

alteration set forth, in the regulations made by me on the 13th day of June, 1877, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 14th day of June 1877, prescribing the terms and conditions upon which the Mount Ida Water-race might be used, and the rates and charges to be paid for water supplied.

In the 5th of the said regulations the words and figures "twenty-shillings (20s.);" shall be substituted for the words and figures "twenty-five shillings (25s.);" "

Given under my hand, at Wellington, this eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

J. D. ORMOND,  
Minister for Public Works.

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*Notification of Regulations prescribing Terms and Conditions for the use of the Mount Ida Water-race and Sludge Channel.*

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Public Works Act, 1876," I, the Honorable John Davies Ormond, Minister for Public Works, do hereby repeal the regulations dated 13th June and 18th July, 1877, and published in *Gazettes* Nos. 53 and 62 of the same year, and do make in lieu thereof the regulations hereinafter set forth prescribing the terms and conditions upon which the water-race therein mentioned may be used, and the rates and charges to be paid for water supplied, that is to say,—

1. The Mount Ida Water-race and Sludge Channel, and all the dams, races, and works of any kind in connection therewith (hereinafter included in the expression "the race"), shall be under the control of an officer, to be from time to time appointed by the Governor, to be called the "Manager." Any such Manager may be removed or dismissed from his office by the Governor.

2. The Manager shall have entire charge of the race, and shall be responsible for keeping the same in proper repair, and for maintaining the supply of water; and may, subject to these regulations, sell and supply water to miners for mining purposes, and grant permission to miners to connect tail-races with the sludge channel, and to run water and tailings into the same. The Manager, so long as he shall hold office, shall be the person to recover all rates and charges payable under these regulations, as provided in "The Public Works Act, 1876," and the Manager for the time being shall be deemed to be duly authorized by the Minister for that purpose.

3. No person shall take water from the race, or any reservoir or branch race in connection therewith, or run water or tailings into the sludge channel, or in any way interfere with any of them, without the consent of the Manager.

4. Water from the race shall be sold by measure, the unit of measurement for the purpose of these regulations being taken to be what is known as the "Hogburn-head,"—that is to say, a stream of water flowing for eight hours through an aperture 16 inches wide by 1 inch high in one end of a gauge box 6 feet long and 5 inches deep interior measurement, with a pressure or "head" board of 4 inches in width above the discharge aperture; the box to be open at the top, and fixed level. For the purpose of measuring more than one "Hogburn-head" the box may be enlarged horizontally, or the side may be raised and the aperture enlarged perpendicularly.

5. The rate at which water shall be sold for mining purposes shall be twenty shillings (20s.) the "Hog-

burn-head" per week of six working days of eight hours each.

6. The charge for running water and tailings into the sludge channel shall be one shilling and sixpence (1s. 6d.) per "Hogburn-head" per full week of seven days, payable in advance.

7. A day and hour and place shall be appointed by the Manager for receiving the first applications for supplies of water from the race for mining purposes and for the privilege of connecting tail-races with and running water and tailings into the sludge channel; and the same shall be notified not less than seven days previously by advertisement in some newspaper circulating in the district where the race is situate.

8. Any person desiring to obtain a supply of water from the water-race for mining purposes shall apply in writing to the Manager, stating the quantity of water required, and where to be used, and where and when required to be supplied. All such applications shall be kept by the Manager, and numbered consecutively as received.

9. If the quantity of water that any person applies for is available at the time for sale and delivery where specified, the Manager shall issue to the applicant a "water ticket" in the Form A in the Schedule hereto, setting forth the quantity of water the applicant is entitled to be allowed to purchase.

10. The applicant shall present the "water ticket" to the Receiver of Gold Revenue (hereinafter called "the Receiver"), who shall thereupon receive from him, in advance, the price of the water therein mentioned, and give him a "receipt" in the form B in the said Schedule; and it shall be lawful for the Receiver from time to time to receive from the person named in such "water ticket" the price of the water therein mentioned, in advance, without requiring the production of a fresh "water ticket," unless or until he shall receive notice from the Manager that such person is no longer entitled to be the purchaser of such quantity of water.

11. In allotting water to applicants, the Manager shall give a preference to the earlier applicants; but in case the amount of water applied for shall at any time exceed the quantity available for sale and delivery, it shall be lawful for the Manager to allot to applicants less quantities of water than they shall have applied for, provided that in no case shall the Manager reduce the quantity for any one person or party to less than five "Hogburn-heads" without his or their consent.

12. Whenever the supply of water in the race shall be less than sufficient to supply to all the customers the full quantities of water to which they are entitled, it shall be lawful for the Manager to arrange the supplies in such manner as he may deem convenient.

13. The Manager shall keep an account in which he shall credit each holder of a "water ticket" with the amount of money shown in such "receipts" as may be produced to him, and shall debit each holder of a "water ticket" with the value of water supplied to him and of channel fees incurred; and in case of reduction of or stoppage of supplies, as in the last section provided, the holder of the "water ticket" shall be entitled to have the amount made up to him in water whenever a sufficient supply shall again be available for the purpose, or in channel privileges, or in cash by way of refund.

14. In the case of opening new ground it shall be lawful for the Manager, subject to the approval of the Warden, to supply water, and allow the use of the sludge channel on credit during the cutting in of a tail-race: Provided that in every such case the debt accumulated during the cutting up of such tail-