false declaration for the purpose of obtaining a postal vote-certificate, or who persuades or induces, or associates himself with any person in persuading or inducing, any person to make false application for a postal vote-certificate or postal ballot-paper, shall be guilty of an offence.

(7) On the back of the said application form numbered 9 there may, if the Chief Electoral Officer thinks fit, be printed, prefixed with the words "the following extracts from the Electoral Regulations, 1928, are quoted for the guidance of applicants," a copy of clauses (1) to (6), both inclusive, and (23) of this regulation.

(8) A Returning Officer on receipt of an application for a postal vote-certificate shall refer it to the Registrar of Electors for verification that the applicant is registered as an elector of the district, and after satisfying himself that the application so verified is in order in other respects shall deliver or post, by registered letter, to the elector a postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper. If the application is received by a Returning Officer of a district other than that of which the elector is registered as an elector, such Returning Officer shall telegraph particulars to the Returning Officer for the district of which such elector is registered as an elector and shall not issue a postal vote-certificate or postal ballot-paper until authorized to do so by the Returning Officer for the district of which the elector is registered as an elector. The authority to issue may be given by telegraph.

(9) The postal ballot-paper shall be in the form numbered 10 in the Schedule hereto.

(10) The postal vote-certificate shall be in the form numbered 11 in the Schedule hereto, and on the back thereof there may, if the Chief Electoral Officer thinks fit, be printed, prefixed with the words "the following extracts from the Electoral Regulations, 1928, are quoted for the guidance of voters and witnesses," a copy of clauses (1), (2), (15) to (18), both inclusive, and (23), of this regulation, and a copy of clause (3) of Regulation 8 hereof.

(11) All applications for postal vote-certificates and postal ballot-papers received by a Returning Officer shall, if they relate to the district for which he is Returning Officer, be kept by him, or, if they relate to another district, shall, after being enfaced by him with the date of the issue of a postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper, be sent forthwith to the Returning Officer for that district.

(12) All applications for postal vote-certificates and postal ballot-papers shall be open to public inspection at the office of the Returning Officer during ordinary office hours until after the election, when they shall be sent to the Clerk of the House of Representatives in the manner provided by section 155 of the said Act.

(13) The Returning Officer shall number all applications for postal vote-certificates and postal ballot-papers received by him in numerical sequence, and shall number each postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper with a number corresponding to the number on the application; and he shall place his official mark on each postal ballot-paper issued by him.

(14) An elector to whom a postal vote-certificate has been issued shall not be entitled to vote at any polling-place unless he first delivers to the Deputy Returning Officer for cancellation his postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper.

(15) The vote of an elector to whom a postal ballot-paper and postal vote-certificate has been issued shall be exercised in the following manner:—

- (a) The elector shall exhibit to an authorized witness his ballot-paper (unmarked) and postal vote-certificate.
- (b) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, sign his name on the postal vote-certificate in the place provided, and, if he signs by making his mark or with an illiterate signature, may add, or cause to be added by the authorized witness, following his signature, the

same three selected numerals which he placed for purposes of identification on his application for a postal vote-certificate and postal ballot-paper.

- (c) The authorized witness shall then and there sign his name on the postal vote-certificate in the place provided, and shall add his designation under which he acts as an authorized witness, his address, and the date.
- (d) The elector shall then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, write on the ballot-paper the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote, and shall fold it so that the vote cannot be seen.
- (e) The ballot-paper shall then and there be placed in an envelope, which, after being sealed, shall, together with the postal vote-certificate, be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Returning Officer of the district of which the elector is registered as an elector.
- (f) If the elector is blind, or unable to read or write, the authorized witness, if so required by the elector, may mark the elector's vote on the ballot-paper according to the instruction of the voter; and the authorized witness shall, in every such case, sign his name at the foot thereof, and if so required by the voter, allow another person to inspect such ballot-paper.
- (g) The authorized witness shall not, unless the elector is blind or unable to read or write, look at or make himself acquainted with the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in the last preceding paragraph of this clause, shall not allow any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote, or assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

(16) Every authorized witness shall—

- (a) Comply with the preceding regulations in so far as they relate to him;
- (b) See that the directions in the preceding regulations are complied with by every elector exercising a vote by means of a postal ballot-paper before him, and by every person present when the elector votes; and
- (c) Refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector exercising a vote by means of postal ballot-paper before him.

