

Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and its Amendment, fixing the Closing-hours of (1) Drapers' (2) Clothiers', and (3) Boot-dealers' Shops within the Borough of Westport.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the trades of (1) draper, (2) clothier, and (3) boot-dealer, within the Borough of Westport, has been forwarded to the Minister of Labour, desiring that all such shops within the said borough be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5.30 p.m., and Saturdays at 9 p.m., with the following exceptions—(1) Should the occupier of any shop affected by this requisition observe, pursuant to section 14 (2) of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, Saturday as the statutory closing-day, then, and in such case, the closing-hour on Thursday shall be 5.30 p.m. and on Friday 9 p.m.; (2) when in any week any shop affected by this requisition is closed during the whole of the day on which it may remain open until 9 p.m. in accordance with this requisition, then and in such case the closing-hour on the evening of the working-day immediately preceding such day shall be 9 p.m.:

And whereas the Minister of Labour is satisfied that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the shops in each of the said trades within the said borough:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 32 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, I, for and on behalf of the Minister of Labour, do hereby direct that on and after the 30th day of July, 1928, all the shops in each of the trades of (1) draper, (2) clothier, and (3) boot-dealer within the Borough of Westport shall be closed accordingly.

The notice dated the 12th July, 1915, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 15th July, 1915, and the notice dated the 13th September, 1911, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 14th September, 1911, fixing the closing-hours of boot-dealers' and drapers' and mercers' shops in the Borough of Westport shall be and are hereby cancelled in so far as they relate to the shops affected by this notice as from the date of the coming into operation of this notice.

Dated at Wellington, this 16th day of July, 1928.

R. A. WRIGHT, for Minister of Labour.

Notice under the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and its Amendment, fixing the Closing-hours of Grocers' Shops within the Borough of Foxton.

WHEREAS a requisition in writing, signed by a majority of the occupiers of all the grocers' shops within the Borough of Foxton, has been forwarded to the Minister of Labour, desiring that all such shops within the said borough be closed in the evening of working-days as follows: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 5.30 p.m., and on Saturdays at 8 p.m.:

And whereas the Minister of Labour is satisfied that the signatures to such requisition represent a majority of the occupiers of all the said shops within the said borough:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 32 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, I, for and on behalf of the Minister of Labour, do hereby direct that on and after the 30th day of July, 1928, all the grocers' shops within the Borough of Foxton shall be closed accordingly.

The notice dated the 25th January, 1907, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 31st January, 1907, fixing the closing-hours of all shops in the Borough of Foxton shall be and is hereby cancelled in so far as it relates to the shops affected by this notice as from the date of the coming into operation of this notice.

Dated at Wellington, this 16th day of July, 1928.

R. A. WRIGHT, for Minister of Labour.

Officiating Ministers for 1928.—Notice No. 22.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 17th July, 1928.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Baptists.

Pastor L. G. Rimmer.

The Salvation Army.

Brigadier Walter S. Cottrill.

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Notice to Mariners No. 43 of 1928.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 16th July, 1928.

THE following Notices to Mariners which have been received from the Admiralty, London, and the Commonwealth Lighthouse Service, Melbourne, are published for general information.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.—FIJI ISLANDS.

Ovalau, Non-existence of Shoal North-westward of.

Position on Charts: About 3.06 miles 286½° from Nymph Shoal. Lat. 17° 36' S., long. 178° 44' E. (approx.).

Details: The 1½ fathom (2^m) shoal, marked "Position approximate. Reported E.D." on the charts, which has been reported from time to time to be non-existent, is now to be expunged. (Notice No. 866 of 1928, dated 9th June.)

Charts affected: Nos. 1249—905—440—2691.

Authority: Hydrographic Department. (H. 2979/28.)

AUSTRALIA.—SOUTH COAST.—BASS STRAIT.

Point Lonsdale: Intended Alteration in Fog Signal.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the fog signal at Point Lonsdale will be altered on or about 1st October, 1928.

Position: On west side of entrance to Port Phillip. Lat. 38° 17½' S., long. 144° 37' E., on Chart No. 2747.

Alterations.—The existing siren will be replaced by diaphone fog signal giving two blasts every thirty seconds, thus: Blast, 1½ sec.; silence, 3 sec.; blast, 1½ sec.; silence, 24 sec.

Remarks: Further notice will be given when the alteration has been carried out.

Charts affected: Admiralty Chart No. 2747—Entrance to Port Phillip. Admiralty Chart No. 1171—Port Phillip. Admiralty Chart No. 1695B—Bass Strait—western sheet. Admiralty Chart No. 3169—Port Phillip to Gabo Island.

Publications affected: Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI, 1927, No. 2808. General Notice to Mariners respecting Navigation in Victorian Waters, page 101.

Notice to Mariners No. 44 of 1928.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 18th July, 1928.

NEW ZEALAND.—COOK STRAIT.—WANGANUI HARBOUR.

(1) Lighted anchorage beacons to be established.

(2) Unlighted anchorage beacon discontinued.

Position: Signal Station on Summit of North Head in lat. 39° 57' S., long. 175° 00' E. (approx.).

(1) *Position:* On the foreshore about 400 ft. above high-water mark, at a position about 1 mile north-westward of the Signal Station.

Date of Establishment: September, 1928 (approx.).

Details: Anchorage beacons for overseas ships loading in the anchorage are in course of erection.

Front: White, with a 10 ft. surmount having white and red quadrants.

Rear: White, with a 10 ft. in diameter circular disc surmount having a red centre.

A fixed green light will be exhibited from each beacon, and these will be in transit 003° (approx.).

(2) *Previous Notice:* Wellington Notice No. 4, of 1922.

Position: On the South Spit, 1,670 yards south-eastward of the Signal Station.

Details: The pyramidal-framed beacon, white and surmounted by a white disc having a red centre and a vertical red stripe under the disc, has been discontinued.

Charts affected: Nos. 2588 (plan)—2054—1212.

Publications: New Zealand Pilot, 1919, page 99, et seq.; New Zealand Nautical Almanac and Tide Tables, 1928, page 214.

Authority: Wanganui Harbour Board. 12/7/28.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

(M. 3/13/307.)

Motor-registration Plates.

ALTERNATIVE tenders will be received at the Office of the Registrar of Motor-vehicles up to noon on Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, 1928, for the manufacture of motor-registration plates for one, three, and five years.

Conditions and specifications may be seen at any Chief Post-office.

Tenders to be addressed to the Registrar of Motor-vehicles, General Post Office, Wellington. The envelopes to be marked "Tender for the manufacture of Motor-registration Plates."