

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General, in order that the purpose and intent of the said Rating Act, 1925, may have effect, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby extend the time for the preparation of the valuation roll for the Grey County under the Rating Act, 1925, until the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and doth also hereby extend the time within which the valuers shall give notice of the rateable value determined by them to each occupier, so that such notices may be given on or before the thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and that objections to such valuations may be made on or before the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

C. A. JEFFERY,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Regulations as to Block Committees of East Coast Native Trust Lands.

GALWAY, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 24th day of June, 1936.

Present :

THE RIGHT HON. M. J. SAVAGE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the provisions of section eighteen of the Native Purposes Act, 1935, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations with respect to Block Committees of trust lands vested in the East Coast Commissioner, and otherwise for the purpose of giving effect to the said section.

REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations—

- “The said section” means section 18 of the Native Purposes Act, 1935 :
- “Beneficiary” means a person shown by the Native Land Court records to be entitled in equity to any land affected by the said section or to any interest therein :
- “Block Committee” means a Block Committee appointed under the said section.
- “Court” means the Native Land Court constituted by the Native Land Act, 1931.

MEETINGS OF BENEFICIARIES.

2. An annual general meeting of each group of beneficiaries shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Block Committee. Such meeting shall be summoned not later than the 31st day of October of each year, and if the Block Committee makes default in doing so the Court may appoint a time and place for the holding of such meeting.

3. The Block Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, and shall, on direction by the Court, convene a general meeting of the beneficiaries to consider such business as may be brought before such meeting.

4. Seven days' notice at least, specifying the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and, in case of special business, the general nature of the business, shall be given to the beneficiaries in the same manner as notice is given under Part XVIII of the Native Land Act, 1931, but the neglect to send such notice or the non-receipt of any notice sent shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

5. A general meeting of the beneficiaries shall be presided over by a chairman appointed by those present at the meeting.

6. No business shall be transacted at a general meeting of the beneficiaries unless a quorum is present at such meeting at the time it proceeds to business. Such quorum shall consist of five persons present.

7. If within one hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and time on the following day, when, if it is not held, it will be deemed to lapse.

8. Every beneficiary shall be entitled to one vote and no more which may be given either personally or by proxy.

9. Any instrument appointing a proxy shall be signed by the beneficiary, and shall be attested by a Justice of the Peace, a Postmaster, a licensed interpreter, a District Nurse, a schoolmaster, or a solicitor.

10. No person other than a beneficiary shall be appointed a proxy.

11. A resolution shall be deemed to be carried when at least a majority of those voting cast their votes in favour of such resolution, and a declaration of the chairman that such resolution has been carried shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number of the votes recorded in favour or against such resolution, provided that if a poll is demanded immediately after such declaration by four or more beneficiaries it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman shall direct, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the beneficiaries. In the case of an equality of votes the chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting-vote.

12. Every resolution passed by the beneficial owners shall be recorded in a minute-book to be kept by the Block Committee and a copy thereof forthwith forwarded by the chairman to the East Coast Commissioner at Gisborne.

BLOCK COMMITTEES.

13. All applications for the appointment of a Block Committee shall be lodged with the Registrar of the Native Land Court at Gisborne, and shall be set down for hearing at the first available Court sitting or at such sitting as the Court may direct.

14. The beneficiaries may at any general meeting nominate for appointment as members of the Block Committee such persons as they think proper, but the Court shall not be bound to appoint all or any of such nominated persons.

15. The term of office of the Block Committee shall be three years from the date of their appointment, except in such cases as the Court thinks it expedient to fix a longer or shorter term.

16. Any person who is or becomes bankrupt shall be deemed to be disqualified from holding office as a member of a Block Committee.

17. Upon appointment, the Block Committee shall proceed at the first convenient opportunity to elect one of its members as a Chairman of Committee and shall determine the period for which he is to hold office. In the case of the Block Committee failing to elect such chairman, any person, including the East Coast Commissioner, may apply to the Court to appoint a Chairman of Committee, and the Court may make an appointment accordingly for such period as it may think expedient.

18. If any Chairman of Committee appointed as aforesaid dies, resigns, or is removed from office as a member of the Block Committee, the Block Committee, or the Court, as the case may be, may appoint another chairman in his place.

19. It shall be the duty of the Block Committee to notify the East Coast Commissioner at Gisborne of the names of the chairman and other members of the Committee appointed as aforesaid.

20. The members of the Block Committee may meet together for the dispatch of business and regulate their meetings as they think fit. Three members shall form a quorum.

21. Questions arising at any meeting of the Block Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those present. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman, in addition to his original vote, shall have a second or casting-vote.

22. The Block Committee shall meet for the transaction of business at least once in each year and at such other times as they are called together by the chairman at the direction of the East Coast Commissioner.

23. The name of the Block Committee shall be inscribed in legible characters on its seal and shall be mentioned in legible characters in all notices, advertisements, and other official publications of the Block Committee. The Block Committee shall have the custody of the seal.

24. The Block Committee shall cause accounts to be kept of all sums received and expended by the Block Committee, and the matter in respect of which any such receipts and expenditure takes place and all account and other books kept by the Block Committee shall be subject to audit by an auditor appointed by the East Coast Commissioner. All books of account and other documents shall be produced by the Block Committee for such purpose.

25. The copy of the official balance-sheet supplied to the Block Committees under subsection (7) of the said section shall be exhibited by the Block Committee in the most convenient manner and shall be produced at the next general meeting of the beneficiaries for their information and discussion if desired.

26. Any summons, notice, or other document required to be served upon the Block Committee may be served by leaving the same with the chairman or sending it through the post addressed to the Block Committee at its last known address, and any document so posted shall be deemed to be received on the day next following that on which it would be delivered in due course by post.