

Regulations under the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1928, relating to Elections of Members of Rabbit Boards by a System of Postal Voting.—(Notice No. Ag. 2820.)

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 1st day of June, 1929.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR J. G. WARD, PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1928 (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 the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations under the said Act relating to elections by a system of postal voting of members of Rabbit Boards established under the said Act, and doth hereby declare that the regulations hereby made shall come into force on the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *Gazette*.

REGULATIONS.

1. PRELIMINARY.

(1) THESE regulations may be cited as "The Rabbit Board Postal-voting Regulations, 1929."

(2) In these regulations, where not inconsistent with the context,—

"The Board" means a Rabbit Board established under the said Act :

"Election" means a general election, and includes an election to fill an extraordinary vacancy on the Board :

"Public notice" means publication in a newspaper commonly circulating in the district, and, if there is no such newspaper, publication by placards posted in conspicuous places throughout the district :

"Roll" means the roll of electors for the rabbit district for the time being in force pursuant to the provisions of the said Act.

(3) In every case in which an election is conducted by a system of postal voting instead of by ballot in accordance with the provisions in that behalf of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, the provisions of these regulations shall apply.

(4) Except so far as other provision is made by these regulations, the provisions of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925, shall apply to elections conducted by a system of postal voting.

2. ADOPTION OF SYSTEM.

(1) Any Board may by resolution decide that any specified election or all elections thereafter held be conducted by a system of postal voting.

(2) Any such resolution may from time to time be rescinded.

(3) No such resolution or rescinding resolution shall have any application to an election in respect of which the Returning Officer shall at the time of the passing thereof have already given the notice prescribed by section 7 of the Local Elections and Polls Act, 1925.

3. RATEPAYERS' LIST.

There shall be set out in the ratepayers' list opposite the name of every person enrolled therein the full postal address of such person.

4. POLLS.

(1) If in respect of any election the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies then to be filled, the Returning Officer shall forthwith give public notice of the day on which the poll is to be taken and of the names of the several candidates, and shall in such notice state that the poll will be taken by postal ballot.

(2) The Returning Officer shall cause voting-papers to be printed in the form set forth in the Schedule hereto.

(3) Where an elector is entitled to exercise more than one vote the Returning Officer shall write on the roll against the name of such elector a number denoting the number of votes which such elector is entitled to exercise.

(4) The Returning Officer shall forward by post, addressed to each elector at the address appearing on the roll, such number of voting-papers as is equivalent to the number of votes which such elector is entitled to exercise, together with an envelope addressed to the Returning Officer and bearing on its face the consecutive number appearing on the

roll against the name of the elector to whom the voting-paper or voting-papers is or are forwarded, and bearing also such marks or statement as will serve to identify it as an envelope issued in connection with the particular election.

(5) On proof to his satisfaction by statutory declaration or otherwise that an elector has not received his voting-paper or voting-papers in due course of post, the Returning Officer may issue a further voting-paper or voting-papers, as the case may be, to such elector in such manner as he thinks fit, together with an envelope addressed as aforesaid, and bearing on its face the number aforesaid, with an additional distinguishing-mark to indicate its issue under this clause.

(6) No voting-paper shall be valid unless it is received by the Returning Officer in the envelope issued with such voting-paper as aforesaid, and unless such voting-paper is delivered to the Returning Officer at or before six o'clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for the taking of the poll.

(7) Voting-papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer by hand or sent by post addressed as provided in the said form in the Schedule hereto.

(8) Delivery into the private receiving-box of the Returning Officer at a post-office shall be deemed delivery to the Returning Officer, but delivery to any officer of the post-office or other person shall not be deemed delivery to the Returning Officer.

5. RESULT OF ELECTION.

(1) Forthwith upon the closing of the poll the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of such scrutineers as are present, compare the numbers on the envelopes received with the numbers on the roll, and shall reject any envelope not appearing to him to be issued in connection with the particular election or not appearing to him to contain the genuine voting-paper of a person enrolled as an elector, and shall then obliterate every number and distinguishing-mark on the remaining envelopes.

(2) The Returning Officer shall then open the remaining envelopes and shall make up and provisionally announce the total number of votes received by each candidate at the election.

SCHEDULE.

VOTING-PAPER.

UNDER THE RABBIT BOARD POSTAL-VOTING REGULATIONS,
1929.

[Name of Rabbit Board.]

General Election [or *Election to fill an Extraordinary Vacancy*].

Armstrong, Thomas.

Burton, Charles.

Hornby, William.

McKenzie, Donald Ironmonger.

Shaw, Thomas.

DIRECTIONS.

The voter is to leave untouched the names of the candidate or candidates for whom he desires to vote, and to draw a line with a pen or pencil through the names of the candidate or candidates for whom he does not desire to vote.

Should a voter leave uncanceled the names of candidates in excess of the number to be elected, then his voting-paper is invalid.

After indicating the vote in manner aforesaid this voting-paper is to be transmitted to the Returning Officer [*Name of District*], Rabbit Board, at _____, so as to be delivered at his office on or before 6 o'clock p.m. on the [*Day and name of month*].

An addressed envelope is enclosed for use in transmitting the voting-paper. A voting-paper not transmitted in the official envelope is invalid.

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

Authorizing the Laying-off of a Street in the City of Auckland of a Width of less than 66 ft. but not less than 46 ft., subject to a Condition as to the Building-line.

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IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the Public Works Act, 1928, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him