(17) Any person to whom an envelope containing or purporting to contain a postal ballot-paper is entrusted by a voter for the purpose of posting or delivering to a Returning Officer, and who fails forthwith to post or deliver the envelope, shall be guilty of an offence.

(18) Any person present when an elector is exercising a vote by means of a postal ballot-paper shall—

- (a) Obey all directions of the authorized witness;
- (b) Refrain from making any communication whatsoever to the elector in relation to his vote;
- (c) Refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote; and
- (d) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of clause (15) of this regulation refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he might become acquainted with the elector's vote.

(19) No person shall sign his name as witness to the signature of any person upon a postal vote-certificate or a postal ballot-paper—

- (a) Without having first satisfied himself as to the identity of the person signing the same; or
- (b) Without having seen such signature written; or
- (c) If he is disqualified from acting as an authorized witness by reason of the provisions of clause (2) of this regulation.

(20) All postal ballot-papers, accompanied by their respective postal vote-certificates, must be delivered at the office of the Returning Officer for the district of which the elector is registered as an elector before the time prescribed for the close of the poll, and any envelopes containing postal ballot-papers received after that hour shall be enfaced with particulars of the time and date of receipt, and marked "informal."

(21) The Returning Officer shall produce at the scrutiny of the rolls, held under the provisions of section 145 of the said Act, all applications for postal vote-certificates and postal ballot-papers, together with the unopened envelopes containing postal ballot-papers received by him before the close of the poll and shall—

- (a) Compare the signature of the elector on each postal vote-certificate with his signature on the application for the certificate, and, if so requested, allow the scrutineers to do likewise;

- (b) If satisfied that the signature on the certificate is that of the elector who signed the application for the certificate, and if in his opinion the signature purports to be witnessed by an authorized witness, record the vote in the manner prescribed for ordinary votes; but if he is not so satisfied, or if in his opinion the signature does not purport to be witnessed by an authorized witness, disallow the ballot-paper without opening the envelope in which it is contained:
- (c) After the votes have been recorded, as provided by the last preceding paragraph of this clause, make up into separate parcels—
- (i) All postal vote-certificates relating to postal ballot-papers;
  - (ii) All unopened envelopes containing postal ballot-papers disallowed;
- (d) Forward the said parcels with the ordinary ballot-papers to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.
- (22) A postal ballot-paper shall not be informal because of any mistake in spelling of a candidate's name, if the elector's intention is otherwise clear.
- (23) Every person who commits a breach of this regulation shall be liable to a fine of £100 or to imprisonment for a term of twelve months.

#### REGULATION 8.—POSTAL VOTING AT LICENSING POLL.

- (1) Every elector at a general election to whom a postal vote-certificate is issued shall be given therewith a licensing voting-paper in the Form No. 2 in the Schedule to the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, and, in the case of an elector registered in a "No License" electoral district, shall, in addition, be given therewith a voting-paper in the form of the Second Schedule to the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910.
- (2) The Deputy Returning Officer shall mark such licensing voting-papers with the number allotted to the application in accordance with clause (12) of Regulation 7 hereof, and shall place his official mark thereon.
- (3) The elector shall mark all licensing voting-papers by striking out the proposals for which he does not wish to vote and shall enclose them in the envelope containing the postal ballot-paper.
- (4) Such voting-papers shall be dealt with in like manner to postal ballot-papers under Regulation 7 hereof, *mutatis mutandis*.

#### REGULATION 9.—REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS IN CHATHAM ISLANDS.

- (1) For the purpose of the registration of electors resident in the Chatham Islands the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Registrar of Electors, who shall in turn appoint such clerks as he deems necessary.
- (2) The special supplementary roll of electors referred to in the said Act shall be prepared in alphabetical order of surnames, and shall contain the full Christian name, residence, and occupation or description of each elector.
- (3) The names on the roll shall be numbered in arithmetical series beginning with the number one.
- (4) Only such number of copies of the roll shall be prepared as may be required for official use.

