

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 1st July, 1930.

THE Star of the South Rebekah Lodge, No. 69, situated at Tahakopa, is registered as a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 1st day of July, 1930.

R. WITHEFORD,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 1930.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 28th June, 1930.

THE following Notice to Mariners, which has been received from the Admiralty, London, is published for general information.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

ADMIRALTY NOTICE No. 669 OF 1930.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.—FRIENDLY ISLANDS, TONGATABU.

Malinoa Islet: Alteration in Light.

Position: Lat. 21° 02' S., long. 175° 08' W. (approx.).
Abridged description: Fl. ev. 5 sec., 56 ft., 10 M.

Details: The flashing white light has been replaced by a light having the undermentioned characteristics:—

Character.—Flashing white every five seconds, thus:
Flash 0.5 sec., eclipse 4.5 sec.

Elevation: 56 ft. (17^m1).

Visibility: 10 miles.

Structure: Red steel structure, 45 ft. (13^m7) in height.

Proposed Trade Agreements.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 2nd July, 1930.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the New Zealand Government have had preliminary conversations with the Hon. the Minister for Trade and Customs in the Commonwealth, with a view to modifying the present Reciprocal Tariff Agreement between Australia and New Zealand, so that it may be satisfactory to both countries.

It is possible also that negotiations will take place in the near future between the Canadian and New Zealand Governments with the object of arranging a Commercial Agreement between the two Dominions.

To enable the Government to deal with these matters in the best interests of this Dominion it is desired that they should be in possession of any information which might assist in achieving the objects in view.

The Minister of Customs therefore wishes to afford to those interested an opportunity of supplying information regarding:—

- (1) Any goods or any classes of goods upon which or with respect to which it is considered—
 - (a) That the duties in Canada or Australia on New Zealand goods should be modified; or
 - (b) That the duties in New Zealand on Canadian or Australian goods should be modified; or
 - (c) That any action at present taken by way of restrictions on the importation or exportation of goods or otherwise should be altered; or
- (2) Any other matters affecting trade between Canada and New Zealand or between Australia and New Zealand which would be of assistance in dealing with the questions.

It is desired that any information or representations should reach this office not later than 1st August, 1930.

GEO. CRAIG, Comptroller of Customs.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Land in Westland Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 1st July, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned land has been declared forfeited by resolution of the Westland Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.

TENURE: Regs. Lease 238. Section 2723, Block XIII, Mawheranui District. Lessee: Wm. Ryan. Reason for forfeiture: At request.

E. A. RANSOM, Minister of Lands.

(L. and S. 22/950/7.)

Land in North Auckland Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

North Auckland District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 1st July, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned sections are open for selection on renewable lease under the Land Act, 1924; and applications will be received at the North Auckland District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 25th August, 1930.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the North Auckland District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, at 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday 27th August, 1930, but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of any other district or by any Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The ballot will be held immediately upon conclusion of the examination of applicants.

Preference at the ballot will be given to landless applicants who have one or more children dependent on them; to landless applicants who within two years immediately preceding date of ballot have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully; to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force; to persons engaged on military service beyond New Zealand in connection with the late war, if such persons immediately prior to the war were *bona fide* residents of New Zealand; and to applicants who, while domiciled in New Zealand, have served beyond New Zealand as members of any of His Majesty's forces in connection with any war other than the war with Germany, and to landless applicants in respect of whom the Board, after taking into consideration the experience and skill of the applicants in farming operations, the proximity of their homes to the lands the subject-matter of the ballot, and any other relevant considerations, is of opinion that they should be entitled to preference equally with applicants of any of the hereinbefore specified classes.

SCHEDULE.

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

NATIONAL-ENDOWMENT LAND.

Whangaroa County.—Kaeo Survey District.

SECTION 30, Block XII: Area, 342 acres. Capital value, £300. Half-yearly rent, £6.

Access by unformed road, two miles from formed Kaeo-Wiari Road. Section steep and broken; well watered. Soil of fair quality, part ironstone and stony in places. About one-third bush with all millable timber removed. Altitude, 700 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level. Suitable for grazing.

ABSTRACT AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease: Sixty-six years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of sixty-six years.
2. Rent: 4 per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable on 1st January and 1st July in each year.
3. Applicants to be seventeen years of age and upwards.
4. Applicants to furnish statutory declaration with applications, and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 la. (lease fee) and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period between date of lease and 1st January or 1st July following is also payable.
5. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.
6. Order of selection is decided by ballot.
7. Successful applicant to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.
8. Residence is to commence within four years in bush land or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, and to be continuous for ten years. Under certain conditions personal residence may be dispensed with.
9. Improvements.—Lessee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to