

twenty-eight of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, to transmit to the Dannevirke, Hastings, Napier, Waipukurau, and Woodville Fire Boards returns of the premiums received by or due to the said companies during the year ended the 31st day of December, 1930: And whereas in the case of the Dannevirke, Hastings, and Napier Fire Boards the contribution payable by each of the said companies concerned to the respective funds of those Boards for the financial year ending the 31st day of March, 1932 (hereinafter referred to as the current year), was based on the average amount of premiums as shown by the returns furnished by each company for the years ended the 31st day of December, 1928 and 1929:

And whereas in the case of the Waipukurau Fire Board the contribution payable by each of the said companies concerned to the funds of that Board for the current year was based on the return of premiums furnished by each company for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1929, together with the returns of premiums furnished to that Board by the other insurance companies concerned for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1930:

And whereas in the case of the Woodville Fire Board there were no returns of premiums for previous years on which the contributions payable by the said companies could be based, and the Board fixed on an approximate basis the contributions payable by each company to the funds of that Board for the current year:

And whereas it is desirable to validate the fixing of such contributions as aforesaid:

Now, therefore, the contributions payable by the said companies to the Dannevirke, Hastings, Napier, Waipukurau, and Woodville Fire Boards, as fixed by the said Boards respectively in manner hereinbefore set forth, shall be deemed to have been validly fixed, and the respective amounts thereof shall be or be deemed to have been payable by the said companies to the said Boards in all respects as if they had been fixed on the basis of returns of premiums received or due during the year ended the 31st day of December, 1930, transmitted by the said companies within the time and in the manner prescribed by section 28 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1926.

VALIDATION OF CLOSING OF BANK PREMISES IN THE BOROUGHS OF NAPIER, HASTINGS, AND WAIROA.

10. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Banking Amendment Act, 1921, or in any other Act, the business premises in the Boroughs of Napier and Hastings of every bank shall for all purposes be deemed to have been closed by authority of law during the period commencing at the time at which the earthquake occurred in the morning of the 3rd day of February, 1931, and ending at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th day of February, 1931, and such closing shall have, and be deemed to have had, the same effect for all purposes as if every day or part of a day of such period had been a bank holiday in the said boroughs within the meaning of the Banking Act, 1908.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Banking Amendment Act, 1921, or in any other Act, the business premises in the Borough of Wairoa of every bank shall for all purposes be deemed to have been closed by authority of law during the period commencing at the time at which the earthquake occurred in the morning of the 3rd day of February, 1931, and ending at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th day of February, 1931, and such closing shall have, and be deemed to have had, the same effect for all purposes as if every day or part of a day of such period had been a bank holiday in the said borough within the meaning of the Banking Act, 1908.

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

Licensing the Nelson Harbour Board to use and occupy a Part of the Foreshore at Mapua, Waimea River, as a Site for a Wharf.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 17th day of August, 1931.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there being no Harbour Board empowered to grant the license hereinafter mentioned under the Harbours Act, 1923 (hereinafter called "the said Act"), the Nelson Harbour Board (hereinafter called "the Board," in which term is to be construed, unless the context requires a different construction, its successors or assigns) has applied

to the Governor-General in Council for a license under the said Act to occupy a part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark at Mapua, Waimea River, in order to maintain a wharf thereon, and in accordance with the one-hundred-and-seventy-first section of the said Act, has deposited plans in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington, marked M.D. 4773 and 5407, showing the area of foreshore intended to be occupied:

And whereas it has been made to appear that the said wharf will not be or tend to the injury of navigation:

And whereas it is expedient that a license should be granted to the Board under the said Act for the purpose aforesaid:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby approve of the purpose or object for which the said license is required by the Board as aforesaid; and, in further pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, and with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, both hereby license and permit the Board to use and occupy that part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark immediately contiguous thereto, which is particularly shown and delineated on the plans so deposited as aforesaid, for the purpose of using the wharf aforesaid in connection therewith, such license to be held and enjoyed by the Board upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

1. In these conditions the terms—
 - "Foreshore" means such parts of the bed, shore, or banks of a tidal water as are covered and uncovered by the flow and ebb of the tide at ordinary spring tides;
 - "Low-water mark" means low-water mark at ordinary spring tides;
 - "Minister" means the Minister of Marine as defined by the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and includes any officer, person, or authority acting by or under the direction of such Minister.
2. The concessions and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall extend and apply only to the part of the foreshore and land below low-water mark necessary for the maintenance of the said wharf, as shown on plans M.D. 4773 and 5407, so deposited as aforesaid.
3. In consideration of the concessions and privileges granted by this Order in Council, the Board shall pay to the Minister an annual rental of 1s., payable on demand, such rent to date from the 23rd July, 1931.
4. All persons shall, at all reasonable times, upon payment of the proper dues, have full liberty to use the said wharf and all rights of ingress and egress thereon and therefrom.
5. His Majesty or the Governor-General, and all officers in the Government service acting in the execution of their duty, shall at all times have free ingress, passage, and egress into, through, and out of the said wharf without payment.
6. The Board shall maintain the above-mentioned wharf in good order and repair, and shall, at all times, exhibit therefrom and maintain at the Board's own cost, suitable and necessary lights for the guidance of vessels: Provided that no light shall be exhibited until after it has been approved of by the Minister.
7. Any person authorized by the Minister may at all reasonable times enter upon the wharf and view the state of repair thereof; and upon such Minister leaving at or posting to the last known address of the Board in New Zealand a notice in writing, of any defect or want of repair in such wharf, requiring the Board, within a reasonable time to be therein prescribed, to make good or repair the same, the Board shall with all convenient speed cause such defect to be removed or such repairs to be made.
8. The ballast of all vessels loading at the said wharf shall be taken away by the Board and deposited above high-water mark or at such places as may be approved by the Minister or by any person appointed by the Minister for that purpose.
9. Nothing herein contained shall authorize the Board to do or cause to be done anything repugnant to or inconsistent with any law relating to the Customs, or any regulation of the Minister of Customs, or with any provisions of the Harbours Act, 1923, or its amendments, or any regulations made thereunder, and that are now or may hereafter be in force.
10. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Order in Council shall continue in force for fourteen years, computed from the 23rd day of July, 1931, unless, in the meantime, such rights, powers, and privileges shall be altered, modified, or revoked by competent authority; and the Board