#### REGULATION 10.—VOTING BY ELECTORS IN CHATHAM ISLANDS.

- (1) For the purpose of taking the votes of electors resident in the Chatham Islands the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer, who shall in turn appoint such Deputy Returning Officers and poll clerks as he deems necessary.
- (2) The Returning Officer shall appoint polling-places for the convenience of the electors, and shall provide in each polling-place a room or compartment for a polling-booth, and in each booth one or more inner compartments separated from but opening into the booth. In each booth two ballot-boxes shall be provided, one for the electoral poll and the other for the licensing poll, together with a sufficient number of electoral ballot-papers and of licensing voting-papers, and a copy of the special supplementary roll.
- (3) The electoral ballot-paper shall be in accordance with the form numbered 16 in the First Schedule to the said Act, except that the names of the candidates need not be printed thereon, but may be written on the ballot-papers by the Returning Officer.
- (4) For the purpose of exercising his vote an elector shall apply in person to a Deputy Returning Officer, and the Deputy Returning Officer, after having satisfied himself by reference to the roll that such person is entitled to vote and has not already voted, shall deliver to him a ballot-paper.

(5) Before giving a ballot-paper to an elector the Deputy Returning Officer shall enter on both the counterfoil and the top right-hand corner of the back of the ballot-paper a number (called a consecutive number) beginning with the number one in the case of the first ballot-paper issued by him, and on all succeeding ballot-papers issued by him the numbers shall be consecutive, so that no two ballot-papers issued in any booth shall bear the same number; he shall then fold over the corner of the ballot-paper so as to conceal the consecutive number, and shall secure the corner by gum or other effective means; on the counterfoil of the ballot-paper he shall also write his initials, and the number appearing on the roll against the name of the elector to whom the ballot-paper is to be given; on both the counterfoil and the back of the ballot-paper he shall place his official mark, and then draw a line in pencil or ink through the number and name of the elector on the roll as evidence that the elector has tendered his vote.

(6) The voter, having received a ballot-paper, shall retire into one of the inner compartments provided for the purpose, and shall mark his ballot-paper by striking out the names of the candidates for whom he does not wish to vote, and before leaving the inner compartment shall fold up his ballot-paper so that the contents cannot be seen, and, after showing the Deputy Returning Officer the official mark thereon, shall then deposit the ballot-paper, so folded, in the ballot-box.

(7) At the request of any voter who is blind, or is unable to read or write, the Deputy Returning Officer shall, together with any scrutineers (not exceeding two) who may be present, retire with him into the inner compartment, and there mark the ballot-paper according to the instruction of the voter; and such Deputy Returning Officer shall sign his own name at the foot thereof, and, if so required by the voter, shall allow a scrutineer or scrutineers to inspect such ballot-paper before depositing it in the ballot-box.

(8) (a) Any voter who before depositing his ballot-paper in the ballot-box satisfies the Deputy Returning Officer that he has spoiled it by inadvertence may be supplied with a fresh ballot-paper, but only after the spoiled one has been returned to the Deputy Returning Officer.

(b) The Deputy Returning Officer shall cancel such spoiled ballot-paper by writing across the face thereof the words "spoilt by voter, and a fresh ballot-paper issued in lieu thereof," and shall affix his initials thereto, and shall retain the spoiled ballot-paper in his possession until the close of the poll.

#### REGULATION 11.—LICENSING POLL IN CHATHAM ISLANDS.

- (1) The licensing voting-papers in the Chatham Islands shall be in the Form No. 2 in the Schedule to the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918, and shall be issued to the elector simultaneously with his electoral ballot-paper.
- (2) The provisions of clause (5) of Regulation 10 hereof (relating to the marking of electoral ballot-papers by the Deputy Returning Officer) shall apply with respect to the licensing ballot-papers.
- (3) For the purpose of exercising his vote on the licensing issues the elector shall strike out the proposals for which he does not wish to vote.
- (4) After marking his voting-paper the voter shall fold it so as to conceal the vote, and shall exhibit the official mark to the Deputy Returning Officer, and shall then deposit the voting-paper in the special box provided.

#### REGULATION 12.—COUNTING THE VOTES (CHATHAM ISLANDS).

(1) At the close of the poll the Deputy Returning Officer at any polling-place in the Chatham Islands shall not open the ballot-boxes, but shall seal the same, and shall make up into a parcel the copy of the marked roll and all the unused and spoiled ballot-papers and voting-papers, and all forms and other documents used by him in connection with the taking of the polls, and shall forthwith deliver the boxes and parcels aforesaid to the Returning Officer.

