

Association (Incorporated), registered associations of employers in local industries, and registered associations of employees in local industries, by writing under the hand of the Secretary of the Council in the month of March in each year in which Governors of the Council retire, of the forthcoming vacancies on the Council to be filled respectively by the Governor-General or the other appointing or electing authorities concerned.

14. Whenever a casual vacancy occurs it shall be the duty of the Council forthwith to report the fact to the Minister if the vacancy is to be filled by the Governor-General, or to the Secretary of the Education Board if the vacancy is to be filled by the Board, or to the Secretary of the Nelson Agricultural and Pastoral Association (Incorporated) if the vacancy is to be filled by the Nelson Agricultural and Pastoral Association (Incorporated).

15. (1) The appointment or election of Governors to fill vacancies caused by the expiry of the ordinary term of office shall be made in the month of May, at the end whereof such expiry takes place, but shall not take effect until such expiry.

(2) The appointment or election of a Governor to fill a casual vacancy shall be made not later than fifty days after the vacancy occurs.

16. It shall not be necessary that the Governor appointed by any of the appointing or electing bodies shall himself be a member of such body, nor that a Governor elected by parents shall himself be the parent of a pupil.

17. If any appointment of a Governor is not made within the time hereinbefore prescribed, or if at any election the number of candidates nominated or duly elected is less than the number of vacancies to be filled, the Secretary shall give notice thereof to the Minister, and the vacancy for which no candidate has been appointed, nominated, or elected (as the case may be) may be filled by appointment by the Minister, or the Minister may direct that the body charged with the duty of appointing a Governor may proceed to make such appointment or that the Council proceed to another election for the election of such Governor or Governors, as the case may be.

18. Where anything connected with the appointment or election of Governors is omitted to be done, or cannot be done at or by the time hereby prescribed, or is done after such time, or is otherwise irregularly done in matter of form, the Minister may at any time before or after the time at or by which such thing is required to be done extend the time for doing such thing to such further time as he thinks fit, or may validate anything so done after the time required or so irregularly done in matter of form as he thinks fit.

19. No act or proceeding of the Council or of any committee of the Council, or of any person acting as a Governor, shall be invalid in consequence of there being a vacancy in the membership of the Council at the time of such act or proceeding, or by reason of there being a defect in the appointment or election of any person so acting, or by reason of his being incapable of being appointed or elected.

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

Regulations under the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, making Provision regarding Stamp Duties.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 23rd day of June, 1931.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section sixty-six of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, 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 providing, on account of the Hawke's Bay earthquake, for certain exemptions from stamp duties and other fees, and doth hereby declare that these regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the third day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as "The Hawke's Bay Earthquake (Stamp Duties) Regulations, 1931."

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Stamp Duties Act, 1923, the Mortgagees' Indemnity (Workers'

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Charges) Act, 1927, or any other Act, the following instruments shall be exempt from duty:—

- (a) A receipt for money paid to or out of any public fund within the meaning of section 59 of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, established for the relief of distress or hardship due to the earthquake;
- (b) An instrument executed for the purpose of replacing any instrument which was lost, destroyed, or damaged by reason of the earthquake, and which was duly stamped or in respect of which duty was duly paid if, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, the first-mentioned instrument is substantially to the same effect as the instrument so lost, destroyed, or damaged;
- (c) An instrument (not being a conveyance or an agreement of sale, or a lease or agreement for lease for a term exceeding two years), the execution of which, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, has been rendered necessary or expedient by the earthquake or by any matter directly arising out of the earthquake;
- (d) A declaration required for the purposes of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931.

3. The Commissioner of Stamp Duties may make allowances for unused stamps destroyed by reason of the earthquake in the manner and to the extent provided in the case of spoiled stamps by Part II of the regulations under the Stamp Duties Act, 1923, made on the 4th March, 1924, and gazetted on the 6th March, 1924, and that part of those regulations shall, with the necessary modifications, extend and apply to such stamps destroyed as aforesaid.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Companies Act, 1908, the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908, or the Building Societies Act, 1908, no fee shall be payable for a certified copy of any document registered, filed, or lodged under any of those Acts in any case where such copy is required by a company or society incorporated or registered under such Act for the purpose of replacing any of the records of such company or society destroyed by reason of the earthquake.

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

Regulations under the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931, modifying the Financial Provisions of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926, in their Application to the Hawke's Bay, Wairoa, and Waipawa Hospital Districts.

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REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as the Hawke's Bay Earthquake (Hospital Finance) Regulations, 1931.

2. In these regulations—

"The said districts" means the Hawke's Bay, Wairoa, and Waipawa hospital districts, and "the said Boards" means the respective Boards of the said districts;

"The said Act" means the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926.

3. Section 49 of the said Act (providing for the apportionment among contributory local authorities of the annual net estimated expenditure of Hospital Boards) shall not apply to the said Boards in respect of their expenditure for the financial year ending the 31st day of March, 1932, but contributions towards such expenditure shall be levied on contributory local authorities pursuant to regulations to be hereafter made in that behalf under the authority of the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Act, 1931.