

Declaration of Result of Poll for the Northern Maori Electoral District.

I, WILLIAM EDWARD GOFFE, Returning Officer for the Northern Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 13th day of November, 1928, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Tau Henare	2,531
Paraire Paika	1,651
Henare Kingi Waiau	467
Tamaho Maika	245
Hone Heke	225
Ripi Wi Hongi	192
Louis Wellington Parore	9

Total number of votes polled 5,320

I therefore declare the said Tau Henare to be elected.

Dated at Auckland, this 26th day of November, 1928.

W. E. GOFFE, Returning Officer.

Declaration of Result of Poll for the Eastern Maori Electoral District.

I, JOHN HARVEY, Returning Officer for the Eastern Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 13th day of November, 1928, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Apirana Turupa Ngata	4,950
Pita te Turuki Tamati Moko	1,846
Tutaki Panapa Stewart	254

Total number of votes polled 7,050

I therefore declare the said Apirana Turupa Ngata to be elected.

Dated at Gisborne, this 22nd day of November, 1928.

JNO. HARVEY, Returning Officer.

Declaration of Result of Poll for the Western Maori Electoral District.

I, GEORGE PATRICK SHEPHERD, Returning Officer for the Western Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 13th day of November, 1928, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Maui Ngatata Pomare	4,674
Haami Tokouru Ratana	3,075

Total number of votes polled 7,749

I therefore declare the said Maui Ngatata Pomare to be elected.

Dated at Wellington, this 26th day of November, 1928.

G. P. SHEPHERD, Returning Officer.

Declaration of Result of Poll for the Southern Maori Electoral District.

I, JOHN ROYDEN SANSOM, Returning Officer for the Southern Maori Electoral District, do hereby declare the result of the poll taken on the 13th day of November, 1928, for the election of a member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes polled.
Tuiti Makitanara	199
Eruera Tihema Tirikatene	198
Henare Whakatau Uru	163
John Charles Tamanuiarangi Tikao	107
Peter Hukua MacDonald	79
Wereta Tainui Pitama	42
Teone Matapura Erihana	33

Total number of votes polled 821

I therefore declare the said Tuiti Makitanara to be elected.

Dated at Christchurch, this 22nd day of November, 1928.

J. R. SANSOM, Returning Officer.

Notice to Persons in whom is vested Ecclesiastical Authority over Religious Bodies.

Registrar-General's Office,

Wellington, 27th November, 1928.

THE attention of the persons or person within the Dominion of New Zealand in whom is vested ecclesiastical authority over any of the religious bodies enumerated in the Third Schedule annexed to an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intitled the Marriage Act, 1908, and of all other persons concerned, is directed to the 11th section of the above-mentioned Act, requiring the several ecclesiastical authorities as aforesaid to send in to the Registrar-General, in the month of December in every year, a correct list of their Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the Marriage Act, 1908, of each of the said religious bodies.

The following are the religious bodies above referred to:—

The Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England.

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

The Roman Catholic Church.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand.

All Congregational Independents.

Baptists.

The Lutheran Church.

All Hebrew Congregations.

The Society of Friends.

The Salvation Army.

In default of any person having ecclesiastical authority over any of the religious bodies named above, the name of the Officiating Minister of any congregation of such religious body may be certified to by two recognized office-bearers thereof.

A minister of religion not connected with any of the aforesaid bodies must send to the Registrar-General in the month of December in each year a certificate signed—

(a) By the recognized head in New Zealand of the religious body to which he belongs; or

(b) By two duly recognized ministers of such religious body; or

(c) By ten adult members thereof, who append to their signatures their description as being such members, declaring that such minister is their Officiating Minister, the said signatures and descriptions being attested by some person who shall verify the signatures to the certificate as the genuine signatures of the persons whose they purport to be, by a statutory declaration signed by such person and appended to the certificate.

In each case enumerated under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) above, the Minister of Internal Affairs must be satisfied that the body of persons named in the certificate is a religious body, and that the applicant is a minister of religion and is a person of good character and otherwise qualified to act as an Officiating Minister. In the case of the religious body known as "Brethren" a special form of certificate will be supplied on application.

Neglect in sending the certificate will deprive the minister of his status as an Officiating Minister under the Marriage Act.

N.B.—It is requested that the *Christian names* and the *addresses* of the several ministers may be specified in the lists sent in to the Registrar-General.

In order to obviate the necessity for further inquiry, it is also requested that the reason for omitting the name of any minister be stated (such as on account of death, absence from New Zealand, or as the case may be).

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Dismissal from the Forces.

Department of Defence,

Wellington, 24th November, 1928.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the dismissal of the undermentioned soldier of the Territorial Force from the New Zealand Defence Forces, under section 6 (b), Defence Act, 1909, he having been convicted by the Civil power.

Private C. W. Mathews, Central Depot, New Zealand Corps of Signals. Dated 17th November, 1928.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Anonymous Donation.

The Treasury,

Wellington, 29th November, 1928.

RECEIPT is acknowledged of an anonymous donation of 2s. 6d. from "A Pillar of the Empire."

R. E. HAYES, Secretary to the Treasury.