(2) When all the ballot-boxes and parcels have been received by the Returning Officer he shall, in the presence of such scrutineers and clerks as may be in attendance, open the ballot-boxes and ascertain the result of the voting, dealing with the electoral ballot-papers first. He shall then prepare a statement showing—

- (a) The total number of votes recorded for each candidate at each polling-place;
- (b) The total number of votes recorded for each candidate at all polling-places;
- (c) The total number of informal electoral votes;
- (d) The number of votes recorded for each licensing proposal at each polling-place;

(e) The total number of votes recorded for each licensing proposal at all polling-places ;  
 (f) The total number of informal licensing votes.  
 (3) He shall reject as informal in the case of the electoral ballot-papers any ballot-paper that does not clearly indicate the candidate for whom the elector desires to vote. In the case of licensing voting-papers he shall reject as informal all voting-papers in which the elector has failed to strike out any of the proposals, or in which he has struck out one only of the proposals, or in which he has struck out all the proposals.

(4) As soon as practicable after ascertaining the result of the voting the Returning Officer shall cause to be transmitted by radio-telegraphy to the Returning Officer at Lyttelton—

- (a) The total number of votes recorded for each candidate ;
- (b) The total number of votes recorded in favour of national continuance ;
- (c) The total number of votes recorded in favour of State purchase and control ; and
- (d) The total number of votes recorded in favour of national prohibition.

(5) On receipt of the notification of the result of the poll transmitted as aforesaid, the Returning Officer for the Lyttelton Electoral District shall take the same into account for the purposes of the declaration to be made pursuant to section 149 of the said Act, and of the return to be furnished to the Minister of Justice pursuant to section 16 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, as applied by section 58 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1918.

(6) After the transmitting by radio-telegraphy of the results as aforesaid, all ballot-papers and voting-papers and other documents used in connection with the poll shall be forwarded by the Returning Officer under registered post by first mail to the Returning Officer at Lyttelton.

(7) For the purposes of this and the foregoing regulations scrutineers may be appointed by the Returning Officer on the recommendation of the candidates, or in the case of the licensing poll on the recommendation of the organizing parties concerned as follows :—

- (a) One scrutineer for each polling-place may be appointed on behalf of each candidate ;
- (b) One scrutineer for each polling-place may be appointed on behalf of persons in favour of national continuance ;
- (c) One scrutineer for each polling-place may be appointed on behalf of persons in favour of State purchase and control ;
- (d) One scrutineer for each polling-place may be appointed on behalf of persons in favour of national prohibition.

(8) The Returning Officer and every Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerk, or scrutineer under these regulations shall, before acting, make a declaration in the respective form prescribed by the said Act.

#### REGULATION 13.—MAORI VOTING IN CHATHAM ISLANDS.

(1) For the purpose of taking the votes of Maori electors in the Chatham Islands the Returning Officer appointed under these regulations shall appoint such Deputy Returning Officers, poll clerks, and associates as he deems necessary for the effective taking of the poll at each polling-booth.

(2) Every Deputy Returning Officer, Associate, and poll clerk appointed hereunder shall, before acting in his office, make and subscribe before a Justice or a Postmaster a declaration that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office.

(3) The Returning Officer shall appoint a sufficient number of polling-places for the convenience of electors.

(4) On the day of the poll the electors shall enter the polling-booth one by one, and each elector when requested to do so by the Deputy Returning Officer or his associate shall state his full name, tribe, hapu, and abode. The Deputy Returning Officer (or his associate as above mentioned) shall write such information on the counterfoil of the voting-paper, after which the elector shall be requested to state the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote, and, the elector having done so, the Deputy Returning Officer shall write such candidate's name upon the voting-paper, and, having affixed his name or initials thereto, shall pass it to his associate, who shall place his name or initials on such voting-paper as witness.

(5) On every such voting-paper the Deputy Returning Officer shall enter a number (called a consecutive number), which shall correspond to a like number on the counterfoil and shall in the case of the first voting-paper dealt with begin with the number one. No two voting-papers dealt with in any booth shall bear the same number.

#### REGULATION 14.—GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR CHATHAM ISLANDS.

(1) Before recording any vote under these regulations the Deputy Returning Officer may put to the person proposing to vote any or all of the following questions :—

- (a) Are you a *bona fide* resident of the Chatham Islands ?
- (b) Are you twenty-one years of age or over that age ?
- (c) Have you already voted at this election in your own or any other name ?

