

Varying the Apportionment of Representation on the Central Electric-power Board.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 3rd day of April, 1929.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke, as from the dates of the next general elections of the representatives of the constituent districts on the Central Electric-power Board, the Order in Council dated the twentieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 24, of the twenty-second day of the same month, determining the number of representatives of each constituent or combined district on the Board of the Central Electric-power District; and doth hereby determine as from the dates aforesaid with respect to the Central Electric-power District as follows:—

1. The constituent districts which are bracketed together in the First Column of the Schedule hereto are hereby constituted a combined district for the purposes of the said Act.

2. The local authority of the constituent district distinguished in the First Column of the Schedule hereto by the letter (*p*) is hereby declared to be the principal local authority of the combined district in which that constituent district is included.

3. The number of representatives of each constituent or combined district on the Board of the said district shall be the number specified in the Second Column of the Schedule hereto opposite the name of that constituent or combined district.

SCHEDULE.

CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS.

First Column.	Second Column.
Ngaruawahia Borough (<i>p</i>)	} Combined .. 1 member.
Hamilton Borough (portion)	
Waikato County (portion) 4 members.
Waipa County (portion) 3 members.
Raglan County (portion) 1 member.
Huntly Town District 1 member.

C. A. JEFFERY,

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

(P.W. 26/1071.)

Warrant vesting the Control of the Tongaporutu River Bridge and the Approach Road thereto in the Clifton County Council.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the Public Works Act, 1928, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in this behalf, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby direct that the Tongaporutu River Bridge and the approach road thereto (as more particularly described in the Schedule hereto) shall, on and after the date of the gazetting hereof, be under the exclusive care, control, and management of the Clifton County Council.

SCHEDULE.

THAT bridge in the Taranaki Land District, Clifton County, crossing the Tongaporutu River at a point opposite Section 7, Block IV, Mimi Survey District, and giving access to Section 23, Block IV, Mimi Survey District, together with approach road thereto; being approximately 2 chains from the Auckland-Wellington via Taranaki Main Highway. As the site of the said bridge and approach road is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 74904, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, and thereon marked with a red cross.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 28th day of March, 1929.

E. A. RANSOM, Minister of Public Works.

(P.W. 38/424.)

Commission to inquire into Matters relating to Leases of Native Lands in the Waikato-Maniapoto Native Land Court District.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come and to CHARLES EDWARD MACCORMICK, Esquire, of Auckland, Judge of the Native Land Court, and WALLACE FLETCHER METCALFE, Esquire, of Mount Eden, Auckland, Sheep-farmer, and GEOFFREY WESTWOOD RICHARDS, Esquire, of Otorohanga, Farmer: Greetings!

WHEREAS for the purpose of affording information to the General Assembly of New Zealand as to the present state of the law affecting the alienation and disposition of interests in Native land, and for the other objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned, it is expedient that a Commission should be issued to make the inquiry and suggestions hereinafter particularly referred to:

Now, therefore, know ye that I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, reposing trust and confidence in your knowledge, ability, and integrity, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

Charles Edward MacCormick,
Wallace Fletcher Metcalfe, and
Geoffrey Westwood Richards,

to be a Commission under the said Act for the purpose of making inquiry into and suggestions upon the following matters, that is to say,—

- (1) The operation of the existing laws relating to leases of Native lands, whether vested in a Maori Land Board or not, within the Waikato-Maniapoto Native Land Court District.
- (2) The terms and conditions of such leases as they affect the lessors and lessees respectively.
- (3) The position of the Native lessors of the said lands with regard to milling-timber upon the lands leased or in respect of rights granted to cut timber thereon.
- (4) The position of the said lessees with regard to obtaining financial assistance upon the security of their leases for the purpose of developing the land comprised in the leases.
- (5) The position of such lessors and lessees with regard to improvements made upon the leasehold property during the existence of a lease.
- (6) The question of whether there should be any statutory provision for increasing or decreasing the rentals of the said lands when the exigency of the case seems to require it.
- (7) The position with regard to Native lands situated in the same district and vested in the Maori Land Board.
- (8) Any other matter or thing necessary to elicit full information in the premises.

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

Charles Edward MacCormick

to be the Chairman of the said Commission:

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry at such times and at such place or places in the said Dominion as you may deem expedient, and to call before you and examine on oath or otherwise as may be allowed by law such person or persons as you may think capable of affording you information in the premises: And you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such records, books, deeds, instruments, accounts, plans, maps, or other documents as you shall judge necessary for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them: And further that, using all due diligence, but not later than six calendar months from the date hereof, you do report to me under your hand and seal your opinion resulting from the said inquiry in respect of the matters hereby referred to you, and stating in such report or annexed thereto what suggestions and recommendations you offer or make as a remedy for all or any of the matters aforesaid which, in your opinion, require to be remedied and the manner, terms, and conditions in and upon which the same should in your opinion be carried into effect: And you are enjoined 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 con-