(2) If the first two questions are not answered absolutely in the affirmative, and the third question absolutely in the negative, the person to whom such questions are put shall not be permitted to vote.

(3) No person not actually engaged in voting shall be allowed to remain in the polling-booth except the Deputy Returning Officer and his associate and clerks, and the scrutineers (if any).

(4) No person shall speak to any voter in a polling-booth either before or after such voter has given his vote, except only the Deputy Returning Officer or his associate, who may ask the questions he is authorized to ask, and give such general directions as may assist any voter to give his vote.

(5) Every poll under these regulations shall commence at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the day appointed, and shall close at four o'clock in the afternoon of that day, unless otherwise ordered by the Returning Officer.

(6) Nothing in these regulations shall prevent a European elector whose name does not appear on the special supplementary roll from voting, provided that he satisfies the Deputy Returning Officer that he was qualified to be registered as an elector, and in every such case it shall be the duty of the Deputy Returning Officer to insert such name on his copy of the roll.

(7) Any person registered as an elector of the Electoral District of Lyttelton who is not a resident of the Chatham Islands may vote at any polling-place in the Chatham Islands as if he were an absent voter and as if such polling-place were outside the said district, and the provisions of these regulations relating to voting by absent voters shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.

#### SCHEDULE.

[Front.] [Form No. 1.  
Reg. 2 (1).]

#### APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PERSON OTHER THAN A SEAMAN.

##### Electoral District of

I HEREBY apply to have my name entered on the Electoral Roll of the above district, and I declare that the statements made in this application, including those set forth on the back hereof, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(1) I have attained the age of twenty-one years.

(2) I am a British subject by BIRTH ;

or

(3) I am a British subject by NATURALIZATION IN NEW ZEALAND. [Strike out statement that does not apply.]

(4) I have resided in New Zealand for one year.

(5) I have resided in the above district for a period of not less than three months immediately preceding the date of this application.

(6) My name is on the Electoral Roll for . [If not already enrolled strike out this statement.]

(7) My address and occupation on that Electoral Roll are . [If not already enrolled strike out this statement.]

Signature of Applicant :

Signed and declared by the Applicant, this day of

, 19 , before me—

Signature of Witness :

Address of Witness :

NOTE.—A witness must be—

- (a) A Registrar or Deputy Registrar ; or
- (b) An elector of the district in which the applicant or declarant resides, or some person authorized in that behalf by the Registrar of that district ; or
- (c) The Chief Electoral Officer, or Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, or any other officer in the service of the Government authorized in that behalf by the Chief Electoral Officer ; or
- (d) A Justice or Postmaster.

CAUTION.—The applicant must himself sign the application by name or mark. Any person signing for another, whether requested to do so or not, is liable to a fine of £50. The witness must not sign without having actually seen the applicant write his signature, or without hearing the person signing declare that he has read the statement and that the signature is in his own handwriting, and that the name so

signed is his own proper name. Any person making a false declaration is liable to a fine of £20, or to three months' imprisonment.

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[See back hereof.]

Particulars to be filled in by Applicant. { Surname : .  
Full Christian name : .  
Occupation : [Female elector to state "Spinster," "Married," or "Widow."]  
Full residential address :—  
Signature of Applicant : .

The Particulars within this Space are to be filled in by the Registrar.

(a) Received (Date) : . (d) Approved (Date) : .  
(b) Indexed (Date) : . (e) Transfer notice sent (Date) : .  
(c) Checked (Date) : . (f) Acknowledged (Date) : .

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[Form No. 2.  
Reg. 2 (1).]

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY SEAMAN.  
Electoral District of . . . . .

I HEREBY apply to have my name entered on the Electoral Roll of the above district, and I declare that the statements made in this application, including those set forth on the back hereof, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

- (1) I have attained the age of twenty-one years.
- (2) I am a British subject by birth; or  
or  
(3) I am a British subject by NATURALIZATION IN NEW ZEALAND. [Strike out statement that does not apply.]
- (4) I have resided in New Zealand for one year. (A seaman shall be deemed to reside in New Zealand during the time he is engaged in any ship trading exclusively within the territorial waters of New Zealand, or in any ship trading to New Zealand ports at intervals of not more than three months.)
- (5) I have no settled residence in any electoral district; or  
(6) My settled residence is in the Electoral District of [Strike out statement that does not apply.]

[NOTE.—A seaman is deemed to have a settled residence in a district if in fact he has in that district a home at which he habitually resides when not engaged in any ship.]

- (7) I have resided in the above district for a period of not less than three months immediately preceding the date of this application.
- (8) [Strike out if any settled residence is stated.] The ship in which I am engaged usually calls at the following port comprised, or partly comprised, in the above electoral district: [Name of port.]
- (9) My name is on the Electoral Roll for [If not already enrolled strike out these two statements.]
- (10) My address on that Electoral Roll is . . . . .

Signature of Applicant : .

Signed and declared by the Applicant, before me, this day of . . . . ., 19 . . . . .

Signature of Witness : .  
Address of Witness : .

NOTE.—A witness must be :—

- (a) A Registrar or Deputy Registrar; or
- (b) An elector of the district in which the applicant or declarant resides, or some person authorized in that behalf by the Registrar of that district; or
- (c) The Chief Electoral Officer, or Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, or any other officer in the service of the Government authorized in that behalf by the Chief Electoral Officer; or
- (d) A Justice or Postmaster.

CAUTION.—The applicant must himself sign the application by name or mark. Any person signing for another, whether requested to do so or not, is liable to a fine of £50. The witness must not sign without having actually seen the applicant write his signature or without actually hearing the person signing declare that he has read the statements and that the signature is in his own handwriting, and that the name so signed is his own proper name. Any person making a false declaration is liable to a fine of £20, or to three months' imprisonment.

[See back hereof.]

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Particulars to be filled in by Applicant. { Surname : .  
Full Christian name : .  
Occupation : .  
Name of ship engaged on : .  
Settled residence (if any) : .  
Signature of Applicant : .  
The Particulars within this Space are to be filled in by the Registrar.  
(a) Received (Date) : . (d) Approved (Date) : .  
(b) Indexed (Date) : . (e) Transfer notice sent (Date) : .  
(c) Checked (Date) : . (f) Acknowledged (Date) : .

NOTICE OF TRANSFER. [Form No. 3.  
Reg. 2 (2).]

No. on former roll : .  
PLEASE remove from your Electoral Roll the name of—  
Name in full [Surname, full Christian name] : .  
Occupation on former roll : .  
Address on former roll : .  
as he was enrolled in this district on this day of . . . . ., 19 . . . . .  
Registrar for the Electoral District of . . . . .

[Form No. 4.  
Reg. 2 (3).]

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TO BE GIVEN BY REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

SURNAME of deceased : .  
Full Christian name : .  
Usual residence : .  
Occupation : [In the case of female insert "Spinster," "Married," or "Widow."]  
Age : .  
Date and place of death : .  
If married, state name of widow or widower : .  
The above particulars are supplied in terms of section 42 of the Electoral Act, 1927.  
Registrar of Births and Deaths at . . . . .

[Form No. 5.  
Reg. 2 (4).]

NOTIFICATION BY REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES OF INTENDED MARRIAGE OF ADULT WOMAN.

NAME of bride : [Surname, full Christian name.]  
Name of bridegroom : [Surname, full Christian name.]  
Date of giving notice of marriage : .  
Full residential address (after marriage) : .  
Particulars as to present registration of bride—  
(a) Name of Electoral District : .  
(b) Full name and description as given on roll : .  
(c) Address on roll : .  
The above particulars are supplied in terms of section 43 of the Electoral Act, 1927.  
Registrar of Marriages at . . . . .

Consecutive No. of ballot-paper : [Form No. 6.  
Reg. 3 (4).]

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT-PAPER BY PERSON VOTING AS AN ABSENT VOTER.

I HEREBY make application to vote as an Absent Voter under section 139 of the Electoral Act, 1927, and the regulations made thereunder, and I declare that I am the person registered on the electoral roll of the Electoral District of . . . . . as—  
[Surname, full Christian name.]  
[Full residential address, as appearing on roll.]  
[Occupation.]  
I also further declare that—  
(a) I am entitled to vote for the electoral district for which I am registered.  
(b) I am not qualified to be enrolled as an elector of any other electoral district.  
Usual Signature of Applicant : .

Signed and declared before me this day of . . . . ., 19 . . . . .  
. . . . ., Deputy Returning Officer.  
[or Postmaster.]\*  
Booth No. . . . . Polling-place.  
Name of electoral district in which application is made : ) . . . . .

\* Declaration may be signed before Postmaster in case only of a by-election.  
† The correct electoral district must be stated, otherwise the vote will be disallowed.

Consecutive No. of voting-paper : [Form No. 7.]
Consecutive No. of declaration : [Reg. 6.]

DECLARATION BY PERSON APPLYING TO VOTE WHOSE NAME IS RULED OUT ON CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ROLL.

- I, [Full name of elector], do hereby declare as follows :-
(1) That I am the person whose name appears on the certified copy of the Electoral Roll as, and whose name so appearing is ruled out thereon.
(2) That I am legally qualified to be registered as an elector for the aforesaid district.
(3) That I am not registered on any other electoral roll, and that I am not aware of any circumstances by reason of which my name ought to be so ruled out.
(4) That I have not already voted at this election.

Signature of Elector :
Full residential address :
Occupation :
Declared before me day of , 19 .

, Deputy Returning Officer.
Polling-place.

Consecutive No. of voting-paper : [Form No. 8.]
Consecutive No. of declaration : [Reg. 6.]

DECLARATION BY PERSON APPLYING TO VOTE WHO, HAVING APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION, HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED.

- I, [Full name of elector], do hereby declare as follows :-
(1) That I duly made application within the time prescribed by law for registration as an elector of the Electoral District, and was informed by the Registrar of Electors that I had been so registered.
(2) That I am legally qualified to be registered as an elector for the aforesaid district.
(3) That I am not registered on any other electoral roll, and that I am not aware of any circumstances by reason of which I ought not to be registered as an elector of the aforesaid district.
(4) That I have not already voted at this election.

Signature of Elector :
Full residential address :
Occupation :

Declared before me this day of , 19 .
....., Deputy Returning Officer.
....., Polling-place.

Consecutive No. : [Form No. 9.]
[Reg. 7 (4).]

APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE-CERTIFICATE AND POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.

To the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of I, [Full name], of [Address as shown on roll], [Occupation or description as shown on roll], hereby apply for a postal vote-certificate and a postal ballot-paper.

- I declare that—
(1) I am a registered elector of the Electoral District of
(2) The ground on which I apply to vote by post is—
(a) That I will, on polling-day, be absent from New Zealand.
(b) That I will not, throughout the hours of polling on polling-day, be within five miles by the nearest practicable route of any polling-place.
(c) That I will, throughout the hours of polling on polling-day, be travelling under conditions which will preclude me from attending at any polling-place to vote.
(d) That I am ill (or infirm), and, by reason of such illness [or infirmity], will be precluded from attending at any polling-place to vote.
(e) That I will, by approaching [or recent] maternity, be precluded from attending at any polling-place to vote.

(f) That I am a lighthouse-keeper [or member of a lighthouse-keeper's staff] [or am the wife of a lighthouse-keeper], [or the wife of a member of a lighthouse-keeper's staff], and will be precluded from attending at any polling-place to vote.

NOTE.—The elector is to strike out any of the above grounds which do not apply to his or her particular case.

I request that a postal vote-certificate and a postal ballot-paper be forwarded to me at the following address :
Dated this day of , 19 .

Signature of Elector :
Signed and declared by the elector in my presence : [Signature of authorized witness.]

Designation of witness :
Address of witness :

[Form No. 10.]
[Reg. 7 (9).]

Consecutive No. POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER.
Electoral District of

The elector is to write the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote on the dotted line hereunder.

For instructions see back of postal vote-certificate issued with this ballot-paper.

mark here.

[Official across

POSTAL.

Consecutive No.

[To be entered here and also on the top left hand corner of the front of ballot-paper.]

Number on roll [To be entered here only.]

[Stamp across the perforation so that part of the stamp shall appear on both the counterfoil and the ballot-paper.]

[Form No. 11.]
[Reg. 7 (10).]

POSTAL VOTE-CERTIFICATE.

I HEREBY certify that [Full name], of [Address], [Occupation or description], is entitled to vote by post at the election to be held on the day of , 19 , for the electoral district of

Dated this day of , 19 .
....., Returning Officer.

Signed by the elector in my presence—[Electoral to sign here.]
Designation of witness : [Witness to sign here.]

Address of witness :
Dated this day of , 19 .

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.